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KICK IF THEY DIE.

Some people would kick if they were going to be hanged. And they would keep on kicking afterwards if death didn't relieve them. There are people in this world and in Chatham county who could not go to sleep at night unless they did their share of kicking during the day.

The reason this article was written was to tell of some kickers about Pittsboro.

Workmen were tearing down the chimneys on the Headen house last week and of course the bricks had to go somewhere. So the sidewalk was filled with them and mortar. Two or three pedestrians came along and had to get off the sidewalk and walk a short distance in the street. And for this little exertion of getting off the sidewalk they began to kick and thought it was a shame to block up the sidewalk. They never stopped to think that the removal of this old house, although it would block the sidewalk for a few days, meant a big improvement around the square and that in the near future perhaps a magnificent brick building would be erected to take the place of the old dilapidated Headen building, which has been standing on its present site for over a hundred years.

Yet there are people in Pittsboro who would kick if they were dying.

"WILL IT BE READ?"

"You can't have writing without readers.

"Men have written for thousands of years, yet the thing we call the novel is only 300 years old.

"Why is this? Simply because the world was not ready. It wouldn't have done any good to write a novel in the days of Richard III. There wouldn't have been anybody to read it.

"From the beginning of the Christian Era until about the year 300 A. D. there was very little writing except epic verse. Classic drama was extinguished with the fall of the pagan states of Greece and Rome.

"Then from 300 A. D. to the Thirteenth Century we pass through about a thousand years when there was practically no kind of writing except religious writing.

"What else could there be? The only people who could read were the priests and clerics. Kings and nobles boasted that they could not read and the occasional aristocrat who preferred learning to fighting was ashamed to acknowledge it.

"Romantic Poetry came into existence about a little later—as queens and princesses learn to read, but this was all about the loves and exploits of the royalty. The common man was never mentioned in such writings because he could not read himself and his betters had no desire to read about him.

"It's funny, but in this very day you will sometimes hear the criticism made of Charles Dickens, that he did not write about "gentle people," but about the common herd of humanity. Even Shakespeare, who revolutionized writing, wrote about kings and princes and titled folk. In the single play, "Merry Wives of Windsor," did he dare offend gentility by giving principal importance to the homely affairs of such ordinary people as Mr. and Mistress Ford.

"But Shakespeare started something and only a little while after his death there appeared something in writing the like of which had never been dreamed of before.

"The Short Essay was born.

"Addison, Swift and Steele wrote brief papers on different subjects, but as editorials are written now, and still no common man or woman had been made the subject of any serious literary effort.

"No, there is one exception.

"Defoe had written "Robinson Crusoe."

"But by this time there were a few ordinary people who were beginning to master the art of reading.

"The Tattler was the first attempt of a newspaper printed in the English language, to carry leading editorials and express editorial opinions.

"In 1748 Fielding wrote "The History of Tom Jones, a Foundling," and men and women, plain folks, received their first real recognition as interesting souls on the pages of literature.

"In all ages nearly everything that was written was written for and about the kind of people who could read.

about the things that people want to read about is for all practical purposes not a writer at all.

"And because this is true there came into being along with the spread of the knowledge of how to read, an absolutely new type of business man.

"This was the publisher.

"It was his business to know what would be read, and to see the writings that would be read were printed and distributed."

The foregoing paragraphs were printed and sent out by the Western Newspaper Union, primarily to advertise their feature material that is in many instances almost indispensable to many publishers, especially in the "hand set" shops. However, there is an abundance of truth in the whole thing and taken literally will cover many phases of the publisher's work.

This paper makes an effort to publish what its readers want to read and although we have been criticised severely for many things we have published, we appreciate the fact that it has been read with interest by our army of subscribers.

THRIFTY COUNTRY BOYS.

There are boy bankers in every section of the country who learned their thrift lessons well and are getting good results from them in a business way.

And they are not confined to the towns and cities where there are supposed to be greater business opportunities for boys to get ahead in the world, but in many instances they are found on the farms whose products supply and keep the cities going.

"A farmer was telling Saturday about the success of his youngest son was having plowing with a tractor. Although neither one of his sons is out of his teens, they worked out the money, bought stock in one of the banks and were receiving from 8 to 10 per cent in the way of dividends."

That speaks well for the boys themselves, as for their town and county; for where there are two such thrifty forward-looking boys in a community, it follows naturally that there must, or will be, others.

