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CRIME AND PUBLICITY.

When the Thaw case came up and the newspapers began to give detailed accounts of the crime and its disgusting details, a great howl went up from the public about the publicity given the affair; that is, a large contingent of the public howled the while an equally large contingent called for the reports.

The same was true of the Beattie case; of the Johnson-Jeffries prize fight and of many other sensational affairs which have attracted general notice.

Following the discovery of a most brutal crime at Hendersonville, in which a young girl figures as the victim, several newspapers, The News included, sent special men to the scene to thereby get a more accurate and detailed report.

As in the other cases a great many people are protesting against the publication of the revolting crime, while others see no harm in its publicity.

The Columbia Record copies an editorial paragraph from the Spartanburg Herald and spends brief comment. Both opinions are worth reading, in this connection:

"Now that the revolting details of the tragic death of Myrtle Hawkins, the Hendersonville girl whose body was found in Ogeeta Lake last Sunday, began to come to light through the newspapers there are going to be the usual number of complaints and protests against the publication of such stories. The Herald has published this story fully for the last few days and expects to continue to do so making it as decent as possible considering the matter involved. Many people believe the newspapers should suppress or ignore such things. They are honest in their views, but they are mistaken. It is the duty of the newspapers to expose crime. Such exposure often is absolutely necessary and the more shocking the details given to the public the more sharply and thoroughly is the public conscience awakened to a sense of decency and morality." Spartanburg Herald.

"All that The Herald says is true and proper, and it might have said more. Not only has it been proper for the newspapers to publish what they have published about the Hendersonville affair, but it is apparent to even the most casually informed person that if the newspapers had not made the mystery of the public a double crime would have been forever hid. The difference of the officers of the law in the matter has been astonishing; why arrests have not been made, upon the circumstantial evidence which has been brought out, is even now inconceivable."

It is with regret that all of us hear of such tragedies. This would be a much better old world were no such crimes committed, but we must accept conditions as we find them, and apply such remedies as are in our reach. So long as there are human vultures watching for young girls, to effect their ruin, there will be such tragedies as that written at Hendersonville. And the agency they most dread is the newspaper. Their art is played in the dark. They dread publicity of their misdeeds. They are afraid of the light, and many of them are withheld from the commission of crime simply because they dare not face the blinding rays of publicity sure to be thrown upon them by the press.

A poor girl was imposed upon and ruined. In her desperation it seems that she permitted an operation which resulted in death. After finding herself ruined for life the child was not responsible. The blame rests upon that black-hearted reprobate who ruined her, and who, no doubt, counseled this crime in order to shield himself and bury up his guilt. The first service to be rendered society is to bring from the background those characters who murdered this girl, and in punishing them, hold them up as an example to society that such deeds will not be allowed to go unpunished. In the matter of ascertaining the guilty and forcing speedy justice the newspaper renders a service. The better conception the public gets of the offense the more thorough the determination to see it avenged, and the greater zeal to prevent its repetition.

The Jeffries-Johnson fight was one of the most disgusting spectacles ever enacted by two human brutes. It was a disgrace to a civilized nation. The papers gave it in detail, that none of its shame might miss the public knowledge. As a result good men all over the nation arose and decided that a repetition should not be allowed.

Had the papers kept quiet the affair would have been all the more disgraceful, and another and still another would have followed.

If men who wreck the lives of young girls were sure that their sin would not find them out they would become bolder and their crimes would multiply rapidly. The very publicity given such cases as that at Hendersonville acts as a deterrent and society is benefited.

Sin cannot be blotted out by covering it over with a mantle of secrecy. Reprobates can not be caught and punished so long as their acts are hushed up.

For one The News believes that the newspaper renders no greater service than that of aiding in the unmasking of criminals and in turning the calcium light of publicity upon the dark places of life, that they may be purified.

When school authorities of Charlotte decided to have all children in the public schools examined by physicians they took a decided step forward. Naturally there was some criticism of this action, but the majority of school patrons appreciated the wisdom of the step taken.

This is the only positive means of checking the spread of infectious diseases among children attending school. In many cases attention at the right time saves a child's eyesight for life. This is but one instance of the value of proper medical inspection.

In the old days a child, infected with some disease, went to school, gave the same to the balance of the children, who in turn carried the infection home with them, to pass it along to the neighborhood. Believing that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" school officials in many places are enforcing a strict system of medical inspection. The Augusta Chronicle discusses the matter in the following forcible editorial:

"During the first four days of Atlanta's school term, doctors found more than twenty cases of diphtheria in latent, and one in positive, form among the children in attendance. The latent cases showed no external symptoms, and were found only by careful examination and microscopic test. But each of the children was as dangerous to others as if he or she had been burning with the fever of the disease; perhaps, more so, for their appearance gave no warning. The one positive case was such as demanded immediate medical attention, yet the parents of the child had looked upon its indisposition as due to some passing distemper like a cold. The finding illustrates the necessity for the careful inspection of all school children by competent physicians. The children themselves should be protected, and communities should be guarded against the spread of disease by way of the school room. But the majority of ills found among school children are of other than the infectious or communicative type. They do not endanger the physical well-being of the sound ones, but they seriously encumber those affected. Thus it has been found that practically two-thirds of children in city and rural schools suffer from encumbering and strength-sapping complaints like adenoids and eye-strain, apparently harmless in their incipency, but dangerous if allowed to run unchecked. These children necessarily are retarded in their studies; their condition causes great waste of public funds provided for their children. It is not only a measure of economy but one of safety to keep them in first-class physical condition. We trust the time is not far distant when every school child will be examined by an expert at least every three months."

