

## The Lancaster View of Mr. Henry's Course.

### HISTORY OF PROCEEDINGS WHICH ENDED IN FIASCO

As Told by Mr. Blakeney—Part  
Played by Howie—The Solicitor's  
Conduct of the Case  
Criticized—A County  
Feels Agrieved.

To the Editor of The State:

In order that the public may Judge whether the citizens of this community were justified in criticising the methods employed in the attempt recently made to apprehend the supposed lynchers of John T. Morrison, and for the purpose of correcting the impression prevailing in some quarters that the indignation manifested by our people was due to the fact that certain citizens were arrested, I deem it proper to here present the fact and circumstances connected in the recent unfortunate affair. The statement contained in the recent issue of The State that general indignation existed on account of the arrest is without foundation and misleading. There has been no expression from any one of indignation because of the arrest, in itself, but there has been, and will no doubt continue to be, expression of indignation and disgust at the method used, and a dispassionate public can from its own conclusions after hearing of the facts. Again, I note in The News and Courier of May 1st the following headlines: "The Attack of the Lawyers for the Defense on the State's Conscientious Solicitor." We will see later on how "conscientious" the solicitor was.

It appears that some time last fall and soon after the death of Morrison that Solicitor Henry recommended to Gov. Heyward the employment of Henry B. Howie as a suitable and proper person to work up the case against the lynchers of Morrison; that Howie was employed by Henry, or recommended to Gov. Heyward, is admitted. Now, who is Henry B. Howie? First, we call attention to the fact that he is a discharged dispensary constable (of the reason for his discharged we are not advised), but being a resident of the city of Chester, the home of Solicitor Henry, we naturally presume he was well known to him, and, if he was not well known, how could Solicitor Henry recommend him? Mr. Henry in his report to Gov. Heyward dated May 3rd, gives as his reason for the employment of Howie among others that Howie was a native of Lancaster county. This I presume, is true, and it is a fact

FULL OF TRAGIC MEANING are these lines from J. H. Simmons, of Casey, Ia. Think what might have resulted from his terrible cough if he had not taken the medicine about which he writes "I had a fearful cough, that disturbed my night's rest. I tried everything, but nothing would relieve it, until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which completely cured me." Instantly relieves and permanently cures all throat and lung diseases; prevents grip and pneumonia. At Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co., and Funderburk Pharmacy, druggist; guaranteed; 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

that many of the best citizens of Lancaster County together with prominent officials of Union county, N. C., are ready at any time to take the witness stand and testify that they would not believe Howie upon his oath (I should have stated that Howie resided at one time in Monroe, Union County, N. C., that this Howie was accused of a very serious and contemptible offense while a resident of Monroe. It is also an open secret in Lancaster county that Henry Howie has been guilty of petty and disqualifying offenses against the laws of South Carolina. (If Howie is innocent of these charges let him demand the proof and he can and will probably be given the opportunity of vindicating himself before a jury of his native county.) So much for his part; now for his connection with the Morrison case and the methods he resorted to. Sometime during the month of March 1905, Howie, with one Austin, traced young Frank Hough to Atlanta, Ga., where they found him working for his support and leading such a life as would indicate his resolve to reform and make a man of himself. It may be here stated that young Hough had, some time previous to his meeting with these men and before he went to Atlanta, been addicted to excessive drink, but it is also true that when he left home and undertook work in Atlanta he put aside his former bad habits and no doubt, had he not met his former acquaintances, Howie and Austin, would have continued to refrain from drink and eventually made a man of himself. Hough was induced by Howie while in Atlanta to take a first drink, and here the circumstances warrant the belief that this first drink contained a drug of some kind. After the first drink it was easier to induce him to take the second, the third and so on, until he again became the slave of an unfortunate appetite. While in this condition, Howie and Austin induced young Hough to go with them to Gastonia, N. C., from Gastonia to Chester, from Chester to Charlotte, from Charlotte to Mooresville, N. C., then back to Charlotte. During this entire time Howie was paying his expenses, railroad, sleeping car, hotel and the et cetera incident to and in keeping with his condition and the taste of his companion. While this was going on Howie and Austin were in communication with Spencer Croxton, a youth of 18 years, who was at his home and with his parents in Kershaw. Young Croxton was induced by false representation to join Austin at Charlotte in the following manner: Austin wrote him, and the letter was delivered by a third party, offering him work if he would come to Charlotte on a certain day. On Saturday before young Croxton went to Charlotte on Monday, Howie came to Kershaw, made enquiries concerning Croxton's proposed trip to Charlotte and left money for him with which to pay his expenses to that city.

