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HIGH DUTIES AND MIGHTY RESPONSIBILITIES.

One Who Has Tested its Sunshine and its Clouds.

There is no vacation of modern civilization to which a greater responsibility is hourly attaches, than the free press of America. There was a time when learned professions were law; theology and medicine, and there still-exert a powerful influence now as well as in past ages. At that time, with its mighty changes, has brought to light and perfection the telegraph which, co-operating with steam and the railroad in favor of the press, has made the first and greatest educator of the age. The press, by the aid of modern inventions, has become an almost omnipotent power in the land, greater than the government itself. To-day, the winged electricity, with a velocity which surpasses even imagination itself, carries all the achievements of science and art to every portion of the globe. The enterprise of the newspaper, long before the book-maker elaborates the subject in his ponderous essays, has given it to the public with every conceivable shading of detail, and sounded to the depths its secret mysteries. The press has made the orator himself dependent upon it for sending his golden words to the millions who daily read. There was a time when the voice of the orator reached his immediate hearers. But now the inspiration of the speaker is caught up and borne to every region of the world, by land and by sea, with an invisible velocity that outstrips the wildest race of the storm-lashed winds; and the press, in league with the electric fire, before the wires have ceased to murmur and sing beneath the spell of the subtle agent, has spoken to millions by multiplying almost to infinity the number of the dispatches. The railroad and steamboat stand ready to aid, and the intelligence of the telegram issues out from the press as rays from the sun, and is borne to every hearthstone in the land, saddening or saddening as the case may be, enlightening ever. What but the combined and wedded power of steam, electricity and the press could produce such results? And what would steam and the telegraph be able to do without the printing-press, the great, unbridled tongue of the universe? Is it wonderful that we would rank it first in the list of the world's grand educators? Is it not true that the moral corruption and demoralization of the press would instantly carry a gangrene to the very heart of our civilization, poisoning the virtues of the age, uprooting every right and ennobling aspiration of the human soul, overturning liberty and free government everywhere, and establishing a universal despotism of ignorance, degradation and crime upon the face of the globe? Religion, morality, legislation and the public administration of justice are all powerfully molded and influenced by the press. In North America, the great estate of the people, mightier than parties and politicians, mightier than the government itself. In the good it dispenses under a courageous discharge of the duties of independent journalism. The free press in this country is a richer heritage to our people than their blood-bought legacy of free government, and should be guarded in its high character by the editor, who should ever rank with the wisest and purest of earth's leaders and benefactors. The editor, more than the spiritual guide, reaches the American home; more than any other man, he rules the economy of our civilization, moulds the sentiment of the age; more than the school and pulpit, the press is the universal teacher of mankind. Brethren of the press! Awake to a sense of your responsibility and responsibility. Remember that you are the guides of the world. Away with the base idea that any broken down man, any failure in everything else, can edit a newspaper. The editors are the salt of the earth; see that seasoning lose not its value. Keep out of riuks and swindling speculations. Never sink the patriot and philanthropist in the blind partisan. Dismiss to wink at scoundrelism or advocate the cause of scoundrels at the dictation of any party. Avoid even the appearance of partiality. Be honest, be bold, be true, be free. Trust in God, and do your duty. Show yourselves worthy to be the great censors of the age. And in your hands, the destinies of the country and of the world, will be secure.

THE SENTENCE OF JESUS.

A Copy of the Original Decree as Issued by Pontius Pilate.

A correspondent of Notes and Queries extracts from the Kolnische Zeitung what is called "a correct transcript of the sentence of death pronounced against Jesus Christ." The following is copy of the most memorable judicial sentence which has ever been pronounced in the annals of the world—namely, that of death against the Saviour, with the remarks that the Journal Le Drot has collected, the knowledge of which must be interesting in the highest degree to every Christian. Until now we are not aware that it has ever been made public in the German papers. The sentence is word for word as follows.

