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**THE SANCTITY OF THE LAW.**

**Pastor of Central Methodist Church Preaches a Sermon That Carries Some Truths That Pinches—A Brief Synopsis.**

Rev. Plato Durham preached a sermon last Sunday night on "The Sanctity of the Law," and in the course of his sermon uttered some timely and solemn words of warning. It takes no prophetic eye, said he, to see that there is in the life of this nation a fever that is appalling and difficult of analysis. There is an utter disregard of law, and of taking it in our own hands. Every lover of his State and nation should study the cause. We cannot say this lies in lack of manhood. No nation has ever had the wealth of virility that this has had. It is not in lack of ideals. We are in a grave crisis, and the final fulfillment, if not checked, will be death. Rome mocked her prophets of fine vision who pointed out that her tendencies would bring her to death, but you know her history.

The laws of the nation are not our making. They are the laws of God. Jehovah sits upon the throne. God is the giver of law. When it becomes law on our statute books it becomes overarched with the authority of God. To break it is not to right a wrong, but it is to bring anarchy worse than death.

The law of trial by jury, for instance, is not the law of man but of God. It drips with the blood of centuries. It is not some political creation. The life of all depends on law. Take them off the statute books, and where is your life, the sanctity of your home, the virtue of your women, the protection of your children? When you tamper with law you are breaking down the fortress that surrounds us.

We are in grave danger of forgetting these things. We have said: "Are we not sovereign citizens?" We have awakened to the fact that no man's life is safe, no matter how free from guilt. Given sufficient wrath and ignorance, every man's life is at the beck of the mob. We have seen our dragon's teeth and reaped a harvest of cold iron.

The law-making and law-breaking power is the same. Even the criminal is guaranteed justice and a fair trial by the law. When you deny him this you spit in the face of your State and nation and trample on their flag. The Governor of Tennessee called out the whole State militia and the madmen laughed in his face. God help her. Shall this be the story of North Carolina? Her right arm is your only defense. Will you teach your children and neighbors to laugh when your State speaks?

The mob that lynched the man in Tennessee last week is a mob of our own making. Every man who has ever broken a law is a man who helps build up the mob. Are there any law-breakers here? You have a prohibition law here. How many have broken it? No matter whether you agree with the law or not, when North Carolina says it is a law and you break it, you are sowing the seeds of hell. When men laugh at law, seeds are sown out of which the mob springs as a legitimate harvest. Do nothing to degrade the majesty of the law or to degrade your commonwealth. How many men give a correct return of their property for taxes? How many laugh at that and wink the other eye? If we give ourselves to that kind of thing, the tendency is to ride any law.

Another thing: The President of our country may be red-handed, but he is the sovereign of his nation, and when you vilify him you have degraded the office of President of the United States. You have a right to criticize him, but you must have reverence for the office he holds. We may disagree with the Governor of our State, but we should not ridicule and vilify him. It is the same with all officers of State and Nation. No wonder people lose respect for government when both parties do this sort of thing. As a result we finally wake up to the fact that we have no reverence for law. Stand for any party you please, but be an American citizen first.

The sovereign life of this nation is above any body. Every violation of law is a dagger struck into the bosom of our nation. America sits on the highest throne of our nations. Shall we trample her sacred life in the dust or cause her feet to walk the way of death. Shall the evil and bitter temptations be allowed to open your eyes and look into the majestic face of your mother land.

Mr. Durham's sermon was listened

**SERIOUS STABBING SCRAPE.**

**John Bridges Stabbed With a Dirk in the Hands of Pink Jones, Both Employees of the Brown Mill—Jones is in County Jail Being Held Without Bail—Bridges in Serious Way.**

Yesterday morning about 11:45 a fight took place in No. 11 township in which a man was stabbed below the heart and is today in a serious condition, while his assailant is in the county jail, being held without bail. From all accounts, it is believed that a number of men were in the woods beyond Dr. D. G. Caldwell's place, gambling and drinking. Pink Jones, aged about 45 years, runs a boarding house at the Brown Mills, and about nine days ago John Bridges came to his house and engaged board. Jones learned that Bridges was arranging to leave and skip his board bill, and got after the man for his money. Bridges, it is said, gave Jones a provoking answer, whereupon he (Jones) whipped out a dirk and stabbed Bridges, the blade entered the left side just below the heart and it is thought that it reached the left lung. The wound is a very serious one, and may prove fatal, though there is a possible chance for the man's recovery.