Upon arriving in Charlotte, Croxton and young Hough, by prearrangement on the part of Howie and Austin, met young Hough and together the four continued the line of debauchery commenced with young Hough in Atlanta. (See Spencer Croxton's

interview published in Charlotte Observer of date April 28th.)—After arranging a game of poker in Charlotte, in which these boys were induced to take a part, they were carried to Chester, the home of the "conscientious" solicitor of the sixth circuit. At Chester the game of poker, beer and whiskey and other immoralities were placed before these young men, Howie furnishing money for the game of poker and paying for the drinks saying that it was the State's money. From Chester they were again carried in Pullman cars to Charlotte, from Charlotte back to Chester, from Chester to Atlanta, and here the crowning infamy was resorted to. There and then these young men were arrested and placed in jail and confined in separate cells. When this was done the boy Croxton asked Howie the privilege of communicating, by wire or letter, with his father at Kershaw. This request was refused and he was told that he would be kept in solitary confinement in Atlanta and fed upon bread and water until he would make a statement charging certain parties with the lynching of Morrison. (Here it may be well to say that Croxton's name does not, nor did it ever, appear in any of the warrants issued for the supposed lynchers, and we might well inquire the authority for placing him under arrest in Atlanta, when, if his arrest as a witness was necessary, it could and should have been made while he was in South Carolina.) After finding out that he would not be released from jail, Croxton yielded to the request of Howie and made a statement implicating such men as Howie suggested—so he swears. After agreeing to make this statement, Hough and Croxton were taken from the Atlanta jail and carried to Chester, where their statement was made, and which statement does not appear in the published report made by Solicitor Henry to Gov. Heyward of late May 3d. Croxton and Hough were still kept under the espionage of Howie, and were not permitted to leave his sight, and Solicitor Henry admits that he had several conferences with Hough at Chester. The solicitor's report to the Governor that young Croxton was taken from Howie by his father while in Charlotte is not true, for as a matter of fact, Croxton's father and brother found Spencer in company with Howie and a relative at Stout's, a station between Charlotte and Monroe, and it is also a fact that when Howie saw these men approaching, he ran and attempted to escape, but was overtaken by the father and brother, and young Croxton went in company with his father and brother to Charlotte. It was at Charlotte, that Howie, the man who Mr. Henry says was selected to do this work because of his courage, while the fore young Croxton went to Charlotte on Monday, Howie came to Kershaw, made enquiries concerning Croxton's proposed trip to Charlotte and left money for him with which to pay his expenses to that city.

Now we come to the part taken in this matter by the "conscientious" solicitor, Mr. J. K. Henry

who first appeared upon the scene the week following Morrison's death, at which time he came to Kershaw for the purpose of investigating the affair and reporting the results of his investigation to Gov. Heyward. In this report to the governor, the solicitor first revealed, to the satisfaction of those in position to know, that he could not be relied upon to present the facts as they really existed. For among other statements contained in this report, he said that the ministers of the gospel stood back with folded hands and said "amen" to the lynching.—This was not true, for inquiry develops the fact that this "conscientious" solicitor never mentioned the subject of the lynching to any of the ministers, nor did he have authority from any one for this statement, and in proof of this assertion, when approached by one of the Kershaw ministers on the day of the preliminary hearing at Lancaster, he was requested by this minister to give his authority for the statement.—He failed to do so, contenting himself with saying something about having heard a traveling man on the train use the expression. Now

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#### Mexican War Veterans.

Dallas, Texas, May 22.—About 150 veterans of the War with Mexico are here to attend the annual reunion of members of the National Mexican War Veterans' association, which began today. The Texas Association, of Mexican War Veterans' also held a meeting here today. The sessions of the two bodies will be brief. The average age of those present is in excess of 80 years.

#### NEW CURE FOR CANCER

All surface cancers are now known to be curable by Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Jas. Walters of Duffield, Va., writes: "I had a cancer on my lip for years, that seemed incurable, till Bucklen's Arnica Salve healed it, and now it is perfectly well." Guaranteed cure for cuts and burns. 25c at Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co's, and Funderburk Pharmacy.

#### 400 Mules Are Burned.

East St. Louis, May 23.—Over 400 mules perished in a fire today that destroyed the sales stables of Maxwell & Crouch and Sparts Brothers at the National stock yard. The loss is \$100,000 said to be covered by insurance. The origin is unknown.

#### PLANS TO GET RICH

are often frustrated by sudden breakdown, due to dyspepsia or constipation. Brace up and take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They take out the materials which are clogging your energies, and give you a new start. Cures headaches and dizziness too. At Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co's and Funderburk Pharmacy. 25c, guaranteed.

#### OVERWORKED KIDNEYS

Murray's Buchu, Gin and Juniper is prescribed and endorsed by eminent physicians. It cures when all else fails. Prevents Kidney diseases, Dropsy, brights disease, et cetera. At all druggists.

\$1.00 A BOTTLE

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Murray Drug Co,  
Columbia, S. C.

