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### WAS MONROE JOHNSON INNOCENT?

No little feeling seems to prevail that Monroe Johnson may have been innocent. This has the narrow base of Johnson's own word on the scaffold, and that only.

A most thorough and exhaustive operation of the court's functions convinced twelve jurors that he was guilty. This too when charged to give the defendant the benefit of every reasonable doubt.

If it is said that Johnson would not have died with a lie on his lips, we ask you, reader, to study the best portrait of depraved human nature in the world contained in the Book of Romans and the latter half of the first chapter.

Johnson was evidently a man of a criminal heart, and the God-fearing people of our land cannot well realize the lack of a just appreciation of death and eternity in one led by the enemy of all good.

The prisoner's cell with its gloomy lodgings, alternated with hope of escape by the supposition of innocence, is a very poor place to catch and nurture a loving penitence, unfeared before, and without which all the hopes that criminals usually express on the gallows are but vain and empty hallucinations.

Probably nothing in the world is more unreliable than the professions of a distressed and harassed mind in the face of death when the life has been one constant drift away from the God whom it would now gladly have to save it because of fear rather than love. "Devils fear but do not love."

While lynching is a growing evil that takes its growth from a general complaint of the slow and uncertain operation of the law let none become over-sentimental and find fault with the law for removing a man because he professed innocence to the last.

To let such escape the penalty of the law would be to practically expunge all penalties from our code of laws and make our courts a farce.

Any criminal would profess innocence rather than plunge into an abyss of eternity from which his natural instincts recoil.

If Johnson died with these professions all would have to say his doom was just. The same lips that claimed innocence claimed preparation for eternal happiness. If this is true he is none the worse by his fate and the courts, God's own appointed mode of protecting the innocent and of meting out justice to

those whom the highest earthly tribunals say are guilty are defended in the exercise of legitimate powers.

We would not withhold our pity from the helpless and innocent convict any more than we would turn a deaf ear to the frantic cries of effeminacy in its struggles to maintain life and purity or withhold a helping hand from him who would rush to the defense of those under his parental care in silent hours of the night when the law presumes to hover over every household and say to every intruder, "Thou Shalt Not."

Some of Lyman J. Gage's friends intimated to him the other day that they would like to give him a public dinner before he went to Washington. "You must excuse me," was his reply. "I want no demonstration in my honor now. If, after four years of service as a member of the Cabinet, my neighbors think I have served my country so faithfully that they desire to show their appreciation, a dinner would be all right. I prefer, however, to enter my country's service without heralding. Let my record in office speak for me."—Greensboro Record.

[This does not ring like the modern pie hunter.]

Hon. Marion Butler hasn't speech enough in his vocabulary nor in the unabridged lexicon he uses to express his contempt for the fellows who scaled his fence to get a pull at the crib on the other side; but Hon. Marion should be charitable if not considerate, and remember the time not so far off as to be dimmed by distance when he too was very hungry, would have climbed a very high fence, and turned a summerset from the rider to get on the side where the provender protruded. Hon. Marion struck a good fat corner, good for four years more, on to which he proposes to hold for many years, unless somebody about the size and build of Harry Skinner jumps on him and breaks his grip. It is real unkind in him to be saying unpleasant and spiteful things about his late party associates who happen to be hungry, and upbraiding them with a weakness for pap while he is getting fat and saucy on the soft snap that he captured.—Morning Star.

The old story of Prometheus is a parable. Prometheus was on terms of intimacy with the gods. From them he stole fire, and gave it to men. For this sin he was bound to the rocks of Mount Caucasus, and vultures were set upon him. They only ate his liver. This grew again as fast as it was pecked away. Are his sufferings to be imagined?

Take a modern interpretation of the parable. There is no cooking without fire. In cooking and eating the mischief lies. The stomach is overtaxed, the bowels become clogged, they cannot dispose of the food that is given them. The impurities back up on the liver. Then come the vultures—the torments of a diseased liver. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is more than equal to the vultures of dyspepsia and its kindred diseases. There is no more need of suffering from dyspepsia than there is of hanging one's self. Sold by all medicine dealers the world over.

Mr. Furgason presented a bill Monday in the House making it a misdemeanor to give or sell intoxicants to any habitual drunkard.

### Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tettered Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale at P. B. Fetzner's Drug Store.

A bill to require seats for female clerks was tabled in the Senate yesterday.

A petition from bicyclers asks that their wheels be made baggage on railroads.

## Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

costs more than other medicines. But then it cures more than other medicines.

Most of the cheap cough medicines merely palliate; they afford local and temporary relief. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral does not patch up or palliate. It cures.

Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup, Whooping Cough,—and every other cough, will, when other remedies fail, yield to

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It has a record of 50 years of cures.

Send for the "Curebook" free.

J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

## SCHEDULE SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

IN EFFECT JAN. 18, 1897.

This condensed schedule is published as information, and is subject to change without notice to the public:

### TRAINS LEAVE CONCORD, N. C.

9:27 P. M.—No. 35, daily for Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line division, and all points South and Southwest. Carries through Pullman drawing-room buffet sleepers between New York, Washington, Atlanta, Birmingham, Galveston, Savannah and Jacksonville. Also Pullman sleeper Charlotte to Augusta.

8:48 A. M.—No. 37, daily, Washington and Southwestern vestibuled limited for Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis, Montgomery, Mobile and New Orleans, and all points South and Southwest. Through Pullman sleeper New York to New Orleans and New York to Memphis. Dining car, vestibuled coach, between Washington and Atlanta, Pullman tourist car for San Francisco, Sundays.

9:02 P. M.—No. 9, daily, from Richmond, Washington, Goldsboro, Norfolk, Selma, Raleigh, Greensboro, Knoxville and Asheville to Charlotte, N. C.

10:30 A. M.—No. 11, daily, for Atlanta and all points South. Solid train, Richmond to Atlanta; Pullman sleeping car, Richmond to Greensboro.

10:07 A. M.—No. 36, daily, for Washington, Richmond, Raleigh and all points North. Carries Pullman drawing-room buffet sleeper, Galveston to New York; Jacksonville to New York; Birmingham to New York. Pullman tourist cars from San Francisco 14 days.

9:02 P. M.—No. 38, daily, Washington and Southwestern vestibuled limited, for Washington and all points North. Through Pullman car, Memphis to New York; New Orleans to New York; Tampa to New York. Also carries vestibuled coach and dining car.

7:22 P. M.—No. 12, daily, for Richmond, Asheville, Chattanooga, Raleigh, Goldsboro and all points North. Carries Pullman sleeping car from Greensboro to Richmond. Connects at Greensboro with train carrying Pullman car for Raleigh.

6:17 A. M.—No. 10, daily, for Richmond; connects at Greensboro for Raleigh and Norfolk; at Danville for Washington and points North; at Salisbury for Asheville, Knoxville and points West.

All freight trains carry passengers.  
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