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It was reported last week that at Blackville, S. C., C. M. Billings, a Baptist preacher, had become so enamored by a mulatto girl that he had written her letters saying that he could not live without her and that for her he would leave his invalid wife and child and all his friends. There are those who delight to make capital of such and by using it, they thereby weaken the cause of religion. They do this as if it were some game that in no way will they be judged for what any minister or other person shall be guilty of. Below we print some interesting editorial comments on the case. Says the Monroe Enquirer:

The proper dress for that preacher Billings at Blackville, S. C., who deserted his invalid wife is some softening material, something like tar and feathers.

The Statesville Landmark takes the following and more charitable view of the matter:

Just now there is an epidemic of ministers getting into trouble. The South Carolina case, is a little the worst yet. The pity of it is that the few men of the cloth disonor the Master and bring reproach on His cause. Do more harm than ten times the number who have lived upright lives. The general public always critical of ministers and always ready to believe evil, does not stop to think that there are comparatively few ministers who do honor their calling, that where one goes wrong there are hundreds who have lived upright and godly lives. Rather, the disposition is when one sins to say that all are but wolves sheep's clothing. This is wrong, for, but it is the way of the world. His fellow must necessarily be a lot of us would, consecrated man, than ter is human and would be well if all pations as ourselves. ... like the min- nesses, his errors of judgment, a weak short comings just like other sin- We don't mean that conspicuous wrong- doing is to be excused in the minister, or that he should engage in wrong doing of any sort, for he must know that un- less he walks the straight and narrow path of duty his usefulness is impaired if not destroyed. But we do mean that we should be more charitable and less critical toward the minister, rem- embering always that he is human, al- ways as the slave constantly whispered to St. Paul in the hour of his triumph that he is but a man.

Prof. Dry, of the Baptist Mes- senger, who has known Billings since they were in college together, says the following to say:

We cannot but think when we read the report, that surely the man must be unbalanced mentally. Let us be charitable enough to think as usual we know more of the particulars. Such scandals as this hurt the cause of the ministry in no slight degree. The king- dom of Christ invariably suffers, for there are plenty of people ready to make capital of such. This ought not to be the case, however. The min- istry and the cause of Christ in general ought not to be made to suffer on ac- count of the few goats that get into sheep's clothing.

Let all church members, and others too for that matter, con- clude that so far as our individual cases are concerned, that it is just as important for us to live the pure life as it is for the preachers and that the world about us is in- fluenced by our manner of living also. Let us each be what we would have the world think we are.

It is quite amusing to hear a politician talk about "voting," a whole section of country, and it usually happens that when the smoke is cleared away after an election, the boasting political boss has even deceived himself by fos- soring out. The time was when it was quite common for men to be dictated to and many people al- lowed others to do their voting, and while it is yet common in some sections, it is passing out in all intelligent communities. How anyone could think of "voting" such an intelligent township as Lilesville and go around boasting about it, is hard to understand. Yet we heard a politician, a real one, from that grand old town- ship, say a few days ago that he or "they" had decided to give the prohibitionists just one-third of the votes polled there in the com- ing election. We pleaded for more but all in vain. "One-third," he said, "will have to satisfy you. All we can spare."

In the Loving case, an attorney used the following argument: "You would not raise the moral standard or elevate the woman- hood of Virginia by convicting. Don't put the badge of dishonor on him by sending him to the pen- itentiary. Don't let it go out to the world that a jury of Virginia gentlemen put the felon stripes on a Virginia gentleman."

On the first page will be found a report of the Loving case which was tried at Houston, Va., last week. The jury was out just forty five minutes and returned a verdict of "not guilty." The jury admitted that the story of Miss Loving, which she related to her father, was not for a moment believed, the verdict being based on the plea that Judge Loving was in- sane after hearing his daughter tell what is now thought to be an untrue story. So it appears that the story of Miss Loving, who admitted that she repeatedly drank whiskey with young Estes, so in- flamed her father, a man mentally unbalanced because of the fact that he has been an excessive drinker, that he rode ten miles and after much delay, finally found the young man and shot him dead without a moment's warning.

