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## COURT DECISIONS.

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Notes of Cases Recently Decided,  
Which are of Interest to  
Our People.

**SNIPES V. CITY OF WINSTON.**  
Supreme Court of North Carolina.  
April 17, 1900.

A CONTRACT BY ONE OF THE ALDERMEN OF A CITY TO SUPERINTEND ITS STREETS FOR \$50 A MONTH FOR SIX MONTHS, IS VOID, AS CONTRARY TO PUBLIC POLICY.

The board of aldermen of the city of Winston on March 1, 1898, elected the plaintiff a "street boss," and contracted to pay him \$50 per month for six months. His duties were to superintend, construct, and repair the streets, and to keep in order the sewerage system of the city. At the time of said election and contract the plaintiff was a member of the board of aldermen, and participated in the meeting at which he was elected. A new board was elected, and the plaintiff was discharged, and paid for the services then rendered. He now sues for the balance specified in the contract for the next succeeding four months.

From a judgment for defendant plaintiff appealed.

The court says:

The board of aldermen, of which the plaintiff was a member, was the agent of the city, and its duty was absolute loyalty to the best interests of its principal. The plaintiff was interested in obtaining the best possible contract from himself and his associates on the board. There was, then, antagonism between his duty to the city and his personal individual interest in making said contract. It is against public policy to permit such contracts to be enforced. It would be unsafe for the plaintiff, acting as employer, to become himself, by the same bargain, an employee. Smith v. City of Albany, 61 N. Y. 444, is a case in point. The plaintiff, being a member of the common council, contracted with the board to furnish horses and carriages for the procession celebrating July 4th, which the council had in charge. It was held that he could not recover. Story on Agency (section 210) well states the principle: "It may be correctly said with reference to Christian morals that no man can faithfully serve two masters whose interests are in conflict. If, then, the seller were permitted, as the agent of another, to become the purchaser, his duty to his principal and his own interest would stand in direct opposition to each other; and thus a temptation—perhaps in many cases too strong for resistance by men of feeble morals or backbone—in the common devices of worldly business—would be held out which would betray them into gross misconduct, and even to crime. It is to interpose a preventive check against such temptations and seductions that a positive prohibition has been found to be the soundest policy, encouraged by the purest principles of Christianity. This doctrine is well settled at law. And it is by no means necessary in cases of this sort that the agent should make any advantage by the bargain. Whether he has or not, the bargain is without any obligation to bind the principal." This principle cannot be questioned, and experience has shown its wisdom. Common reasoning declares this principle to be sound, and the public is entitled to have it strictly enforced against every public official. In obedience to this reasoning, and upon these authorities, we hold that the contract under consideration is void and unenforceable.

Affirmed.

**STATE & C. V. SPEIDLE.**

Supreme Court of Ohio,  
March 6, 1900.

WHEN THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE FOR AN OFFICE DIES ON ELECTION DAY BEFORE THE POLLS ARE CLOSED, THE CANDIDATE FOR THE SAME OFFICE RECEIVING THE NEXT HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES IS NOT THEREBY ELECTED.

The point decided appears from the opinion of the court.

The court says:

The claim of Cover that he has the right to be inducted into the office of sheriff of Clermont county has no foundation. Whether Burringer, the deceased candidate, was elected or not, Cover was not elected. Not merely a plurality, but a majority, of all the votes cast for sheriff on that election day were cast against Cover, and it does not avail him that the majority of votes was cast, in good faith, for a man who had died during the election. The majority was not for Cover, and that is all he can make of it. The election may fall altogether by reason of the death of the person receiving the largest number of votes cast, or by reason of the ineligibility of the successful candidates; but that could not elect a man who in fact received a smaller number of votes than his opponent.

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## THE GLORIOUS CORONA

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### PROTUBERANCES NOTICED.

