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The Verdict.

This paper has no disposition to go out of its way to butt into a matter that has already been adjudicated by regular proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction. Such comment is too often without rhyme or reason, and fully half of it is usually based upon incomplete information, upon bias formed before the facts were brought out, or upon the ease with which people who have no responsibility in the matter find grounds for criticism. However, since the matter has taken on so much the character of a public question, a few remarks may not be out of place.

In the first place, the matter is closed. It has been closed in a manner satisfactory to those who were most concerned in seeing that public justice was done as well as in seeing that Prof. Allen should receive as much reparation for his grievous injury as it was possible to be made. In the matter of punishment and reparation two parties, and only two, or rather two groups, were interested. One of these is the public, which had the same interest in this case as it has in all others where the law has been violated—to see that the law is vindicated in its true spirit and that the rights and safety of society are protected. Any other interest than this does not arise from a desire to do justice and to conserve society and is generally born of a desire for revenge or mere vindictiveness. The court and the prosecuting attorney are the properly constituted authorities to represent the public, and when they have acted in a conscientious manner under their oaths and without ulterior motives, and according to their best judgment, we must presume that they have done the proper thing so far as human judgment goes. And it then little becomes any one with no such responsibilities, to lightly criticize the result and to keep up a fire of carping fault finding. The bane of American life is inability of the public to distinguish between liberty and justice under law and organized processes and that individual license and self-willed action which is neither liberty nor justice, but anarchy.

And right here we cannot refrain from pointing the inevitable moral. It is the fact that if people had had a proper respect for law and orderliness and the desire to uphold their regularly constituted representatives unflinchingly, this thing never would have happened. Recorder Pratt wisely brought out this fact when he said that it should be a lesson to the community in its relation to the school, that the desire of so many people to have the school run to suit their individual whims rather than according to the judgment and conscience of the school authorities, was at the bottom of it all. There is little difference between the spirit which would assassinate the school on every occasion when our own little prejudices are interferred with and the spirit which would assassinate the courts when they fail to respond to what our own likes and dislikes suggest. We submit this thought for the prayerful consideration of all of us and without the least desire to point the accusing finger at any one.

So, all good citizens should feel that the ends of justice, regardless of our own likes and dislikes and prejudices and biases, have been conserved by our conscientious representatives. And feeling this, it is the part of good citizenship to let the matter rest.

As to the other group at interest, Prof. Allen and his friends, the matter seems simple. Not only Professor Allen and his immediate family acquiesced in the judgment, but his chosen arbitrators, the school board, after mature consideration, and having at heart the interest of both Prof. Allen and the town and the school, and likewise his employed attorneys, of whose ability and conscientious motives there can be no question. We submit that if the school board, the injured man and his family, friends and attorneys, the judge and the prosecuting attorney, cannot be relied upon to secure justice and satisfaction, both for the public and for Prof. Allen, we shall have a poor recourse in irresponsible criticism and individual or small group initiative.

This writer was out of town when the terrible thing took place and has been out of town most of the time since. No one has a higher regard for Professor Allen nor a deeper sympathy for him in the fearful disfigure-

ment which must mar his whole life. But we feel that if he and his more intimate friends and relatives felt that this was the best thing to do, our loyalty to him, if nothing else, should make us satisfied. And aside from this, we endorse the judgment which was arrived at by those in a much better position than we to judge. And at the risk of going too far in the opinion of many of our own friends and citizens as good as we, we will say this: Mr. Edrd did a grievous thing, and we have no doubt that one of his punishments will be the inescapable consciousness that he has maligned for life a fellow mortal, disfigured a countenance upon which God Almighty placed the stamp of benevolence and good will, and misused only by a technicality so to speak, placing upon his own brow the mark of Cain. But we hope never to be able to forget that anger, however begotten, often makes men who have otherwise been good citizens do things which they may regret the remainder of their lives, and when they have paid the penalty which the law requires, it conscientiously administered, the balance rests with them and God, and not with us. This paper has always been a consistent opponent of lynch law, and somethings are dangerously akin to that abominable thing.

Prof. Allen has made the best record for our school that we have ever had, and we suggest that the best way to show our loyalty and friendship and sympathy for him is to stand by him loyally in his administration of the school hereafter, and see that nothing else takes place to give him trouble and annoyance. If the community had heretofore showed a willingness to take its own responsibilities upon its own shoulders they might not have weighed so heavily upon Professor Allen. From all evil some good must fall. Let our good from this be the birth of a new and better attitude toward our school and its duly constituted representatives.

