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CITIZENSHIP AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

Responsibility for Public Health Our Greatest Civic Responsibility.

The essential difference between the citizen and the savage is the expression in his daily routine by the former of the principle, "No man liveth to himself." This biblical axiom is the basis of civilization because it expresses a relation that law defines and controls. It naturally follows that the clearer our mental perception, the more distinctly will we recognize the many and subtle bonds that unite our fortunes or our fate into a web of weal or woe. Knowledge gives acuteness of mental vision and, therefore, it is knowledge that opens the gates of a higher civilization and gives to him who desires the opportunity to become a better citizen.

The relation of one man's property to another's is easily recognized, and is firmly established upon universally accepted principles of civil law. The relation of one man's life to another's has only within the last half century been established upon principles of natural law. But, as yet, the knowledge of these natural laws has not been widely enough disseminated to produce sufficient public sentiment to weld them into our statutes.

Man's greatest civic obligation is to the public health. This sounds like the exaggeration of an enthusiast. Nevertheless, it rests upon those primary and fundamental principles of law that for over four thousand years have been the basis of civilization. Write in tables of stone by the Supreme Judge Himself, these legal principles are so comprehensive as to embrace man's every possible relation: His relation to the Court of Heaven; his relation to the court of the home and his relation to the court of man. But note, and note carefully, that the first of the five rules governing man's relation to man is the law protecting life. "First, not by haphazard, but first by Omnipotent design, because it is just as fundamental to the last four of these five laws as life is fundamental to chastity, property, and neighborly comfort. Note further, that "Thou shalt not kill" carries no provisions limiting its application to the 5000 deaths occurring annually in the United States through willful acts of commission, and excluding the 500000 deaths annually occurring in our country by an act of passive omission. Every citizen who does not take a serious interest in the public health of his or her community is a partisan to this criminal destruction of life. Like Lady Macbeth dipping her bloody hands in water, we say, "Out! damned spot," but it will not out, for all the real and feigned ignorance and indifference into which we submerge our individual and public consciences.

And now, lastly, how can the conscientious citizen—this does not include everybody—discharge this obligation? He can easily inform himself, with a total amount of reading of not over ten hours, of the principal facts which will enable one to take an active and intelligent part in the work. He can be supplied, without cost with this literature by writing the Secretary of the State Board of Health at Raleigh to place his or her name on the mailing list for the monthly Bulletin. He can read articles on this subject appearing in this paper monthly. He can vote for aldermen, county commissioners, and legislators who are informed in regard to this important problem.

Baptists to Run an Excursion to Thomasville.

At the First Baptist church Sunday morning it was announced that the railroad authorities agreed to run a special train from Statesville to Thomasville and return Friday, 22nd, in order to allow the Baptists of Statesville and surrounding country, and their friends, to spend the day in picnic fashion at the Thomasville Orphanage. The money necessary to guarantee the train was quickly subscribed by business men of the Sunday-school and Messrs. H. C. Wilson, A. J. Evans, E. S. Millsaps, T. H. Warner and J. Paul Leonard were appointed a committee to cooperate with Mr. J. O. Funnell, superintendent of the Sunday-school, in making all necessary arrangements for the excursion and to have charge of the train. The train will leave Statesville in the early morning and return at night. It is probable that passengers will be taken on at Salisbury—Statesville landmark.

Meeting of Executive Committee.

The Democratic Executive Committee met in the Court house in Lexington on Saturday at 11 A. M. Wade H. Phillips, who has served well and faithfully as chairman tendered his resignation which was accepted and Mr. C. M. Thompson was chosen unanimously to succeed him.

The date of the primaries for election of delegates to the County Convention was set for August 13th, and the County Convention, at which the candidates for county offices will be nominated, will be held August 20th.

County Convention.

The County Convention, called for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Congressional, Judicial and Senatorial Conventions was held in Lexington on Saturday. The Convention assembled in the Court house at 12 o'clock with a fair attendance from the different precincts of the county. Chairman Thompson of the Executive Committee called Capt. F. C. Robbins to the chair and upon motion Capt. Robbins was made permanent chairman of the Convention and G. F. Cochran and T. L. Moore were elected Secretaries.

