

THE PROOF IS CONCLUSIVE

Colonel Pearsall Says Case Against Alfred Daniel Was a Clear One.

Troy, Nov. 6.—Col. P. M. Pearsall, who returned Sunday evening from Trenton, where he was one of the counsel who presented the negro Alfred Daniel for the murder of Mr. F. G. Simmons, father of Senator F. M. Simmons, says that the evidence upon which Daniel was convicted of murder in the first degree was perfectly clear and conclusive. The witness, John Baker and others, who were the first to reach Mr. Simmons, found his gun some distance away from him, with the butt end toward the place where the negro stood. The gun was positively not cocked, and this fact was shown absolutely and directly by those witnesses. When they first picked up the gun they broke it, and found that neither one of the shells had been exploded. Then they closed it and pulled the trigger, but the safety catch was on. It was a hammerless gun, and Mr. Pearsall, fearful lest it might be one of those that come to safety when closed after being broken, examined it closely, and says it was not one of that kind. When the catch was released, it would remain cocked even after being broken and cocked again. So the fact that the gun could not be fired when the trigger was pulled showed that Mr. Simmons had not released the safety catch.

The Way to Get It.

One way to advertise a town is for the merchants to advertise their business, their goods, their wares, in their home paper. People abroad judge largely of a town by the advertisements they see in the paper of that town. It indicates whether the town is a live town, or a dead town; whether the merchants are "up-to-snuff" or haven't got the stuff" to advertise; whether they are self-satisfied or desire to satisfy their customers; whether they want to move the people to move their goods or are content with the chance customer that may struggle into their store; whether, in fact they are alive to the change of conditions in the modern methods of doing business or dead to it.

HOMICIDES IN THE UNITED STATES

An Average of Over 10,000 Every Year.

In his charge to the grand jury of Montgomery county, Alabama, last week, Judge William H. Thomas spoke strongly of the increase in the number of homicides, not only in the South, but throughout the country. According to the judge there is an average of 10,465 homicides in the United States every year, or twice as many deaths from that cause as from appendicitis or smallpox. Every year homicidal mania claims more victims than scarlet fever. "If," observed Judge Thomas, "scarlet fever was near our homes we would hasten to remove our children from its contagion. Do we appreciate and do our duty in trying to put down a disregard for human life that takes off annually a third more of the citizenship of the United States than this dread scourge?" Then the judge added:

"It is no defense for Alabamians that other sections are equally guilty. The duty upon us is that we meet its responsibility promptly, fearlessly and honestly. What we most need is to condemn and punish that silly sentiment that avenges wounded honor or fancied insult with the life of its victim. To condone it is to place a premium on brutal courage and cheapen human life. The law of Alabama says the doctrine of retreat is no cowardly doctrine, and if this rule be learned and observed it must diminish the of homicide."

The comments of Southern contemporaries on the recent acquittal of ex-Lieutenant Governor Tillman by a South Carolina jury indicated that the people of that section were astonished and shocked at the verdict. From Virginia to Louisiana they condemned the action of the jury as discreditable, not only to the member of that body, but to the Palmetto State. Upon the assumption that the Southern newspapers reflect the sentiment of their readers there should be little difficulty in the future in creating an overwhelming public opinion in the South against the settlement of private quarrels by murder. A few convictions by the courts of prominent persons who give way to homicidal mania would have a wholesome effect. There was a time when duelling was in vogue in the South and the man who did not accept a challenge was regarded as lacking in personal

courage. Today, the duello has fallen into "innocuous desuetude." In some southern States no man who sends or accepts a challenge can hold office. The man who kills another on "the field of honor" would not now be regarded as a hero. If in every case of homicide juries would return verdicts according to the law and the evidence human life would be much safer. "Let us do our duties fearlessly," advises the Alabama judge, "and not make examples alone of the poor, the ignorant, the unfortunate and the unknown." If juries were always guided by this principle homicide would cease to be a crime of daily occurrence. Men would not be so "quick on the trigger" if they felt that the taking of human life would inevitably be followed by punishment commensurate with the crime. —Baltimore Sun.

