

DISTRICT IS NOT PLEASED

DIFFERED AT CLEMENT'S ACTION

Action of Assistant Attorney General of North Carolina With Reference to Leper Early Does Not Meet With Favor Among Health Authorities of District of Columbia—Acting Health Officer Makes Some Pointed Remarks in Reply to the Opinion—State Has Forgotten Duty It Owes to the District—Leper Not a Charge of Federal Government, War Department Saying It Is Not Responsible.

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Observer Bureau, Washington, Sept. 10.

The health authorities of the District of Columbia seem quite much miffed at the action of the State board of health of North Carolina in respect to the leper, Early, and the opinion of the Assistant Attorney General of North Carolina does not meet with favor at all among the health officials at this end of the line. The acting health officer, Mr. McLean, has been making remarks in the newspapers in reply to the opinion by Assistant Attorney General Clement. Mr. McLean says:

"The Assistant Attorney General of North Carolina says the State is not required to support its sick who are without the bounds of the State, nor is it the duty of the State to send for and receive its citizens in the State, nor to support and care for them. He considers it the duty of the United States government to quarantine, support, and care for Mr. Early just as the State of North Carolina should do to any citizen of another State found suffering with leprosy within its borders, and then emphasizes the statement that Early was leprosy when he was discharged from the United States service, and therefore, the United States government, from a moral standpoint, should continue to care for him.

"I regret that he has overlooked or ignored a most important factor in connection with this case, and that is that no matter when or where Mr. Early contracted the disease it developed at his home town in North Carolina, ever one year ago, and that during that entire period he has borne the same visible signs of the malady that he did when he reached this jurisdiction on the 14th ultimo, and does to-day, and this being an incontrovertible fact, I am at a loss to understand why the North Carolina authorities or the local physicians neglected or failed to make the discovery at any time during the past fifteen months that Mr. Early was suffering with that disease, when he was able to do so within a few days after he reached the district of Columbia. Had it been so discovered he would then, or at least should have been, quarantined and cared for within the borders of the State, and he would not have then become a ward of the District of Columbia.

OBLIGATION TOWARD DISTRICT. "The Assistant Attorney General certainly overlooks the duty his State owes toward the District government from a moral standpoint for letting its citizen, a leper, become a menace and expense to do to the Federal government's duties in the premises. It will, doubtless, at the proper time speak for itself.

"The statement of the Assistant Attorney General that it would be almost impossible to have Mr. Early transported, as no common carrier would knowingly carry him," is at most but an expression of his personal belief. I am glad to see that even the president of the board of health of North Carolina does not share his views respecting the quarantine of Mrs. Early and her child, should they return to their home. I think, however, that the doctor is asking us to do what should be done in his own jurisdiction when he suggests that Mrs. Early and her child be subjected to us to a microscopical test diagnosis to see if in them the leprosy bacillus is present. What if it did show the presence of the bacillus? Then, presume, we would be told that it was our duty to keep Mrs. Early and her child also."

WILL COST \$2,500 A YEAR. The health officers have placed the whole matter in the hands of the legal advisers of the District commission and the District commissioners. They will decide what is to be done. Early wants to stay here, and his wife, with the pension money already received and the money raised by public subscription, has already rented a cottage near the leper's camp. If arrangements can be made to get him into the Soldiers' Home, a cottage being built for him somewhere within the Soldiers' Home grounds, the matter will probably be dropped. But, as Commissioner McCarlane has announced, it will cost the District of Columbia something like \$3,500 a year to take care of the man, and the District will not consent to do this without a kick. For, be it remembered, it is the District of Columbia, and not the Federal government that has the whole thing in charge. The War Department has not taken one step in the matter, and declares that it has no responsibility in the case.

DRAINAGE CONVENTION CLOSURES.

Addresses Made Yesterday by Congressman Godwin and Dr. Frank Duffy—Next Meeting Place Not Announced.

Special to the Observer.

Newbern, Sept. 10.—The drainage convention closed its deliberations today after a very successful meeting. Congressman C. R. Thomas made the first speech and he congratulated Newbern and Craven county on the selection of this city as the first place where a plan fraught with such gigantic purpose was started. This plan of drainage will enable the farmer to drain their lands, if favorably located, without an immediate outlay of money, or in other words it will cost the farmer nothing more than what he derives directly from the land itself as due to drainage.

Dr. Frank Duffy, of Newbern, delivered an address on drainage in relation to public health, giving his views in regard to swamps being breeding places for mosquitoes, which in their turn become germs of malaria, tuberculosis, yellow fever and even the rare and dreadful disease of elephantiasis. It, therefore, comes to a very important matter. Mosquitoes live and flourish in sunshades and dry places, but their favorite abiding place is low, wet places, and aided by warmth the swamps and stagnant pools afford every condition for a multitudinous propagation of these insects.

Dr. Duffy was followed by remarks along the same line of thought by Congressman Small, and Congressman Godwin also delivered a strong address, which was greatly appreciated. The assembly adopted strong resolutions advocating strenuous work in behalf of drainage and preservation of forests and adjourned at noon. The session of next meeting was not announced.

