

The following very sensible article we find in one of our favorite exchanges, the New York Herald. It deserves publicity:

AMONG OTHER LEGAL REFORMS there is one that we would strictly insist upon—the abolition of imprisonment of witnesses for the incarceration of a man simply for the reason that he was a casual spectator of another's iniquity in a satire upon reason and a mockery upon justice, deleterious to the course of pure judgment as it is repulsive to common sense. How stands the case with a man cognizant to the commission of a crime, will he voluntarily step forward to aid the administration of justice when he is immured within a dungeon, while the offender is rioting at large upon bail; or, on the contrary, he seeks every possible means to elude the vigilance of the officers, on the alert to catch and imprison an honest man, with the same alacrity they would arrest a felon. When the sight of crime becomes criminal and the act of vision ensures participation in offences, how much more safe will it be for all upright men to close their eyes and permit the criminal in fact to revel with free impunity. As unwise, as tyrannic, the law, obliging a witness to be recognized, or incarcerated, should be abolished or rendered nugatory—let man be punished for his own transgressions and not for those of his neighbor. But how remedy the evil? By a speedy administration of justice, by destroying the formality of a grand jury, an absurdity whose functions can be transferred to the examining magistrate, and further by lessening the tedium of a preliminary examination. A stranger, however respectable at home, may herein a crowded city, unknown to men of wealth, be unable to obtain bail for his appearance as a witness in the trial of some important case; that man may lay in prison and rot; his business may be ruined; his wife and children buried in the trial can be called on, owing to the vexatious protractedness of court and counsel. The witness has served at least one portion of the term of punishment by right appertaining to the criminal. Let a man be incarcerated by a foreign government, be it even for a day, on the suspicion of guilt, and the full mouthed press-brails in vindictive spleen, but by our own law, a citizen of our land may breathe the noxious air of a prison house for years from no crime of his own commission. If witnesses are to be detained let them be treated with humane consideration and not to a felon's fate, as by the existing laws they most assuredly are."

The Cavalla Messenger—Africa.

We are indebted to Col. G. F. Townes, for Vol. 1 No. 1, of a little sheet bearing the above title. It was included in a long and interesting letter, written by Miss Martha Willford, to her friend and Christian sister, the late Mr. E. A. Townes, whose recent and untimely death we have so recently announced. The *Cavalla Messenger*, has for its motives the very appropriate words, "Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands to God." The *Messenger* is edited by the Missionaries stationed at Cavalla, Miss Willford being one of them, and in the *Jebo* language.—Miss Willford indicates in pencil marks the articles written by herself in the *Jebo*. When we reflect that our fair townsman was but recently among us and as profoundly ignorant of the *Jebo* people and their language as any boy, and that in the lapse of about two years she has found her way to Africa, as a devoted and self-sacrificing Missionary of her Lord and Master, and has become an Edith of a paper in the language of the *Jebo*, we not only feel that she confers honor on Greenville, but that she gives character to her sex, and merits and, as we humbly hope, receives the approving smiles of heaven. It was not our good fortune to have the personal acquaintance of Miss Willford, but she is represented to us, by those who know her well, as one of the most amiable, pious and gifted ladies our Town and District have known.—*Greenville Montaineer*.

The next Governor.

It is beginning to be a matter of some interest who will be our next chief magistrate. Both the low and middle country have made nominations, in every way worthy of the distinguished post, and we desire to present the claims of the up-country. No feelings merely sectional could induce us to do so, did we not regard the Hon. Daniel Wallace equal in every respect with the other distinguished gentlemen who have already been spoken of in connection with the office.

We know of no man in South Carolina who is possessed of higher qualifications for this exalted station than the honorable gentleman referred to. He has filled, in succession, almost every office, both civil and military, within the gift of the State, from the lowest to the highest, except the one in question, and has as yet found no limit to his capacity to discharge their duties in the most distinguished manner, as Magistrate, Commissioner in Equity, member of the Legislature, and a representative in Congress; and in all the grades of military, from the lowest to that of Major-General, he has come up to the mark of the perfect officer. Possessing an accurate knowledge of the details of office, he has, at the same time, a mind comprehensive enough to grapple with its most intricate and important duties.

Were it not for the fact that our members in the Federal Legislature are utterly powerless, we would feel much hesitation in withdrawing him from a position which he is so eminently fitted to occupy; but the time has come when South Carolina needs her distinguished sons at home. As they cannot accomplish anything in bringing back the Federal Government to its pristine purity, we should at least employ them in promoting the prosperity and elevating the character of our own beloved commonwealth.

We make this nomination without the knowledge of Gen. Wallace, but with a full conviction of the importance of the office, and of his fitness to discharge its responsible duties.—*Laurensville Herald*.

MR. WALTER has positively declined to accept the mission to England, and it is now asserted that Mr. Crittenden will be appointed in place of Mr. Abbott Lawrence.

The Loved and Lost.