BROWN CAMPAIGN. Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 19.—Hon. J. Pope Brown is conducting a red hot campaign in the interests of his candidacy for the Georgia governorship, according to reports received at his headquarters in this city. His speeches at Moultrie Saturday morning and the opposition vote between the ex-governor and Judge Russell, leaving the prohibition vote for Pope Brown and decidedly interesting developments in the three-cornered gubernatorial race, and already the political pot is beginning to bubble and boil in the capital city.

BIG REVIVAL IN BIRMINGHAM. Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 19.—Word has been received by local evangelists that Rev. Bob Jones, the well known Alabama preacher, is stirring up things religiously in Birmingham. He opened a revival Sunday at the First Methodist Church in that city, and according to advices, the Alabama city promises to have a campaign prohibition fight. Evangelist Bob Jones is recognized as an aggressive campaigner, who talks straight from the shoulder. He went to Birmingham after closing one of the most memorable meetings ever held in Mayfield, Ky., where it is said the crowds were so large that the auditorium would not hold them.

The small boy who eats a green apple may also show an infinite capacity for taking pains.

FROM OTHER SANCTUMS..... The Weather Bureau. Following the justly severe criticisms which were visited upon the weather bureau in Charleston after the recent hurricane, because of the fact that not only was sufficient warning against the storm not given but on the contrary reassuring replies were made to inquiries after the storm had begun to cause alarm, the weather bureau service has taken steps to improve the service at Charleston, removing the incumbent observer to another post and raising the grade of the office. As the most important post of the service in this state, owing to its location at the principal seaport, the betterment of conditions in the weather bureau at Charleston is of vital interest to the whole of South Carolina.

In a letter to The News and Courier, Mr. Willis L. Moore, chief of the weather bureau service, states that Observer Cole committed a serious error of judgment in stating to inquirers on the afternoon of Sunday, August 27th, that the "worst is over," when as a matter of fact the worst was yet to come. Mr. Moore asserts, however, that Mr. Cole had properly displayed the storm warnings ordered and that the bureau was unable to tell how serious the disturbance would be, owing to the fact that the storm had originated at sea. The remedy for this defect in the system was suggested shortly after the recent storm by one of the Savannah papers we believe, and it is that the coastwise ships, equipped with wireless apparatus, should be officially connected with the weather bureau, so that they would be required to report to coast stations the existence of atmospheric conditions at sea likely to cause a storm. In other words, so important has this matter become to all interests that the weather bureau cannot longer confine its jurisdiction to the land alone.

The weather bureau has frequently been made the target of ridicule and criticism, not to say censure, but in our opinion its work, in the circumstances, is remarkably accurate and satisfactory. Its limitations are manifest, and should be taken into account. Mr. Moore, therefore, is entirely within in reason when in his letter to The News and Courier announcing the changes at Charleston, he says: "I take advantage of this opportunity to emphasize the fact that the success of the government in forewarning the Gulf and South Atlantic States against all the hurricanes that have visited these regions during the past ten or fifteen years should not be taken as evidence that hurricanes and other storms will not at times come unannounced, even with the strictest discipline maintained over local offices and with the highest professional requirements exacted of observers and forecasters, for it must be understood that even with the intensity and direction of movement of a storm completely charted and not partly or wholly hidden in the ocean, mistakes in judgment will occur. There is no formula by which these forecasts and warnings can be worked out with mathematical precision, like the coming of some celestial event. They are predicated upon human judgment, and anything that is human must at times err."

This, we repeat, is reasonable enough. The weather bureau is, able to report accurately atmospheric conditions as they exist, but the influence of these conditions and the shifts which may take place, in winds and air currents and general atmospheric conditions, cannot be accurately predicted. Realizing the very great value of the weather bureau, at the same time we must not expect it to perform the impossible.—Columbia Record.

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TRINITY COLLEGE NEWS. Special to The News. Trinity College, Durham, Sept. 19.—Capt. E. E. Bundy, of Elizabeth City who held down third sack on Trinity's crack baseball nine last season has returned to college, and will finish his course here this year. Bundy will be captain of Trinity's baseball team in 1912 and will have about half of his old men back with which to build up a team. Claude West, who played short stop on Trinity's 1910 and 1911 teams, has come back to take up the chair of English at the Trinity Park high school. Claude West is of the opinion that Bob Gant, who lost only two out of eighteen games on Trinity's team last season, is good for the big leagues, and it is understood that Manager Dunn is of the same opinion. Every one who has seen this chap pitch ball knows that he has the "stuff" in him, and that big boy is one who will be seriously missed on Trinity's diamond next spring.

No. Maude, dear; an anchorite is not a sailor who attends to the anchor.

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Organized Labor Hunting Candidate

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 19.—Representatives of organized labor in Georgia reestablishing themselves in an effort to come to an agreement on a candidate for commissioner of labor, and to this end a conference of the leading representatives of the labor interests of the state have decided to call a convention in Atlanta in the near future, at which time they will attempt to select a man who will be their standard bearer at the coming election.

News of the coming conference will be received with absorbing interest throughout Georgia, and especially by those who are affiliated with organized labor, and it is practically certain that every labor union in the state will send at least one representative to the coming conference.

Labor leaders, it is understood, are becoming apprehensive lest the labor vote be divided between the two candidates who have already announced for labor commissioner, and lest this lead to the election of a possible "dark horse" to the coveted office. The labor interests deem it imperative that they themselves name the labor commissioner, and would regard as disastrous the selection of an outsider.

Representative Joseph A. McCarthy, of Savannah, author of the bill created the office of labor commissioner, and B. Lee Smith of the Atlanta Federation of Trades, are the two men who have already entered actively into the race. It will be the aim and object of the approaching conference to agree as to which of these men shall be the one candidate endorsed and supported by the union labor vote of the state. If no agreement can be reached between the supporters of the two candidates named, it is probable that another name will be substituted as a compromise candidate.

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