LESSON FOR SUNDAY.

Lesson XI. 2 Samuel 2:1-7; 5:1-5. September 13th, 1908.

DAVID MADE KING OVER ISRAEL AND JUDAH.

The evolution of David's kingly character is a matter of absorbing interest. The process began when the Lord took him from his father's sheepfold. As Saul's armor-bearer he had his first taste of military life, and as his harpist he had his first insight of life at court. He was acquainted with the Gathite giants with his own phenomenal prowess. Samuel's anointing was a premonition of his high calling. His exile life was an important part of his training. So was his kingship of Judah.

As a piece of porcelain oft pressed by the burin of adversity, oft fired in the furnace of affliction, David grew into a vessel of honor, at once beautiful and meet. His natural abilities were trained by exercise. Powers that might under ordinary conditions have lain dormant were awakened. He learned by what he suffered, and was perfected by it.

He continued humble to the last, remembering whence he came and who had brought him to the throne. Hence, penitence, faith, are among his noble qualities. His courage, patriotism, statesmanship, challenge our admiration. Mistakenly admitted to the throne, he lived the customs then in vogue, the maxims then pregnant. Remember, too, his unreserved confessions, the bitterness of his computations, the thoroughness of his attempted reparation. When you weigh his diplomacy, his generalship, his kingship, remember he lived three centuries before ever Rome was founded. That self-possession and confidence in destiny which enabled David to stand in his lot at Hebron for seven years, without attempting to coup de main or short-cut to the throne, is a characteristic. By and by the mountain came to Mohammed. The stress of adverse circumstances drove the nation to the feet of the one commanding figure, the destined deliverer and unifier.

He meets the requisition of the Magna Charta of Hebrew liberties. He is of the same race, bone and flesh. He is no novice. He has already led Israel out and in, and is thoroughly qualified to shepherd the people.

A solemn league and covenant is made with the sanctities of the Mosaic ritual in the presence of the high priest, and possibly before the ark of the covenant. Perchance, under those wings and feathers, the urim and thummim which insure safety, and make trust reasonable, the king receives his third holy anointing.

The king immediately undertakes a military enterprise, which shall unite the tribes, and give an admirable site for a national capital. Like Quebec in Canada, Jebus towers in Canaan. Though hundred years have passed since the land was first occupied by the Hebrews, the Canaanites still hold this natural citadel. So confident are they of its impregnability that they affirm a garrison of blind and halt could hold it against all comers.

As Wolff detected the one all but impracticable path by which the Heights of Abraham could be approached, so the practiced eye of David detects a gully up which a storming band could, by uncommon dexterity and courage, make an assault. It is done!

David lays the foundation of a city beside which the splendors of even imperial Rome fade, as the stars do when the sun rises—a city, scene of the most transcendent events in human history, meet type of the City Celestial.

THE TEACHER'S LANTERN.

There was a parallel evolution: a king for a nation; a nation for a king. MacLaren describes David's evolution finely: "Schooled by suffering, and in the full maturity of his powers, he emerged as a ruler, a statesman, a man of God. His life, tempered by the swift alternations of heat and cold, polished by friction, consolidation by heavy blows, he has been welded into a fitting instrument for God's purposes."

By the same hard experience the nation discovered the indispensable necessity of unity under one capable sovereign. The tribal fragments "floated hither and thither, precisely as the masts and boards of a wrecked ship are cast against each other by the waves."

It was the splendid destiny of David to take these fragments and reconstruct a ship of state which could stand the stress of a thousand years—a ship on the fate of which "humanity with all its fears,"

While the history of Greece was still mythical, the seeds of liberty were planted in Palestine. Limitations were imposed upon monarchy, conserving the people's rights. The ideal monarch, who was to shepherd the people. No sovereign had a right to fleece or feed upon his subjects. Governors existed for the governed, and not vice versa.

David was an ideal patriot. He lived, suffered, planned, fought, governed—all for his country's weal.

The sanctity of religion insures the highest possible stability to the State. David took his oath of office and was anointed before the Lord.

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Sale of the Property of the Odell Manufacturing Co. AT CONCORD, N. C. Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1908

By virtue of a decree of the United States Circuit Court for the Western District of North Carolina, entered at Greensboro, on the 5th day of August, 1908, in a certain suit in equity entitled The Continental Color and Chemical Company et al., as plaintiffs, versus Odell Manufacturing Company, as defendants, I will, on Wednesday, the 16th day of September, 1908, at the hour of noon, in front of the office of the Odell Manufacturing Company, in the Town of Concord, N. C., offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash all of the property and assets of the Odell Manufacturing Company, consisting of its real estate, manufacturing establishment, including all machinery, etc., the raw cotton on hand, manufactured goods, its bills and accounts receivable, its investments in other corporations, its franchises and all of its other property of every kind and character.

The mills will be operated to and including the day of sale and the stock in process of manufacture, together with supplies and repairs on hand, will be included and sold with the mills.

