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**THE CIRCUIT COURT.**  
**Judge Blair Reads Several Important Decisions.**

Soon after the assembling of court yesterday morning Judge Blair handed down his decision in the case of Joseph Gooding versus Salem Rolling Mills and Land Companies. He decided that Gooding should not be allowed more than the amount of the original agreement and in accordance with checks paid, deducting from the amount of checks \$1,000, which had not been met. The position of the Bridge Company for the sum of \$1,100 was dismissed on the ground that the materials which they furnished were sold on the credit of the Salem Rolling Mills, in whose name the goods had been ordered, used and credited. This leaves sufficient funds for the working men (sub-contractors). Judge Blair commented very severely upon the circumstances of this case, saying that the whole affair was strongly tainted with fraud and that Gooding should not be allowed by law to take advantage of a transaction of such a nature.

The cause of Adams, Mathews and others vs. H. C. Schofield and the Salem Development Co., for the enforcement of mechanics' liens upon a certain residence, was brought before the court, who referred the same to a commissioner to determine the priority of the claims of the company and mechanics, also the correctness of the former's claims. Pugh & Moffett for plaintiffs, W. Montgomery and Col. R. H. Logan for defendants.

The cause of W. G. B. Fitzgerald & Co. vs. F. E. and E. E. Bachman, upon a mechanic's lien upon certain tenement houses at the furnace, was argued and submitted to the court. Among the interesting points raised by plaintiffs' counsel was whether or not a mechanic's lien should be acknowledged, besides an affidavit. A decision will be awaited with interest.

The case of Charles H. Snyder versus L. C. Snyder, trustee, for his wife, Lucy C. Snyder, was argued at length by Col. Logan and Col. Hansbrough for the complainant and Pugh and Moffett for the respondent, and the case submitted.

The question was submitted to Judge Blair by W. M. Montgomery as to whether two attorney's fees were allowed in two separate suits by different counsel instituted by a general and sub-contractor respectively, but a joint debt entered. His honor decided that they were considered in law distinct suits, consequently two fees would be allowed in the costs.

The chancery cause of John S. Stanton vs. D. L. Bradpher was argued upon a demurrer. The cause was instituted upon an agreement signed by Bradpher and W. H. H. Miller, in which Bradpher covenanted that his house should be bound to Stanton for the amount of lumber he should furnish Miller, not exceeding \$200. The question was whether Bradpher was bound personally for this debt (if he was the action should be at law) or whether his house should be, which would create an equitable lien enforceable only in chancery, and this was submitted to the court. Colonel Hansbrough for demurrer; Pugh & Moffett and W. M. Montgomery in defense.

**BREVITIES.**

A marriage license was issued yesterday in the county clerk's office to John Henry Doss and Pattie Pernie Cunningham, both of Roanoke county.

The young men's "hop" at Hotel Lucerne will take place on the 28th inst. not the 18th.

Thursday, the 7th inst., was the anniversary of the killing of Susan Watkins by Charles Watkins, who was hanged last January. Justice was swift and sure in his case.

The county jury now sitting in the Smith case are all well known here, and Salem people feel assured they will do their duty at the right moment.

Miss Rose W. Fry, of Lewisburg, W. Va., is visiting at Professor Guy's.

News from Carvin's Cove is to the effect that Thursday night the Sheppard Oil Company had got down 100 feet, 200 of which had been through solid slate. Mr. Sheppard is very much pleased with the prospects, but does not expect any indications of oil or gas until a depth of at least 700 feet has been bored.

The Norfolk and Western freight engine No. 232 is expected out of the shops to-day, equipped with the Carper device. It will run between Roanoke and Crowe.

Mayor Evans and wife, of Roanoke, were in Salem yesterday.

As soon as news of the accident in Roanoke to Mrs. E. B. Catt reached Salem, Robert Oakley, noble grand of Salem Lodge of Odd Fellows, left his desk and went down to see that Mr. Catt, a member of this lodge, was properly cared for. The Salem Odd Fellows are most prompt and attentive when any of their brethren are in sickness or distress.