At one time in her wild career, Miss Loving may have thought it smart to drink whiskey and in other ways imitate the smart young fellows who call themselves "sports." She probably realizes now the tenacity of such things, but after it is too late for her. Judge Loving and young Estes, too, never saw the awful conse- quences facing them. It is too late now. The girl in the case is disgraced by her own story; Judge Loving, though a free man in the eyes of the law, will suffer for his crime so long as he lives. In the Estes home, too, there is a lingering sadness that time will not heal.

A WHITE MAN was tried in the Mayor's court late Saturday night for being drunk on the streets. He is the husband of a good woman and the father of nine children. While in his cell below he had dreamed that he was at home with his anxious family and could hardly be made to realize, in his half stupid condition, that he was ten miles from home so late at night. When asked why he had violated the law in such a manner, he declared that he saw nothing improper about his conduct, saying that he had paid for his liquor and was in the habit of getting drunk when he came to Wadesboro. Poor weak man! What an exam- ple for his children! What an ex- ample to have of life and its great need. And yet you say that by his hands paid, in this case streets and making paying our improvements.

Such scenes happen here ex- ceedingly. They happen in every saloon town and sometimes in towns where they do not have saloons but less frequent then.

In last week's appearance of this county of agents who propose to sell somebody the right to sell patent washing machines in the county. Now this matter of of buying the privilege to work in a certain territory has about played out and we are glad of it. We agree with our esteemed contem- porary that such agents should be given a warm, and we will add, a "real warm" reception. Yet so long as suckers bite, there will be men willing to do the fishing. It seems that Stanley, Rowan and Montgomery counties have already been worked by these sharpers and we trust that they will leave Old Anson with a better opinion than they can possibly have of the counties mentioned.

Next to drunkenness, the cowardly practice of pistol-toting is re- sponsible for more illegal violence in this country than any other cause, and the two go together. Few sober men care to tote pistols, and perhaps 90 per cent of the pistol toters are moved to the habit by their indulgence in too much fighting whiskey.

It will require some nerve and a distorted view, we think, for a person to deny the above, yet some pretend to believe that it is quite necessary that Wadesboro have eight saloons and two or three distilleries in order that no man's opportunity to get drunk is interfered with. When you hear a man talking so eloquently in favor of open saloons, step up a little closer and see if you can't smell whiskey on his breath. There are some exceptions.

The Seaboard Air Line railway deserves a bouquet for the nice manner in which it is complying with the new rate law which went into effect yesterday. The last Legislature changed the rate of passenger fares from 31 to 24 and the agents of the road mentioned were instructed to sell tickets in the state on that road at the rate made by law. Other roads have refused to comply with the law and they are giving a receipt for the amount paid for each ticket so that if the courts decide that the law-made rate is legal, the excess charge by the non-complying roads can be refunded.

Cedar box couches with large moth proof receptical. A. B. Caudle.

Diamond Hill.

Crops are improving, blackber- ries ripe, and everybody happy. Mrs. H. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Webb of Rockingham returned home Monday after an extend- ed visit to friends and relatives in this section.

Misses Roxie and Minnie Kiker are spending this week with their brother, Mr. J. T. Kiker, near Wadesboro. Mr. and Mrs. Millard Dumas, who has been spending quite awhile with Mrs. Dumas's mother Mrs. R. C. Staton, will return to their home in Florida next Thurs- day.

Quite a number of our people are expecting to spend the Fourth of July picnicking at Rocky River Springs.

Carrier on route No. 2 says Mr. J. A. Burns has the finest corn crop and J. M. Broadway has the finest cotton crop on the route.

The temperance forces are lining up in this part of the county and expect to roll up a nice majority on the 31st of August. We be- lieve the people of Anson are as good a people as ever lived and we believe they are going, by their votes, to drive the saloon from one of the best counties in the State.

