

The Benson-Norris Case Again.

Several years ago Benson and this part of Johnston county was known to the public generally as a place where crime and lawlessness reigned supreme. It has taken the law abiding people a long time to live down this gross misrepresentation which was created by a few tough characters who at one time inhabited these parts, and it is to be hoped that such a sentiment will not again cause the people of our town to suffer an injustice. Courageous officials combined with strong public sentiment has about abolished this lawlessness and corrected the error, and if not unnecessarily agitated by a few thoughtless citizens we will eventually receive a complete vindication.

The last effort to re-establish this precedent was attempted about two months ago and the instigators were immediately taken into custody, given a fair trial, were found guilty and bound over to court to await a further decision. The unfortunate affair was dismissed from the public mind until some of our smart citizens got their heads together and decided to further agitate the matter by sending a false account of the facts to one of the county papers which was published editorially, the editor evidently being ignorant of the true facts in the case.

We did not intend discussing the case further but cannot afford to stay silent when the people of the town insist that the public be given an impartial account of the whole affair. The following facts are true, the citizens of the town know they are true, and we hope this will close a chapter, so far as publicity is concerned, in the criminal history of the town that was unwarranted and unjust, to say the least.

In reply to the article in the Journal of last week we have this to say:

That on or about March 14 Duff Benson and J. W. Norris were drunk, repeatedly driving through the main street of the town of Benson, cursing, using obscene language in the presence of several citizens of the town, and defying the officers of the law to arrest them. The town government does not stand for such disgraceful conduct, therefore, Chief of Police E. P. Britt, assisted by several citizens of the town who had been deputized to aid in executing the law, proceeded to arrest the offenders who resisted, cursing the officers and every one in common. They were taken from the buggy and Norris was taken to the lock up. Benson was asked to come on to the lock up, but refused, saying that he would die and go to H—first. He was then taken, resisting all the while, and on reaching the door, settled himself against it and would not enter until he was carried in by force. The article in the Journal stating that he was pelted over the head by Chief Britt after he was secured in the prison, is absolutely false, and the writer of the anonymous article knows that it is false.

Benson and Norris spent the night in the lockup, and on being brought before the mayor, were bound over to the court in three cases each: Norris for disorderly conduct, carrying concealed weapon and resisting officer; Benson for being drunk, disorderly conduct and resisting officer.

Application was then made to E. F. Moore, a justice of the peace in Benson, for warrants charging chief Britt with assault on Duff Benson, and the larceny of money; the mayor of Benson having refused to issue the warrants, as did Mr. Moore, they knowing that the charges were without foundation, and made through malice and a spirit of revenge. G. W. Godwin, a justice of the peace living 2 1/2 miles below Benson, was then applied to for, and issued the warrants against chief Britt, a cut and dried trial was held, affidavits for removal of the case to Seth McClamb having been written out by Godwin Judge, or his legal adviser before trial), Duff Benson and his half brother testifying that Britt took the money from the pocket of the prosecutor, Benson. No one present (with the possible exception of the trial magistrate) gave the testimony of these witnesses any credit. Between 12 and 15 men, all respectable citizens and mostly merchants of the town testified, and their evidence showed plainly to any fair minded man that the statements of the prosecuting witnesses were without foundation, that the prosecution was based on malice and was only an attempt to injure the reputation of Britt. However, the trial justice required a bond for Britt's appearance at court.

The issuing of the warrant, arrest and result of the trial of Chief Britt, is looked upon by everyone who knows the facts, as a disgrace to people who permit it, an insult to the citizens of Benson, and a travesty of justice.

As to the statements about Britt and the ex-chief, they are on par with the other statements, and beneath the notice of respectable citizens.—The Benson Spokesman.

Most Dangerous Creature on Earth.

The fly is more dangerous than the tiger or the cobra. It may be classified the world over, as the most dangerous creature on earth. This is the light of acquired knowledge." Such is the statement made by Dr. Daniel Jackson, the eminent New York authority.

The typhoid fly was the cause of five times as many deaths in the Spanish-American War as were the bullets of the enemy. So states the United States Medical Commission, appointed to investigate the subject.

Typhoid fever costs the nation \$350,000,000 a year, according to the report of the National Conservation Commission. One-third of this infection is fly borne. In New York City alone 7099 children die each year that would have lived but for the fly.

Yet 95 per cent of the flies might be kept from ever coming into being by so simple a means as a proper disposal of the manure from stables where horses are kept. The frightful loss from fly-borne disease might be consequently decreased by 95 per cent. The remaining small danger might be brought to almost naught by an intelligent understanding of just the measures necessary in preventing it.

