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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1900.

QUO WARRANTO
 PROCEEDINGS.

Co. Comm'r Krickbaum Asked
 to Show by What Authority
 He Holds Office.

He is Charged With Violation
 of Law That Will Remove
 Him if Proven.

It has been quite a long time since anybody about the Court House has been charged with official crookedness, or individual dishonesty. So long that the public had settled down again into the belief that once prevailed through the county, that there is such a thing as an honest official. But now all this peacefulness is ended for the time being, and there is turmoil in the air. A petition has been filed by District Attorney John G. Harman, asking for a writ of Quo Warranto, directed to William Krickbaum, to show by what authority he holds the office of County Commissioner. The District Attorney is not the originator of the proceeding, but his name is used because, legally, he is the only person who can ask for the writ in such a case.

The petition charges Mr. Krickbaum with having made a number of contracts, officially, with himself personally, and received pay from the county, which, it is claimed, is forbidden by law, and for which, if proven, he could be removed from office. As the case has not been heard yet by the Court, we withhold the details. Judge Little has granted the writ, and fixed December 31st for a hearing.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Court convened at nine o'clock a. m. Saturday.

Commonwealth vs. J. Wellington Manning. Charge F. and B. Plea Guilty.

Court sentenced defendant to pay costs of prosecution; a fine of \$15.00 to Commonwealth; \$15.00 lying-in expenses; that you pay to the mother of the child \$15 for the support of the child up to the present time and also that you pay the sum of \$1.25 per week, payable quarterly, until the child arrives at the age of seven years, if it shall so long live. Give security to Bloom Poor District, etc., in the sum of \$200.00. Stand committed, etc.

George B. Nicholas appointed guardian of Mary F. Nicholas, minor child of G. B. Nicholas. Bond approved.

C. M. Crevefing, executor, vs. J. G. Swank, et al. Judgment for want of appearance against defendants in the sum of \$150.00. Interest from Sep. 21st, 1900.

John F. Bentz & Son vs. M. I. Hennessy. Judgment for want of appearance.

Estate of Billington Ruckle. Exceptions to account and appointment of auditor filed.

Farmers' Mutual Ins. Co., of Middle, Pa., to use of Harry S. Knight receiver, vs. Sylvester Heath. Motion for new trial. Argument.

Same vs. Bartold Kierhoff. Motion for new trial. Argument.

Court adjourned to meet at 9. a. m., Monday, Jan. 7th, 1901.

J. Saltzer's Music Rooms.

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THE NEW SOUTH.

Observations of Rev. M. E. McLinn White on a Recent Trip to North Carolina.

In this vast country of ours there are many changes and transformations, but possibly none more remarkable than in the South; especially because of its former condition.

The new South is apparent even to the casual observer as he travels through that region, and the new seems to grow like a green shoot from an old and partly decayed stump, and with the enlargement of the new the old dies away. The marks of the old to some extent still remain in the old plantation mansion—the Mt. Vernon style of building with its pillared front—crowning the summit of some hill and surrounded with its Negro quarters; it is seen in the straggling dirty streets of the towns and villages. The signs of the hotels with the "Corn and Rye" for sale at the bar, and last, but not least, in the ever present darkey and his mule. Many of the ways and customs of that past era are still visible. The easy-going, careless, shiftless disposition of the colored man and the good natured, hospitable, but high strung character of the whites. But, the evidences of the New South are many, and they crop out very plainly and stand upon the surface of things. Now you detect them in the new style of building; the neat, trim farm house and large barn, all nicely painted and enclosed with a pretty white-washed fence, and the signs of a new and more thorough cultivation in the fields, the new and convenient school houses, the improved roads, the later implements of husbandry, the dress and manner of some of the people, the more modern appearance of some of the streets and homes in the towns, and the general tone and tenor of the inhabitants, because of the ever exerted pressure of the present age, the rush and push of business, and the changes by means of the marvelous inventions and progress of the times. One might as well try to keep out the sunlight as to be uninfluenced by these things. And so the South is slowly, but surely, changing.

North Carolina impresses one as being a state of great possibilities, when you are ready to forget the many signs of primitive conditions. One of the things you notice is the bright red color of much of the soil; not like the duller red of our northern shales, but intensely red, doubtless due to the abundance of Manganese ore. But this soil, with careless treatment, scarcely any fertilizer, and shallow ploughing, brings forth its profitable crops of cotton, tobacco and corn, from year to year and century to century. The rains of the ages have descended upon it in great gullies, but the contented husbandman ploughs around them, though in some of them he could bury his little house out of sight. There is an absence of flocks and herds grazing over the fields, which is such a welcome and comforting sight with us. There are no fences to break the sameness of the view, or to give your eye relief. Most of the woods are made up of the scrub pine, which is so universal there, though there are other trees, such as the oak, ash, poplar, and some hickory, but very few of them are really large size.

