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THE PUBLIC DEFENDER.

The country in general is just beginning to realize that heretofore a very necessary official of the judiciary has been entirely overlooked, i. e., the Public Defender.

Los Angeles proved that often the indigent criminal was "more sinned against than sinning," and that in the past many persons, guilty of no greater crime than poverty, had been railroaded to prison, not through any individual prejudice on the part of the judge trying the case, but due to an obstacle system which provided for the appointing of a youthful and generally inexperienced lawyer, just out of school, to defend the accused.

The Western City has pointed the way. New York is following suit. One by one the daily newspapers and weekly and monthly magazines are starting to advocate the proposition, and before long States and municipalities in every section of the country will be endorsing and instituting the idea.

Interviews with prosecuting attorneys in various cities show that these officials also recognize the necessity of providing some other system than the one now in vogue, and consensus of opinion is that the creation of the office of Public Defender will work to the benefit of the community in general, and incidentally be a money saver.

Statistics show that nearly every city of any size appropriates yearly a greater sum of money for the payment of lawyers appointed to defend indigent prisoners than would be needed to pay the salary and office expenses of a first-class man.

COL. A. B. ANDREWS.

In the recent death of Col. Alexander Boyd Andrews, first vice president of the Southern Railway, Anderson lost one of the staunchest friends the city has ever had.

In the current issue of Southern Bulletin News, a publication devoted to the Southern Railway and associated lines and their employees, the following appreciation of Col. Andrews appears:

In a time of crisis, no one ever had to ask where he would stand. There was never a doubt that he would firmly maintain a position, taken after due deliberation, or the thought that there would never be a question of his responsibility.

Col. Andrews had many noble qualities as well as conspicuous ability which won for him a high degree of success in life, but it was loyalty to every trust and to every friend that bound others to him and which more than anything else is responsible for the wide-spread sorrow at his death.

Identifying Battle Victims. Each of the armies in the great war has a regular system which enables it to identify the dead, says the Christian Herald.

Do not eat rising bread in bowls and tins with a dry cloth. Instead, copy with a damp cloth wrung out in warm water.

PRESS COMMENT.

Columbia State. The dispatches from the front silence the question as to when the Allies will end the war by defeating the Teutons and raise the new one as to how long the Allies will be able to hold out against them.

Of course the victory over the Russians in the Carpathians by no means ends the war or points to the conclusion of it. Events may take on another complexion in a month or a day.

It is the Teutons who are exemplifying to the world the most amazing fighting that it has yet witnessed.

Label Suit Growing Steadily. From the viewpoint of the general public, whatever interest originally attached to the Barnes-Roosevelt suit has disappeared.

Both Celebrating. Berlin is celebrating a great victory. Doubtless Petrograd with equal enthusiasm is celebrating a great strategic withdrawal.

Doubtful. A North Carolina exchange has an editorial on "Hope for hostery men" which is an intimation that Tar Heels have about reached the point where they are willing to risk wearing socks.

Fire Horses' Lodging. Through the kindness of Mr. B. F. McKellar all horses that will be shipped to Greenwood for the firemen's tournament will be kept free of charge in the large stable on Maxwell avenue.

Rah! For Pickens. Did you notice the slight mention in the papers of other sections given to Pickens winning the state track meet? Perhaps it was because our boys are from the "mountains."

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PALMETTO PRESS.

This Man's Idea About It. Vic. Murdock asserts that the political solidarity of the South is disintegrating. Unless the negro is debarring from voting and holding office, the South will remain sold for long after Murdock is dead, buried and forgotten.

An Old Sall. "It would be foolish for us to get into a naval war, Colonel Roosevelt has had no training in sea fighting," says the News and Courier.

Back to the Old-Time Ground. Ex-pr appears once more to rival Prejimmishall as a baffle of articulation.

Just Getting to Be Awful. New York physicians sewed up a man's heart the other day and he is still living.

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WIT AND HUMOR.

Col. Roosevelt says he didn't move his little finger to get the nomination for the vice presidency.

I'd like to go to the seaside. Where the frisky girls be, I'd like to go to the seaside.

A self-made man generally is highly pleased with what he has made of himself, but just as soon as he is married his wife has to go to work and make a new man of him.

The judge who would prohibit women from marrying should be impeached as a simpleton.

A distinguished Oxford professor offers to bestow upon the United States all right and title in the city of Constantinople and the waterways leading to it.

Irish Result (enthusiastically). Yes sir—for the duration of the war, or longer if it lasted.

Chauncey M. Depew has just celebrated his eighty-first birthday, and is now almost as old as some of his anecdotes.

Little Mary had been sent to the store to get some fly paper.

Advertisement for B.D. Grant Co. shoes. You can just put your foot in our hands. Here are the oxfords that will keep your feet off your mind.

ABOUT THE STATE.

Plenty of Fish. A Rock Hill man stated to a representative of The Enquirer Friday, that there were lots of fish in the Catawba river near the Catawba Power Company's dam, this season.

Business All Right. Local merchants were much pleased with business Saturday. "It was just like old times," said one, while another remarked, "We have done more business today than in a long time before."

Use a small toothbrush for cleaning around the handles of teacups and saucers, and for dishes with rough surfaces or raised designs.

Mr. Hall Caine began life as an architect.

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ODDS AND ENDS.

Tab on Washerwomen. On and after the first of June every washerwoman, or other persons or firm-engaged in the laundry business, must secure a certificate of registration from the city department of health.

In Lumber Town. Truly, this lovely morning comes as a convincing proof that spring is here in all its glory.

Oldest Veteran. John Henry Elbert, native of Lexington, this State, residing now at Webbers Falls, Okla., is probably the oldest of living Confederate veterans.

Recruiting Officer. You want to enlist, eh? "Yes sir—for the duration of the war, or longer if it lasted."

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