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SCHOOLS FOR LAWYERS

There is a great deal in what Judge J. Bis Ray has to say in regard to the tutoring of lawyers in schools which prepare young men for this profession with the theory of their practice, but the judge will recognize himself at once as being entirely unorthodox. It is the opinion of this jurist that any young man who wants to practise law ought to be allowed the privilege of hanging out his shingle and going to it, even though he may have come straight into the law from behind the slow or from behind the counter.

THE SOUTH AND MR. GOMPERS

President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor has a very fine opportunity before him in the South when he comes to deal with what he designates as a developing hostile crisis. Mr. Gompers probably does not know intimately the people of the South and their almost blind adherence to the fundamentals as once delivered by the fathers, but if he will come with sound doctrine and constructive advice, he will find the South responsive to his appeals and ready to co-operate with him in his leadership of the working people into right channels and toward the destiny of better conditions.

CHURCHES AND MOVING PICTURES

The census records indicate that there are something like 1,500 churches in this country utilizing the motion picture as an agency for religious instruction. There is nothing improper in any church resorting to such an amazingly telling method for proclaiming truth. The evil of the moving picture is not institutional. It comes about from the abuses which are heaped upon it. The server ought to become one of the most effective instrumentalities available for enforcing Scriptural truth and churches that have resorted to it are explicit in following the advice of the great Apostle, "Be instant in season."

OUT-OF-DOOR LIFE HERE

It should be a matter for general congratulation that Charlotte is to have immediately another country club, that in Myers Park, with all the features of a modern out-of-doors place of play, tennis courts, swimming pool, golf links and such accoutrements, that there may be gathered a large number of the people of the city.

The Charlotte Country Club has proven a benediction to many men, women and children in Charlotte as affording facilities for bodily refreshment and exercise. The Myers Park club will soon be reckoned likewise for those who are to be privileged to enjoy its bounties and some of these days, we are still hopeful, the city will have an abundance of public places of play, recreational institutions, and club houses with all the privileges and all the features of modern institutions, so that the public generally may be given the opportunity of enjoying what the more fortunately situated in the city can now command for themselves.

The American people are just awakening to the vital importance of recreation. Perhaps, our fathers didn't need it. They were rugged in their nature living close to the soil and their environs were not such as sapped their vitality as today's environs in society and in industry. Competition then was largely fiction; today it is tragically real. In that day also our forebears took things easily; there was no speed-craze. They went about their work in a somewhat happy-go-lucky fashion, too; their time, worked hard but sensibly and came to the close of a day's work fatigued in body, but with minds undimmed by the multiplied vexations of modern business exactions. Under circumstances like that, there was no particular occasion for them to have golf clubs and tennis courts and swimming pools and all of these other elements of modern clubs.

It is very different today. Work is different. It's harder, more energetic, more exacting. Competition drives men to excesses in labor. They are forced to over-exertion and it is a competition largely in the application and exercise of wits, more fatiguing than the combatting of muscle and brawn. It is this new type of industry that is undermining the health of the people and this new angle of business that is turning men's thoughts toward recreation as a form of restoration more helpful and curative than pills or prescriptions.

And the man of the office needs this variety of exercise no more than the man of the mills. He, too, is handicapped. His burdens are unrelieved. His unbroken periods of work are destructive to health and the peculiar character of his occupation has led to the experiment of short-hours in the interest of efficiency. It would make tremendously more for acceptable workmanship if all the industrial classes had access to parks and places of play where they might get exercise and alleviation, and refreshment and new vitality for their labors.

And especially have parks and playgrounds come to be regarded as vital in the life of the child. We are just coming into an appreciation of the fact that it is more economical to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to follow the natural aptitudes of the child in its formative, plastic period of life than it is to spend many more hundreds of thousands to cure them after society has failed to take account of their early inclinations. Intelligently-directed play is being regarded today as an influence not merely in the shaping of more perfect bodies, but in the fashioning also of more perfect minds and in the moulding of more perfect characters.

It is commendable, therefore, to see these recreational centers increasing in this community and to have this evidence that the public has such a regard for them that they can count upon adequate financial support.

OPPOSE COOPERATIVE MARKETING

We see by The Greensboro News that the Farmers Union of Guilford county is making a public fight against the co-operative marketing association's plans of trying to get the cotton raisers of that community to sign up and deliver their cotton to this central agency of the farmers to turn loose on the market.

It is beyond us to explain how any organization that claims to have the wellbeing of the cotton growers at heart can deliberately bring itself to oppose a movement of this kind. The only possible chance for the South to get in position to control the price of cotton is through some such means as this. That ought to be clear. Surely the officials of the Farmers' Union will not approve of the present indiscriminate, slipshod, haphazard methods of marketing cotton, methods by which nearly all the staple raised is dumped on the markets during these months of the year and sold at prices deflated because of this onrush to the markets.

