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The wheat and flour situation is another instance where the people are waiting and expecting the officials to do their duty, and the officials are lounging around waiting for some one to make a complaint or swear out a warrant.

For some time it has seemed to be an easy matter to get a verdict for damages against corporations, and now, as indicated by a recent utterance of a New York judge, juries have a tendency to put the law to a man of wealth. For instance, he said—in speaking to a man convicted of manslaughter: "I am convinced, that if you had been a rich man or a dissolute man the verdict would have been murder." We hope the day will never come when a rich man will be punished merely because he is rich, but we also hope that the day will come when a rich man will be given exactly the same punishment that is given to others, with his money to the contrary notwithstanding.

As will be seen in another column another fruitless effort has been made to capture John Jackson, the negro who shot and killed Officer Munroe. There being such a great similarity in the countenances of negroes that it is difficult at times to identify them, even by parties well acquainted, and this difficulty, of course, is greater where one is not known. This is all to the negro's advantage and makes it easy to elude the officers, to say nothing of the assistance generally rendered the criminal by members of his race. This, therefore, often makes it necessary to run down scores of negroes in all parts of the country before capturing the right one, if then. The consequence of this condition is discouraging to officers who endeavor to do their full duty, and, another matter, which is also discouraging, and to the criminal's advantage, where officers are disposed to shirk their duty, lies in the fact that sheriffs are not allowed to collect the rewards that are offered, but must provide the funds for the numerous and costly trips out of their private purses. Why should a sheriff send, or go, after a man and bear the expenses of such trip more than any other good citizen? He is performing a service for his county and the public in general, and it would seem but just that some provision be made to cover such cases. To give a sheriff a \$2 fee for capturing a criminal at an expense of \$25 to \$50 looks very unreasonable to us. Sheriff McKenzie at least deserves much credit for the persistent efforts he has made to capture this negro Jackson. And while we are at it, we want to congratulate Rowan on account of his sheriff. If he stays in office long, and there is no doubt of this, Rowan will become one of the most law-abiding counties in the South. Papers that or placed in his, or his deputies, hands are never allowed to get cold. Something is doing at once.

THE NORTH CAROLINA PRESS ASSOCIATION.

The organized editors of the State, known as the North Carolina Press Association, and the type foundries, paper houses and typesetting machines' companies drummers and bill collectors, will meet in Hendersonville, N. C., next week. They count on having a good time, and, as they are a bunch of fine fellows, we hope they may secure all that is coming their way.

A programme has been arranged for the occasion which we intend to criticize a little, as follows: "The future of North Carolina and the part to be played therein by the press." Well, every editor should be there and secure his orders. No doubt they will be worth hearing.

"Is the cash in Advance System

Best for a Country Weekly?"

Yes, but every man will have to decide this for himself.

"The Editor as a Town Booster." This last word seems to have been miss-spelled. Probably it should have been "Boaster."

See copy. "Relation of the Press Toward the Good Roads Movement in North Carolina." It depends on who writes this article. The phonograph on which the record will be run, however, is O. K.

"Why Every Editor and Publisher in the State Should Belong to the Press Association." Of course this will be interesting, but this only one side of the question.

"What can the Country Paper do to Promote Rural Development." Make free use of the advance slips and be sure to give the Progressive Farmer full credit.

"The Make-up of a Country Weekly." If you want to do it exactly right keep your eyes on the weekly lesson: The Statesville Landmark.

"Should the Subscription Price of a Country Weekly be more than a Dollar a year?" Yes, but each editor will have to use his own judgment in the matter.

"Rapid Fire Shop Talk." Good, interesting, fine. The devil and office towel will make it very enjoyable.

And the annual oration. Deliver us. A pair of cats on the back fence will be about as interesting and edifying.

The Fight on Tuberculosis.

Germany has 82 sanatoria for tuberculosis, which hold over 20,000. Through organized effective methods, Germany has reduced the death rate from consumption by one-half throughout the nation. In the German Army, tuberculosis has diminished 42% during the past 20 years (from 88% per thousand to 19% per thousand of the effective force).

That consumption can be permanently cured is demonstrated by some figures published by Dr. A. Van Ender of Belgium, who says that 75.8% of the patients treated in the Bourgnoumont Sanatorium in 1903-4 have continued, four years after treatment, to improve, and are in a condition to return to their regular occupations.

Dr. Shannon of Edinburgh recently stated that out of the 1,000 city children under three years of age examined by him, 647 had tuberculosis in some form.

Dr. Wilfred Grenfell, the famous Labrador explorer and social worker, says that in the interests of the campaign against tuberculosis he has induced most of the natives to weave the motto, "Don't Spit" in their rugs, instead of other homely sayings, which were formerly used.

Stole Money and Bees.

A correspondent of The Dispatch in the country writes that recently Mrs. D. Webb Thomas lost a lot of wild bees and honey by theft. It seems that she discovered a beehive on her property and hired several people to hive the bees and get the honey. The bees went to the gum all right and about 20 pounds of honey was left in a tree until a more convenient season. Next morning when the owner of the swarm went to see about it, the gum was gone as well as what honey was left in the tree. The correspondent closes with "the crooked shall be made straight and keep your eyes open for you will hear tell of a new bee swarm in the neighborhood before long."

National Educational Association, Denver, Colorado, July 5th-9th, 1909.

Prof. I. C. Griffin, state director Salisbury, N. C., has selected the Southern Railway, via Asheville, Knoxville, Louisville and St. Louis, as the official route to Denver and return for the above occasion, passing the mountains of Western Carolina, and the blue grass region of Kentucky.

