

CRIME AT A PREMIUM.—The embroilment of Bryan McLean, lately chief postal clerk between New York and Washington, reached the sum of \$40,000; and yet after his robbery had been detected he was permitted by Postmaster-General Creswell to resign, although forty letters purloined from the mails were found in his possession. Nearly a month ago the money he had stolen was taken account of by the Press, in small sums of not over \$2 or \$3 each, from letters sent by Southern subscribers to Northern publishers. Who's next?—Richmond Whig.

According to the above, FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS have been stolen by one of our country's postal posts from the men and women of the South who persist in patronizing Northern newspapers. This gives us but a faint idea of the enormous sum sent on each year by the people of the South for the impracticable and senseless jargon of the northern press. Is there any wonder that Southern newspapers languish? Is there any wonder that our papers are small, cramped, and irregular while the money that should be used to sustain them is sent to the North? If all the money that is expended in subscriptions to northern papers by our people was given to southern publishers we would soon have the ablest, most prosperous, influential, and useful publications in the world. We have the ability, the energy, and the material; we only lack the monetary support. As it is our papers are much better, in nearly every particular, than those of the North. They are better adapted to the tastes and wants of our people; they have a better moral tone and more elevating influence; they are less sensational and more truthful; they are generally free from the taint of Free Loveism, Spiritualism, Abolitionism, and Woman's Rights; the curse of the Northern press and of Yankeeedom generally.

If Southern papers are higher than those of the North in proportion to their size and the matter contained, it is because the Northern papers are better patronized. Their weekly papers are large and cheap, simply because they cost nothing to get them up. They are printed on the same type which was set up for the daily, afterwards used in the Semi weekly, and the Tri-weekly before it is arranged for the weekly. They generally print about four papers on every setting of type, namely, the daily issue whose subscription pays for the type setting, then the Semi-weekly, the Tri-weekly, and the weekly, besides often loading or hiring the same type out to other publishers. Is it any wonder their papers are cheap? When they are thus able to print so many issues on one setting of types?

We are sorry for two things in the above: We are sorry that Southerners have had their money stolen, and also sorry that they will persist in patronizing Northern papers, while Southern papers are made to suffer by it. Give your patronage to Southern papers and build up a power and literature worthy of you and your section.

THE KETCHEY CASE.

As heretofore announced the argument in the Ketchey case for a new trial came off last Saturday. The points urged by the counsel for the prisoner to sustain the application for a new trial were all thoroughly canvassed and overruled by Judge J. W. Albertson presiding.

The Judge's remarks in passing sentence on the prisoner were substantially as follows:

John Allen Ketchey, you have been punished for the crime alleged against you, you have had the assistance of veteran and able counsel who sifted with scrupulous care every particle of the testimony introduced against you, contested with practiced skill every principle of law invoked to apply the testimony in affirmation of your guilt, and even after verdict, with that fidelity to duty which makes the aid of counsel invaluable to the preservation of impartial trials, in which the lives, the liberty and the fortunes of the citizens are at stake, they, in your behalf, are criticizing the history of the trial with rigid scrutiny, to assure themselves and make certain to the law that your condemnation is just and legal.

Nevertheless, the testimony was satisfactory to the jury, pointing, without a reasonable doubt, to you as the perpetrator of the deed; and they have said that you are guilty of rape, upon the body of the prosecutrix.

Judge from the efforts made by counsel and the course of reasoning upon the exceptions made, that they will appeal to the tribunal of last resort for a new trial. So far from feeling any personal mortification at the appeal, I rejoice that there is provided by the law a tribunal composed of experienced Judges, with time to calmly search and apply the principles of law to every case, undisturbed by the excitement and hurry necessarily attending the proceedings of the Superior Courts.

Should that tribunal discover any error in the proceedings resulting in your conviction, no one will rejoice more than I, as thereby I shall be saved from the consequences of a fatal misinterpretation of the law. But the counsel for the State, able and learned men, say there is no error. In this conflict of opinion between intelligent lawyers, your hopes necessarily incline you to trust the opinion of your own counsel. They may be mistaken; and I

admonish you to act as one preparing to bid adieu to this world. I deem it a piece of needless cruelty, in this extremity of fate, to characterize the act of which you are adjudged guilty, as to add one burden more to your sad condition. It is not for me to labor with you for repentance, or to propose terms of mercy. God's ministers are around you, zealous to lead you to the power who can forgive sin and purify the guilty soul. I admonish you to call around you godly men, pray with them, heed their counsel and accept the salvation of your soul upon the only terms offered to all sinners.