Farmers are beginning to lay-by their corn and are planning where they will spend their summer vaca- tion. One fellow says he likes to work all the time except ten or twelve hours in the heat of the day.

Big Brown Creek.

The locust has come and gone. He had the letter "w" on his wings which stands for war on the saloons and stills in Wadesboro from now until the 31st day of next August. On that day I hope they will be buried so deep they will never again be resurrected in Wadesboro. I wonder if the locusts that sang Pharoah in Brown-creek swamps in May are the descendants of those that plagued Pharoah of Moses' time?

If you have a friend that you want to do good, send one dollar to the editor of The Ansonian and get a good knife free and have the per- cent to the friend, and he will love you every time he cuts his tobacco or reads his paper. The Ansonian certainly stands for something.

Mrs. W. W. Hendley has a pretty flower garden. It reminds one of Luther Burbank's, the great propa- gator of fruits, vegetables and flow- ers.

Every good man and woman in Anson county will feel interested in driving saloons and stills out of our county seat. If our women could vote, we would never be troubled with saloons in this generation. Our women would so purify the ballot box that the morally stunted would never rally again.

"O the crimes and remorse and the blood of the slain mantle the dead midst the death They cover the earth like a funeral pall. Weep—that's all."

Flint Ridge Pellets.

Crops are unusually small for the time of year, though the warm days are improving their looks consider- ably.

We are glad to say that the con- dition of Mrs. Ruth Burris is much improved.

Rev. A. C. Davis filled his regu- lar appointment here Sunday. There was a large crowd and Mr. Davis preached an excellent sermon.

We are now having Sunday school at Rocky Mount church every Sun- day at 10 o'clock. Everybody in- vited to attend.

Nearly everybody making ar- rangements to go to Rocky River Springs on the Fourth.

Our mail man and his motor cycle has a time. Sometimes it pushes and pulls, and sometimes he has to push and pull it.

Mr. Editor, we certainly do ap- preciate your paper up here. We can't do without it. May The An- sonian live the life that never dies.

School Girl.

Railroad Rates Reduced.

Maj. Chas. H. Gattis, Travelling Passages Agent of the Seaboard Air Line, received instructions yesterday from General Passenger Agent Ryan, giving the instructions for putting on the new 2 1/4 cent rate on all Seaboard Air Line trains, beginning at midnight Sunday.

The Seaboard will not sell tick- ets on any except its own lines un- til it obtains rates from other lines. Some of the lines are fight- ing the 2 1/4 cent rate and may not put it on Monday, and, of course, the Seaboard would not sell a ticket at the new rate on such rail-roads. Hereafter the ten cents charged extra to passengers who do not buy tickets will be kept by the company. Under present regulations a check is given to the passenger and is redeemed. The instructions that have been sent to all passen- ger agents show the present rate at 3 1/4 cents and 2 1/4 cents, the new rates. There will be no first and second class tickets—all tickets will be first class. Of course the separate cars for the races will be continued.

J. C. Randolph killed Anderson Burleson at Glen Ayre, Mitchell Co., Thursday afternoon. Mr. Randolph was tax-lister and Mr. Burleson accused him of listing his property too high. Burleson slapped Randolph a time or two with open hand and then struck him on the side of the head with his fist. Mr. Randolph drew a pocket knife and cut Burleson three or four times, killing him instantly.

A Lesson in Temperance.

(Richmond Times-Dispatch.) It is hardly necessary to say that the murder trial at Houston has al- ready developed a terrible temperance lesson for men and a more terrible lesson for women. Whiskey seems to have played a double part, if not a triple part, in this distressing tragedy. Had young Estes been a total abstainer, there had been no tragedy; if Miss Loving had not taken a drink with Estes, there had been no tragedy; and the probability is that had Judge Loving never been addicted to strong drink, Theodore Estes would at least have been given a chance for his life.

