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Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.—Mark 8:34,35

Till we recall who Jim Cowan married we don't half know who is mayor of Wilmington.

H. B. Varner takes charge of the Lexington Dispatch again and marries him a wife. Now for normality.

Mr. W. F. Jones informs us that rabbits are not like huckleberries, but like the old-time Moore county permutations, and require two or three big white frosts to put them in their prime.

Dr. Peacock, the butcher of the Thomasville policeman, has been arrested at El Cajon, California, but is fighting extradition. Here is trusting that he will be landed in the penitentiary again and kept there till he rots.

Mr. H. G. Beard was showing Tuesday a sample from his seven acre field of soy beans. They are fine, but a crop of corn could have been raised on the same land and a great bean crop with it. Chatham farmers as a rule do not seem to have learned the value of soy and velvet beans. Mr. Beard's crop should be of demonstrative value.

We asked a boy the other day where he got the cigarettes he was smoking and he replied that he could get them at any of the Pittsboro stores. If that is true, Pittsboro merchants are clearly violating the law as impudently as the worst boot-legger in the county. Let it stop. Law is law, and if every man uses his own judgment or pleasure as to which he will obey, we shall have anarchy. Whatever the difference of opinion as to the effect of smoking upon mature men, there is no difference as to the harmfulness of cigarette smoking in the case of boys. But that is not the point. Law is law, and should be respected and enforced so long as on the statute books. It is unlawful even to give cigarettes to fifteen-year old boys. Read the law, gentlemen.

The article appearing in this issue of the Record on Self-Financing feature of public ports throws considerable light upon the question before the voters in November. New Orleans and San Francisco, however, are inevitable gateways for immense areas. The question is, Can North Carolina attract a business that will justify the expenditure advocated? Our cotton crop is carried out by tramp steamers. What else does the state export in cargo quantities? Where would the imports justifying a line of ocean steamers go? This state does not need such a quantity of foreign goods. Assure the business, or a fourth the business, of New Orleans and you answer the question of the advisability of adopting the Port Bill. But the best sort will not thrive if business is lacking.

On slight evidence of the existence of oil in Craven County certain wealthy men formed a company to bore for oil, risking their capital in the project without any attempt to inveigle the public into hazardous investments. But the chance for fleecing the public was too good to be lost; so the "Carolina Syndicate" was organized. This syndicate bought 4,000 acres of land adjacent to the site of the projected well and brought a swarm of agents down from the North to sell the land to suckers at \$400 an acre. But their game was not to be played with immunity. Stacey Wade, Commissioner of Insurance, has forbidden the syndicate to advertise or sell the land except as ordinary real estate. The syndicate is fighting back in the courts. But it is to be hoped that Mr. Wade will be fully maintained in his righteous stand and that the investing public will not be subjected to the high pressure methods of those northern salesmen. Land as likely to produce oil can be bought in eastern

North Carolina for a few dollars an acre. It will be time enough to get excited when oil is actually discovered in North Carolina.

The around-the-world fliers reached their starting point Monday. Some one page Joe Caldwell.

Davis returns from a speaking tour in the west assured, he declares, that he will be the next president. So mote it be.

Gaston Means is a confessed perjurer. He now says that the rigamarole he told in the Daugherty investigation was all a lie. But who knows when a liar is telling the truth.

Georgia is taking belated steps to erect a monument to Dr. Crawford Long, the discoverer of anaesthetics. In Jefferson, a little town about like Pittsboro at that time, Dr. Long made a discovery that has done more to relieve pain and anguish than can be estimated. He was a benefactor of the race.

State Superintendent Allen issues an edict that the counties must provide at least a six-months' high school term for all children within their borders of high school rank. If this decree holds, it will probably be necessary for isolated pupils to be boarded free near established high schools till high schools are established within reach of their homes.

Mr. Floyd Hendley, who was connected with the Record for many months and left here to become telegraph editor of the Danville Register, has joined the staff of the Greensboro News. Mr. Hendley is a native of Iredell, is a tireless, energetic worker, and is an asset to any newspaper. His many friends here will be gratified to learn he has returned to the state.

Sam Cathey and "Mary" Worsham, two blind men who passed creditably the recent unusually hard examination for law license, have formed a co-partnership and will practice in Asheville, Mr. Cathey's home town. The editor of the Record became well acquainted with these remarkable young men the past summer and can bear testimony to their wonderful sprightliness, scholarship, and commonsense. They are worth knowing.

Judge Henry G. Connor has appointed Judge O. H. Guion receiver for the Fisheries Products Company of Wilmington. A New York receiver had already been appointed. The organizers of this company have caused the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars to North Carolinians, mostly farmers. There should be some means of punishing the looters of such companies as this and the Seminole Phosphate Company, another fraudulent bunch which has robbed North Carolina farmers.