After the stabbing Jones attempted to escape to South Carolina, going down the road towards Charlotte, and was captured between Frank Teeter's place and Harrisburg about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff C. A. Robinson and Police Officer John Earnhardt. He was brought to the city and lodged in the county jail, being held without bail to see the result of the wounds inflicted on Bridges. Jones has a family and lives at the Brown mill, and is known well throughout the city, having lived here at various times for a number of years. Bridges is a man probably 28 years of age, and is said to live at Charlotte, where he has a wife and one child.

After receiving his wound yesterday Bridges was taken to the home of Henry Hooks, near the Franklin mill, where he is being taken care of. It was stated this afternoon that he was getting along all right, and that there was a possible chance for his recovery.

**SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION.**

**Cabarrus County Court Convened This Morning With Judge Justice, Presiding—P. M. Misenheimer As Foreman of the Grand Jury—Timely and Clear Presentation of Duty Made in Courts Talk to Grand Jury.**

The fall term of Cabarrus Superior Court convened this morning with Judge M. H. Justice, presiding. The grand jury was drawn and is composed of the following eighteen men—P. M. Misenheimer, foreman, John S. Price, D. F. Alexander, D. J. Bost, J. A. Burris, D. W. Morgan, W. C. Parnell, J. A. Widenhouse, J. C. Kluttz, O. C. Hoover, J. L. Brown, R. L. Sloop, D. M. Faggart, W. L. Ritehie, J. L. Ross, J. C. Willeford, Shubal Bundy and M. M. Misenheimer.

Judge Justice in his charge to this inquisitorial body was clear and emphatic, setting forth the principal points in connection with the duties of grand jurors such as give them a clear idea of the full and complete duty resting upon the grand jury. His utterances proved his own confidence in the citizenship of North Carolina and in the men who compose juries. "Even-handed justice," declared the court, "handed out to every man, rich or poor, without regard to the criminal or his crime will command the entire respect of the public, and unless you and I can see that such justice is assured we are unworthy of the position we occupy. The law stands guard over the humblest and wealthiest citizen alike and the man who does not give his all to the enforcement of the law is not the citizen of the State of North Carolina has a right to expect of him."

The court gave the usual amount of attention to the several crimes that are prevalent and which always demand attention. He mentioned those crimes which call for capital punishment, speaking among these of the crime of rape. His handling of this crime was to impress upon the jury the true position of not only jurors, but the citizenship of the State. The feeling which prevails among the people on this matter was cited and the justice of making the crime punishable with death was shown. "The criminal who goes through the mill of the court in this case comes out on the gallows, and very properly so. Mob law is wrong and I can show you how. The spirit of mob law says that the jury is unfit to pass on the case; it says that the solicitor is unfit, the officers and the court. If I thought that I could not give justice to the State as well as to the defendant, I would resign without completing this charge to you gentlemen. When men take the law into themselves they publish to the world their lack of confidence in the jury, solicitor and court. If you could not be relied upon to do justice you would be unfit to sit in the jury box.

The time has been when mob law was winked at in North Carolina, but that time has passed. The officers have made up their minds that the majesty of the law must be upheld. They have lost sight of the criminal they protect, but it is the dignity of the law they are upholding, and the court relies upon the citizenship of Cabarrus county to uphold it." Such were some of the sentiments expressed by the court in his charge to the grand jury today. Judge Justice throughout the charge breathed the spirit of a man who believes in the law and has full faith and confidence in its working out even justice in all cases. His utterances were calculated to inspire confidence in the law and in its execution. It gave the citizen his position and showed the extent to which a good citizenship is necessary. Following the charge the grand jury was placed under an officer, Mr. Ira Winecoff being sworn in as the officer for the law. The criminal docket was taken up by the court and is being dispatched in regular order.