Prof. Griffin, and a number of the delegates, will extend their trip to Seattle, Wash., taking in Yellowstone Park en route; returning via San Francisco, Los Angeles, Salt Lake and Chicago.

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Jackson Still Safe in Hiding.

The expected has occurred again. The negro arrested at Sweetwater, Tenn., turns out to be the wrong man. There was hope at one time that he might be the man wanted, but Walter Crump, who went to Sweetwater to see if he could identify the man states that the prisoner is not Jackson. Mr. Crump, who knows Jackson, made the trip at the request of Sheriff McKenzie.

Some Fine Hauls.

For some time the police have been exercising a little suspicion over certain persons who are said to enjoy the rattle of chips, the fascinating game in which the so-called jack pot is a prominent feature; craps, etc. Places where these persons congregated have been closely watched and several "awoops" resulted on Saturday and Sunday nights. Eight men, and it is stated one woman, were caught in the nets the officers have had out. Several of the defendants were arraigned before Judge Miller Monday and were fined \$25 and costs each. They gave bond and appealed to the Superior Court.

Four negro crap shooters were landed as well, and these were adjudged guilty and will pay fines or serve for a time on the roads.

Hauls like these are apt to have a tendency to discourage the gambling habit.

Estimate of Cotton Acreage of the United States, May, 1909.

With a view of obtaining the most reliable information possible concerning the cotton acreage of the United States for 1909, Latham, Alexander & Co., cotton commission merchants, of New York, addressed 5,000 letters to banks, bankers, cotton commission merchants and responsible planters, embracing every cotton growing county in the South, asking acreage estimates.

Up to June 1st, they had secured 8,906 replies, of average date May 25, and the following tabulation is the result. They say: "In our opinion it is as approximately correct an estimate of the cotton acreage as could be secured by direct communication with parties competent to judge, residing in the Southern states."

"The total estimated decrease of cotton acreage in the United States for 1909 is 4.7%, or 1,570,985 acres less than last year, and the average planting of the crop is eight days later than last year."

"The normal tendency to increase the cotton acreage from year to year has been checked this season by the determination to increase the acreage in small grains, due to the high prices prevailing for all kinds of provisions. This is less apparent in Texas where the droughty conditions prevented early planting of grain."

"The continued excessive rainfall in the central belt makes the present outlook gloomy for that section and may cause some abandonment of acreage."

"The spread of the boll weevil to the lower Mississippi Valley has caused apprehension and curtailment of cotton acreage in that section."

Only the Plain Truth.

The only difficulty about the blind tiger is that the fools in many of our towns and cities are allowing the law to be administered by men who are at heart opposed to prohibition, and would do anything to discredit the law. When we have officers in charge from mayor down to the humblest police officer who favor the enforcement of law, the blind tiger will get out of the way as readily as the moonshiner. In fact, with all the advantages of city organization it ought to be easier to get rid of the tiger. Let the people see it that the officers enforce the law or get out.—North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Death of Noted Unitarian.

Boston June 10.—Rev. Edward Everett Hale, chaplain of the United States Senate, died at his home at Roxbury, Mass., this morning of heart failure. Dr. Hale has been sick three weeks and delirious rapidly.

Dr. Hale's sister, Dr. Temple, his physician, and several personal friends were at his bedside when the end came peacefully, Dr. Hale dying as though falling asleep.

Civil Engineers Needed.

Washington, June 7.—The War Department has made a heavy draught on the Civil Service Commission for junior engineers, surveyors and transit men, who are needed for work on the surveys in connection with the intra-costal waterways from Boston, Mass., to Key West, expected to last from six months to a year. The salaries of junior engineers will range from \$125 to \$175 a month, while those of surveyors and transit men will range from \$100 to \$125 a month.

The examinations will be held June 21, 1909, and applicants will be rated according to their training and experience. Applications for blanks should be made either to the Civil Service Commission or to the secretary of the board of examiners at the postoffice at Boston, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Paul, Denver, San Francisco, the customs house at New York, New Orleans or the old customs house at St. Louis.

A Truth Well Stated.

A whole volume of sound sense is compressed into a few words by President Finley, of the Southern Railway, in his address to the University of North Carolina. Among other things he said:

In whatever career the young man of the South may select, he will find opportunities at home among his own people. He will not find it necessary to go to the North or to the West. As time goes on he will find these opportunities in increasing abundance, for the economic strength of the South, already great, is constantly increasing.

The wealth of our section in natural resources is being supplemented by increased financial strength, and Southern communities are becoming better able to finance their own enterprises and less dependent on outside capital. The South needs every one of her young men, and those who are faithful to her show a bountiful reward.

Great as has been the growth of the South, that section is only at the beginning of its career of development. The South is not overcrowded with population and can for many years yet furnish opportunities for all who earnestly seek them. Far-sighted financiers, railroad men, and other leaders of industry are almost unanimous in predicting that the greatest development of the next two decades in this country will occur in the South.—Washington Post, June 1, 1909.

Senator Overman Heard From.

Washington, June 12.—Senator Overman, of North Carolina, today made a speech in the Senate, denouncing the tariff bill as framed for the privileged few and declaring his intention to vote against it.

He declared that across the bill should be written, "Bad faith, broken promises."

"Though revision downward has been promised the people," he said, "the high protectionists are again in the saddle riding rough shod over the people and unmindful of the great trust reposed in them. The 'stand-patters' he continued, "are again in control."

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The Curse of the South.

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