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ABOUT COURTS AND JURIES.

It is a common thing to hear the best people of the country saying that courts of justice are not what they are called. It is frequently observed by intelligent men that trial by jury is no longer a true test of the guilt or innocence of a criminal and that the whole matter sometimes seems a farce.

All this is to be deplored. Our civilization has been taught all through the ages that the courthouse is a temple of justice where even-handed justice is meted out to all; but in these latter days there has sprung up a feeling that the courthouse and the law ought to be the last resort for justice.

Upon a thorough investigation and study of trial by jury, it would seem that it is perfectly safe. Indeed it was so intended, but the prevailing opinion now is that trial by jury is frequently a miscarriage of justice.

Take, for instance, a man charged with a capital crime for conviction of which he must be hanged. The law has wisely and beautifully provided that he shall not be convicted upon the word or opinion of any one man, or by the court itself, but upon the agreement of twelve intelligent men—peers of the accused.

It is highly important, for the cause of justice and morality and public order, that the men who try such a case be men of intelligence, and men who have a keen sense of justice. To serve on such a jury, or on a jury to try any case of crime or civil wrong, is one of the most important duties of an American citizen. It is so important that no court or attorney ought to be satisfied with anything short of an intelligent and sensible and upright jury. This is best for the cause of justice, but it is not always best for the life of the criminal who is charged with a capital crime. But it is right for the State to say that for the conviction of certain crimes a man shall forfeit his life; it is right also that when a man is charged with such a crime he shall be tried by men who will look into the truth of the case with great care and diligence. There are two interests at stake in such a case, the innocence or guilt of the accused and the dignity of the State and the safety of the citizens. If the man shall be convicted when he is not guilty, the life of the innocent has been taken and the State must bear the shame. On the other hand, if the accused is acquitted when he is guilty the State bears the shame of allowing high-handed and dangerous crimes to go unpunished, and the life of every other citizen is then left in danger of the red-handed murderer it may be, who feels secure against the punishment for his crime, because the State has just declared that one like him and guilty of the same crime shall not be punished.

Many of our best people often think that justice is thwarted in such cases. Judge Carter, of Asheville, thought so a few days ago when from the bench he denounced the jury who brought in a verdict of not guilty when it was his own opinion, having heard the evidence and having charged the jury accordingly, that they should have brought him a verdict of murder.

Much of this depends upon the kind of jury that is selected. When there is such interest at stake justice would say that the best intelligence of the land ought to decide the matter. On the one hand there is the life of an accused criminal and on the other hand the safety of the State.

Do attorneys always do their best to select the most intelligent jurors to try such cases?

Do they realize that the ends of justice would be more probably met with the best intelligence of the land as jurors?

Do they always remember that their sworn duty to their client or the accused is to see that he has a fair trial and justice as a result?

Do they never take steps in "pickling" a jury and examining witnesses that look to the acquittal of the prisoner whether he is guilty or not?

In short, do not the proceedings in the courts, sometimes indicate that the great question at issue is, can the accused be possibly acquitted rather than be guilty?

This thing of courts and law is a solemn business, and every individual who participates in a trial for justice, from the committing magistrate up, including lawyers, witnesses and jurors, bears perhaps a far more weighty responsibility than he thinks.

WORTH CONSIDERING.

The Democrats are making a great mistake in underrating the influence and work of Marion Butler, head of the North Carolina Alliance and chief worker of the Third party. Unless they combat him now they will discover that he has sown the seed of discord far and wide—Raleigh correspondent to Norfolk Virginian.

To some it may seem rather early to make preparation for the next political contest; but THE DEMOCRAT does not so think. And the foregoing taken from a Raleigh letter carries with it more significance than many at first think. There is more truth in it than many suppose; and because we believe it to be true, we repeat it. And we repeat what we said two weeks ago, that the Democratic party has much work before it, if it would win in the next contest.

Really, it does seem rather soon to begin the discussion of political question only six months from the last election. But as long as our constitution remains unchanged we shall be forced to go into this warfare once every two years; and as one-fourth of the time between the days of battle has passed, and as the contest promises to be a heated one it is time our people begin to think for themselves as to where they will stand in the next campaign.

The people of North Carolina can not afford to let third-partyism get any considerable foothold in the minds of the people. Republicanism has long been put aside and so must third-partyism.