They are daily setting an example which will stimulate the ambition of their associates, in work or play, to "make good," as they are doing.

Lessons of thrift, out of school, are being taught by these two country boys, who are workers in the home-fields, and are bound to be winners in the business world.

BIG EXPENSE TO TAX PAYERS.

The Statesville Daily says:

"Only four days of the extra week of court allotted to Iredell by a generous Legislature, two years ago, was occupied in the trial of cases. Only three days of the January-February term was taken up. At that rate—seven days out of three weeks—but a little more than one-third of the nine weeks of court allotted to this county will be taken up in the year. Making the estimate more liberal, say 50 per cent—four and a half weeks. That leaves four and a half weeks to go to waste. A bill was introduced in the recent Legislature to abolish this extra week given to Iredell and for which the county has no need, but some of the local attorneys objected and the extra week remains.

"The lawyers generally believe in plenty of court terms, whether any business is done or not. The last Legislature attempted to add seven new judges and solicitors—fourteen additional officials—to the public payroll, the Senate passed the bill with a whoop, the Iredell Senator among its supporters. The layman would figure that with three or four weeks of court in Iredell going to waste and a proportionate amount of waste time of most motions in the majority of the counties, the assignment of court terms could be so adjusted as to afford all the extra terms necessary to those counties that really have crowded dockets—dockets crowded with genuine cases that are really to be tried, not a lot of junk such as Judge Shaw brushed off the docket in Forsyth court the other day because it was nothing more than an accumulation of litter."

The county commissioners of Chatham county asked for an extra term of court on the solicitation of the Chatham county bar to clear up the "congested condition of the docket."

Following this special term came the regular term, two days only being used of this. Court having adjourned early on Wednesday morning of last week. It is true that many cases were compromised and so far as we know the terrible "congested docket" was cleared. The fact remains, however, that it has been a great expense to taxpayers of the county.

The Statesville Daily closes its remarks with this paragraph:

"The North Carolina idea seems to have numerous court terms and many judges, whether there is real need or not. The extra judges and solicitors mean good jobs for some deserving party worker, and leave more work for the other lawyers. Oh, well, the lawyers must have work. Add another week or two to Iredell's quota of courts if it is necessary to create the fourteen or twenty new jobs."

The longer we live the more we learn. Electricity is now being used to cure pneumonia. Let's hope it will cure this dreaded disease.

Graham has organized a Chamber of Commerce. Pittsboro had one, but like everything else that was any good, somebody has made way with it.

More dime novels of Indian warfare will now be written about the bad Indians out in Utah. Fourteen of these bad men have just started a war and before this is read the war will be over.

An Iowa paper has sued another Iowa paper for \$1,000 for clipping and printing without giving proper credit. Wonder how the case will go? Durham Herald had better take note, else Thompson, at Chapel Hill, will be starting a suit.

Major Phillip F. Coghlan, aged 90 years, works every day setting type and reading proof on the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. It looks like he is old enough to take a day off, but he refused to celebrate his 90th birthday by quitting work and waited until Sunday when he had nothing to do.

Some men are fools and the biggest kind of a fool. A man down in Florida was left \$450,000 by his employer when he reached the age of 30, provided he did not commit a felony in the meantime. The poor fool could not resist the temptation and stole two automobiles. Now he will not only go to prison for five years but will lose the big sum of money also.

QUEER TEST OF HONOR.

News and Observer.

Some people are most punctilious about their honor in most respects while they seem not to guard it at some other point. There are gamblers who think they would put a stain on their honor if they were to cheat at cards. There are said to be bootleggers who condemn liars. There are men who handle the truth recklessly who are careful not to be guilty of the sin of drinking. And so it goes. Admiral Guy Gaunt, of the British Admiralty, who spent months in America in consultation with naval officials during the world war, relates this story.

"While in America the other day, I went with one of the most upright men in the world to the grocer's. The grocer, who is a perfectly upright man, asked my friend whether he wanted any gin. My friend inquired whether he was sure it was good gin. "Sir," said the grocer, "certainly it is. Our honor is involved."

That grocer knew he was violating the law and becoming a criminal subject to imprisonment by selling gin. It may be that he was one of those who

Compound for sins they are inclined to, By damning those they have no mind to!

Honor that undertakes to set up false standards is not the sort which men of the highest ideals tolerate. The grocer may have sent good gin because his honor as a criminal against the prohibition law did not permit him to furnish a substitute. But Sir Guy Gaunt would not trust greatly to such "honor." It is an ignoble use of an honorable term.

