

LAWYERS AND CRIMINALS.

Two Attorneys Talking Along Similar Lines Give Expression to Widely Varying Views on a General Proposition of Legal Ethics—The Case of Privately Confessed Criminals.

"When a prisoner goes to a lawyer and tells him he is guilty, does the average lawyer take his case?"

"No, indeed," was the quick reply. "In that case, unless the man wishes to plead guilty, his reply will be, 'I cannot defend you, though I will do all I can for you in getting you off with as light punishment as possible.'"

"Go on, please," said the newspaper man, "I believe this will be news to some people."

"The smart criminal," the attorney continued, "will not tell his lawyer that he is guilty, for he knows that will settle it with the lawyer, so far as his defense is concerned. He will insist that he is innocent, but will tell the truth as to all the material facts. No matter how convincing of his client's guilt the facts as related by him may be to the lawyer, he has no right to consider them in that light. That is a matter for the judge and the jury. His own client's statement is final so far as he is concerned and he cannot go back of it."

A great many people, generally of the ignorant class, make the mistake of deceiving the attorney as to the actual facts in the case, and as a result his entire case may be overturned by the evidence, because it has been built on a false foundation.

"I know that the average layman thinks a lawyer will do all in his power to clear a confessed criminal, but so far as the reputable portion of the profession is concerned, it is never done."

A discussion an hour or two later with another member of the legal profession, a man also high-toned and of irreproachable character, chanced to bring up the same subject.

"Why, good gracious, yes," exclaimed the person interrogated. "Any lawyer will do it. It's his business to take the case. If the man is guilty it's the business of the State to beat him out and prove it. It's a mere matter of machinery. The law gives a man the right to avail himself and to employ the aid of counsel to avail himself of any doubt that may exist. If the man is guilty and is not convicted it's the fault of the State. That's been the law for hundreds of years and if it isn't right then we ought to change it."

All of which is interesting, if for nothing else, as going to show that it is not only doctors who differ.

BASKETBALL TO-NIGHT.

Spartans and Tigers to Contest For Supremacy at Y. M. C. A.—Standing of the Teams.

There will be a game of basketball at the gymnasium of the Young Men's Christian Association to-night between the Spartans and the Tigers. This will be the second game between these two teams and as they are at a tie for second place in the league, this is expected to be a very exciting game.

The game last Saturday night was a great surprise to many, as the Olympians had proven themselves to be invincible up to that time. Their defeat at the hands of the Crescents shows that the teams are very evenly matched.

The standing of the teams in the league is as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Name of Team, Games Played, Games Won, Loss, Cent.

The game will begin at 8:20 p. m. and the admission will be ten cents.

BOY LOSES LEGS.

Walter Phifer, colored boy, run over by Train on North Tryon Street Extension—Both Feet Crushed and Legs Amputated—Will Likely Recover.

Walter Phifer, a colored boy, aged 9 years, while playing on a passing train on the Southern Railway track on the North Tryon extension last night about 6 o'clock, fell beneath the cars. Both feet were crushed so badly that amputation of both legs was found to be necessary. The boy was removed to the colored hospital and Dr. H. L. Gibson performed the operation. He stated last night that the boy had stood the operation well and would probably recover.

There seems to have been hardly any witnesses to the unfortunate affair. There were several children with young Phifer, it is said, all playing on the train. The fault, therefore, is supposed to rest entirely with the injured boy.

FORGED CHECK FOR \$600,000.

Man Out on Bail on Charge of Conspiracy to Defraud Held at Philadelphia for Requisition Papers.

Philadelphia, March 11.—Frank C. Marrin, alias "Judge" Franklin Frank, who was arrested in Buffalo, after nearly a two years' search by the postal authorities charged with conspiracy to defraud in connection with the Story Cotton Company, of this city, and who was released on bail Saturday, was arrested today by Philadelphia detectives charged with the forgery of a check for \$600,000 on the Brooklyn, N. Y. National Bank. He was given a hearing and held awaiting requisition papers from New York.

Sale of Land.