THE HENDERSON BOND CASE

Argued in United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

Richmond, Va Nov 13.—Of the two cases argued today before the United States Circuit Court, one was of particular interest to North Carolina people. This was the case of the commissioners of Henderson county against the Travelers' Insurance Company. The Insurance Company some years ago bought \$97,000 worth of the bonds issued by Henderson county, N. C., in payment for stock subscribed to aid in the building of a railroad first known as the Greenville, French Broad & Asheville Railroad Company, and later as the Asheville & Spartanburg Railway. The commissioners of the county have been paying the interest on the bonds for 31 years, but recently have been taken with the repudiation fever, which a short time ago was raging in Wilkes and Stanly counties, and now contend the bonds are void and invalid, because the act of the Legislature authorizing the issue was not passed in accordance with the constitution and laws of North Carolina. The case was submitted by the plaintiff in error on briefs, and argued by Victor Bryant, J. Crawford Briggs, of Durham, and Chas. Price, of Salisbury, for the defendant in error, and submitted.

BILTMORE HUNTING RESERVE

Said to Have Been Leased to Landlord Moore.

Asheville, N. C. Nov. 13.—The deal which has been pending for some time between George W. Vanderbilt and Edgar B. Moore, of Kenilworth Inn, for the lease of the Biltmore estate, was completed today. With the exception of 1,000 acres immediately surrounding the Biltmore mansion, Mr. Moore will have control, for ten years, of an area of 1,250,000. This tract of land will be converted into hunting preserves. A club of 100 members of wealthy circles will be formed by Mr. Moore, for the purpose of hunting and fishing on the estate.

It is said that these preserves will be the best stocked in the country. Deer, bear, grouse, turkey and quail abound in large numbers. A staff of rangers and guards will patrol the estate to prevent the encroachment of poachers. Mr. Moore stated tonight that the privileges has been under consideration for some time. Mr. Moore said: "I am engaged in the formation of a hunting and fishing club. There will be a meeting of those who are to compose the membership within the next 60 days. The organization will be completed by January 1."

STATE SWAMP LANDS SOLD

Board of Education Disposes of Its Holdings.

The State Board of Education had a long session to-night, at which it agreed to sell all its swamp lands in Carteret county at 85 cents an acre, to W. D. Morton, of that county. O. D. Jackson, of Norfolk, wanted these lands, and offered to buy 10,000 acres, and take option on the remainder at 75 cents an acre. It is learned that Morton is now trying to sell to Jackson. The latter's attorney says he will not buy from Morton and that if the latter fails to take the lands, not as much will be bid next time. The board agreed to sell to a New Jersey syndicate all the swamp lands in Jones, Onslow and Pender, excepting that included in the Vedder grants. Bids were also made for some small parcels of land in Jones' county. —Raleigh Special Nov. 13.

NOTHING TO 'WET' WITH

The Senate Concurrs in House Motion to Remove Bars.

IT WAS REGARDED AS A JOKE

House Thought Senate Would Refuse to Concur—The Law Was Obeyed, But the House Cursed Its Hypocrisy.

Washington, Nov. 9.—Anybody could get a flower for the asking at the capital to day when the 28th Congress convened in extraordinary session to try to do something for Cuba, but nobody could get a drink.

There were posies everywhere, but as for drinks, the law was obeyed and the day closed with the house cursing its own hypocrisy, for the men who voted to take away the bars expecting the senate to restore them, and the senate played a grim joke on the house and voted to concur. The senate opened sedately while the house came in breezily.

Maple Leaves as Teachers.

Touched by the autumn's fiery finger The maple leaves begin to fall.

In vain the sunshine whispers: "Linger!"

In vain! They must obey the call. But see, how lovely is their dying!

How rich the pleasure they can give! They blush and glow in splendor vying

With flowers that in the gardens live. They grow in beauty while obeying

The voice that lays them low, And thus they teach beyond gainsaying

That we in beauty too may grow; The e'en though Time's relentless finger

May touch us as the years go by, And vainly Love may whisper: "Linger!"

We, like the maple leaves, may die!

O. H.

A Young Girl Saved.

