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Courts.

A large number of citizens have commended the article which the Journal had in its issue before the last calling attention to the record of Judge Lane in failing to open court here at the proper time. This would seem to indicate that the moderate criticism was not only just and fair, but that the need of it was widely recognized. While the Journal often criticizes what it believes to be weaknesses in our general judicial system, it criticizes an individual judge or a specific case very unusually and then with reluctance. This, no doubt, is generally true of newspapers which have a sense of responsibility, and the reason for it is no doubt apparent to thoughtful people.

Since the matter of the courts is up it seems the proper time to voice the sentiment so often heard here, that "We have too many courts." We now have the same number of courts, all of them costing something in time and money, that we had before the Recorder's court so successfully and satisfactorily relieved the Superior court of so much work. Fifteen years ago the county had court only twice a year. The dockets became congested, and to relieve the situation the present schedule was arranged by Mr. T. J. Jerome who served in the Senate of 1899. Before that time we never had a June or December court and there was much complaint at the time this schedule was made, on the ground of inconvenience. The farmers were too busy to attend in June and every body was too busy in the holiday season of December.

The dockets were not only caught up with, but since the establishment of the Recorder's court, the Superior courts have loaded more and more on the job. Yet no one seemed interested enough to demand any change. But the time has now come to save the expense and trouble to the people of at least two sessions of the court, and our representatives in the coming session of the general assembly will no doubt give the matter proper consideration.

Frank May Get New Trial.

Judge Lamar of the United States Supreme Court, yesterday granted the petition of appeal of the attorneys of Leo M. Frank of Atlanta for a hearing by the full court of the decision of the Judge of the Federal Court of Northern Georgia that Frank was not entitled to a habeas corpus hearing. The case will now go to the full court of the Supreme tribunal of the United States on the point of whether or not Frank is entitled to a habeas corpus hearing. If they decide that he is so entitled this will give an opportunity for a review of the evidence before a Federal judge. If the court should decide that he is not entitled to such a hearing, there will be nothing in the way of the State of Georgia going on with the execution. Thirty days are given by Justice Lamar for the preparation of the case, and this itself gives at least a temporary stay of the execution of Frank, which is set for the 22nd of January. This is one of the most remarkable cases in the history of the United States. It appears to be as complete a case of mob law executed through the channels of the courts as if a mob had gone to the jail and taken the man out and killed him. The courts ought to be as able to protect an innocent man as to punish a guilty one.

The historians say that George Washington was left without children in order that he might be called the father of his country. Mr. Noah Biggs of Scotland Neck was without children, but he adopted the three or four hundred orphans at the Thomsville orphanage as his own. Not only did he take the place of a father to them while he lived, but when he died and his will was read, it was found that he had left them ninety thousand dollars. Perhaps the greatest blessing which God bestowed upon Noah Biggs was the fact that he did not narrow his soul to the contemplation of two or three children of his own, but enabled him to be father to the fatherless. Mr. Biggs also left large sums, nearly all his estate, to Baptist institutions.

OWES HIS LIFE TO MEASLES

Man Afflicted With Tuberculosis and Given Up to Die Has the Laugh on the Doctors.

If the doctors have given you up to die of tuberculosis, don't do it, but go and get a dose of the measles, and when you have recovered from the combination you will not have any tuberculosis, and will be as likely to outlive the doctor as he will be to outlive you. This may seem like a peculiar remedy, but a man named Trotter, who was given up to die by his physician, has outlived the doctor. Trotter was of a jolly disposition, and kept on his feet and out of doors a large part of his time, but it finally became only a question of days, and was so recognized by the sick man and all his friends. About this time an epidemic of measles broke out in the neighborhood, and as Trotter had never had the disease the doctor advised him to leave the locality, as to contract it would surely kill him. Trotter replied: "Well, Doc, you say I've gwine to die anyhow; I reckon I'll jes stay to hum with the ole woman an' die with a good taste in my mouth." He got the measles and had it from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet. The disease remained with him as long proportionately as he was physically (he was six feet and four inches tall), but despite the doctor's prognosis he got well and when he was well of the measles he was well of the tuberculosis, and though the doctor told him one lung was gone and half of the other one, he persisted in remaining a well man, and outlived the doctor and nearly all his neighbors. It would be a heroic remedy for a man given up to die to seek, but Trotter's philosophy proved to have a better foundation than that of the doctor who had done all that his education and experience enabled him to do.

GIVES VIEW OF THE OCEAN

Periscope, "Eye of the Submarine," is in Many Respects a Remarkable Invention.

