

A Colyum Of Thoughts From Here There, Yonder

(By BIGNALL JONES)

It is not what you can do well or how much of the world's goods that you have accumulated that counts except for the way they affect one's character. Sacrifice develops character; selfishness destroys character.

Wealth is a convenient thing to have and an alright thing to possess provided that the possessor does not let it bittle his soul.

Faith in God is the greatest character builder. When you make money, popularity, or love of pleasure your god you are destroying character.

Every struggle, every temptation overcome—or not overcome, every good deed, every kind thought, likewise, every selfish act goes into character building. It is impossible to avoid, it goes on unconsciously.

It is Gabriel's Record.

Campaign Note

Wet planks are slippery material for platforms.—The Independent.

"Gone on a diet, eh?"

"Yep"

"To reduce your weight?"

"No. To reduce expenses."—EX.

The Worm Turns.

English paper—Wanted, loud, second-hand gramophone—for reprisals.—Macon Telegraph.

More for the Money

"It costs twice as much to live as it did fifty years ago."

"Well, I'd rather be paying double now than have paid half then."—Life.

In Round Numbers

Motorist (arrested for speeding)—"A fine morning, isn't it, Judge?"

Judge—"It is. Ten dollars, to be exact."—The Home Sector.

Emergency Rations

Lady of the House—"You say you haven't had anything to eat today?"

Tramp—"Lady, the only thing I've swallowed to-day is an insult."—Pearson's Weekly (London).

The Greater Need.

Some day the Gideons, who see to it that there's a Bible in each hotel room, are going to fix it so that the man who makes the hotel rates has one, too.—Detroit Times.

Yo-Heave-Oh!

"Where did you get these cigars?"

"A friend of mine sent them up from Cuba."

"Your friend certainly knows the ropes down there."—The Siren.

Too Late.

"Why, as a locksmith you earn more in a month than I do as a university professor."

"Well, you missed your chance when you were young!"—Die-Muskete (Vienna).

Disillusion Drought

"Prohibition," said Uncle Bill Botletop, "has brought disappointment to a number of wives who had nursed the idea that their husbands' unreasonableness was entirely due to licker."—Washington Star.

Trouble Ahead

Clerk—"We can't pay you the twenty-five dollars on this money-order until you are identified."

Man—"That's tough. There's only one man in town who can identify me, and I owe him twenty."—Boston Transcript.

Thoughtful Child

"Have you said your prayers?" asked Willie's mother.

"Of course!" replied the child.

"And did you ask to be made a better little boy?"

"Yes, and I put in a word for you and father, too."—London Tit-Bits.

Mobile School At Norlina

A mobile school will be held at Norlina next week under the auspices of the Baptist State Convention. The first session will be held at 8 p. m. Monday night, July 17th and will continue daily until Friday night, July 23rd.

The churches in this section are earnestly requested to send representatives.

Miss Ella B. Jones, who has been the guest of her aunt Mrs. Spottswood Burwell, of Henderson, for a week at a House Party, returned to her home Thursday afternoon. We are delighted to have her at home again.

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A SEMI-WEEKLY NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF WARRENTON AND WARREN COUNTY

JUDGE CLARK VS. BICKETT

PLOTS CASE BEFORE PUBLIC OPINION COURT

Case Tried, Law Quoted And Judge Gives His Views, But Jurors Unable To Agree And A New Triad Ordered.

(By HOWARD F. JONES)

This celebrated case coming on to be heard, and being heard upon its merits, and the Jury being unable to agree, a juror is withdrawn and a mistrial ordered and the Cause continued.

It appears that one or two of the Jurors had strong "Corporation proclivities" but that the remainder of the Panel desired to render a verdict in favor of the Plaintiff. The testimony being all in writing and a matter of record there could be no dispute as to the facts.

The Plaintiff introduced the Constitution of North Carolina.

Objection by Defendant; objection over-ruled, exception noted.

Article Five, Section 3 of the Constitution:—"Laws shall be passed taxing, by uniform rules, all moneys, credits, investments in bonds, stocks, joint stock companies or otherwise; and also real and personal property, according to its true value in money."

The Plaintiff addressing the Jury stated as a fact that "Every intelligent man knows that 'investment in stocks' are made by the man who buys them and not by the company which sells them, and that the statute is explicit that all such investment, whether in bonds, stocks and credits and all moneys and all real and personal property should be taxed." The Plaintiff, turning to Defendant, asked "By what authority are we asked to exempt \$500,000,000 or probably more 'invested in stocks'?"

