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IS THIS REPUBLICAN IDEA OF JUSTICE?

Almost on every hand the administration is finding disfavor with the Mellon statement on farm relief, a statement that is accepted as official since Mr. Mellon generally is recognized as closer to the Chief Executive than any other cabinet member, perhaps.

The statement by Secretary Mellon, in view of his activities as a manufacturer, certainly gives the impression as expressed in the New York World that he is "a high protectionist for the goods which Pennsylvania produces and a free-trader for the goods which Pennsylvania buys."

"The purpose of the Haugen bill, as Mr. Mellon points out, is to raise the price in the home market by taking the surplus off the home market." It is apparent, he says, that the effect of this bill will be to increase the cost of living to every consumer of the five basic agricultural commodities.

"These cold and brutal figures could be paralleled for most of the commodities on which Pennsylvania has insisted there should be a high tariff. It is exactly for this purpose that Mr. Mellon's political associate, Mr. Grundy of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association, pours out the money that buys the votes in Pennsylvania.

The administration has made no effort to help the farmer. It would like to do something, perhaps, but it must be careful of the Mellons, the Butlers and the Grundys. They do not want to pay more for farm products although they are willing to give huge funds to campaign funds confident that in the long run they will be repaid by a kind Republican administration.

SANITY WITH RICHES.

Here is an item of news from Rockingham: "Lord Cecil and his wife, the former Miss Cornelia Vanderbilt, of Asheville, spent a few minutes in Rockingham today en route to Wrightsville Beach and as a result of their passing through, a local cash and carry store was the gainer to the extent of \$1.57. Parking their car with liveried chauffeur in front of the hotel, Mrs. Cecil and husband passed up a lunch in the electric fanned coolness within,

and instead made the following purchase from the grocery: Two oranges, two bananas, three boxes of soda crackers, two bottles of grape juice, two bottles of ginger ale, one can of sardines and ten cents worth of cheese. Thus provided with nourishment to the extent of \$1.57, the party of three continued its seaward way."

The Charlotte News sees in this incident a lesson of thrift that might be practiced by all. "That's not the way most of us do," says The News, "and that is one reason, of course, that the most of us never acquire anything to brag about or that, if perchance, we do acquire a little, it vanishes like the mist before the morning sun."

The Stanly News-Herald very wisely and pertinently remarks in connection with this instance that all could learn a lesson in economy from the Cecils. Most of us waste entirely too much, and few of us are financially able to do so. We should not be niggardly, but we should be satisfied and happy by spending only such an amount as may be for our comfort and best welfare financially, physically, and mentally.

THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER?

News items carried by the Associated Press are accepted as true, and rightly so, at least nine times out of every ten. Therefore we assume reports from Chester, S. C., about prayer services for rain are accurate.

We are interested in these reports primarily because every one of them reads something like this: "\*\*\* the prayer services will be conducted twice daily until the drought is broken.

Which gives us the impression that the Chester people, sorely in need of water, are praying twice each day that their suffering may be relieved and as soon as this is done they are going to quit praying.

We are not right certain that Chester people prayed last year for rain, but we do know that some South Carolinians did and they have done the same thing this year. We wonder how many of them thought about praying last winter when there was an abundance of rain, with some snow and sleet thrown in for good measure.

WISE CRACKS.

(By International News) Lots of men go in the hole because of their efforts to get a little white hall in the hole.—Gadsden, Ala., Times. A tree fossil has been found in New York, 45 feet below the street. Human fossils can be found above ground without any digging.—Miami, Fla., Tribune. The bachelor may think trouble comes in chunks, but after he is married, he will realize it comes in installments.—Durham, N. C., Sun. "I'm saving a little for a rainy day," remarks the umbrella-borrower as he winks the off optic and chucks the rain-shedder in the r.b.s.—Greensboro, N. C., Record. King Alfonso recently opened a geological congress at Madrid. It is certainly pleasanter to go in for rocks than to go on the rocks as some European royalty has done.—Fayetteville, N. C., Observer.

DOCTOR CHAPPELL'S MISTAKE.

The circumstance which is to be regarded as particularly unfortunate in connection with the arrest of Doctor Ashley Chappell in the Memphis brothel, is that he did not immediately make his identity known. If he had done this, explaining to the officers at the same time the circumstances under which he was found there, and asking that he be taken, not to the police station, but to some of the visiting Church officials before whom he might have laid his case in frank statement, it is possible that unpleasant publicity, with the inevitable stain of scandal, might have been avoided. For, if Doctor Chappell had strayed into the neighborhood and had sought the temporary service of a home for the purposes claimed, knowing nothing of the character of the section, an immediate statement from him would have satisfied both the officers and the churchmen. Allowance must be made for the natural confusion of mind precipitated by the shock of arrest and herding with a lot of common criminals, and for the natural first thought in protection of his name and that of the Church. Nevertheless, Doctor Chappell made fatal mistake in resort to momentary evasion of the consequences. Even if he had stated his name and profession when first arraigned at the police station, his representations might have been accepted and the officials might have developed inclination to deliver him from the embarrassment which encompassed him.

UNFORTUNATE.

Hickory Record. The charges brought against Dr. Ashley Chappell, prominent Asheville minister, are sadder than one likes to imagine. He was arrested in Memphis several days ago when police of that city raided a negro house of ill-fame, and he tells that his support to a painful malady became disorganized and in his agony he sought relief in the first house that offered rest. Then the cops found him there. Dr. Chappell's explanation is entirely logical, and the public will be glad to believe that if he is judged before the case passes final hearing.

