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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A man can not have an idea of perfection in another, which he was never sensible of in himself. Steele.

Judge Frank Carter probably thinks that its a long, long way to April 26th, but after that investigating committee has made its report, the judge will possibly wish that it had been two or three months longer.

Incidentally we might state that its about time to take 'em off.

Our personal opinion of the matter is that those Allied ships lying off the Virginia capes have crews of boneheads on them. The fact that they have allowed another German raider to walk right into Newport News is proof that they are by no means on the job.

Rev. R. W. Thiot, who delivered a stirring message on local evils at the Tabernacle Baptist church on Sunday night, seems to have his facts as to where the gambling joints and sporting houses are being operated in this city. With such information at hand and a desire to see these evils broken up, the reverend gentleman puts it right square up to the officers to see that these places are suppressed and we believe that this will be done.

We've cleaned up, now let's paint up. Every property owner in New Bern should make up his mind to help make New Bern the most attractive city in the State, and if proper use of the paint brush is made, this can easily be done. A few dollars spent in painting your property will be well invested and will pay big dividends.

During the past week or two New Bern has been overrun with dogs and they are proving a nuisance. Several of the animals have been shot and the flock has been decreased that much. If a man who owns a dog thinks anything of the canine he's going to give him attention and keep him at home, and those dogs which are allowed to roam the streets all during the day and night, making life miserable in certain localities, should be put out of the way. Again, too, the time of the year when dogs "run mad" is approaching and there is danger in this line, in fact, there is where the real danger lies. One yellow cur on a rampage with a case of hydrophobia can do untold damage and this can be averted by taking the proper precaution now.

Aheville claims to be a "dilettante city." Seeing this claim, Col. Jimmy Cowan, of the Wilmington Dispatch, will probably come to the conclusion that even those little pests don't want to stop there.

Governor Craig has refused to pardon James Wilcox, the convicted slayer of Nellie Cropsey of Elizabeth city and it looks as though he is doomed to die in prison. Governor Craig thinks that Wilcox is a guilty man and there are hundreds who agree of the same opinion, while many hold the adverse view of it. The case is a strange one. Wilcox either can't or won't tell who killed Nellie Cropsey and his demeanor in the matter has been one of sullen silence. It is said that the man is dying with tuberculosis and that his days are numbered. If this is true and Wilcox expects to go before the Grand Jury he will want to get that secret off his mind and we predict that he will tell the whole story of the murder before he passes away. Wilcox might have led a straight life had he been pardoned but the governor did not see it in that light and hence his refusal.

FRENCHMAN FINDS 'THIRD SEX' IN U. S.

Cambridge, Mass., April 13.—Robert H. Leoux, Parisian editor now lecturing here, says his respects to the "new woman," as follows: "I made a particular study of American women students. I found that the tendency was to produce a non-productive third sex. In France there is but one recognized vocation or woman—marriage."

GAMBLING DENS AND BAWDY HOUSES HERE SAYS REV. R. W. THIOT

Tabernacle Pastor Determined, With Hlep of His Congregation To Run These Out of County---Puts It Right Square Up To the Officials To Take Action Says He Has Evidence ---Resolutions Passed

Pastor Thiot of the Tabernacle Baptist church made things rather warm for the law-breakers of the community in his sermon Sunday night on "Our Community's Sin, Who Is Responsible, and What We Ought to Do About It." After the scripture reading and a brief outline, the speaker entered into a tirade against liquor, sporting houses, and gambling dens that will doubtless remain in the minds of those present for some time. Mr. Thiot stated that the people of New Bern and Craven county were an exceptional people both in lineage and educational advantages and that there was less opposition to righteousness in this community than in any other of which he knew perhaps and therefore, said he, "I cannot understand why conditions such as now exist have been tolerated so long. There is less excuse for such conditions in New Bern and vicinity than in any other community that I know about." He stated that we are without excuse for the amount of liquor that is sold in New Bern and that he did not believe that all the liquor that is sold was by the "boot-leggers" either. In this connection the speaker related an incident that occurred in New Bern not long since where a negro sold a man a bottle of water purporting to be whiskey. This negro, said the preacher, "was arrested and convicted and had that bottle containing genuine whiskey I doubt whether or not he would have ever been arrested."

