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SENDING PRISONERS AWAY CONSIDERED BAD POLICY

Wilson Man Scores Raleigh Court for Shipping Women Out of the State.

In Sunday's News and Observer we see that one of Raleigh's undesirable citizens has been given a suspended sentence provided she leaves the State.

We have never been able to understand the working of the legal mind that first invented that form of punishment. If a person is a menace to society in North Carolina it certainly makes them no less a menace in South Carolina or Virginia. We believe it is as much the duty of a State to observe the golden rule, "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you," as it is the individual. Would we like for the undesirables of other States to be dumped on us? It is the duty of every state to care for its own criminals and to punish them and we believe there should be a law that the State this woman goes to, could arrest her and return her to Raleigh at the expense of that city.

We know it has been a custom of long standing that when a town has a character that is too tough for them to deal with to pass it on by giving them the choice of leaving or serving a term on the road or in jail. But we have never felt it was right. We have never felt it was right to throw our dead cats in our neighbor's yard. The public of Raleigh know this woman and they can keep an eye on her, but when she goes to another state and city, they will not know her reputation.

We are not criticising Raleigh any more than we do other towns. Our own mayors have been guilty of the same thing, but we do say it ought to be stopped. We would be glad to be rid of undesirable citizens and if they leave on their own accord, well and good, but we should not force them on others, and it is not neighborly to do so. Raleigh, the Capital City, should be setting a better example.—James Dempsey Bullock, Wilson, N. C., in News and Observer.

Where Presidents Come From. Of course there is a lot of interest shown now in the question as to where the next president of the United States will come from. A newspaper man says there is no doubt but what Ohio will send the next president to Washington, since all the candidates are residents of the Buckeye state.

But more interest is shown in the matter as to what profession the next president will come from. Since one candidate is the son of a farmer and the other a son of a country physician, the wonder is being expressed if another farm-reared man will get the chair. Up to the present all of our past presidents but five have been raised on the farms or at some time lived on farms. Of the 27 presidents we have already elected, 16 were born on farms, and 22 of the total number have at some time belonged to the farming class. The five who have at no time in their lives lived on farms or gained any part of their livelihood by farming are: Chester A. Arthur, Grover Cleveland, Wm. McKinley, Wm. H. Taft and Woodrow Wilson.

This surely shows a good record for farm-reared boys and men and proves that what one gains by being a resident of the farm is anything but detrimental to a man's future. Probably this truth about our presidents is what caused Gov. T. W. Bickett of North Carolina, to say: "The small farm owned by the man who tills it, is the best plant bed in the world in which to produce anything from two pecks of potatoes to the hill to a president of the United States."—Indiana Farmers' Guide.

Punished for Answering.

A San Francisco life underwriter was drafted into the army and immediately upon his arrival in camp a diary was started. The following is from this record:

"They took me from a good job and put in the army. They took away my name and gave me a number, No. 494. They make me go to bed when I am not sleepy and make me get up when I am. They make me go to church, which I never did before. The other day the preacher said: 'We will now turn to No. 494, "Art thou Weary, Art Thou Footsore?" I said "Hell, yes," and they gave me ten days in the guard-house."—Lennie News-Topic.

SHOOTING AFFAIR AT THE FAIR GROUNDS

Mr. R. L. Massengill Peppered With Gun Shot—Mr. Fred Bizzell and Miss Aarah Hooks Injured.

