

Ashamed of a Father.

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Two men had entered into an agreement to rob one of their neighbors. Everything was planned. They were to enter his house at midnight, break open his chests and drawers, and carry off all the silver and gold they could find.

"He is rich and we are poor," said they to each other, by way of encouragement in the evil they were about to perform. "He will never miss a little gold, while its possession will make us happy. Besides, what right has one man to all this world's goods?"

Thus they talked together. One of these men had a wife and children. One of these men had no one in the world to care for but himself. The man who had children went home and joined his family, after agreeing upon a place of meeting with the other at the darkest hour the coming night.

"Dear father," said one of the children, climbing upon his knee, "I am so glad you have come home again."

The presence of his child troubled the man and he tried to push him away; but his arms clung tightly about his neck, and he laid his face against his cheek, and said in a sweet and gentle voice—

"I love you, father!"

Involuntarily the man drew the innocent and loving one to his bosom, and kissed him.

There were two older children in the man's dwelling, a boy and a girl. They were poor, and these children worked daily to keep up the supply of bread, made deficient more through idleness in the father than from lack of employment. These children came home soon after their father's return, and brought him their earnings for the day.

"Oh, father," said the boy, "such a dreadful thing has happened! Henry Lee's father was arrested today for robbing; they took him out of our shop when Henry was there, and carried him off to prison. I was so sad when I saw Henry weeping. And he hung his head for shame of his own father! Only think of that!"

"Ashamed of his father!" thought the man. "And will my children hang their heads, also, in shame? No, no; that shall never be."

At the hour of midnight, the man who had no children to throw around him a sphere of better influence, was waiting at the place of rendezvous for him whose child, had saved him. But he waited in vain. Then he said: "I will do the deed myself, and take the entire reward."

And he did according to his word. When the other man went forth to his labor on the next day, he learned that his accomplice had been taken in an act of robbery and was already in prison.

"Thank Heaven for virtuous children!" said he with fervor, "They have saved me. Never will I cause them to blush for their father."

Troops And Night Riders.

United Press.

Mayesville, Ky., May 14.—

Grave trouble is expected when troops begin making their expected arrests of night riders. Spies disguised as umbrella menders and tramps have been patrolling the riders' districts and have a list of the names of the leaders. Three hundred will be arrested on this report. The riders are armed and prepared to resist. The troops have received ammunition and are ready for the movement. They have been gathered into small parties ready for a concerted movement. The riders will be taken to the penitentiary when arrested to prevent any attempted rescues.

Fifty Killed In Tornado.

United Press.

Shreveport, La., May.—Fifty persons are reported killed and hundreds injured as a result of a storm that swept Caddo and Bossier last night. To-day the territory is a scene of desolation. The town of Gilliam is wiped out, Belinger is wrecked and Hill City is damaged. Wires are down and details are unobtainable. The hospitals here are prepared to receive the injured who are expected to arrive on relief trains now on the way. The Katy passenger train was wrecked near Konac by a washout. The Kansas City Southern train from the scene of the storm reports the country devastated. The tornado swept through the oil fields, blowing down derricks and scattering the machinery.

Verdict of \$800.

Hickory Democrat.

It will be remembered that several months ago about the 3rd of September, 1908 the tracks of the C. & N. W. railroad was torn up near the freight depot by some unknown parties at night. Spencer, who was section master of the railroad at the time, acting under orders from Fletcher, the C. & N. W. road master, began to relay the track. Mr. Cilley, who was then mayor, was sent for and ordered Spencer to desist. Spencer refused to quit work, whereupon Cilley ordered policeman Pope to arrest and lock Spencer up.

Spencer remained in the lockup for about an hour when he was released on bond.

Afterwards Spencer sued Cilley and the town for damages, the town being joined with the idea that as Cilley was acting in his official capacity the town would probably bear the burden. At the trial city Attorney Yount moved to dismiss the suit as far as the town was concerned and the council for Spencer stated that he would not oppose the motion as the town was not liable in a legal sense. The town was then dropped out of the case. After a hard fight of a day and a half the jury came in with a verdict of eight hundred dollars against Mr. Cilley.

Our City Mail Delivery.

Hickory Mercury.

The City mail delivery for Hickory goes into effect next Friday, 15th inst. There will be three mail carriers at a salary of about \$750 per year each. These positions were given to the three who got the highest grades in the examination held here some time ago. Hence, the carriers will be: J. Guy Cline, Albert Deal and P. W. Hamott. These gentlemen will doubtless give general satisfaction. No complaint is heard against the selection made. This will increase postage. Papers in the city and county, that have heretofore gone free, will have to pay the regular pound postage. And it will take two cent postage to carry a letter from one citizen of the city, even to another, if carried by the city carriers the greatest good to our city will be the \$2,250 paid out in salaries, with city paying less than one-third of it.

The young man Speaks who was put in jail Friday for blocking, says he was in debt a little and thought he would make a few runs and pay out. Many fellows put up the same excuse. The fact is if you want to get in debt or in the pen either, just go into the liquor business. You can get in, but not out.—Wiles Chronicle.

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Wright Flying Machine is Good.