"Sentence pronounced by Pontius Pilate, Intendant of the Province of Lower Galilee, that Jesus of Nazareth shall suffer death by the cross. In the seventeen year of the reign of the Emperor Tiberius, and on the 25th of the month of March, in the most holy city of Jerusalem, during the Pontificate of Anuas and Calaphas, Pontius Pilate, Intendant of the Province of Lower Galilee, sitting in judgment in the presidential seat of the Prætors Jesus Christ of Nazareth to death on a cross between two robbers, as the numerous and notorious testimonials of the people prove: 1. Is an ameleader. 2. He has excited the people to sedition. 3. He is an enemy to the laws. 4. He calls himself the Son of God. 5. He calls himself falsely the King of Israel. 6. He went into the Temple followed by a multitude carrying palm in their hands. Orders: The first centurion Quintus, Cornelius, to bring him to the place of execution. Forbid all persons, rich or poor, to prevent the execution of Jesus. The witnesses who have signed the execution against Jesus are: 1. Daniel robani, Phanisee; 2. John Zorobable; 3. Raphael Kobani; 4. Carpet. Jesus to be taken out of Jerusalem through the gate of Tournea."

The sentence is engraved on a plate of brass in the Hebrew language, and on its side are the following words: "A similar plate has been sent to each tribe." It was discovered in the year of 1280 in the city of Aquil, (Aquila?) in the kingdom of Naples, by a search made for the discovery of Roman antiquities, and remained there until it was found by the commissaries of art in the French army of Italy. Up to that time of the campaign in Southern Italy it was preserved in the sacristy of the Carthusians, near Naples, where it was kept in a box of ebony. Since then the relic has been kept in the Chapel of Caseria. The Carthusians obtained it by their petitions that the plate might be kept by them, which was an acknowledgement of the sacrifices which they made for the French army. The French translation was made literally by members of the commission of arts. Denon had a fac-simile of the plate engraved, which was bought by Lord Howard on the sale of his cabinet for 2,890 francs. There seems to be no historical doubt as to the authenticity of this. The reasons of the sentence correspond exactly with those of the Gospels.

How to Kiss.

Cream and peaches once a week,
Kiss your girl on the right-hand cheek;
Apples green and apples dried,
Kiss her on the other side.

—Review.

That evinces wretched taste;
Take your girl about the waist,
Lift her to her pink toe-tips,
And print it squarely on her lips.

—Frakfort Yooman.

Seize the maiden in your arms,
Blushing with her tempting charms;
And it would, we think, be snugger,
Ort to kiss and tightly hug her.

—Paris Citizen.

Take your girl in warm embrace.
Heart to heart, and face to face,
Eye to eye, and nose to nose;
Flipity-Flop, and away it goes.

Confectionery and fireworks below the usual price—Gorham's.

Consumption Surely Cured.

To the Editor—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy FREE to any of your readers who have consumption if they will send me their express and post office address.

Respectfully,
T. A. SLOCUM, M. C.,
St. Pearl St., New York.

A MIXTURE.

EDITORIAL ETCHINGS EUPHONIOUSLY ELUCIDATED.

Numerous Newsy Notes and Many Merry Morsels Paragraphically Packed and Pithily Pointed.

Lord Tennyson is improving in health. The new harbor bill appropriates \$19,000,000.

The tariff is being vigorously debated in the Senate.

Harrison is getting mad. He does not like the way his party papers make Cabinets for him.

This would be a better world if the people in it who lose their tempers would never find them again.

Sow an act, and you reap a habit; sow habit and you reap character, sow character and you reap destiny.

Morton, who will be Vice-President elect when the electoral votes are counted, is to visit Gen. Herrison this week.

How many languish in obscurity who would become great if emulation and encouragement excited them to exertion.

We should never wed an opinion for better or for worse; what we take upon good ground we should lay down upon better.

The Galena is ready for sea, and Admiral Luce will command her in her trip to Hayti to demand the captured vessel, and if need be, take it by force.

Henry George has sailed from England for home. He thinks the opposition of the Liberals to the land purchase by the Government will kill it in the end.

A school teacher was recently fined \$300 at Ashton Cal., for whipping a scholar. The school children took up a collection among themselves and paid the fine.

Mrs. Langtry has been offered \$10,000 for her autobiography. A plain, unvarnished tale would sell, but it would not be nice reading for a pure family circle.

The pride of country, so common with Americans, receives a terrible shock when it is remembered that the Presidency was stolen for Mr. Hays and bought for General Harrison.

The popularity of the chrysanthemum is shown by the fact that the twenty-five or thirty leading dealers in and about New York have sold 1,000,000 plants since last Spring.

