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Of course the lowest creature that moves and has a being, would, so far as in its ability, try to justify its acts. The man who sets his fence on his neighbor's land will pretend that he thought that there was the line, the murderer will plead insanity, self-defense or some other cause, the thief will have you believe some one gave him the article, he bought it, found it, etc., and the violator of the law in whatsoever form generally comes up with a lie in his mouth trying to escape the responsibility and the just condemnation of all right thinking people, and, sometimes succeeds, but as the public grows in enlightenment the chances to do so becomes encouragingly less. So it is with these moral lepers at Spencer and their aides and abettors elsewhere. They say a sign is a trap and a pit, and you are forced to obey the directions on all signs, and, according to the saint's peculiar interpretation thereof. If you see a bar room sign you are bound to get drunk at once, or violate law by destroying the man's property, if you see a danger sign that's the place to stand, the man who put the signal there is guilty of trapping you, but if you see a sign offering merchandise for sale, you are privileged to disregard it, or if a sign such as are seen in the waiting room at the depot, inviting you to attend some church is met with, it's a horrible trap, it should be shunned and the schemer drug to the first tree and hanged. In fact it takes some considerable skill to properly interpret the meaning of the signs and the kind of traps you will be obliged to deliberately walk in, even after seeing them and knowing the consequences of such disobedience. The power that forces you to obey these signs is the signs themselves, for instance, a whiskey dealer's sign will just get down and grab any one, old man, woman, girl or boy, by the collar and drag him or her right up to a bar, or telephone, whether he or she drinks or not, and just make him or her buy whiskey, yea, by the quart, and for a purpose, too. But good friend, the "advocates of saloons" would call your attention, in a friendly way, to be sure, to several points they, and they only, seem to hold in considerable esteem. They are: The means do not justify the end, but it takes a thief to catch a thief; for one to take under advisement the directions of a sign is an unpardonable sin, but for some saints to seduce a youth into the purchase of whiskey, the like of which he never did before, to threaten to boycott an attorney for attending to his legitimate business, the ostracism of people who have opinions of their own, the unwarranted usurpation of the power of the properly constituted authorities and the stigmatizing of Christ as a criminal for making wine, is the highest type of christian charity and toleration, yea, it is so Christ-like one can hear the gentle, loving words of the Master as they flow from his pure heart, tenderly

pleading to a divinely sin-cursed world:

"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Another point, carefully scan the horizon, then read the following from St. Matthew, 25:10-20:

And he called the multitude, and said unto them, hear, and understand:

Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

Then came his disciples, and said unto him, knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?

But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

Then answered Peter and said unto him, Declare unto us this parable.

And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding?

Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught, and is cast out into the draught.

But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

CURRENT COMMENT.

"But more than all this, business men are insisting that our employes must be sober, knowing full well that the man who keeps his mind beclouded with alcohol is in no condition to do first class work. Society is also taking a hand, and while there is much drinking in social circles, in the best society of the country drunkenness is not tolerated. All of this goes to show that true temperance is making rapid strides, and the danger to be feared is the over zeal of the advocates of prohibition. The reform movement is progressing in a satisfactory manner, and it will continue to progress and to work itself out, if it be guided by conservative men. But if it be run into extremes; if it be pushed ahead of public sentiment, there will be an unhealthy action, and the noble cause will receive a serious setback. The true remedy for the drink evil is an enlightened public conscience, and that is to be had by a campaign of education. Regulations of law are necessary, but they should be the expression of public sentiment. Whenever we attempt the other process of creating sentiment by law, we attempt to put the cart before the horse, and we are sure to fail." — Richmond Times-Dispatch.

North Carolina Gets \$23,963 From the Dick Bill.

A telegram was received in the adjutant general's office yesterday from the war department to the effect that the \$1,000,000 appropriation by the Dick bill for the national guard has been apportioned, so that North Carolina receives \$23,963 for encampment purposes. This will be good news for the military companies of the state, insuring as it does an encampment for this summer. Col. Alfred Williams, who received the telegram, said yesterday that Adjutant General Royster will be down from Oxford today, and he and Col. Macon, who is already here, will have a conference on the state encampment. It is probable that they will decide to appoint a committee from the officers of the guard to decide upon the time, place and method of the encampment; that is, whether they shall all assemble in the camp or encamp by regiments. — Raleigh Post.

It is the man who says, I will, that succeeds.

