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THE MAN WITH A DIRK.

One insignificant nimkinpoop in a community can do a great deal of damage if he is armed with the proper instrument whereby he can accomplish a fiendish deed unaware and unknown to the victim of his assault. A dirk in the hands of an Indian or a savage is no more dangerous than the man with a secret vote of assault upon an adversary or supposed enemy.

It has been tested in Pittsboro that there is a wolf or two in sheep's clothing and they have demonstrated their ability to do a wrong secretly that they would not dare do publicly.

In any organization where men gather in friendly and social intercourse, there is laid aside all personal or private grievances and there meet upon a strict course of unity and friendship, morally speaking and notwithstanding a brotherly love feature.

Any man that will wilfully and maliciously injure another, without just cause and upon the precepts laid down by authorized principle and authority, is a coward, half feinting with fright and at the first thought of peril will slink out of sight and he will skulk and hide until the noise of battle is over, will sell his best friends and prove traitor to the cause at last.

There is an organization in the town that stands for every ennobling feature in existence; it has come down from the ages and despite the ravages of time and the animosity of traitors and enemies it has spent a useful existence and accomplished worlds of good throughout the civilized world.

Despite a few narrow-minded, selfish souls that have been overlooked when the fool-killer passed along, Masonry will stand to the end of time and the work will ever be cherished by those who have a soul and are mindful of the better things in life.

PRIVILEGES HAVE ADVANCED.

Very few of the high school students or those pupils of the graded schools throughout Chatham county will appreciate the splendid advantages that they enjoy today. The modern furniture, the supervision of the health department of the State, and the various arrangements of desks light, heat and other facilities of the present day school.

Neither do they fully value the time and talent that is required of the teachers to fit themselves and remain qualified for their instruction. Were they to be carried back a half century and placed on the old hard-bottomed benches, set up on wooden pegs, without back supports or desks fronting them, in a little log building and compelled to sweat over problems from 8 o'clock in the morning until 5 in the afternoon, they would more readily appreciate present arrangements.

Last week we were conversing with a man who holds a first grade life certificate and who has taught school in many sections of North Carolina and throughout Chatham county, having had charge of Bethel school for the past fifteen years. That man is L. E. Cole, affectionately known by the grandparents, parents and students as "Mr. Emerson ole." He is now ready to start his forty-fifth year as an instructor of the young and during the past session had in his school members of the third generation.

Shortly after Mr. Cole began his career as a teacher there were two white men and one negro who composed the district committeemen, and the schools were let out to the teachers much on the "auction" basis. That is the school would be given to the teacher that would "run" the longest term for the amount of money on hand or to be secured by making an apportionment for each child of school age in that particular district.

Mr. Cole remembers one Haywood Merritt as one of the first, if not the very first, superintendent of public instruction for Chatham. He states that he has taught school during his time as low as 75 cents a day, and the day's length was a great deal more than at this period of time. From early morning until late afternoon the classes were held from the first grade on up to the "advanced" scholars.

Boys and girls could learn a great deal from these older teachers that have made the sacrifice and devoted their life to the cause of education, and who alone are responsible for many of the advantages that all of us have today, not only in the line of schools but modern ways and means of livelihood that we would not otherwise enjoy.

An article in the Uplift, headed "Faith in Our Fellow-Man," reads all right, but when a man takes you several miles in the country on a pleasure trip and leaves you there to get back home the best way you can, faith in your fellow-man is somewhat shattered.

What Europe needs, says an exchange, is more miles of progress to the gallon of excitement. And what Chatham county needs is fewer automobiles and careless drivers.

What does a fool young woman gain by dancing 90 hours, asks an exchange. Probably scientists will find out some of these days and let you know.

BUILD A HOME NOW!

JUDGE HORTON.

With further reference to the session of court last week, we want again to state that Judge Horton is the kind of judge that it will take to destroy the damning influence of illicit liquor in our county. Some of the official folks and attorneys look upon him as being "hard boiled" but he is determined to mete justice to those who command it if it is in his power to do so.

The fact that he discharged a jury bodily with the injunction that he would not need them any more, is not sufficient to criticize him. The jury was, perhaps, honest in its conclusion, nevertheless there was an overwhelming evidence against defendant that was not contradicted. The three were guilty in the extreme agreeable to the evidence furnished.

Another criticism has been made in the disposition of the case in which a still was located in Pittsboro in the basement of a residence of a prominent man, being put under a suspended sentence upon sobriety and good behavior. This is not just because it was a good solution of the problem if the consideration given the defendant operates to the best advantage, and if it does not, then the law will be vindicated by any judge that may follow Mr. Horton.

Altogether the court was a good example to evil-doers, and it is a fact that the law violators avoid as far as they can coming into Mr. Horton's court, under the prosecution of Solicitor Clawson L. Williams.

OBSERVATIONS.

By Rambler.

"I have always heard it said that jay birds went to hell on Friday," remarked a Siler City citizen last Friday. "They must is," he continued, "I see them flying about Pittsboro."