It will be in order, at any time, prior to the 4th of March, to speculate in regard to Harrison's Cabinet, but it is an unsafe thing to bet on. Mr. Blaine is again to the front for Secretary of State.

It is reported that President Cleveland will send in to Congress a special civil service reform message in which he will vindicate his administration from charges that have unjustly been made against it.

Shortly after nine o'clock Dec. 10, there was a dastardly attempt to destroy Shufeldt & Co's distillery, in the northern portion of Chicago by means of dynamite. There was a great noise, but little damage was done.

The citizens of North Dakota held a public meeting Wednesday, which was largely attended, and resolutions were adopted declaring in favor of a division of the Territory, and entrance to the sisterhood of States.

The Richmond & Danville Company is making an unusual record. The net earnings are increasing. For the last fiscal year there was a gain of \$167,000 net, while including leased lines, the increase was \$425,500.

Mr. Belmont, United States Minister to Spain, has been ordered to proceed to Port au Prince and demand the delivery of the Haytien Republic. If the demand is not complied with, Admiral Luce will take the steamer by force.

The day after Washington's death the clock in the Masonic Lodge at Alexandria, Va., of which he was a member, was set at the hour and minute of his demise. Then the clock was stopped, and it has never been permitted to run nor have he hands been moved since.

Fifteen hundred carpet weavers of Higgins & Co., New York, have met to consider the reduction of 12½ per cent. in wages. The election, you see, is now over. The High Tariff is to afford high wages, you know, for the laboring man. What a great lie and fraud the Protection spook is.

On Tuesday the Navy Department issued orders for the U. S. steamers Galena and Yantic to sail on the following day for Port au Prince to enforce the demands of the government for the immediate release of the steamer Haytien Republic.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, recently re-elected, was born in McMinn county, Tennessee, June 20, 1824. He had a fine education and read law. He has been in Alabama since 1833. He was elected to the Senate in 1876. His term will expire in 1895. He is one of the ablest men in the Senate.

It is not to be supposed that the Harrison Cabinet will contain a representative Southerner. Neither Longstreet nor Mahone are representative of Southern sentiment. Longstreet would make a poor Cabinet officer; Mahone would make a good Postmaster General. He is prompt, Methodical and energetic.

How do the high tariff men account for the fact that Ohio, noted for her wool production, has given the Republicans a smaller plurality this year than she has done in any Presidential year since 1876, and that two of greatest wool growing districts have elected Democratic and Tariff Reform Congressmen?

Senator Beck is unable to work. We fear his active days are over. A true hearted, brave hearted, big brained man, he is a great loss to his party and to his adopted country. He expects to pass the winter at Aiken, S. C. The heart troubles has almost entirely disappeared. He still suffers from nervous exhaustion and indigestion.

Bishop Kain, during his sermon on the occasion of the dedication of the church of the Sacred Heart at Richmond, made this notable declaration: "I am a Roman Catholic. I am a Roman Catholic Bishop, and here from this altar I boldly proclaim that I am opposed to the union of Church and State, and never wish to see it in this land of the free. I hope that such a union will never be broguted about in this glorious Republic of the West."

The report just published of the last annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Peabody Education Fund shows an expenditure for the year ending October 1st, of \$67,600. This makes a total of over \$1,800,000 expended since the establishment of this fund in 1867. It has been in operation twenty years and has resulted in an incalculable amount of good to the cause of education in the Southern States, to which locality it is confined by the wish of the giver.

There are two lessons taught by the late convention that the people will be slow to learn until coming events force them to a knowledge. The first is that our government passed from the political fabric built by the fathers to a financial concern in which private interest dominated public affairs. The second is that no public man, let his honesty and influence be what it may, menace the money power of land and remain in public life.

The annual war cloud is beginning to gather over Europe, and in a month the sky will be black with predictions of war in the spring. They will chiefly rest on the fact that Germany's alliance weaker than were thought, while Russia proves better able to mass men on her western frontier and to borrow money than was anticipated. Austrian support of the German alliance is cooling and Italy is not ready for war, and both weaken Germany.