The terms of sale will be cash upon confirmation by the court, but a deposit of 5 per cent. cash or security satisfactory to me, will be required of the successful bidder or bidders; and any creditor or creditors shall have the right to use his or their debt to the extent of their dividend value in the purchase of this property.

The property will be first offered for sale in six separate parcels, as hereinafter set out, and afterward all of the property of every description will be offered as one lot, and the sale which results in the highest price will be reported to the United States Court at Greensboro, N. C., on October 5, 1908, at which time and place any person interested may be heard by the court, either in opposition to, or in favor of, confirmation of said sale, and no notice other than this advertisement will be given of said report of sale, or of the motion to confirm same.

The property will first be offered in six separate parcels, as follows:

- (1) The Odell Mills proper, consisting of Mills Nos. 1 to 5, inclusive, situated at the head of North Union street, in the Town of Concord, N. C., and containing 1,775 spindles, with the necessary subsidiary machinery, power plants, etc. The real estate upon which these mills are situated and to be sold with them, contains about one hundred acres, and on it are situated 146 tenement houses, and the company's stores and warehouses, office buildings, etc. The buildings are substantial brick structures and vary in height from one to four stories.
- (2) Buffalo Mill, a brick structure containing three stories and basins, with 15,415 spindles and the necessary and usual subsidiary machinery, power plant, etc., with about thirty acres of land, on which is situated twenty-six tenement houses, warehouses, etc. The properties mentioned under first and second items all lie within city limits. Buffalo Mill is located immediately upon the main line of the Southern Railway Company, with sidetrack running into the property. The Odell Mills are located upon a short spur built out from main line of Southern Railway.
- (3) All the raw cotton which shall be on hand at the day of sale, a list of which will at that time be prepared and furnished.
- (4) All the manufactured goods which shall be on hand at the day of sale, a list of which will at that time be prepared and furnished.
- (5) All the notes, choses in action and all bills receivable, and all investments in other corporations of the Odell Manufacturing Company, and all other property not specifically mentioned, a list of which will be exhibited to prospective purchasers, before and at the day of sale.
- (6) Several tracts of land, which will be furnished on the day of sale.

After the sale in parcels, as aforesaid, the entire property will be offered for sale in gross. The purchaser will acquire all corporate rights and franchises of the defendant.

This is a very valuable property, located in the heart and in the heart of the most successful manufacturing section of the South. The climate is healthful and invigorating. The help is efficient and contented. A fine quality of cotton is grown in the immediate vicinity of the mill.

I will take pleasure in giving any further information in my power to prospective purchasers and my representative, Mr. J. H. Young, at Concord, N. C., will take pleasure in showing the above property to those desiring to investigate. The title is perfect, and the purchaser will have quiet possession without annoyance or litigation from any source.

CEASAR CONE, Receiver, Greensboro, N. C. August 5, 1908.

Called Meeting of Fayetteville Presbytery at Hamlet.

Special to the Observer. Hamlet, Sept. 10.—A called meeting of Fayetteville Presbytery was held yesterday in the Hamlet Presbyterian church with Dr. H. G. Hill as moderator and Dr. P. R. Law, editor of The Presbyterian Standard, as clerk. Among those in attendance were Dr. J. M. Rose, of Laurinburg; Rev. W. R. Coppage, of Rockingham; Rev. A. R. McQueen, of Dunn; Elders J. M. McEachern, James Seawell, J. C. Niemyer and D. McDonald. Among the business coming before the Presbytery was the dissolution of the pastoral relation between Rev. McQueen and his group of churches. Rev. Frank B. Rankin was examined, ordained and installed as pastor of the Hamlet Presbyterian church. Action concerning Rockingham and Cameronian churches was deferred.

"Farmers' Candidate" Can't Keep Cotton Up.

Special to the Observer. Gaffney, S. C., Sept. 10.—Two bales of new cotton were sold on the market yesterday and the price paid was only 9.25. It is the consensus of opinion among the business men of this town that it will sell much cheaper in the near future, in spite of the fact that the farmers' candidate has been overwhelmingly nominated for the United States Senate.

Good Gridiron Man Does Not Return to Davidson.

Special to the Observer. Davidson, Sept. 10.—There is a distinct disappointment in football circles that "Tubby" Warlick, of Hickory, will not return this season, according to reports. His place as guard and possibly another blank on the other side of centre will be hard to fill as well as the two older men who were expected to fill it. But the season is exceedingly young as yet and possibilities are not even weighed this early.

Cherokee County, S. C., Has Hidden Treasures.

Special to the Observer. Gaffney, S. C., Sept. 10.—There is quite a number of mines in operation at this time in Cherokee county, and there is good prospect for the development of other plants, soon. As soon as the rest of the world finds about the hidden treasures which Cherokee has the development will be wonderful.

Bids for Plumbing and Heating

Sealed proposals will be received up to noon September 12th by the undersigned, for the construction, plumbing and heating of four buildings at the State Hospital for Insane, Raleigh, and four buildings at the State Hospital for Insane, Goldsboro, N. C., in accordance with plans prepared by Barrett and Thomson, architects, Raleigh, N. C.

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