The Defendant made answer that no just man would desire "double taxation"; that these "investments in stocks" were nothing more than a transferable receipt for money invested; that no new value was created; that the money "invested in stocks" would continue to pay the tax at its true value in money; but that the shares of stock had no true value in money other than an evidence of ownership of capital (money) and if that capital was taxed, that then it would be unjust, unfair and "seeing red" to tax the evidence of ownership. That the Plaintiff had no law for his contention and that the Plaintiff's theories of taxation were the "laughing stock," so to speak of the Courts and Legislatures of this and all other States.

The Plaintiff: "I deny the assertion that I have no law. I point first to the Constitution of the State, again to the Constitutional provision inserted at Halifax in 1776 which says 'No man or set of men are entitled to exclusive or separate emoluments or privileges from the community, but in consideration of public services;'" that it is denied that his (the Plaintiff's) view was not upheld by eminent authority. I quote Judge Manning in "Pullen vs. Corporation Commission, 152, N. C." "The property of a shareholder of a corporation in the shares of stock is a separate and distinct species of property from the property, whether real, personal or mixed, held and owned by the corporation itself."

He also quoted Judge Brown, "I agree, also, that it is well settled that shares in the stock in any corporation, when owned by individuals are separate and distinct property from the assets of the corporation and may be taxed as such."

In the same case he quoted Judge Hoke who quoting from Bank vs. Tenn, U. S. 146:—"The Capital stock of a corporation, and the shares in which said stock may be divided and held by individual shareholders are two distinct pieces of property. The capital stock and the shares of stock in the hands of shareholders may both be taxed and it is not 'double taxation.'" And quoting the learned Judge further in saying "This statement has been reiterated many times, in various decisions, by the court, and is not now disputed by any one." Except, may Your Honor please, the learned Defendant.

May it please the Court (of Public Opinion), continued the Plaintiff, "In Comrs. vs. Tobacco Co., 116 N. C." it was held, quoting the above decisions,

MICKIE SAYS:

"VESSIE! AN ELECTRIC MOTOR ER A GAS ENGINE 'LL RUN TH' OL' PRINTIN' PRESS K.O.—BUT IT TAKES A COUPLE O' GOOD OLE IRON DOLLARS GEARED TOGETHER TO MAKE 'ER HUNK!"

"VESSIE, WE STILL SWAP SUBSCRIPTIONS FER DOLLARS"



ions, that the Legislature could in its discretion levy at the same time (1) a franchise tax and a tax on corporate dividends, (2) a tax on the capital stock of the corporation, (3) on the tangible or real and personal property of the corporation, and (4) on the shares of stock in the hands of the shareholders. "The court said that the taxes under the headings (3) and (4) were imperative and not discretionary with the Legislature."

May it please the Court, I have shown my authority for my vagaries, my "theories," and the Defendant knows that the same ruling was made by Chief Justice Smith, by Judge Ashe and in all the text books on the subject, and that my contention is and in law and justice.

The Court:—"We would like to hear further from the Defendant on the legal aspect of the case."

The Defendant: "May it please the Court, and Gentlemen of the Jury, I have listened with interest to the Plaintiff's view of the Law, and I, too, have authority for my view. It is not only based on common sense, but my view is sustained by the Corporation Commission, Mr. Maxwell, in particular, by the Attorney General, by the entire office holding force in the State Capitol. It would be an outrageous, unheard-of, condition in North Carolina for a corporation to pay taxes on its capital stock and its shares of stock capital stock and its shares of stock which represented that capital. The learned Plaintiff can't mean to tax me double; surely no such thing as that could be approved by the Court (of Public Opinion)? Tax my pie as a whole, then when I cut it up tax each shareholder because he has a piece? Surely you can't contend that you would treat money invested in a Corporation differently from that in a Partnership? Such theories of the Plaintiff would run every corporation out of the State. The Plaintiff is prejudiced, he "sees red," his plans of taxation would run the corporations out of the State. It would be the wildest kind of taxation, and without authority of law—the Plaintiff's own associates laugh at his views of taxation."

The Plaintiff:—"Your Honor, I have listened with patience at the attempt of the Defendant to ridicule my views of taxation and at his personal abuse. I have given the Law, as based on the Constitution and as interpreted by the State and United States Courts. No just man, no intelligent man has any prejudice against corporations, they are necessary and should be treated fairly. What I am saying, and what men will say at the ballot box when they have a fair chance at this question is that they should pay their share of taxation according to the wealth that they have and that their stockholders shall pay tax upon their stock as the farmer pays on his live stock and other property. This is not prejudice against corporations, but opposition to special privilege of exemption."

The Defendant:—"It would be double taxation. It would tax my investment and would tax my evidence of investment. It would tax my money in the corporation and then turn around and tax the evidence of the fact that I had money in the corporation."

