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NOBLES AND DILL.

There were two men electrocuted in Raleigh last week for crimes that they said they did not commit. Dan Nobles was put to death on Wednesday for having murdered his cousin, Henry Nobles in Columbus county, more than a year ago and Ed Dill, a negro, was electrocuted Thursday for having raped a white woman in Edgecomb county.

Nobles was convicted on the evidence of an eight year old daughter of the murdered man was claimed to have recognized her father's assailant through some bushes, and Dill was convicted on the evidence of the woman alone. Nobles had made the mistake of threatening to take the life of Henry, and so had others in the community, but the poor devil could never muster sympathy enough to clear himself. He had led a wayward life and was guilty of conduct that should have put him in the penitentiary, but there remains little doubt that he was innocent of the crime for which he was put to death by the State of North Carolina.

Dill was employed by the husband of the woman he was accused of assaulting. The crime occurred on Thursday morning and the woman did not tell anyone of the occurrence until Sunday night when she told her husband. The negro never left the place, went to town with the husband twice, worked in the fields with him and was around the house and place from Thursday until arrested, and it does not stand to reason that he was guilty of the crime. Both men made a last statement before being snatched into eternity that they were innocent and expressed a desire to live just long enough to prove that they were not guilty of the crimes with which they were charged.

It was a sad mistake on the part of the governor of North Carolina that he did not give these poor devils an opportunity to live. They should have been put in the penitentiary for life. If they were guilty, the punishment would have been more severe and if time should have proven them innocent, it would certainly have given them the opportunity to enjoy the freedom to which they were entitled.

The editor of this paper believes in capital punishment for such crimes as these men were charged with, but circumstances and non-conclusive evidence are dangerous elements to take a life by and should not be countenanced by a civilized state. One crime does not justify another crime and a great state should be the last to take a chance.

People living in the local territory where these crimes were committed know more of the conduct and character of Nobles and Dill; from newspaper reports it appears that both were not of the best and had been guilty of infractions of the law. This should be a lesson to he would-be wary ones. The final punishment for a minor affair may mean death in Raleigh. It certainly means punishment because there are enough people who believe in good government to make those who break the law suffer for the wrongs they do.

DO IT YOURSELF.

This paper is always ready and willing to do anything that tends to the betterment of Chatham county or any of the town of the county, but we have reached the point where it is folly to ask us to take a personal grievance before the people.

Every once in a while someone will come into the office and suggest that we make a statement that a certain thing should be done that interests only the person speaking or a few individuals in the particular locality in which they live. We want it understood that when a thing is desired of this character the proper way to accomplish it is to make demand of town commissioners or county commissioners as the case may be, and undertake it personally.

Some folks think that the only mission of a newspaper is to make a personal fight for them and indulge the passions of enmity and after effects of the specific here. Why should we ask that a private lot be cleaned off or a man's house be recovered? If these things are necessary have the nerve to go to the owner personally and ask that it be done—don't come to the newspaper man, he has troubles enough of his own.

THE GARDEN NUISANCE

It is indeed an annoying thing to work hard during the spring and summer and cultivate a patch of nice corn potatoes or make a good garden and just about the time the product is ready to utilize to have a drove of chickens or a cow march in and take the whole thing by storm.

There is a law that will punish the owner of a cow or other animals for damaging growing crop of a neighbor, but who wants to bring a neighbor into court? Yet there are those who will deliberately, carelessly or otherwise permit stock to damage those things that hard labor produced.

No, dear reader, nothing has bothered the editor, his garden or his "patches", but we have observed an incident or two that we believe could very well have been avoided. The case in particular has excited our peculiar interest.

THUNDER IN CHATHAM DOESN'T MEAN RAIN IN WAKE.

"It is imperative that every citizen in Apex should go to Raleigh Friday so that the Highway Commission may know we are 100 percent in favor of the Capital to Capital highway designated as route No. 50.

We note that our worthy contemporary of the Chatham Record seems to think that the Oxford-Pittsboro route has already been adopted. However, a little thunder in Chatham doesn't necessarily mean that it will rain in Wake. Let's go to Raleigh in full force and if we fail we will have the satisfaction of knowing we did our dead level best.

To even a casual observer it can be easily seen that Route 50 is the logical highway through the heart of the State and by bringing not only tourists but our citizens into a closer contact with the Capital city of our State would be of great advertising value to the entire citizenry.

