

COURT CONVENE MONDAY MORNING.

Nine Prisoners in Jail Charged With Murder. A VERY HEAVY DOCKET

Judge Watts Presiding, Mr. Cooper Acting Solicitor, and D. C. Smith Foreman of the Grand Jury. Court of General Sessions was convened promptly at 10 o'clock Monday morning, with Judge R. C. Watts, presiding.

In the absence of Solicitor Seale, who is engaged with his official duties in the Legislature, Mr. R. A. Cooper is representing the State's interests.

Stenographer L. L. Motte, genial and affable, Clerk Bolt and assistant, P. D. Belt and the rest of the attaches of the Court were at their respective posts of duty.

The grand jury was organized with D. C. Smith of Waterloo as foreman. E. T. Guln and J. R. Moore, grand jurors, did not answer and W. T. Crews and C. W. Taylor were drawn in their stead.

In handing to the foreman a number of bills His Honor briefly but very clearly charged the grand jurors as to their duties.

The first case tried was that of the State vs. Edmie Stoddard, colored, charged with rape. The trial engaged the Court most of Monday's session. Not guilty.

John Blakely, a colored youth, pleaded guilty to two charges of horse breaking and larceny and was fined \$1, and sentenced to the chain gang for 27 months.

Sam Sullivan and Tode Jones, both colored, pleaded guilty to assault and battery with intent to kill and carrying concealed weapons. They were fined \$10 each or twenty days in the chain gang. They paid.

Yesterday morning Eugene Davenport, a young negro of the Lisbon section, was put on trial for the second time, charged with the murder of Press Taylor, colored, Christmas, 1903.

Davenport claims that the shooting was accidental or rather unintentional. He was convicted of manslaughter at a previous term of court. A new trial was granted and the case came up again. Guilty of manslaughter. Two years.

The Grand Jury has returned the following true bills: Algy Dunlap, murder; Jno Parks, assault and battery; Balle Parks, murder; Will Nelson, murder; Mart Gary, murder; H. H. Zeigler, larceny; Bob and Joe Fleming, Joe O'Idwell, Henry Stevens and Claude Goodman, murder.

The last five, all negroes, are charged with the murder of Dan Fuller, colored at Mountville just before Christmas. The case against them has been continued until the next court.

PRESENTMENT OF GRAND JURY. The following is the Presentment of the Grand Jury: To the Honorable R. C. Watts, Presiding Judge.

We, the Grand Jurors for Laurens County, beg to submit this, our final presentment for the January Term of Court.

We have carefully examined all bills handed us by the Solicitor during the present term and made our presentment upon each, as was in our judgment, just and proper.

We have attended to all complaints and recommendations laid before this body.

We recommend that the proper officers of the Law and especially all Municipal officers promptly and aggressively enforce the law against Vagrancy and houses of ill Repute, the greatest source of idleness and crime, and that the penalty of the law be enforced against all such persons who keep or frequent disreputable places.

In conclusion, we desire to thank your Honor R. C. Watts, for the able and efficacious manner displayed by you in dispensing the business of the Court.

We also wish to extend our thanks to our able and efficient Solicitor R. A. Cooper, pro tem, for his advice and the many courtesies extended us during this Court.

All of which is respectfully submitted. D. C. SMITH, Foreman.

FOR SALE. Valuable Real Estate in the City of Laurens.

On Salesday in February, I will sell at public outcry a number of lots ranging from one-half to fifteen acres. Terms—One half cash; balance on twelve months with mortgages. Plans can be seen at office of Simpson, Cooper & Babb.

H. Y. SIMPSON, Jan. 23rd-24. Notice Land Owners. All land owners in Laurens County are hereby notified that streams running through or bounding their lands must be cleaned out, as provided by law, by the last day of March next, or same will be cleaned at their expense.

H. B. HUMBERT, 25-31. Supervisor L. C. SPECIAL NOTICE—I have received a fine line of Spring and Summer samples of all the latest styles. Prices to suit the times. Pants made to order from \$4.00 up. Suits made to order from \$12.00 up. A fit is always guaranteed. I also invite you to join my pressing club, only \$1.00 per month. Phone 180, Minter building. E. J. DANCY, Tailor.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Uncle Kirk Taylor of Remo visited in the city this week. Eugene Crisp of Mountville was in town yesterday.

