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SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 1889.

COMMITMENT OF PENALTY.

A special telegram from Raleigh informed us on Thursday night that Gov. Fowle had committed the death sentence of David Bell, of Madison county, to have been executed on the 16th inst., to imprisonment for life at hard labor in the penitentiary.

It is no love of capital punishment, no gloating for the blood of a victim, that we take occasion to dissent from this special exercise of executive clemency, but because, in the law defining the nature and fixing the penalty of the crime for which Bell was convicted was right, then the occasion for his vigorous enforcement had arrived. There was an atrocity and brutality about this special act which has few parallels in such offences; there was a violation of the confidence imposed upon his honor and his manliness which stamped Bell as a man with whom no dealings could thereafter be had, a man who had wilfully and wickedly thrust himself beyond the pale of humanity, and beyond the reach of human mercy.

It occurs to us that the evidence introduced on the trial established a guilt of peculiar blackness; and there was a general sentiment that the verdict and the sentence were eminently just. What afterwards came to light, which clearly cannot invalidate facts clearly established, they can go to the extent only, so far as we know, of suggesting the mental irresponsibility of the accused. In that case, and in that only, does it appear to us that clemency is judiciously interposed.

We do not understand how or why it is that in criminal cases, after Judge, Solicitor and jury, after careful hearing and sitting of evidence and weighing of arguments, have reached the momentous conclusion of guilt, they should start back with fright, as it were, at what they had done, and make haste to recede and rescue the victim, as they may construe him to be, from the fate to which they had solemnly consigned him, as if they had done awful wrong. They have no right so to trifle with those grave responsibilities. If they were right in the first instance they should bravely stand by their conclusions. It is not they, as individuals, who have done it, but the sworn officers of the law; it is not their caprice nor their passion, their hate or their prejudice that solves the question of guilt or innocence. It is the law and the evidence, and they stand relieved of personal responsibility when they obey its mandates. If the laws be wrong, if they be harsh, cruel, unjust, repeal them. While they stand, execute them. This facile yielding to every wail of sympathy, to every suggestion of tenderness, is what makes the rigid execution of the law so discredited, and makes appeal to mob law so ready and frequent. Law is a terror to evildoers only when it is enforced with certainty. Its uncertain enforcement argues that society has no rights to be protected, and that all the machinery of law is to be used only for the protection of those who assail those rights. When such comes to be understood as recognized distinction, then society, when outraged, will take the law into its own hands. It will be justified in so doing, because all other recourse is denied it.

DRAINAGE OF MUD CREEK.

The last Hendersonville Times says: "Work on the Mud creek canal has been delayed by the heavy rains for over a week. It will begin as soon as the waters subside sufficiently for the hands to go into the swamp. Everybody on the creek has 'come in' and will do the work, there being no necessity of an assessment. The commissioners desire the thanks of all for the very efficient and impartial manner in which they have located the route. When these lands shall have been drained they will be the richest, not only in this section, but the entire State."

We notice it because the work to be done interests not merely Henderson county, but affects beneficially the financial condition of the whole State by the additions to be made both by State and county revenue. The area to be brought into cultivation is between 15,000 and 20,000 acres of land exuberantly rich, especially productive in corn and grasses. Mr. Barker, who lives on the south side of the creek, opposite Hendersonville, has proved its value, his corn crops standing as thick and luxuriant on the tracts he has ditched and drained as if they grew on the Mississippi bottoms.

The existence of a broad creek bottom requiring the work of laborious and costly drainage appears to be an anomaly in the mountains, and is indeed a remarkable one. Mud creek, rising a few miles west of Hendersonville, in a range of mountains jutting out from the Blue Ridge towards the north with an extension of eight or ten miles, first flows east parallel with, and a very few feet below the summit level of the Blue Ridge, which is along here very depressed—2,250 feet—and with very little cost, might be drained over the mountains into the valley of Hungry river. But the barrier is high enough to divert the course of the stream northward, in which direction it flows for a few miles, when it again turns westward, and falls, after a course of about sixty miles, into the French Broad only six or eight miles below its source. Throughout its whole length, with the exception of the upper tributary branches, it flows through a flat swamp

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THE RACKET COLUMN.

KEEPING IT UP !!

We tried to write our advertisement announcing our gift of Lawn Dresses so plainly that no one could misunderstand it. We have never meant that we would give a Lawn Dress with One Dollar's worth of any of our goods sold, but only with a Dollar's worth of Dress goods, and we especially excepted White Goods. Our reasons were these: We are going to quit keeping all kinds of Dress Goods, except White Goods, and in order to clear them out we give these Lawns away. Lots of Ladies have availed themselves of our offer, but we have quite a pile of the Lawn yet which we shall continue to give away, while at the same time we sell the Dress Goods that go with it at cost. Our stock of White Goods, Flouncings, Lawns, India Linens, plain and dotted Swisses, Barred Muslins, and other thing goods suitable for the season is very large, and we guarantee the prices to be as low as those of anybody. Our White Goods, Embroideries, Hamburgs, Laces and Edgings are all new, fresh goods. No need to clean them after you get them, but new goods, and sold as low as others that are dry-specked and shop-worn, and in many cases lower. If people will examine before they buy we will be content. We wish we could impress upon our people the fact that our store is the place to buy their shoes. We probably have the largest stock in town outside of a regular shoe store, from a Ladies' Pebble Goat, button, that we warrant solid leather, top, bottom, inside and out, for \$1.25, to a fine French Kid, and in many cases lower. If people will examine before they buy we will be content. We wish we could impress upon our people the fact that our store is the place to buy their shoes. We probably have the largest stock in town outside of a regular shoe store, from a Ladies' Pebble Goat, button, that we warrant solid leather, top, bottom, inside and out, for \$1.25, to a fine French Kid, and in many cases lower. If people will examine before they buy we will be content. We wish we could impress upon our people the fact that our store is the place to buy their shoes.

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