I deem it not inappropriate to speak words of caution to the large assemblage gathered here to witness this solemn occasion. Aside from moral obligations, it is unsafe to expect immunity from crime, either from the supposed inefficiency of the law, the obscurity of the sufferer, or the completeness of disguise.

In this case, a young woman, in very humble condition in life, but proved to be of unexceptionable character, and the support of her widowed mother and two small sisters, and unfortunately in her case, endowed with beauty, is going on her way along a public highway to her home. A man painted black and otherwise disguised seizes her bridle, tears her from the beast she is riding and by dreadful threats and brute violence outrages her person.

She is poor and has no powerful friends. This knowledge doubtless supplied additional temptation to the deed. None would listen to her humble complaint or take trouble to avenge her wrongs.

She is ruined and hereafter to be the sport of every lecherous eye and the mark of every lustful wretch, with next to no hope of ever becoming an honored wife.

Running the risk of the popular prejudice against capital punishment overweighing and stifling the evidence of one poor unfortunee girl, the perpetrator feels secure that punishment is eluded. Or, should public indignation champion her cause and demand investigation, the completeness of the disguise is relied on to baffle the search for the criminal.

This case may warn the off-ender that such expedients can not avail to screen the evil doer. A thousand circumstances, unseen at the moment, stand with open eyes and unerring aim to point to the offender and to demonstrate the fearful truth of God's decree. "Thy sin shall find thee out."

These circumstances have been brought as testimony here, pointing to the prisoner as the criminal and in their light the jury have said he is guilty of the deed. There can be no impunity for crime.

Though offended justice slumber for awhile, it will assuredly awake to fearful retribution.

The punishment for rape is death. Society, imbued with virtuous sentiments, cannot tolerate that modest females shall be desecrated and polluted and their hopes of honorable and happy living be ended to gratify the unbridled lust of reckless men. Our every sentiment demands that the ruined maid shall be avenged by the blood of the ravisher. And it behooves the law and its officers to see that the poor and humble be especially protected. The rich and powerful may find resources to stay the current of bitter memories and may rest upon others to shield them from additional wrong and insult. The poor have none but the law to protect them.

May the fate of the prisoner and the result of this trial, be ever a warning to all to desist from evil ways and fear the punishment of the offended law. Whilst I may not, with infallible certainty, declare the prisoner actually guilty of the horrid act, it has been so declared by a jury of impartial men and I cannot see that the verdict is wrong.

It is therefore the judgment of the law, now pronounced by me, that the prisoner at the bar be taken to the place of public execution, by the Sheriff of Lowan County on Friday the 19th day of September, between the hours of 10 A. M., and 1 P. M., and there hanged by the neck until he is dead. And may God have mercy upon his soul.

After the sentence was pronounced, the counsel for the prisoner took an appeal to the Supreme Court. This Court meets next January.

During the whole of these proceedings, the prisoner bore himself in a very quiet manner, though not at all indifferent to what was going on around him. When he was captured, some time ago, he was severely shot. His left hand is still unhealed and is bound and carried in a sling. One finger on his right hand is also bound up. He is a little pale from confinement, but there is no other striking change in his appearance to those who knew him eight or ten years ago. He is about 30 years of age, five feet ten inches high, weighs about 150 pounds, has dark hair, a large aquiline nose, well marked features, and is not only quite good-looking, but has an intelligent appearance.

THE DUTY OF THE SOUTH.—The Birmingham (Ala.) News says: "Freeing the slaves was a declaration of war between the Caucasian and African races that is going on now and that will go on silently, ruthlessly and unceasingly, until one or the other is exterminated. Let us recognize facts—and not that a war of races is progressing—and then every man will range himself under the banner of his kindred. For ourselves, we say, no compromise—no 'satisfaction'—but a white man's government, or ruin and extermination."