As soon as the eye had become accustomed to the unusual sight of a mass of light carrying in its center what appeared to be a black hole, a few pinkish protuberances were noticed extending out from the black disk of the moon. The time of totality was so short (less than a minute and a half here at Norfolk) that hardly more than possible than a passing glimpse of some of these phenomena when the approaching light of the returning sun was seen and the precious seconds of complete obscuration were past. During totality the planet Venus was easily seen about twenty degrees above the eastern horizon. The degree of darkness was not sufficiently great for the observers to see any stars of a lower magnitude than the first. Sometimes during eclipses, when the period of totality is greater and all conditions conspire together, the effect of darkness is somewhat greater and the stars can more readily be seen than was the case yesterday. Some of the strange features of this unusual occurrence were noted by the different groups of observers who had specially arranged for them. The temperature a few minutes before the west contact was observed at eighty degrees Fahrenheit; at 8:45 the mercury indicated 66-1-2; a few minutes later the minimum temperature was recorded—64-4.

### PIN PHOTOGRAPHY.

A curious phenomenon was that presented by the sun's shining through small apertures made in a card and projected upon a sheet, and also through the leaves of a small branch held in the hand. All the smaller apertures showed distinctly the crescent form of the image of the sun. One does not ordinarily think of these little patches of light which are cast upon the ground underneath the trees as being images of the sun, but such they are in fact, as the beautiful illustration spoken of above made very evident.

### SHOUTS OF WONDER.

It has been sometimes said that the effect of a total eclipse upon any large number of observers together is that of sudden hushing all conversation, and that the moments of totality are moments of silence. But such was not the case here in Norfolk yesterday, for during the entire length of the period of totality the parties gathered upon the roofs and in the streets gave voice to their feelings in a series of shouts of wonder and approval. The whistles of the steamers in the harbor were blown as if in salute to the wondrous beauty of the pearly corona. Just before totality the temperature became perceptibly colder, there being a distinct chill to the atmosphere.

### WORTH COMING TO SEE.

It would certainly seem that those who have traveled far to view this beautiful phenomenon must have felt themselves amply repaid for their time and trouble, and if enthusiastic expression can convey the true feelings of the observers all will go back to their homes feeling that the day was a marked day in their lives. The people of Norfolk should feel very thankful that this unusual opportunity fell to their lot. Not in the present generation will there be another similar opportunity in the Eastern United States, and it is highly probable that none of the present inhabitants of Norfolk will ever see a repetition of this wonderful phenomenon without traveling to other portions of the earth.

L. W. RIPLEY.

### FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

**CLOSE OF THIS HOLY AND INSPIRING CATHOLIC SERVICE.**

The Forty Hours Devotion which began in St. Mary's Catholic Church at the close of the 11 o'clock Mass Sunday morning will be concluded after the 8 o'clock High Mass this morning.

During Sunday and the greater portion of yesterday the church was visited by large crowds who came to witness the interesting and solemn service in connection with the forty hours devotion. The beautiful marble altar in the center of the church was adorned with numerous flowers and candles, which with the solemnity of the service, was very inspiring and lovely to witness. There was a procession around the church at the beginning of the service on Sunday. About twelve little girls dressed in white with gold crowns, and a score of others with wreaths of flowers, followed by a corps of little boys with red caps and pretty uniforms made a circuit of the interior of the church preceded by the priest who carried the Holy Eucharist.

When the main altar was reached the Sacred Host was deposited in full view of the congregation, where it will remain until after the service this morning.

During the feast of the Forty Hours Devotion there were several visiting priests in attendance at St. Mary's. One of the visitors preached a eloquent sermon at the 11 o'clock Mass Sunday. The May Devotions which have been in progress all this month at St. Mary's Church will be concluded after tomorrow evening. The services tomorrow will begin at 6 o'clock in the evening, and will consist of the rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

### Baptist Sunday School Association

The Norfolk and Berkley Baptist Sunday School Association held its annual meeting at the Freemason Street Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, when the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: Wm. McK. Woodhouse, President; Walter A. Edwards, Vice-President; James A. Haley, Secretary, and George T. Gale, Treasurer. The report of the Park Place Sunday School Committee was rendered by Chairman C. J. Cheekman. After a lengthy discussion the report was referred back to the committee. At the request of Mr. Creelman, President Woodhouse was made chairman of the committee. The devotional exercises of the day were conducted by Rev. George W. Cox, of Burrows Memorial Church, Lambert's Point. The Association adjourned to meet at Grace Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in June.

