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"HERE SHALL THE PRESS, THE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS MAINTAIN; UNAWED BY INFLUENCE AND UNBRIBED BY GAIN."

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When The Heart Breaks.

At her home near Sandy Cross in Nash county Mrs. Bettie Barbee committed suicide by slashing her throat with a razor, dying almost instantly. The cause assigned for the rash act is that her only son had been drafted and was getting ready to answer the call.

There are those who may criticize this horrible act of self-destruction, who may point to the thousands of other mothers who have given up their sons cheerfully, and heap upon the head of this mother the opprobrium of cowardice.

But the world should not judge with too great a harshness the act of a frail mortal when committed under the stress of a load too great for her strength.

Separation from an only son, from one who had been the main stay of the family, one in whose ears the troubles of everyday life were poured and upon whom an aging mother relied for life and happiness—it is not hard to perceive how that a lone mother, with nerves worn to tatters, might brood upon such separation, and in a moment of irresponsible horror, do that from which she would shrink in her right mind.

To be left alone in the world—absolutely alone, when the snow of years is tingling the hair, and the nerve refuses to bear the shocks it once endured—alone—a helpless piece of driftwood thrown about by the relentless waves of fate—it is not so strange after all that an old mother's heart should break down under the load, and that the hand should accomplish that which the heart would revolt against.

It is but one of those many tragedies which are borne in humble life all about us. This poor woman had not the strength to live and suffer. Others, many thousands of them, are making like sacrifices and while they go about their duties and pass in and out among friends, there is a gnawing at the heart strings which is grievous to bear.

After all, it is the mothers who suffer the brunt of war's burdens. Over in France, and in Belgium, and in Serbia, and in Syria there are countless numbers of mothers, with brain numbed as this poor woman's of the South was, with grief which is too deep for expression, a haunting, devouring, never-departing nightmare of sorrow over the exacting toil of war.

And if one out of the large number should seek surcease in oblivion, surely it must be the part of charity to bow the head and pray to God to have pity upon a storm-tossed soul.—Charlotte Observer.

If I Were a Farmer.

If I were a farmer I would keep at hand a few reliable medicines for minor ailments that are not so serious as to require the attention of a physician, such as Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy for bowel complaints.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for coughs, colds and croup.

Chamberlain's Liniment for sprains, bruises and rheumatic pains.

Chamberlain's Tablets for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation.

By having these articles at hand it would often save the trouble of a trip to town in the busiest season or in the night, and would enable me to treat slight ailments as soon as they appear, and thereby avoid the more serious diseases that so often follow.

Facing Two Ways.

Standing by the President would be slightly easier if it did not put one in the same class with Senator Gurnsbee Bill Stone.—Cleveland News.

For Bilious Troubles.

To promote a healthy action of the liver and correct the disorders caused by biliousness, Chamberlain's Tablets are excellent. Try them and see how quickly they give you a relish for your food and banish that dull and stupid feeling.

What Is Vagrancy.

The nation today is faced with the facts that every class of people in this nation are needed not as idlers but as workers, as producers.

Greensboro, Salisbury and a number of towns have issued warnings to the idler that he, or she, must go to work or go to jail. The Sheriff of every county has the matter put squarely up to them by Food Administrator Henry A. Page; he states that the burden of enforcing North Carolina's stringent vagrancy law will be laid squarely on their shoulders. It, however, is intimated that the cooperation of the citizenship is required to make a clean sweep and put every man to work.

The stringent vagrancy laws of North Carolina are spoken of and held as a lash above the heads of the would-be violators, but as a matter of fact what does our court record actually show as the result of those brought before the mandates of law, charged with vagrancy? How many have ever been convicted? The law is very plain. "A man must have visible means of support for himself and those actually dependent upon him for support."

Just to what extent the word "visible" is applicable seems to be still in doubt, so far as the court is concerned. It is very much like one lawyer stated when speaking of getting drunk. He stated that no court had ever decided just what extent of intoxication would land a man in the realm of drunkenness. The dividing line has never been decided on, however, he stated that personally he considered a man drunk when he was down and began to grab the grass, thinking that he was about to fall off.

