

Two Good Points.

Charlotte has one of the most sensible Mayors in the State, as well as a progressive one. In Mayor McDowell's recent report, he alluded to a matter of considerable importance. He has made his points so plain that we copy them, for the purpose of bringing the matter to the attention of our people and the public generally:

"It is not conceived to be either the spirit or the intention of the law to punish the ignorant, the same as the intelligent, or those who have not arrived at the years of discretion, as much as those who had the time and opportunity to become acquainted with the observances and usages of society. Yet the plain cold letter of the law, makes no distinction between the learned and unlearned or between untried youth and experienced age. The mayor has had cases, and pitiable ones, of mere children, arraigned for larceny and other grave offenses. They were too young, too ignorant, to discern where the shades of virtue ended, and those of vice began. As a sworn officer of the law, every magistrate is bound to issue all such warrants, when the requisite affidavits are made. Still the extreme youth and obvious blindness of such criminals are often such that he is forced to the conclusion that it is neither right, just nor humane to commit them to the cell of older culprits, or even send them up to a higher court. The object in touching upon this subject, is to impress upon the representatives we send to the State Legislature, the importance to society and to humanity of either changing the law, or of establishing workhouses or reformatories to make useful tradesmen and citizens of a class that are in danger of becoming tramps, vagrants and pilferers throughout the land.

"Another suggestion to the Legislature. In order to guard against collusion between officer and offender, to prevent injustice to the aggrieved and absolution to the aggressor, it is recommended that it be made unlawful for a mayor or magistrate, in affrays, assaults and other criminal offenses, to take the mere submission of one party without the knowledge and concurrence of all. It is an outrage upon justice and an encouragement to crime, for an individual to feel that he can wreak revenge upon his adversary, then fly to an officer, and in the absence of witnesses, represent his side of the affair, pay a trivial fine and costs, and then go free. It is to be hoped action will be taken to remedy this lameness and bad defect in our State laws."

He Will not Have Many Followers.

Rev. J. H. Booth and another revered gentleman whose surname is Blatchley, have been in our country a few days trying to enlighten our people in regard to the teaching of the Scriptures. Mr. Booth was formerly a Baptist preacher; but it seems that the Lord has shown him that not only Baptists, but all other denominations are wrong. These brethren want to gather the good and pure from all sects, and have Jesus in the center of the gathering. Mr. Booth says that a Christian should come out from the world—should not even hold office. It may be remarked that on this point, a contrary opinion is held by some of our citizens, who hitherto have been considered good people.

Railroads and Railroads.

Much interest is felt here in the railway news regarding the Seaboard line and its new Monroe-Atlanta Air-Line. The Richmond & Danville road will parallel this with a road of its own. The fight between these big corporations will benefit the State of course. It will lead to much building of other lines, particularly feeders which will open new territory. The Seaboard has chosen the ideal route South and is doing some rapid work on it, under the personal supervision of Gen. Hoke, whom your correspondent regards as one of the brightest railway men in all the country.

Another Cashier.

Mr. R. M. Farrar, of the Merchants Bank, Atlanta, says to have money is to save it. In the use of Dr. Biggers' Huckleberry Cordial for all bowel troubles, he saves doctor's bills and prevents suffering.

The New Jersey and Maryland Republicans favor Jas. G. Blaine as their candidate for President.

The Author Known.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Raleigh "News-Observer," takes umbrage at the statement made by our Raleigh correspondent to the effect that the assault made upon Judge Fowle was written in Raleigh. We are sure that our correspondent—who is a careful writer—did not intend to do Raleigh an injury, and we are glad to learn that it was not written there—the home of Judge Fowle. But the "News-Observer" did not copy the entire paragraph; for it would have explained how it were possible for the impression to have been created that it was written in Raleigh by being offered to the "State Chronicle" for publication and by that journal refused. In the absence of other facts we were impressed with the same idea as that entertained by our correspondent, until we learned otherwise, and we take the first opportunity to set Raleigh and our correspondent right before our readers.

