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SOCIAL CRIMES—BROKEN PROMISES.

If we were to charge any person of our acquaintance with deliberately breaking a promise the result might be a case in the Police Court, and yet what man is there who reads these lines who has not broken a promise this month? There are many excuses for you, no doubt, O, gentle reader! Perhaps your wife made you promise to bring her a spool of No. 40 cotton and you forgot it in the press of business. Perhaps you told the collector on Monday that you would call and pay that little bill on Tuesday, and when Tuesday came you went to a barbecue. Maybe you promised your mother not to smoke any more cigarettes, but who ever expected a MAN to keep a foolish promise like that? Maybe you promised yourself at church last Sunday that you would do a little better hereafter, but somehow or other you have not kept that promise. The list is a long one for, however it may be elsewhere, in this part of the kingdom more promises are broken than kept.

This practice to which we are all so prone is a great crime against society, or in other words against our fellow man. It renders a life already uncertain enough, still more uncertain. We engage a man to cut wood. He promises to come, but he does not and we have to engage another and in this way about half of our work must be done twice over because people don't keep their promises. Because the man failed to cut the wood, as promised, you could not have dinner on time as you promised and hence your husband could not meet a man on time as he promised and once a trade was missed and so it goes, until a little thing grows into a big thing and the Editor on the watch tower sees it and raises the cry of warning.

You are not obliged to make a promise. But if you do, be a man and keep that promise. Try it awhile and get your friends to try it. Try it at home and try it at the store. Try it on the farm and if you are a miller—in the name of all those people who have had to wait all day to get their corn ground—try it at the mill. If you are a politician try it on the voters. They will hardly believe their senses at first, but try it for luck.

You can't have any idea of how smoothly this globe would revolve—how pleasant would be the days, how sweet the nights—if everybody kept their promises. Why if people kept their promises to the newspapers alone it would create enough happiness in North Carolina to—well we would like to see that tried.

Suppose you make a start at keeping your promises? If you can't think of any one else to start with start with the WILSON ADVANCE.

Just think of it! The corn crop of the United States for 1895 is estimated at 2,350,000,000 bushels. If this be true corn will sell for about two dollars a barrel before Christmas.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In commenting upon the massacre of the missionaries in China, an account of which appears elsewhere in our columns, the Washington Post expresses the opinion that the efforts to convert the heathen are not very successful, and it enters a protest against the sacrifice of christian lives without any adequate results.

This seems to be a very sensible view. The heathen do not want to be converted, as we all know, and while it may be a christian duty to make the attempt, it is certainly poor policy to continue the efforts in the face of such small results. Large sums are raised in this country and spent in Foreign Mission fields, devoted men and women give their labor and their lives, and yet we cannot learn of any substantial advance of the christian religion in any foreign country.

The same money, the same labor, expended among the heathen in our midst would no doubt yield a better return. When we have converted all of the people within the bounds of Christendom it will then be time to try our hand on the heathen of other lands. The question is one for our churches to consider in a spirit of practical wisdom and with due regard to the experience already gained. The blood of martyrs is the seed of the church, said Ridley at the stake, but we cannot view with indifference the continued loss of christian lives in China and Turkey with no visible good resulting.

ROCKY MOUNT.

Our Managing Editor spent Saturday and Sunday last in Rocky Mount, and was pleased to find that the prosperous era which has reached Wilson is also visible there. We noticed four fine brick stores going up and quite a number of handsome residences, among them were those of Dr. S. P. Hilliard, Mr. L. F. Tillery, Cashier of the Bank, H. E. Brewer, and C. C. Cooper. Mr. R. R. Gay has just completed two large frame stores and is pushing forward to completion a new tobacco warehouse. The latter will be occupied by Mr. C. C. Cooper. The Davis, Jeffreys', and Gravelly warehouses will also bid for a share in the trade. The prospects are that they will all have their hands full as the crop this year is the finest ever raised, both in quality and bulk. While in the city we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. R. H. Ricks, who is one of the largest and most successful tobacco planters in the State. Mr. Ricks spoke very encouragingly of the conditions and said that he anticipated no material decline in prices, as the old crops of tobacco were virtually consumed. We learned from outside sources that Mr. Ricks' crop this year was by far the finest ever raised in the county and by a most conservative estimate will net him \$20,000. Mr. Ricks, although a wealthy man, has not ceased to give his personal attention to every acre of land he cultivates, to this and also to the fact that he raises his own farm supplies may, in a large measure, be attributed his marked success.