It would seem that this should convict the intoxicated of being in a state of drunkenness and as a matter of fact he is drunk, but take that case to our own courts, with all of their red tape, and lawyers objections to this and that, and you could not convict him in a hundred years. The same rules seem to rule in the vagrancy matter. The laws, or the defending lawyers, take no cognizance of the fact that half the world is needing food, our boys are going over the top and shedding life's blood for everyone of us, even the negro, or the white man that absolutely refuses and is known not to work over a few hours a week. Morally; there are many guilty of vagrancy, but to convict them is another question.

That we have a law that will reach the idler is a joke, or rather it would seem this is the case. Public opinion can to a certain extent reach a certain class, but the man that willfully lay around without helping his country in this hour of need has no such thing as moral, or patriotic pride. He is below the depth of manliness, so far that an appeal to his pride would be like whispering for the devil to desert the Kaiser.

About the best that can be done is to close up some of the loitering places and then let the officers keep a personal check on just what amount of work is actually being done by those under suspicion and from time to time let the court decide if the defendants are securing enough "visible income" to render the immune from the clutches of the law. It might be possible that after a time public opinion will prevail upon the court to adjust its views to the day, and render a decision that will prove a help in making others take up more of the burdens cast upon us.—Statesville Sentinel.

Whooping Cough.

Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to keep the cough loose and expectoration easy. It is excellent.

Go Beyond The Limit.

As much as it despises mob law, The Landmark hopes it will never be called on to help save from a mob the fellow who kills a woman because she refuses him. Candidly it is afraid it would allow the mob to have its way. The depraved fool who, maddened because he can't have the woman he wants and refuses her the privilege and right of choice which he claims for himself, takes her life—deserves no mercy. There is never any reasonable doubt that the fiend who violates a woman forcibly will get his. Therefore the mob in his case is inexcusable. But the wretch who kills the woman who refuses him, can play the maddened lover and get by with it, as did the Caldwell county boy who shot the little girl in the back simply because she refused his attentions. The fellow down at Selma who shot the young woman because of unrequited love, did the proper thing when he killed himself, but he should have done that first. The man who decides that life isn't worth living if the lady of his fancy refuses him, can blow his brains out if nothing else will do, but when he decides that the woman shan't live he is going beyond the pale. The idea that a man who may take a fancy to a woman can force himself on her at the point of a gun, no matter how unwelcome his attentions may be to her, is going back to savagery, to the cave man. If The Landmark had to deal with this sort it might not be strong enough to help to restrain a mob.—Statesville Landmark.

DOUBLY PROVEN.

Mocksville Readers Can No Longer Doubt the Evidence.

This grateful citizen testified long ago. Told of quick relief—of undoubted benefit.

The facts are now confirmed. Such testimony is complete—the evidence conclusive.

It forms convincing proof of merit.

Mrs. Reavis, 212 Seventh St., Statesville, N. C., says: "I was in bad shape from pain across the small of my back and over my kidneys. I couldn't sleep well and in the morning, I felt all tired out. My kidneys didn't act right and I was nervous and dizzy. Doan's Kidney Pills made me well."

Over Three Years Later, Mrs. Reavis added: "I back up every word of my former endorsement. Whenever my kidneys caused me any trouble, a few doses of Doan's Kidney Pills give me relief."

Price 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Reavis has twice publicly recommended. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.

The Dog Was a Witness.

When Evan Morgan a LaGrange negro, purloined three hams and three "middlings" from the barn of a colored neighbor on a recent night, he was accompanied by his shepherd dog. Morgan did not know the dog was present. When he left the barn he closed the door, as he had found it. Next morning the owner of the barn discovered the theft—and the dog. The dog ran straight home. Morgan came here Tuesday to begin a six-months sentence imposed by Judge John Joyner. A shepherd dog does not usually follow any one save its master.—Kinston Free Press.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

A woman in Chattanooga dropped a full quart of real whiskey on the pavement a few days since and the entire lot was wasted.

