

Sparks of Public Opinion

Good Blacksmith vs Poor Preacher

I would rather be a blacksmith pounding on an anvil, making good horse shoes, than a preacher pounding on a pulpit, making poor sermons.

The Ideal Place

Jackson, Ky., is the ideal place for murderous scoundrels. When it is possible to assassinate lawyers who would prosecute and intimidate the press into silence they are safe.

Automobile Carried the Day

The anti-saloon league has been overwhelmingly defeated in Asheville. Ministers worked at the polls while the women assembled in the First Baptist church and prayed. The opposition chartered the only automobile in town to carry voters to the polls and that is said to have been more "fetching" to the mountaineers than two-dollar bills.

Acted Wisely

Gastonia has done the immensely wise thing in electing W. F. Marshall, editor of the Gazette, mayor of the town, but it's awfully hard to reconcile the two terms—editor and mayor.

Ought to Hold Up Awhile

Of course there is now a rumor abroad that the blockade stills have increased 50 per cent, since the passage of the Watts bill. The Watts bill has not become operative yet and these ignoramus ought to hold their tongues until then. But even if the prophecy were fulfilled we would still be glad the law has passed, for one government still is more to be dreaded than a half dozen running in defiance of law.

Northern Vindication of the South

Elsewhere in this paper is printed a strong defence of the South's policy regarding the negro from the time of reconstruction to the present. It is from the editorial columns of the New York Sun, and is a reply to the question of a Brooklyn negro. It is a virtual admission of the justice and necessity of every position the South has assumed in dealing with the race question since the slaves were freed. It is a powerful vindication of her handling of the most important problem she has had to deal with since Lee's surrender. It admits that the enfranchisement of the newly-freed slaves was a grave mistake, acknowledges the incalculable horrors of the reconstruction era, justifies the "inevitable efforts of the superior race to protect itself against negro domination at any hazard," frankly confesses "the North's misunderstanding of the necessity of the South's struggle for self-defence," and inferentially, at least, intimates its conviction of the necessity of the eventual repeal of the fifteenth amendment. Against overwhelming odds the South has during the long years since the civil war borne the white man's burden, and at the same time the suspicion, opposition and interference of the North. But she was never daunted, and conscious of the rectitude of her course she has pursued the even tenor of her way, until time has wrought her vindication, as it will do for all who learn to wait as well as to labor; for the position now assumed by The Sun is increasingly that of the Northern mind. The incident of the banishment of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" from the public school libraries of New York city is still fresh in mind. The North has all along been the prompter behind the scenes, whispering to the negro race to insist upon its "constitutional" rights to suffrage. Now it is beginning to see that it was wrong in this course. It is to be hoped that the negro will see that he was wrong in thus listening to the voice of an alien, and that in the future he will turn an intent ear to the admonitions of Booker T. Washington, who is teaching him that industrial education is the key to unlock the door that henceforth opens for his race into the temple of success.

Lost Hair

"My hair came out by the handful, and the gray hairs began to creep in. I tried Ayer's Hair Vigor, and it stopped the hair from coming out and restored the color."—Mrs. M. D. Gray, No. Salem, Mass.

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SERVICE IS LIFE'S AMBITION.

Rev. J. A. B. Fry says that Character is the All Important Object and that the Ideal Life is One of Service—Other Features of the Weddington Commencement.

Weddington, May 7.—Never in the history of Weddington Academy has it had a more successful commencement than the one just closed. The school is situated in one of the best sections of the county. Its citizens proudly call it the "garden spot."

The commencement opened Friday evening with exercises by the primary department. The training of the primary class was under the management of Mrs. Phillips, and showed careful and painstaking efforts had been given to each and every one; and that they were an intelligent set of boys and girls. Tom Thum's wedding charmed the house.

On Sunday at 11 o'clock Rev. Mr. Smith of Monroe preached the annual sermon. His theme was Christian education. His sermon was full to the brim of apt applications and rich expressions. It was enjoyed by all who heard it. At 8 o'clock Friday evening Rev. Mr. Hoyle preached to the patrons and students from first Peter, 1st chapter and the last clause of the 12th verse, "Which things the angels desire to look into." He left with the congregation many thoughts for consideration, and which are worthy of thought and consideration by all who were permitted to hear him.