Ward Three is shy on a candidate but not on material for aldermanic honors.

Mrs. Margaret Miller has returned from a stay of several months at Due West.

Mrs. William Beamers of Columbia is spending a few days in the city with her mother, Mrs. I. T. Balentine.

Mr. V. A. White and little son, Master Ernest White, were in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Mary C. Bowen left Monday for a month's visit to her sons at Raleigh, N. C.

Miss Laura Vance has returned to Clinton after a pleasant visit to the city.

Miss Lillian Irbly went to Spartanburg yesterday to accept the position of stenographer for Dr. Pell, president of Converse College.

Mrs. Walker Edwards and children returned to Due West Monday after a visit to Mrs. Virginia Miller and family.

Miss Lavinia Eyrso of Newtown, Pa., and Mrs. Richard Barry of Moores, Spartanburg county, visited Capt. and Mrs. J. R. Minter from Saturday until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Byrd attended the funeral of H. H. Cathart, brother of Mrs. Byrd, who died at his home in Columbia Friday night and was buried Sunday. He was 28 years old and was engaged in the retail grocery business.

Simpson, Cooper & Babb. R. E. Babb, one of the most prominent young lawyers at the Laurens Bar, has become a member of the well-known law firm of Simpson & Cooper.

Attending the Convention. Col. J. H. Wharton and Dr. A. C. Fuller, delegates to the Inter-State Cotton Growers Convention now in session in New Orleans, left Monday for that city.

Across the Continent. Jas. E. Minter of Sedalia left here Monday for a trip across the continent. He will be gone a month or more and will visit San Francisco and Fresno, Cal., besides the stop overs at Abilene, Texas and Denver, Colorado.

A Tacky Party. Misses Bessie and Mamie Crews gave a tacky party Friday evening, the special guests being Misses Nannie Goodman and Lila Bryson of Cross Hill. A large and jolly party was present and great glee and thorough enjoyment prevailed throughout the evening.

As to Trespassing. The Legislature has passed to its third reading a bill which makes it a trespass to go upon any one's premises for the purpose of hunting, fishing or trapping without permission. In future it will not be necessary to post lands.

Negro Shooting Affair. Fletch Spurgeon, colored, is in jail charged with shooting another negro, Chas. Williams, at a frolic last Friday night on Mr. D. D. Peden's place, three miles from Gray Court. Williams was shot twice and his recovery is said to be doubtful.

Death of Abner Owens. Mr. Abner Owens of Dials died quite suddenly at his home Saturday night about 9 o'clock. He had been afflicted for some years. He was 54 years old and leaves a family of eight children. The deceased was buried at Green Pond Church Sunday morning.

A New Enterprise. A commission has been obtained from the Secretary of State under which a joint stock company is to be organized for the purpose of engaging in the sale of p'umbers' and kindred supplies. The concern will be known as the Musgrove Supply Company and will be capitalized at \$5,000.

The incorporators are M. L. Copeland, M. J. Owing, P. A. Simpson, M. G. Jeans and J. B. Brooks.

Was Decided Success. The mid-winter picnic given last Friday evening by the King's Daughters was a very entertaining and successful affair. The picnic was held at the graded school building and was well attended. Box luncheon was served with coffee by a committee of young ladies. Over twenty dollars was realized. During the evening Miss Martha E. Fitts and Miss Eliza Cainc recited beautifully and effectively, while Miss Alma Shell and Mr. R. G. Franks sang a delightful duet.

The Daughters were greatly pleased with the success of the entertainment and they heartily appreciate the generous support always extended by the public on these occasions.

The next event will be a Valentine party.

Our Mr. S. M. Wilkes is spending this week at the Furniture Factories in North Carolina, where he is going to select a line of Bed Room Suits, Chairs and Kitchen Safes for our 1905 trade. S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.

Terrific plagues, those itching, pestering diseases of the skin. Put an end to misery. Doan's Ointment cures. At any drug store.

Medical Association Met Monday.

The bi-monthly meeting of the County Medical Association, was held Monday at the offices of Drs. Dial & Teague, with Dr. J. J. Boozer, president, in the chair.

After disposing of routine matters, a very interesting paper, prepared and read by Dr. J. H. Teague on the treatment of pneumonia, elicited considerable discussion, which was participated in by all the members present.