Messrs. E. P. and S. M. Purcell have sold to Mr. W. R. Stanhill a lot on East Gold street. The consideration was \$500.

The St. Catherine Gold Mining Company has sold to Mrs. Minnie Cathart a tract of land beginning at the southeast intersection of Gold and Post streets.

"The Automobile Thieves." The series of pictures now on at the Odeon is all right. It depicts the adventures of a thief and his devoted sweetheart, as brave as he, who saves his life at least once. After a chase in which there is plenty of the pistol firing, which every mortal likes to hear, both are mortally wounded and die together.

DANGERS OF PNEUMONIA. A cold at this time if neglected is liable to cause pneumonia, which is so fatal, and even when the patient has recovered the lungs are weakened, making them peculiarly susceptible to the development of consumption. Foley's Honey and Tar will stop the cough, heal and strengthen the lungs and prevent pneumonia. La Grippe coughs yield quickly to the wonderful curative quality of Foley's Honey and Tar. There is no danger in using it. Sold by J. C. Jordan & Co.

THE NEW HOTEL BUILDING.

Gresham's European Hotel to be Built in the Summer—Something of the Design—Open Early Next Year.

The erection of the Gresham hotel on the Jackson property on West Trade street will begin in May. This property was purchased several months ago. It was stated then that a hotel operated on the European plan would be built at some future date. The plans have been drawn for a four-story pressed brick building, fronting on West Trade street and conforming in general lines with the new Southern passenger station. The building will have a Spanish tile roof and will be surmounted with two fine Moorish towers. The estimated cost of the building is \$50,000. The fitting and furnishings will be modern and first-class. The hotel will be ready for occupancy early next year.

30 Days For Welding a Guitar.

Although a guitar is a perfectly proper instrument when put to certain uses, Will Donaldson discovered in the recorder's court yesterday morning that its use as a weapon of violence is not sanctioned by either the written or the unwritten law. Saturday night he struck Mr. Campbell, a waiter at the Southern Railway lunch counter with one. The recorder took this view of the case and sentenced him to 30 days on the roads. In lieu of this he took an appeal to the April term of Superior Court, furnishing \$100 bond.

In a second case, he was charged with the appropriation to his own use of a whole orange which was the property of the company. This case was continued until the 14th. A second bond of \$100 was required.

Mr. George A. Howell's New Plant.

Mr. George A. Howell has purchased the equipment for a small cotton spinning plant which he will operate at No. 208 East Fifth street in the building formerly occupied by the Southern Power Company. The machinery will consist of two sets of cards, four mules of 1,280 spindles each. Electricity will be the motive power used, the current being secured from the Southern Power Company. The system which Mr. Howell will use in the operation of his plant will be a combination of the old cotton and wool spinning. The plant will be capable of producing yarns from 18 to 200s., the lower grades being adhered to at first. The machinery will be in operation by April 1st.

Officers Elected by Little-Long Company.

A meeting of the directors of the Little-Long Company was held yesterday afternoon in the office of the establishment. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: president, Mr. H. C. Logan; vice president, Mr. J. H. Little; secretary and treasurer and general manager, Mr. J. W. Cuthbertson. The directors were elected at a recent meeting of the stockholders when a dividend of 10 per cent was declared.

Charlotte University School Defeats Business College.

The youngsters of the Charlotte University School and of King's Business College met on the diamond yesterday afternoon for the second game of baseball of the season and of the series which is being played by the schools. The score at the end of the exciting innings was six to two, and the University boys were victors. The first game was won by the same team. The game was played at Latta Park.

Social at Baptist Church Thursday Night.

The Philathea and Barren classes of the Ninth Avenue Baptist Sunday school will give a social at the church Thursday evening. The public is extended a warm welcome to be present at this gathering. There will probably be a musical programme and refreshments of an excellent nature. Altogether a most pleasant time is promised those who attend.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY A FAVORITE.

"We prefer Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to any other for our children," says Mr. L. J. Woodbury of Twining, Minn. "It has also done the work for us in the home and group, and we take pleasure in recommending it." For sale by R. H. Jordan & Co.