Yes, Brother Shaw, we are strong for route 50 and you never can tell what may happen. We have heard of individuals changing their minds and we have never heard of Mr. Hill joining in with the Medes and Persians."

The foregoing pert editorial appeared last week in our esteemed contemporary, The Apex Journal. We take it that friend Sinclair deems a little noise over in Chatham as trival aside the big guns of little Wake county. However, results figure largely in our contemplation and we further assert positively, without hesitation or mental reservation, that the cement, hard surface or asphalt road, as the case may be, will pass through Pittsboro.

So far as the Greek mythology of Colchis is concerned, we remember that Medea fell in love with Jason, the Argonaut, and enabled him to obtain the golden fleece and he lived with her ten full years, after which he discarded her in favor of Glauce, daughter of King Creon. Therefore we shall continue to cultivate the love of Commissioner Hill and after a half score of years, friend Sinclair, he may discard us for the love of Wake, nothing less, nothing more.

WHY DODGE THE ISSUE?

The income tax figures tell a plain story with a plain lesson. In one year the number of Americans paying taxes on income above \$1,000,000 decreased from 3,600 to 2,300. That is a loss of 1,300.

The governments of the United States are practically inviting people to evade their taxes by seeking relief through investment in tax-free securities.

The governments, local and national, lay before the man of large income a great mass of their securities, every few days and say to him

"If you will hand over some of your money in exchange for these securities, we will see that you pay no taxes on the income that you draw from the loan."

Many taxpayers accept this invitation and thus evade or dodge, taxes, thereby unloading a fierce tax burden on the rest of us.

So long as the governments impose enormous taxes and at the same time offer a ready way out, the present abuse will go on.

Politicians who rage against rich tax dodgers and then vote for tax-free securities, are merely beating the air and they know it.

One of the heaviest fines ever imposed on anyone in Wake county for selling liquor was given to a young man, Frank King, a chauffeur, of Raleigh. The fine and costs amounted to \$2,500 and he only sold two pints. Everybody knows that there is a law against selling or dealing in liquor in any shape, and if people take the chances in selling it, they must take the consequences.

While liquor was being heaved overboard of the the steamer Finland, of the American line in New York, the other day, a bolt of lightning struck one of the masts. The seamen said it was a bad omen against such a waste of good liquor, says a dispatch. This reminds us of the story of a negro church. Over in Henderson several years ago the colored people wanted to build a church and one of them approached a man who was noted for his stinginess. He was finally prevailed on to give \$5. Not long after lightning struck the church and burned it up. Again the man gave \$5 and again the church was burned by lightning. The third time he was approached. This time he refused, saying that if the Lord didn't want that church to stand he wouldn't give any more money towards building it. And he didn't.

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WISE AND OTHERWISE

Some Our'n—Some Their'n

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You can't tell the size of a bean by the pod.

Dignity is a chronic disease if carried to excess.

Don't pay to be crooked—thousands of corkscrews are out of a job.

A telephone pole never hits an automobile except in self-defense.

Love forces a woman to believe lots of things she knows are not true.

If you want to deal hospitality a death blow, prolong your visit.

When a woman keeps smiling as a guest departs and holds the screen door open and the flies pour in, she is pure gold.

Non-Stop Violations.

The "Stop, Look and Listen" law went into effect last Sunday in this State. The Raleigh News and Observer sent out two reporters to watch a crossing of the Seaboard and Southern railways between Raleigh and Cary to see how many motorists obeyed the law. From 4:46 to 5:46, just one hour, 326 cars crossed these two tracks. Of this number 156 came to a full stop somewhere between 50 feet and 15 inches of the nearest rail, and 170 made no pretense of stopping whatever, but passed on over the double track.

The News and Observer figured it out that if all the people who disobeyed the law had been arrested and brought before Judge Crammer the fines and penalties would have amounted to \$78,240 or 2,172 years on the chain-gang.

Deputy Sheriff Joe Lowe was also out taking down numbers only where the violation was flagrant.

Somebody is going to have to pay fines or go to prison for violating the crossing law and the motorists of Chatham had better learn right now and save trouble in the future.

If a train kills a person at these crossings there's no redress for those who ride in cars—they cannot sue the railroads any more. Better stop, look and live.

NEWS FROM BEAR CREEK.

Bear Creek, Rt. 2, July 2.—Thomas Loyd, after visiting his sister, at Burlington, has returned to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McIver, of Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. McIver, of Siler City, were week-end visitors in the home of Messrs. McIver's father, E. J. McIver.