"I will be ashamed to read the next Record," remarked a prominent citizen last Friday, "To think that a judge had to tell some of Chatham's jurors to put on their hats and get out of the courtroom when they returned a verdict of not guilty against a moonshiner who, according to the evidence, was guilty of making liquor. Yes, I certainly am ashamed that such an occurrence happened in Chatham county, and I hate for such news to be published, especially in The Record, because every man, woman and child in the county will soon hear of it." And the gentleman seemed really ashamed of the event. It does look bad for the county.

"The best dinner I ever sat down to," remarked a citizen this week, whose stomach showed that he liked good eats, "was one my mother cooked. It was mostly a vegetable dinner. Let's see, there was home grown cabbage, boiled with North Carolina side meat, Irish potatoes, cucumbers, beets, onions and other things, and this was capped off with a big, old-fashioned chicken pie. Man! You should have seen me. The cucumbers and onion odor was a good appetite raiser and it gave me an appetite the same as if I had taken an eye-opener before dinner." Rambler's mouth began to water as the gentleman spoke of the above dinner, and he hurried home to tell his better half of what he had heard.

"I would not have whiskey back here again like it was sold in former years for no amount of money," remarked an old toper, who used to be a hard drinker and spent most of his wages and time for liquor. "When liquor was sold in barrooms it was dangerous enough to drink it then, but now since automobiles have come into general use it is still more dangerous. Hardly a day passes but what the death of some poor devil who could not get out of the way of the devil chauffeur, who is speeding over the streets under the influence of crazy liquor is recorded. And what will it be in a few years hence, when automobiles will be thicker than flies in August? Of course liquor always be made and drunk, and we will always have the devil speeder with us, notwithstanding all the laws that will be made and for that reason I hope to never see liquor sold by law again."

Teachers the Scapegoat.

Union Republican.

The poor school teachers of the State are in for another fight. We see it stated that under the new law passed by the last Legislature in the employment of teachers the school committee shall give due notice to the people of the district to which such teachers are to be employed, so that the patrons of the school may have a voice in the selection of teachers. Teachers must make application on blanks furnished by the county superintendent of schools, and the superintendent must approve the employment of a teacher before such employment becomes legal. In other words, every school district in the State will be turned in to a political log rolling contest instead of getting the best teachers, the best "politician" will win, for remember, dear reader, that the women are now voting, and are fast becoming adepts in the political game, and when one of these meetings is held to select this and that teacher won't the fur fly?

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SEEING NORTH CAROLINA.

On Friday, May 11th, the editor left Pittsboro for a trip to his old haunts in Union, Mecklenburg and Iredell counties. Going through Lee, Moore, Montgomery and Stanley counties, we reached Monroe, the county seat of Union, in the early afternoon. Here we found many improvements. The old town is growing and has taken on quite a city-like appearance. Crops were well under way in planting all along the route and the corn and cotton was up, particularly in Moore and Union, were looking good.

After spending the night in Monroe, we went over to Charlotte, spending the day there. We found that the "Queen City" had spread out and almost every street, business district and residential street was alive with the sound of the saw and hammer. Here it was that the big fat cop on Independence Square cautioned us about turning at right angles, but he said so long as we were from Chatham county he would let us off for the small violation of the local ruling.

In the afternoon of Saturday we took a ride to Statesville, the county seat of Iredell, spending the night with our good friend, Eugene Munday.

Statesville has developed wonderfully since we dwelled among those good folks back in 1900.

We left there Sunday and returned by way of Rowan county, coming through Salisbury to Lexington, the county seat of Davidson and to Asheboro, in Randolph, and back to old Chatham. It was an ideal auto trip and those who have never driven thru the hills in Randolph should do so some time. It is worth the time and expense to get a view of that magnificient county.

We were opportunely to cast our lot among the folks in several of the 12 counties through which we passed, but we knew that there were at least a few folks who wanted us back in Chatham and taking everything into consideration, there are no counties in North Carolina better than old Chatham in which to live. The folks here are good people and are dependent to the last degree.

ORE HILL NEWS.

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His next visit in Pittsboro will
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His next visit in Siler City will
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No Slackers Needed.

News and Observer, May 17th. The county needs citizens, not slackers. The Monroe Enquirer reports a business man as saying "there are foolish expenditures of public funds, but I can't say much for I have my business to look after and can't antagonize folks." A county full of such so-called citizens would deserve to sink. The Enquirer, commenting on the statement quoted says "That is the very reason we absolutely refuse to buck and be the goat, and by so doing make an ass of ourselves."

The citizen and editor, if they follow the statement they made in their haste, are both slackers. The man who is silent on evils because he has his "business to look after and can't antagonize folks"—is he fit to be called a citizen? And the editor who for the same reason will be silent when he ought to speak, is not honoring his calling. The Enquirer in this statement does an injustice to its policies. It does speak out and bravely for its convictions, though now and then the editor doubtless feels pessimistic and writes such paragraphs as quoted above.

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