**Cuban Candidates Enjoy a Feast at Santiago.**

Santiago, Cuba, Oct. 25.—General Joe Miguel Gomez and Alfredo Zayas, respectively, the presidential and vice presidential candidates of the Zayistas and Miguelistas, were given an enthusiastic reception here today. Many people arrived in Santiago from all over the island, as numerous expressions had been previously arranged, two coming from as far as Havana.

Several thousand persons took part in the procession in the afternoon, the length of which was more than two miles. A banquet was given in honor of the candidates in the evening, seven being held for 3,000.

**WILL GRAHAM TRIAL NOV. 5.**

**The Negro Charged With Outrage of Miss Tucker to be Tried on Thursday, Nov. 5—Montgomery & Crowell to Assist Solicitor Clarkson and L. T. Hartsell and H. S. Williams to Defend the Negro—Evidence Strong Against the Negro.**

At the afternoon session of the Cabarrus Superior Court, the evidence against the suspected negro, Will Graham, charged with criminal assault upon Miss Pearl Tucker, was presented to the grand jury and the matter passed upon by that honorable body. The evidence against the negro is sufficient to hold him for a trial although there is a considerable amount of circumstantial evidence in the case. Solicitor Clarkson has left no stone unturned in delving into the mysteries of the case and is using every means at his command to give the negro a fair and impartial trial. The solicitor asked his honor, Judge Justice, to appoint Montgomery & Crowell to assist him in the prosecution, and to name Attorneys L. T. Hartsell and H. S. Williams to defend the negro; and further, asked that the trial be had on Thursday, November 5th.

It is learned from a reliable source that the evidence at hand against Will Graham is very strong and that his trial will take place on the date above given.

It is further stated from the authorities that Will Graham will remain in the State penitentiary until Wednesday afternoon, November 4, when he will be brought back to Concord for trial, reaching the city at an early hour Thursday morning. Every precaution will be taken to prevent a lynching in an event that public sentiment would be strong enough for such an occasion. However, Mr. Tucker has asked that the law be allowed to take its course, and for his sake and the sake of the lives of those who may be in a mob, there is now not a great deal of clamor for summary punishment of the negro.

**FINAL POLITICAL ONSLAUGHT.**

**Week One of Fighting to the Finish of Next Tuesday—Mack Claims Bryan's Election With 301 Electoral Votes—All Cabinet in the Field for Taft.**

This will be a busy week with the campaign workers, a week of final onslaught leading to the balloting of Tuesday next, when the American people decide on men and measures for their governmental affairs.

Chairman Mack of the Democratic National committee claims Bryan's election and shows where he expects to have for the Nebraska 301 electoral votes. Mr. Hitchcock also claims more than 300 for Taft. The cabinet is out on a speaking tour this week, every member being filling engagements to speak in the interests of the Big Chief's candidate.

The fight this week will be centered in the States considered doubtful, New York being the choice ground for the operations of both political parties.

Mr. Mack in concluding his talk given out Saturday night puts the electoral votes for Bryan as follows:

Alabama	11
Arkansas	9
Florida	5
Georgia	13
Maryland	8
Mississippi	10
Missouri	18
North Carolina	12
Oklahoma	7
South Carolina	9
Tennessee	12
Texas	18
Virginia	12
Kentucky	13
Louisiana	9
Idaho	3
Montana	3
Colorado	5
Nebraska	8
Nevada	3
Indiana	15
Ohio	23
Delaware	3
Kansas	10
New York	39
New Jersey	12
Connecticut	7
South Dakota	4
Total	301

**GINNER'S REPORT TODAY.**

**Ginners Report to October 18th Gives the Number of Bales Ginned 6,283,780.**

The ginners report on the number of bales of cotton ginned October 18th was made public today and shows a net amount of bales ginned 6,283,780. This announcement was followed by a rise on New York market, a market which through the day was firm. The local market took a rise in proportion, standing at 9.10.

Mr. Nevin Fetzer, of Davidson College, spent the Sabbath in the city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Fetzer.

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