Tom Dixon in New York.

N. Y. Cor. to Sanford Express.

It has been reported by some of the Rev. Thos. Dixon's enemies, and he has some here, that he intended to go out of the ministry and practice law, as his congregation was poor and his church was not paying him. The report perhaps originated from the fact that Mr. Dixon has sold his home here and has moved his family to Cape Charles, Va., where he proposes to make his home in the future, coming to New York every week and preaching. Mr. Dixon thinks New York is a dangerous place to rear a family, but there is no truth in the report that he expects to give up the ministry and go back to practice law. His church is always overflowing. Last Sunday a thousand persons were turned away. His congregation is not a rich one but for all that he is doing very well financially. His sermons are now being published in some two hundred important newspapers in this country and Canada. In fact he and Talma are the only preachers in the country whose sermons are published by syndicates. Perhaps 10,000,000 people see Mr. Dixon's sermons every week and this is now no inconsiderable revenue to him. It was stated some time ago by some of Mr. Dixon's friends that he had lost several thousand dollars in speculation in some of the land towns in Virginia and Tennessee. Some wealthy gentlemen came to him some time ago and offered to build him a church costing a half a million dollars. He flatly refused to accept the offer, believing that the men wanted to muzzle him. He is practically a free lance in all things and a very sharp one.

No Wines at Banquets.

Raleigh Christian Advocate.

At the banquet given the editors of New Bern, N. C., at the recent Press Convention, no wine was served. This is to be highly commended. We are glad that the cultured editors of the State have set such a fine example and we hope the day is not far distant when the serving of wine and all other intoxicants at a dinner or banquet, will be considered a very improper thing to do.

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LONG LOST SON.

Richmond Dispatch.

WELDON, N. C., May 26th.—Mr. W. P. Chaney, of Savannah, Ga., returned through Tarboro' yesterday en route to Washington. Beaufort county, in search of his parents, from whom he has been separated by a terrible circumstance for more than twenty-eight years. The history of the case is quite romantic and was related by me in an interview with Chaney himself.

Soon after the war a little 4-year-old son of Mr. Samuel Chaney, a prominent citizen of Beaufort county, suddenly disappeared from his home. Every effort was made to find some trace of the lost boy, but not the slightest clue could be obtained. The agonized parents gave up all hope after many days of fruitless labor in endeavoring to find the child.

Near the same date a little waif was found upon the streets of Savannah, hungry and cold. The child, when questioned, could give no satisfactory answer, but was apparently dazed and bewildered. The only name he gave was simply something like Chaney. The little boy was taken in charge of the Catholic Orphan's Home of that city and was named by them W. P. Chaney. He remained at the institution about seventeen years and was given a fair education. He then became restless. The fact that his parentage was unknown seemed to press heavily upon him. He left Savannah and made diligent search throughout Georgia for some means of establishing his identity. He could hear of no families by the name of Chaney. A short time ago one of the much-abused class of the earth—a book agent—appeared in his town. The agent and Chaney became intimate.

One day the man asked him if he was related to the Chaney of Beaufort county, N. C., remarking: "I observe a striking family resemblance. I have just been in that county and met several Chaney in Washington." Chaney then informed the agent that he did not know who he was, and that he had been for years trying to find some trace of relations. He was then advised by the book agent to write at once to Mr. Samuel Chaney, of Washington. This led to a correspondence.

He wrote and received a reply stating that about twenty-eight years ago Mr. Chaney lost a son, and requested him to send on his photograph. He did so and received the startling information that the picture looked like a Chaney. He was asked to come down to Washington at once. The letter stated that should there be any mistake he (Mr. Samuel Chaney) would pay all expenses both ways, and would also pay him for his trouble. The letter also stated that the little lost Sam Chaney had a mole on the left shoulder.

The recipient of the letter also had the mole. At Tarboro' he was interviewed by many prominent men of that town. It is stated that in all probability he is the long-lost son. He has the family complexion, reddish-brown hair, and the expression of the Chaney people.