The next meeting will be held on the 4th Monday in March. Drs. Hughes and Ferguson were requested to read papers at this meeting.

Mr. Darlington Declines. MR. EDITOR: I see from your columns that some friends have kindly nominated me as a candidate for Mayor, and I beg leave to express my appreciation of the kind feeling toward me, but the duties of my business are such that in case I should be honored by election, it will be impossible to give the time and attention to the city's interests that the office demands. Thanking my friends again for placing me in nomination, I most respectfully decline to become a candidate.

T. D. DARLINGTON, Youngs Township.

All interested in the formation of a Township Cotton Growers Association are earnestly requested to meet at Young's Store, Saturday, February 11th, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of organizing said association.

W. P. HARRIS, Township Representatives take Notice. Township representatives of the old soldiers in each township of the county are respectfully and urgently requested to make out a correct list of all the soldiers of the late war between the States, who have died or moved away since the 1st of March, 1904, and forward same to The County Pension Board which meets the first Monday in February, 1905.

Without the co-operation of the township representatives the County Board may find it difficult to make a correct list of those who have died or moved from the State since the last meeting of the county board.

W. P. COCKER, Chairman County Pension Board. County papers please copy.

A PINE FAMILY. "I have used Dr. King's Blood and Liver Pills in my family and with my tenants. Am sixty-nine, and have raised nine sons twenty-one years old, and four daughters, have used all the leading liver medicines, but find King's to be the best of all."

"Reuben F. Christenbury," New line Nobby Hats at Copeland's. Children's tan shoes at Copeland's. Dress suit cases and hand bags at Copeland's.

When walk-overs go on trouble goes off. Flat Iron Hats are the latest. Copeland.

A BEAUTIFUL COMPLEXION Comes of using Cydonia Lotion—Softens and whitens the skin; cures sunburn, chapped or roughened skin; the genuine has Burwell & Linn's Co.'s name and label. Price 25 cents. At store of Palmetto Drug Co.

Two million Americans suffer the torturing pangs of dyspepsia. No need to Burdock Blood Bitters cures. At any drug store.

A Poem for Today

EACH IN HIS OWN NAME

By William Herbert Carruth



FIRE mist and a planet, A crystal and a cell; A jollyfish and a saurian, And caves where the cavern dwell; Then a sense of law and beauty, And a face turned from the ead— Some call it Evolution, And others call it God.

A haze on the far horizon, The infinite tender sky; The ripe, rich tints of the cornfields, And the wild geese sailing high; And all over upland and lowland The charm of the goldenrod— Some of us call it Autumn, And others call it God.

Like the tide on a crescent sea beach, When the moon is new and thin, Into our hearts high yearnings Come welling and surging in— Come from the mystic ocean Whose rim no foot has trod— Some of us call it Longing, And others call it God.

A plecter frozen on duty, A mother starved for her brood, Socrates drinking the hemlock, And Jesus on the rood; The million who, humble and nameless, The straight, hard pathway trod— Some call it Consolation, And others call it God.

Russian Capital Scene of Rioting

St. Petersburg has been the scene since Sunday morning of bloodshed, intense excitement and terror. The real disturbance began Sunday when the troops clashed with the working men who are on a strike.

It is said that 1,500 were killed during the day. This, however, has not been confirmed.

It is stated that Emperor Nicholas will issue a manifesto declaring St. Petersburg in a state of seige.

The Emperor is prostrated by grief. All schools are closed and everything is in a state of suspense. The strikers do not seem to be very well organized but their numbers are being rapidly augmented by operatives and employees in nearly all the manufacturing districts in the city.

The strike has extended to Moscow and great excitement and unrest prevails throughout the empire.

Civil war is imminent and the end cannot be foretold.

Heard Paderewski.

Quite a party went down yesterday afternoon to hear Paderewski, the great pianist, in Columbia last evening.

The party consisted of Mrs. Claude Fuller, Mrs. W. E. Lucas, Misses Lillier Stevens, Helen Goggans, Bertha Wells, Emily Meng, Josie Minter, Annie Gilkerson, Col. and Mrs. T. D. Darlington, Messrs. B. L. Jones, R. V. Irbly, A. C. Todd, H. G. Welborn and J. B. Brooks.

WANTED—To sell 300 bushels pure baradra cotton seed, \$1.00 per bushel. In lots of 10 bushel 75 cents per bushel. E. G. MICHOLT, Princeton, S. C.

