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BETRAYED HIS TRUST.

Luther V. Hart the defaulting cashier of the Bank of Tarboro, may have grievously sinned, but he had the nerve to inflict upon himself the most serious punishment. Were it not for the disgrace and suffering he brought upon his innocent family, you might say he had quite atoned for his wrong, but when a man has woven the threads of his life into others, and he then goes wrong there is no hope or help, but long years of atonement given in the most self-sacrificing labor and way. Hart did what he could to wipe out the stain, but he left a deeper, darker, and more damning one. It was cowardly to have so betrayed his trust, and then deprived his family of his friendly help when they needed it so much.

The good road movement is gaining volume and velocity all the time, it is constantly spreading, and accumulating strength. Road improvement must keep pace with the improvement in vehicles in modern modes of travel, for these mark upon the dial plate of progress the advancement in civilization. Go to the National museum in Washington City and there note the gradual development of vehicles on wheels from the crudest cart with wheels made of wood sawed from the trunks of trees that trundled through the trackless plains, and forest, then see the splendid development up to the ten thousand dollar touring motor cars and the pulman palace on wheels. This same development to day distinguishes not less communities that are advanced and taking high rank in social, financial, and moral progress and those that are dragging through the mud ruts of ignorance, imbecility and sluggishness. Confessing that many communities in there enthusiastic haste to secure good roads, lacking in information as to how to build them, much money is wasted, this has tended to discourage and work a hardship, but it is the inevitable results of all experimental labor, for alone through this fertile field of evolution can the highest conception of good roads be attained.

Good roads are the harbingers of good homes, a higher, intelligence, a thriftier, happier, and more progressive people. This is true, it is true backed by a thousand sane and logical reasons that have already been advanced, and are continually being advanced.

There is an effort backed by strong influence to have the great "Highway" that it is proposed to build from Seashore to Mountains in North Carolina that the route after reaching Durham then have it run South West to Chapel Hill thence west to Saxapahaw thence North West to Graham. The logical course for this road to take is for it to hug as close to the Southern main line railway between Raleigh and Greensboro as possible. Getting away from it is getting away from every advantage that limitless facilities may offer in every emergency, and emergencies are liable to be frequent to those who use automobiles, and in direct and immediate communication with all portions of the state through telegraph, and accessible to supplies for emergency breakdowns

beside offering in every respect a more feasible route decidedly nearer. If this thing is seriously threatened, the Mebane people should bestir themselves: at once, they will do the town a service and render one to those who do not correctly understand all of the contingencies.

INVESTIGATE AND FIND OUT.

The Charlotte Observer heads its telegram about the army investigation with "Whats wrong with the army?" Now if an honest and sincere effort is made to thoroughly investigate this department of our government, there will be found much that is wrong, and a great deal more that is rotten, and when fully uncovered it is going to smell very offensive to honest Americans.

The Senate has one "Root" and while he is not the root of all evil he is trying to burden this government with a good deal of it. The sooner he is rooted out the better it will be for us all, so let us root.

WHAT OTHER PAPERS ARE SAYING

Serious Absurdities of Criminal Law.

Montreal Star.
"The Serious Absurdities of the Criminal Law," is the suggestive title of a serious but amusing article by Herbert Bruce Fuller, in "The World's Work." That Mr. Fuller refers to the criminal law of the United States is obvious from the cases cited, and also from the fact that he institutes a comparison with the criminal law as administered in Europe, which is entirely favorable to the old world. He says: "Europe's comparative freedom from homicidal crimes is a result of its habit of making a quick disposition of murderers. The courts there pay a closer attention to a prompt and decisive visitation of punishment—witness the case of the Indian student Whingara, which I have cited, and the more recent case of Dr. Crippen. In Great Britain one in every four homicides is promptly hanged. In the United States we execute on the average only one out of every fifty."

He cites a number of cases in which convicted criminals have escaped punishment through the flimsiest technicalities. The Missouri constitution requires that every offense shall be alleged to be "against the peace and the dignity of the State." A man sentenced in 1905 to five years' imprisonment for assaulting a girl, got off on appeal because the second "the" was omitted from the indictment. A Texas man sentenced to imprisonment for life for killing his own child by cruel treatment escaped, because the word "did" was omitted. Similarly a Mississippi man convicted of killing and murdering, got off because the indictment did not read "did kill and murder." Even the misspelling of words has been fatal to many indictments. Many convicts owe their lives and liberty to printer's errors. In a Tennessee murder case the court held that the jury must be composed entirely of men who had not read the newspaper reports of this, a most sensational case. No less than 3,019 men had to be summoned before the jury could be secured. Four of the jurors could not read or write, two others had but an indifferent knowledge of English, and every mother's son swore that he had not read a paper for ten years. To such intelligent animals are the issues of life and death entrusted.

What is the effect of these serious absurdities on the crime? In the United States there are 115 homicides per million inhabitants; in Italy, 105; in Germany, 13; in France 19; in Great Britain and Ireland 27.

The State Normal And Industrial School.

We desire to call attention to the advertisement of the State Normal and Industrial College which appears in this issue. Every year shows a steady growth in this institution devoted to the higher education of the women of North Carolina.

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If the preacher had of used more time and brain in preparing his sermon he would have had to use less muscle in waking his members. The way to keep a congregation wide awake, is to have a wide awake preacher, one that will not try to amuse his congregation by rehearsing what has been said in the pulpit for a half a century, but preach something new and original.

The Virginian-Pilot likes to poke fun in a good natural way, at some of the "mythical" claims advanced by Carolinians in behalf of Carolina. This, however, does not blind us to the fact that she is a great State, with a great past behind her and a still greater future before her. And her chief and crowning greatness lies in a sturdy, independent citizenship, which places principle before self, liberty above life. It is her people that have made Carolina's proud past, and it is to these that she must, and may, in all confidence, look for a future which shall give even more ample cause for pride. —Virginia Pilot.

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