How he got to Savannah is a mystery. Should he prove to be the long-lost son there will be several happy hearts around the family hearthstone to-day. He went down to meet his fate with fear and trembling—trembling in his great yearning for a mother's love and a father's protecting care, and with great fear lest after all, his fondest hopes might be blighted in disappointment. But he believes that the hand of Providence directed the book agent and made him the instrument in restoring him to loved ones from whom he has been separated so long by most mysterious circumstances.

LATER—WASHINGTON, N. C., May 20.—The happiest couple in North Carolina to-day are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Chaney. In 1865 the 4-year-old boy of this couple was on the public road near the residence of his parents and mysteriously disappeared. It was thought that the child had wandered in the woods and was lost. The whole community was aroused and diligent search was made, but to no profit. The parents concluded that some wild beast had devoured the little boy. It was subsequently learned that a tobacco wagon had passed about the time the child was on the road and the said parents believed that their child was still living.

After twenty-eight years waiting and hoping, the lost boy was met at the Coast-Line depot last night, taken in a carriage, and driven to the home of his parents. He is now 32 years old and tells the story of his wanderings in a very sympathetic manner. He remembers the manner in which his father took him in his lap and played with him. There was a mark above his collar bone which is at the right place today. He was carried by his kidnappers to Georgia where he was placed in a Catholic hospital. After several years he left and entered a marble yard and learned his trade. He says he believed he had a father and mother somewhere and seeing the name of J. P. Chaney in the papers from this place he opened correspondence and the result is as above described.

AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

WHAT THE LAW MAKERS ARE DOING.

WASHINGTON D. C., May 22, '93.

President Cleveland ardently believes in maintaining the dignity which he thinks belongs to the President of the United States, and in accordance with that belief he declined most positively to agree to the suggestion of the Spanish minister that he should follow European etiquette and be retained in person the official visit which the Spanish Infanta paid him on Saturday. American etiquette is good enough for him and also for the Infanta Eulalia, if her smiling and handsome face is an index of her feelings. The Infanta was met at the depot by Secretary Gresham, who as the President's personal representative welcomed the nation's guest and her party and conducted them under escort of two troops of U. S. Cavalry to the elegant quarters which had been prepared for them.

Mrs. Cleveland and the cabinet ladies returned the call which the Infanta and her party paid to the White House and tomorrow evening the President and Mrs. Cleveland will give a state dinner at the White House in her honor, which will probably be Mrs. Cleveland's last public appearance until after the interesting event which is expected in July. This week Princess Eulalia will go to New York, and from there direct to the World's Fair. The Infanta comes to America as the personal and official representative of the Queen Regent of Spain, who was invited by Congress to visit the U. S. during the Colombian Exposition. The Infanta apparently has none of the topographical notions which the Spanish minister has so industriously been trying for several weeks to make Washington people believe were inseparable from Spanish royalty. On the contrary she appears to be a very sensible little woman, and she distinctly says that she wishes to be entertained in American style. She met many old friends here, among them Rev. Dr. Curry, who was Minister to Spain during the first Cleveland administration, and his estimable wife whom the Princess met with an affectionate kiss on each cheek, as is the custom in Spain among relatives and close friends.

"It seems a little queer," said one of a group of democrats who were discussing the appointment of a new public printer, which is now daily looked for, "that the South has only put forward one candidate for this position, which is, in my estimation, the most important place below the cabinet under the government, and which has never, I believe, been filled by a southern man." It is queer, but it is a fact, and if Mr. John P. Marbury, of Knoxville, Tenn., the sole southern candidate, was as strongly backed by Congressmen from the other southern states as he is by those from his own state he would probably secure the prize. There are a score of candidates from other sections, but it has leaked out that President Cleveland has been making inquiries about men who are not candidates at all, and that has prevented the friends of any of them feeling over-confident. The term of the present public printer expired on the 13th instant.

It there are any sincere ones attached to the Washington Navy Yard, which is in reality no longer a Navy yard, but a gun shop, they have got to go. Secretary Herbert has requested the commandant to report at once whether any position or positions now filled can be dispensed with, and whether any person now employed is incompetent or inefficient from any cause whatever. A similar request will probably be made of the commandant at all the government navy yards.

There is to be a big discharge at the end of the present fiscal year from the General Land Office, owing to the cut made in the appropriation by Congress. Sixty-eight clerks in the classified service and thirty-nine special agents will sever their connection with Uncle Sam's business on the 30th of June, unless they can be before that time get transferred to some other branch of the service. In order to avoid the pressure by the friends of the clerks in that bureau it has been decided that the dismissals shall be made solely on the records of the clerks.