President Allemong informed a TIMES reporter yesterday that payments on deferred notes held by the Salem Improvement Company were coming in better the past few days than they had for months previously, showing that there was a renewed feeling of confidence.

**Yale's Prize Orator.**  
NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 8.—The annual contest by the seven best speakers of the junior class at Yale for the Tenoyck prize was won this afternoon by J. T. Robinson, of Hartford, Conn. Subject: "Tom Paine, or, Deism, and Democracy in the days of the American Revolution."

**The Trouble Over.**  
A prominent man in town exclaimed the other day: "My wife has been wearing out her life from the effects of dyspepsia, liver complaint and indigestion. Her case baffled the skill of our best physicians. After using three packages of Aunt Fanny's Health Restorer, he is almost entirely well." Keep your blood in a healthy condition by the use of this great vegetable compound. Call on Christian & Barbee, 151 Jefferson street, and get a trial package free. Large

**Weeping Trees.**  
The literature of "weeping trees" is enormous, much of it being plainly mythical, but there is a large basis of fact upon which most of these marvelous stories rest. Many travelers have described the famous "rain tree" of Padroaca, Isle of Ferro, the most notable accounts of it appearing in Peter Martyr's "Indie Occidentale" and Ramusio's "Hist. delle Indie." John Cockburn, 1735, describes a tree at Vera Pas, Central America, from which pure water continually dripped from every leaf and branch.

**Magnetic Rods.**  
It is claimed that if a steel rod be given a number of raps on a solid substance while held in a more or less vertical position the rod will become

**THE SALVATION ARMY.**  
**Return of Gen. Booth from His Tour of the World.**

Views of a Prominent English Journal on the Commander and the Religion Taught by Him and His Enthusiastic and Notsy Disciples.

Mr. Booth was, we believe, originally a Methodist evangelist—a sort of preaching friar of the Wesleyans, and it was in 1805 that he founded in the East end of London "the Christian mission" as it was called, which in 1878 became the Salvation Army. In everything except celibacy, doctrine and comprehensiveness of appeal, for Mr. Booth has never attempted to capture the cultivated class, he closely imitated Ignatius Loyola, to whose policy it will be observed his references in his addresses since his return from foreign parts have been curiously copious, and to whose firmness in the faith he has likened his own. He gave his followers rigid military discipline and organization. He took the rudest classes all over the world as the field of his labor.

The general, during his recent trip around the world, has had a Roman triumph, and it would be idle to deny that he has worked for it. He has, after all, tried to make the world better than he found it, at a time when everybody else was giving up the task in despair, or severely letting it alone. He grasped the truth, says London Black and White, that organization and advertisement are more potent forces than inspiration in these days; that hundreds of thousands of ignorant people were dying of boredom—and yet with pent up fountains of emotion surging beneath the surface of their dull gray lives. He offered to put color, variety and excitement into their existence in this world in such a way as not to jeopardize their chances of happiness in the next. Go to one of his meetings and you will discover his grand secret. It is to prevent people from feeling even the first symptom of boredom; to strain their excitement by a varied succession of stimulants, to open out to ambition in the lower classes a career in which power

can be wielded, enthusiasm for the service of man gratified, notoriety achieved, and membership in a vast and devoted human companionship attained, sufficient to satiate the most exacting social instincts of man. Emotion, even more than conduct, is the test of conversion which he offers to a class on whom religion exerts its power first, and perhaps mainly, over the life of the senses. Hence the sagacity of his policy. It is one which drains away superfluous physical excitement and gives vent to the convert's animalism by the hysterical assertion of the newly-felt spiritual power over it. The efficiency of the army as a mechanism is guaranteed by the exactation of a life of labor, poverty, self-sacrifice and absolute obedience from those who want to become officers, and the concentration of all its wealth and authority in Mr. Booth's hands. It will be still further guaranteed by the introduction of auricular confession, which the War Cry now officially intimates is a duty the captains must exact from the ranks, the majors from the captains, and, we presume, the general from all. But, despite these advantages, there are doubts if the army could have survived for so many years, the strain of excitement which its members must endure had not the general taken hold of the great slumming movement started some years ago by two novels of Mr. Walter Besant's. Everybody went about asking with uneasy consciences how the human wreckage that strews the path of our civilization could be saved. The general was the only one who promulgated boldly a definite plan as simple and well defined as the central doctrine of his creed—blood and fire: fire to set the soul ablaze; blood from Calvary to put out the flames. Nobody doubted that the general was a sincere man, and everybody said: "Let him have his chance of solving the problem of poverty." He is getting that chance now, and to give it to him wealth beyond the dreams of avarice is poured into his coffers. Whether he will succeed or fail, however, "lies on the knees of the gods." So far, he comes back from his tour round the world with no other message than this: "Work is the cure for poverty."