The Dublins negroes who live on the north side of Neuse river just south of Smithfield have been getting drunk and fighting since the Civil War. They are a bad set of negroes but heretofore they have fought among themselves and other negroes. Yesterday at Sparks shows at the fair grounds one of them became unruly and was quieted by Mr. Fred Bizzell, of Four Oaks, who was here yesterday to help keep order. Last night about 10:30 Mr. Bizzell and Mr. Lonnie Allen came out of the fair grounds and started to get into a car to go home. The negroes were waiting for Mr. Bizzell. One of them remarked that he was the man who kicked his brother in the fair ground. They then threw brick bats, bottles and sticks at him cutting a place on one of his arms and several places on his head. One long gash on his forehead and one on his head bad. His head had to be sewed up by a physician. Mr. Bizzell came up town and four men went to arrest the negroes. When near the place the negroes shot two loads of shot into Mr. R. L. Massengill from his forehead down to his feet. It is said that one of his eyes is put out and he has been sent to a hospital for treatment. A Mr. Riley who lives on the W. D. Aver farm was with Mr. Massengill. Having no way to defend himself he ran after the first shooting. When about thirty yards farther away they loaded 21 shot into Mr. Riley's back. Bizzell struck the hat of Mr. D. B. Hamilton and went further against a daughter of Dr. Thel Hooks. Another brick bat knocked off Judge F. H. Brooks' hat.

The parties in jail are Harvey, John, James, and Jack Dublin, Charlie Williams and Donnie Griffin.

Three Countries Added to Belgium.

Belgium has had three tiny countries added to her territory by the terms of the Versailles Treaty. They lay in between France, Germany and Belgium. One was given to Belgium outright, and the other two held elections to say which country they would prefer to be governed by, and they both selected Belgium. One of these countries was created by a mistake of the surveyors a century ago, who laid off the boundaries of the adjoining kingdoms. And soon after the mistake was discovered, a great deposit of zinc was found on the un-owned land. It was too valuable then for any one of its neighbors to consent to any other having it, so it was erected into an independent country.

Rural Carrier Examination.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the county of Johnston, N. C., to be held at Four Oaks on October 9, 1920, to fill the position of rural carrier at Smithfield and Four Oaks and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other post offices in the above mentioned county. The examination will be open only to citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a post office in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form No. 1977. Both men and women, if qualified, may enter this examination, but appointing officers have the legal right to specify the sex desired in requesting certification of eligibles. Women will not be considered for rural carrier appointment unless they are the widows of U. S. soldiers, sailors, or marines, or the wives of U. S. soldiers, sailors, or marines who are physically disqualified for examination by reason of injuries received in the line of military duty. Form No. 1977 and application blanks may be obtained from the offices mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications should be forwarded to the Commission at Washington at the earliest practicable date. Those wishing to file application may obtain blanks from postmaster, Smithfield, N. C.

THE FOUR OAKS GRADED SCHOOL OPENED MONDAY

Large Number of Parents Present—Attendance Somewhat Off—The Faculty for Ensuing Year.

On last Monday the Four Oaks High School opened for the work of the year. At the request of the superintendent many of the parents assembled for the opening exercises. Rev. E. R. Craven and Rev. C. E. Stephens made the principal addresses. Besides these, G. K. Massengill of the Board of Directors and other citizens made inspiring and helpful addresses. It was plainly demonstrated that the parents desired a standardized and progressive school. They all pledged their support and co-operation in the work.

The attendance is somewhat off on account of the rural children having to assist in the cotton pickings. However, Prof. Blankenship hopes that as soon as the parents learn that school is beginning at eight and closing at one o'clock that the children will practically all be sent in.

The faculty for the ensuing year consists of O. F. Blankenship, Principal; Miss Catherine Wilson, Miss Anna Ford, Miss Zelma Westen, Miss Caroline Fitzgerald, Miss Martha Ratcliff, Miss Leone Martin, Miss Anna Laura Walker.

Under the supervision of Prof. Blankenship and his efficient faculty the citizens of the town are looking forward to a very successful year.

On Friday evening the citizens assembled and organized a Board of Trade. The officers are: H. B. Adams, President; G. K. Massengill, Vice President; B. I. Tart, Treasurer. Dr. Austin, R. C. Cannady and W. J. Lewis were elected as Board of Directors.