Secretary Herbert has deprived the Nicaragua Canal Co. of its chief engineer by ordering Civil Engineer Menocal, who has been working for the Canal Co. for about four years, to return to duty.

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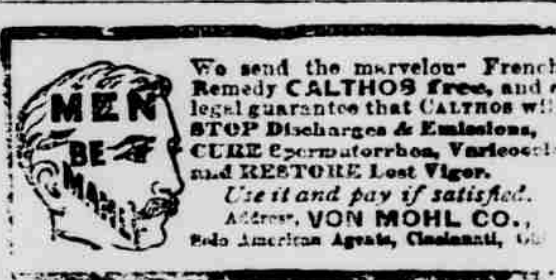
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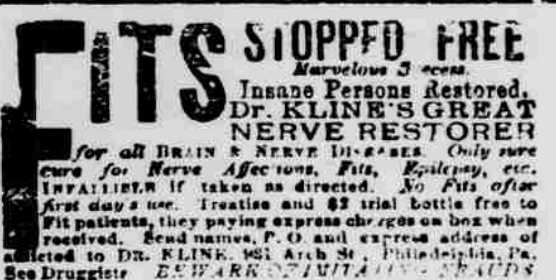
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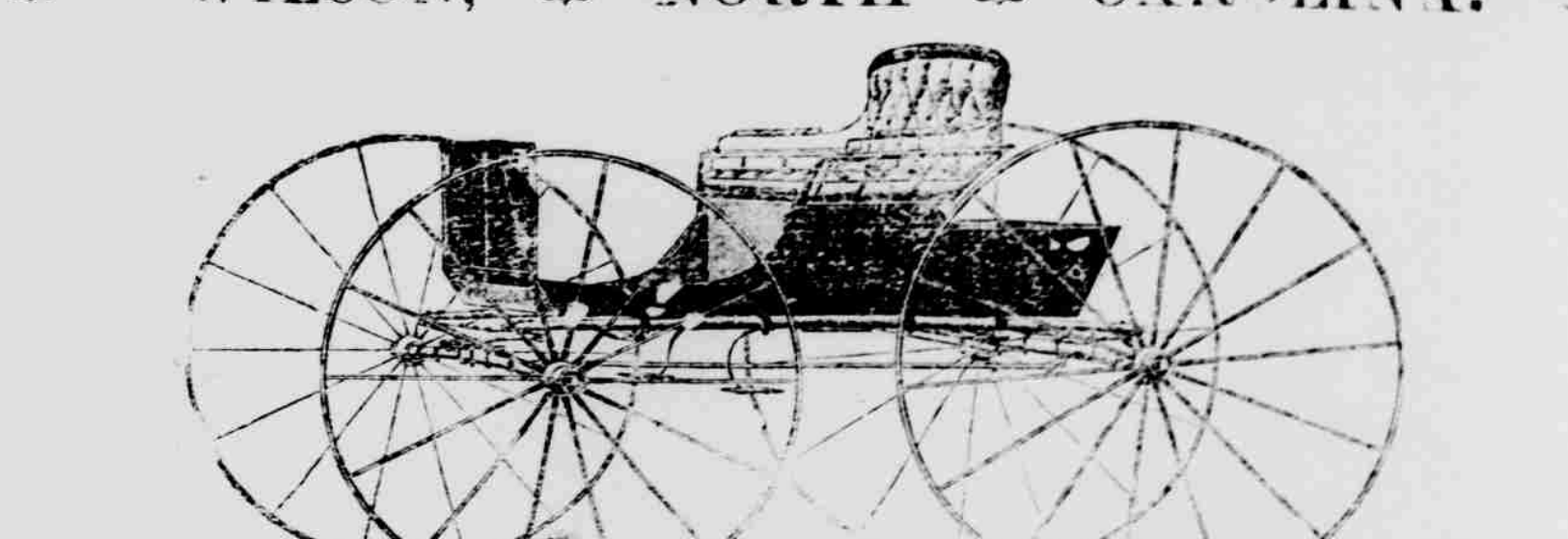
  
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