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### LETTER FROM BILKINS.

#### What Embracery Means—The Woods Law and How it Works—Mrs. Bilkins Stands by Members of Her Sex.

Correspondence of the Enterprise.  
"Zeke, what iz this new fangled thing they hev out now they air callin' embracery?" axed Betsy the other nite.

"You may serch me," sed I. "You needn't depend on me ter be a pocket dickhunary an' a walkin' bycyklopedy; I've got other fish ter fry."

"Well, you orter know," sed Betsy. "fer hit hez got sumpthin' ter do with law an' courts an' sich like."

"Iz that so?" sed I. Then I'll serch Blackstone frum hiz toes ter the top ov hiz hat, an' look through the purseidin's ov the Code an' the last legislater. I hed seed hit in print, but I though hit wuz sumpthin' Joesefuss Danyels hed dug up fer campane effect an' I didn't give hit a seckond thought.

"Embrasery." Yes, that iz a legal wurd. Hit means teer embrace in English, but I'll be shivered if I know whut hit meens in Latin. I'll hev ter take a course in Latin before I'm a magistrate much longer. When I'm tryin' ov a case awl I hev ter do ter keep order iz ter look wise an' say "eplurisy union disideratum," an' hit hez a powerful effect. But that will wear out after awhile an' I'll hev ter git sum new wurd or loose my dignity.

I made another raid in my township the other day ter see if I could find eny violashuns ov the anty-jug law. I went four miles an' didn't see a single jug. But I didn't go ter enybodys house. My plan iz ter confiscate eny an' awl jugs I find that can't give a gude akount ov theirselves.

I got a letter frum a justice ov the peece in Durham County yisterday. He sed he red in my letter whar I sed in my procklermashun that I wuz busy huntin' the violaters ov the Watts, Ward and Woods laws. He 'lowed that he hed put in two days a-tryin' ter find whar the last legislater passed the Woods law. I will say ter him that the legislater didn't pass the Woods law; I got hit up myself, an' hit will stand onless the Supreme Court declares hit onconstitushional. Hit iz not a law, but a by-law fer the use ov awl magistrates an' other county officers. Under this by-law no offiscer iz allowed ter go inter the woods lookin' fer violaters of the Watts-Ward law an' make himself unpopolar an' loose votes. Awl we do iz ter catch blind tigers in incorporative towns an' cities. Why, if I wuz ter go out in the woods in eny part ov Martin Creek Township I mite run rite into a blockade still in ten minits an' I'd hev ter arrest the whole business an' hev the still an' awl in court. I see that the renew officers broke up nine blockade stills in Caswell County the other day. If we'd enforce the Watts and Ward laws that way we'd loose half our voters. So you kin see whut a gude thing the Woods by-law iz. I'm allers gittin' up sumpthin' ter help the party out.

I tole Betsy erbout seein' in the paper the other day that three wimin put on hoopskirts out West not long ergo an' went out. They got arrested at once an' had ter pay a fine. I never seed her so mad. She sed

if the wimin didn't rise up in their mite their liberties would soon awl be taken frum them. I sorter suspek that Betsy hez bin thinkin' erbout riggin' out in hoopskirts. She would look like a war balloon if she did. But I'm erfrade ter make remarks erbout that.

Truly,  
ZEKE BILKINS.

### CLAYTON NEWS.

#### The Dispensary Will Soon be a Thing of the Past There.

Correspondence of the Enterprise.  
Our people enjoy the Enterprise for several good reasons. We are an enterprising people, the Enterprise in an enterprising paper, and the editor thereof is an enterprising man.

Work on the addition to the Clayton Cotton Mills is going on rapidly.

The promoters of the new drug company had a meeting Tuesday evening.

The Board of Trustees of the Clayton High School met in the school hall Monday night.

Mr. Harry Pool, of Raleigh, N. C., was a guest of his sister, Mrs. Cadmus T. Young Sunday.

Crops hereabouts are looking exceedingly fine. Our farmers are among the first in the country to have cotton blooms.

We are glad to see Mr. L. W. Batchelor, who recently was shot, on our streets again Tuesday.

Mr. Joe T. Barnes' little girl fell from a hammock Sunday and broke her collar bone. She is doing nicely.

On Tuesday morning the Clayton dispensary was in deep mourning. The vote that killed it Monday, June 26th, was 124 to 36. This is the biggest majority ever given to anything in a town election.

Mr. Milton Nowell, who lives near Wendell, was in town Wednesday. He says he heard yesterday that his brother, Mr. Melvin Nowell, of Raleigh, is not much improved.

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### An Old Company.

In this edition our readers will notice a change of ad. of the Mechanics and Investors Union. We note with pleasure the continued success and usefulness of this old established company, which has completed twelve years of excellent work in our community.

We are informed by the manager that during this period of time the company has had dealings with nearly eight hundred persons, has made about three hundred loans on real estate security to aid in building that number of homes in this and other places in the State. They have returned in cash seventy-five thousand dollars for matured and cancelled certificates.

The one hundred dollars certificates issued by this company afford a convenient and profitable investment for monthly savings on dwellings.