As fair time approaches in North Carolina the patrons and good citizens in general should make up their minds to one thing—that robbers shall not be licensees by the management. Things have been allowed at N. C. fairs that were outrageous. As editor of the Sampson Democrat the writer last fall, spoke his mind freely about the robbery permitted in the Clinton fair, and made up his mind to see that similar conditions should not prevail this fall if he had to swear out warrants for the rogues and tricksters himself. We have understood that gambling will not be permitted in that fair this fall, but citizens of all the counties should be upon their guard and see to it that patrons of the fair shall not be fleeced and the youth debauched. No fair is worth so much as to be allowed to exist by any such means. But a good fair is not dependent upon such nefarious means for existence, or even prosperity.

A GRAVE ACCUSATION.

Buried in the heart of a long editorial in the North Carolina Teacher is a grave charge against certain lawyers of a near-by city. It happens that the editor of the Record was cognizant of the matter immediately after the event and was as indignant at the alleged betrayal of trust and the exorbitant fees of the attorneys in question as was Dr. Trabue, but at that time he had no means of editorial expression. However, a little inquiry in the city where the case occurred sufficed to confirm the statement of Dr. Trabue as to the vixenishness of the officer's wife who brought the charge. If it is a fact that a poor and inoffensive colored man, with a reputation unimpeachable for years, was convicted, fined, and forbidden to enter the city again within a year while eye-witnesses were ready, to the knowledge of his attorneys, to swear that the testimony against him was untrue, it is nothing short of a betrayal of trust on the part of his attorneys and should be a matter for the investigation of the State Bar Association. Dr. Trabue's charge, which follows a discussion of injustice on the part of teachers, is as follows:

"Not all the selfish cowards are in

the teaching profession. A man of recognized honesty and high character, but of little education, no financial backing, and extremely modest disposition, was this summer brought to trial in the circuit court for a crime which he had not committed but of which he was falsely accused by the spiteful wife of a prominent official of the county. Eye witnesses were available to prove that the woman had invented the charges and had been guilty herself of the acts with which the innocent man was charged. Because it would be inadvisable to call in question the character of the official's wife, the cowardly lawyers, retained to defend the innocent man, betrayed their trust and persuaded their frightened victim, before his chief witnesses had been heard, to plead guilty to the charges and accept a fine of one hundred dollars and costs. Undertaking to justify their failure to attempt a defense of their innocent client, the two lawyers, who had demanded and obtained cash fees of one hundred dollars each before accepting the case, declared that it was impossible under the circumstances to obtain justice."

WHAT OUR NEIGHBORS SAY

GOOD WORD FOR JIM. Statesville Landmark.

Dr. G. W. Paschal of Wake Forest College, who has returned from a protracted visit to Texas, took note of the recent political excitement in the Lone Star State. With reference to Mrs. Ferguson, the Democratic nominee for Governor, Dr. Paschal says:

"The general impression is that she will give the state a safe, conservative administration, but in the great questions that come up she will turn to her husband. And the latter is not as black as has been painted. When he became governor the State was operating at a deficit. He left the chair with an \$8,000,000 surplus in the treasury. The charge on which he was impeached was simply a technical one. Even men who oppose him and his wife will admit that he was a good business governor."

As this paper has more than once expressed the opinion that Ferguson was a sorry sort, and the only regret in the nomination of a woman for Governor was that the husband, an impeached executive, would be the real Governor, this testimony of a North Carolinian is printed as an act of fairness.

Eresses Regret and Approval.

Editor Record:

We Democrats regret much to see Hon. Walter D. Siler, who has so faithfully filled the chairmanship of the Democratic executive committee for several years, leave it, but we are honored in having him chosen for the high position of elector at large, and wish him and the party much success. And as Hon. W. P. Horton takes up the standard we congratulate him on his elevation and the party because of its good fortune in securing him as chairman, for he says he stands ready to do what is best for the party and asks our cooperation as it is our organization and he is only at the head. I am sure that whatever our leaders see fit to advise we as true Democrats will not fail to support.

Respectfully
HENRY F. DURHAM
Pittsboro, Rt. 1.

Plenty of Work for Him.

Christian Advocate.

It is reported that a doctor at Johns Hopkins has stiffened up a patient's backbone by putting new bones in it. A part of the shin bone was transferred to the backbone. That doctor is badly needed in every community.

The Carolina Syndicate will sue Commissioner Stacey Wade because of his hindrance to their scheme to sell Eastern North Carolina "oil" land at 700 per cent profit.

Gaston Means is visiting in Concord while his repudiation of the testimony in the Daugherty investigation is causing much talk in the whole country.

King and Harrel, murderers of Major McLeary, have been convicted and sentenced to death by a South Carolina court.

Cotton went up ten dollars a bale Monday on a lower government report.

Germany will ask for membership in the League of Nations.

General Sawyer, President's Harding's physician is dead.

Habits of the Gorilla

The gorilla, chimpanzee and orang-outang are alike in being destitute of any rudiment of a tail, in having no cheek-pouches and no naked spaces at the base of the trunk, and in the habit of resting on the knuckles of the hand in walking. Late investigation shows that the gorilla spends more of his time in the trees than on the ground. He makes a rude shelter for his mate and young and himself sleeps with his back to the tree trunk ready for any emergency.

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