The following candidates for State offices were endorsed and the delegates to the State Convention were instructed to cast the vote of the county accordingly: For Chief Justice, Walter Clark; for Associate Justice, Platt D. Walker; for Corporation Commissioner, H. C. Brown.

R. N. Page was unanimously endorsed for Congress and W. C. Hammer for Solicitor. For Corporation Commissioners Davidson's fifteen votes in the State Convention will be divided as follows: Lee 7-10; Pearson 4-10; Graham 4-10; and for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court to succeed Judge Manning the vote will stand for Manning 121-10; Allen 29-10.

In the Judicial Convention Davidson's forty-five votes will be divided between Long and Wright. For Long 40-5; Wright 4-5. Chairman Robbins appointed H. O. Sink and G. Foster Hankins delegates to the Congressional Convention, which met in Rockingham Tuesday.

Upon the motion of Mr. Raper a committee of five was appointed by the chairman to nominate delegates to the State Convention the committee being as follows: Messrs. E. E. Raper, W. H. Phillips, W. B. Meares, S. W. Finch and John H. Moyer.

The committee nominated thirty delegates as follows: S. W. Finch, S. E. Williams, F. C. Robbins, C. C. Hargrave, Wade H. Phillips, E. B. Craven, G. Foster Hankins, C. B. Varner, Emery E. Raper, Jno. C. Bower, Jno. H. Mock, F. S. Lambeth, B. W. Parham, Archibald Johnson, W. O. Burgin, L. A. Martin, W. B. Meares, W. S. Owen, J. F. Hargrave, Geo. W. Montcastle, C. A. Hunt, E. I. Bugg, Jno. W. Lambeth, P. S. Vann, Jno. L. Miller, W. E. Holt, Jr., Dr. C. A. Julian, H. W. Dorsett, G. F. Cochran, Jno. Moyer.

Upon Motion Mr. E. E. Raper was chosen to select forty-five delegates to the Senatorial Convention, and the following were selected by Mr. Raper: C. M. Thompson, Wade H. Phillips, W. C. Wilson, R. R. Berrier, Gideon Sink, Chas. R. Thomas, Sam C. Grimes, Jas. A. Elliott, J. Stone, Jno. W. Bowers, A. L. Boggs, P. L. Ledford, W. F. Curry, Jno. H. Crotts, Jno. W. Lee, A. J. Beck, B. F. Lanier, E. I. Harrison, T. W. Daniel, W. A. Reid, H. Val Baggett, W. M. C. Surratt, L. S. Burkhead, B. R. Cross, Lewis Rogers, H. L. Palmer, Lee Stoner, Philip A. Hedrick, J. B. Baily, C. F. Swicegood, G. M. Thompson, W. J. Giles, J. T. Williams, Walter Warner, W. B. Hampton, Jacob A. Teah, J. C. Ripple, C. F. Lindsay, D. B. Clineard, Reid Dorsett, R. W. Conrad.

Women to Play Ball Here.

Capt. Chas. Lambeth announces that he has made arrangements for a game between the home team and Al. P. Gibbs Ladies' Baseball Club next Tuesday, June 12th, admission 25 cents. The ladies have a reputation for playing snappy ball and the game should be worth the price. Game called 4:00 P. M.

It takes seed as well as soil to make things grow.

THE VOICE OF BLOOD CRIETH.

"Crieth Unto Me From the Ground," Saith the Almighty—Capital Punishment is God's Law and Unpunished Murder is a Violation of the Divine Command.

Human life is one thing which is cheap today. The land is full of violence and largely so because the courts fail to execute exact justice. In our opinion there can be no humane government worthy of the name without capital punishment. This indeed seems to be the basis of government. The divine abhorrence of murder is seen in the Almighty's curse upon us as well as his statement to the first murderer:

"The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto Me from the ground."

The voice of blood! The age in which we live seems to have forgotten that blood has a voice.

