

### Jury Can Say As to Fee

(From the Statesville Landmark.)

Laymen will be interested to know that our State Supreme court holds that in case of disagreement between lawyer and client as to the size of the fee the lawyer may charge, it is a matter for the jury to decide as to the reasonableness of the charge; and while the laymen sometimes dissent from the opinions of the court they will all doubtless concur in this one. The average layman is shy of going into court against a lawyer. In the first place it is difficult ordinarily to get one lawyer to appear against another, especially with any zeal, and the layman feels that the cards are stacked against him in a contest with one of the profession. In the case under consideration the lawyer named a fee of \$2,000, to which the client agreed, paying \$1,000 in cash and giving a note for the balance. Then after the client was relieved of his troubles, through the work of the lawyer, it is supposed, he decided that the fee was excessive and refused to pay the remaining \$1,000. The attorney brought suit and the presiding judge told the jury that it was not for it to consider the size of the fee but whether the client had contracted to pay it. If he had agreed to pay the amount and there was no fraud or misrepresentation, then the contract was enforceable, ruled the court below. That sounds reasonable enough, it must be admitted. If the client was capable of making contracts it seemed reasonable to compel him to make good even if he had paid too dear for his whistle.

But the higher court holds that the presiding judge had no right to so instruct the jury; that the reasonableness of the fee is a matter for the jury to determine. It goes without saying that the lawyer is more than likely to lose part of his claim the next go 'round.

### A "Devil Dog" Kills Dogs and Frightens Negroes

(Laurinburg Exchange)

A report comes from Sneads Grove section that an animal or varmint of some description is preying upon the dogs of the community. The colored people say it is a "devil dog." It does its work at night and one or two dogs have been killed recently and another badly injured in a fight with the strange animal. As a protection from the "devil dog" the negroes are buying shells and loading their guns, hoping to capture the wild beast and prevent further depredations.

Anything is hard to do the first time.

### To the Democratic Voters of the 13th Judicial District.

I am a candidate to succeed myself as Solicitor for the 13th Judicial District in the primaries to be held on June 3rd. Having been appointed by the Governor last September, I have given my entire time to the duties of this office, and I refer you to all the Court Officers of your county as to my qualifications and the manner in which I have conducted the office. There has been some discussion as to the compensation of Solicitors. My opinion in this matter is that I think all Solicitors should be paid a salary by the State and that the tax payers of the counties should not have to pay any fees for this office. As a member of the last Legislature I endeavored to have this done, but the sentiment at that time did not seem to be favorable to it. I will see that the matter is brought before the next Legislature in an endeavor to have my views carried into law.

I have prosecuted all cases on the dockets of my District to the best of my ability, and will continue to do so as long as I am Solicitor.

I earnestly ask that you give me a re-nomination and I promise that the office will be conducted as it should be.

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### ELLIS WILLIAMS COULD NOT BE FOUND AT ALL

Rube Lemmond Looked in the Book Cases, Books and Drawers, and Behind the Tables

Mr. R. W. Lemmond tells an interesting story in regard to a huge joke he pulled off on Mr. Stitt Matthews several years ago when Lemmond and Williams held a law partnership. Mr. Matthews had formed the habit of going to the law office of Lemmond & Williams and asking if Ellis Williams was in, although they occupied one small room in which was very little furniture and absolutely nothing to obstruct the view from any place in the room. And besides Mr. Lemmond states that Ellis was entirely too big to hide in any ordinary place. Rube answered the question in the negative every few days for some time, but finally became a little worried at answering such an unnecessary question so much. So the next time Mr. Matthews came in and asked, "Is Mr. Williams in?" Mr. Lemmond arose from his seat, went to the desk, looked carefully through all the drawers, went to the book cases and perused them and the pages in several books. He then straightened up and replied: "I have looked everywhere in the room and I'll declare I can't find Ellis Williams."

This calls to mind the habit that a great many people have of asking unnecessary questions in stores and other public places, and also of failing to make necessary explanations when they call for certain articles. A customer goes into a store when clerks are real busy and calls for some thread. A conversation something like this then follows:

Clerk—What kind of thread, please?  
Customer—Spool thread.  
Clerk—How many spools?  
Customer—Two spools.  
Clerk—What color, please?  
Customer—Black.  
Clerk—What number?  
Customer—Number 60.

When the whole conversation would be unnecessary and a lot of time saved if the customer would simply say, "I want two spools of black thread No. 60, please."

But people don't think. They fail to see things from the other fellow's viewpoint.