Opening Books of Subscription. Pursuant to a commission issued by Hon. J. T. Gantt, Secretary of State, notice is hereby given that the books of subscription to the capital stock of the Musgrove Supply Co. may now be opened at the store of Todd, Simpson & Co., Laurens, S. C., on Thursday, January 26, 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m. Said capital to be \$5,000 to be divided into fifty shares of the par value of \$100 each.

M. L. Copeland, M. J. Owing, P. A. Simpson, M. G. Jeans, John B. Brooks, Incorporators.

Notice Stockholders' Meeting. A meeting of the stockholders of the Laurens Milling Company, will be held at the office of said Company, at Laurens, S. C., on the 18th day of February 1905, for the purpose of considering a resolution to liquidate and wind up the affairs of the said corporation, and to dissolve the same.

J. S. MACHEN, President. Jan 18th-19.

WILL DELIVER A LECTURE.

Rev. States Jacobs of Nashville Will Appear at Copeland's Hall. CENTON, Jan. 23.—Miss Agatha Davis is visiting friends in Columbia.

Rev. States Jacobs of Nashville will lecture at Copeland's Hall on the evening of the 27th inst.

Miss Lizzie Glenn of Newberry is up on a visit to her sister, Mrs. W. W. Davis.

Miss Addie Horton went to Atlanta Thursday to attend the play "Ben-Hur," returning Monday.

Mr. W. E. Owens went to Ora Saturday to attend the funeral of his uncle, Mr. Ludy Blakely, whose death occurred on Friday.

Miss Emma Hale went to Anderson Saturday to spend a few days with relatives.

Dr. W. G. Neville was called to Yorkville Friday and will be absent a few days.

The Friendly Dozen will meet with Mrs. W. S. Bean on Tuesday afternoon. This is a social meeting and will be a pleasant hour spent by the members.

Theodore Peake will return to Nashville this week and resume his studies in the Medical College, his mother, Mrs. O. C. Peake, having improved very much in the past month.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY THE BEST MADE. "In my opinion Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best made for colds," says Mrs. Cora Walker of Porterville, California. There is no doubt about its being the best. No other will cure a cold so quickly. No other is so sure a preventive of pneumonia. No other is so pleasant and safe to take. These are good reasons why it should be preferred to any other. The fact is that few people are satisfied with any other after having once used this remedy. For sale by Laurens Drug Co. and Dr. B. F. Posey.

Many men and women are constantly subjected to what they commonly term "a continual strain" because of some financial or family trouble. It wears and distresses them both mentally and physically, affecting their nerve, and bringing on liver and kidney ailments, with the attendant evils of constipation, loss of appetite, sleeplessness, low vitality and despondency. They cannot, as a rule, get rid of this "continual strain," but they can remedy its health destroying effects by taking frequent doses of Green's August Flower. It tones up the liver, stimulates the kidneys, insures healthy bodily functions, gives vim and spirit to one's whole being, and eventually dispels the physical or mental distress caused by that "continual strain." Trial bottle of August Flower, 25c; regular size, 75c. At all druggists.

FOR MAYOR. I hereby announce my candidacy for Mayor of the City of Laurens and pledge myself, if elected, to discharge the duties of said office to the best of my ability and the best interests of the city. Will cheerfully abide the result of the City Democratic Primary.

J. Z. LEVERETT. The candidacy of R. A. COOPER is hereby announced for the Mayoralty of the City of Laurens, the same being subject to the action of the Democratic Primary at the approaching City Primary election.

CITIZENS. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Mayor of the City of Laurens at the approaching Municipal election. I pledge myself to abide the result of the Municipal Democratic Primary election, and promise if elected to discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

W. R. RICHIEY. Jan. 16, '05. FOR ALDERMAN—WARD ONE. H. R. Fry is respectfully announced for Alderman from the Ward One, subject to the result of the approaching City Primary.

FOR ALDERMAN—WARD TWO. The friends and voters of J. L. Hopkins announce him for Alderman from Ward Two, subject to the City Democratic Primary.

We are authorized to announce J. Lee Langston as a candidate for Alderman from Ward 2, subject to the rules of the City Primary.

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VOTERS. I am a candidate for Alderman from Ward Six, and will abide the result of the City Democratic Primary election. T. H. NELSON.

