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THE SINGING CLASS

Children From The Masonic Orphanage Here September 19.

The Oxford Orphan Singing Class, from the Masonic Orphanage at Oxford, will be in Pittsboro, at the Court House on Wednesday night, September 19th, at 8 o'clock, to give a program for the public.

Many people have heard this class from year to year as they have presented a program in Pittsboro and in Siler City. It is worthy of the attention of any one and every one will be delighted to go again.

If you have never attended one of these recitals, you should not fail to be present when they reach here next week. Make your arrangements to attend by all means and hear a splendid program at a very small cost.

The entire proceeds from this entertainment goes to the support of the Orphanage and the Chatham lodges have always given liberally in addition to the amount raised by the class. Pittsboro and Siler City lodges both make a good offering each time the class visits the towns.

The Oxford Orphanage is not an exclusive Masonic institution. While it is fostered principally by the Masons of North Carolina, there are less orphans of Masons than any other. Children of every denomination are there and the orphans of many who were neither church members or affiliated with any fraternal organization, are there.

Let's give the Singing Class the biggest audience this year that it has ever had.

NEED OF FIRE APPARATUS.

Pittsboro has no water nor hose reels to fight fire. Has not even a bucket to carry water to a fire, and perhaps it has not the means to put in water works or buy those reels and buckets. But some plan should be studied out by which property could be protected. The record man noticed at the fire last week that the only thing that could be scraped up there that would hold water was a few borrowed tubs and buckets.

It is a wonder that the church, which stood near the parsonage, had not burned. Probably a few buckets of water thrown on the side of the building saved the church. One man remarked that a church seldom, if ever, burns. But they do.

This paper has time and again recommended a very simple way to keep fires from spreading. The town should buy a rope 75 or 100 feet long and have a big hook fastened to the end of the rope. This hook could be stuck into a window and a lot of men get hold of the rope and pull the burning building partially out of the way. The writer has seen this done in a much larger town than Pittsboro. The cost of the hook and rope would be very small and it might be the means of saving a lot of property.

AN EARLY EVENING FIRE.

Wednesday night of last week the parsonage at the Stanton Memorial Temple, a colored church in the north-western part of Pittsboro, and occupied by Rev. J. R. Easeley, the pastor, was destroyed by fire. The origin of the fire came from the explosion of a lamp, it is believed.

Very little of the furniture was saved and not even the clothing of the family.

The church was in close proximity of the burned building but was saved by the heroic efforts of a bucket brigade. It was badly scorched on the end next to the house, but the constant throwing of water saved it. The white citizens of the town worked hard to save the furniture and the building and but for their direction and effort the church would have been destroyed.

There was no insurance on the destroyed building.

AN ELECTRIC STORM.

Did you hear the thunder and lightning during the electric storm last Wednesday night? was asked by a Pittsboro citizen Thursday. Of course everyone answered yes. They heard the heavy thunder claps, if they were not dead, but did not hear the lightning.

The storm reminded the world war veterans of the terrible times over in France, when the Germans would send their big shells over among them. The thunder and lightning was something fierce and a fine rain fell for about an hour. Strange to say, there was no wind accompanying the storm.

BASE BALL NOTES.

The Pittsboro baseball team, or what they could pick up here and along the way, went to Hillsboro last Saturday where they met defeat at the hands of the team of the latter town, the score being 6 to 2 in favor of Hillsboro. But the Pittsboro boys will have a come back at their victors Saturday week, September 22nd, when if they don't watch their p's and q's they will have the tables turned on them.

A game is expected here next Saturday between Pittsboro and a Raleigh team.

The Siler City team ended their season of baseball last Saturday. Miss Jeneverette Sevmour, of Apex, Rt. 3, is on a visit to Mrs. E. D. Carr in Pittsboro and to Miss Maggie Ellis on Rt. 3.

MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS

Chatham Road Commissioners Meet August 13th—Routine Affairs.

The road commissioners for Chatham county met in regular session on Monday, August 13th and passed on many road accounts. The following were allowed:

Alfred Johnson, pay roll \$400.
W. P. Petty, salary to date, \$35.40.
Rufus Johnson, two pair wagon lines \$8.00.
Robt. Johnson, 3568 feet of lumber \$117.74.