The occasion was so rare that the Chattanooga papers made a top-liner news story of the occurrence. Crowds are said to be yet congregating around the spot where the liquid was spilled just to get a faint "whiff" of what is now only a memory to most Chattanoogaers.

Spring Goods.

LUCKY PURCHASE OF 300 LADIES' TRIMMED HATS AT HALF PRICE.

These Hats were secured at a big sacrifice on account of an express embargo to original shipping point. There are 200 Hats, of which no two are alike. They range in price from \$4.00 to \$7.50. They go on sale at \$2.98 and \$3.98.

A Full Line of Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Hats, Trimmed with Floral and Braided Effects. These are offered at the extremely low price of \$1.98.

Children's Best Grade Spring Hats in white and black straws at \$1.48, \$1.98, \$2.98.

Ladies' Black Mourning Hats, Special at \$4.98.

192 NEW SILK DRESSES FOR SPRING WEAR.

A Matchless Selection to Select From—Foulards, Taffetas, Crepe de Chines, Georgettes and Beautiful Silk Gingham Combinations. On sale all the week at \$9.95, \$12.95, \$14.95. Another lot of Highgrade Silk Dresses in very stylish materials and designs at \$16.98 to \$22.50. Copen, Rose, Grey and Navy All Silk Poplin Dresses—big Values at \$5.95.

BIG GEORGETTE CREPE WAIST SALE.

312 Georgette Crepe Waists in Flesh, White and Rose Colors, in lace trimmed, beaded and embroidered effects. Over 200 of these are regular \$5.00 waists. Special this week \$4.00 heavy Crepe de Chine Waists \$2.98. Rose, Flesh, White and Yellow Crepe de Chine Waists, lace trimmed \$1.98. Black Silk Waists at \$1.98 and \$2.98. White Jap Silk Waists 98c. New shipment beautiful White Voile Waists at 98c. and \$1.98. Blue and Rose Voile Waists with white organdie vest effects at \$1.98.

BIG SHOWING OF LONG COATS FOR SPRING.

83 all wool Velour and Poplin Long Coats in attractive models and the latest models \$14.95. Big lot to select from in mixtures and solid color Cheviot Long Coats at \$5.95 and \$9.95. Extra values in Silvertone Spring Coats at \$29.50.

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Seventeen Department Stores

Underbuy and Under-sell

Clean Sheets Or None.

"We start with clean sheets or we don't start at all. I conceive the Republican party's first duty to the nation is to place itself in technical and typical condition to make a harmonized, aggressive and successful campaign in 1920. The Republican party must and shall continue to be the one agency in this country to apply to new conditions the wisdom of experience and the efficacy of honest, zealous service."—Will H. Hays, Chairman Republican National Committee.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROWN QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, 50c.

The time is coming when fine costly plumage will be a badge of dishonor to the American woman. Keep smiling, but quit this luxurious living. Buy War Savings Stamps.

\$100 REWARD, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

It Depends.

If a negro assaults a white man's wife during the absence of her husband the said negro will be lynched within twenty-four hours after the assault in some instances—but if a white man assaults a woman in the absence of her husband he is fined ten dollars and the costs. Still we think it strange that people do not have respect for our courts.—Catawba County News.

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 60c.

The time has come when the man who is not wholeheartedly to the government in every activity to promote the cause of the allies in France is against it. Let our people see that they are not placed in the wrong class by their observant neighbors.

Col. Bryan was very much embarrassed and displeased over the treatment accorded him by a Montreal audience. Had the Col. remembered the high price of eggs he would have remained all night in the auditorium or made that speech.—Copper City Advance.

SPRUCE UP A LITTLE.

After house cleaning don't put all of the old furniture back in the same old places. That makes life too monotonous. If you can't afford a lot of new furniture, get a little. It will be a great comfort and relief. But we are selling it so cheaply now—a days that we think you can afford to get a whole lot.

It will be to your advantage to come here and see what we have to offer in the way of new furnishings. Everything that the heart can crave or wish for in this line is here for your inspection and approval.

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