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THEY AND THEIR RELATIVES.

There is much more to the argument for the care by the State for its mental defectives than appears on the face of the question. As a matter of course every heart in which there is any sensibility, throbs with sympathy for the unhappy class from whom the light of reason has been excluded, and they should be the objects of the State's tenderest care; but in caring for, treating, protecting and trying to cure them, it is interfering untold benefit upon thousands of its sane citizens, entitled to the State's consideration.

There are hosts, out-running the insane in number, five or ten to one, upon whom the affliction of insanity is indirectly yet powerfully visited. It was not always so, but North Carolina is now able to take care of all her mental defectives and the lower house of the Legislature did a worthy thing yesterday in passing the Bickett bill and did it graciously in passing it unanimously. There is no reason to doubt that the Senate will pass the bill, also, and little reason to doubt that it, too, will do it ungrudgingly.

"The moral of the Thaw case," says The Charlotte News and Courier, "is, beware of a lunatic's wife." Some truth in this, but the real moral appears to us to be that—sanatics, for the sake of the present generation as well as posterity, should remain bachelors.

A person who believes the story of Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw or the evidence of the negroes testifying before the Senate committee on military affairs in regard to the shooting up of Brownsville can believe anything.

COTTON ASSOCIATION BAYED ABOUT.

The Observer has already expressed the opinion that the fraud-order move of Messrs. Jordan and Livingston was alone sufficient to queer the whole fight against the New York cotton exchange and that the greased passage of the general cotton investigation resolution through the House might well indicate something up the sleeves of the other crowd. Further evidence serves to strengthen this apprehension.

"Present indications," he says, "point clearly to the belief that this is all that will come of the effort to get action against the New York cotton exchange. Representative Livingston, who has been urging the 'fraud-order' idea upon the Postoffice Department, professes to think there is real prospect of action upon the request he has made, but it is apparent to observers that his expectations are a good deal out of line with probabilities. The Burleson bill, which was promised some time ago, and was to prohibit dealing in futures upon the cotton exchanges of the United States, has not been heard of. It has shaded off into the present cotton investigation resolution. Whatever is done with the latter, therefore, will determine the results of the agitation. Should the investigation be conducted along the lines which now seem probable, it will seriously disappoint some of those who have been pressing for it." The plan of counter-attack is outlined as follows:

"The scope of the inquiry permitted by the resolution is such as to involve the study of all circumstances relating to the price of cotton as well as of the conditions under which it is traded in the exchanges. This is expected by Congressmen to be the first step in the investigation. In carrying out this idea it will be sought to have the Bureau obtain information as to the reputation of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association in manipulating the price of the staple. The Growers' Association has long been looked upon with suspicion by many Congressmen as well as by officials in the executive departments of the government. Closely connected with this subject as a topic demanding investigation is held to be the question how far the ginners' conspiracy for raising cotton statistics extends and how far it vitiate the ginning figures. Director North, of the Census Bureau, has admitted that evidence in his possession points conclusively to the existence of a ginners' combination, formed for the purpose of keeping the ginning reports as low as possible. This state of things has irritated officials of the Department of Commerce and Labor, who are jealous of the reputation of the Department as an accurate agency for investigating economic problems. It has been desired for long time to put to the bottom of this ginners' conspiracy. The Bureau of Corporations has the means at its command to do this and will undoubtedly ascertain the real facts."

The weariness of the Department of Commerce and Labor and the Department of Agriculture, it is further declared, with "the constant attempt of Southern agencies to minimize the size of the crop so that the reports show returns as favorable as possible to the grower" will undoubtedly result in "a thorough threshing out of the factors which have contributed from the Southern end to the artificial fluctuations in cotton prices." We are quite prepared to believe that the officials of these Departments, who have been given a good many bad nights' sleep, sometimes justly, sometimes unjustly, by representatives of the growers' organization, will not be sorry to reverse the positions of accuser and accused. In short, New York, New England and the Departments at Washington all appear to be banded against the Southern Cotton Association and propose to throw it on the defensive. This being a fight in which political influence will play a large if not a controlling part, the odds would be heavily against our crowd even if it were, and had been from the first, well general. By its extreme aggressiveness the Southern Cotton Association has made many enemies and aroused a measure of sectional antagonism to itself. Once banded, it would have to face all sorts of attacks. Messrs. Jordan and Livingston have forced the issue and then chosen their ground badly. It is up to them to see the fighting through until at least honorable terms are obtained. And let it be our part.

The House committee on the post-office and post-roads has reported a bill making substantial increase in the salaries of a class of clerks in post-offices, in those of railway postal clerks, letter carriers and rural free delivery carriers. For this it is to be commended. The people will approve of adequate compensation for these public servants, many of them over-worked and under-paid. Some days ago we had something to say in behalf of better salaries for the railway postal clerks. This plea is now entered in behalf of the postoffice clerks, the letter carriers and rural mail carriers. There is no department of the government that touches the people so closely as the Postoffice Department. The prompt and accurate handling of their mail is of the utmost concern to them and they are willing to pay for these. In proportion to the work they do and the degree of intelligence and amount of quickness required to do it properly, no class of the government's employees is so poorly paid as that attached to the Postoffice Department, and if the salaries of the clerks and carriers are advanced, no murmur of displeasure will be heard from the people.