"As unto the bow the cord is, So unto man is woman;

Though she bends him yet she obeys him; Though she draws him, yet she follows, Useless each without the other."

So it is with investments in shares of stock. The shares of stock are so interwoven with the capital they represent, that if you tax one you tax the other. Useless each without the other. It is not denied that exemptions are made under the Act of 1919, and further privileges extended; but they are just exemptions, and just privileges.

The Court:—"Gentlemen of the Jury, you have heard this case ably presented. It needs no further presentation of facts. I charge you that the Courts of the land have uniformly held with the Plaintiff, and—as a proposition of law his contention is just. I further charge you as a matter of fact that the Legislatures and especially the Legislature of 1919, have disregarded the Constitution and the Law as laid down by the Courts and have made exemptions and conferred special privileges on corporations. Take the case and say how it is."

Mr. Sheriff call another Jury. Gentlemen we will try the case of MUTT FARMER Vs. RE-VALUATION ACT. Sheriff you will have to have a special venire of about two thousand citizens won't you? I guess so, Sir.

Take the verdict of the Jury Mr. Clerk.

Foreman of the Jury:—"Judge we can't agree. Two of our fellows have got stock in a corporation that pays them mighty big dividends, and they are afraid their stock won't be worth much if they were with us, and we will never agree—they done said so."

The Court:—"Make this entry Mr. Clerk: "Juror withdrawn, mistrial made, and case continued until after next election."

The Court:—"Gentlemen, 'I am sorry this matter could not be settled in this Court. May I suggest that you try to get together and evolve some just method of taxation. It is very evident to my mind that unless the Defendant is appearing solely as Counsel for the Corporation, that his plea of "double taxation" will not hold, if the Constitution is to govern, for that great instrument prohibits special privilege, and it would be special privilege to exempt shares of stock from taxation on the ground that it is double taxation, and at the same time tax all outstanding notes of private individuals at their face value and also the property they represent and are secured by at its "true value in money." This, of course, is double taxation of long standing. And, therefore, the Court says that the contention of the Defendant is not well taken if he appears for the people of the State, but is well taken as an abstract question. The Court thinks it the duty of those charged with the administering of our tax laws to levy our taxes impartially, and until that is done and our laws so clearly expressed that it will not be necessary for our Courts to construe their meaning we will continue to have unrest and friction. Gentlemen get together with an honest effort to treat all classes of our citizens alike in matters of taxation. The citizenship of this State will not tolerate class legislation nor special privilege."

Mr. Clerk, let me sign the minutes. "PUBLIC OPINION," Judge Presiding. HOWARD F. JONES, Clerk.

PARTING GUESTS.

I like to have my friends come in, when evening's growing gray, and talk of autos made of tin, of hens and hogs and hay. Their coming does not make me sore; 'tis this that makes me grieve: When they would go, their visit o'er, they take so long to leave! They quit the dazzling sitting room at half past ten o'clock; then in the hall's religious gloom they talk and talk and talk. At last they leave my humble door, but on the porch they pause, and for another hour or more they ply their useful jaws. The night is waxing old and late when down the walk they go, and then they loiter at the gate to talk an hour or so. How grand is that infrequent guest who says, at nine o'clock, "Time flies apace, you want to rest, so I will take a walk." He takes his walking stick and hat, and when he comes some more, he finds a welcome on the mat that lies before the door. My friends are welcomed to my gate, and harmless suds shall flow; but when it's time to pull their freight, I wish they'd up and go!

—Uncle Walt Mason.

General Local News From Buffalo Section

We are having some rainy weather now which has long been wished for by the farmers and it is doing the crops lots of good.

Misses Sadie and Glennie Harton, of Norlina, spent a most delightful week with their sister and cousin Mrs. Tom White, and friends of this, place recently.

Mrs. Nellie Davis is spending several days with her sister Mrs. Troy Height, of Warrenton, this week.

Mr. J. A. Cheek, of Buffalo, went to Baltimore Saturday afternoon on a business trip. He will also stop to see his brother Mr. Robert P. Davis, of Newport News, Va., and return home Wednesday.

Misses Glennie and Sadie Harton, Agnes Cheek, Fannie Fern Davis, and Mr. Robert Cheek spent a few pleasant hours at Marmaduke Thursday night.

A crowd of young people of Buffalo attended the ball game at Warrenton Saturday afternoon.

Misses Mattie and Maggie Harton, and Mr. Perry Harton, of Norlina, and Mr. Boyd Wilson, of Warrenton Plains, spent a short time in Buffalo Saturday.

The young people around here had a pleasant evening at Mrs. P. R. Davis' Saturday.

Misses Sadie and Glennie Harton and Mr. Robert Cheek spent a short while in Inez Friday.

Best wishes,
VIOLET.