Dr. Chappell Confident That He Will Prove His Innocence

Asheville, June 18.—Statements by two physicians which will be relied upon to defend Dr. Ashley Chappell, suspended pastor of the Central Methodist Church here, against charges of immoral conduct at Memphis, Tenn., during the recent general conference of the Southern Methodists, are in the hands of a prominent member of the accused pastor's congregation and will be turned over to Dr. H. K. Boyer, of Shelby, who will lead in the defense before the church court which will be convened July 20th at Statesville.

The statements were made by Dr. M. C. Millender and Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, the latter former president of the North Carolina Medical Society, and are in the hands of Wallace C. Davis, president of the Central Bank and Trust Company, of Asheville. The statements declare Dr. Chappell is a sufferer from inguinal hernia, it was learned tonight. Both of the physicians state that if the truss could slip at any time, in one of these cases it would cause great pain and possibly death, since the intestines would be allowed to buckle or force themselves through the body wall. Both are emphatic in stating that Dr. Chappell's statement of his action is entirely plausible insofar as his physical condition is concerned.

Rallying around the standard of their pastor, members of the Central Methodist Church and their friends today advanced to the support of Dr. A. Chappell, who is facing charges of immorality following his arrest in an alleged house of ill-fame in Memphis during the Methodist general conference there last month. Dr. Chappell will be given a hearing at Statesville before thirteen chosen ministers of the conference on July 20th. The decision of this although it must be passed on by the annual conference.

Dr. Chappell issued a statement to the press today, asking that his friends stand by him until full light can be thrown on the matter, and reiterated his innocence of any wrong doing.

Publication of the case was made this afternoon in Asheville for the first time, after paper in other cities of the state had printed it this morning. While the rumors had spread largely in the city, thousands were taken by surprise and all of those approached refused to lend credence to the charges.

On the night of his arrest, May 8, Dr. Chappell claims he was taking his regular evening stroll, and wandered into a disreputable section of Memphis without knowing it. He maintains that his truss, which he is forced to wear by a severe rupture, slipped, and he stepped into what appeared to be a store doorway to re-adjust it. He there met a negro woman, and asked to enter, stating his predicament. Shortly afterwards, while he was rearranging his clothing, he says, the police raided the house and arrested him, along with several negro girl inmates. He claims to have been mistreated by the officers making the arrest, and for that reason refused to give his right name. However, within a short time his attempt to make bond divulged his name, and the story was printed in Memphis papers.

Dr. Chappell saw newspaper men today, but refused to make any statement above what has been given. His wife, however, expressed the utmost confidence in her husband, and declared that he was being "maliciously crushed." Practically all members of the local church have been seen, and declare that they are solidly behind the pastor. In showing this, his salary is being continued during the period of suspension, which was automatic with the investigation by the church. Dr. Chandler, assistant pastor, is filling the pulpit at Central Church during this period of suspension.

If the charges against Dr. Chappell are sustained, he will either be suspended for a longer period or asked to turn in his credentials. It is reported that certain officers of the Methodist Church, South, have asked for his credentials quietly, but Dr. Chappell maintains his innocence, and plans to fight the case through. In this action he is attracting large numbers of people here by his forces, hundreds here having been impressed by his apparent sincerity and the work which he has done for the church. This sentiment is being widely expressed following a statement to the effect made by Dr. Chandler and endorsed by the boards of stewards.

Issues Statement Asking for Patience of Public.

Asheville, June 18.—Expressing confidence that the charges of immoral conduct brought against him as the result of an incident in Memphis recently would be cleared up when the case is brought to trial before a tribunal composed of thirteen ministers of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference July 30th, Rev. Dr. Ashley Chappell, pastor of the Central Methodist Church here, this afternoon issued a statement in which he declared he was innocent of the charges.

His statement was as follows: "In view of what has been published in the newspapers, I desire to say to my friends in Asheville and to the public in general that the happenings in Memphis were exceedingly unfortunate and embarrassing, but I am absolutely innocent of any purpose of wrong-doing. When the whole truth of what actually happened there is known, it will appear in a very different light, and I feel sure the public will thoroughly understand my position. I, therefore, request every one to be patient and sympathetic until the matter can be cleared up." Twin City Post-Register and Help Desk. Winston-Salem, June 18.—Dr. C. C. Weaver, pastor of Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church here, has been invited to assist Dr. H. K. Boyer, of Shelby, in defending Dr. Ashley Chappell, pastor of Central Methodist



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NORTH CAROLINA AGAIN CLAIMS ANDREW JACKSON Presents Voluminous Compilation of Testimony and Material in the House. Washington, June 18.—The claim of North Carolina as being the birthplace of Andrew Jackson was presented in the house today by Representative Hammer, a democrat, of this state. Hammer presented a voluminous compilation of testimony and material extending over a period of 150 years in an attempt to relate the claim of South Carolina to the honor of being the warrior President's birthplace. Jackson was born in the Waxhaw Indian settlement, North Carolina, Hammer said, "and himself never was sure where he was born." This community has been called the "cradle of genius," he added, because of "the brilliant and noble men it has furnished." BY USING CENOL Sold and Guaranteed by Gibson Drug Store (Agents)