Monday was commencement day proper. At 10 o'clock there was a contest by the boys and girls for a prize. The committee to decide the most successful contestant were Rev. Mr. Stacy, Rev. Mr. Hoyle and Mrs. Will Henry.

Miss Wells won the prize, which was a beautiful Bible. Special mention was made of Misses Jennie Price and Nina Clark.

At 11:30 o'clock Rev. J. A. B. Fry of Concord delivered the annual address.

We give his discourse in part: "I was just looking around and thinking of the changes that have come around since brother Detwiler and I were boys. We went to the old field school. It is with pleasure that I recall those old days in the old field school and some of the fun. It was our delight to fight wasp nests and hunt for the yellow jacket. We now have fine school buildings and academies and are able to employ professors who wear white vests. How much better it is than the old field school. I hope that I may this morning present some practical thoughts for the consideration of these students on the proper ideal in life. This, I think, is service. The modern doctrine places great emphasis on the individual. It is preparation for the work that enables us to succeed in life. A man who depends on the works of another never amounts to anything. An idler need never expect to rise above his ambition, he cannot come into line with the ambitious and determined student. A young man who lies around and spends his father's money is a spendthrift, and a spendthrift is worst than an idler. Seek to be of service in life and be of value to those who are about you. Now then to be of service you must have a character. No man can be of service to any nation who does not possess a good personal character, for no man can rise above the measure of his character. Many a tramp has the stamp of the school upon him. Many a rascal has the impress of the university upon him. Character is a question of our own relationship to God. No man can be of permanent value that has not a good personal character. I want to say to these young people who listen to me that there is nothing to be compared to character. So character should be the first consideration that men take into their thoughts in the preparation of themselves for life's work. God really redeemed character to man, but man must develop it. God can use no more an unfit man than you can use a dull axe in hewing timber. Then equip yourself for service. An educated man is always of some service. St. Paul was a man eminently equipped in the schools of time, in the school of experience. So my young friends, it is necessary for you to equip yourselves for life's work and this is a duty that cannot be left unconsidered. That man to whom God has given a talent that does not equip himself is guilty in the sight of God. You say that a spendthrift is a sinner. How about the spendthrift of talents! How about the man that God has given a talent that does not equip himself for service in this world!

"Now, my young friends, it costs something to equip yourselves for service. It costs something to make a soul, a character, a mud; it costs toil. Some people think that school is easy. It costs something to study and the man that is willing to pay the price can become a scholar. That man that is not willing to prepare himself for anything in life is not bright mentally. All over this country are young men and young women who live in idleness and dissipation and in doing nothing and are anxious to get off and travel and would do nothing all ways.

"Young friends, it costs something to climb up. You can't have

a school in this community without paying for it. This idea that has gotten into a man's head that he can get an education, that he can be able to mount high without paying for it, and that the world owes it to him, is a fraud. It costs something to get an education that is worth keeping. God almighty made it that way, and the man that is not willing to pay for it just can not get it. Preparation for service costs man something. Did you ever make an inventory of man's opportunities, and try to estimate what God has placed in reach of him! Everything we accomplish we do it through some gift of God. Think of what others have done through the gifts of God and these are offered to us. Now then, having made the equipment, what are we to do with ourselves, what is our ideal in life? There is only one, that is, the purpose to be of service to our fellowman. What is it worth to have man to serve you! Young friends, don't think that an education helps to make other people serve you. Not that, but it does fit you for better service in life. Strive to prepare yourself and go out and help your fellowman. If there is a poor person who has not had any opportunities to learn, high inspiration in our education makes us of service to our fellowman. God has blessed us in this great school house of the world. Shall we make something of ourselves, or shall we grow up in disgrace and bring reproach upon those who have struggled, labored and toiled to help us in this great cause? My prayer and ambition to God that he may help me to help somebody else. Oh, that those young faces, young hearts and young minds may grasp their opportunities and make the best of them. Let me ask that you take your education, take your opportunities and use them for the service of man and the service of God."