Among other signs of progress in the town was a fine telephone system which has recently been put in by Mr. S. K. Fountain. The phones are made and put up by Mr. Fountain and are being patronized extensively.

A GOOD MOVE.

New Orleans is to have a new and complete system of sewerage, which is to cost about \$8,000,000. The City Council recently adopted the plans and voted the funds. It will take at least five years to complete the work.—Exchange.

Wilson is not quite half the size of New Orleans but she needs sewerage just the same. While \$8,000,000 are required for New Orleans about \$15,000 will put in the initial work here. Let's have them.

KENLY NOTES.

Mr. Elias Ferrell says it is a girl. No. 41.

Mr. Raiford Fulghum, of Wilson county, was in our town last Monday, looking as familiar and as natural as collards.

Some thief or thieves broke through a back window of the store of Mr. J. W. Hinnant on Tuesday night of last week and carried off a lot of overalls, shirts and sardines.

Mr. L. B. Richardson sent me two tomatoes, from the country, which weighed two pounds and seven ounces. You see there is benefit to be derived from being a literary character.

THE ADVANCE said last week that a Mr. Holland had been shot near Kenly. I mentioned the shooting of Mr. Holland some weeks ago, and he has not been shot since. Dot reports all that takes place about Kenly that is fit to tell and it is wrong to report one mean circumstance twice.

I learn that John T. Godwin was taken to jail last Saturday for the supposed shooting of Harry Dunson, col., which shooting was mentioned by me some weeks ago. Godwin was taken from home leaving one of his children dying which was buried Sunday. "The way of the transgressor is hard."

Mr. H. F. Edgerton talks a great deal about the 22d of August and it has seemed to bear on his mind so much that he has had some printing done which talks about that date. He says he wants Dot to go to Smithfield on that date. Probably after that time I shall be allowed to tell a thing or two about Peter.

And it came to pass in those days that there lived a medicine man in the city of Kenly, whose sir name was Hood who said, I will get me up and go down into the land of Able where I will espy a young lass, before whom I will pour out the melting portions of my heart, but it came to pass the man of medicine drew near he saw a patriarch sitting on the porch of Able, which caused his eyes to leak water and his heart to turn within him to think that good patriot would wonder what his business was. And it came to pass that he essayed to pass by saying I will get me to the river where there I will wash away my fears so that I can approach the patriarch of Able. But it came to pass that on his return the same fear was upon him and he returned to the city without the lass knowing that he had been in the land of Able.

Well they are gone; Man in this life is subject to mishaps, some of which seem to be almost unbearable a great deal of trouble is brought on by nature, that we are able to anticipate its coming, yet such things benumb the feelings and cause us to feel not like we did before. We lie down at night, the mind is romantic for hours and cannot be controlled, we at length get into a restless sleep, when we wake we feel there is trouble, our mind is affected and foggy yet at the time do not realize what it is, but it soon gathers its object and pulls and tugs at it eighteen more hours before sleep. We forget the divine assertion that "all things work together for good, etc.," or some of us may fear that we do not belong to that crowd. Now these are my feelings with regard to huckle berries being gone, but there is some consolation in all trouble and in this it is that the mosquitoes, ticks, and red bugs are being disappointed.

Dot.

OUR friend of the Smithfield Herald has evidently come to the conclusion that the least said is soonest mended. It is a great pity he did not divide his two column article into sections. Too much of a good thing is as bad as nothing at all. He is young, however, and may learn in time.