#### No More Bucketshops For North Carolina.

Raleigh, N. C., May 23.—The North Carolina supreme court today affirmed the decision of the lower court sustaining the act passed by the last legislature prohibiting "bucketshops" and the practice of dealing in futures. The law makes it a misdemeanor to open a place where quotations on futures are furnished or to buy or to sell options for future delivery of the goods is not contemplated. The effect of the decision is to close up all branches of cotton exchange houses in this state doing a future business.

#### DON'T BORROW TROUBLE

It is a bad habit to borrow anything, but the worst thing you can possibly borrow, is trouble. When sick, sore, heavy, weary and worn-out by the pains and poisons of dyspepsia, biliousness, Bright's disease, any similar internal disorders, don't sit down and brood over your symptoms, but fly for relief to Electric Bitters. Here you will find sure and permanent forgetfulness of all your troubles, and your body will not be burdened by a load of debt disease. At Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co., Funderburk Pharmacy. Drug stores. Prices 50c. Guaranteed.

It is beginning to be generally recognized that what is known as the damage suit industry is becoming a serious menace to the welfare of well ordered society, and thoughtful people everywhere have begun to give more or less earnest consideration to the necessity of applying remedies. There is no disputing the fact that when one citizen suffers injury through the carelessness of another citizen or of a corporation, by whom he may have been injured, that the person or corporation inflicting the injury ought to be punished for its carelessness. But it is hardly to be denied that under the existing system, the legal adjustment of such matters is often more damaging to society than were the matters calling for adjustment. The existing system is calculated to encourage bogus claims of all kinds, and is a matter of fact a bogus claim is established about as easily as a just one. There are lawyers who make a business of scouring the country for clients with claims against corporations and individuals, and who prosecute those claims for a percentage of the proceeds. There are individuals, both men and women who, after having informed themselves as to the state of facts necessary to establish damage suits, manage to create just such facts for the profits to be had. They have no genuine grievance; but that makes no difference to them so long as they are able to secure what appears to be a legal sanction of their fraud. Cases of this nature take up much of the courts, and cost the taxpayers both time and money; but the evils referred to seem to be growing rather than diminishing, and the time when the people will probably undertake the terrible fight that will be necessary to secure their abatement is not yet in sight.—Yorkville Enquirer.

Mothers can safely give Foley's Honey and Tar to their children for coughs and colds, for it contains no opiates or other poisons. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy. —Pay for The Ledger.

## How Is Your Heart?

Is your pulse weak, too slow, too fast, or does it skip a beat? Do you have shortness of breath, weak or hungry spells, fainting, smothering or choking spells, palpitation, fluttering, pains around the heart, in side and shoulder; or hurt when lying on left side? If you have any of these symptoms your heart is weak or diseased, and cannot get better without assistance. Dr. Miles' Heart Cure strengthens weak hearts, and rarely ever fails to cure heart disease. Try it, and see how quickly you will find relief.

"About January 1st, 1902, I took down with weakness and drowsy, and gradually grew worse. I was told by my family physician that my case was hopeless. My neighbors and family had given me up to die. My limbs and body were swollen to one-third larger than normal size, and water had collected around my heart. For at least three months I had to sit propped up in bed to keep from smothering. I sent for five bottles of Dr. Miles' Heart Cure, and by the time I had taken them all, I was entirely cured. I feel better than I have for twenty years, and I am able to do any kind of work on my farm. My attending physician told me that if it hadn't been for Dr. Miles' Heart Cure I would now be in my grave."

L. T. CURD, Wilmore, Ky.  
Dr. Miles' Heart Cure is sold by your druggist, who will guarantee that the first bottle will benefit. If it fails he will refund your money.  
Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind

#### Notice to the Public.

I will hold all inquests in the county. Phone to my residence at Pleasant Hill for me when needed.  
J. Montgomery Caskey,  
ept. 20—tf

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For Infants and Children.  
The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Bears the  
Signature of *Dr. H. H. Pitcher*

#### Notice to Debtors and Creditors of C H Lathan

All persons having claims against the estate of Charles Harvey Lathan, deceased, will present them properly proven to the undersigned for payment, and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment to the same. John T Green, May 12, 1905-1m. Executor.

#### Notice of Election.

Notice is hereby given that by order of the County Board of Education of Lancaster county, State of S. C., an election will be held at Tradesville on Tuesday the 30th day of May, 1905 to determine whether or not a special tax of four (4) mills shall be levied on all real and personal property in Tradesville School District No. 12 for school purposes.

At which election only such electors as return real or personal property for taxation and who exhibit their tax receipt and registration certificate as required in General Elections shall be allowed to vote.

H M Polk,  
J B Funderburk,  
W A Funderburk,  
Board of Trustees.

#### NOTICE.

The board of county commissioners in their meeting Monday passed a resolution to the effect that hereafter no magistrate in Lancaster county will be paid for holding an inquest unless it is impossible to get the coroner, and then the magistrate must comply with the law by securing affidavits from three citizens of the immediate community that it is important that an inquest be held in the particular case under consideration. M C Gardner, County Supervisor.