B. F. Moffitt has purchased a car. Misses Ila Mann, of New Hill, and Frances and Margaret Mann, of Winston Salem, were visitors in the home of T. B. Beal the first of this week.

J. A. Moody has purchased a touring car. Mrs. C. M. McPherson, of Burlington, was a recent visitor in the home of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Dunn, of Durham, were visitors here last week. H. J. Elkins and daughter, Wilma, of Greensboro, and Rev. C. E. Geringer, of Brown's Summit, were week-end visitors at J. A. Elkins.

Clyde Williamson, of Sanford, is visiting in the home of T. B. Beal. Miss Mary George Blair has been visiting her grandparents in Pittsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Straughan, of Burlington, were visiting home folks during the week-end.

Mrs. Ada O'Neal and daughter, Myrtle, of Salisbury, is visiting on the route.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Coggins visited their daughter, Mrs. N. W. Hilliard, of Durham, the latter part of last week. Miss Ida Dark, who is attending the summer school at N. C. C. W., spent the week-end with her father.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Moody spent the week-end with Mrs. Moody's parents. PHIL.

Mr. V. M. Dorsett and daughter, Miss Mildred, were visitors here Monday.

ANNOUNCEMENT JUNE 25TH.

To Our Friends and Customers
It now becomes necessary that we make a reasonable charge for delivering all goods under \$50.00 beginning July 1st. Anyone phoning for goods, we will deliver them at a reasonable additional charge, however, we are not catering to delivering but in order to give service and to take care of our trade, we must adopt the method outlined above. This is a fair method because everyone will get just what he pays for. Ordinarily, anyone that buys merchandise and takes care of it himself is helping to pay for delivery of goods to the other fellow. It costs money to deliver good; our truck and our clerks cost money. This additional cost is one of our liabilities that we have not given enough thought. We trust our customers will understand and at the same time appreciate our position.

We wish to extend to you a most hearty welcome at all times and to make yourself at home while in our store. Use our phone for any information or assistance that we can give you. Leave any question with us for investigation and we will give you our very best service.
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BENNETT NEWS AND LOCALS

Bennett, July 2.—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Scott, of Greensboro, visited their home relatives and friends Friday, returning to Greensboro Sunday.

Mrs. C. E. Jones, who was called to her sister's bedside, Miss Routh, of Randleman, who was in the hospital at High Point last week, who had a disease which was puzzling the doctors, we learned, but later they decided it was meningitis, her people received a message today that she died Sunday.

Mr. J. R. Peace and family visited his mother at Thomasville Sunday. Mr. M. M. Hammer and family visited Mr. Hammer's brother, Mr. Millard Hammer, and family, near Asheboro, Sunday.

Messrs. J. E. Jones, W. A. Ward and W. C. Brewer made a business trip to Pittsboro today to meet the county school board in the interest of our school here for the fall term.

Mr. C. C. Cheek is installing a large Berlin planing machine at his lumber plant here and also sinking a deep well at his plant for water for the use at his plant.

Only two cases of measles have been reported so far in town. A great many people are shunning them and others are careless, thinking it is better for their children to have them now before school and winter.

Rev. J. H. Kidd and Rev. G. R. Underwood exchanged pulpits Sunday.

The program committee and for the place for the Baptist Union meeting which was scheduled to be held at Hickory Grove Baptist church Saturday and the fifth Sunday in this month has been postponed with an agreement with the authorities of that church until the next fifth Sunday on account of a good many Baptist meetings beginning on the fifth Sunday in July. BENNETT

THOMAS FAMILY REUNION

The Thomas family reunion was held at the home of J. J. Thomas, near Brown's Chapel Wednesday, July 4th.

The occasion brought together a large crowd, many of the members of the Thomas family, friends and neighbors being present. There were about 100 persons present.

The feature of the annual event was a sumptuous dinner, served in picnic style at 1 o'clock. A table about 25 feet long was erected in the yard and was loaded with all kinds of good things to eat. Just before the prayer, which was offered by Mr. Taylor Mann, of that community, kodak pictures of the table and crowd were made by C. B. Way, of Thomasville. After dinner was over, Mr. Taylor Mann thanked the people in a very appropriate speech in behalf of Mr. Thomas for the dinner, a large portion of which was furnished by the neighbors of the community and those coming from a distance. The afternoon was spent in social conversation and late in the day the people departed for their homes feeling that the day had been a very happy and enjoyable one, to be long remembered.

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