Since Four Oaks stands the second highest in the county in the percentage of increased population, that it is beginning the construction of its \$100,000.00 school building and the citizens have united for building up a progressive community it is expected to soon become one of the leading towns in the county.

OF INTEREST TO MUSIC LOVERS

Charlotte to Hear Caruso—Louise Homer to Be a Fall Bride—McCormick on World Tour.

Charlotte is to hear Caruso on October 25th. The music lovers of that city had to put up a guarantee of \$12,000 before he would consent to come. The promoters of the concert do not expect to make more than expenses, but they are having the concert for the general uplift of the musical taste of that section. It will be the first time that Mr. Caruso will ever have appeared in a city of less than a quarter of a million inhabitants. He is regarded by most musicians as the greatest living singer, and Charlotte is congratulating herself upon the prospect of hearing him.

Miss Louise Homer is to be one of the Fall brides, according to the Sun-Herald of New York. Miss Homer, who is the daughter of Mme. Louise Homer the noted Contralto, is said to have as fine a voice as her famous mother, though it is a Soprano. She has already made a decidedly good impression upon the concert stage. Her fiance, Mr. Stires, is the son of a Presbyterian clergyman of New York. Mme. Homer, her mother, is the daughter of a Presbyterian clergyman, of Pittsburgh.

John McCormick isn't finding life wholly harmonious on his world tour. His Irish birth plus his American citizenship, is a handicap in the other loyal colonies of Great Britain. In Australia recently, he omitted the National air from a program, and there was a demonstration against him. Concert promoters in London fear similar feeling when he appears there, and his managers may cancel his engagements. Mr. McCormick has cabled the British for fair play, saying that "art knows no citizenship, and shouts down no man because he is an American."

Use Tobacco for Horse's Bed.

One farmer who sold tobacco this week says he has some at his home hardly suitable for the market and since the other tobacco is so low he has decided to use the low grade tobacco at his home for bedding for his horse. He says the horse will have a soft bed now.

REV. H. W. BAUCOM'S SERMON LAST SUNDAY

Text Was Taken From Deut. 33:25—"As Thy Days, So Shall Thy Strength Be."

A good sermon was delivered at the Baptist church last Sunday morning by the pastor, Rev. H. W. Baucum. Mr. Baucum used as his text Deut. 33:25—"As thy days, so shall thy strength be." He divided his sermon into the following divisions.

First. Encouraging promise in view of our weakness.

Whether our work be preaching, teaching, grappling with business problems, or the mother in her home, we feel unworthy and incapable, but our over against our weakness is this precious promise that we shall have strength for every task.

Second. We need this promise to strengthen, reinforce us, when we look at our besting sin.

There is some sin that makes a strong pull on every one. "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us." You have yours; I have mine.

1. For some one it may be a tendency to be easily discouraged.

2. For another, it may be envy.

3. For another, it may be uncharitableness.

4. For some others it is anxiety.

The late Dr. H. B. Carroll said:

"There are two things that we should not worry about; things we can help, and things that we can not help."

There is a limitation to all of God's promises. Nowhere does God say He will satisfy our desires. Many times they are improper and selfish. He said He will supply all your needs, not always our wants.

"As thy days"—all days as they come—dark or bright.

Some one asked Moody if he had dying grace. He said: "No, I have living grace. I do not need dying grace until that hour comes," but when he lay dying he said, "Is this death, this glorious! Heaven is opening; God is calling and I must go."

PROMOTION DAY EXERCISES

A Number of Pupils of the Methodist Sunday School Will Be Advanced To Other Classes Sunday.

The annual promotion exercises will take place at the Sunday school hour Sunday morning at the Methodist church.

Parents and friends of the school are cordially invited to be present. Certificates will be presented to the little folks entering the Beginners Department from the Cradle Roll, also to those entering the Primary Department from the Beginners. Then the children of the Primary Department, aged nine, with their little graduation exercises, will receive diplomas to enter the Junior Department.

