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Editor Connors of the Lancaster News wants the streets of that town cleared up for church-going people, even if the work has to be done on Sunday.—Chester Reporter.

Yes, and they are going to be "cleaned up," too, but the work will be done Saturday night's and not Sunday mornings, so Mayor Wylie informs us. The Mayor heartily commends the stand taken by THE NEWS in this matter.

Thomas Dixon's play, "The Clansman," now being presented to Southern audiences, is provoking no end of discussion as to its merits and demerits. Some editors are denouncing the play in unmeasured terms, while others are enthusiastic in its praise. No having seen the "The Clansman", we are not in a position to commend or condemn it. The chief objection to it seems to be that its rendition in the South intensifies the feeling between the two races. If it is really having that effect the sooner it is taken off the boards the better.

President Roosevelt continues to draw immense crowds at the various points in the South he is visiting. It is estimated that fifty thousand people gathered in Atlanta last Friday to see and hear Teddy. His speeches are all conservative in tone and filled with praise and admiration for the South and the Southern people. In one of his addresses last week the president took occasion to say a good word for the Cotton Growers' Association, which he said shall have the support of the national government. Mr. Roosevelt was in Mobile Monday, Montgomery and Birmingham yesterday and today will visit Little Rock. Tomorrow he goes to New Orleans.

The law-abiding citizens of York are going to organize for the suppression of liquor selling in the county. A mass meeting will be held in Yorkville salesday in November to map out a plan of action. Lancaster would do well to follow York's

example. An overwhelming majority of the citizens of Lancaster county who voted in the recent election having declared themselves in favor of prohibition, it now behooves all citizens, irrespective of their individual views, or how they voted, whether for or against the dispensary, to do all in their power to carry into effect the expressed will of the majority. Let every man do his duty. If you know of the existence of a blind tiger, report him to the officers of the law. The people must uphold the hands of the public officers if they expect the latter to achieve substantial results.

THE MATTER OF BAIL AGAIN.

The Chester Lantern continues to hammer away on the subject of bail in homicide cases. It is an important subject, it is true, but it is more than likely that the readers of both the Lantern and THE NEWS are beginning to tire of its discussion in the columns of the two papers and would welcome a change to other topics, especially since neither of us is advancing anything new in support of our respective positions. Nor does there seem to be the slightest chance of the one convincing the other of the correctness of his views.

We are surprised to see in the last issue of the Lantern an intimation that it does not think its position has been correctly stated in these columns. Our esteemed contemporary seems to entertain the idea that we should have reproduced what it said. Nothing would have given us more pleasure had we known our contemporary desisted it. We have but followed its own course in this discussion, republishing, we thought, fully as much of its matter as it was reproducing of ours. We have honestly endeavored in every instance to state fairly the Lantern's views, and it has yet to point out wherein we have failed to do so correctly.

The Lantern insists on it that the granting of bail—but, taking our contemporary's hint, we give its own words:

"In a murder case, we do not think it is largely a matter of speculation as to what weight, if any, the granting of bail has with the jury." Whether or not "it is not reasonable to suppose that they are influenced" etc., need not be discussed so long as the cold, stubborn fact remains that they are thus influenced, as is shown by the long list of white men with red hands who walk at large testifying to other bad men that they can dye their hands in human blood with impunity."

Now in a previous article our contemporary said "the granting of bail has about the same effect as a judge's instructing a jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty."

In other words, in the opinion of the Lantern, "men with red hands" are now at liberty because they were released on bail, instead of being confined in prison, in advance of the trial of their cases on their merits.—It practically absolves the trial judges and the juries of all responsibility and places it upon the judges by whom the bail

proceedings were heard. Why not place the blame where it properly belongs? Has it never occurred to the Lantern that public sentiment and the juries of the country have something to do with what are generally regarded as miscarriages of justice?

The position taken by our esteemed contemporary strikes us as a most remarkable one.—Why, you might with equal propriety hold the woodpecker responsible for the keyhole, or the squirtbug for high tide.

The Lantern asks us if we can recall a case where "any man out on bond has been convicted of murder." There was a case of that kind at the court here just closed, to go back no farther. John Sadler, who had been granted bail, was found guilty of murder, with a recommendation to mercy, and is now in the penitentiary serving a life sentence. The granting of bail evidently had no effect on the jury in his case; nor do we believe that it has any appreciable weight in any case, but we see no prospect of convincing our Chester friend of the fact.

MORE APPRECIATED PRAISE.

We have received many letters filled with generous praise since THE NEWS was launched on the troublous sea of journalism, but none more appreciated than the following from our good and scholarly friend the Rev. R. L. Robinson, pastor of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church of Camden, Alabama:

"As I have been out of this state for ten days I have not had opportunity hitherto to express to you the pleasure I feel in seeing you at the head of the new consolidated paper—THE LANCASTER NEWS. It was no surprise to observe on turning to the editorial page that you had been selected as its editor-in-chief; it would have been a surprise if you had not been selected. You come to the new paper after a long apprenticeship—when you have had time to prove to the people the stuff of which you are made, and they in turn have learned to admire the honesty of your convictions even when they differ with you: so I am sure you were selected because of the popular demand. You have been sitting in an editorial sanctum so long that it is about as natural to go there to find you as it would be to go to a river to find a fish.

