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#### CRIME AND THE COURTS.

In last Sunday's News-Observer Judge O. H. Allen, of Kinston, very "Shouhtfully discussed crime and its alleged increase in North Carolina. The contribution shows keen observation and a deep study of the subject Chreated.

Judge Allen contends, in which he is supported by the teachings of experience, that not the severity of punishment, but the certainty of punishment is the true deterrent. And the most progressive communities of the civilized world are putting this theory into practice.

If we can get people to believe that detection and punishment-without reference to its severity-will surely follow crime as its logical effect, there "will not be needed so much legislation to make people "be good," nor so many agencies for the dispensation of justice between man and man. People will govern themselves; and self government is the ideal form of government. Self government-wherein man becomes master of himself because of his knowledge that certain acts on his part will be followed by certain consequences is a force that must be resorted to in the solution of the question of crime.

There are many reformations to be attained before crime will be reduced to a minimum. Speaking of obstacles in the way, Judge Allen says:

'Until man ceases to be a cruel be- ident. ing; until wars are less prevalent; un-til the press ceases to parade the details of every horrible crime before the pubtic eye, and, in fact, until there is more of the spirit of Christianity in-Tased into the mould of modern civilimation-crime of one kind or another will continue to increase except as the facilities for checking it are increased. lack what we would call in our lan-

only as the ameliorating spirit of ners." Christianity spreads and vitalizes our people.

Then there is this important fact, that the press can and frequently does, spread the contagion of crime. Crime fying," said the baron, "but I felt someis a disease and is capable of being what disconcerted because of the fact spread abroad just so surely as the mumps, typhoid fever, or that "tired feeling" in the spring can be trans- much. The president explained that mitted. There may be a get-at-able bacil'us by which the transmission is made. But even though the scientist has not found it yet by means of miscroscopic examination the psychologist has found that an intangible germ does exist whereby the disease may be spread. He has found that this germ consists in the spiritual power which the idea exerts over action. of a friend's house and bent in reverie r actions are largely idea-motor. i. e., an idea having taken possession he regarded it the slumbering infant of the mind finds itself realized in an smiled, and in contemplation of this appropriate action unless inhibited by another and more powerful idea. And here is where the press has the power to get in deadly work-as well as the power to do infinite good. Crime can be pictured vividly. Illustrations can give the minutest details. The drew. On account of the nurse's retransmission of news is so nearly perfect that the world can be brought to the spot of the commission of crime in a short time. These things are sufficient to work upon and assume the mastery over impressionable mindsand there are many such. The natural consequence is that the idea thus implanted realizes itself in another crime of some kind. We must look to something else than to the remissness of the courts and the inefficiency of the machinery of justice. True there may be, and probably is, remissness and inefficiency, but this is the exception and not the rule.

### our Ambassador on Kishineff Affair. Robert S. McCormick, United States ambassador to Russia, who came home recently to attend his son's wedding, is not in harmony with the demonstra-

tions that are being made in this country in opposition to Russia because of the recent terrible affair at Kishineff.



ROBERT S. M'CORMICE.

While he does not, of course, condone the brutalities of the mobs at Kishineff, Mr. McCormick says that the stories charging complicity of the Russian government in the outrages committed are absard. In a recent interview with a New York newspaper man Mr. Met'ormick said:

"That the authorities at St. Petersburg had any previous knowledge of the matter is preposterous. The whole affair occurred just as lynchings and other outbreaks occur in the United States-too quickly for the authorities to take any steps to prevent them."

### A Jaganese View of Us.

Baron Shibusawa of Japan, now visiting this country, landed in San Francisco. He was taken to the Chamber of Commerce and talked with the pres-

"I found," said the baron, "that he was a man of practical views. 'How can we make money? seemed to be predominant in all his conversation. 1 am neither a poet nor a meditative thinker, but even to me the entire bearing of the gentleman appeared to Cruelty will be curbed in our nature guage 'kiin. or highly reserved man-

> When the baron got to Washington he found that the president had too much "kiin, or highly reserved manners." The president praised Japanese valor. "These words were very gratithat he did not make any reference to our commerce." The baron hinted as he did not praise Japan's commerce because it is still in its "infant stage."

> Swinburne and the Babics. Algernon Charles Swinburne, according to one of his American friends. made a systematic study of babies before he wrote his roundels upon babyhood, says the Kansas City Journal.

Mr. Swinburne, who is a bachelor, one day went on tiptoe into the nursery over the infant that slept there. As seraphic smile the poet's heart was filled with joy and awe. "It's the wind, bless its beart," the nurse whispered. "Whenever they smile in their sleep, sir, you may know they're troubled with the wind." Mr. Swinburne scowled and withmark he never wrote a poem on the subject of a baby's dreams.

### PEOPLE OF THE DAY The SPORTING WORLD

Wagnet Tells How to Bat. "Foot work has a lot to do with the success of a ball player and especially at the bat, and the pitcher is more apt to find this weakness to his liking than any other." says Hans Wagner.