From the Junior Department the promotion exercises will include memory work from the four years and diplomas given those entering the Intermediate department. Other changes will be made in the Intermediate-Senior Department.

At the eleven o'clock hour the pastor will preach from the subject, "Life Service," paying special emphasis on the service a Sunday school teacher may render, and ask for volunteers to enroll in a teacher training class.

The Superintendent of the Junior Department and teachers cordially invite all children in that department to meet at the church Friday evening at seven thirty in honor of those leaving the department on Sunday morning, when they will enter the Intermediate. Children, come bring your parents with you. A social hour will be spent together.

An Evening in Japan.

An interesting program has been arranged for the Epworth League service Monday evening. The church basement will be so decorated as that it will make one feel that he is in the Orient sure enough. Some musical features of the program will be rendered in Japanese.

This program will be in the hands of Mrs. Clifton Beasley, superintendent of the fourth department of the League, who is noted for her interest and enthusiasm in the work of the League. A treat is in store. Don't miss it. Young and old will receive a cordial welcome.

HAPPENINGS OF WEEK IN THE TOWN OF BENSON

Citizens Gave Reception Monday In Honor of School Teachers.—Personal Items of Interest.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hall and Mr. Alton Hall sent Sunday in Raleigh with Miss Ethel Hall who is a student of Meredith.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boon and family spent Sunday with relatives in Wendell.

Miss Louise Temple of Jonesboro is spending a few days here with relatives and friends.

Mr. M. T. Britt and Mr. Willie Dixon made a business trip to Raleigh Monday.

Mrs. W. T. Martin returned Sunday from Lumberton where she was the guest of honor at a reception given by the Woman's Club to the faculty of the Lumberton schools.

Mrs. Guthrie McLamb was taken to a hospital in Fayetteville Monday for treatment.

Mr. J. R. Britt, of Lakeland, Fla., is visiting his brother, Mr. Jesse M. Britt.

Mrs. Saliva Wallace, who has been at Sanatorium for several weeks is visiting her brother, Mr. Rufus Barbour, of Elevation.

Messrs. Eli Turlington, Dallas Langdon and John Whittington spent a few days in Richmond this week.

Capt. J. W. Goodrich returned Monday from Lex Hospital where he has been undergoing treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Godwin spent Tuesday in Raleigh.

Miss Flora Canady, of the faculty of Buie's Creek Academy, spent last week-end with her sister, Mrs. O. A. Barbour.

Mr. Walter Strickland is attending the reunion of the eighty-first division, of which he was a member, now being held at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Royal and Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Oliver went to Raleigh Tuesday. While returning home, Mrs. Royal became frightened at what seemed to her a near accident and jumped from the car, breaking one of her limbs just above the ankle. She was returned to Raleigh and placed in Rex Hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Barbour, of Scotland Neck, recently visited her father, Mr. A. F. Barbour, of Elevation.

On Monday evening at the Graded School building, the citizens of Benson gave a reception for the teachers of our school. Every organization in the community was represented and contributed largely toward making the reception the success that it was. The Mayor or the town, Mr. C. C. Canaday, gave over the keys of the city to the teachers and told them to do what they pleased. Dr. J. F. Martin extended a hearty welcome in behalf of all the churches and assured the teachers that they would find a free atmosphere for consecrated service in the church life of the community. Mr. J. R. Barbour as the representative of the Chamber of Commerce, greeted the faculty in a few well chosen words. Dr. A. S. Oliver Commander of the local post of the American Legion told the teachers that his organization stood for a one hundred per cent Americanism, and that he knew of no people with whom the American Legion could more successfully work than the teachers of the rising generation. Therefore, it was a pleasure to greet and to extend to them, a hearty welcome in the name of the boys who fought in the late war for the preservation of American life and who are now fighting for a purely American citizenship in order to make secure our national life for the future. Rev. A. T. Lassiter in a most happy vein welcomed these talented ones as the president of the Community Association. Mrs. W. D. Boon, representing the John Charles McNeil Book Club, spoke in a very scholarly manner of the delight of her organization in having in the community those who had acquainted themselves with the literature of standard authors, and thus she welcomed them and hoped their sojourn here would be of great assistance to the book club. In a most pleasing way, Mrs. C. C. Canaday, of the Entre Nous Club interpreted the feelings of her new organization as being that of ever bounded felicity as she welcomed these trainers of the mind to this city of rapid growth. Dr. W. T. Martin at his juncture interrupts the program, and says that he