Local News Items From Marmaduke

We have had right much rain the last few days and the crops seem to be improving right along.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Duke spent Sunday with Mrs. John Powell, of Grove Hill.

We are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Walter Collier in our neighborhood again.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Pridgen and children and Mr. Sandvick, of Norlina, spent Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Powell.

Miss Fannie Fern Davis spent one night recently with Misses Ruby and Lela Clark.

Mrs. W. J. James, of Norlina, spent the week with her father of this place. Mr. Cleary Halthcock attended the cream supper at the home of Mr. Jim Cheek Friday night.

Misses Fannie Fern Davis and Agnes Cheek with the Misses Harton, and Mr. Robby Cheek were pleasant visitors in this neighborhood one night last week.

Mr. Willie Harris, of Embro, visited in the home of Mr. S. K. Clark Sunday night.

Mrs. W. J. James and Miss Bessie Powell spent Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. M. C. Davis.

Miss Janice Fleming returned to her home Thursday bring her friend Miss Annie Norman, of Halifax county.

MICKIE SAYS:

"OUTSIDE! GWAN! BEAT IT BEFORE I LOSE CONTROL OF MYSELF, ER YOU'LL BE TALKING TO YOUR FRIENDS WITH A LIE WEEVIA BOARD! ANYBODY WHO HAS TH' CRUST TO COME IN 'N STOP THE WOLVE PAPER BECUZ THE'VE SUBSCRIBING TO A PAPER FROM A NEARBEN CITY IS NUTHIN' BUT A POOR PETRIFIED PRUNE 'N H'D SURE BE A PLEASURE TO MUSS UP TH' OFFG WITH YA!"



IMPORTANT MEASURES

WANTS DRASTIC LAW TO STOP PISTOL CARRYING

Representative Davis Tells Public What He Proposed To Do At Special Session General Assembly Next Month.

Please permit me to state through the columns of your valuable paper what acts I have in mind to ask the Special Session of the Legislature to pass, so that the people may advise me concerning these, and any others which they may care to.

An act making the sale of pistol cartridges unlawful, as all deadly weapons now are, except by permit from the Clerk of the Court. (See Chapter 197, Public Laws 1919) Also an act giving the County Commissioners power to appoint one or more law enforcement officers in each township, who shall have power to arrest any person at any time or place without any warrant, and search such suspected person for concealed weapons, and if any are found then the officer shall take such person before some officer for trial, and, if found guilty, shall be placed on the county road for a term of six to twelve months, and fined the cost in the case, which shall include \$25.00 to go to the officer making the arrest. All enforcement officers should be given the same power and authority as the Sheriff has to summon and deputize such help as may in his judgment, be necessary. Some such drastic law as this should, in my opinion, be passed and enforced, which will make the great number of young pistol toters "gun shy."

An act amending Revaluation Law so as to make the valuation of property on the first day of May of each year the basis for taxation, and have the lists taken during the month of May, as it has been done heretofore. Also one to do away with any exemptions except that of debt.

I shall also undertake to have a constitutional election called to reduce constitutional rate of taxation on real estate as much as the valuation has been increased on it. Also to reduce the constitutional rate on personal property in the same proportion as the valuation has been increased on that, so that no greater amount of taxes can be collected than heretofore. I did what I thought best in the Regular Session, and I shall do the same in the Special Session.

I commend to the public my successor, Hon. J. M. Coleman, whose honesty, intelligence, and progressive ideas guarantee to us wise and faithful service.

Respectfully,
J. S. DAVIS,

Creek, N. C.
July 13, 1920.

Experienced

Sweeping his long hair back with an impressive gesture, the visitor faced the proprietor of the film studio, according to a current story. "I would like to secure a place in your moving picture company," he said. "You are an actor?" asked the film man.

"Yes."

"Had any experience acting without audiences?"

A flicker of sadness shone in the visitor's eyes as he replied, "Acting without audiences is what brought me here."—The Christian Register.

MRS. A. A. WILLIAMS HOSTESS

Mrs. Alfred Williams delightfully entertained Tuesday afternoon at a "Golden Chain" party in honor of her sister Mrs. McCann. For the information of those friends of Mrs. Williams who do not know what a "Golden Chain" party is, we will state that it means "simply the kinfolks" are asked to come around and chat over a "cup'o' tea." However the simple refreshments were delicious, and all the kin-folks enjoyed the evening.

Mrs. Edmund White entertained a number of her friends Thursday morning at a "Forty-two" Party. Those knowing Mrs. White expected the occasion to be delightful, and were not disappointed. Our "Society Reporter" has failed to come in and give "mere man" the details of this charming occasion, so we hope to get the facts and personnel in Tuesday's paper.