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THIS IS PEEVISH.

In common with many others the Daily News gets a bump in the following from the Charlotte Observer... There are a good many newspapers which owe Harry Stenwell arrears for the enormously exaggerated stories which they printed about him... These who can't be bothered about it, and whose memories are fairly good, will recall that when the Observer was engaged in pouring oil on the governor's head months ago while the investigation of the petition of Stenwell for pardon or commutation was on, the Daily News was about the only paper in the state that defended the governor... We thought the grounds for the December reversion until April were all right and said so, and the fact that a Republican paper defended a Democratic governor was pretty generally commented upon... When the facts which developed at the time the change of sentence made by the governor was about to go into effect became known, we thought the remedy exercised was unwise and unwarranted and we said so... In the particular matter concerning which the Observer thinks apologies are due to Stenwell, this paper printed the statements of both sides, and we chose to believe the statements of men of good reputations against the statement of one who had been made to pay a fine and was then serving a sentence in jail for violation of law... The Observer has made a choice, too, and it chose to be the latter. That is its affair, and not ours; but there is a strong current of popular opinion to the effect that the Observer has made a ridiculous exhibition of peevishness... Giving Stenwell the benefit of his denial that he threatened Captain Tucker, as matters now stand, it is a question of veracity between the two men... Every man is at liberty to take his choice. There is a well grounded belief that the Observer's choice has been fixed by its failure to get the story of Stenwell's double ticket performance at first hand, and on that it arrogantly assumes to lecture "a good many newspapers" as to their duty... The Observer's reputation for excited dignity, exact justice and fairness, so well established by its long time editor and distinguished preceptor, seems to be slipping away from it... If the authorities would keep their eyes on the dust they might be able to keep the dust out of their eyes... If Andy and John hadn't been so saying with their pennies they wouldn't be worried about how to give our way... It was hard to live with a superior record for hits and errors, but such is the peculiar fate of the ball office hands out... 'Shucks' anybody can pull down old paper with pictures on it, but Maxey Wynn and his crowd did business with the real show... If Morse had been convicted in North Carolina he would doubtless owe to us a line for a reduction of sentence on payment of a fine... A big headline says "Ladies Victorious." As the words did not indicate anything in the way of news we did not read the article... Some of them may want to get rid of the auditorium, but as they can't do it the city is likely to keep it anyway without putting up anything for it... Says the Baltimore Sun "Politics over the country is getting to look like Democratic." Then it's about time to call in a doctor, for the thing should look bad!... Such peevishness on the part of the Charlotte Observer was never known when the big brained Caldwell's health permitted him to use his splendid ability in directing its course... Says the Mount Airy Leader: "The Greensboro News reminds us that hangings have been abolished in North Carolina, but we are inclined to stick to our original text and insist that Guilford county needs an old-fashioned hanging." The Daily News did not say it was in favor of the abolition; we are inclined to agree with you.

NO ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT.

If we have been unfortunate in the use of language we are sorry; but we want to be real sure for law enforcement, but performance like this will scandalize any cause rather than help... The Greensboro News refers to a recent article in the Post as coming "by way of the News." The Post was in possession of all the facts in the case before the Greensboro paper arrived in Salisbury and some of the most important details, as it regarded them, of its story did not appear in the News at all... We hasten to assure the Post that we did not say it. We said that certain other papers copied statements of fact from this paper by way of the Salisbury and Spencer papers... The Guilford Democrats don't seem to be satisfied with the men who want to be sheriff, as there is a lot of hard work being done to induce a man to run who doesn't want the job... Editor Sherrill, of the Concord Times, has purchased the Evening Tribune from James F. Hurley, and will hereafter conduct both papers... Winning two debates in one night, with two such institutions as Washington and Lee, and the Georgia university as opponents, is a fine achievement for our own State University... The House may make its own rules, but it will never learn to obey them... A YOUTHFUL MARTYR. (Pauline F. Camp in St. Nicholas.) For filing, many a lad, no doubt, Has felt the sting of hickory sprout, Eliphaz Pease, a pleasant youth, Was lashed because he told the truth... One day, from school Eliphaz came, And sought his mother, comely dame, "Oh, mother, have you heard the news? As I was passing Parson True's," "Down a long ladder, from the top, Full 20 feet, without a stop, Head over heels did Parson go, And landed on the rocks below." "Alack a day!" the good housewife cried, And swiftly to her gossip hied, And soon throughout the village all Had heard the tale of parson's fall... The women left their spinning wheels; The broth was burned within the pot, By waves and maids alike forgot... The rumor grew, as swift it spread, And many fainted from the shock; For he was loved by all his flock... But see! amidst the tumult, where A form appears, erect and spare, The parson's self, benignant, calm, And humming soft, a favorite psalm... Before the wondering crowd he halts, And own declares the rumor false, Backward the story then they trace, Severe and frowning every face... Until, with unexpected ease, 'Tis brought to Eliphaz Pease, "I did not tell the truth," quoth he, "The parson was up in a tree." "And down the ladder, round by round, He came until he reached the ground, Head over heels, he came, 'tis true; Pray, tell me, how else would he do?" Silence ensued that might be felt, And then the crowd began to melt, To melt away, with sheepish grin, Which didn't save Eliphaz's skin, For 'tis is when that luckless youth Was lashed because he told the truth... When Barrie Buttesqued Ibsen, It was under the management of the late J. L. Toole, says Fred Vanburgh in the Strand Magazine, that I first made the acquaintance of Mr. J. M. Barrie, in whose burlesque of Ibsen's "Ghosts," and as Belle thoughtfully in "Walker, London." I think I may say that I made my first serious bid for a place on the London stage... I have very good reason to remember Mr. Barrie's skit of Ibsen's "Ghosts," for when the famous dramatist, who if already well known then as the author of "A Woman of Quality," brought the skit to Mr. Toole, who took a fancy to it at once, the question arose as to who was to do the imitations of Miss Elizabeth Robins and Miss Marion Lee, who were making a great success at the time in "Hedda Gabler." These imitations, I must tell you, were intended to be one of the features of the production, and I naturally felt greatly flattered when Mr. Toole proposed me, and still more gratified when Mr. Barrie, although obviously troubled with the most frightful misgivings as to my competency, fell in with the suggestion. However, happily, everything turned out all right, and the play, which was quite one of the greatest things I have ever read, proved a considerable success. The result of this production pleased Mr. Toole so much that he im-

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