That was God's first word about murder. There must have been a good deal of it in the earth in the general wickedness which culminated in the judgment of the Deluge. There is a hint of the conditions which prevailed in this day dawn time of history in what Lamech said to his two wives: "I have slain a young man who wounded me." Of course old Lamech was acting in self-defense. After God's "great moral wash day," as Noah emerges from the ark, and God is giving mankind a new steer, a fresh start, almost the first we hear Him say—as He remembers the pre Deluge violence—is:

"Surely your blood of your lives will I require; . . . at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man."

"Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made He man."

When was this divine law ever abrogated? What right have States—as some States have done—to forbid capital punishment, to abolish into the death penalty? The increase of the mandarin sentiment against capital punishment has got a good deal to do with the infrequency of convictions for murder today. It is contrary to the divine mandate. The success of human government is absolutely dependent upon the just infliction of the death penalty. Yes, it is terrible to swing a human soul out in eternity from a scaffold, but not more so than to shoot a ball or plunge a knife into a human heart. Anything else will culminate into utter anarchy. The voice of blood crieth unto me from the ground.

The voice of Abel's blood as it stained with crimson the green grass about the sheepfold was but a baby's wail. If it reached unto heaven, how the sound waves of unavenged 20th century murder must be battering the bottom sides of the golden streets. It is enough to crack the ear-drums of a million angels. The earth is become a vast phonograph, reverberating in to the very ear of God the red din of unpunished murder. The voice of old Dr. Payne's blood, the voice of Carmack's blood, the voice of Wm. Simpson's blood all this blood tone may not be loud enough for cowardly jurors to hear, but it "crieth unto Me" saith the Almighty. It is more than apt to take a two-weeks term at the judgment to finish up with guilty money, guilty influence, etc., in the unavenged human murder cases. Statesmen, judges, lawyers, citizen jurors—listen to the voice of blood.—The Hickory Democrat.

BOY LOST!

Ten dollars reward will be given for information of the place of Olin Jarrett, who disappeared from Bear Creek Texas, about five months ago. He is about 19 years old, right leg shorter than left and walks with a slight limp. He is 5 feet 8 in. tall, weight about 130 pounds, blue eyes, fair skin, and light hair. Last news heard of him was a letter mailed at Bear Creek, Tex., five months ago. Any information as to his fate will be deeply appreciated by his father, Mr. W. H. Jarrett, Thomasville, N. C. (Texas papers please copy.)

What He Was Practicing.

A friend of the family had dropped in to see a young lawyer whose father was still paying his office rent. "So you are now practicing law," the old friend said, genially. "No, sir," said the candid youth. "I appear to be, but I am really practicing economy." —Youth's Companion.

STATE NEWS.

Pott and Page have been renominated.

Thirty barrels of beer were seized by revenue officers in High Point, July 1st.

A building to cost not less than \$5,000 will be erected at the Jackson Training School at Concord as a monument to Bill Nye.

Hon. Richard H. Battle, who led the ticket nominated in Wake county in the recent primaries has been endorsed for Speaker of the House.

Whitehead Klutz made a great hit in an address at Asbury Park New Jersey on the 4th of July. The Northern papers have been ringing his praise.

Dr. John M. Faison, of Duplin county was nominated last Wednesday to succeed Hon. Chas. R. Thomas as the member of Congress from the 3rd district.

After balloting for 567 times the Democratic Convention of the Third District at last nominated Dr. John M. Faison of Duplin county to succeed the present Congressman Chas. R. Thomas of Newbern in the next National House of Representatives.

The Gaston cotton mills that agreed some days ago to curtail their output closed down Monday and will remain idle for a month or more. All the Gaston mills have signed the agreement except four and of these one will close down this week.

Mary Bray, a 12-year-old girl of Currituck county was killed Friday by the accidental discharge of a shot gun in the hands of a boy who was shooting snakes from a skiff, in which the unfortunate pair had gone for a ride with a party of young people.

A conference between the local Chamber of Commerce and officials of the Norfolk & Southern railroad was held in Wilson, July 1st, over the matter of the Norfolk & Southern's passenger schedule. The railroad promised to attend to the matter and see that Wilson gets better service.

