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State of the Blessed.

There shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither the light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light; and they shall reign forever and ever.—Revelation 22:5.

THE DISPOSITION OF FOLKS

The October term of court is a matter of history. It has gone down on record with many accomplishments that were highly pleasing to The Record and there were some things that did not seem altogether as correct to us as a spectator. The average person of average intelligence who may visit the court room during a term of court will learn many things and have many impressions made upon them that are lasting and that are calculated to impress the disposition of folks.

Nearly all human beings are prone to follow the disposition for sympathy when they come in contact with the misfortunes of folks that are in trouble. The heart rules the head in many cases. It brings its force upon jurors, the trial judge, the solicitor, witnesses, litigants, and the spectators. An unfortunate man or woman is called to the bar of justice. Many times they fail to get all they deserve, sometimes they get more, but more frequently every defendant, more especially in a criminal court, is released under a far less penalty than the law requiring punishment may prescribe for the particular case.

One instance in the court that has just closed was that of the State against Radford Lanius. It is generally known over Chatham County that a still was found in this man's house in the heart of Pittsboro some months ago. He was sentenced to the roads for 18 months. However, prayer for judgment was entered and allowed, provided that the defendant did not drink any more whiskey, or become identified with it for two years, giving bond for appearance at each term of court for two years to show good behavior. It is of record that this man has violated that provision on more than one occasion. He has been indicted by the town. He has been arrested by the town officer and was brought before the court after evidence had been introduced to this effect.

Judge Daniels gave Mr. Lanius a splendid lecture and out of the goodness of his heart he gave him another show. Will this suffice? Does it meet the expectations of the general public? Judging from the comment made to this paper it does not. The disposition of folks is such that they seem to regard it as a discrimination without reasonable excuse. The disposition of folks seems to cry out for the punishment of this man, but they want the responsibility for the punishment to be placed on other shoulders and feel that justice has not been done when it does not punish. The editor of this paper always feels a degree of satisfaction when a defendant in any action has been given a show to rub out and retrieve. We know "Rat" Lanius personally. He is a man of acute business ability, kind and generous-hearted, charitable and good. He is his own worst enemy, and we do hope that this final privilege will be regarded sacred by him. Were it not for the curse of drink he would be a splendid, useful citizen. All those who would like to see him punished should give every influence and effort now in the behalf of his reformation.

There were other features of the court just closed that would melt the hardest heart, bring tears to the eyes of criminals and bring forth every sentiment in any breast. There was a son, 39 years old, his wife and his younger sister arrayed against a gray headed father, giving evidence of a vulgar, vicious character. Mr. G. A. Hearne being the defendant. Judge Daniels was lenient with the old man. He gave him some splendid advice and he promised to do better.

The case of the State against the young man Lassiter for the fearful tragedy in which Mr. Robert Farrell was killed was full of pathos all the way through. In the twinkling of an eye this splendid young man, poor but honest, was brought into trouble. It was not criminal negligence, pos-

sibly extreme carelessness, yet there is a poor widow, as a result of the death, left with ten small children without a husband or a father.

Yes, if you have never studied disposition and character, if you do not know its intrigues and tendencies, you should attend a session of criminal court sometime and become acquainted with the general disposition of folks.

Sometimes consideration is a redeeming thing for a man and again one must turn the heart to stone and follow the course of reasoning. Punishment alone will retrieve some folks, yet it is a task for the man upon whose responsibility falls the duty and it takes all the force of the best there is in us for the work before us.

After all friend Ashcraft has summed it up pretty well when he says "the bad man of a community is the one who is an agnostic, a scoffer, and takes advantage of his neighbor when opportunity presents. Such a man in his heart does not believe the Bible was inspired and that it is untrue."

YOU'VE GOT US ALL WRONG

We are upset. We are all wrong. We have about lost the best tendencies for citizenship. The human frame is weak and there must be a summing up sooner or later in all exigencies. Machinery can run a long time without oil, but sooner or later a bearing will burn out. A hot box is the result. Even a mixture of old rags, greases and oils will cause spontaneous combustion. Sooner or later a reckoning must come for violation of any particular neglect or impropriety.

The mollycoddles and pussyfooters don't like the way we do. They would appear to be all "het" up about it. They think we should put the muffer on the "sting of ridicule."

Boys, you've certainly got us all wrong. So far as these fellows are concerned who think they can manipulate the whole of Chatham County as the wind twisted a reed and make our communities poor imitations of Soviet Russia, we want to say we haven't started to attack them. We are going to keep at it until we drive them out of business.

Liquor traffic in Chatham County must go. The blockade "whiskey hicks" who are allowing themselves to be used as the tail to the kite of sin in this county will wake up sooner or later to find themselves in the tails of the law and we are giving them this free advice to beware. We are no lawyer, but take it from us the time has come when the law MUST be obeyed. Beginning now we are going to get hot and keep it up.

If you are reading this article and are not now a subscriber to The Record, send us along one and one half simoleons and we will forward it to your address for twelve long months. Get the real dope on everything that needs your attention if you love your folks and love your home. If you do not like us take it anyway; it will be worth the \$1.50 for a whole year to you to know what your county is doing.

A BETTER SYSTEM NEEDED

For the first time in our long career it became necessary last week for the editor of this paper to suffer some of the inconveniences of the general public, who from time to time is compelled to attend court as a litigant or as a witness. We came in contact there with business men who were compelled to wait from Monday until Saturday at a very small remuneration, while their affairs at home were dragging and failing for lack of their directing influence. It cost us more than a hundred dollars in loss of time and inattention to business over a very foolish matter, aside from the vexation, and there were many that it cost more than it did us in loss of time, anxiety for the loved ones at home and the business that suffered. There should be some means or method employed by lawyers whereby the business of courts could be so arranged that trials could be held on specified days and at times so that those compelled to be present would not lose the entire week waiting and hoping.