And yet it sends its forces against the only organization that proposes redemption from this unbusiness-like and destructive system, the only organization that has come before the intelligent farmers of the South with an appeal that is not merely fascinating, but that fairly bristles with practicality. It fulfills every demand that the cotton-grower has been making for fifty years in respect to control of the markets. It offers opportunity by which the men who make cotton can stand up and demand the price they shall receive for it. And yet it is being antagonized by an organization that is supposed to be engaged in looking after the wellbeing of the farmers!

Mr. Kihloss the new prohibition enforcement officer for North Carolina, announces his intention of keeping all democrats now in the service who show faithfulness and efficiency. We are wondering if Mr. Kihloss realizes that this is not good republican doctrine.

THE DOCTORS' BUILDING

The doctors of Charlotte seem to be determined that the lawyers will not outdo them. They propose to have a home of their own, as we interpret the plans for the ten-story building on North Tryon street to mean that the medical fraternity has plans for a central office for its followers.

The lawyers have found their building not only an agency of great convenience in that they are so thrown together, but also an economical institution, and there is no reason that the doctors should not run upon a similar experience.

It is a matter at any rate, that the public may feel felicitous over, that the physicians of the community are lending themselves to the construction of another skyscraper here and thus materially aiding in the physical and material progress and development of the city.

RECKLESS HIGHWAY DRIVING

Citizens who are in the habit of driving their automobiles on the public highways sensibly and discreetly continue to troop back to the city with complaints against those who drive their vehicles neither safely nor sensibly. The peril of speeding on the highways of the county is a growing evil. It must be faced and sternly dealt with some of these days by means which are yet to be suggested as sufficient to curb this practice. The hazard to life may not be so great on these public, hard-surfaced roads, and others that are not yet hard-surfaced, as on the crowded streets of the city but the sinister evil is there and will remain until sufficient steps are taken to break up this tendency on the part of some auto drivers. Life is equally precious in the rural as urban community.

Fatty Arbuckle has extricated himself in his screen life from many intricate contentions, but if he manages to escape the legal entanglement in which he now finds himself, he will be reckoned among the immortals.

RETIREMENT OF MR. MOORE

The retirement of Mr. Charles R. Moore from the business life of the community after an unbroken period of 36 years of service in the store that has in late years borne his name, will be keenly felt in local mercantile circles where Mr. Moore has been professionally regarded as an able and understanding man of affairs. He relinquishes his duties with a record of active service in the shoe business of the city that will probably remain a record parallel for many years and a record of consistent and conscientious devotion to duty that ought to be an inspiration to many others who are you in the service of merchandising.

REDUCED FREIGHT RATES.

Petersburg, Va., Sept. 14.—The Norfolk and Western Railway, through J. R. Ruffin, freight traffic manager, announced here Tuesday that, effective September 28, that railroad with its connections will make a reduction in freight rates on domestic grain and grain products originating in the Central west when destined to Eastern territory, including Norfolk and other Virginia points.

OSTEOPATHY Is the science of healing by adjustment. DR. H. F. RAY 318 Realty Bldg. DR. FRANK LANE MILLER 610 Realty Bldg. DR. ARTHUR M. DYE 224 Piedmont Bldg. Osteopaths, Charlotte, N. C. INFORMATION BY REQUEST

COMMUNICATIONS

DR. JOHNSON APPROVES.

Editor of The News: It is a splendid omen in these materialistic days, when the editor of a virile newspaper, like The Charlotte News, takes up his pen in defense of the Christian Sabbath as was so finely done in your paper of September 7. This is not the first time, however, that this thing has been done by The News, for I recall the universal comment that was made on an editorial of The News in its stand for the observance of the Lord's Day when an attempt was made to have an open Sunday in Charlotte while the soldiers were at Camp Greene. The writer was not a citizen of this city at that time, but saw the editorial copied in a New York paper with most favorable comment.

Your diagnosis of the attack recently made on The Lord's Day Alliance is correct. It is simply a camouflage on the part of certain combinations of alien and un-American elements who, behind this smoke screen, are trying to dissipate the Christian Sabbath and commercialize it for their own selfish ends. All this propaganda as to the promulgation of "blue laws," was started by themselves, hoping, by this method, to throw dust in the eyes of the people as to the real purpose of The Lord's Day Alliance, which has for its purpose the protection and preservation of the Christian Sabbath as a day of rest and worship.

ALBERT S. JOHNSON.

MR. JONAS TAKES EXCEPTION.

To the Editor of The News: I am a constant reader of your live paper. I get it every day from your local newsboy. Your editorial headed "Intolerance" was a very timely and well written editorial. I wish it could be read and studied by every citizen of the State. But the force of that editorial was broken by the very next editorial in the same issue, in which you expressed the sentiment that Dr. W. S. Rankin should be rewarded for his very intol-erant, bitter, if not childish, personal attack upon the Surgeon General because Dr. Rankin thinks differently from the Surgeon General about pellagra-conditions in the South. The writer thinks Dr. Rankin must surely think less of himself after seeing his cheap diatribe in print. However small the Surgeon General may be Dr. Rankin, judging by his attack, proves himself the smaller.