The Gambling Dens

The "gambling dens" were next to share the speaker's attention. Mr. Thiot stated that he went to the Mayor some time ago and asked that these places be closed and that he understood they were closed, but afterwards some of them opened for business again. He stated that there was one in a stone-throw of the post office and after the Mayor gave orders for such places to be closed, the proprietors of this "den" moved their institution to Pembroke where they operated until the recent "liquor stealing" case at the express office which made it expedient for them to leave town. It was charged by the speaker that there is now in operation over the pool room on Middle street a gambling joint which is being run in defiance of the law and that he had the evidence necessary to prove those charges. He further stated that unless those places were closed up and kept closed that he would appear before the next grand jury and force what he knew before them and that if we had "a half grand jury, a half judge, and a half jury" that some of those fellows would be working the county roads.

Bawdy Houses

The sporting houses which it is claimed exist in our midst came in for a share of the preacher's tirade. He stated that he went to the city officials some time after he came to New Bern and asked for the addresses of the houses of ill-fame of the city for the purpose of going to those houses together with his wife, and try to lead them to live better lives. "I was informed by the officials," said he, "that there was not a house of ill-fame in New Bern" but said he, "one of the Grand Jurors of the recent Grand Jury told me that he knew of three to which one of the police carried him and I happen to know another." In this connection the speaker commended the recent Grand Jury and stated that he had been informed by one of them that they had gone to the property owners and notified them to have the inmates of these houses removed and to rent their houses for this purpose again under penalty of the law. The speaker stated that he had a friend of his visit Pembroke Saturday night for the purpose of obtaining further information concerning the houses of ill-fame located there and he stated that he could not tell to the congregation what this friend had told him.

Who Is Responsible?

The speaker next gave his version as to who was responsible for these existing conditions, naming the Mayor, Chief of Police and the Sheriff of the county. He stated that he had nothing to say against the gentlemen holding these offices and that he believed that they were men who would enforce the laws if our citizenship demanded it of them. He stated that he believed that the Sheriff ought to be held responsible for the conditions that exist in Pembroke and that the Mayor and Chief of Police should be held responsible for

law enforcement in New Bern. He further stated that each individual shared the responsibility together with the officers of the law and called upon each one present to stand by the officers in the enforcement of our laws.

The preacher's sermon throughout was a bitter denunciation of the existing evils of this community and at the close of his discourse, resolutions were offered condemning these things and calling upon the officers for a strict enforcement of the law. A congregation estimated at between seven and eight hundred was present and the resolutions were adopted by an almost unanimous vote. The resolutions are given below:

The Resolutions

Whereas, it is evident that the laws of our State relative to the suppression of the social evil gambling, etc., are being violated in the city of New Bern and vicinity to an extent which we deem inexcusable, and

Whereas, the Grand Jury has investigated and found a number of sporting houses in the limits of the city and it is common knowledge that the same are being run in the city suburb known as Pembroke, and

Whereas, it is common talk that a gambling joint is being run in the rooms over the pool room on Middle street and is so charged by the pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church, therefore be it resolved,

1st. That we, the several hundred citizens assembled in the building of the Tabernacle Baptist church this 11th day of April 1915, do make earnest protest against such flagrant violation of the law, and

2nd. That we appeal to the Mayor of the city to suppress the gambling joint referred to and prevent the man who is running same from reopening it, or any others, and that the inmates of the sporting houses of the city be made to close out their nefarious businesses, or leave the city at once, and

3rd. That the Sheriff of the county be requested to close the places of ill-fame at Pembroke and keep them closed, and

4th. That the owners of the places which have been rented for immoral places be notified that should they persist in thus breaking the laws of North Carolina, action will be taken against them in the courts and that those who have been engaged in running gambling joints will hereafter be prosecuted to the extent of the law.

