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WHY HAS IT FALLEN FLAT?

Chief Justice Taft of the United States Supreme Court in the course of an address the other day remarked that the administration of criminal law in the United States had fallen flat.

The most serious aspect of the situation is not the fact that the administration of the law has fallen down. That is serious, of course, but the most serious aspect deals with a remedy for the trouble.

Why are the courts falling down? That's the question that challenges every right thinking man in the United States. Is the jury, the judge, the county, State, or federal officer to blame or are all to blame?

The manner in which many cases are disposed of, it seems to us, has much to do with the matter. Take the case of Conley Robinson, of Charlotte, for instance.

Several weeks ago this young lawyer went on a rampage to the home of an acquaintance. He was looking for his wife or for some one whom he thought knew something about his wife.

And what happened at the trial? Why he paid a small fine, another small amount for damages to the man he attacked, and was given his freedom.

What does the average man think when he reads of such cases as this? Are such cases calculated to bring about more respect for the law? Is there "even-handed justice" in such cases?

The judge presiding may have known something the public didn't know, but that seems hardly likely. There is no way to get around the fact that this man went armed to the home of a neighbor and proceeded to shoot that neighbor.

time trying to run everybody else's business. Big men do not fear criticism and any man elected to office should expect to be criticised, for he is only human and is certain to make mistakes.

That's the attitude of big men. Said Mr. Jefferson on this point: "The basis of governments being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right, and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

CABARRUS DISTRICT FAIR.

The local fair is no longer a county project. It has been so successful during the past four years and has grown to such proportions that it is now the Cabarrus District Fair, embracing nine counties.

In the fair district are Cabarrus, Rowan, Mecklenburg, Stanly, Union, Iredell, Anson, Davie and Montgomery counties and in planning for the 1927 event fair officials have kept in mind the people of these counties.

The Cabarrus fair is the biggest fair in the State of North Carolina. It has passed the experimental stage. After the first fair even the most enthusiastic supporters could see no definite future for the enterprise.

But the fair has grown from year to year and is more like a State Fair now than anything held in North Carolina.

We predict now that the 1927 fair will be by far the greatest in the history not only of the local fair but of fairs in North Carolina. Certainly the program cannot be excelled.

SAYS MORE HOMES NEED OF NATION.

Mr. Josephus Daniels, addressing the National Building and Loan Association, in Asheville, stressed the need of more home-owners and less tenancy.

"If a man who makes two blades of grass grow where one formerly grew is accounted a public benefactor, what shall be the appraisal of an association that finances the building of half a million homes in one year?"

the nearest approach to a heaven on earth. "In a day of easy credit, governmental agencies and individuals are so prone to go into debt that it would be well to declare that the philosophy of 'pay as you go' ought to be adopted by many in our day.

"It is only 18 years ago that this State really recognized agencies of comfort and gave them direction and supervision—only 18 years, though, of course, a number of associations functioned successfully before then.

HOW TO MAKE MONEY ON REAL ESTATE.

Eight maxims on how to make money handling real estate were recently formulated by a prominent New York realtor. They were given to the public by The New York World as follows:

Never buy for cash. The successful operator invests just as little of his own funds as possible, glad to pay 6 per cent. interest for the use of money that he expects to bring profit.

Buy when others aren't buying freely—don't wait for a boom. Buy property monopolistic in character that will increase in value because it can't be exactly duplicated.

Don't take things for granted, such as statements that bridges make high values or that proximity to a railroad station is an asset.

COST FOR HIGHWAYS MOUNTING RAPIDLY.

Expenditures for highway construction and maintenance which twenty years ago consumed only a negligible portion of the national income now amount to more than one-sixth of the entire public budget.

PEOPLE STAYING AT HOME.

Reports from various resorts in this section of the country bring the information that people are not flocking to the seashore and the mountains.

LIGHT PUNISHMENT.

The court at Toxco, Ga., sentenced Acree, the school principal found guilty of woman flogging to a year's imprisonment of the crime with which he was charged.

ten enough to moderate temperatures, especially at night, and people are not going to leave home in great numbers until the weather becomes more unbearable than it has been so far.

And there's another reason, too, perhaps. It is cheaper to stay at home and maybe money is not so plentiful this year. At any rate the resort people are feeling the effects of the combined reasons and business with them is none too good.

THE SPEED COP.

Wilmington Star. All honor to the men who are endeavoring to make the highways safe for the sane and sensible driver—the speed cops who have interpreted their duties as something bigger and finer than dragging people before a trial magistrate and taking their money.

Such a man is Motorcycle Officer Hankinson of Columbus County. Daily Mr. Hankinson patrols the magnificent ribbon of concrete that stretches across his County, an integral link in North Carolina's Main Street that connects the Mountains with the Sea.

ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI.

Rocky Mount Telegram. The New York Times has sent a special correspondent to the devastated flood sections along the Mississippi river to present to the public a true picture of conditions there.

WILSON TIMES.

A number of our garage men and members of the Carolina Motor Club and autoists, feel that the article published yesterday afternoon on the front page of the Times entitled, "No law to compel owners to have their lights approved," may not be clearly understood.

WHAT'S A TOWN WITHOUT A NEWSPAPER?

Nobody knows just how many weekly newspapers there are in the United States. Probably there are somewhere in the neighborhood of 10,500 weekly publications that can legitimately be called newspapers.

THE NEUTRALITY OF A NEWSPAPER.

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SPIRITUAL OR MATERIAL.

Lexington Dispatch. The personal newspaper of the Pope at Rome last week declared that America had the lead in material things, but that Europe is the spiritual leader.

PREVENTION IS BETTER.

Lexington Dispatch. Someone will have to lose at least \$150,000 on account of the alleged forgery of notes in the name of the county boards of Wilkes county.

LAND BOOMS—AND LOTS.

Asheville Citizen. Unbelievably long lists of delinquent published by newspapers of Tampa, Jacksonville and other cities of the State that Florida has reached the end of its tether.

YOU SHOULD HAVE YOUR LIGHTS TESTED.

Wilson Times. The purpose of the law is to protect one person from the transgression of another, and while the head of the article tells the truth regarding having your lights tested.

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MR. WHEELER GETS HIMSELF.

Raleigh News and Observer. No impartial observer of "The News" and Dr. Barton, both officials of the League, have seen in it anything but a self-serving effort.

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