A dead-lock is on in the Fifth District Democratic Congressional Convention which has been in session in Greensboro since Tuesday. Major C. M. Stedman, of Greensboro, ex-judge C. H. Jones, of Winston-Salem, and Dr. Mebane, of Leaksville, are the candidates. Major Stedman went into the Convention considerably in the lead and has maintained his position without being able to strengthen it.

High Point was deeply stirred Sunday afternoon by the arrest of one Dr. Vestal and his wife on a charge of outrageous malpractice. It seems that Vestal performed a criminal operation on two young girls and then got doped or drunk and left them to die. The attention of the authorities was called to the case Sunday and on investigating they found one girl dying and both in a horrible condition in Vestal's house. Vestal and his wife were arrested but the popular indignation was so aroused that they had to be removed to Greensboro and locked in Guilford county jail for safe keeping.

A rather unusual crime was committed in Wilmington last Friday in the theft of a locomotive. I. G. Meares, a young white man of Rosedale, desiring to reach his home quickly boarded an A. C. L. engine standing in the yards and before the trainmen realized what was happening, jerked the throttle open. The engine dashed off through the yards but after running about 100 yards jumped the track and the drivers were buried in the sand, else it would have gone into the Cape Fear river. Meares was arrested, and the two physicians stated that he did not appear to be of sound mind. Coast Line officials have not decided what course will be pursued in regard to prosecuting him.

Judicial Convention.

The Judicial Convention called for the purpose of nominating Democratic candidates for Judge and Solicitor of the 10th Judicial District will meet in Lexington Friday July 8th. The results of the Convention are already settled, but the session will be interesting and it is hoped that all Democrats, who can do so, will attend.

Wallburg News.

Prof. Kader R. Curtis left Thursday for Boston to attend the National Educational assembly, which is now in session there. It is a rare opportunity to be present at this great educational movement and breathe the atmosphere of such an assembly.

Miss Mary Farrell and brother, Master Vanbeuren, who have been guests at the home of Mr. G. W. Wall have returned to their homes in Winston-Salem.

Mr. Caspar J. App of Lynchburg, Va. dropped in on business Friday.

Mrs. Price of Concord accompanied by her sister, Miss Furgurson, of Statesville was a visitor here Mrs. Price was making arrangements for her two daughters to enter Liberty Piedmont.

Mr. C. M. Wall has gone to High Point on business.

Mr. Moore of the Lexington Leader was in town the last of the week in interest of the Leader.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Siceloff of High Point were recent visitors.

Quite a large number from our town attended the Annual Meeting of the Thomasville Orphanage last Wednesday. All reported a very pleasant day, and spoke very highly of Dr. Kilgo's address.

Mr. Earl Byerly was in town Saturday. Mr. Byerly is from High Point and was arranging to enter the Institute.

Miss Iola Wall has been visiting her little friend, Miss Mary Alice Siceloff of High Point, who left Thursday for Philadelphia, where she will enter school.

The famous "Lineback Family" gave a delightful musicale in the Junior Order Hall Thursday night.

A merry crowd of young people went for a ride out to Abbotts Creek Friday night. The ride was given complimentary to Miss Mary Farrell.

Rev. O. A. Keller leaves Monday for the western part of the state in interest of the Institute. The Secretary of the school says that application for rooms are coming in on every mail, and that it is evident that every dormitory room will be taken long before the opening.

The water supply of the town is now being improved.

The well is being enlarged with several other improvements.

Mr. T. S. Wall has gone to Greensboro for a few days.

The friends of Mrs. R. F. Charles will be glad to know that she is slowly improving.

Mr. E. E. Jenkins left this morning for Greensboro.

A CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Lambeth and family wish to express their sincere thanks to their friends for their kindness and sympathy in their recent bereavement.

Mr. Robert Crouch Deed.

