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We do not believe that the many pardons being granted to convicts by Gov. Bleasie will tend to deter men from committing crime.

Life is to be measured not by the miles traveled, but by the height ascended; not by length of years, but by what one puts into the years of character and well doing.

The strength of a nation is not in its wealth, or material prosperity, neither is it in the many millions of its people. It is to be found in morality and religion, in the sacredness and blessing of its home, and in reverence for law and government.

The indictments against the meat packers have been sustained. Now if a speedy trial can take place and no appeals be taken in event of the packers being found guilty, it will be an encouragement to proceed against other violators of law.

One wonders what sort of beauty those parents possess who didn't want to keep their baby because it was not pretty and so gave it to a Children's Home. They may have facial beauty, but of the beauty of love and character they must be utterly destitute.

The edict of the Chinese court that hereafter the Chinese shall keep Sunday free from work may have no immediate religious significance, yet it is difficult to see how the day, considering all its associations, can be generally kept without its religious origin and custom ultimately making its influence felt on the life and habits of the nation.

The Spartanburg Herald says: "The people have tired of the machine rule of the last decade and more, and they have expressed themselves against it in no uncertain tones. The only reason the senate itself is not Democratic today is because the people could not make it so with the election machinery at their hands. But they will do so yet." The Herald is right. If the Democrats follow out its present course, it will not only win the Senate, but the Presidency with it.

That was a significant incident the other day when Senator Newlands, in the United States senate, stated that he believed that a majority of the Republicans of the country are in sympathy with the insurgents, or progressives, and when the occupants of the galleries expressed their approval by engaging in the forbidden custom of applause. The vice-president found it necessary to admonish the occupants of the galleries that they must not indulge in demonstrations, either of approval or of disapproval.

Thomas Carlyle and Charles Dickens used to say that a statistic was the most dismal of men because his figures always had a depressing effect. That may have been true in their day, but the world has improved considerably since then. Now the statistic is, as a rule, one of the most optimistic of men and he makes his readers like-minded, for the statistics he presents usually show progress along moral, social and material lines. In fact they show that while a very great deal remains to be accomplished, life is becoming increasingly joyous and more harmonious because the spirit of brotherhood with all that it implies is abroad in the land and throughout the world.

The Spartanburg Journal says: "If Felder and Governor Bleasie would tell all they know about dispensary matters from the purchase of the first invoice of whiskey, it would make a book worth reading." May be so. But we do not believe that Felder knows much, as he would publish that book he promised. As to Gov. Bleasie's knowledge, we have no way of judging what he knows except what he let out about Felder, and that seems to have completely silenced that gentleman, so far as dispensary revelations are concerned. Felder was either indulging in hot air when he said he would publish his book, or he has been scared into silence by what the other side threatens to reveal regarding him.

The observance of "Mothers' Day" seems to be growing in favor, and that is well, for the more influence of the mother in the home is recognized and the greater the honor, love and reverence given her the better will it be for family life everywhere. The idea is now being advanced that there be a "Fathers' Day." That also is well, for most people believe the father is worth considering. But speaking generally, is there not a danger of these special days being overdone? So far as ministers and churches are concerned (and it naturally affects them most) the calendar of special Sundays is getting so full that soon there will be but few Sundays on which the ordinary services and work of a church can be carried out.

Most Powerful on Earth.

Americans are fond of referring to the senate of the United States in superlative terms as the "greatest legislative body on earth," etc. "But," says the Augusta Chronicle, "beside it the House of Commons in the British Parliament under the plan outlined in the veto bill now certain of adoption looms beside our own high council of state as a mountain against a mole-hill.

"The veto bill has passed the Commons, and opposition to it has broken down in the House of Lords. It is virtually certain that the peers, as they stand now, will contribute the necessary vote for reducing their body to a condition of absolute subserviency to the so-called lower house.

"The change will make the House of Commons, with its about 500 members, the dominant governmental factor in the British Empire. It will not only be absolute as to important legislation, but, indirectly, as to the executive and the courts.

"In this country, Congress has nothing to do with the selection of ministers, barring the power of confirmation possessed by the Senate. A President is chosen by the people and selects his assistants without regard to the completion of the legislative bodies. The majority in Congress may change without affecting the executive branch. Any act of the Congress may be annulled by the courts.

"These things are not so in England. Any act of Parliament is constitutional, for its acts make up the constitution. The legislative body is subject to no review by the courts. It could abolish the writ of habeas corpus tomorrow and strike from the constitution every right guaranteed by Magna Charta and no court could say nay. It would be answerable alone to the people.