THE TOBACCO OUTLOOK IS NOT SO PLEASING

The Durham Warehousemen Boost The Prices By Buying Weed On the Opening Day.

Durham, Sept. 22.—There is a distinct tendency on the part of tobacco growers in this section to hold their crop from the market despite the good prices offered on the opening day. This may be attributed in part to the organized effort to hold tobacco throughout the State and in part to the fear that the price will weaken. It is expected better prices will be offered if the crop is withheld for as long a period as possible.

Offerings for the past two days have been smaller and the grade is not of the best. Prices have also been weaker, but it is probable the grade of weed offered is responsible for that feature of the market. It is also remarked that much of Monday's buying was done by the warehousemen.

Warehousemen believe the market will soon strengthen though prices are not expected to approach last year's level. There is no material dissatisfaction among local growers, but the situation throughout North Carolina and Virginia has acted as a depressing influence which many farmers are looking upon as a warning and are waiting to see just what will develop.

Meeting at Stevens Chapel.

The meeting going on at Stevens Chapel Methodist church is increasing in interest. Rev. A. B. Crumpler of Clinton is doing the preaching and aiding the pastor. The subject for next Sunday morning will be "The Second Coming of the Lord." At 3:30 Sunday afternoon there will be a service for the children.

feels as if one class of his fellow citizens needed representation on this occasion and that they had asked him to plead their cause. So for the young men, and bachelors of the town he threw wide open his arms to the lady members of the faculty. Mrs. W. T. Martin said, I also have a class of citizens in mind who should be represented. In their present relationship to the community, they have never extended a welcome to anyone, but they appreciate the fact that their day has come. Members of the Benson Graded and High school I welcome you in behalf of the newly enfranchised citizens of our town. Mrs. J. R. Barbour at his point injects the statement that she has been called upon by the young ladies who reside in Benson, to state that they are happy to greet the teachers but prays the lady members of the faculty not to deal too kindly with the young men, and at all times, use discretion.

Professor Wells heartily thanked the citizens for the warm reception extended, and assured them that nothing like unto this was ever witnessed before. The program was not concluded at his point. The best part comes now. Punch and chicken salad.

Last Friday night the local post of the American Legion gave a barbecue at Stewart's pond. About seventy-five representative citizens of Benson were present. Rev. C. C. Wheeler, Chaplain of the Legion made a brief statement of the purpose of the organization, after which short speeches offering greetings and co-operation were made by Messrs. C. C. Canaday for the city of Benson, by H. A. Parker for the Chamber of Commerce, by Rev. A. T. Lassiter for the Community Association, by J. H. Rose for the School Board, by Ezra Parker for the Township Road Commission. After grace offered by Rev. E. M. Hall, a bounteous feast of barbecue was enjoyed. Then the company gathered about a big open fire for an interesting, but informal speech-fest—the leading topic being ways and means of introducing better sanitary conditions for Benson. As a result, plans were made to secure a Secretary for the Chamber of Commerce, who will divide his time as Secretary and Sanitary officer for the city. Other plans for co-operation between the Legion and other city organizations will be matured in the near future.

Prominent among the speakers were Dr. A. S. Oliver, and Messrs. P. B. Johnson, W. J. Root, J. E. Wilson, and Jas. A. Raynor. The get-together spirit of this occasion promises much for a bigger and better Benson.