At an early hour this morning a girl, who says that she is but sixteen years of age, was found locked in a room at a house of ill-fame in the eastern part of the city. She came here yesterday from the western part of the State. She did not know the character of the house until she had reached there, and when she wanted to leave the proprietress of the house refused to let her leave and locked her in a room. Late in the night a young man was down there, and ascertained the facts, succeeded in getting her from the room, brought her to a hotel up street, told the story to the police and then reported the matter to City Missionary Troy. As soon as the story became known around the hotel a small purse was made up for her benefit and today Mr. Troy left with her to carry her to a reformatory. The name given by the girl is a familiar one. She came from the extreme western part of the State; says that she has several brothers who do not know of her whereabouts, and that an uncle is in the wholesale business in Charlotte. Those who have befriended her and are making an effort to save the girl think best that her name be not given in print at this time, and not at all unless it is brought out in a prosecution that may follow. —Durham Special to Charlotte Observer.

Thomas-Ballenger.

Miss Lucinda Collins Thomas and Mr. Claude W. Ballenger were married Nov. 3rd, at the home of the bride in Troy, Ohio, Miss Cora Neil of Rochester, N. Y. being maid of honor and Dr. E. G. Ballenger, brother of the groom, best man. After the wedding a reception was given to a large number of friends and relatives of the bride. Mr. Ballenger is from Tryon, N. C., which place will be their future home. After a few days in Dayton and Cincinnati, the bride and groom will leave for the south, arriving in Tryon about the first of next week. —Spartanburg Herald.

The true Christian always looks it.

Captain Kidd's reputation would not have been improved a bit if he had taken to a captaincy of industry instead of taking to buccaneering.

WE SEND GREETINGS

Autumn with its whistling winds and frosty mornings tells us that winter is near. The Fall Clothing question is now an important matter for consideration, and we take great pleasure in cordially inviting every Man, Boy, or Parent, who will have clothing to buy during the season, to call on us for the purpose of looking at, and examining the new Clothing, Hats, Furnishing Goods we are now showing. To show our new styles affords us great satisfaction. ALL THINGS ARE READY—COME



Young Men's Suits

The young man who insists upon Fashion's latest whims, naturally comes to Fashion's Headquarters for them. As you know, that means he comes here.

As soon as he lands he puts on a Suit, and the Suit generally lands him at once.

The smartest and newest double breasted Sack Suits are here, as well as the new, firm, high shoulder, narrow lapel, single breasted Sack Suit.

Worsteds, Fancy Cheviots and Scotch Suitings are the favorite fabrics;

This way, young man, if you want a Suit of clothes that's strictly "It."



At A Glance

The good features of our Overcoats proclaim themselves.

There are a dozen kinds and styles. What's your particular preference—long, short or medium? We have it.

You Make the Decision.

By the time we have shown you what Overcoat styles are worn, you will be able to decide which one becomes

you and what cloth you want. All cloths, all colors, all styles, that deserve to be here, are here.

Overcoats at \$5.00, \$7.50, \$15.00, and away up to \$30.00. Money back if you want it. The weather is rather Overcoatish now—don't you think so?



That Boy's Clothes

The clothes question for the growing Boy is a perplexing proposition at best.

Parents, who have raised an assortment of boys, know all about it. The boy must be pleased as well as the parent.

We have Boy's Suits that will satisfy all hands and promote contentment in the family circle.

Our handsome Short Pant Suits for Boys from 5 to 16 years, in two or three piece styles, will

FILL THE BILL EXACTLY

\$1.00, \$2.00 or \$4.00 are some of the prices. The Suits are handsome and have style enough to please both the boy and his mother, as well as that substantial wear his father will insist upon having.

Bring the boys here for all round clothes satisfaction.

TO THE LADIES

Some of you who read this, may not know that we also sell Ladies' and Misses' Tailor Made Suits, Skirts, Capes, Wraps and Jackets, in fact, in our Ladies Department you can come and be fitted in anything you wear, except shoes and hats. The styles are better than you can have them made by the best dressmakers, and our prices are less than you can buy the goods and have them made for. We only have one fair price to every one, and sell for cash only, but should you buy something you find you do not want, you can send it back and get the money for it. This is our way of doing business and we think you will agree with us, that it is the best way.

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