Raleigh Evening Times.

Manteo, N. C., correspondent sends the following account of yesterday's trials of the Wright brothers' aeroplane:

"With the ease and swiftness of a huge eagle, the Wright brothers aeroplane made a flight of three miles, circling about the great sandhills, at times skimming along over the surface, dipping down, rising, turning corners, landing within a few yards of the starting point.

The three-mile voyage was accomplished in a little more than three minutes, and the aeroplane carried both inventors.

There is no longer any ground for questioning the performance of the men and their wonderful machine. Yesterday's flights were observed by a group of men congregated in the woods within a mile of their starting point, and by another group of disinterested men who watched them through powerful glasses from a nearby point.

For more than one-half the distance the aeroplane was ploughing through a 20-mile coast breeze, but it appeared to move with just as much speed going against the wind as when sailing with it. Every moment the craft was in the air it appeared to be every bit as obedient to the will of the operators as are the wings of a bird.

The machine complete, with its operator, weighs 950 pounds, but to one watching it appears to glide through the air with the buoyancy of a tissue-paper kite. It is the steering gear that is giving the Wright's most of their present concern.

Republican Paper Endorses Prohibition.

We copy the following editorial from the Elkin Times, a Republican paper, which states the position of the best Republicans:

The action of the Republican State convention at Greensboro last week in refusing to adopt the Hon. Thos. Settle's resolution, which, if adopted, would have put the convention on record against State prohibition, deserves hearty commendation. Affirmative action on the part of the State convention with reference to this resolution would have committed the party in this State to the interest of the distillers and saloon-keepers to the everlasting shame and disgrace of the party to say nothing of the effect such action would have had in driving from its ranks the most respectable element in the party.

In promptly tabling the resolution the delegates to the convention showed great wisdom viewed from the standpoint of political expediency; and in doing so it showed further that the party is not subservient to the liquor forces in the State. The action of the convention touching this matter places the party on a higher plane of respectability than it has ever occupied in the State before.

We believe, as we have intimated before that the action of the convention was a stroke of political wisdom—a step that will rebound to the good of the party, but that which rejoices the good people of the State most is that the action of the convention was a heavy blow to the liquor forces in the State, and it removes all doubt, if any ever existed, as to the success of prohibition on May 26th.

The small dimension politicians in the Republican party may control the action of the party in some county or local contest, but they will have to take a back seat in state conventions. The better element in the party will not be dominated by them.

A Tornado Words Havoc.

A special from Springfield, Neb.,

says a tornado last Tuesday wrecked the towns of Louisville, Bellevue and Ritchfield, killing several persons and injuring a large number.

The number of deaths is unknown and no names have been secured, but it is said between 40 and 60 are injured, many seriously and many fatally. The Town of Bellevue is declared practically wiped out, but it is not known that there are many fatalities.

Reports are to the effect that the town is blown away and the people in a panic. The Burlington station was torn to pieces, most of the business houses wrecked and 30 residences destroyed. The Missouri Pacific depot is standing but both telephone and telegraph wires are down.

There were four distinct tornado clouds as seen at Springfield and they made their appearance shortly before 5 o'clock. Heavy damage was done in the country and it is feared there was some loss of life.

10,000 People Drowned.

News of one of the greatest disasters China has ever known, a sudden tidal wave, bore in on Yangtse Kiang, which involved the loss of nearly 10,000 lives at Hankow, was brought by the steamer Titan which arrived last Monday night.

A wave, 26 feet in height flooded, without warning, down the river, overturning thousand of junks, sampans and small boats and wrecking some large river steamers.

Some 3,000 Chinese were sleeping in the sampans and small craft and huts by the riverside at Hankow, and they were enveloped by the great wave.

The scenes for many days after the disaster were horrible, the river being strewn with the dead and debris of wrecked craft for many miles.

Shut Up The Saloons.

News and Observer.

Mr. S. H. Hearne, of Albemarle, Stanley county, who was in the city yesterday attending the meeting of the State Prison Board, tells of the wonderful growth of the town of Albemarle. Twenty years ago they had three hundred people and four saloons. The liquor advocates said if they got rid of the saloons they would kill Albemarle. But the saloons went, and today Albemarle has six thousand people, four cotton mills, two hosiery mills, two banks, two graded schools, furniture factory, mantel factory, and other industries that go with an up-to-date town. The Lutherans and Methodists are each building this year twenty thousand dollar churches. A new modern hotel is now in course of erection. This is what prohibition does for Piedmont, North Carolina. Mr. Hearne says, "Tell the people that getting rid of liquor is the best thing for a town, as both labor and capital are benefitted."

Col. Ashley Horne of Clayton, is a most excellent gentleman, not only so but he is one of the aggressive kind who gets after anything he wants with both feet. He has made a success of his life, and he says he is going to make a success of his gubernatorial race.—Hickory Democrat.

Messrs. W. V. Triplett and E. E. Parks, of Dellaplane, who were here Friday, told us that Eli Johnson has caught several carp out of the Yadkin recently and that one of these weighed 13 1-2 lbs.—Wilkes Patriot.

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