One thing that impresses a northern beholder is the dreariness of the landscape. No houses and barns, no signs of life in the fields, no living beauty in the surroundings—all dead and dark and silent as if forsaken by God and man. The low, dark shanties, the tumble-down stables, the washed fields, the monotonous pines, the snakelike roads winding through the fields, that a stranger dare not risk to take, lest they should lead him to a shanty in an open field, and there suddenly stop. And yet one is surprised to meet so many teams upon the road with cotton, wool and other products; while occasionally a finer one will meet and pass you, and you wonder where all these evidences of life spring from. You know they do not come up out of the earth, but you can see so few respectable places, from which they might issue forth. There is, however, no real poverty or distress in all the region; for it seems the farmer need only to tickle the soil with a shallow plow, and it laughs with a profitable harvest. And with good prices for corn, cotton and other products, there is a good living for any one who wants it. The evidences of "trust" control are there also, for an effort is making to limit the cotton crop to a smaller number of bales, in order that the price may advance.

Gold is not a fancy article in North and South Carolina; the output is considerable and no craze over individual finds. They seem to work the mines with paid labor and send the separated gold to the Charlotte agency, where it is refined, moulded into bars, and sent to the Philadelphia mint. We had the pleasure of seeing a \$7500 bar of gold, ready to ship, which had just been melted and purified and cooled in a mould. Its weight was about thirty-five pounds. This quantity of gold was a two-weeks' product of one mine, and it is

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Charlotte is a city of nearly 20,000 inhabitants, and has both beauty and historic interest, though a great portion of it is unattractive, being made up of straggling streets, with negro shanties. The remaining part is solidly built with fine residences or business houses, doing a thriving trade, so far as observation can lead us to form an opinion. The wholesale, retail and manufacturing activity and prominence of Charlotte, is a matter of comment in the South, and gives it a name among the principal places there. There are a number of historic spots and marked events. Iron slabs denote the points where Cornwallis had his headquarters, where Washington lodged, where Jefferson Davis heard of Lincoln's death, and where the Queen's museum was located, back in the eighteenth century. A large granite shaft is suitably engraved to show that a declaration of independence from Great Britain was declared by the patriots of that country, which antedates that of the Colonies at Philadelphia. It is everywhere in evidence that the blacks outnumber the whites, a fact which has given use to many social and political troubles there, and which will, doubtless, cause more, yet it is to be hoped they will settle all these questions in righteousness, and for the highest good of all concerned. These things must be outlived, they cannot be set aside or removed. Over the greater portion of North Carolina you are looking upon a part of the Atlantic plain, a stretch of level country extending for a thousand miles or more along the seaboard, with a width of from one hundred and fifty to two hundred miles, and in greater part with a fertility of soil that speaks of great things for the future. Let once these vexing questions be settled, immigration enter there, and these vast resources be utilized, and more modern methods instituted, and then for climate and soil and advantages, we shall see there a garden spot of the earth.

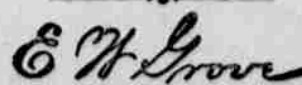
M. E. McLINN.

Horse Instantly Killed.

The Bellig brothers, Frank and John, of Nuedia, had a narrow escape from death while crossing the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Catawissa, early Monday morning. They employed every precaution possible to avert an accident, and stopped a short distance above the crossing to listen for approaching trains. Not hearing any sound, they proceeded to cross. Scarcely had the horses stepped upon the roadbed of the track when a freight train crashed into them. One of the horses was killed instantly, and the other was badly injured. The wagon, too, was reduced to splinters. It is almost impossible to see how the two men escaped, but they did, and emerged from the wreck without a scratch upon them. This crossing, which is on the western approach to the new river bridge, has always been regarded as dangerous. It is without a watchman to warn pedestrians of impending danger, and it is a great wonder that there are not more accidents. It is up to the authorities to do something to remove this menace to life.

High Class Moving Pictures.

The A. & T. Biograph Company will present its unparalleled exhibition of Moving Pictures in the Opera House Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 28 and 29, for the benefit of the M. E. Church. In speaking of the entertainment recently given in Northumberland by this company, the Press of that town, says: "The entertainment given in Boust's Opera House, under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Baptist Church, last Saturday evening by the A. & T. Biograph Company of Bloomsburg was excellent in every respect—everything is new and up-to-date, and the large audience present was highly pleased with the entertainment. The singing by D. J. Tasker, illustrated by beautifully colored views, was one of the most appreciated features of the evening. A more gentlemanly set of young men than compose this company would be hard to find, and we hope to have them in our town soon again."



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