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THE CASE OF BREESE.

And now come friends of Brees, the defaulting bank president of Asheville, and propose, it is said to establish the fact that a prison sentence enforced will kill the nice old gentleman who secured the signatures of janitors and cheap skates to sign notes in order that he might loot the Asheville bank of which he was president.

It is stated in the dispatches that Secretary of the Navy Daniels will press the case and attempt to have the department of justice release Brees.

It is a splendid picture to see a friend steadfast in fair weather and foul weather—a grand thing to think that friendship sees no wrong and imagines nothing too good for one who errs.

The case of Brees is familiar to every newspaper reader in North Carolina. District Attorney Holton made a fight for many years to convict him, and finally succeeded, when it looked like the ends of justice were to be defeated. The sentence is not long, and the question arises: Shall we establish the precedent to set aside the decrees of courts simply because a man's health will not stand imprisonment? Are we to have it understood that a man can start a bank and loot it, loot it with cold blooded indifference—take the money of widows and orphans, as Brees did, allow him to use his ill gotten gains to defend himself through a dozen courts, and finally say to him, you are guilty—you are as guilty as a man can be; you took money of orphaned children; you stole the money of widows and dependent people, but because you are a nice old man, and because your health might fail were you to serve a term or start to serve it, we will let you go free? That is what makes anarchy. That is what makes the poor devil and the friend of the poor devil rise in his righteous wrath and cry out that a poor man cannot get justice and that a rich man can defeat the ends of it.

Brees should serve his sentence—or a part of it. We do not want his life or his blood. But let him wear stripes or at least become a convict. Make him pay the bill. If his health gets bad, as it will, and it looks like he was about to die, let him out—but first let him feel the penalty of the law. Let him take his medicine like the nigger must take his—like the man without money and without a pull must take his.

Suppose the crime of which Brees were guilty meant a life sentence. Pretty plea it would be that you couldn't send him to prison because it would shorten that life. Artemus Ward told of a fiend incarnate, a youth, who killed his father and his mother in cold blood. There was no circumstance to palliate—nothing to mitigate or excuse the horror of the awful deed. Following the usual routine and asking the usual questions the old judge looked down on the murderer and asked him if he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced.

"If it please your honor," said the guilty wretch, "you should have compassion on a poor orphan."

Morse would have died in prison. No doubt of that. His release gave him new hope and mind asserted itself over matter and physicians were dumbfounded. To place Brees in jail would be humiliating, and so it is humiliating, we take it, to electrocute a man, but the law should at least be partially enforced. Brees should go to prison. He should be made pay the penalty for his dishonesty.

He betrayed a trust. He robbed the widow of Bill Nye, the gentle humorist. He robbed many people, helpless children and dependent women. He cut a wide swath. He stole money and fought for his freedom with it. He was defeated. The destiny that does shape our ends said to him: You must pay the bill. The machinery of the law said the same. And now comes the maudlin sympathy and says because this nice old thief would get ill were he to be a common convict, although he was a common thief, he should be pardoned. We say pardon a man after he has paid the bill. A year after he has paid the bill. A year to a man of Brees's sensibilities means as much as ten years or a life to a man utterly abandoned. But let him have some confinement. Let the world know that a man cannot wreck a bank; steal all in sight and then, after spending years attempting to defeat justice, plead that to imprison him would make him ill.

Did you ever stop to think how many convicts, guilty of much lighter crimes than Brees, die every day in the penitentiary? They have no pull. They have no friends. The law dealt sternly and often unjustly with them. They go to prison and die and are forgotten. Brees was an extraordinary thief, in that he knew better, and he should not be pardoned, not, at least, until he becomes a convict. Better that he died in the penitentiary before he got his hands on the money of other people. Away with this attempt to establish a precedent that a nice old man can commit crime and plead illness in justification. That is what they are trying to do and that is what we would prevent.

The appointment of Mr. Watts seems to keep Washington correspondents quite busy. And it may be that on this rock the great Democratic ship of state in North Carolina will go aground. There is going to be something doing, one way or another.

Colonel Osborne really didn't want the office. He simply wanted to try for it, and now that he has secured it will make good. Colonel Bill, as we call him here, is a great politician. References: W. W. Kitchin and James Manning.

Of course the new railroad hasn't come yet, but it will come. And so will the interurban. Greensboro will be the recipient of many glad surprises in the next year. And what helps Greensboro will aid Guilford county.

Atlanta is making a fool of herself over grand opera. Perhaps three fourths of those who take a front seat and look supernaturally grand couldn't tell the difference between a scale in A major and a scale in A minor.