Request for Delegates.

All Sunday school workers of Chatham County Sunday School Association are requested to send three delegates besides the pastor and superintendent, who are delegates by virtue of their office.

No credentials necessary; delegates to the convention will be entertained free for lodging and breakfast in private homes in Winston-Salem.

Date April 10, 11, 12, 1923.
 C. E. DUNCAN,
 Pres. Chatham county S. S. Assn

Carolina Locals.

Cummock Rt. 1, March 26.—Miss Blanche Crasby and Glenn Dowdy, of Bonlee, were visitors at the home of their grandparents last Sunday, Mr. J. D. Dowdy.

Mr. Clyde and Miss Bettie Johnson spent the week-end in Siler City visiting their sister and brother.

Little Eva Mae Oldham has been very sick but is better at this time. We hope her a speedy recovery.

Messrs. Lon and Jim Oldham were recently visitors in the home of their mother, Mrs. Frances Oldham.

A Sunday school will be organized next Sunday at Antioch Christian church if nothing prevents.

HELL.

Smithfield Herald.

The very word is shocking. This fastidious age has become so refined that it cannot endure to hear this terrible theme discussed. Little by little the idea of hell has lost its former place in the proclamation of the gospel; preachers avoid it, the people do not want it. I fear that we preachers are guilty of trying to give the people what they want and not what they need. The neglect to preach a gospel that will make men fear to do wrong, and to fire their conscience with the awful consequence that awaits every wrong doer has been fearful. We are paying the penalty for this neglect. When we fail to preach hell, the devil through his agents preach there is no hell. This age has become so accustomed to sin, and every violation of God's law, that a gospel played on a soft pedal is powerless to move men; the fear of God is no longer before society.

The doctrine of hell is fundamental in the Bible and why should we presume to deal gently with it. This generation has become so sinful and so hard that it will require some stalwart messages on eternal consequences of

hell, because of this love for an unsound gospel, and the itching ears of a worldly and godless people, false doctrines are spreading over the land at a rapid rate. Literature denying the existence of an eternal hell, robbing God of His Divinity, and making the Bible a mere common human book is being sowed at a rapid rate. This kind of a gospel is now being preached from some of our evangelical churches. There seems to be no great alarm, and so few people are lifting their voices against this mighty attack on the Holy Bible. It seems to me that it is time that all true ministers read again the 83rd chapter of Ezekiel and begin to cry aloud.

We know there is an eternal hell for the Bible declares there to be and I prefer to believe the Bible in preference to a gang of putty headed donkeys who trot around over the country denying the inspiration of the Bible and make their own knowledge superior to that of our Lord. These human imps are the servants of the devil, preaching the same doctrine he preached to Eve in the garden, saying the Lord does not mean that you will surely die. If our Lord did not

eliminate hell, to eliminate hell is to eliminate heaven also. If the soul is immortal, heaven and hell are necessary. Mr. Munsey says that sin is an infinite act against an infinite God, and requires an infinite sentence. The devil is an eternal being and hell is his eternal home. Those who wilfully commit sin are the servants of the devil and have of their own free will chosen to serve him instead of our Lord. There can be no repenting and finding forgiveness after death.

Hell is not only a place of intense suffering forever, but is also God's penitentiary. His prison house for the criminals who have forfeited their right to live elsewhere. Who can say this is unjust? We do not call it unjust for our State to provide such a place; rather we would cry out against lack of such protection. As our country tries to protect its best citizens from the invasions of the lawless; God also proposes to protect His loyal, faithful ones by providing a penitentiary, or hell.

Those who teach that there is no hell, have much to say about the mercy and love of God; that He is the Father of all and will save all.

away the reality of hell they deny the justice of God. We want to see this land who will give justice to all. It is not justice for some men to be pardoned by the State. It is not justice for some men to run at large; there is no hell there can be no heaven. Those who will not believe in word or obey his commands will not obey Him in heaven, there would be war and rebellion; side of twenty-four hours if crowd should get there.

Hell is a place as real as New York. A place where the fire is not quenched, where the worm dieth not, where the some of their torment ascend forever and ever, a place of weeping and gnashing of teeth, a lake of fire and brimstone. Hell, by whatever name it may be described, is a place of everlasting torments. J. A. RUSSELL

All possibility of a sugar shortage will be removed when the Cuban planters settle down to raise cane and the speculators stop doing so.—Boston Traveler.

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