STATE AND GENERAL NEWS.

B. H. Henderson, probate judge of Georgetown died of heart failure at his home Thursday night.

Mr. Watson of Greenville has introduced a Bill in the Legislature, making the term of the office of Circuit Judges sixteen years.

The execution of former Mayor J. Samuel McCue of Charlotteville has been postponed until the 10th of February. He was to have been hanged February 20th, but the Governor reprieved him for three weeks.

Numerous incendiary fires have occurred in Anderson in the past week or so. Two negroes are under arrest, charged with the burning of M. V. McGhee's barn, one of the largest in the city. It was destroyed Wednesday night, together with a number of horses and mules.

John Clegg, the policeman of Greenwood whose son was mysteriously shot and killed Sunday, January 15, is in jail charged with the murder of his son. Clegg was arrested and committed upon the conclusion of the Coroner's inquest. It was clearly shown that Clegg was drunk at the time his son was shot. Clegg and two of his sons were in the county, traveling in a buggy when Scott Clegg, the older boy, was shot. The wound proved fatal. It was stated at the inquest that Clegg beat and vilely cursed his son just before the shot was fired.

"Little Colds" neglected—thousands of lives sacrificed every year. Dr. Woods' Norway Pine Syrup cures little colds—cures big colds, down to the very verge of consumption.

A full line of Talking Machines on hand ranging in price from \$5 to \$30 and a good supply of records to select from at S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.

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County License —ON—

Hawkers and Peddlers. As provided by law, the Board of County Commissioners of Laurens County at its regular meeting on the 24th day of January A. D. 1905, fixed the following license to be paid by all Hawk and Peddlers doing business in said County.

All licenses to be issued by the Clerk of Court of said county and to be in force until the 31st day of December 1905, to wit:—

For Foot Peddlers, \$10.00 For Peddlers with One Horse Wagon, 40.00 For Peddlers with Two Horse Wagon, 60.00

Vendors of Stoves or Ranges, for the first wagon, 60.00 For each additional wagon, 40.00 Selling Clocks, for the first wagon, 50.00 And for each additional wagon, 30.00

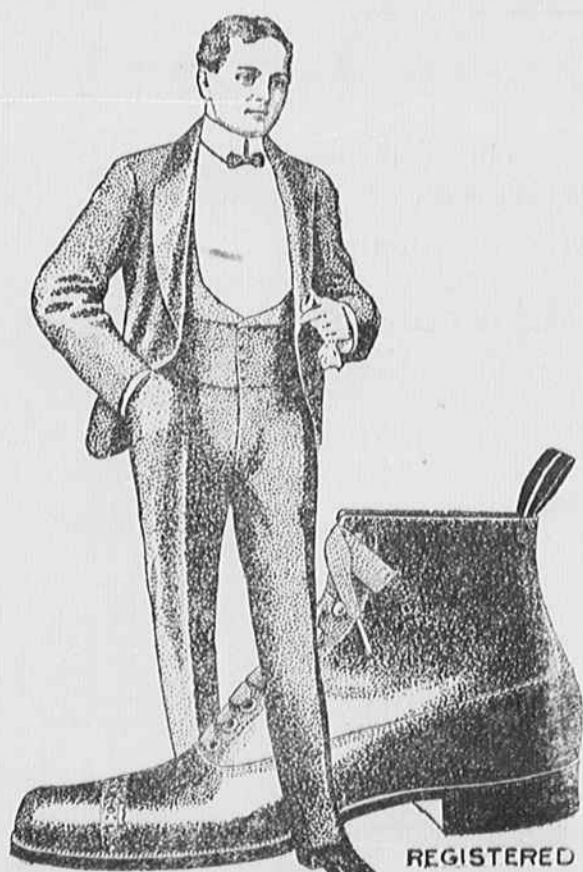
Selling Lightning Rods, for the first wagon, 50.00 And for each additional wagon, 30.00 Selling Spectacles, 15.00 Selling Spectacles, with team, 25.00

Selling Sewing Machines, for one horse wagon, 70.00 And for each additional wagon, 50.00 Selling Pianos and Organs for each one wagon, \$100.00

Selling Pianos and Organs each two horse wagon, 150.00

H. B. HUMBERT, Supervisor L. C. J. D. MOCK, County Clerk.

Can't We Persuade You? We are not so very far apart. You, as a shoe wearer, must have Shoes, some kind or other, and every day too, can't we persuade you to look carefully into our Walk-Over Shoes and say frankly to us what you think of them? They are extensively sold in all parts of the United States, and each year's business is increasing tremendously. To accomplish such results, there must be some merit, and while we know just what this merit is, we want you to know as much about it as we do. Customer's Shoes Shined Free. COPELAND'S "ONE PRICE STORE" Shoes, Hats and Men's Furnishings.



