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Bible Thought

PERFECT PEACE—Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee; because he trusteth in Thee.—Isa. 26:3.

PRAYER—Lord, we believe. Help Thou our unbelief.

Read the article in this paper captioned "Civilization Hardly Skin Deep," and decide how you would like to have as neighbors such fiends as depicted in that article. And then simply consider that you have them if the occasion arises and those neighbors have not attained that good sense and poise which will enable them to allow the law to take its course. Moreover, consider that your neighbors may have in you one of the very kind of fiends as were upon the warpath at Sherman, Texas, if you do not prepare yourself before the provocation against losing head and heart. The time for a community to provide against the lynching spirit is before the temptation arises. There is no bigger task for any person than the cultivation of poise and commonsense. The man that doesn't do it may find himself one day acting worse than the wild Indians at their worst.

Our advice has long been not to convict before trial, particularly when a young girl is the accusing witness. There is no telling how many tragic prosecutions have developed from the warped and morbid mentalities of girls of 12 to 18 years of age. The witchcraft craze in Massachusetts, for instance, was started by the lying of two or three girls. We have previously mentioned a girl who seemed not to be able to differentiate clearly between what she had imagined and what had actually happened. But her lying was less heinous than that in many a case. But, of course, most girls are normal and truthful at the critical age spoken of. Nevertheless, we are convinced that the testimony of a girl at that age in a case pertaining especially to men's relations with her is to be scrutinized very closely, lest she be one of the morbid type. Romance sometimes gets in its work, love of sensation likewise, and spite only too often. But, fortunately, when there is actually attempted crime against one there is usually other incriminating evidence besides the girl's word. This is alluding to a more or less local accusation of incest, of which the Record does not even know the story as told by the girl. But it will be well for all to withhold judgment till the accused has had his day in court, and this despite the rather unsavory record of said accused. The law and public sentiment put a powerful weapon in the hands of women, and it is too frequently used unscrupulously. But we are expressing no opinion, one way or the other, in the case alluded to. We are simply asking for a withholding of judgment.

Those who see the foundation of Christian ethics shaken by connivance at the gambling of a high church official feel grateful to Editor Josephus Daniels for his bold and persistent stand, along with twenty-one other leading laymen, against the white-washing of Bishop Cannon by the general conference of Southern Methodism. But Editor Daniels did readers of the News and Observer another favor by his two-weeks stay at Dallas—he improved the editorial page of the paper. This is said, not in derogation of Mr. Daniels' grist as editorial writer, for it is a wonder that he hasn't run out of grist long ago, but is said in commendation of the fellows who wrote those sprightly editorials in Mr. Daniels' absence. His stay in Dallas was doubly worthwhile.

THE SIN OF SEEKING

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

Trying to get something for nothing, the object of the gambler, whether it be in a poker game or by dabbling in the stock market, is contrary to fundamental Christian principles. When the ninth commandment is discarded from the church rules and when a bishop may show himself making haste to get rich by such questionable means as hoarding flour in war times, trading in bucket shops extensively, and may do so with immunity, it appears that Christians are forgetting the fundamentals of their moral system.

Essentially, there is little difference in getting something for nothing in one way and another. The outright rogue can pick his man and take from him who can best afford to lose, and in that respect outright robbery may be more ethical than some more highly respected methods of reaping where one has not sowed.

When a great denomination connives at such display of greed by one of its highest officials and then re-instates him as leader of its temperance forces, it is not merely stultifying itself, but is doing infinite harm to both the cause of brotherly love as taught in the sermon on the mount and to the temperance cause itself.

It had never occurred to the editor of the Record till he was reading about the sandhill wire-grass in the Devil's Tramping Ground that he had never seen a young bunch of that grass. What there is of it on the old Peterson farm in Sampson county, for instance, seems to have been there permanently. When once destroyed, it never grows again on that land, no matter how close it may be in its original tussocks. If we were on the old place right now, we have no idea but that we could locate tussocks of it familiar to the writer as a boy, and we shouldn't expect to find a single new clump. This peculiarity of the grass will well account for there being no other grass like that in the "Tramping Ground" near. And if it is the real wiregrass, it was almost assuredly brought there in clumps and set out. If so it will likely be there till ploughed up and then no more will be seen. The first coming of the grass anything is a mystery, but not a greater one than that of the plants which do re-seed themselves.

In Raleigh not only are there many families suffering for food but for water, the town water having been cut off from numerous homes, and the people, unable to pay the water toll, have to bring drinking water from springs or wells which are possibly polluted. The Rockingham Post-Dispatch published a list of needy families in Richmond county last week, a call for a meeting to plan relief. Despite six years of bad crops in Chatham, we can not feel that there is any such suffering in this county, though one may not know what conditions are in homes within a hundred yards of him. The worst sufferers are usually the last to cry out for help, and they usually the most deserving. If there are families in Chatham county urgently needing assistance, the fact should be discovered and reported. The Record should be glad to have names and the facts.

We should like for not only all Chatham county readers but also the editors of the State to read in the Farm section a record of some of the dairy herds of Chatham county, and also other of Mr. Shiver's items. The Chatham county farmer who does not regularly read this department is missing much. Mr. Shiver's department alone should be worth the price of the Record to any live farmer.