STIEFF TO BE OFFICIAL PIANO

Will be Used in All Functions of Jamestown Exposition, Except in Case Artists Are Under Contract to Use Some Other Piano.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 27, 1907. The announcement was made public this morning that the Stieff piano, made in this city, has been selected as the official piano of the Jamestown Exposition. This selection was made by the Board of Governors of the Exposition upon the recommendation of the music bureau.

A number of Stieff pianos will be used at the Exposition, on the stage of the auditorium, in music hall and other music rooms. All of those to be used will be full-sized concert grands.

While the Stieff Piano will be the official Exposition piano, so far as the use of the instrument remains within the jurisdiction of the Exposition, this does not mean that pianists who give concerts from time to time will be obliged to use that instrument if they have agreed to use some other make of instrument. Special arrangements are now being made by R. H. Sexton, chief of the department of congresses and special events of the Exposition, to have a piano recital given every day during the tercentennial by some well-known concert pianist.

Southern Warerooms of the Great Artistic Stieff Piano, No. 5 West Trade Street, Charlotte, N. C. C. E. WILMOTH, Manager.

WHO OWNS CHATHAM PLACE?

The Observer Announced That the 40's Had Bought This Fine Property, But no Deed Yet Given.

The Observer announced some time ago that the Charlotte Consolidated Construction Company, through Brown & Company, real estate agents, had purchased, for \$20,000, the handsome Chatham residence property at No. 412 South Tryon street. An investigation of the records in the register of deeds office discloses the fact that no deed for this property has yet been filed. It is reported that Mr. Chatham is still the owner of his home place, he having reached some base of agreement with those who were understood to have bought it. There is no question but that West First street is to be widened. About eight feet are to be taken from the Carson property and eight feet from the Chatham place and the street thus broadened by the addition of 16 feet.

Business of Clerk's Office Growing.

"I never saw the like of chattel mortgages that are being brought in for registration this year," remarked Deputy Clerk Moody yesterday. "People seem to be trying to fasten a mortgage on everything they've got. The total number of papers filed here this year, too, shows a marked increase over last year. Thus far there have been in all 1,751 transactions, as against 1,492 for the corresponding portion of last year."

Leather Belting Concern to Expand.

It is stated that Mr. V. J. Guthrey, general manager of the Charlotte Leather Belting Co., will shortly add to the equipment of his concern in order that the capacity may be materially increased. The Charlotte Leather Belting Co. is located on East Fourth street between Tryon and College streets, and is one of the city's most prosperous manufacturing establishments.

SAVED HER SON'S LIFE.

The happiest mother in the little town of Avon, Mo., is Mrs. S. Ruppee. She writes: "One year ago my son was down with such serious lung trouble that our physician was unable to help him; when by our druggist's advice, I began giving him Dr. King's New Discovery, and I soon noticed improvement. I kept this treatment up for a few weeks when he perfectly well. He has worked steadily since at carpenter work. Dr. King's New Discovery saved his life." Guaranteed best cough and cold remedy by all druggists. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

ELECTION REGISTRARS NAMED.

County Commissioners Appoint 11 Registrars for the Coming Municipal Election.

A special meeting of the board of county commissioners was held in the court house yesterday for the purpose of naming the registrars for the coming municipal election, the first under the new city charter. The list for Charlotte is as follows: Ward 1—J. E. Darsey. Ward 2—J. W. Stinson. Ward 3—R. J. Sifford. Ward 4—Z. A. Hovis. Ward 5—O. L. Dunn. Ward 6—J. W. Rainwater, Jr. Ward 7—O. Watkins. Ward 8—J. W. Severs. Ward 9—W. A. House. Ward 10—F. H. Severs. Ward 11—J. S. P. Gray.

In addition to the registrars for the city election, the registrars and judges for the elections in the incorporated towns of the county were also appointed. The list is as follows: Matthews, Capt. T. J. Renfrow, registrar; and Messrs. J. M. Barrett and J. T. Watts, judges.