### Colored Wan Found Dead.

Frank Allen, a colored, longshoreman, was found during yesterday morning in the rear of Goodson's bar, on Church street. The coroner's jury did not have any witnesses yesterday and adjourned over to today.

## HOUSE TOPS CROWDED

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### SHAPE OF THE CORONA.

Professor Hansky's prophecy as to the shape of the corona, as it would appear in yesterday's eclipse, was a remarkably correct forecast. Sometime ago Professor Hansky, who is a noted scientist, drew a sketch of what he predicted the corona would look like. The shape of the corona of different eclipses as seen and sketched in different instances. In some eclipses of the past the corona was seen to shoot out much further from the sun than it did yesterday, and in other eclipses its volume has been hardly so large. The eclipse of 1867 showed up a corona more closely resembling the corona seen yesterday than any other that has been sketched in the nineteenth century.

### VULCAN NOT SEEN.

Whatever the result of scientific observations made at other points in the belt of eclipse, the last planet, Vulcan, was not found by any of the visiting astronomers in Norfolk. Astronomers generally do not proclaim the existence of Vulcan as a fact, but many of them believe there is a lost planet near the sun. Lescarbault in 1859 discovered, he claimed, this planet. It was named Vulcan. Special endeavor was made by many observers yesterday to find the hidden planet.

### NEW PHENOMENON.

A phenomenon never before witnessed among the phenomena of an eclipse of the sun, so far as is known, was claimed to have been seen by several visiting observers. When the sun was nearing total observation the darkness was very pronounced in the west. A great black sheet seemed to reach out over the horizon in this direction. Against this darkness, the observers say they saw a rainbow circle for three or four minutes before Luna hid the sun.

### WATCHED FOR SHADOW BANDS.

Chief Willis L. Moore, of the Weather Bureau, said that his bureau was only making meteorological observations. He had special observers in North Carolina to observe the "shadow bands" when they made their appearance about the time of totality of the eclipse. The exact causes of these shadow bands are not known, and the observations taken yesterday will probably prove of great use. It is the theory of Professor William H. Pickering, of Harvard, and the most generally accepted theory that the shadow bands are due to atmospheric waves occurring a few thousand feet above the earth's surface or the contact of two currents of air flowing with different velocities. Their direction and speed are dependent on the wind, and have no connection with the moon's motion or shadow. We may produce the phenomena at will any cold night, by opening a window near an electric light, when the shadow of the rising hot air currents may be seen cast on a sheet of paper.

The shadow bands can be seen best from high hills, as they can then be deflected across the valleys. One way by which they are deflected is by spreading of a large sheet upon a smooth surface. They were not seen in this vicinity, probably for several reasons, the main one being the levelness of the country.

### TO WRITE ABOUT ECLIPSE.

Among the visiting newspaper men were Mr. Talcott Williams, of the editorial staff of the Philadelphia Press, with Mrs. Williams; Mr. Walter C. Hand, also of the editorial staff of the Philadelphia Press, with Mrs. Hand; Mr. H. M. Watts, scientific writer and musical critic of the Philadelphia Press; Mr. Julian Hawthorne, of the Philadelphia North American; Mr. C. E. Tunnelle, of the Philadelphia Inquirer; Dr. Hale, of the New York Commercial-Advertiser; Mr. Robert Toombs Small, of the Washington Evening Star.

The eclipse story at this end was largely handled by many other leading metropolitan dailies, through their special correspondents here, Messrs. J. E. Maxwell, A. McK. Griggs and Benjamin Myers.

### NOTES OF THE ECLIPSE.

Chief Willis L. Moore, of the Weather Bureau, who is a most affable gentleman, was congratulated by many of the observers from afar upon the magnificent weather he provided.

The thanks of the observers and newspaper men are due Mr. James J. Gray, the local weather observer for the nice manner in which things were arranged on the Citizens Bank building roof.

Mr. Ernest Staples acted as official stenographer of the Hartford observers on the bank building. A considerable portion of Mr. Ripley's article was dictated while the sun was in total eclipse, Mr. Staples using a light.

The members of the National Geographical Society of Washington saw the eclipse from their chartered steamer stationed at the navy yard.

### METHODIST PREACHERS.

GIVE INTERESTING REPORTS FROM THEIR CHURCHES.