ALAMANCE LEADS.

Seven Townships Vote School Tax and a Wealthy Woman is On the School Board.

On Monday nine townships in Alamance county held elections on a proposition to levy a special tax to establish graded schools. The election resulted favorably in seven and will succeed in the others at another election to be held this year. This election puts Alamance at the head in the number of town and districts that levy a special tax for graded schools. The good results that will follow from these schools will be so marked that it is a question of only a few years when every district in Alamance will have its special tax and its graded school, in the rural districts, as well as in its towns and mill villages.

In Sylvan township, in which only five votes were cast against the graded school tax, Miss Eula Dixon of Snow Camp is to be one of the members of the school committee. She is the second largest taxpayer in the county, succeeding as the active manager of her father's large business upon his death two years ago. She is a successful and progressive farmer, last year graduating in the special course in dairying at the A. and M. College, and she is president of the Snow Camp Woolen Mills. Miss Dixon takes deep interest in public education and was, in every proper way, active in securing the adoption of the school tax. It is against her will that she was put on the school board, but she will serve. There is no reason why women should not serve on every school board in the State. They are better fitted for this most important work than men and would make better school officials. There is hardly a school district in North Carolina where a sensible and progressive woman would not serve if called upon to do so, and with benefit to the schools. Alamance has led in this school reform. Let other counties follow!

Injured Father Shoots a Man to Death.

Spain Kelley was driving a team in the highway, twelve miles from Bishopville yesterday, when W. E. Creech drove by in the opposite direction. Kelley did not see Creech until opposite. Then he snatched a pistol out of the bottom of the buggy and fired three times, each shot taking effect in Creech's back. Kelley picked up a shotgun and attempted to fire it, but Creech was around a curve in the road. Creech jumped out of his buggy and got into a rig driven by W. M. King, who put his horse at a gallop. Kelley drove hard after the wounded man, but did not gain in the race. Kelley stopped the team, cut one horse out of the harness, sprang on its back and pursued at full speed. He overtook Creech after a two-mile race, and fired twice with his shotgun. Creech, desperately wounded, pleaded for mercy, while King whipped his horse into a run. Kelley loaded again, rode up behind the buggy and finished Creech with the full load in his body.

Creech is said to have ruined Kelley's young daughter. He owned a livery stable in Bishopville. Kelley has not been found by the sheriff.

Quick Arrest.

J. A. Gullidge of Verbeia, Ala., was twice in the hospital from a severe case of piles causing 24 tumors. After doctors and all remedies failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve quickly arrested further inflammation and cured him. It conquers aches and kills pain. 25c at English Drug Co's.

Is Mr. Cleveland Willing?

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Section 2. That not exceeding sixty six hours shall constitute a week's work in all factories and manufacturing establishments of this State, and no person under 18 years of age shall be required to work in such factories or establishments a longer period than sixty hours in one week: Provided, that this section shall not apply to engineers, firemen, machinists, superintendents, outside workers, section and yard hands, office men, watchmen or repairers of break-downs.

Section 3. All parents or persons standing in relation of parent, upon hiring their children to any factory or manufacturing establishment, shall furnish such establishment a written statement of the age of such child or children being so hired, and any such parent or person standing in the relation of parent to such child or children, who shall in such written statement misstate the age of such child or children being so employed, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished at the discretion of the court. Any mill owner, superintendent or other person acting in behalf of a factory or manufacturing establishment who shall knowingly or willfully violate the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished at the discretion of the court.

Save Us, But Damn the Others.