FOR THE WATCHMAN. A WORD ABOUT BRIDGES. Messrs. Editors, under our old system of managing County affairs there was seldom any complaint respecting the condition of the public bridges in our county. Then the County Court, annually elected a "Bridge Commissioner" whose duty it was to have the general supervision of all the bridges, and let to contract all such as needed repairs or rebuilding; and so admirably did the system work that no bridge was permitted to remain out of order for any considerable length of time.

No one can deny that our bridges are, at the present time, in worse condition than almost ever known before; all owing, as I believe to the workings of the present system. I believe the law makes it the duty of the Trustees of Townships to see that the bridges are properly kept up in their respective townships. But it often turns out, when they let to contract the repairing or rebuilding of a bridge that the county commissioners refuse to sanction their contracts, and the whole thing falls to the ground and thus it remains, in statu quo, for an indefinite period, whilst our citizens are suffering for the want of proper facilities in crossing streams.

I do not think, however, that any blame particularly attaches either to the Township Trustees or the county commissioners. The truth is, our present system is so complicated, that few public officers understand their duty. No one seems to feel himself particularly responsible for the keeping up the bridges. One set of officers wait upon another set, to keep them up, and consequently, they are not kept up at all, but suffered to go down to the great detriment and danger of the traveling public, and if suffered to go on at the present rate for a few years longer, we will have no bridges at all, and Salisbury will not be accessible, from some directions during freshets, except by Rail Road. This is no overdrawn picture. Our very worthy county commissioner, J. G. Flemming Esq. resides some thirteen miles from Salisbury on Wilksboro Road. His direct route to Salisbury is along said road crossing second creek at Gheen's Bridge, thence across Grant Creek at McNeely's Mill. Suppose he had been called on, any day of last week, to attend a meeting of Board of County Commissioners at Salisbury, which route would he have been compelled to take? He must necessarily have ridden many miles out of his way across the county to the New Mocksville Road, crossing second creek at Fisher's Bridge, thence across Grant's Creek at Hoffman's Bridge, making his trip many miles longer. This is not all. Many persons living in the Unity and other Townships were compelled to attend the present term of the Court, and had to travel by the above named circuitous route. And why? It is well known that the crossing at McNeely's Mill has been in an almost impassable condition for the space of two years or more, owing to a new channel formed at the East end of the bridge which renders it unsafe and very dangerous to cross when the stream is the least swollen, on account of the depth of sluice and mud and quicksand their contained. I learn, however, that the Commissioners have recently let to contract the repairing of the bridge floor &c, and will probably have a couple of spans built across the sluice. I beg leave, respectfully to suggest to the commissioners, the work they propose to do will not remedy the evil complained of, and in so saying, I only speak the universal opinion of every one who looks at the place. Those two spans will be about forty yards distant, and entirely detached from the main bridge. They cannot therefore, be confined and would necessarily be washed away by the first freshet, and we would be left no better off than we were before. Besides, the trouble is not with the main bridge at all. It is over that dangerous sluice that we need a proper and safe crossing, and I humbly suggest that it would be far better policy to extend the main bridge entirely across the sluice, or else purchase, or procure by some other means, from the owners of the land, new site lower down the stream and remove the bridge entirely below the source of all the trouble. I am confident this course would be the least expensive, in the long run, and would give more generally satisfaction. It will not do for the commissioners to say the people are oppressed and cannot afford to be taxed any more than they now are. Besides, such a policy is suicidal to the public interests. The people want good roads and bridges and they are willing to be taxed to have them kept in safe and proper order. The crossing at Gheen's Bridge on second Creek is nearly as bad as that at McNeely's. For like the latter there is a deep channel being washed some forty yards from the East end of the bridge. This is caused by a fish dam which is built just below the bridge. This is a dangerous crossing in high water and should be attended to soon.

I am glad to learn that the commissioners have recently appointed Mr. Ransom Jacobs to act as Bridge Commissioner. This is a move in the right direction, Mr. Jacobs is a good citizen, a thoroughly practical man, and has fine judgment in matters of the sort. The commissioners can safely rely on his judgment, and need not hesitate to sanction his acts. Besides, I hail with satisfaction any approach,

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A gentleman travelling inside a coach was endeavoring, with considerable earnestness, to impress some argument upon a fellow passenger who was seated in the same vehicle, and who appeared rather dull of apprehension; at length, being slightly irritated, he exclaimed—"Why, sir, it's as plain as A B C!" That may be quickly replied the other, "but I am D E F!"