The Times-Dispatch is no fanatic on the subject of temperance. It does not believe that whiskey is the "product of hell"; but there is no doubt that it is often used by the devil as a means of devilry. It has been the ruin of many a man; it has brought many a woman to disgrace and ruin. Some men can and do drink moderately, without apparent injury to body, mind or morals. It is nonsense to say that every man who takes a toddy is on the road to destruction; but it is not an exag- geration to make that affirmation of a woman who falls into the habit of drinking toddies with men.

A Contrast.

(Charlotte Chronicle.)

When Miss Loving was called upon to tell her story in the murder trial at Houston, Va., the court-room, by order of the judge, was cleared of all except those whose presence was necessary to the conduct of the case. Commenting upon this, the Nashville Banner remarks that "it is in pleasing contrast with the conduct of the Thaw trial in New York, where numbers of women thronged the court room throughout the trial, listening eagerly and un- blushing to the most salacious details, and where Evelyn Thaw was compelled to relate her pitiful story in the presence of a gasping crowd." We could never imagine a scene anywhere in the South like that which was daily presented in the Thaw trial. Southern women are too well-bred and have too keen a sense of the proprieties of life and of their station in life, to lend their presence to sensational court scenes; and when a woman has to tell a story of embarrass- ment, Southern chivalry protects her as far as possible.

Sale of Coca-Cola Forbidden.

(Washington Herald.)

The War Department has issued an order forbidding the sale of coca- cola in the post exchanges in the department of the east. This action was taken following numerous com- plaints reported concerning the ef- fects of the drink, and after an anal- ysis of its ingredients made at the Department of Agriculture by Pro- fessor Wiley, the chief chemist.

Dr. Wiley reported that in a ma- jority of the samples of coca-cola which he tested he found quantities of morphine and other drugs dis- covered the effects which the drink produces upon them, and that for the purpose of getting this effect they drink six or seven glasses of the stuff, and that the result is injurious to health, as well as destructive of morals.

Going After the Thread Trust.

(Washington Dispatch.)

The thread trust is to be investi- gated by the Department of Jus- tice. Formal complaint has been made to the department alleging that the American Thread Com- pany is a monopoly to restrict trade and asking that it be dis- solved through prosecution by the Federal government. About two weeks ago local retail dealers were informed that the wholesale price of thread would be advanced from 55 to 62 cents per dozen spools, necessitating retailers raising the price from 5 to 6 cents per spool. It is said the excuse for the ad- vance is a poor cotton crop early in the season, but now it is claimed there is no reason for advancing the price.

The Speaker on the Wrong Scent.

(Ladies Home Journal.)

It so happens that by the side of a certain portion of an Illinois suburban railway stands a fertil- izer factory, which gives out a particularly offensive smell. A lady who was obliged to travel on this line quite often always carried with her a bottle of in- venger salts. One morning Speaker Cannon took the seat be- side her. As the train neared the factory the lady opened her bot- tle of salts. Soon the car was filled with the horrible odor of the fertilizer. The Speaker put up with it as long as he could, then addressing himself to the lady, whom he saw holding the bottle to her nose he said: "Mad- am, would you mind puttin' the cork in that bottle?"

His Obedient Better-Half.

(In the little magistrate's office around the corner Pat was being tried for disturbing the peace in innumerable ways.

"Haven't you any visible means of support?" asked the magistrate. "Yes, sir, your Honor, sure I have," said Pat. "Bridget, me darlint, come here and stand up so that the Court kin see yez?"

Try This—For a Laugh.

"How many ribs have you, Johnny?" asked the teacher. "I don't know, ma'am," giggled Johnny, squirming around on one foot; "I'm so awful ticklish I never could count 'em."—Ex.

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Youths' Odd Coats: Youths' Odd Coats, sizes from 15 to 20. Surplus price... 25c
Boys' and Youths' Suits: Boys' Suits... 55c up Youths' Suits... \$1.82 up
Millinery: Every lady's and child's hat in the house from 1/2 to 7/8 of reg- ular value.

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