

The Davie Record.

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

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Clackers.

Just what species of devilishness it is that makes people lie is a matter that we never have been able to discover. Why otherwise rational beings will deliberately tell things that they know are not true, is a queer and unaccounted for phase of human nature. We can understand how stories become exaggerated in the telling but to manufacture a nasty bit of scandal without a single grain of truth for its foundation is a bit of sheer meanness that passes comprehension. Of course, jealousy is often at the bottom of it and pure maliciousness sometimes causes it, but to gossip, and lie, and smirch the reputation of innocent young girls for the pure cussedness of it is a crime that ought to be punishable. There are always old hens that cackle and venomous snakes that hiss. We know them and pay little attention to their slanders, but when people who ought to have some self-respect stoop to calumny we are apt to feel like making them eat their words and apologize. Murfreesboro is no better and no worse in this respect than most towns of similar size, but it does seem that we have our full share of spitting cats and snarling curs. Recently we have heard vicious tales about some of our most estimable young ladies that, should they reach their ears, would cause them to hate the hypocrites who gave them birth. If their father should hear this malicious gossip they would bump some lying woman's head against the wall and the young ladies' mother would break their hearts. We know that there is not one word of truth in these vile lies that have been peddled about the town, and we know the best thing to do is to ignore the whole matter, but as friends of the young women, we want to voice a protest and say to you who have been telling these things that you are a pack of liars. There is so much that is sweet and good in the lives of our young people that no one ever mentions. There are so many fine and noble deeds done every day that no one ever notices. Why is it that innocent pranks are distorted and the best of motives misconstrued? What delight do people find in smirching another's good name? Shame on the folks who spread these rotten remarks.—Murfreesboro Home Journal.

We take off our editorial lid to the writer of the above remarks, which are only too true in their portrayal of a well-known genus of the reptile family found in most communities—the malicious liar and female gossipnonger. It is unfortunate that the regulars governing the United States mails makes it impossible to apply to such cattle a name that better expresses their shame and depravity. Only too often these unholy scavengers will be found high up in the councils of some local church, and they have become so warped and deformed in their moral sense that they believe that they are furthering the cause of Christianity and clean living by slinging their fifth at every person whose conduct or method of living they do not fully approve. That part of the Bible which enjoins them to "judge not," is a closed book to them. A religion without vindictiveness does not satisfy them. They are lineal descendants of those bigots who burned each other at the stake and tore out one another's tongues for the glory of God and the advancement of the human race. After a life-time of sour, bitter, malicious, insipid carping, criticizing and character assassination, we can imagine with what amazement they will earn that the kingdom of God was prepared, after all, for those who have learned the lesson of the helping hand and of clean thought and clean speech, and never

How The Change is Made.

Statesville Daily.
The Biblical Recorder learns that the amended divorce law enacted by the last Legislature—making five years separation ground for divorce—was really promoted for the benefit of a particular case. The Recorder is informed that the beneficiary lives at Elizabeth City. A wife wanted a divorce but couldn't establish legal cause. Her father called in a lawyer and paid him a handsome fee to get something done. The lawyer hastened to Raleigh and got the divorce law amended.

The Recorder's information is probably correct, for what it describes has been the common practice in the past. One would be reasonably safe in saying that about every time the divorce law has been amended the moving cause was one or more special cases in which influential lawyers were employed to get results. A few years ago a justice of the Supreme Court bombarded legislators with letters in behalf of a woman who wanted a divorce and couldn't get it until the law was changed. He made a plea for the woman, declaring it to be a pettable case and an outrage that the law tied her to an unfit man, etc., just as was doubtless done in the Recorder's case. The appeal to sympathy, the willingness of many lawyer, and political influence, all help to change a general law for one particular case, regardless of the general harmful effect of the change.

But what will you do about it?

The Value of a Newspaper.

I never took a newspaper that did not pay me more than I paid for it. One time an old friend of mine started a newspaper way down South and sent a copy to me and I subscribed for it just to encourage him and after while it published an order to sell a lot and I told a friend to run it up to \$50. He bid it off at \$38 and sold it in less than a month for \$100, so I made \$62 net by taking that paper. My father told me when he was a young man he saw a notice in a paper that a school teacher was wanted in some distant county, and a little girl was sent to him and after a while she grew up sweet and beautiful and he married her. Now if he had not taken the paper what do you suppose would have become of me? I would have been some other fellow or maybe I wouldn't have been at all.—Bill Arp.

Friday Great Day in History.

The inauguration of President Harding on a Friday serves as a reminder that Friday has been a momentous day in America history. Columbus sailed on his first voyage on a Friday and discovered America on a Friday. The Mayflower reached what is now Provincetown on a Friday. It was on a Friday that Richard Lee moved that the colonists declare themselves free, and it was on a Friday that the surrender of Cornwallis closed the war for independence.

Then and Now.

Benjamin Franklin, in pursuit of fortune, walked into Philadelphia carrying a loaf of bread under his arm. Times have changed. The up-to-date young man who fares forth on similar quest wants to hire a taxi and eat to the accompaniment of a jazz band.—Boston Transcript.

for those whose only enjoyment during their entire lives was to slander and traduce. If the doctrine of salvation was envolved by and for such as these, then we can understand better than ever before the decadence of religion and the church.—The Hustler.
Amen!