"I am ready to step in any direction, with my right foot for a pivot. I bet mostly with a wrist movement, as you can get a quicker move and allow the ball to come closer before timing it. I never care to anticipate the kind of a

Decline of the Essay. Why do we no longer find in these magazines the long essays that were the backbone of the old style periodicals? Is it because there are nowadays no men who like to and are able to take their pens in hand and ramble on and on aimlessly over hill and dale. with many a leisurely pause and occasional airy flights? Is it because the editors can find no writers who are surcharged with views on all sorts of abstract subjects and could be moved to impart those views at length to the readers of magazines? Certainly not. Almost every man who writes at all would like to write essays-long essays. But the wise editors won't have them any more, because the people won't read them and won't even take magazines that get the reputrtion of harboring them. If an editor craves a small circulation in this day let him gather the essayists about him and freely turn them loose upon his pages -Success



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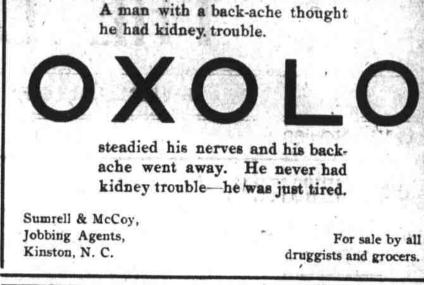
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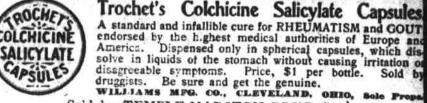
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Hart and His Colts.

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go National league club, is now at

peace with all the world and on speak-

After years crowded with disappoint-

ments and defeats Colonel Hart's luck

has finally changed for the better. To-

day he can gloat over the knowledge

that his Chicago aggregation is at pres-

ent one of the fastest and strongest

ball teams in the National league. And

this rather broad assertion is made de-

spite the writer's opinion that New

York, Pittsburg and Cincinnati possess

Manager Selee and his Colts have

honestly earned all the bouquets now

being tossed at their feet. These have

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and solely by the hardest kind of work.

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shade the worst of it in "baseball

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lee team will in all probability finish

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Wheaton (Ill.) track, has a full sister to

Oscar Ames, who is training at the

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ing terms with himself.

great ball teams this year.

in the first three clubs.

Judges as a rule are honest and conscientious, and jurymen are no weaker than are other men. There will always appear mitigating circumstances, and these circumstances must be considared in every scheme of real justice.

The code of the Man'of Nazarethwhich is becoming more and more infuential, despite our misgivings-is infinitely superior to the code of the lawgiver Moses.

The first thing that the new government of Servia calls for is money. Prince Peter Karageorgevitch has been recognized by the Czar as the rightful sovereign of Servia, but King Edward holds off, and it seems that the revenues are holding off too.

Since its status has not yet been degalized the provisional government finds difficulty in raising necessary minds. The banks will not float a loan, even a small one.

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Rostand Now an "Immortal."

Paris journals and Paris correspondents of American newspapers all declare that never in the memory of the habitue had there been such an ardent competition for seats or was there such a large gathering for the official reception of a new member into the French Academy of Immortals as marked the consecration of M. Edmond Rostand on June 4. The ceremonies were



EDMOND ROSTAND.

among the most interesting events of the kind recorded in the history of the academy. M. Rostand delivered his address in exquisite prose, full of col-or, reverting in turn from charming and refined familiarity to flights of poetic fancy, passing from the most dis-creet or most pointed irony to the high-est eloquence. Aside from his elevation to a place among the immortain M. Rostand has reached the high plan-M. Restand has reached the aight pane in the field of literature early in life that most of the successful have achieved only after passing beyond the years of middle life. M. Rostand in y thirty-live years of age.

shot, 2:00%, in his stable which is Just Opened Up touted to trot in 2:12 or better this season. She is called Brash and has a record of 2:14%. Oscar has handled her for the past two seasons, and she has always won enough money to more than pay for her feed and has been improving right along. She is owned by Charles Allen of Kenosha, Wis.

Ames also has a number of youngsters which are eligible to start in all the futurities that are showing great form, and those who follow the big line this year will do well to keep an eye on them, especially on Echo Bell, a two-year-old by Allerton, dam Palo Alto Belle, a daughter of Electioneer and Beautiful Bells.

#### The Ithaca Oarsmen.

The Cornell varsity eight is now Opposite Mayor's Office. formed of the following men: Stroke, Coffin; No. 7, Lueder; No. 6, Captain Frenzel; No. 5, Lee; No. 4, Van Alstyne; No. 3, Seabring; No. 2, Adams, bow, Hazlewood, and cockswain. At-With the exception of Lee, a kin. freshman, and Adams all the foregoing men rowed in the great crew of last summer.

The Cornell eight suffered a severe loss early in the year when five men who were pulling port oars had to leave college on account of the epidemic of typhoid fever which swept the university, causing almost a score of deaths among the students.

Revolver Shooting. Negotiations are in progress for another cable revolver match between French and American experts, and if conditions satisfactory to both teams are arranged the contest will be held this month. Communications so far exchanged between the revolver associations of the two countries have been of an encouraging nature.

Neva Simmons. It is said that Neva Simmons, 2:11% in training at Cleveland, is in fine shape. If she gets to the races she will have a say so about the first money in the 2:12 classes.

Little, Boy Is All Right. Little Boy, 2:01% to wagon, has entirely recovered from his lameness, which laid him on the shelf last year, and he is once more rounding into his old time form.

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