BROTHER BOB COMES AGAIN.

The Law of Supply and Demand Controls.

A STRONG ARGUMENT

Does Not Think Much of the Ginner's Reports Nor Any Others for a Big Crop.

MR. EDITOR: In my last article occurs this error in quoting Sam Jones cotton letter: "When we make too much cotton it sells for twelve and fifteen cents." Should have read, "When we make too much cotton it sells for five and six cents; when we make too little cotton it sells for twelve and fifteen cents." I call attention to this, first because it is a slam on Brother Sam; secondly, it mystifies my theory and cripples my argument. It has been my theory all the while that the price of cotton, like the price of corn, wheat, peas or pumpkins is based on the law of supply and demand. Men who have not the disposition or time to think may tell you that it is all speculation that forces the price of cotton up or down. But this is the merest haphazard. Many farmers to-day are being over with rage at the bears for depressing the price of cotton. They look upon the bear as a peculiar species of varmint whose whole stock in trade is hate toward the farmer, while the bull is supposed to be of a loving, generous disposition. When, in truth, the only difference between the two consists in their opinion as to the status of the supply and demand of the cotton of the world. They are in the business for the sole purpose of making money by speculation, and a bull this season may be a bear the next, and vice versa. It all depends on what will be their opinion of the status. Of course after they have entered the fight and put up their money they will stand by their guns or lose the game. It is true under the pressure of battle one or the other side may be able to force a rush for conquest, but in either case they are in imminent danger of financial collapse. They must and will stick as close to the price justified by the law of supply and demand as they know how, otherwise they jeopardize their financial interests. Spilly was a bull last season because he knew the supply and demand justified higher prices than the early season had quoted. With the millions to back him he tossed the price upward and upward till he got it too high—the pendulum was swung too far. He was unable to hold it there. It came back with a crash and "busted" him into smithereens. This season he is a bear, not that he hates the producers more nor that he loves the consumers all; but that he thought that the supply and demand justified lower prices than the opening quotations presented. When they push the pendulum too far the other way it will swing back and crush them into jiblets. No bear movement can long hold down prices when the supply is not equal to the demand. There are plenty of men with money and speculation proclivities enough to crush them under. On the other hand, when the supply exceeds the demand, vice versa. These speculators are not in the business for fun nor to harm or befriended any class of men. They are in it to make money and they get on the side, that in their judgment, the supply and demand justify.

But talking about these cotton reports. This cuts a very small figure anyway. We felt out with the old estimate plan and said it was always too high. We got up one of our own—the ginner's report and liked it fine till we made a good crop and now it's too high. To tell the truth no system of reports is going to give relief to the situation in the face of a bumper crop. I would not give a snap for the whole machinery. I give warning too late. Nobody knows what is coming till it has come; then it is too late.

This reminds me of a circumstance during the earthquake shake-up some years ago. John Smith, who will call him for the present, and his wife lived alone in a rather rickety house, their children having all married off. John was a tough old fellow—in manner and looks—ugly to hurt. About such a looking fellow as I have Theo. H. Price pictured to be—a sort of counterpart of the old scratch himself. When the earthquake got in a weaving way John and Sallie lit out of the bed and began to hurry and scurry to make preparations for the judgment day, which they were sure was at hand. The good wife lit the lamp and says, "Now John, you must get the Bible and read a chapter and pray. You know we've been living together all these years and raised a family of children and I never heard you pray in my life. Now come, you must read and pray." At this juncture she handed him what she supposed to be the Bible which she had picked up off of a little table nearby. Uncle John was worked up to a pliable state and agreed to take the book. The article taken for the Bible was nothing more than one of those thick looking glasses which the old lady in her fright and haste had picked up. After looking at it a moment John, seeing his own image, remarked, "Well, Sallie, it's no use to pray now, it's too late. The devil has done come."

And a'n't it so. BROTHER BOB.

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