### Corinth News.

Monroe Rt. 5, March 23—Farmers of this section have done very little farm work yet on account of the inclement weather. If the weather is favorable, there will be much work done in the next few days.

Worth, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Solon Price, died Monday morning, March 20th. The remains were buried at Corinth. Rev. E. C. Snider conducted the funeral services.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Griffin, who have been confined to their home for about two weeks with bronchitis and other troubles, we are glad to say, are much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bass, Mrs. Mae Presson, Mrs. Maggie Franklin, Miss Florence Tucker, Miss Katharine Tucker, all of Matthews, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends and relatives in this community.

Messrs. Ellis McCorkle and Ingram Tadlock have been on the sick list for several days.

Mrs. Roxie Helms is very ill with the "grip."

Mr. A. B. Shaw, who has been confined to his home several days with rheumatism, was able to be at Corinth church Sunday.

Mr. Charlie Hasty and son, John, of Peachland spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Helms. Misses Bright and Ethel Helms spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hannah.

Rev. R. M. Haigler preached his farewell sermon at Corinth Sunday at 11 o'clock to a very large and attentive audience. Many hearts were made sad and many eyes were made wet with tears to hear the parting word said by their beloved pastor. Rev. Mr. Haigler has been faithful for nine years and a half. He has made many friends during his stay with us. He now goes to Greenville, S. C., to serve a few churches, and love and respect from the people of Corinth will go with him to his new field of labor.

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### The Noise in the Night

(From the Youth's Companion)

Even the soundest sleeper would have awakened with a start if he had been with Marley Webster and his two companions, Jackson and Williams, on a certain stormy night in the fall of 1899. The little party had delivered a herd of cattle at Dawson, Yukon and was returning to Skagway in haste to catch the last steamer for Seattle.

They had reached an extremely rugged region just north of Atlin Lake where the Rocky Mountains appear as a succession of sinister jagged peaks when Williams suggested that they take a short cut by skirting the shoulder of a towering mass of rock that lay just ahead. The three turned and, facing the wind, began to climb steadily. When they reached the pass over the range they were able to see the valley which they hoped to reach that afternoon.

The three of us, says Mr. Webster, were skirting the edge of a great slope so steep that little snow had lodged on it. Two thousand feet above us loomed the snow-covered peak of the mountain, and here and there we saw outcropping ledges from which occasional boulders that the storm had loosened thundered down close to us.

We hoped to reach safety before the storm became worse, but within fifteen minutes we were in the midst of a pitiless arctic blizzard.

When the first flakes began to fall Jackson urged that we camp where we stood, but I protested and pointed out a refuge not more than a hundred yards ahead that looked like a slight crest in the mountain side. There, I told my comrades, we should run less risk from the intermittent showers of rock than if we remained where we were.

Jackson and Williams reluctantly yielded to my proposal. Although the crest, which stood out like a razor-back, was only a short distance away, the eddying blasts swirling the snow like sharp sand in our faces almost prevented us from walking toward it.

For a quarter of an hour we groped our way, and at times we had to crawl within four or five feet at the edge of the gorge at our left. If we had plunged down, we would have fallen sheer a thousand feet and then rolled a half mile into the canon. The going was so hard that Jackson finally pleaded with us to stop and make the best of our situation; he said that he could not lift one foot ahead of the other. But I reasoned that the rocky point could not be more than a hundred feet from us now; so Williams and I dragged him, and at last we reached the crest. Then after repeated rests we pulled our weakened comrades to the lee of several boulders and wrapped him snugly in a piece of our tenting. Then Williams and I bundled ourselves up and lay down close to him for warmth.

I have no means of knowing how long we slept. I awoke as a demonic noise like screaming shook the air; the earth was vibrating as if there were an earthquake. I looked from my covert, but all was dark. The vibration lasted not more than ten seconds; then I heard the Steepest sounding of wood. Suddenly the din ceased, and I closed my eyes.

At daybreak I struggled out of the covering and looked upward. There was the same white cap on the peak. But from a point perhaps a hundred yards from the summit and for a width of fully a quarter of a mile the mountain side was clear of snow and rock had slipped down the slope while we slept. The avalanche had split against the ridge that sheltered us and part of the snow and rock had plunged over the precipice on either side of us. Almost a half mile below I could see where the devastating slide had stopped after it had plowed through a dense forest. Great trees were snapped off and lay like mere straws at the foot of the mountain. I looked back along the way we had come. The avalanche had swept away everything movable to within twenty feet of the spot where we had spent the night!

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