Alex. Jamison and Johnathan Duncan had a bloody fistfight near town the other evening. Jamison's boy whipped Duncan's boy and Duncan whipped Jamison's boy. The families are neighbors. The men met and Duncan choked and beat Jamison badly, when the latter cut the former about the neck seriously. It was reported Duncan could not live, and pending the preliminary trial of Jamison Drs. Ashworth and Justice were sent to ascertain the character of Duncan's wound. Duncan and family are Sanitificationists. While the doctors were probing the wound Mrs. Duncan dropped to the floor on her knees and with out-stretching arms and plaintive voice, said: "Lord, sanctify and save me and my children and my dear husband, but send all the Jamisons to hell!"

Labor is scarce in Texas.

A rice planter is plowing 40 acres a day with one steam plow, which saves the work of 30 mules and eight negroes.

A Startling Test.

To save a life, Dr. T. G. Merritt of Mehoopany, Pa., made a startling test resulting in a wonderful cure. He writes, "A patient was attacked with violent hemorrhages caused by ulceration of the stomach. I had often found Electric Bitters excellent for acute stomach and liver troubles so I prescribed them. The patient gained from the first, and has not had an attack in 11 months." Electric Bitters are positively guaranteed for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Constipation and Kidney troubles. Try them. Only 50c at English Drug Company's.

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Steamships Crash Together and One Good Ship Goes Down.

Norfolk, Va., May 5.—A collision at sea that cost the lives of 20 or more people and the sinking of the Clyde steamship Saginaw by the Old Dominion Steamship Company's liner Hamilton, occurred between Winter Quarter Lightship and Fenwick Island Lightship, on the Virginia coast, at 4:30 o'clock this morning. The Hamilton left New York at 3 o'clock for Norfolk and the Saginaw passed out of the Virginia capes at 9 o'clock last night bound from Richmond and Norfolk for Philadelphia. A dense fog settled along the coast shortly after nightfall and both vessels were going at reduced speed when the crash occurred. The scene of the collision is about 13 or 14 miles off the shore and between 180 and 200 miles south of New York or between 120 and 140 miles north of Norfolk.

The fog whistles of both vessels were distinctly heard by each other for several minutes before the collision occurred. According to Captain Bow, of the Hamilton, his ship was going about nine miles an hour and the Saginaw about ten. The fog was so thick that objects a ship's length away were invisible and when the two craft were in sight of each other there was but a moment before they met.

The Saginaw veered as the Hamilton hove in sight, but they had not the time to clear each other and the knife-like steel prow of the southbound vessel struck the Clyde ship on the port quarter about 25 feet from her stern, cutting the entire rear of the ship away. The rushing water caused the Saginaw to settle rapidly in the stern and the impetus of the Hamilton took her out of sight of the crippled vessel. Engines, already reversed, were put full steam to the rear and the Hamilton circled the scene of the wreck, at the same time lowering two life-boats. There was consternation among the passengers of the Old Dominion ship and first thoughts were for their safety, but so soon as it was discovered that the ship was practically uninjured, only some bow plates being stove in, all efforts were directed to the rescue of the Saginaw's company.

When the Saginaw was again sighted her stern was under water and her bow high in the air. Panic-stricken people rushed over her decks and scrambled toward the life-boats. The women were being lowered into the first 15 colored women were placed, according to Second Officer W. L. Morris, who was in command. The boat was swamped as it struck the water and its occupants were thrown into the sea. All were drowned except the second officer and the colored stewardess, who was caught by First Officer Goslee and held until a boat from the Hamilton reached them. The woman was pulled in, but the gallant mate sank immediately. The woman died before the small boat reached the Hamilton, more from injuries received by the impact of the collision than by drowning. In the meantime the rush of waters into the bow of the Saginaw had caused the decks to burst their fastenings with a roar like the report of big guns and tons of freight of all descriptions soon littered the sea. To this the struggling people in the water clung and many were rescued by the boats from the Hamilton and Saginaw.

Before the life-boats of the Hamilton had reached the Saginaw the latter had disappeared beneath the waves and nothing but her topmasts were visible. To these several men were clinging, one of whom was the aged captain of the Saginaw, J. S. Tunnell. When he was taken off it was found that he had sustained severe, if not serious, internal injuries.

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CITY OF TOLEDO, ss  
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