The great fault of the early submarines was that they could not see once they were below the surface of the water. The invention of the periscope altered all that, and gave the modern submarine a marvelous eye by means of which it could see over the surface of the ocean, though the body of the submarine is completely below the waves.

The eye of the submarine is a straight, hollow tube starting from the steering chamber of the vessel, and projecting above the surface of the waves when the boat is submerged.

As the periscope is only a matter of six inches in diameter, and only projects some 18 inches above the waves, it is a most difficult thing for an enemy to see. Its total length is about 15 feet.

The submarine's eye is really a combination of telescope and camera obscura. At the top is a powerful lens, and inside, at intervals all the way down, is a series of mirrors which carry the reflection of what is above the surface to the watcher in the submarine 15 feet below.

Does a Meter Reader Work?

Few people realize how many motions meter readers have to go through in collecting the information necessary for making up electric bills. Some interesting facts are brought out in the analysis of a meter reader's movements in a town of 17,000 people, as presented in the Electrical World.

The data show that 28 hours was required in reading 730 meters. During that time 681 stairs were climbed and 1,867 doors had to be opened. In traveling from one consumer's house to the next the meter reader traversed 304 blocks and crossed streets 314 times.

These figures suggest that considerable time could be saved the meter readers, if meters were installed in more accessible places, such as, for instance, on back porches.

Only a Little Mouse.

In an uptown church Sunday evening, when the pastor had got well into his sermon, he noticed an unusual commotion among the choir, at his right. For a time he tried to ignore it, but the trouble became so lively that he felt it his duty to rebuke the singers in a loud voice. The disturbance finally quieted down and the sermon proceeded with due dignity. A member of the choir managed to communicate to the much annoyed pastor the cause of the disturbance before the services were concluded. It was a mouse—only a little mouse. But with the perversity of its kind, this little mouse had managed to get under the skirts of one of the ladies.

Last Friday the parliament of Japan refused to vote increases in the army, despite the fact that the country is at war and the emperor asked for the measure. That does not look as if the "yellow peril," of which the jingoes talk so much were very threatening. But the jingo must have something to get scared at.

SUSTENANCE OF A LIFETIME

Astonishing Amount of Food Consumed by Human Being During the Course of Years.

If you are of average weight, height and appetite, and live to be seventy-five, you will have eaten 54 tons of solid food and 53 tons of liquid. That is, about one thousand three hundred times your own weight.

If you were to stack the bread you will have consumed in this number of years the pile would equal a fair-sized building. The amount of butter you will have used on this bread would come to a ton and a quarter. If you are a lover of bacon and were to stretch that which you have eaten out in single slices, four miles would be the length. Five tons of fish and 12,000 eggs would stand to your credit, while the normal cheese eater would easily have consumed 400 pounds.

The vegetables you will have eaten would fill a train three miles long. You will have consumed some 10,000 pounds of sugar and 1,500 pounds of salt. If you are a smoker you will have used about a half-ton of tobacco in pipes, and will have smoked a million cigarettes.

Children of Sick Mothers.

Many a mother who has been urged to submit to an operation to restore her to the health which is necessary for proper care of her family has been distracted at the thought of being obliged to go to a hospital and leave her children without proper care during her absence. Especially is this true among the very poor, where most of the relatives, male or female, have to go out to work, or, perhaps, have large families of their own to feed.

To meet this emergency an excellent charity is being financed by some wealthy women in Gotham, who have established a nursery where youngsters ranging from a few months to five or six years can have trained care while their mothers, with easy minds, are trying to regain their own strength.

A Monument in Altkirch.

One of the public monuments in Altkirch commemorates the deliverance of the town from an attempt to capture it made in 1375 by a troop of English freebooters. Their leader was a son-in-law of Edward III, Enguerrand de Coucy, who was then waging a fierce but futile warfare against the Holy Roman empire and had pillaged a number of towns in Alsace, and on reaching Altkirch penetrated into the town in the small hours of the morning, when—so the legend runs—an apparition appeared in the sky to warn the inhabitants, who promptly sprang from their beds and routed the invaders. Every year, February 2, Altkirch holds a fete to celebrate its escape from de Coucy and his English mercenaries.—London Chronicle.

Its Breath Is Death.

One variety of the orchid which grows in the tropics is known as the vampire orchid. This flower has a wonderful odor which is peculiarly attractive to animals. When a beast approaches the flower the odor narcotizes him and he sinks languidly by the tree trunk to which the flower is clinging. Then the flower stretches down its long, green tentacles and sucks out the blood of the poisoned animal. The beast never awakens from its sleep, while the erstwhile pale flower takes on a soft velvet flush.

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Anna Katharine Green.

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