The Statesville Landmark has Got ten Right

The session of the legislature just ended costs the tax payers about a dollar a minute, Alex Lassiter, principal clerk of the house, tell the Raleigh News and Observer. Mr. Lassiter estimates that the average cost of each bill passed by the Legislature is \$100, and that as 1,072 bills were passed at the recent session, the costs of the session was about \$100,000. Ordinarily the folks back home don't think much of a member who doesn't introduce a number of bills during the session. The bills may be unimportant and unnecessary but if the member doesn't appear to be doing something, he doesn't count, according to the popular view. But if the folks back home get the idea fixed in their minds that each bill passed cost 100 the number who offers the fewest bills, or none, be the popular favorite.—Statesville Landmark.

The story of the Jew who said to his son: "Isaac get money, get it honestly if you can, but get money," has too long been the guide for many people. The law makers generally have adopted the same principle and have apparently thought it necessary to pass a law, a necessary one preferable, but whether necessary or not, pass a law. We so often hear some one complaining that this or that officer has done nothing, forgetting that it is far better more commendable, than to be constantly doing the wrong thing. The tendency to criticize an officer because he has done nothing is very often unjust. Under our form of government an officer is the servant of all the people not of a mere handful of faddists, a gang of steam rollers manipulators, or a bunch of self seeking, wild-eyed "progressives," visionaries and projigals. It is just as necessary for the car of Progress to be supplied with up to-date brakes as it is for other vehicles to be so equipped. The public safety is at stake and the orakes of majority rule, evidenced by popular will, should be so organized as to apply at a moment's notice. This thing of letting law makers do as they please is out of date, dangerous and contrary to all ethics of true democracy.—Carolina Watchman.

Our Friends The Allies.

We are not very favorable impressed with the treatment accorded us by our Allies across the sea. England charged us for transporting troops to save that nation from being trounced by Germany and then wanted the U. S. to pool their war debt and pay a proportionate part. France charged Uncle Sam for camping grounds for America troops and now come forward with a trumped up claim that this nation owes France for a debt contracted with that nation during the Revolutionary war of which we have no record of a claim ever being presented, except just now in the mind of some cunning Frenchman. It is reasonable to suppose that if we had owed France that the claim would have been presented long ago. Had we listened to President Wilson and his League of Nations, we would have placed our nation in a pretty predicament. No more foreign entanglements, we say, for America, and so should be the expression of every other patriotic American.—Union Republican.

\$000.00 for the Editor.

Under the new law requiring a certificate from a doctor as to the physical conditions of applicants for marriage license the physician as well as the register of deeds and the preacher or magistrate, will come in for fee. The newspaper men's fee for telling that the bride is beautiful, accomplished, and whatever she really "aint," and about the groom being industrious and prosperous, when he is really a burden on his old dady's shoulders, remains the same just \$000.00.—Monroe Enquirer.

Your County Paper.

You, as citizens, are obligated to support your county institutions; and your county paper is not only one of its most, important one and you, as a citizen, are obligated to support it.

Try to imagine a live county without its county paper. And try also to imagine a live county without the support of the people of the county.

If your county is to have a good live county weekly, you and every other citizen of the county must support it.

If your county hasn't a good live paper, it is because the people of the county have failed to give the paper the right kind of support.

The first thing to do is to keep your subscription paid in advance. When anything of importance happens in your neighborhood, write the editor and give him the facts, so he can make a good story out of it. Tell him what your school is doing. The teacher will appreciate it and be stimulated to greater effort, and teachers in other parts of the county will also appreciate it. Think a minute and you will realize there are many ways in which you can help to boost your county paper and it is your civic duty to do so.—Progressive Farmer.

Short Stops.

If you are in doubt about you income tax give 'em everything you have. It may prevent their calling for more.

In this world there are about a billion half of people. If you don't believe it go out and count 'em.

Don't forget sisters, that your troubles come back to you with interest when you hand them to others. Some people just drift through life waiting for the psychological moment to arrive. The devil general gets them when it arrives.

Before punching the fellow who calls you a liar it might be well to consider whether or not he has told the truth.

The modern world is developing a lot of speed but it doesn't keep the track well ballasted.

Practically every man has a secret craving for wealth. A few are willing to earn it.—Western Carolina Times.

There Will Be Many Tightwards.

Some people must stay awake at night devising scheme—only they don't call it a scheme but a movement to establish a perpetual memorial in honor of Woodrow Wilson, "the man who protected into the world the idea of the League of Nations." The plan is to raise not less than half a million dollars as a trust fund the proceeds of which shall be awarded each year has made the greatest contribution to international amity. Those of us who do not play the suckers part will be put down as tight wards.—Monroe Enquirer.

Condemned By a Democrat.

The passage of the Neal bill restricting the state and cutting down the Republican minority in the Senate to a half dozen members, was the biggest blunder made by the General assembly of 1921. In the first place it was wholly unjust. We are astonished that the body of men so intelligent as the Legislature should show a spirit so narrow and partisan. The state needs more Republican in the Legislature and if they have any sense at all, this law will increase rather than lessen the number.—Editor Jonnson in Charity and Children.

Paid It Quarterly.

In the case of a Georgia farmer who went into the income tax collector's office it was figured out that he owned the Government just four cents. He laid claim on the privilege of the quarterly payment, and plunked down his one cent as first installment. The Georgia Crackers is nothing if not thrifty.—Charlotte Observer.

The March winds are displaying all brands of hosiery. It is no respector of Sizes, Shapes, Conditions or Shortnes of Skirts.—Cumberland Gap News.

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