Then there is your editorial, belittling personal attack upon Senator Lodge. Again your editorial column carried about the most intolerant, vicious, uncalled-for personal attack upon Chairman Fordney I have ever read in a respectable daily newspaper. It seems scarcely possible that the same heart breathed the thoughts in the article in "Intolerance" that could harbor the bitter, intolerant sentiments expressed in the personal attacks mentioned. I have no brief for the gentlemen you have so belabored. They may be all wrong in their ideas, but personal abuse of them does no good. It simply spreads personal ill feeling against men who differ with your readers in thought, and encourages the spirit of intolerance you seem to deplore in others. It is said that on one occasion a young lawyer asked an old practitioner what should be done by a barrister when both facts and law appeared to be against him. The advice given was that in such cases "Give your opponent a—1." To this advice one would gather from some of your editorials you would say "Them's my sentiments."

CHAS. A. JONAS, Lincolnton.

RECKLESS DRIVING IS CHARGED TOPREACHER

Petersburg, Va., Sept. 14.—Following an accident of Sunday night, in which his automobile struck and killed W. J. Cummings, well known grocer of this city, and injured nine others, Rev. R. L. Matthews, a Petersburg minister, has been charged in police court here with reckless driving. Mr. Matthews is also under \$500 bond for his appearance before a coroner's jury. The inquest having been postponed to await the outcome of the injuries to the surviving members of the party.

DEMOCRATS NAME HOOKER.

Danville, Va., Sept. 14.—The Democrats of the fifth Virginia district, in a delegated convention of three hundred men and women, Tuesday nominated J. Murray Hooker of Patrick county for the unexpired term of the late R. A. James in the sixty-seventh Congress.

UNCLE JOE THINKS AMERICANS BLIND

Washington, Sept. 14.—Uncle Joe Cannon, eighty-five-old young man of the House, today laughed at pessimists who are worried over business recovery. "Americans today, in the midst of the almighty dollar, forget the things they enjoy," said the veteran of a hundred political battles. "Why, back in Danville, long ago, before the days of gas and electric lights, and other marvelous inventions that have brought comfort to the people, the folks of the town opened their eyes in amazement at the sight of an oil lamp in a store window."

"Just look back to those days, and do I remember when the people thronged down on the main street to see a first kerosene lamp burning in a shop window. It was in the days of the low dip candle. "Now, see what we enjoy today. Life's comforts and conveniences. These are the happy days, but so few realize it. "The Gloomy Gus of business may wake up to the big future ahead. He prosperous, most resourceful of all nations, the business men of these United States are blind to many advantages for which they should be thankful."

MODIFY DRASTIC ORDER.

Milledgeville, Ga., Sept. 14.—A drastic order from the Board of Trustees, a few weeks ago that no more patients be admitted to the State sanitarium for the insane until space is available through death or cure of present inmates, was modified Tuesday afternoon when Governor T. W. Hardwick conferred with members of the board.

BELK BROS COMPANY The Home of Better Values. Apparel for Young Women and Children is Being Featured on Our Second Floor Today. FASHIONS for these young people are delightful this Fall. Smart, attractive designs are found in every item of their apparel. Let us show you these new arrivals. Opportunities in Frocks, Coats and Middy Suits. Frocks. Large assortments of youthful frocks, silk and of wool. Here are frocks which verify the fashion notes. Trimmings of beads, braids and embroidery. Colors are navy, brown and black. The new fabrics are delightfully soft and supple. \$14.95 to \$49.50. Wool Middy Suits. Sizes 6 to 22 Years. Regulation Middy Suits made of good navy serges; collar and cuff trimmed with white braid. Emblem on right sleeve, service band on left sleeve. Pleated skirts. \$4.95 to \$9.95. Young Women's Coats. Every style that discrimination can suggest. An uncommonly representative stock of well-made coats offers you a really good coat of serviceable material at a low price. Some with trimmings of fine furs. Within this price range will be found everything the junior and the miss might ask in fashion, fabric or finish. Sizes 14 to 19 years. Priced. \$19.95 to \$49.50. Children's Coats. Ages 3 to 14. More than usual thought entered into the selection of materials, the designing and especially the workmanship of the children's coats that we have assembled for these coming cold days. In all the new materials and wanted shades. We consider them splendid values at these prices. \$4.95 to \$24.95. Children's and Misses' Hats. Here are the latest models in design of hats for youth. Felts, Beavers and Plush. Dark shades and the new bright colorings; you will be delighted with the variety. 98c to \$4.95. In Our Center Window. We have placed an exhibit of products we handle which are MADE-IN-CAROLINA. It is very opportunely that we display these articles, and it will be interesting to you to see such things and know them to be "Ours" as well as yours.