The sound of "Ough." Two attempts to show the sound of "ough" final: I. Though from rough, cough, or hiccough free. That man has pain enough; Whose wounds through plough, sunk in a slough. II. 'Tis not an easy task to show. How ough sound; since though, And Irish lough and English lough, And ough and hiccough all allow. Differ as much as tough and through. There seems no reason why they do. E. D.

Of puns, Smith says the best, because the most purely natural, and of the most delicate double meaning, which he had heard was made by a fellow-curate. Speaking of the young son of a brother dignitary in the church, about to take orders, he said: "No one knows why, but the young man, in reading of the patriarchs unconsciously but invariably pronounces the partridge." "That will never do," said the curate; "a young man making game of the patriarchs never to be admitted to holy orders." The best consecutive series of puns contained in a single stanza, may be seen in Hood's four lines upon the death of a sailor:

"His death, which happened in his berth. At forty odd be left. They went and told the sexton. And the sexton tolled the bell." A Baptist preached in a certain place was giving evidence in a court of justice; when the counsel on the other side, inquired of what profession he was. He replied, "Oh I am only one of the candidates of the Lord, when the former very jocosely retorted, "A dipped candle I suppose!"

Oliver Wendell Holmes sent two poetical letters to the "post office" of an Episcopal Fair at Pittsfield, Mass. In one of them the first stanza was: "Fair lady, whose's thou art. Turn this poor leaf with tender care; And—hush, O hush thy loving heart—The one thou lovest will be there." On turning the "poor leaf," there was found a one-dollar bill with some verses, beginning: "Fair lady lift thine eyes add tell If this is not a truthful letter: This is the one (1) thou lovest well. This naught (40) can make thee love it better." (\$10)

VARIETIES. But hark! my pulse like a soft drum Beats my approach, tells thee I come; And slow lowly my marches be, I shall at last sit down by thee. —Bishop King's Poem the "Elegy," copied from Philip Henry's Works Longfellow has written this beautiful thought into his Psalm of Life, thus: "On hearts. Like unfiled drums are beating Funeral marches to the grave. As the bubble on the fountain, As the foam on the river, As the dew on the mountain, Thou art gone and forever. "Lady of the Lake." All these beautiful similes are from the Bible, the book of beauty, sublimity and truth,—who admires them as the language of inspiration?

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NOTICE: The public are hereby notified, that the Firm heretofore existing under the name of Mills, Kerns & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business of the house, will be conducted by Messrs. J. B. & T. M. Kerns. All debts, notes, and accounts due either to or by the late Firm of Mills & Bowden, and Mills, Kerns, & Co., will be settled by Messrs. J. B. & T. M. Kerns. Thanks for the patronage extended to the late Firm, I beg leave to recommend in retiring, the Firm of Mills, Kerns, & Co., to the kind consideration of my former customers, as well as the public at large. Aug. 28, 1873. W. J. MILLS.

J. B. Kerns, T. M. Kerns. The undersigned having purchased the entire stock of the late Firm of Mills, Kerns & Co., in this day dissolved by mutual consent. Our friends and the public are respectfully invited to give us a call and examine our varied stock, as we shall keep constantly on hand every thing that the public require. SALISBURY, N. C., Aug. 28, 73. NORTH CAROLINA, CALDWELL COUNTY—SUPERIOR COURT. Mary Hise. Divorce and Alimony. Marvel Hise. In this case it is made to appear to the Court that the defendant is a non-resident of the State. Therefore it is ordered by the Court that publication be made in the "Carolina Watchman" a newspaper published in the town of Salisbury for six weeks, notifying the defendant to be and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, to appear before the Judge of the Superior Court for Caldwell County, to be held for said Court at the Court House in Lenoir, on the 2nd Monday after the 3rd Monday in September 1873, and to answer the complaint of the plaintiff. Judgment will be taken against him for this neglect in the Complaint. Witness my hand and the Seal of said Court, the 10th Monday after the 2nd Monday in March 1873, being August 23, 1873. R. R. WAKEFIELD, J. C.

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