Such companies are needed in every city and town of the State. They encourage saving and property owning. The Enterprise hopes to see the company complete a quarter century or more with increasing prosperity.

### DEPLORABLE AFFAIR.

#### Deputy Marshal John Dockery Shot by Policeman Rogers.

Saturday morning about 10 o'clock Policeman Isaac W. Rogers shot Mr. John Dockery twice, both wounds being serious.

It is alleged that Rogers was stationed at the top of the first flight of stairs in the Tucker Building, and that he fired the two shots when Dockery was almost at the top of the stairway. Dockery fell, rolled downstairs to the first landing, and then drew his pistol and fired one shot at Rogers, it striking a post of the stair-railing near Rogers.

Messrs. Bud Hinton and Marcus Crocker were the first to reach Dockery as he lay on the landing unable to rise. His pistol was taken from his hand by Mr. Crocker.

The occupants of the Tucker Building swarmed out of the offices and a crowd soon collected from the street. Rogers stepped into an office and telephoned the sheriff of the affair. Sheriff Page and a deputy were soon in the building and carried Rogers to the sheriff's office. Later he was placed in jail.

Mr. Dockery was carried into the office of Dr. Rovster in the Tucker Building and several physicians made a hasty examination of the wounds. One shot struck him in the left shoulder, breaking the shoulder. The other entered the back below the left shoulder, one and a half inches from the spinal column and ranged downward, probably going through the lung. As the only eye witness was an elevator boy by the name of Durfrey, the exact position of the parties has never been determined.

Mr. Dockery was carried to Rex Hospital where he has been hovering between life and death since.

The lamentable affair is said to have grown out of a report conveyed to Policeman Rogers to the effect that one of his daughters had accompanied Mr. Dockery to a questionable resort on East Cabarrus Street one or more times, and that another young woman and Mr. C. M. Bernard had gone to the resort at the same time, all going in the same carriage. A brother of the last mentioned young woman had spoken to Mr. Dockery about a settlement of the matter only a few minutes before, and they had agreed to go to the office of a lawyer in the Tucker Building to discuss the matter. While going up the stairs (the elevator not being necessary, as the office was on the second floor from the street) the firing was done.

Mr. Rogers is a native of Durham County but has lived in Raleigh a long time. He is nervous and impulsive, but has borne a good character so far as we know. He has been on the Raleigh police force for several years. He is fifty-eight years old.

Mr. Dockery is a son of U. S. Marshal H. C. Dockery, and has a position in the office of his father here. He was born in Richmond County, and is twenty-six years old. He is popular in social circles and has a large number of friends. So far as we know, he has never been in trouble before.

As is our custom, we refrain from going into details of the events lead-

ing up to the trouble which nearly caused a death and has cast a gloom over several homes. Enough has been told. All the parties concerned have retained counsel and the whole matter will be sifted to the bottom. It is not the province of newspapers to try cases.

### COMMITTED SUICIDE.

#### Charles Grissom Drank Whiskey and Laudnum and is Dead.

Tuesday afternoon about 6 o'clock the screaming of two women on South Wilmington Street, near Davie, attracted attention. It was found that Mrs. Charles Grissom and her sister had created the commotion, and the cause of it all was that Charles Grissom, a mechanic, had attempted to kill himself by drinking an excessive quantity of whiskey and laudnum.

Two doctors were soon there and used a stomach pump promptly, but the laudnum, more than two ounces, and nearly or quite a quart of whiskey, had done its deadly work. After three hours' work the doctors sent him to Rex Hospital, where he died at 11.00 a. m. yesterday.

Mrs. Grissom says that she had feared for some time that the mind of her husband has not been normal. For some days his six-months-old babe has been critically ill. Mr. Grissom had been staying at home helping to nurse the sick child. Loss of sleep and worry has added to the trouble. Just before taking the laudnum Mr. Grissom told his wife that he was going away and that he had arranged all his affairs. In a few minutes he drank the laudnum, having previously drunk, some say, a pint and a half of whiskey.

Grissom, so far as known, was not a drinking man, and has been industrious and good to his family, consisting of wife and two small children.

### Dots from Garner.

Correspondence of the Enterprise.  
No mayor's court here for several days.

As the town is mostly composed of commissioners, policemen and merchants, things go on very quietly.

Policeman E. J. Jones has resigned. He served one month and four days.

Mr. J. N. N. Smith is now our chief-of-police. He holds the office of constable for St. Marv's Township; also the town's chief officer and lamp-lighter. He is almost up to Uncle Zeke Bilkins.

Heavy rains continue to visit this section, doing much damage to the crops in some portions.

Mr. A. J. Powell, near Garner, has the finest crop of corn and cotton in this section. He had several cotton blooms on the 25th.

C. H. W.  
Garner, N. C., June 28, 1905.

It is said that the Standard Oil Company will be allowed to rebuild on the old site of the building recently burned. It is claimed that new building will be fire-proof, hence many of the former objectors have withdrawn. But just how the people have been convinced that it is safe to live near thousands of gallons of oil and gasolene, it is not stated.