—Mr. William Hill, of Rutherfordton, has accepted a position as salesman in the furniture store and has

THE CAPITAL AND MR. BAILEY.

Washington, which vests Senator Bailey, the greatest Senator it has seen in a long, long while, has never lost faith that he would triumph over his enemies and return with a substantial vindication. No intelligent element in its perennial or transient population, political or non-political, would like to be deprived of a chance to hear such a speech as he delivered on the rate bill last spring, when a full floor and packed galleries sat magnetized and oblivious of time during over four hours of a purely constitutional argument. There are also, of course, numbers who know and admire him personally. "Nobody in Washington," says The Washington Herald's interview man, "rejoices more at the victory of Senator Bailey, of Texas, than does Representative Sibley, of Pennsylvania, who, when he became acquainted with the big Texan, was a Democrat." Mr. Sibley is quoted as follows:

"Nobody on earth could convince me that Joe Bailey is not as straight a man as ever lived. I have had too many transactions with him to know that he is scrupulously honest and absolutely above suspicion of money-meanness in all its forms. There is a feeling of confidence from the inception of the fight on him in Texas that nothing would or could be proved that reflected in the slightest degree on his honor. Intellectually, he is the greatest man I have ever known. Men of his mind are not produced often in his honor or three generations. Senator Spooner, one of the greatest lawyers in the country, once declared that if he had it in his power he would make Joe Bailey Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and would feel that in so doing he had put the great position of a man who would perform for the republic services as valuable as those performed by John Marshall."

This is high praise indeed, but Mr. Sibley is a veteran and competent observer and there are many who will entirely agree with him. No other man has done nearly so much as Mr. Bailey to revive the great prestige which Southern statesmanship lost with the civil war. What a pity that such a public man has not always kept his conduct high above any possible ground of suspicion!

In the language of the chairman of the education board the terms of the huge Rockefeller gift "permits the board to aid any institution from kindergarten to a post-graduate school, to promote scientific investigations, or of anything else except aid in the teaching of theology, which is denied by the charter of the board." Let everybody take notice that it will be a free-for-all grab.

The Macon Telegraph is urging Senator Bacon, of its State, for the Senate minority leadership and the proposal is meeting with a very fair degree of favor. Senator Culberson, of Texas, has also been mentioned. Mr. Bacon looks the better of the two good men to us.

CHARGE AGAINST DR. WILDER.

For Alleged Violation of the Watts Law He Will be Tried in the Superior Court This Morning. A warrant was sworn out and served on Dr. W. H. Wilder yesterday, charging him with issuing a prescription to a drunk man, violating the Watts law. The man in question, who became intoxicated Sunday and fell into the hands of the police officers, had sworn before the recorder that Dr. Wilder gave him a prescription while he was drunk. Bostic added that he had the prescription filled at Woodall & Shyrock's drug store. Mr. Sheppard appeared as a witness, and said that Hottel was sober when he filled the prescription; he detected no sign of liquor on his breath. He said that Bostic did not stagger. When the evidence was all in, Dr. Wilder asked the recorder if he wanted him to ask anything. The court told him no, but that he could make a statement if he wished to do so. Dr. Wilder said that he had nothing to say. The recorder then said that he would have to bind him over to the Superior Court now in session, and take his recognizance for \$50. Bostic was out under \$25 for his appearance. The case will come up at the court house this morning.

DEATH OF MRS. C. M. RAY.

End Came Unexpectedly at the Presbyterian Hospital Last Night—A Resident of Charlotte for Nine Years. Mrs. Jennie Ray, wife of Mr. C. M. Ray, died at the Presbyterian Hospital last night at 9:30 o'clock, after a short illness. Besides her husband, Mrs. Ray is survived by one child, a babe of a few hours. The deceased was 25 years of age. The funeral arrangements had not been completed last night. They will be announced today.

Mrs. Ray was a daughter of Mrs. M. V. Walker, of Danville, N. C. With her husband she moved to Charlotte nine years ago. She was a devoted member of the First Baptist church, and took much interest in the Sunday school and other work. She made many friends, all of whom will learn of her death with sorrow.

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WANTED—Furnished modern house or furnished rooms for housekeeping. Good locality. By young married couple; no children. References exchanged. Housekeeper, care Observer.

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WANTED—One or two young ladies to work for local magazine agency. Good pay and permanent position for right party. "Immediate" care Observer.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

ELEGANTLY reprinted copies of map of Charlotte Township; unmounted, 2 cents; mounted on first-class card-board, 5 cents. The Observer Printing House, Charlotte, N. C.

A FEW ELEGANT lace curtains in the stock of the House Furnishing & Decorating Co. On sale on and after Saturday, 16th.

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SEWING establishment, at the Crittenton Industrial Home, is now open for spring work. Experienced seamstress in charge.

ROBERT SKIDMORE and Wesley Hill, aged 14 years each, ran away from Highland Park Mill No. 3 Sunday morning, February 10th. Notice is hereby given that they are not to be employed. A reward of \$5.00 will be paid for their capture. J. T. Skidmore, Highland Park Mills, Charlotte, N. C. Phone 800.

IF PARTY who took hat by mistake at the Y. M. C. A. meeting Saturday night, will call at 609 Trade building, he can have his own in exchange for same.

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