Frank Gattis, July salary \$75.00.
Ernest Henderson, July salary \$52.
F. P. Nooe, 16,190 feet bridge lumber \$526.18.

W. F. Crutchfield, shop work \$5.82
A. G. Campbell, 1870 feet lumber \$56.10.
Ivey Lasater, 7 days driving truck \$14.00.

Otis Hamlet, 18 days driving truck \$36.00.
W. F. Jones, 1330 feet lumber \$41.25.

D. H. Ellis, 45 pounds nails \$2.25.
W. H. Stout, gas and oil \$5.75.
D. T. Brooks, oil, shovel, nails, etc., \$12.80.

S. W. Walters, rent for gas tank \$9.46.
Bonlee Motor Co., gas, etc., \$9.16.
E. M. Snipes, July salary \$75.00.
J. W. Andrews, July salary \$75.00.
W. H. Hilliard, 15 hours work \$3.00.
Birch Phillips, 14 1-2 days work \$29.00.

J. E. Phillips, 25 hours work \$5.00.
Staley Phillips, 12 hours work \$2.40.

Rossie Scott, 20 hours work \$4.00.
Melloway Smith, 10 hours work \$2.
Aaron Kidd, work on bridge \$2.50.
H. E. Stewart, 10 hours work \$2.
C. T. Smith, 20 hours work \$4.00.
Harmon and Williams, lumber \$74.41.

W. Harmon, pay roll \$587.03.
Wilson Bros., 13 days road work, \$26.00.
J. W. Harmon, salary for July \$125.00.
Hamer Luther, 3 days work on road \$6.00.

C. B. Fitts, 8 1-2 days service to board and 292 miles traveled \$57.10.
E. V. Laurens, gas and oil \$32.25.
Ironton Manufacturing Co., sheet roofing for bridge \$195.40.
E. E. Wilson, 16 days service to board and 804 miles traveled \$120.20.
Hammock & Harper, shop work \$4.00.

Chas. Cole, 3334 feet lumber, half to be paid by Moore county \$122.36.
L. D. Johnson, July salary, express and repairs \$192.84.
George H. Brooks, Jr., 25 days work \$37.50.
D. C. Beard, July salary, \$65.00.

Alfred Johnson, pay roll, \$1,355.27.
Leon Wilson, July salary \$40.00.
J. W. Thomas, labor on Gum Springs road \$127.85.
Chatham Motor Co., repairs, etc., \$11.00.

Conell & Farrell, supplies to road camp \$295.24.
George W. Perry, 25 gallons gas \$7.00.

Asheboro Wheelbarrow Co., 10,802 feet lumber \$351.06 and 664 feet lumber \$19.92.

Kirk-Holt Hardware Co., points and mold boards \$21.90.
Chatham Hardware Co., oil, gas, dynamite, etc., \$226.75.
J. T. Mills & Bro., gas, oil, etc., \$13.32.

W. M. Scott, 39 gallons gas \$10.14.
J. W. Hobby, 117 gallons gas \$20.42.
B. D. Thraillkill, gas \$11.64.

Standard Oil Co., statement covering invoices to July 17, 1923, \$168.66.
E. F. Craven, repairing road machine \$5.30.

NEWS NOTES FROM FALL CREEK

(Too late for last week.)
Bear Creek, Rt. 3, Sept. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sanders, of near Coleridge, and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Burgess, of near Liberty were visitors at the home of Mr. E. C. Brewer Sunday afternoon.

Mr. E. C. Brewer is in very feeble health at this time, his friends will be sorry to learn.
Miss Leota Phillips and Mr. James Allen Talty motored to Goldston yesterday to preaching.

Mr. N. H. Brewer and daughter, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. J. W. Brewer.
Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. E. P. Spoon, at Asheboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Powers spent Sunday in the home of Mr. Sphinx Hill.
Miss Eula Brewer spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Roe Gardner.

Mr. E. P. Hill was a visitor in Ramseur Sunday afternoon.
BLUE BELLS.
Off On His Vacation.

Dr. W. B. Chapin left last week for Townsville, Rosemary, and Roanoke Rapids on his annual vacation. He returned to Pittsboro Friday. In the afternoon he left for Sanford where he boarded the train for another trip for Leesburg, Tampa and other cities in Florida. He will return this week.

AUDIT REPORT OF THE STATE.