The Monroe Enquirer says of one of the fourteen candidates for cotton weigher of Monroe that "he was a native of Lanes Creek township." We mention this only to ask of what he is now a native.

The writer unhesitatingly declares his belief that the stock gambling of Bishop Cannon and the activities of the moonshiners and bottleggers are based upon the identical principle of seeking profit without giving an adequate return. Downright selfishness and greed are at the bottom of both. Imagine Jesus Christ trying to get rich at all, and then, if your imagination can stretch so far, imagine him trying to get rich by such means as Bishop Cannon has manifestly used in such an effort!

An adequate quid pro quo, in our conception of morals, is essential to any honest acquisition of wealth. That view, of course, is as foggy as the ten commandments and the sermon on the mount, but whatever our own faults that is the way we interpret the law of love, which the Bishop is supposed not only to teach but also to demonstrate in his life. This is one reason, presumably, why some of us are so poor, but it is a mighty sorry man, from the Christian standpoint, who would be rich at the cost of poverty to others. And unless one renders adequate returns in wealth or service for what he gets, he is a parasite, whether he knows the names of his hosts or not. Selah.

We have a long letter from our friend John W. Hester of Oxford and Durham, in which he reviews the senatorial campaign and early reaches the conclusion that the Simmons forces have not only not made any contribution at all to the "cohesiveness and solidarity" of the Democratic party, but have left nothing undone or unsaid calculated to embarrass and disrupt the party in both State and nation." He backs up the conclusion with an abundance of clear-cut evidence. We should like to publish John's article, as much because it is his as for any other reason, but it is rather long for us. Suffice it to say he makes a clear case against the Senator.

That radio down at Raleigh is broadcasting "eyether" and "n-eyether." This descendant of old English stock doesn't like those words one little bit. He has been associated all his life with descendants of the early colonists and has never heard one of them say "eyether" and "n-eyether" unless he had caught it from some fellow who had strained to attain that pronunciation of the old familiar words "either" and "neither," pronounced in every early colonial settlement this writer has ever been in as "eether" and "neether." Also, if any colonist came over here saying "root" for route, pronounced to rhyme with "out," his example was lost in all the area between Virginia and the Gulf of Mexico. These are words that the colonists in general used, and are not words learned since the people of English descent began to consult the dictionary or to hear radio announcers. Nobody's dictionary and no PTQF radio announcer should try to replace a pronunciation hundreds of years old and resonant of the life of old England. Nor can it be done.

A whole battery was turned upon Bishop Cannon at Dallas. He saved his bishopship by confessing the sin of stock speculation and asking forgiveness, but his booms will hardly be again so resounding. Josephus Daniels played no mean part in the fight in the great Methodist conference against the disposition to connive at the fault of the distinguished church official.

Oakland township will have to come very close to unanimity for Bailey if it beats Albright. A gentleman from the latter township here Monday reported that only one Simmons man is in evidence. There were three, but one got killed and another died a natural death, and the third will have his lone vote smothered on June 7. Fate seems to be aiding Albright in this interesting race with Oakland.

It is hard to reconcile one's self to an execution of one convicted upon circumstantial evidence. There are too many ways in which an innocent man might happen to become the victim of circumstances. Both the negro and the white man recently executed held out to the very last that they were innocent, and there is no one apparent who could swear that they were not. But it has come to pass that the person convicted upon circumstantial evidence is surer to get the full penalty for the crime than the person who kills openly. In the latter case, it becomes possible to patch up a plea of self-defence or of insanity. Therefore, if you are planning to do any killing, you'd better get your victim in the open and in the presence of a number of witnesses.

Those page advertisements over the name of Kenneth Royall will doubtless give the Simmons forces pause before they can counteract their force. It is difficult to see how any one who really considers the principles of the Democratic party and the maintenance of the party as a fighting element in the affairs of the country, after reading Kenneth Royall's irrefutable indictment of the Senator's treason to organization and principle too, can consent to give his ballot to help maintain him in the leadership of the party in North Carolina. It appears that very few Chatham voters will do that thing.

Democrats of North Carolina, Look to Coming November

So timely and so true is the following editorial from the Cleveland Star, of Governor Gardner's home town, that we are reprinting it. It makes interesting reading and carries an important warning to those who would rule or ruin. Here goes:

June 7th is the day of the primary. On that day we name our candidates. November 4th is the day of the election. On that day they will be elected or defeated.

Look to November, Democrats of North Carolina.

We have a great chance to redeem the State in November. We can win back the lost districts and counties and more besides. Let us not throw it away in May anarchy.

June. What is now going on?

(1) There are those who are killing Democratic arguments against Republicans. Some weeks ago, a powerful attack was launched upon Huston, the Republican National Chairman. He was on the verge of being disgraced and discredited. The Republicans set a trap, drew a red herring across the trail. They invited Mr. Rascob, the Democratic National Chairman, to come before them for an examination. Certain Democrats fell for it. They jumped on Rascob. They filled the air with Rascobism. They invented the word "Rascobism."