Something On In Germany.

Something serious seems to be taking place or about to take place in internal politics in Germany. A crown counsel has been held, the first one since war was declared, and they have suppressed a newspaper for saying that the people and not one man ought to have the right to decide the question of peace. The chancellor has declared that the government cannot accept the dictum of the socialists that peace should be made upon the principle of no annexations and no indemnities. Signs that the German people are becoming weary of the war multiply, but the ruling class, determined upon conquest, stubbornly refuse to state what they are holding on for other than to use the old stereotyped phrase that her enemies wish to wipe the fatherland off the map. All demands for peace and questions of the war have been answered by the Prussian autocrats with the slogan, "Look at the map," meaning thereby that Germany was winning the war. But five months of sea routes have not starved England, when three were declared to be sufficient. But it has brought pretty much all the world not heretofore lined up, against Germany, and the people are beginning to lose faith in the stories of certain victory which have been fed them, and which until now made the words, "Look at the map," seem to be sufficient. And when they lose faith in the war they will have lost faith in their rulers, and that is the time we are waiting for.

Hitting Up the Legal Proceedings.
(From the Waxhaw Enterprise.)

The celebrated case of Norwood vs. Massey was compromised Saturday. This was a case wherein J. K. Norwood asked damage of D. Sam Massey, colored, charging that the defendant's cow had trespassed upon his corn patch and the grasses in his front yard. The case was called some two weeks ago before Justice Sistrare. Defendant Massey demanded a jury trial and also requested removal to another court, alleging that he could not get justice here. Accordingly the case was removed and ordered to be heard before Justice Bigham at his residence in the township last Saturday.

Meantime Norwood and Massey's son had compromised the case by Massey delivering to Norwood a half sack of flour. So far as the principals in the case were concerned this settlement was satisfactory. Such was not the case with Deputy Constable Irby, who presented a bill of costs and asked payment. Neither party to the suit was willing to invest any more in it. So Irby then demanded that it go on to trial and his costs be collected.

Considerable interest was manifested in the case and numbers of witnesses were subpoenaed for each side. The hour was to be at two o'clock at Justice Bigham's residence. But shortly before that time a satisfactory compromise, the terms of which have not been made public, was effected and the case was dismissed.

Before marriage a girl wants a man to write love letters, but after marriage nothing but checks will do.

When a woman begins to notice every act and word of a man she has begun to either love or hate him.

SKETCHES

By JOHN BEASLEY.

SINCE THEY HAVE PUT THE NEW NUMBERS ON THE AUTOMOBILES, IT IS MIGHTY HARD FOR ONE TO FIND ONE'S CAR, ESPECIALLY IF ONE HAPPENS TO OWN ONE OF THE MAKE THAT IS VERY MUCH IN EVIDENCE ON EVERY HIGHWAY. THE NUMBERS, YOU SEE, ARE SO BIG THAT IT TAKES A MEMORY LIKE DOCTOR FLOWS TO KEEP IT IN ONE'S HEAD. THE OTHER DAY, WHEN THERE WERE PILES AND PILES OF THE CARS IN POWER STATIONED AROUND THE SQUARE, I FOUND MYSELF IN SUCH A QUANDARY. I THOUGHT AND THOUGHT, BUT I JUST COULDN'T REMEMBER THE BLOOMIN' NUMBER. IN DESPAIR I MOANED: "OH I WISH I KNEW THE NUMBER OF THAT 'JOHN HENRY'." VANN SIKES, WHO WAS STANDING NEARBY, LOOKED AT ME THROUGH TERRIBLE EYES WHEN I SAID THIS, AND HE CLENCHED HIS FISTS, AND WALKED TOWARDS ME IN A MENACING ATTITUDE. "WHAT WAS THAT YOU SAID?" HE DEMANDED. I BECAME FRIGHTENED AT THE MAN, AND HASTENED TO EXPLAIN THAT I HAD FAILED TO MEMORIZE THE NEW NUMBER ON MY FORD AND THAT I COULDN'T FIND IT. "OH," HE BREATHED IN RELIEF, "I THOUGHT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT MY BABY WHEN YOU SAID 'JOHN HENRY.'" WE OF COURSE PARTED GOOD FRIENDS, BUT VANN SAYS HE CERTAINLY IS GOING TO CHANGE THAT BABY'S NAME, AS HE IS GETTING MIGHTY TIRED OF FOLKS CUSSIN' "JOHN HENRY."

The "wuxtry," as Judge Pratt called the Wednesday's issue of The Journal, made Sam Warlick go to bed that night thinking he lived in a city!