We are in receipt of a copy of the recent much talked of state audit, in a book that required 162 pages. W. N. Everett, the secretary of state, has mailed a copy to every newspaper in the state.

A MEXICO FARMER

Visit of Mr. Richardson Home—Local Items From Browns Chapel.

Pittsboro, Rt. 2, Sept. 10.—His many friends were glad to greet Mr. Willie Richardson last week, after an absence from Chatham of more than 14 years. He is well remembered at Browns Chapel, having grew up in the Sunday school there. At the time that Mr. J. T. Mann was superintendent of the school, Mr. Richardson was secretary and made a good one. He has come on a visit to see his many relatives and friends and especially his foster mother, Mrs. Fannie A. Richardson Dark. He said, with tears in his eyes that it hurt him badly to see her in the physical condition that she now endures.

Mr. Richardson is a big farmer in New Mexico. He also operates a dairy there. He says that no fertilizer is used in New Mexico. Taxes run \$5.00 an acre, including irrigation. He has 125 acres, practically all of which are in cultivation. He feeds practically 150 tons of alfalfa each year and nearly as much is put on the market. One cow he has, when fresh, has given as much as 9 gallons of milk and none of the cows give less than five gallons per day. There is a 9 months compulsory school for all under 14 years and 6 months for those over 14.

Mr. Richardson is greatly impressed with the great improvement on our roads in Chatham county and the development in the towns. He visited at the home of W. R. Perry and H. F. Durham last week.

Mr. Richardson married a sister of the late Mrs. W. R. Perry and has four children, three boys and one girl. Quite a number of our young people motored to Bynum on Tuesday of last week and had a good time, according to reports.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Clegg, Sr., visited their daughter, Mrs. W. C. Henderson, last week.

Miss Irene Burns, who is taking a training course in a hospital in Richmond, Va., spent a few days last week with her aunt, Mrs. Henry F. Durham.

Mrs. Clyde Bland and children and Miss Mary Bland were visitors at the home of Henry F. Durham last week.

Mr. I. A. Durham carried his daughter, Miss Berta Durham to Mr. C. W. Lutterloh to meet the picnic crowd.

Mrs. John R. Goodwin and baby, accompanied by W. W. Lutterloh, called to see Dr. P. W. Lutterloh last week.

Mr. Fred Perry has been home on a visit to his mother some time.

Mr. Ward Perry is recovering from a severe attack of yellow jaundice.

Mr. P. T. Farrell and family visited the home of G. F. Perry and W. C. Henderson last Thursday.

Mr. H. M. Marshall's family visited in the home of Mr. C. W. Lutterloh last Thursday.

Mrs. Annie Huske visited in the home of J. L. Self and F. R. Henderson last week.

Little Harold Dark spent the weekend with his uncle, H. F. Durham. Junius, Jerome and Catherine were glad to have their little cousin with them.

Almost every Sunday and sometimes two or three times a week, the same car holding two young Pittsboro girls, winds its way above here. It is said the two young ladies know the car by the noise it makes.

Mr. C. N. Justice and Mrs. W. C. Henderson have purchased some white Leghorn chickens for egg production, from Mr. Henry F. Durham.

Owing to his physical condition Mr. Durham has decided not to enter the poultry business so extensively and he has a number of pullets and roosters for sale.

His many friends will be glad to know that Mr. J. Frank Durham has been able to abandon the use of his crutches. It will be remembered that he had a leg broken at a saw mill early in the spring.

BACK FROM BAR MEETING.

Mr. Henry M. London, State Reference Librarian, returned to his home in Raleigh last week, after attending the meeting of the American Bar Association in Minneapolis, Ind. North Carolina was represented by nine members of the Bar Association. They were A. B. Andrews, Henry M. London, A. L. Brooks, George Rountree, Judge Owen G. Guion, R. A. Nunn, Larry, I. Moore, T. C. Guthrie and Miss Julia Alexander.

A GOOD LIST OF GOOD FOLKS.

The following good people of Chatham county have subscribed for the Record since we corrected our list last week. We highly appreciate every one of them:

Mrs. Wm. J. Myers, Paul L. Elkins, C. B. Crutchfield, J. T. Goins, E. A. Clark, A. L. Blake, C. E. Bland, Sam Griffin, Raeford Journal, Oran J. Tysor, J. W. Pennington, W. B. Webster, Mrs. J. M. White, Emiline Alston, Morse Int. Agency.