And every body has forgotten about Huston.

Thus the Republicans with the aid of certain Democrats, have outwitted us. While we are quarreling among ourselves over Rascob, they have gotten off with Huston. Where we had them "dead," they have set us fighting among ourselves.

Are we all donkeys?

(2) We had the financial depression charged up justly to Hoover and the Republican party. We were marching on to sure victory.

Then the Republicans set up Prohibition hearings. The wets had an inning. The dries had an inning. The investigationists had an inning. So the trap was set. Certain Democrats fell for it. The Hoover panic got lost with everybody talking liquor; and the Democrats began flying at one another's throats.

Is the Democratic party so easily to be turned upon itself? Is it to be so easily divided by Republican trickery?

Are we all donkeys?

Republicans know that the Prohibition issue cuts across both parties and nothing suits them so well as to see the Prohibition issue raised in a Democratic contest. They know that they can call the 18 Amendment "a noble experiment" and get away with it, while extremists in the Democratic party will set about to drive everybody out of the Democratic party who does not agree with them.

They laugh while Democrats make such an issue among themselves, well knowing that such an issue will divide and destroy us and save them from the defeat they deserve.

If the Republican party had cared to enforce Prohibition, it could have done so years ago. But why should it do so, as long as by keeping the issue alive they can divide the Democrats and thereby remain in power.

Are we all donkeys that we fall for such tactics as we approach the day of battle?

Republicans cultivate the impression that there is room in their party for those who do not believe in the 18th amendment as well as for those who do. But at the rate certain Democrats have been going of late, the Democratic party will either become all "wet" or all "dry," and there will not be enough votes in the party to keep it going.

This issue ought to be raised. It means party division and party defeat. It obscures the great causes for which the Democratic party

Hoover and the Republicans have broken their promises to relieve the farmers. Here is a call that means everything. Here is an opportunity for the greatest service. Shall we forget it while we fight over Prohibition?

Prohibition is not in danger in this country. It is written in the constitution. It cannot be repealed or modified without the consent of 37 of the 48 states. That consent will not be had. It would require also the consent of two-thirds of both Houses of Congress. Prohibition is not an issue in American, it is a political card.

Let us cry out and spare not against Republican duplicity in this matter, and Republican failure to enforce the Prohibition law.

Let us show up Huston and the rottenness he represents. Let us show up the Republican responsibility for financial depression.

Let us show up the Republican failure to bring promised relief to the farmers.

We have a great task, a great opportunity and a great call. But here is Simmons and some of his newspapers and others, who let all these things go and fall into the Republican trap to divide and destroy us on the eve of assured victory by raising a so-called Prohibition issue. They consider it a good political card. And so do the Republicans. The Republicans deal the out and Simmons plays them. No wonder Republican Congressman Jonas sings his praises.

Democrats of North Carolina, if you love your party, look to November 4th as you approach June 7th. Beware of Republicans and Democrats who would divide our Party at such a time.

And, friends of prohibition, remember, the worst enemy of Prohibition is the man who plays that great cause as a political card to promote his personal division. They deal the cards and Simmons plays them.

McNinch was right once in his life—1912.

Sarah Norris Saved From Drowning

Miss Sarah Norris, daughter of Mr. Herbert Norris of Raleigh and great granddaughter of Mrs. R. M. Burns of Pittsboro, was saved from drowning one day last week only by the heroism of Marion Womble, another 14-year old girl, who when Sarah had been seized with the cramps and had gone down twice, leaped fully clothed into the pond and brought the drowning girl safely to shore. Miss Womble's name, says the News and Observer, will be presented for a Carnegie medal.

"Mr. Vasapopolis, I certainly—er—want to thank you for consenting to the marriage of your daughter to me."

"Don't thank me, my boy. The old battleax—which you'll find out she is when she becomes your mother-in-law—was waiting to crown me if I'd said no."—The Pathfinder.

FINAL NOTICE

CLEAN SWEEP SALE. ONLY FEW DAYS LEFT TO VACATE BUILDING. MUST MOVE JUNE 1st.

Note few extra specials offered for final clean up sale. All goods left will be moved to Bargain Store next door to our main store. You can buy now cheaper than later after it is moved.

The Wilkins-Ricks stock at the old stand Steele Street

All men's and boys' suits 1/2 their original price. Get it now for less.

1 table \$1.65 to \$3.00 yard silks. Your choice \$1.00

Children's sox just one-half their original price

75 pairs ladies' and children's shoes to be given away while they last

FREE. Twenty-five pairs each day, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

10 boys' suits serge and corduroy \$1.00 each

Men's Sox 5c pair

15 fine Silk Dresses \$5.95 to \$27.50 value, clean sweep price \$2.98

12 Ladies' Satinella and Rayon Princess Slips priced at \$1.00 to \$6.00 each. Choice 69c each

Ladies' spring Coats during clean up sale. Any coat in the house. Values up to \$39.50 \$9.75 each

"Munsing Silk Bloomers \$3.00 grade \$1.00 pair

Richardson Silk Thread 5c spool

Coats Spool Cotton 2 for 5c

Lilly 400 yard spool cotton 5c spool

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