The Methodist preachers met at the usual hour yesterday morning with the President, Rev. R. M. Chandler, in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. C. Vaden, Presiding Elder of the Portsmouth District. Dr. Johnson received two by letter at Cumberland Street Church. He reported that the arrangements for the consecration services at the ground breaking for the new church had been completed.

Rev. Daniel T. Merritt received three new members at Huntersville. He took up his conference collections and raised the amount in full.

Rev. S. C. Hatcher reported 16 conversions at Green Street, received 10 on profession of faith Sunday and had 7 conversions in the Sunday school. The meetings will be continued this week.

Wright Memorial, Portsmouth, Rev. Geo. E. Booker, reported the revival closed. About 90 persons have professed faith. He had 21 conversions on Sunday and 7 additions to membership. Brother

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Matsumoto, of Japan, addressed the Sunday School Association in the afternoon.

Rev. H. M. Hope preached at both services at Leakes Memorial Sunday and spoke for the Junior Epworth League in the afternoon.

Rev. W. C. Vaden preached at Haywood Memorial in the morning and at Danby's in the afternoon. Prof. C. D. Ragland, Ph. D., of the Chair of Chemistry, at Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va., who came to Norfolk to view the eclipse of the sun, was introduced and spoke encouragingly of the work of that institution.

Rev. R. F. Readley received one new member at Central, Portsmouth. Owens Memorial, Rev. Matsumoto, of Kobe, Japan, preached at 11 a. m., and the pastor, Rev. R. T. Waterfield, at night.

McKendree, Rev. W. R. Proctor, held an interesting "Children's Day" at 11 a. m., and preached at night. Trinity, Rev. Geo. Wesley Jones, had two additions to membership, baptized three infants and raised his conference collection in full.

Epworth, Rev. E. L. Eaton, D. D., pastor of the First M. E. Church, Des Moines, Iowa, preached morning and night to the front of large congregations. He came to Norfolk to see the eclipse of the sun. He was the guest of Dr. A. Coke Smith. Rev. N. H. Robertson reported interesting services on the Norfolk circuit. He took up the conference collection in full.

Lambert's Point, Rev. J. W. Carroll had large congregations and had four accessions to membership. Rev. J. W. Nicholson, of South Princess Anne and Rev. J. B. Winn, of Boynton, were visitors at the meeting. Mr. Nicholson gave an encouraging account of the work on his circuit.

Rev. Amo Matsumoto, of Kobe, Japan, gave an interesting account of his conversion to Christianity.

### Religious Notes.

Rev. Dr. Grammer, rector, preached an able and highly instructive sermon at Christ Episcopal Church Sunday morning on "The Wonders of the Firmament and the Beauties of Nature." The discourse was replete with eloquent allusions to the eclipse of the sun.

Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Trinity Church, Portsmouth, preached at Christ P. E. Church Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Dr. Grammer delivered an interesting address at the Children's Day services at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon.

Rev. W. W. Walker, of Franklin, Va., will officiate at St. Luke's Episcopal Church next Sunday.

Rev. Dr. Lawrence, of Pittsfield, Mass., assisted Dr. Tucker in the service at St. Paul's Church Sunday morning.

### Eclipse Photographs.

We are indebted to Mr. J. H. Faber, the photographer, for a set of pictures showing the different phases of the Solar Eclipse of yesterday morning. Mr. Faber was very successful in his efforts to get these photographs which are interesting souvenirs of the event.

KIVILL GLENNAN.

### Graduate in Theology.

Henry J. Jones, of Norfolk, is one of the graduates in theology from the Howard University in Washington. He received a diploma Friday night of last week.

### ATLANTIC CITY.

The Ladies Aid of Colley Memorial Presbyterian church will give a sacred concert in this church on Thursday, May 31st, at 8 p. m. Cream and berries will be served on the lawn in the afternoon.

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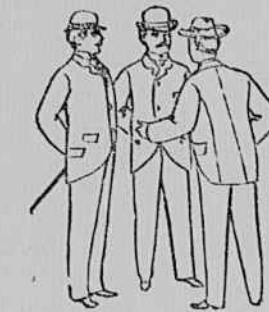
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