A Few Changes.

Miss Margaret Womble left for Chapel Hill this week where she has accepted a position in a bank. Mr. David Womble goes to Brooklyn, N. Y., where he will live with his daughter, Mrs. G. W. Blair. Mr. and Mrs. Wade Barber and Mrs. Mary Barber have rented the Womble home on east Salisbury street and will move there until Mr. Barber's house is built. They are now at the Exline hotel.

Mrs. A. P. Dark, of Roscoe, was a visitor in town Tuesday.

NEAR EAST RELIEF

Chatham Raised over Eight Hundred Dollars Last Year.

Chatham county raised \$809.89 for Near East Relief this year, according to official figures just announced from Raleigh by Col. Geo. H. Bellamy, state chairman of this great humanitarian organization. This is 97 per cent of the county's quota, \$840.

In announcing these figures Col. Bellamy paid tribute to W. R. Thompson, of Pittsboro, county chairman who was in charge of raising this sum, and all those who helped him. Official figures were \$238.39 in cash, \$285 in unpaid pledges on June 30, last and \$286.50 in clothing. Mr. Thompson had many difficulties to overcome, the foremost of which is the misconception in the public as to the continued needs in the Bible lands.

As the Near East Relief in its definite child-saving program, works from year to year, results of work from July 1 to the following June 30, are announced. During the past fiscal year, Mr. Thompson endeavored to raise \$840 required to feed, clothe and educate fourteen little children now in North Carolina orphanages in the Near East and dependent on Chatham county for their very lives. Sixty dollars takes complete care of a child for a year, so efficient is the work of the Near East Relief overseas.

The report will show also that North Carolina greatly oversubscribed its quota. Over 1,000 volunteer workers, good christian men and women, marshalled together and directed by Morris A. Beale, state director, made possible the raising of this magnificent sum. Col. Bellamy declared. He stressed the fact that the end of this great work is yet—that until the Allied Powers make some provision for these homeless wanderers who made such great and successful sacrifices during the world war and were abandoned to a fate worse than death by their former allies, they cannot become self supporting.

The spectacle of an entire nation being saved by a people 3,000 miles away is without parallel in history, Col. Bellamy pointed out. In conclusion he declared that if America does not feed them and keep them alive now, they will starve and our splendid work of the last five years will have been in vain. No other nation in the world appears to be humane or christian enough to do this, he stated.

THE CARTER FURNITURE CO.

While in Sanford last week, we were taken through the Carter Furniture Co.'s establishment. We visited every department and they have a complete stock in every particular, from the cheaper goods to the very finest manufactured. They have a large stock, hundreds of thousands of dollars worth, and they are supplying many Chatham county homes with their needs.

We also went through the Undertaking section and here we found everything modern and up-to-date, with every facility for handling the work demanded of them.

The prettiest part of the whole thing is that this enterprising firm handles North Carolina products and fully ninety per cent of their stock is manufactured in the old North State. It is interesting to look through and we highly enjoyed the privilege.

JOINS COAST ARTILLERY.

William Hilliard, of Siler City, was recently accepted at the U. S. Army recruiting office at Greensboro and forwarded to Ft. Bragg, N. C., for enlistment. After enlistment Hilliard elects to take service in the Coast Artillery in the Philippines.

The sergeant in charge of the station at Greensboro has informed The Record that he would like to get in communication with Reserve officers of Chatham county with a view to securing their cooperation in assisting the Army to secure good men. The War Department has issued a circular letter requesting all reserve officers to aid the Army recruiting service.

KILLED BY HIS CAR.

Some of the citizens of Pittsboro especially the younger men, remember Mr. George Hendricks, who was employed around Pittsboro sometime ago as a civil engineer, under Mr. C. V. Edwards.

A short time ago, Mr. Hendricks was driving his car along the road in the western part of the state when the engine went dead. Forgetting to put on the brakes, he started to crank the Ford when it suddenly started, knocked him down and ran over him. His neck was broken. He was a clever young man and made many friends while in Pittsboro.

REVIVAL CLOSES IN GOLDSTON.

