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**THE LANTERN,**  
PUBLISHED TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.  
W. T. BIGHAM, Editor and Proprietor.  
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Second-Street No. 141.

TUESDAY, FEB. 2, 1904.

**A Court That Was Busy.**  
A few days ago we made some remarks in this column descriptive of the dilatory practices of our courts, explaining the cause of the crowded dockets and the apparent neglect of more circuits, and contending that the remedy is in the hands of our judges, without increase of number. We did not say that even a majority of our present judges, however excellent men they may be, can apply the remedy. We doubt that we could ourselves, if we had the necessary legal qualifications; we hardly think we could. But men should be elected judges who can answer the requirements. If they could not be found in the state, then it might be necessary to supplement quality with number.

In the article referred to we expressed a purpose to refer in a subsequent issue to examples we had seen of the dispatch of business which were complete proof of our contention. Here is one:

Court was coming on, and John Doe was defendant in a case which had been continued a time or two, and Major Jones was his attorney. The latter wrote Doe an urgent letter and sent him messages by neighbors to come to town at once, as he must see him on important business. The client promptly obeyed the summons and hurried to his lawyer's office. Maj. Jones laid down his pen, turned on his chair and scarcely waiting for an exchange of greetings, said, John, old fellow, you'll have to get up your witnesses promptly for the opening of court.

Joe: What do you mean?  
Doe: I mean that we've got to go to trial with that case at this term of court and if we don't take every advantage possible you'll be breaking rock down yonder at Raleigh before a month.

Doe: Why, you told me I needn't bother about it; let it rock 'em up it will get ready but better than to till all the witnesses on the other side were dead or in Texas.

Jones: Yes, I know, but when I told you that I thought Judge Blank was to preside, but old Clark is to be the judge, and that case is going to be tried as sure as the sun rises on the first Monday in October. I know it will put you to some trouble to get ready but better than to till all the witnesses on the other side were dead or in Texas.

Doe had seen all his witnesses before he got home and they all answered when called in court.

At the opening of court the jurors were called, and one having failed to answer, the crier was directed to call him. He started for the door, but was promptly stopped by the judge, who said firmly, "Stand within the bar and call in a tone distinct enough to be heard over the room. There will be no calling from the door or windows. These seats are for the accommodation of persons who have business with the court, and must be reserved for them as far as necessary. They must be here when called. They are here to attend to public business and not to crowd or lounge around town. Every moment of our time is paid for and it is an injustice to the county that one man be allowed to detain the whole court while waiting for him to be called in from the streets. Mr. Sheriff, you will see that there is no noise or confusion to interfere with the dispatch for the purpose." The juror was called again as had been directed, and having failed to answer, the clerk was ordered to answer, "Judgment nisi" with a fine of \$10.

the-aide, and a third was on the move. Witnesses, jurors, lawyers and all who had duties to perform seemed to vie with one another in expediting the business in hand. Even the defendants appeared as if they had caught the spirit and were content to compromise on getting even justice, some of them "submitting" and throwing themselves upon the mercy of the court. It was cheering to see how business went through, and all parties seemed unusually well satisfied with results.

We add an incident or two. James Hoffman, the wealthiest man in the town and father of one of the leading lawyers, was a juror or a witness, we have forgotten which. He kept a hotel, and having many guests at the time he had a dinner to go long after the recess for dinner one day. When he failed to answer to his name, a fine of \$10 was promptly imposed, and the judge refused to modify the sentence, at least up to the time of our latest information.

Col. Sandifer had the largest practice in the county, and was attorney for one of the parties in a case which was on trial at the time for the noon recess on another day. It should be said that Judge Clark always required a clock to be placed in the court room, and when the time for the order of the day arrived that meant the prompt suspension of everything else, and when the time for the regular business arrived, it was resumed on the minute. On the day mentioned, Col. Sandifer was not in his place at the minute court was called to order. The judge directed that the trial proceed. His attention was called to the absence of the attorney who alone represented one of the parties. The judge said that the business of court could not be delayed by the tardiness of persons whose business it was to be there. That if those who occupied prominent positions were not required to be prompt it would not be reasonable to require the less favored to be in their places, therefore they should go on with the trial. The opposing counsel then pleaded with the judge, saying that this would place him in a very embarrassing position, that Col. Sandifer is in a very delicate financial position, and would be the just as soon as he could. Just then the missing attorney was seen coming and the judge, somewhat reluctantly, consented to wait until he got to his place.

It was credibly reported to Judge Clark that on one occasion when he went to Rutherford court, he reached the courthouse a few minutes late, on account of a train's delay. His first act on taking his seat was to direct the clerk to enter a fine of \$50 against the presiding judge. The unanimous voice of the bar was raised in his behalf, but he promptly refused to hear any appeal in his own behalf. The next time was set for court to open and it was the duty of every one who had business there to be on time, and above all, the presiding judge. He had taken the risk of depending on a train's schedule. That was his concern, not the county's, and he must pay the penalty as he would require others to do.