The Columbia State, commenting upon the assurance of Mr. Underwood, that the country is "braced" for the tariff change, wittily remarks that Louisiana's suspender buttons are only hanging by a thread.

The city of Greensboro has been visited and is still visited with millions of gnats. And so, as we pass along, the fly side-steps, and we are asked to swat the gnat.

The Patriot still insists that all Guilford county must make arrangements to visit the Battle Ground July fourth. A great day and a great time.

And still it is in evidence that those who howl loudest for railroad regulation never shipped a pound of freight—but the people must be protected!

The late corn will do better than the early corn this year, because the early corn was swatted by Jack Frost.

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MORTGAGE SALE.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage deed of date, September 29, 1910, executed by James G. Hunter and Roxie Hunter, and on record in the office of register of deeds, of Guilford county, in book 225, page 90, the terms of which have not been complied with, I shall, at the court house door at Greensboro, N. C., on the 15th day of May, 1913, at noon, sell for cash to the highest bidder, the following real estate, situated in said county in Gilmer township, adjoining the lands of F. W. McNair, Cornelia Thomas and others, and bounded as follows:

Beginning at an iron stake on South side of East Washington street in the city of Greensboro, N. C., Northwest corner of lot No. 4, of property of M. W. Thompson on East Washington street, see plot on record in register of deeds' office for Guilford county, N. C., and running thence North 65 degrees 30 minutes, West along East Washington street to stake Northeast corner of lot No. 2, in said plot of M. W. Thompson; thence South 4 degrees, 30 minutes West 207.6 feet to Southern railway; thence Southeastwardly along railroad lines about 40.46 feet to stake; thence North 4 degrees 30 minutes East 194.8 feet along line of said lot No. 4 to stake on East Washington street, point of beginning, being all of lot No. 3 in property of M. W. Thompson on East Washington street, Greensboro, N. C. See plot on record in register of deeds' office for Guilford county, N. C. This April 15th, 1913.
M. W. THOMPSON, Mortgagee.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage deed of date, December 10, 1909, executed by J. W. Walker and Sarah J. Walker, and on record in the office of register of deeds, of Guilford county, in book 219, page 220, the terms of which have not been complied with, I shall, at the court house door at Greensboro, N. C., on the 15th day of May, 1913, at noon, sell for cash to the highest bidder, the following real estate; situated in said county in Gilmer Township, adjoining the lands of W. H. Hughes and others, and bounded as follows:

Beginning at an iron stake on the Northeast corner of the M. W. Thompson property on South side of East Washington street, Greensboro, N. C., and running thence South 1 degree 14 minutes, West 158.25 feet to N. C. R. R.; thence westwardly along said railroad 40.46 feet or more to iron stake Southeast corner of W. H. Hughes lot; thence North 4 degrees 30 minutes East 172.0 feet to iron stake on East Washington street; thence East along E. Washington street 41.2 feet to iron stake point of beginning, being all of lot No. 6, of property of M. W. Thompson, East Washington street, city of Greensboro, N. C. This April 15th, 1913.
M. W. THOMPSON, Mortgagee.

Notice by Publication.

North Carolina, in the Superior Court, Guilford County, J. B. Minor, Public Administrator, administrator of John McKinney, deceased.

Lillian Martin, Georgia Flemming, Lavinia Holt and Prudy McKinney. The defendants, Georgia Flemming, Lavinia Holt, and Prudy McKinney, above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior court of Guilford county for the purpose of selling real estate with which to create assets to pay debts; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Guilford county at his office in Greensboro, on the 10th day of May, 1913, and answer or demur to the petition in this cause which will be filed in the next ten days, or the petitioner will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the petition.
M. W. GANT, C. S. C.
This 16th day of April, 1913.
Adams and McLean, Attorneys, for Administrator.

MORTGAGE SALE.

By virtue of power contained in a certain mortgage deed bearing date of October 5, 1905, and duly recorded in book 187, page 628, in the office of the register of deeds of Guilford county, N. C., executed to the undersigned mortgagee by Edward L. Tilley and wife, Louisa Tilley, I will at 12 o'clock m., on Saturday, May 17, 1913, at the court house door at Greensboro, N. C., sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following lot or parcel of land, to wit: One house and lot in Bruce township, adjoining lands of J. A. Hoskins, and others known as lots 51 and 63 of Jesse F. Hoskins plot of land, near Summerfield, N. C., and on which is situated the said Tilley house, said lot containing about 1/4 acre. This land is being sold to satisfy the note secured by the above named mortgage.
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