It is now the general impression that the assault was written in Statesville and by no less a person than Hon. R. F. Armfield. In denouncing the publication, as we did some days ago, we have nothing to take back. If Col. Armfield did write it he came under the band of our censure and we are indeed surprised that a man of his ability should be guilty of such a despicable deed. Especially so when he follows right upon the heels of his assault and acknowledges that he is mistaken, after he has examined into the matter. It seems to us that a man of his knowledge, and the confidence reposed in him by the Democrats of the State, would have displayed more judgment in this matter, and made the examination before he made the assault. Shame upon you Col. Armfield!

Where Does the Fault Lie?

The almost daily starting reports of horrible crimes, adroit forgeries and embezzlements that meet the eye when we open a newspaper seems to prove with forcible and undeniable logic that the morality of the human race is sinking far below par. While it is true that the annals of the past and present seem to point that way it is a fallacy to believe that the whole human race is degenerating in point of moral. If the newspapers were faithful and consistent chroniclers of events and happenings a different side of the picture would be to our view in the recital of the many deeds of charity, love and christian kindness that is daily passing on around us, almost without notice. Many an act of true manliness and devotion to duty that would far outshine the heroic deeds of the devoted martyrs of old, is like the flower of the desert, "born to blush unseen" save by the eye of God. If good and evil were allowed to balance accounts the christian acts of to-day would so far overbalance the evil that the latter would seem as but a drop of mud amidst a dazzling, scintillating mass of diamonds. But alas! mainly the evil deeds of mankind are presented to the people by the press of to-day. The papers are not to blame for it, however, they are but the reflectors of public sentiment, and must give what their readers demand. They must pander to the depraved taste of the people for such reading or cease to exist. If the world were as ready to give the need of praise to a worthy deed and as eager to hear of such things, as it is to pass judgment on the defaulter or murderer and to read with ghouliah delight the horrible recital of fiendish crimes, then the newspapers would gladly drop such things from its columns and take up a purer pen. Until then you must blame yourself only for the presentation of the darker side of the panorama of life.

Charlotte Chronicle: Parties who were in the city yesterday from Davidson College, report that a destructive fire was caused by lightning near that place, last Sunday night. During a severe electrical storm, a bolt of lightning struck the warehouse of Mr. John Caldwell, and the structure, with its contents, was burned. Nine bales of cotton were damaged. Mr. Caldwell's loss is about \$1,500.

Narrow Escape.

Miss Lillie Morehead, daughter of Major J. Turner Morehead of Leaksville, had a narrow escape in Reidsville Friday afternoon. The young lady is visiting friends in that town and Friday afternoon went out driving with Mr. George L. Irving. The horse began unmanageable and began kicking violently. In his efforts to run away the animal ran the buggy against a tree, throwing the occupants out. Miss Morehead was slightly hurt, as was also Mr. Irving, and their escape from greater injury was remarkable.

The Carriage Assassination.

From a dispatch received too late for publication yesterday afternoon, we are enabled to give fuller particulars of the base attempt to take the life of Miss Ida Poe, at Carthage, on Saturday night last. It appears that at about 8:30 o'clock on that evening R. L. McNeill, son of A. H. McNeill, who is about twenty-five years old, went to Mrs. C. J. Shaw's hotel and asked H. A. Foote to say to Miss Ida Poe that he would like to see her. She was at the time up stairs in the parlor with a young man named Dr. Daniels, and to Mr. Foote that she could not see Mr. McNeill; and to tell him she had an engagement for the present. In a moment some one knocked at the door again, and Miss Poe, thinking it was Foote, re-opened the door and found McNeill. He said something in a low tone to her, then, speaking louder, shot her through the thigh, causing a painful laceration, the ball going near a large artery. McNeill ran, making his escape, handing his pistol to S. M. Jones as he did so, saying, "I shot Miss Ida, but did it accidentally." It is thought that McNeill will attempt to make his way to Texas, as he did after being indicted for killing a negro at Carthage some time ago for which he was jailed, and the trial was set for next court. The country around Carthage is much aroused over the affair, and all the places at which he can cross Drowning creek in making his escape, are strictly guarded by armed men.

Rev. Mr. Pearson commenced his series of meetings at Asheville on Sunday night last, in the Farmers warehouse.

The executive committee of the North Carolina Press Association is to meet in Raleigh on May 20th, to decide upon the time and place for holding the next convention.