The revival conducted by Rev. C. H. Matthews closed Sunday night. In the morning Rev. Mr. Broom preached, Rev. Jonas Barclay preached in the afternoon, and Mr. Matthews closed the services on Sunday night. This series of meetings has done a wonderful lot of good and Mr. Matthews has endeared himself to the people of this entire section. He is a forceful preacher, a splendid man and commands large audiences wherever he goes. It will be a delight to many people to know that he will begin a meeting at Siler City today and will continue there for some three weeks.

ANOTHER BIG MILL BUILDING

Burlington Home of the First Colored Piece Goods Mill.

Burlington Sept. 7.—Burlington is the home of the first colored piece goods mill erected in the South, is soon to have a new textile mill. This became definitely known a few days ago when it was announced that the Queen Anne Textile Co., had been incorporated under the laws of North Carolina with the authorized capital of One Million Dollars.

The officers of the new corporation are W. H. Moreton, Adams Mass., President and General Manager; John M. Cook, Burlington, N. C. Vice-President; R. N. Cook, Graham, N. C. Secretary and Treasurer; J. E. Eck, Gastonia, Auditor. Mr. Moreton has been a successful Textile operator in Massachusetts but seeing the trend of the times he has come to Burlington to take advantage of the undoubted manufacturing possibilities of this section of the South. The corporation has already acquired the brick building formerly occupied by the United Finishing Mills situated on the edge of the city limits. Contract for remodeling and making the necessary repairs to the building has been awarded and the contractor is expected to begin work in a few days. The building with a few changes will be admirably suited for a textile mill.

The order has been placed for initial equipment consisting of one hundred 6 by one, four by four, thirty harness Doby looms with 46 by 1-2 "reed" space. The new mill will weave fancy dress goods and extreme novelties. January 1, 1923, is the date announced for the opening of the mill.

The location of this mill places it in the oldest textile manufacturing center of the south.

This is the third manufacturing enterprise to be launched in Burlington within the past few months. The Mohawk Hosiery Mills commenced operations a few weeks ago and is now running on a full twenty-four hour schedule. The Patriot Handkerchief Manufacturing Company, R. H. Therrell, Manager, organized about 8 weeks ago is now operating on a full time basis. Plans are now under way by Mr. Therrell to enlarge his plant to care for the increase of business.

DEATH OF MR. J. A. ELKINS.

Other News of Interest to the Record Readers.

Bear Creek, Rt. 2, Sept. 10.—After an illness of more than two weeks, Joel Absalom Elkins, (more commonly known as "Jack") died at his home on this route last Wednesday, September 5th. He developed blood poison from a sore on his toe. Then followed pneumonia, which rendered his case hopeless.

Mr. Elkins was a son of Joel and Sallie Harris Elkins, was born December 27th, 1851, being 71 years, 8 months and 8 days old. He was a member of a family of 12 children all of whom, except one brother, J. F. Elkins, of Siler City, and one sister, Mrs. R. S. Clark, of Siler City, have preceded him in death.

On June 2nd, 1875, he was married to Annie Smith. To this union were born 11 children, 6 girls and 5 boys. Three boys and two girls survive.

Mr. Elkins was a good neighbor and he will be sorely missed. The writer heard him say before he died that he felt that he was saved, therefore we feel our loss is his eternal gain. May God comfort the bereaved family and may they lean heavily upon the strong arm of God, feeling that "the Lord is good and a stronghold in the day of trouble."

He is survived by his wife and five children, Messrs P. L. Elkins and J. B. Elkins, of Bear Creek route, H. J. Elkins, of Greensboro, Messdames C. W. Holt, Kernersville and C. E. Gerning of Browns Summit. He also leaves 18 grand children.

The many friends of J. D. (Buck) Willett will learn with deep and inexpressible sorrow that he had the misfortune to lose his home by fire last Friday night. Very little was saved. Most out of two rooms on the first floor of the main body was saved, but all in the second story and other parts of the house was consumed by the fire. It was an unusually beautiful home and now only the chimneys, pillars and ashes and embers remain to show where it stood, makes one feel sad. Our sympathy goes out to them in their hour of great loss.

Mrs. W. I. Williamson, of Sanford, was a Sunday afternoon visitor in the home of T. B. Beal.

Mrs. Fannie Crump, of Covington, has been visiting her brother, J. W. Pierce.

PHIL.

Arrested for Speeding.