In recent years I have hoped that you might round out your life of public service at the head of a large city daily; and this may be a step in that direction. I should rejoice to see you the editor-in-chief of such a paper. Acquaintance, though, is to a professional man what goods are to a merchant—his stock in a trade; and this is largely thrown away when a man changes his place of business. And, say what one pleases about city lawyers, city doctors, city preachers, and city editors, there is something to be said for those following similar professions in a small town. While I have not seen as much as you of human life, I have observed—and you will doubtless agree with me in the observation—few more delightful relationships between men than those uniting a town lawyer, a town physician, a town teacher, or a town editor with his people. Friendships of this kind enrich, ennoble, strengthen, bless. The

quick-moving years do not weaken, but strengthen the ties which bind; the area of influence unconsciously widens if the passing years are faithfully improved, until wide shadows are cast; the joy in service more and more overshadows the mere return in dollars for the service rendered; and should one live to be what the world calls "an old man" he weaves his personal qualities into the inmost lives of a host of people who give him back affectionate interest in return for what he has given them; and finally when his work is done and his place is vacant sincere sorrow is felt by those among whom he has lived. Of a truth such a life is worth living; it is worth seeking for; it is worth denying one's self many of the luxuries and delights of life in a large city.

I read only last night a little volume, "Music and Other Poems" by Prof. Henry van Dyke, and was impressed with one of the poems, the Three Best Things. Here is his ideal of work which I venture to suggest as the motto of your new sanctum:

"Let me but do my work from day to day,
In field or forest, at the desk or loom,
In roaring market-place or tranquil room;
Let me but find it in my heart to say,
When vagrant wishes beckon me astray,
"This is my work; my blessing, not my doom;
"Of all who live, I am the one by whom
This work can best be done in the right way."

Then shall I see it not too great, nor small,
To suit my spirit and to prove my powers;
Then shall I cheerfully greet the laboring hours,
And cheerful turn, when the long shadows fall
At eventide, to play and love and rest;
Because I know for me my work is best."

Of course I wish to have my subscription for the "News" continued. The home paper, like the home letter, is not a dispensable luxury.

Assuring you of my continued interest in your welfare and your work, and hoping that the last turn of your road will be the best always, I am,

Yours very sincerely,
R. L. Robinson.

The Public Roads.

Road overseers should by all means heed the notice of Supervisor Gardner, which appears elsewhere. There is much complaint as to the condition of the public roads and it is to be hoped that the overseers will hasten to cooperate with the county supervisor in his effort to improve their condition.—There are about two hundred overseers in this county, and while some of them have discharged their duty by having their roads worked, there are a number of others who have not as yet made any move in the matter.

Let every overseer who has not already done so, order out at once all hands in his territory liable to road duty, and see if he cannot make the road for which he is responsible show up better than it is doing now.

Road working is, of course, an unpleasant sort of duty, but traveling over bad roads is still more unpleasant, and the way to avoid the latter is to discharge the former and have the matter over with.

Mrs. M. J. Perry returned Monday night from her visit to Atlanta.

Death of Mrs. Wesley Hilton.

Mrs. Sarah Ann Hilton, widow of the late Wesley Hilton, died suddenly last Monday morning, about 6 o'clock, at her home in the Haile Mine section. She was the second wife of Mr. Hilton and was about 55 years of age. She was a most estimable lady and leaves a large circle of relatives and friends to lament her death. Mrs. Hilton is survived by the following children: Mrs. W. M. Clanton, of this place; Mrs. A. L. Jordan, of Hartsville; Mrs. Frank Threat, of Newberry; Mrs. John Sims, of Columbia, and Messrs. L. D. and P. L. Hilton, of this county. The remains were buried at Pleasant Plain church.

A. R. P. Presbytery to Meet at Shiloh.

The first Presbytery of the A. R. P. church will meet at Shiloh on the 31st instant. About 65 delegates are expected to attend. The opening sermon will be preached Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, by the Rev. J. S. Grier, of Sharon. Presbytery will remain in session two days, Tuesday and Wednesday. On the latter day the holy communion will be administered. The Rev. T. B. Stewart, of Back Creek, N. C., is the moderator elect.

It goes without saying that the members of Presbytery and other visitors will be handsomely entertained by the hospitable people of the Shiloh community.

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NOTICE.—To the public generally I will not be in my office on Friday and Saturday next but will be there on Tuesday the 31st inst.
Respectfully,
M. C. Gardner,
Co., Sup.

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E. C. Lanier. tf.

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