ELM CITY ITEMS.

The Fair View farm, one mile from town, attracts attention by its superior culture and crops.

Dr. W. P. Mercer is also doing some fine farming. His cotton and other crops are as good as you would expect anywhere.

Mr. J. L. Bailey has nearly completed a warehouse 40x80 feet. This means business. Mr. Bailey is always wide awake in business matters.

Mrs. Pinnie Coggins, formerly a resident of this town and an estimable christian, was buried at 4 p. m. on last Friday in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

The store of Mr. W. B. Barnes was broken into on last Thursday night and goods stolen therefrom. The value of the goods or the quantity taken was not ascertained. Efforts to catch the guilty party or parties have thus far availed nothing.

These and other farms and farmers near this place simply show what this section can do in products. I would pronounce it one of the finest farming sections of the world. If the farmers would only adopt the cash instead of time payments they would all soon be happy and prosperous.

Mr. R. S. Wells has been spending much time on his Barron farm of late. He is saving the finest crop of tobacco there this year that he has ever grown. He had a good crop there last year that brought fine prices, the grade is equally good this year with a much larger acreage and better growth.

The farm of Mr. M. T. Williams a few miles from town is quite a centre of attraction. His farm presents and represents perhaps a greater variety in products than anywhere in the State. It would take considerable space to catalogue his growing crops. He has large crops of tobacco, cotton, fruits, vegetables, stock, fowls, etc. His crop of tobacco alone is supposed to be worth \$20,000.

Mrs. Leah Winstead, aged about eighty-five years, died on Friday night and was buried on Sunday morning, Rev. G. A. Oglesby, P. E. of this district preaching her funeral sermon. Mrs. Winstead had not only lived a long time, but she had also lived a very valuable life. As a woman of consecrated christian character and Godly life, her superior, if her equal, has never been known to this town or community. Much of her long life was spent in prayer and communion with God. Her gentle manners, sweet and amiable disposition and hallowed life remains a blessing to all. She enjoyed the rare privilege of seeing five generations of her children grow up around her.

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TALBOT JOTTINGS.

Miss Sidney Boykin, of Tarboro, is visiting her sister Mrs. J. F. Corbett.

Mr. Vance Hale, son of the late J. H. Hales, was recently here on a business trip.

We regret to have to chronicle the death of Mrs. Bartley Williams, who died at her home on Tuesday last.

Mr. B. T. Boykin and wife, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Corbett, have returned to their home in Lucama.

Mr. A. J. Boykin, formerly of Lucama, now of Talbot, has a fine crop of tobacco. He is some pumpkin on the weed anyway.

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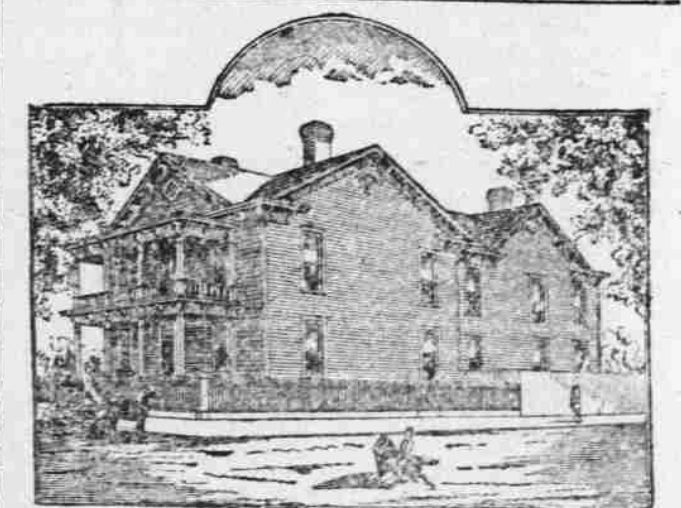
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