Chatham County really needs a Recorder's court, located at the county seat, vested with authority to handle a large number of the frivolous matters that are brought before the Superior Court that cost the tax-payers a large amount of money and a waste of time to those who are compelled to be present. Keeping men locked in jail from three to six weeks is a nuisance and the many other things that are costly and bothersome could be easily handled by a Recorder's Court and our next representative should look after this question.

Col. Bent Alford is a happy man. He has at last, after many years of hard work, accomplished his desires. His monument at Holly Springs has been unveiled.

In 1918, there were 58,112 divorces in Japan.

Wonder what Pittsboro lady it was that told her husband he had bought duck eggs among some hen eggs because four of them floated?

In 1794 there was a "whiskey rebellion" in Pennsylvania and President George Washington called on the governors of New Jersey, Virginia, and Maryland to provide troops to suppress this rebellion. In 1923 Governor Pinchot, of Pennsylvania, ordered over 2,000 saloons to shut up shop and quit the liquor business in Philadelphia. Many of them refused and now the governor of that State says the president ought to put a stop to whiskey making and selling.

We cannot see why the farmers of the country should have so much grounds for complaint. Farm prices are 37 percent higher now than in 1913. Wheat a year ago was selling at 90 cents a bushel. In 1923 it averages 93 cents. Corn a year ago sold for 61 cents and now it is worth 85 cents. Cotton has increased from 20 cents a pound a year ago to 29 cents now. The city man is the one who is catching it, when he has to pay from \$50 to \$125 a month rent, wood at \$10 a cord and coal from \$9 to \$12.50 a ton.

DOINGS AT MANNDALE.

Manndale, Oct. 29.—Mr. O. R. Mann had a corn shucking Thursday. He had a good yield.

Mr. T. C. Perry and family and Mr. O. R. Mann visited Mr. Everett Braxton Sunday evening.

Little Mabel Buckner, of near Mt. Olive, is sick and the doctor is puzzled over her condition.

Mr. J. D. Jones and family visited his sister, Rosa and her husband, Sunday evening.

Mr. M. B. Lindsay and wife visited his brother, Mr. M. T. Lindsay, Saturday night.

Miss Ethel Lindsay visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lindsay, Sunday.

Mr. Clarence Johnson visited his cousins, Misses Lomie and Agnes Buckner, Sunday.

Mr. Jessie Glosson and Miss Annie Jones are teaching at Manndale. The school began two weeks ago.

Mrs. J. D. Jones visited her cousin, Mrs. John Andrews Wednesday.

Mr. J. B. Thompson has been afflicted with rheumatism this Fall. He is some better at present.

Mrs. Weldon Johnson visited her father, Mr. Richard Jones, Saturday night and Sunday.

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o WISE AND OTHERWISE o
o Some Our'n—Some Their'n o
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One-half the game of politics is pure bunk.

Some men talk more religion than they practice.

Human nature is contrary any way you look at it.

It's easier to run in debt than it is to crawl out.

Pay old debts and it will be easy to contract new ones.

Silver plated knives look bright but are dull, so are some men.

It's as easy to please an enemy as it is not to please a friend.

Majorities are not always right but they get the benefit of the doubt.

A soft answer may turn away wrath but it doesn't pay the butcher.

It's more pleasant to eat a green onion than to let the other fellow do it.

The extreme heat of summer has good points. It boils the cussedness out of some people.

THE PITTSBORO CIRCUIT.

Preaching Sunday in Pittsboro both morning and night. The pastor will preach at eleven o'clock and Rev. A. D. Wilcox of Trinity church, Durham, at seven thirty at night.

The Woman's Missionary Society will have charge of the night service. As pastor I want to give the people of Pittsboro and Chatham county an invitation to meet with us and hear brother Wilcox. He is a great preacher, and what he will have to say will richly pay you for your expense of coming miles to hear him. The choir is planning a good song service. Hope all of my people who enjoy good preaching and singing will accept my invitation to be present.

We will have preaching at both Mt. Zion and Browns Chapel Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Hope every member of these churches will be present and join with us in worshiping God.

If the reader of this has failed to pay the Conference Collections, please see your Lay Leader, or one of the Missionary Committees and pay at once.

Your pastor,

J. J. BOONE.

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NEWS FROM CAPE FEAR.

New Hill, Oct. 29.—The pie party at Gardners school house Saturday night was indeed a success. Miss Mabel Mann won the prize, being voted the most beautiful girl present and Mr. Daniel Webster, the ugliest boy. The children rendered a "Safety" program. Miss Mabel Mann read an interesting account of the automobile and a fire losses of 1922-23. Mr. I. H. Hearne sold shadows and with each shadow he gave a delicious pie.

The singing school which has been in progress for sometime closed yesterday at New Elam church. It was taught by Mr. D. A. Mann.

Misses Gertrude and Eunice Hatley spent Friday with their grand mother, Mrs. J. A. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Beckwith, Miss Hilda Lasater, Daniel Webster spent Wednesday in Durham.

Mr. D. A. Mann spent Saturday with Mrs. G. L. Mann.

Mr. J. E. Smith, of Chapel Hill, visited his sister, Miss Ella Smith Sunday and Monday.

Mr. W. A. Drake had one citron vine which had 27 citrons on it.

We regret that Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Copeland and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thomas will move to Durham in the near future.



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