Such is the opinion expressed by the Government through its Bureau of Entomology. Such is the conclusion reached by the Merchants' Association of New York after an exhaustive examination lasting through years. Such is the conclusion reached by the American Civic Association, which has as its object the improvement of living conditions the country over. So strong has become the conviction in the minds of these and kindred organizations throughout the country that the fly is an overshadowing menace that war has been declared against it and this season being pushed as it was never pushed before. The nation is being called to arms against the pest.

It is just at this season of the year that the presence of the fly becomes generally evident and it is from this time to October that it takes its deadly toll. It is at this time, therefore, that the warfare should be carried into the enemy's camp. It is at this time that every householder should become acquainted with the facts and see to it that his premises are not producing the creature that endangers his own family and every other family in the vicinity.—Philadelphia Record.

Sensible Uses For Tobacco.

That 95 per cent of the tobacco used in the United States is put to improper use, can scarcely be denied, in fact, many persons who do not use "the weed," consider it useless, and a curse to humanity, which it is, in fact, as used by most persons.

But many of our most harmful drugs, have very beneficial effects if properly used, and this is the case with tobacco. As an insecticide its value is very rarely overestimated; also as a wash.

Kentucky has long since been famous for its fine horses, mules and jacks. No doubt this is largely due to careful breeding, but there is one point we all overlook, I think. Never have I seen a Kentucky horse or jack but that would eat leaf tobacco readily, whenever offered. Many of them have the run of old tobacco fields in their native state, and they there acquire the habit of eating tobacco; this keeps them free of worms and parasites; they are then in first class living shape, their feed does them a maximum amount of good, and they are then a celebrated Kentucky animal.

Our horses and mules here in Indiana never see tobacco, unless it be "plug or smoking" in the hands of their owners, therefore they never eat enough to do them any good. Recently we are crumpling tobacco leaf with the horses' feed that they may eat it, and become rid of the worms and other intestinal parasites.

Some of the best prepared "dips" on the market to-day are said to contain a strong concoction of tobacco. Tobacco dust means death to plant lice, if we are to believe some of our best horticultural authorities.

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How to Get Rid of Flies.

Next in importance to the destroying of the breeding places of the flies is the general proposition of the cleaning up of premises so there will be no germ centres where those that will exist may gather up contamination. The most important part is the right disposal of the family refuse. Where there is illness for instance, and the refuse is disposed of in such a way as to be accessible to flies, that illness is nearly sure to be spread broadcast. In typhoid fever, for instance, the germs often remain in the system for years after the patient recovers. The famous case of "Typhoid Mary" is well known, she being an apparently well woman, but it being shown that typhoid followed always in her wake. Because of this possible existence of the germs in the body of any individual care should be taken that the refuse from no person is accessible to flies.

The final step lies in excluding flies from the house. A window without a screen is a constant invitation to disease through flies. They contaminate the dishes, the food, the baby's nipple, the very hands and face of the individual. It is unsafe to let them in. Yet the screens are not sufficient protection, for the resident in a flyproof house may be contaminated while walking or driving in the street the all inclusive campaign is a necessity in every community.

Flies in the house may be killed by heating a shovel or some such article and dropping 20 drops of carbolic acid on it. The vapor kills the flies.

A cheap and perfectly reliable fly poison, not dangerous to human life, is bichlorate of potash in solution. Dissolve one dram, which can be bought at any drug store, in two ounces of water and add a little sugar. Place in shallow dishes and distribute about the house.

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Fire Caused by Prisoner Who Set Stockade on Fire to Effect Escape.

Centerville, Ala., May 16.—Thirty-six negro convicts lost their lives early to-day when the stockade of the Red Feather Cole Company at Lucile Mines, Bibb county, about fifteen miles north of Centerville, was destroyed by fire, which was set by one of the prisoners in an effort to escape. Thirty-five of the convicts were burned to death and another was shot by guards while trying to escape.

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TAFT IN TWO PULPITS.

At His Own Church He Aids in Move To Raise \$250,000.

Washington, D. C., May 15.—President Taft preached two sermons today—one at the dedication of the Ingram Memorial Congregational Church this afternoon, and one at his own church this morning.

At the President's church, All Souls' Unitarian, Mr. Taft occupied the pulpit and joined in the movement to raise \$250,000 for building a new edifice. President Taft, it is said, gave \$500. More than \$18,000 was pledged.

The Eggs That Did Not Fail.

Moses H. Grossman, the lawyer, had this to tell the New York World on himself:

"I had a client," said he, "who was tremendously anxious that we win our case. One morning he suggested to me that, as he was in the butter and egg business, he send the judge a nice case of new-laid eggs, when they were quoted at 60 cents a dozen."

"If you do that," I told him, "I won't be responsible for the verdict."

"We won our case. My client was chucking to himself with delight, and turning to me he said:

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"I was too astonished to do more than gasp."

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