The Journal of Commerce furnishes its readers with the following affecting sketch. It is a picture in real life—a vision of truth.

A lady was riding, some years since, through Connecticut, in her father's carriage, when they were brought to a stop by a woman coming from a cottage, near which they passed, and beckoning to them. Drawing the rein tight and stopping his horses, Mr. T.—waited her approach. As she came nearer, her face appeared intelligent and attractive, but melancholy withal, and her eye was restless and roving; but as she reached the side of the carriage, and laid her hand on the window edge, she gazed with intense earnestness into the face of the lady, and asked, "Have you seen William, anywhere?"

Starting at the proximity of a deranged person must have been, the lady had sufficient presence of mind to assure her that she had not seen William, and the poor wretched by the roadside turned away with a sigh.

Years had passed, and the incident was almost forgotten, when, a few weeks ago, the same lady, now the wife of a lawyer in this city, was riding through Fulton street, in Brooklyn. A loud cry attracted her attention, and looking at the sidewalk, she saw a woman with streaming hair and wild eye running down the street, screaming—"Willy, Willy, Willy," in a voice that seemed, as she described it to be, so unutterably mournful and thrilling, that it must reach the ear of him she called, unless that ear was sealed in the silence of death.

Was this the same person she had met long ago in Connecticut? and had her poor wandering brain been seething all these years for the boy she loved—and searching all in vain? Who was he? and where on the broad earth had he kept himself out of the reach of that wild love? She had asked a million of persons if they had seen him, and none knew him. She had called him in the forest, in the crowded city, in the day and in the night, now hopelessly, now mournfully, and always he had answered not. Or was he, perchance, beyond answering, and did the voice reach him in that land whence he might not reply to her, however much his soul might yearn towards her?

Mayhap, if so it be, and she strive hard—mayhap, some pleasant evening, when she sits alone, and murmurs his name to accents of unchanging affection, God may grant to him utterance in tones that will reach her world of heart, and then—how it spring back through the long years, and with the vigorous freshness and beauty of youth and youthful love, go forth to meet him! Or, as these lines will in one day go further than she can in a thousand, if William be anywhere on the earth, and his conscience tells him he is wandering from a heart he owes allegiance to, let him know when he reads this that there is ringing all through the world, now here, now there, a voice that is calling him mournfully, but, oh, how lovingly, back to arms that yearn to embrace him.

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While here I wander in strange lands,
When I have wove with friends to be,
In friendship's truest social bands.
My father, oftimes brought to mind,
While riding to and fro I be;
My mother, too, I think I find,
When I think of the "Old Oak Tree."

My brothers there I've stored with,
In days I love to think of now—
My sisters, too, I've dandled there,
Beneath the old oak's wide spread bough—
My uncles, aunts and cousins, too,
There I've met and played with ye,
(In days I hail with pleasure true)
In the shade of the "old oak tree."

And still there stands the "old oak tree,"
Majestic, and as green as ever
Upon the spot, the writer T.,
Will ne'er forget—no, never! never!
Old neighbors' boys there we have been,
In days and hours we'll no more see,
Still, as you pass by think of him
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Resolved, That Delegates and citizens from the Districts of Chester, Fairfield, Richmond, Kershaw, and Chesterfield, in this State, and also from Union County, N. C., are invited to attend said meeting and participate in its deliberations.

The Report and Resolutions of the Committee having been read, J. W. Cooke, Esq., addressed the meeting in favor of the report and resolutions—his remarks were brief, but spirited, and to the point. Mr. Williams also spoke in favor of the Preamble and Resolutions of the Committee, urging upon the meeting the great importance of the work to be accomplished, the entire practicability and success of the enterprise; and moved the unanimous adoption of the Preamble and Resolutions offered by the Committee.

The Preamble and Resolutions having been unanimously adopted, Mr. Williams then moved that the Report and Resolutions be published in the Lancaster Ledger until the first Monday in August next, and that the Chester, Winsboro, Columbia, Camden, Cheraw, and Charlotte papers be requested to copy.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OBTAINED from Judge Frost, at Chambers, in Columbia, I will sell at Lancaster Court House, on the first Monday in August next, within the legal hours of sale, the following property, viz:

THREE ACRES OF LAND, more or less, containing the Gold Mine, called the Funderburk Mine, adjoining lands of Uriah Funderburk, which was leased for a term of years by the said Uriah Funderburk, to Alexander Senton; also a Gold Mine Mill, a Whim, and other Gold Mine machinery, fixtures and appurtenances, situated thereon, and thereunto attached; all levied upon as the property of Alexander Senton, by virtue of Foreign Attachment, at the separate suits of Evan Threat, John Threat, and Hugh McManus, vs. Alexander Senton.

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All the above articles having been purchased mostly for cash, will be sold lower than the same article has usually been sold in this place. Call and see that this is no puffing.

Our Soda Fountain is now in operation, and we are prepared to accommodate our customers with Soda Water, Syrups, &c. Ice always on hand.

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