County Correspondents.

Peeler.

Farmers are through with the harvest and have started to work on their corn again.

Geo. D. Peeler, who has been ill, is able to be at work.

M. F. Cauble visited at Granite Quarry Saturday night and Sunday.

The R. F. D. inspector was here last week looking over a route, but we understand it did not prove satisfactory.

Alex. Peeler visited in the Lower Stone neighborhood Sunday.

EZRA.

Chestnut Hill.

Things are getting very dry and people would be glad to see a good rain.

A party that was out on a fishing expedition on the Yadkin river, near Bringle's ferry, Thursday, report a good time and lots of fish. They say they caught some catfish that were four feet long and five inches across the head.

C. M. Cress is arranging to pale in his lot. It would be a good plan for everybody to do this, then the chickens couldn't get in and scratch up the beans.

X.

Bethany.

Thank you, Patsy and Pheny, I'm so glad to be with you all, and I wish you both much success.

The farmers are about through cutting wheat and oats.

Misses Katie Fisher and Sallie Trexler visited Miss Mattie Miller Saturday night. They report a nice time. We know they had a grand time for they are three of our best girls.

are well Sister Dick. Look for me this week, I will be over and help eat those beans. Sister Martha is well.

Mrs. Larina Brady, who has been suffering with rheumatism for a long time, is still poorly.

Prof. J. L. Fisher is at home from Birmingham. We are glad to have him back again.

Geo. Beaver is at home again. We guess he came back to see his his old mule.

Sister Dick, we beat you raising potatoes this year. You have the stalk and bloom and no 'taters, while we have the 'taters and no bloom or stalk.

Mr. Editor we think you will soon have a new subscriber to the TRUTH-INDEX.

AUNT DINAH.

Billmore.

The farmers are about through with their harvest, there won't be more than half a crop of wheat raised this year.

Corn and cotton are looking some better since the recent rains.

Mrs. J. D. Brown has been on the sick list for the past few days.

Miss Roxie Lingle spent Saturday night with Miss Roxie Trexler.

Luther Klutz and family visited J. R. Lyerly Saturday night.

Rev. Geo. Lingle went to Burlington Saturday where he will preach during the summer.

We are glad to have Patsy and Pheny among our correspondents. Come again Patsy.

One of C. L. Lyerly's children is very sick.

Geo. Peeler and family, of Faith, visited Mrs. J. A. Brown Saturday night.

H. W. Barhardt, of Concord, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Daisy Brown.

J. D. Trexler's children, who have been sick for a long time

with fever, are able to be up again.

The Billmore boys played a game of ball Saturday evening.

SISTER CRAB.

Gold Knob.

Everybody is lamenting about their wheat crop. There will not be hardly any made through here. One man sowed 20 acres and cut 50 shocks, how about that for bread? Oats is fairly good, could be better. Corn is making a poor show and is needing rain. Cotton is kept back by the cold nights of last week. Fruit is fairly good as to peaches, apples are not so many. A few cherries, blackberries and dewberries are ripening. Garden and truck patches not doing well on account of the drought. Watermelon plants look well. Irish potatoes better than expected, the crop is being plowed over. Some are making hay. All are at work and hoping for rain.

Wm. T. Morgan painfully snagged his foot while plowing a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay, of Newton, are spending the summer with P. C. J. Barger.

Melville and Lola Phillips, who have been so low with typhoid fever, are improving.

Patsy and Pheny said their doctor had come up and sit down. Well now, our cotton hasn't sat down yet, but it is "stoopin' a little." Pheny was in our town last week picking cherries.

Mrs. Katie Harkey, one of the oldest ladies in the neighborhood, died last Saturday morning at 2 o'clock. She had been in feeble health for a number of years, but two weeks ago she was taken very severe and died Saturday morning. Her death has been caused by consumption. She was about 77 years of age. She leaves one sister to mourn her loss. We extend our sympathy.

Frank Minsell and wife got their dates mixed and plowed till nine o'clock the other Sunday morning, when a neighbor came visiting and informed them of their mistake.

Instead of cotton blooms the 4th of July as other years, we will be looking for shapes and squares the coming 4th.

No, no, "Jumbo," that's all right, I'll not think hard of you. Your old uncle "Lee" is getting old anyway, and can't half see to write any more. That's right, we want to get you young boys in the ring. Coma again.

LEE.

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