Night policeman Pierce, of Monroe, was killed on Saturday night by some railroad hands at a festival while making an arrest. Several negroes have been arrested.

A wag met a Wilmington Messenger reporter and asked: "Can you tell us why the choir don't sing well on Sundays?" The conundrum was given up by the paragraphist, where upon the wag said, "Because notes executed on Sunday are not good!"

Statesville Landmark: The wife of Mr. Erastus Redman, of New Hope township, (popular known as "rustus" Redman), was killed Monday by a tree which Maman Barker was cutting falling upon her.

Kernersville News: On last Monday, five of the convicts, at work on the road from Stokesdale to Madison, attempted to make their escape. The guards fired, wounding two, the other three escaping. Monday night one of the three was overtaken and offering resistance was shot and killed.

Greensboro North Star: We are glad to learn that Mr. J. Henry Gilmer is putting in machinery and getting ready for the tomato crop, which he intends to can on an extensive scale. He will sit up at his country home near Boone's Mill, in Jefferson township. This will make the second canner in Guilford county. Who will be the next man?

Raleigh News-Observer: Wake Superior Court was engaged yesterday in an interesting slander case. The parties concerned are Miss Nixon and Mr. Geo. W. Norwood, both of this county, the latter being sued by the former for \$10,000 damaged for alleged slander. Speeches were made yesterday by F. H. Basbee, Esq., for the plaintiff and Geo. H. Snow, for the defendant.

Monday evening about three o'clock lightning struck a tree in the yard of R. B. Odum, at Winston, and instantly killed his little son, about seven years old. No other damage was done.

The Parisians are so dissatisfied with the weight of the English high hat that their hatsters have invented a silk hat weighing a little more than an ounce and a half.

Sale of Valuable Land.

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court to me divested in special proceedings entitled James S. Shepherd, Administrator of N. J. Shepherd vs. Jan. W. Shepherd et al., I will expose for sale at public outcry, at the Court House door in Durham, on Saturday, the 10th day of May, 1888, at 12 o'clock, M., the following valuable lot near the Town of Durham, being lot No. 6, in the division of the lands of Page Shepherd, adjoining the lands of the Durham Land and Security Company, and others, containing two 56-100 acres. (A plat of this property can be seen at the Clerk's Office.) Terms of sale: One-half cash, balance in six months. Title retained till purchase money is fully paid. Interest on deferred payment at 8 per cent. per annum.

JAMES S. SHEPHERD, Commissioner. April 11, 1888.

Administrator's Notice

Having this day qualified as Administrator upon the estate of Nat H. Clay, deceased, this is to notify all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and all persons holding claims against the same must present them to me properly verified on or before the 7th day of April 1889, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. This 6th day of April, 1888.

O. B. GREEN, Adm. a 6-6w.

NORTH CAROLINA, Superior DURHAM COUNTY, Court.

In the Matter of C. B. Green and others, Plaintiff, vs. Ex Parte, Defendant. Land for Partition.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Durham County in the above entitled cause, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Court House door in Durham, at 12 M., on Monday, May 7th, 1888, that tract of land formerly belonging to W. J. Green, deceased, lying on the Fish Dam and Hillsboro road, containing 135 acres, said land lies five miles Northeast of Durham on the line of the Lynchburg and Durham Rail Road.

Terms of sale, one-third cash, balance on six and twelve months time with interest at 8 per cent. on deferred payment. Title retained till all deferred payments are made.

C. B. GREEN, Commissioner. April 6th, 1888. 4w

Five Hundred Acres of Land for Sale UNDER MORTGAGE.

In pursuance of the powers conferred in a certain deed of mortgage, executed by William Woods, on October 6th, 1879, we will sell, at public auction, at the Court House door in Durham, on the 1st day of May, 1888, that tract of land in said county, near Knap of Reeds, occupied by William Woods, adjoining B-dford Vaughan, J. H. Veazey and others, and containing 500 acres more or less, and particularly described by metes and bounds in said mortgage deed, which is registered in Orange county, in Book 7 of Mortgages, Page 72, reference to which is hereby made. Time of sale 12 o'clock, M. Terms of sale CASH.

W. T. BLACKWELL, A. A. SEARS. mar 20

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