GEN. BOOTH.

**Got Too Much of It.**  
Mrs. Croaker (indignantly)—Why, you used to say that I sang like a bird, before we were married!  
Mr. Croaker—Yes, but you don't often hear birds singing in their nests, and you're at it all the time!—Judge.

**A "SMALL AND EARLY."**  
—Life.  
They were Public Servants.  
Scene—Broadway. Two Irishmen scraping and cleaning up the street.  
"McGinty, it looks loike rain."  
"Let's sit down, Mike. Bejabers it might rain and we'd be doin' this wurruk for nothin'."—Texas Siftings.

**A Grave Delinquency.**  
Mrs. Hicks—Dick was tried to-day, found guilty, and I had to give him a sound thrashing.  
Hicks—What was the charge?  
Mrs. Hicks—Trespassing upon my preserves.—N. Y. Herald.

**Following Advice.**  
"You ought to take a foot bath if you want to get rid of that cold."  
"Oh, no. My physician told me particularly to avoid wet feet."—Brooklyn Life.

**The Spectral Complexion.**  
They were lovers, and fair they would wed; On his breast she had nestled her head; He glanced down and fainted, Her cheeks they had painted His only clean shirt bosom red.—Tansill's Punc

**The Color of News.**  
"The news is blue this morning."  
The old subscriber said.  
The editor responded:  
"I see also it's read."—Detroit Free Press.

**Very Like Grown Folks.**  
Little Dot—I made a doll's swing to-day, and I asked Ethel May to lend me her doll to try it with, an' she wouldn't do it. She's just the meanest, stingiest thing I ever saw.  
Little Dick—Why didn't you use your own doll?  
Little Dot—I was 'fraid it might fall.—Good News.

**Way Up.**  
Wife—How do you like my new gown, dear?  
Husband—I don't think it's quite stylish enough, is it?  
Wife—Well, it ought to be. It is just like the one our new girl has.—Cloak Review.

**Hard to Part With.**  
Mrs. Clington—Ah, dear professor, women love youth, you know.  
Prof. Krankers—May be, madam; but from their persisting in hanging on to it thirty seems to be a favorite age with them.—Judge.

**The Woman's Way.**  
Friend—Do you permit your wife to have her own way?  
Husband (positively)—No, sir. She has it without my permission.—Detroit Free Press.

**The Revised Version.**  
"Truth crushed to earth will rise again."  
Although a trifle lame  
And somewhat shattered from the shock  
She'll get there just the same.—N. Y. Journal.

**No Junketing.**  
"Was Mr. Greatman buried with congressional honors?"  
"No; all his folks are temperance people."—Puck.

**Framp Philosophy.**  
Raggles—Say, Bill, when I looks on the miseries of them wot's lost their good name I'm kinder glad I ain't never had none to lose.—Judge.

**A Practical View.**  
Son—Here's a horseshoe I found in the street—good one, too.  
Papa—Well, throw it away.  
"Isn't it lucky to find a horseshoe?"  
"Not unless you own a horse."—Good News.

**Felicitations Due.**  
Goslin—I'm not mawself this mawnin'g, doncher know.  
Mrs. Goslin (heartily)—I congratulate you, my dear.—Jury.

**Hopeful.**  
She's beginning to take an interest in me, For she lectures me oft on economy.—Puck.

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