Pittsboro young ladies should remember that other towns have speed laws, even if Pittsboro has not. The three lassies who went over to Siler City Monday, and tried to show the people there how to speed on their streets, will not forget what Mayor Speight Wrenn, said to them when a policeman brought them before him. They were let off with the admonition to go and speed (or sin) no more.

Read Every One of Them.

There are announcements of Fall openings in this paper, and a varied lot of advertisements of many business concern; even the Wants ads are very interesting. Read every one of them and receive your rewards accordingly.

NEW GAME LAW

Outsiders Must Pay Tax—Squirrel Law Repealed.

As so many people have made inquiries about the game law of Chatham, The Record makes a synopsis of the law passed at the last legislative session.

The county commissioners are constituted game protection commissioners.

Any non-resident of the state who desires to hunt, shoot or trap birds or other game in the county must procure a license from the clerk of court and pay a tax of ten dollars for the hunting season and fifty cents for clerk's fee.

Any non-resident of Chatham county, who lives in the state, must pay a tax of five dollars and fee of fifty cents to the clerk of court. This does not include land owners of the county.

The law relating to killing squirrels in the county, enacted at the special session of 1920 is repealed.

Any person violating the game law in Chatham is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not exceeding \$50 or imprisonment more than thirty days.

NEWS FROM BYNUM FRIENDS.

Bynum, Sept. 10.—Mrs. Orphia Williams has returned from Watts hospital much improved.

Mrs. Lonnie Oldham and Miss Bell Burke are visiting relatives in Elon and Burlington.

Miss Margaret Atwater and brother John Atwater, have returned to their home in Greensboro after an extended visit to the Misses Lambeth.

Mr. Floyd Riddle, of Sanford, spent a few days with relatives here last week.

Master Bruce Ward has been suffering considerably from the effects of a fall which he received some time ago.

Cary Durham left last week for Raleigh to enter a business college.

Neil Page and Bobbie Atwater entered school in Durham Monday.

School opened Monday with an enrollment of 126. Short talks were made by Mr. J. B. Atwater, Rev. J. R. Edwards and several others. Prof. Townsend seems to have great interest in the school and we feel that with efficient principal we are going to have the best school we ever had.

The young people of the village, are practicing a play which will be presented sometime soon.

POLLY.

Heavy Electrical Storm.

One of the worst electrical storms of the year passed over Pittsboro Monday night about 12 o'clock. It was accompanied by hail, wind and a down pour of rain, lasting nearly an hour. No damage has resulted from the storm, so far as we have learned, except that done to the cotton in beating it on the ground and damaging the stalks. This, however, was light.

Chapter to Meet.

Winnie Davis Chapter D. of C., will meet tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock with Mrs. C. C. Poe. Subject will be: "The Confederate Navy."

PROTECTION OF WITNESSES.

Raleigh Times.

Judge Thomas J. Shaw of the superior court announces his intention of affording witnesses a fuller measure of protection from the brow-beating by lawyers. The promise will be heartily welcomed by those whose only fault has been the misfortune to be called into court to assist in the administration of justice.

Some witnesses, it is true, are pure partisans, in court for the purpose of helping a friend or satisfying a grudge against an enemy; but most of them come to court unwillingly. This unwillingness is increased by the feeling that any lawyer if it serve his purpose may impugn the witness' motives, attack his character or subject him to any sort of ridicule.

Pretty generally anything goes in the cross-examination of the average witness, who doesn't know how to defend himself. Judges have grown so accustomed to the lack of courtesy of the legal profession as regards anybody connected with the court save its presiding officer that they seem to take the badgering of a decent citizen who is trying to tell what he knows or doesn't know about a case as a matter of course.

We have often wondered what would happen if a witness would insist on being treated courteously; if he refused to answer a question of a lawyer who snarled at him and demanded the respect of a cross-examiner? The lawyers, even the most vicious, are always prompt to demand the protection of the court against a witness who talks back. The witness has some rights, too; but they seldom receive recognition.

It is to be hoped that Judge Shaw gets somewhere with his proposed reform of court conduct. The lawyers themselves have the most to gain. Not all of them attempt to win all their cases by assailing the character of the witness. Perhaps as large a per centage of lawyers are gentlemen as members of any other profession.

But the boob, the thug, the ass, has at present freer rein in the trial of a case in the superior court than any other place we ever visited. Which, of course, does not add to the respect of the people for the courts.