5th. That we pledge ourselves to stand by the officers who enforce these laws and unalterably oppose at the polls those who do not.

6th. That a copy of these resolutions be given to each of our daily papers with a request that they be published.

PRINTERS MEET IN VANCOUVER

Vancouver, B. C., April 12.—Compositors and printers from all sections of the northwest, including many delegates from the United States, met here today in convention. The two labor bodies are working together to secure better conditions. E. R. Thompson of Portland, Ore., is presiding over the typographical conference and Davis Holtz of Seattle is wielding the gavel at the pressmen's meeting.

FIREMEN ARE GETTING READY

Now Arranging Program for the Coming Tournament Here

A committee composed of a number of the members of the local fire companies, are now engaged in mapping out a program for the State Firemen's Tournament to be held in New Bern this summer. The exact date for this event has not been set but it will be either during the latter part of July or the first of August. The program, as planned, will be one of the most appropriate ever arranged. In addition to the usual horse, hose and ladder contests and the like, there will be some spectacular exhibitions by New Bern's two motor driven fire fighting apparatus. Special stress is also to be laid on the social side of the event and when the fire ladders leave New Bern after attending this event, they will carry with them memories of one of the "swellest" times in their life. The full program will be announced soon.

MISS WARD TALKS

Addresses Epworth League—An Enjoyable Event

The Epworth League service held last Wednesday night, and which was conducted by the Fourth Department, was the occasion of a very entertaining and instructive talk by Miss Mary Ward, using as her subject, her recent visit to China. Miss Ward told many interesting facts about China and its people, and their customs. The lecture was made more interesting by the many strange articles from China with which it was illustrated.

NOTHING NEW IN THE TWIN CITY MURDER CASE

Minor Developments In "The Muddy Creek Murder Mystery"

POLICE ARE ACTIVE

Find Conveyance In Which Slain Man Was Carted Away from Home

Winston-Salem, April 12.—From the standpoint of news the "Muddy Creek Murder Mystery" yielded only minor developments yesterday, albeit they were of highest importance in helping Chief of Police Thomas and other officers co-operating with him forge the links of the chain that will ultimately fetter the guilty parties in the court of justice.

The Hack Is Found

The most interesting development of the day was the discovery on the records of the Fisher Livery Company, this city, that Sam Christy hired a hack there on August 18, last, at 10 o'clock in the morning and kept it out so late that he was charged a dollar more than the price of hire for a day. This was about the time that the murder is supposed to have been committed at the Piedmont Boarding House and the body of the victim, G. J. Warren, was dumped into Muddy Creek. It is recalled at the livery stable that Christy had the two rear seats of the hack removed, and that he did his own driving.

Christy Arrested

The expected arrest of the man Christy, the story of whose connection with the woman in the case was told yesterday morning, was made in Grand Saline, Texas, by the officers there at the request of Chief Thomas of this city. Also Clifford Stonestreet, the man who figured in the account of the case Thursday morning as the person having the victim's watch, has been arrested and placed in the county jail. These arrests were momentarily expected by the public and came as no surprise to those who had kept up with the case.

The fact that Christy, who is said to have run away with Ida Ball some years ago, later followed her to this city and stayed close to her after she became Mrs. Warren wife of the Muddy Creek victim, and then disappeared shortly after Warren was missed, left no doubt, in the minds of the people that he was the man sought by the officers. His arrest in Texas, and the subsequent location of a hack he used, bring the case a long step nearer to solution, it is believed by those who are at work on it.

The Hearing Next

The next real developments in the case will come at the preliminary hearing, or, at least, are expected to come then. It is then that the officers will have to show their hand to a considerable extent, at least, in order to establish probable cause against the three defendants arrested so far. And it is likely that before the hearing takes place one or two other defendants may be lodged in jail upon suspicion.

The Hearing Postponed

The hearing had been set for next Wednesday morning. But it will not be held at that time now. The arrest of Christy in Texas necessitates the postponement of the hearing, and it will be held some time next week, the exact date not having been decided upon as yet.