Cornelius, Mr. J. B. Reading, registrar; and Messrs. J. E. Brown and J. T. Westmoreland, judges. Pineville, Mr. E. W. Russell, registrar; and Messrs. W. A. Smith and S. L. Manson, judges. Huntersville, Mr. J. E. Shull, registrar; and Messrs. John Nicholson and Charles Barnett, judges. Mint Hill, Mr. W. H. Beaver, registrar; and Messrs. J. H. Robinson and W. J. Craig, judges.

Why He Knew Nothing.

"What is stirring in political circles," asked an Observer man of Mr. James W. Wadsworth, yesterday. "Don't ask me," he replied, "I am a member of the Business Men's Municipal League and consequently know nothing."

WORKED LIKE A CHARM.

Mr. D. N. Walker, editor of that spicy journal, The Enterprise, Louisa, Va., says: "I ran a nail in my foot last week and at once applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve. No inflammation followed; the salve simply healed the wound. Heals sores, burns and skin diseases. Guaranteed by all druggists. 25c."

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We are showing a most wonderful assortment of beautiful fabrics of exclusive weaves.

Fashionable Clothes.....

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Complete line of spring apparel has arrived and is on display.

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That's the kind of a Suit your Spring Suit should be, and that's the kind it will be if it comes from this Home of Good Clothes. Our stock at present is not complete, but we have enough of New Spring Suits to satisfy all early buyers, in price, quality, tailoring and style. YORKE BROS. & ROGERS. Agents Knox Hats.

The Season's Leaders IN SPRING AND SUMMER SHIRTS. They are here in all the leading styles and colors, with cuffs attached or detached. See our line of E. & W., MANHATTAN AND ECLIPSE. Made the old way or coat fashion, just as you like. Our line is the most extensive ever displayed in the Carolinas. ED. MELLON CO. LEADING CLOTHIERS

Cozy Furniture MAKES HAPPY HOMES. Nowhere else can you find such a royal assortment of spring styles in Leather Chairs and Morris Chairs, and at such low prices. Leather Chairs range in price from \$22.50 to \$55.00. Try one of our \$35.00 chairs, equal to any \$40.00 chair on the market to-day. Morris Chairs—Golden Oak and Imitation Mahogany Morris Chairs, with Velour cushion, for \$6.50. Extra good values in Quarter-sawed Oak Morris Chairs, spring seat, velour or imitation leather cushions, for \$11.50, \$12.50, \$14.00 and up to \$30.00. New spring styles in Mattings and Rugs now on display. Visit our store and get prices. W. T. McCOY South Tryon Street

A SOLID CARLOAD OF MATTINGS AND RUGS. to choose from at Parker-Gardner Company's. The largest stock and most select styles ever displayed at this store. All grades and prices, from the cheapest to the best. Make your selections early and get the best. China Mattings, 25c. to 40c. yard. Japan Mattings, 25c. to 65c. yard. Hemp Carpets, 45c. yard. Coco Mattings, 45c. to 75c. yard. Fibre Carpets, 40c. to 65c. yard. Velvet Carpets, \$1.25 to \$1.75 yard. Axminster Carpets, \$1.25 to \$1.75 yard. Brussels Carpets, 75c. to \$1.00 yard. Rugs of all kinds, from 75c. to \$40.00 each. We will save you money on Furniture, Carpets and Rugs. Come and see us to-day. PARKER - GARDNER CO.

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CITY TAX NOTICE. Your tax should have been paid before January 18th. Those in arrears are requested to settle at once, as I have to make settlement. W. B. TAYLOR, C. T. C.

The Tate-Brown Co. TAILORING DEPARTMENT. Our friends are urged to place their spring orders as early as possible to insure prompt delivery and a satisfactory selection. Even with increased capacity, our shop is about taxed to the utmost and we are now passing through the greatest order period in our history. The assortment of novelty and staple suitings for spring is still enormous. The Tate-Brown Co. Furnishing Goods, Hats and Fine Merchant Tailoring. No. 6 South Tryon Street.