Some unfortunate persons felt that Judge Clark imposed hardships, but perhaps no judge ever gave more general satisfaction. He put through the work of two or three average judges, and it was done incomparably better. Witnesses and jurors felt that they were in an atmosphere where law was supreme, where preparation was transparent and perjury dangerous.

It is no secret that through apparently not concerned about "making a fine impression" while on the superior court bench, Judge Walter Clark is today chief justice of North Carolina.

The case of John Doe first above related is an imaginary case based on substantial facts. The incidents related are actual facts with real names and can be substantiated by numerous living witnesses.

**Sunday Freight Trains.**  
The railroads in South Carolina will be picked out for special favors at the legislature, and if the charges of discrimination are proved it is eminently right and proper to enact such legislation as may be required to remedy the wrong. At the same time, however, we should not attack a transportation company simply because it is a corporation backed by unlimited capital, unless, of course, we can show just where its work is of detriment to the state.

**"MY POOR OLD BACK."**  
It has been said that the service will be impaired if the concessions demanded by the business interests are granted. We do not know so much about that, yet this might follow as one of the inevitable consequences. We do know that the freight service in the up-country, regardless of the rate, would be vastly improved if the laws were amended in such way as to enable the railroads to operate freight trains on Sunday. The moral element, of course, would oppose such a plan, but it would be of material help to business establishments and cotton mills if the restrictions could be removed. In this state some of the "moral commands" are violated that we do not hurt a great deal to allow a few freight trains to run on the seventh day.—Greenville News.

It seems to be a very common sentiment that if one part of the moral law is violated, then the repudiation of the whole of it will escape the eye of omniscience. The sentiment is just as common that no matter how the Almighty regards the violating parties, if the demands, the restrictions must be removed if such removal seems to promise "material help to business establishments." In the "sweet by and by" some of us will realize that the chief end of man is not to help business establishments and cotton mills.

We learn that Mr. J. G. L. White has tendered to the governor his resignation as township commissioner. We do not know just what has moved him to this determination, but we suppose he is tired performing thankless duties without any evidence of appreciation from those who are benefited thereby. We trust that the acceptance of his resignation will at least be delayed and that he may be induced to withdraw it. We are not much afraid of any one's disputing our assertion that he has been instrumental in putting more property on the tax books than any other man in the county—property that was escaping taxation and had no right to exemption. We know this work was as unappreciated as it was unpleasant, but it is a kind of work that somebody must do, if we are to have any equality in the burdens of taxation. It would doubtless be more popular not to say this, but it is the truth and it is due Mr. White that we should say it.

The plan of W. H. Newbold Esq., to stop lynching in the state, which is printed on our first page, is the best we have seen. It goes to the root of the trouble and lays the responsibility where it belongs. Read it.

Mr. C. C. McAllely sold a bale of cotton to S. M. Jones & Co. Saturday which brought him \$108.50, and it was not at the top of the market either, the price being 15 50. That was a bale though, mind you. We are selling \$1.50 Manhattan shirts for \$1.20. Hafner Bros.

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Misses May Lily and Katie Cornwall, two pretty young ladies of Chester, are now visiting the family of Mr. W. E. Cornwall... Miss Maggie Carter and Mr. Cornwall, of Chester, visited their friend and relative, Miss Lily Cornwall, last week.—Santacoe Union Times.

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**"MY POOR OLD BACK."**  
Many Chester People Will Recognize the Meaning of That Phrase.  
"My poor old back," how familiar is the sound of this phrase which was unconsciously used in the interview here quoted. Any body who has such "ails" will understand it and will at once take steps to seek the relief and cure gained by the speaker.


Dr. W. Simpson, farmer and market gardener living near Chester, says: "I never took any medicine which made me feel as much better as did Doan's Kidney Pills. My poor old back has been very bad for a long spell, and I was hardly able to hobble around. I thought I was about done for. I have worked pretty hard in my time and I came to the conclusion that I was worn out and would never get any better. I saw your advertisement and thought I would get a box anyway. If they did not help me they could not make me any worse, so I procured a box at the Fryor-McKee Drug Co's store and used them. You can see how much improved I am. I can stand up as straight as I ever could and my back has not ached at since I used the pills. They certainly did a great deal for me and I am willing that everybody should know of it."

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**Notice of Annual Meeting.**  
The Spruce Building and Loan Association will hold its regular annual meeting at the court house on Tuesday evening, 14th February, at 7 o'clock. A full attendance of the members requested.  
The books are now open for subscription to series number 11.  
Families wishing to make contributions to said series, or information in regard thereto, can call on any of the undersigned officers and directors of the association:  
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