What Can Be Proved

Just what the authorities can actually prove is not known. Mrs. Ida Ball Warren, the woman in the case, has made a verbal confession to them. This was published Friday. And they have in writing a statement made by Mrs. Warren, to her sister who lives near Pfafftown in this county. But those who are not versed in the law know that the verbal confession of Ida Ball Warren may or may not count for a great deal in forging the chain of evidence. Ida Warren in the iron cell and Ida Ball Warren in the court room may prove to be altogether different women. She may or may not stick to her verbal confession.

If she doesn't voluntarily stick to it she cannot be made to incriminate herself on the witness stand. And in the event she doesn't take the stand, the alleged confession cannot be used against Sam Christy. So that it may turn out that the State will have to depend on other evidence than the confession of Ida Ball Warren, to convict Christy. The confession can be used against Mrs. Warren whether she will or no, but not against anybody else, the lawyers say. For that which goes to make the case all the more interesting and its final outcome all the more problematical.

Ex-Judge Jones In The Case

That the woman in the case is not asleep on her rights was demonstrated yesterday, when it was learned that Mrs. Warren had retained ex-Judge Jones as her counsel.

Details of Arrest

With the arrest of Sam P. Christy, the mysterious person wanted in connection with Mrs. Warren in the J. G. Warren murder mystery, in Grand Saline, Texas, yesterday, and the arrest of Clifford Stonestreet, her son-in-law, in this city, Chief Thomas and other officials have solved the biggest point in the affair, and are now bringing enough evidence to light to make them feel reasonably certain that they will be able to fix the blame on the right parties.

TWENTY MEN FIGHT DUEL WITH KNIVES

Paired Off and Then Began Slashing Each Other—Horrible Affair

Point Pleasant, W. Va., April 12.—Twenty brawny mountaineers with the inevitable feud hatred in their hearts, paired off and fought with ancient savagry ten separate duels near Howell schoolhouse, Gillridge, W. Va., last night over a ball game argument two years ago. They fought with knives. Earl Shirley, aged twenty-eight, battled to the death. John Shirley, brother of Earl, and John Bosworth, brother of Urson, have no chance of recovery from their stab wounds, physicians say tonight.

At the funeral of Earl Shirley here today Deputy Sheriff D. C. Hite arrested Rader and Jack Shirley, brothers of Earl, and Curtiss Rollins, Claude Drinker and Peter Shields, on charges of murder. They were placed in the Mason county jail. It is expected more arrests will be made tomorrow, when the funeral of Urson Bosworth takes place.

Meanwhile, through the wilderness of the surrounding mountains numerous officers are searching with bloodhounds for the others who participated in the death-to-death struggle.

Community Stirred

The community throughout is stirred almost beyond comprehension by the slaughter, one of the worst ever perpetrated in the entire history of the county. All of the fugitive participants are without doubt suffering from severe stab wounds, according to eye witnesses of the affair.

From the hatred and ferocity with which they fought, it is said it would be impossible for them to have escaped serious hurts.

Rocked School Building

The county authorities say that the Shirley crowd left the schoolhouse half an hour before the conclusion of the entertainment. Then it is alleged they held a conflagration under a clump of trees in the rear of the building, and a few minutes later began throwing stones at the school building.

One of the men in charge of the entertainment stepped outside and pleaded with the Shirleys to stop their bombardment because of the women and children inside. Affairs in the building had just about reached the pandemonium stage when Urson Bosworth stroled out and said, "I can stop the bombardment, and stop it mighty quick, too."

Behind him were his followers, and behind them poured the rest of the school house audience, men, women and children. Then it is said, both Shirley and Urson Bosworth drew long hunting knives and began slashing at each other. Then the others of the two clans paired off and the terrible savagery was on.

Many of the women fainted, while others shrieked and moaned. Children were hysterical as the twenty mountaineers fought with the ferocity of savages.

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