Mr. Alfred Daniel, of Douglas county, farther of Mrs. J. C. Nelms, of Newton county is 82 years old, was never sick a day in his life, was never in bed at sun up, never lost a tooth, has been to six log rollings this year, lifts more than most men, often indulges in coon possum hunting, has been a deacon in the Primitive Baptist for fifty eight years, was never drunk in his life, and an oath has never escaped his lips. He is the father of twenty-six children, fifteen now living, has seventy grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren.

"How the negro fares," is being ascertained by the World through intelligent colored men in the South. Among those heard from are four residents of North Carolina—James H. Jones, of Raleigh, who was body servant to President Jefferson Davis, says: "We hope for an administration which will be just to the whole people, particularly to the Southern people. We have no political rights here that are not freely accorded us. The elections are perfectly quiet and no colored man has any right to complain. The colored people here are shown the most exact justice. They have good schools carefully looked after."

STATE NEWS.

FROM THE DEEP BLUE SEA TO THE GRAND OLD MOUNTAIN.

An Hour Pleasantly Spent With Our Delightful Exchanges.

There are 95 children at the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville.

There is not a man in Edgecombe to take leadership of the radical negro party.

Rev. R. G. Pearson will begin a series of meetings at Greensboro a few weeks hence.

Asheville is to have a \$100,000 cotton factory, owned by home and foreign capitalists.

The next session of the North Carolina Annual Conference will convene at Greensboro.

Of the 170 members of the new legislature only 12 served in the last Assembly, 7 in the House and 5 in the Senate.

The Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad Company have made contracts for the construction of the piers for the bridge across the Cape Fear at Fayetteville. The work will commence about the 1st of January.

It is always gratifying to see Charlotte engaged in some new enterprise. She always goes with her head up—shows her self-reliance and awakens confidence. The Inter State Exposition that she has inaugurated will no doubt be a grand success.

Wade H. Harris, Esq., of Charlotte, has announced the Daily News of that city. Mr. Harris has been connected with the press of North Carolina for several years, and the simple announcement of his paper guarantees a publication of very high character.

Rev. J. T. Harris, Rev. F. L. Reid, Wm. G. Buakhead, William R. Odell, Rev. V. A. Sharp, Rev. J. A. Cunningham, Judge E. T. Boykin and M. L. Holmes, were confirmed trustees of Trinity College, by the Methodist Conference at New Berne last week.

All the locomotives of the W. & W. Railroad are draped and beautifully decorated in mourning colors, as a token of respect to the dead president of the road, who was universally beloved by the employes of the company of every rank and station.

John Adams living in Harnet county has ploughed 77 Summers in succession and never has took a dose of medicine in his life. He is strong, healthy and able to plow another Summer. He has a son who has a little shoat and the lowest guess on his weight is 800 pound.

There are 231 preachers in the North Carolina Conference. The talk is beginning afresh to divide the conference. That ought to have been done by the last general conference as Drs. Robey, Brooks, and Burkhead and other foremost men in the Conference favored. It is too unwieldy and in a great tax upon the hospitalities of the town.

They are talking of an Exposition of the Carolinians in Charlotte, to be held next fall, and we are told that on the mere mention of the matter in our future London "two thousands dollar checks flew through the air like razors at a colored camp-meeting." We are in favor of the proposition. The whole State will aid Charlotte in its enterprise.

At the meeting of the State Board of Agriculture, held last week, Mr. P. M. Wilson was elected Agent of Immigration to aid Mr. Patrick. The State is doing a good work in this line, and Mr. Patrick's powers are taxed beyond his ability, and he requested the appointment of Mr. Wilson. There could not be a better appointment. Mr. Wilson takes great pleasure in working for the State, and he will put new life into it. It is a capital appointment.

The MIRROR is in receipt of a copy of a pamphlet entitled "Pickett or Pettigrew? An Historical Essay," by Capt. W. R. Bond of Scotland Neck, N. C., formerly a member of Daniels N. C. brigade, and also a staff officer of the army of Northern Virginia. It is dedicated to the memory of those of Hills Corps who fell at Gettysburg, and "whose fame has been clouded by the persistent misrepresentation of certain of their comrades." The pamphlet was issued by Hall and Sledge, Weldon, N. C., and is sold at 25 cents a copy. It is a complete vindication of North Carolina at Gettysburg and should have a wide circulation in this State.