A death which shocked the whole community occurred Sunday evening when Mr. Robert Crouch succumbed to appendicitis. Mr. Crouch retired Friday night in apparent good health; about one o'clock he was taken violently ill and Dr. Peacock was summoned, but little could be done for the unfortunate man, who sank rapidly all day Saturday and died shortly after 7 o'clock Sunday.

Mr. Crouch leaves a wife and one child to whom their friends' sympathy will go out in their great bereavement.

Public Installation.

The Thomasville Lodge of Masons held their public installation of officers last Friday night. Short speeches were made by Messrs. Chas. Lambeth, B. W. Parham, G. Wood and F. S. Lambeth. The lodge was thrown open to the public and cake and cream were served to all comers, on the first floor.

The following officers were installed: G. A. Jester, Worshipful Master; J. W. Boyles, Senior Warden; J. W. Lambeth, Treasurer; Pern Mason, Secretary; E. J. Seagrave, Senior Deacon; M. H. Stone, Junior Deacon; Wm. Marsh, Tyler; T. F. Harris, Marshal.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Southern Railway conductors are rejoicing over an advance in their salaries.

Georgia peaches are moving northward over the Southern Railway at the rate of 100 cars a day.

Jeffries received \$117,000 for his drubbing; Johnson whipped his man and pocketed \$120,000 besides.

South Carolina's first class farming is laid at the door of her intelligent and industrious negro farmers.

A report is current that President Taft has his eye on Gov. Hughes as the successor of Chief Justice Fuller. The President could hardly make a better selection.

The picture shows are counting on making a fortune out of the Jeffries-Johnson fight, but many cities are forbidding them to show this very interesting conflict.

Postmaster General Hitchcock believes he will be able to reduce the deficit of the post office department this year ten million dollars. Wonder why he has not been doing this before?

A female candidate for president of the National Educational Association is making a strong run. But being as she is a woman she will probably be defeated, and her sisters will be the cause of it.

Race riots in sixteen cities, from New York to New Orleans followed the announcement of the result of Jeffries-Johnson prize fight Monday night. One white man and several negroes were killed, scores were injured, and hundreds of arrests made.

Atlanta has passed an ordinance prohibiting the production of prize fights the penalty for violation of the ordinance being \$500 fine 30 days imprisonment and the forfeiture of the theatre's license. The House of Representatives of the Louisiana Legislature has likewise passed a resolution urging the mayors and police authorities of the towns and cities of the State to forbid the showing of prize fights in picture shows. Mobile, Columbia and Birmingham have also fallen in line.

Melville W. Fuller, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States died suddenly of heart failure at Bar Harbor, Me., July 4th. He was born in Maine but went West when a young man and was appointed to the Supreme Court from Chicago by President Grover Cleveland in 1881. To Mr. Chief Justice Fuller belongs the honor of third place in length of service in that Chief Justice Marshall served 34 years, Chief Justice Tandy served 23 years, and Chief Justice Fuller served 22 years.

Altered Days.

Says the Griffin, Ga., Herald: "No longer does the plowman homeward plod his weary way."

No indeed. The plowman plods no more; and seldom is he weary. He is about the perkiest, chipperest gentleman in all creation nowadays. Things are coming this way—coming in clusters, bunches, and festoons, we might say.

There was a time when the farmer was a humble citizen, whose principal business was paying the tithes and voting cheap skates in political offices. Now all that is changed. The farmer is the most independent, up-to-the-minute, got more where-that-came-fromish individual at large and around and about the country! He is the cock of the walk; and it is his walk, to a large and more or less extensive extent, moreover.

We know all this must be so because the newspapers throughout the land are ringing with "W. The 'Back to the farm' slogan has even the 'Back from Elba' washpot grunting a poor second. Everybody who is anybody, and everybody else, is patting the farmer on his broad and amply clothed back and saying, "Go it Reuben! You are it with a great big 'K' on it!"

No sir! The plowman plods his weary way no more. He scapes it, inside the speed limit, of course, in an automobile!—The Jackson Hourly Journal.

The decision to erect a monument to Bill Nye in the form of a building at the Jackson Training School, was a happy one, and we trust that people will respond gladly and speedily erect this monument of service.