Prof. Jackson Williams, Esq., the man who won immortal fame by driving the hogs out of Monroe, has jumped into the limelight once more since he made the claim the other day that he had a way to stop the war. His plan is very simple. Some months ago, he avers, he received a letter from the Kaiser which contained the request that he secure him a nice, four acre farm, close in, for his occupancy. The Professor claims that he has located this place, which adjoins Col. T. B. Moore's farm in Sandy Ridge. He now proposes to get the Kaiser over here at once; and, of course, with the departure of the Kaiser, the war will end. The scheme is all right if the Kaiser will come, and Col. Tom doesn't object to having him for a neighbor, says the Professor.

An Afflicted Family.

Correspondence of The Journal.
Monroe Rf. 6, July 12.—Mr. Boyce Helms of Charlotte spent Monday night with his aunt, Mrs. C. A. Polk.

Mrs. Fred Helms and children of Monroe spent several days last week with Mrs. Helms' sister, Mrs. T. Z. Seerest.

The family of Mr. Gus Williams, who lives about one and a half miles from Baker's, has been sorely afflicted. Mr. Williams lost two children in about three weeks, and his wife is in bed real sick. His neighbors went to his home last week and worked out his crop for him.

Mrs. Charles Hamilton and children of Winston-Salem are expected at Mr. J. T. Hamilton's tonight to spend some time.

Mr. Vann Seerest and Mrs. Ina Beam have been employed to teach the summer school at Shiloh. Mrs. Beam taught here last year. School will begin next Monday, the 16th.

Mr. George Horne had quite an experience last Sunday week. Mr. Horne and wife and daughters were driving in a buggy and on meeting an automobile the horse became frightened and in some way got in the way of the machine. The horse was knocked down, the buggy upturned and the occupants thrown out, but fortunately no serious results were experienced. The horse had a lame shoulder for several days and the occupants got a general shaking up.

Mr. J. F. Williams reports having cotton blossoms on the third day of July.

Quite a good deal of blackberries have been saved in this community, but there seems to be a scarcity of other fruits, no one having more than they need at home.

Messrs. M. A., J. S. and L. C. Polk motored to Charlotte Sunday to see Mr. Tom Polk, who is seriously sick at his home there. Mr. Polk is a brother of Mr. M. A. Polk.

Misses Minnie Lee and Dovie Helms of Monroe visited Miss Sara Williams Sunday.

Mr. Arthur Helms visited his sister, Mrs. C. A. Polk, yesterday.

Miss Sara Williams went to Waxhaw Tuesday to spend some time.

Mrs. M. A. Preslar is visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. C. Polk. — Busy Bee.

Nothing else frightens a man so much as his wife's dead silence after he has failed to do the proper thing. It is like a stone wall with barbed wire on top; he can't get around it nor see through it nor walk over it.

Humanity is unequally divided between those who can't stand prosperity and those who can't get any to stand.

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PARASOLS.

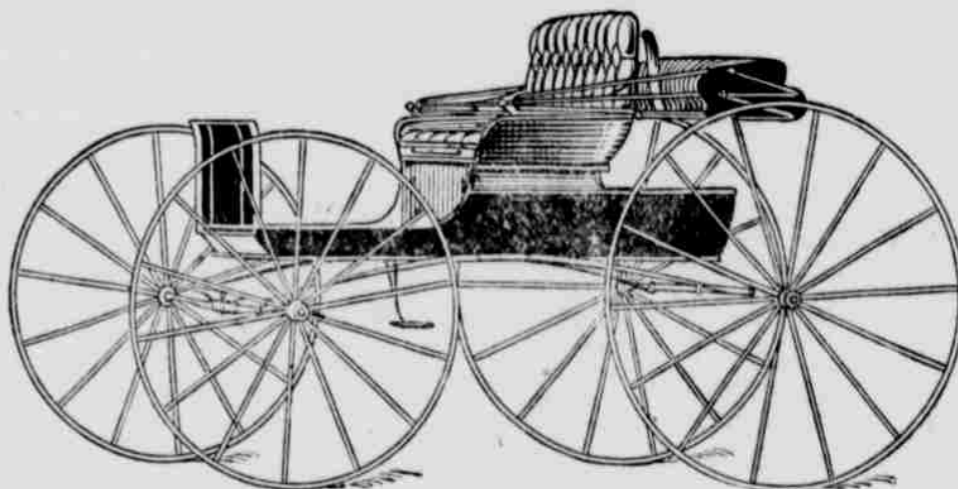
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