"And at the same time, the 'government,' or executive department, is selected by or from the majority party in the House of Commons. The king, so far as his political powers go, is nothing but a reflection of the house. When the majority shifts the executive does likewise, for he is represented by the cabinet, which is rarely out of harmony with the ruling forces in the popular branch of the Legislature.

"In the matter of getting government close to the people, England has excelled. Rid of the anomalies and injustices in its election system it would be the most direct government the world has seen; with them, it is probably the most responsive to healthy public sentiment.

"No other assembly the world has ever known possessed or possesses the tremendous powers that hereafter will be exercised by the House of Commons. It will have dominating sway over every bit of the machinery of government. "But the system is the product of ages. It is far from perfection yet, but is nearer it perhaps than any other. The day will come when Great Britain will be the most perfect of Democratic governments."

Good So Far As It Goes.

The verdict against the Standard Oil Trust by the United States Supreme Court meets with universal satisfaction. It is in line with the opinion that the public generally has always held—the opinion that the trust was an octopus illegally restraining trade and enabling Mr. Rockefeller and his colleagues to draw enormous dividends at the expense of the consumer. All the same it will not do to be over sanguine as to the ultimate effect of the decision, which, stringent though it may be in some respects, leaves some important things unclear.

It must also be remembered that the Standard Oil has immense wealth, employs the highest legal talent and leaves no stone unturned by which it may circumvent the law. It has a reputation (which is common to most trusts) when it gets into a tight corner, of giving a letter obedience to law, while breaking it all to pieces in spirit. This the Standard Oil will no doubt strive to do now that the Supreme Court has decreed its abolition. In fact it is rumored that it may make its head office in London and by some hocus pocus method continue to do business much the same as ever. When the public sees some shrinkage in Oil dividends and a readiness to accept in good faith the decision of the Court, then people will believe that a new order of things in business life has come about.

In the meantime the decision is encouraging in that it shows that the greatest monopoly is not given the law. It is encouraging also in that it makes the way clear for reaching other illegal combinations.

Should Be Passed.

The Wisconsin legislature is considering a bill which provides that if a criminal pleads insanity as a defense the issue shall be tried at the same time as the criminal charge, and if the person so pleading is found insane he is to be committed to an insane asylum. If such a bill become law and the idea is adopted by other states, what is to become of the rich criminals? At present their plan is to plead insanity, get acquitted on the criminal charge, and immediately after recover their sanity. But such a plea will not avail if the Wisconsin idea carries, for the alternative sentence would be asylum or jail, and most people, rich malefactors especially, have a horror of both institutions. The only way to escape the danger would be abstinence from wrong-doing. Not only Wisconsin, but every state in the Union, should pass a law similar to the one mentioned above. It is not needed much in South Carolina, but it should be passed in this State, too.

Hidden Treasure.

Digging for reputed hidden treasure seems to have a fascination for many people. Probably it is owing to the mystery and uncertainty

associated with it. Many thousands of dollars have been spent in digging holes along the Atlantic coast in the vain quest for the plunder Captain Kidd is credited with having hidden. Led by a supposed cryptogram a Baconian enthusiast is boring in the bed of the river Wye in England for some mysterious cache which, he believes, will prove that Lord Bacon wrote Shakespeare's plays. And now a sensational report come that a party of scientists has excavated under the Mosque of Omar in Jerusalem and found King Solomon's crown and other treasures. All of which goes to show that besides the people who love the mysterious there are those who are eager to swallow the improbable.

Obituary.

On Saturday, May 5th, a large circle of friends and relatives gathered to pay the last sad tributes of love and respect at the funeral of Mrs. Rachel R. Pearson, who died at the advanced age of eighty-three years. She was the wife of Porter R. Pearson who died more than ten years ago. Sister Pearson was a faithful member of the Baptist church for more than seventy years. Said she: "When I joined the church I gave my heart to Christ and never took it back any more." Her husband was a member of the Methodist church but being members of different churches caused no unpleasantness in the home life. Ministers of both denominations were welcome guests in their home. In deference to the ordinance of his church she had her children baptized in infancy, and they tented and entertained hospitably at the Methodist camp meetings. To them were born thirteen children, two of which died in infancy and two others have since died. Six sons and three daughters survive to mourn her departure. Their names are as follows: Mrs. J. R. Cane, Aiken, S. C.; Mrs. L. F. Hutto, Wren, Ga.; Mrs. O. P. Hutto, Orangeburg, S. C.; A. D. Pearson, Denmark, S. C.; S. Marion Pearson, Richmond, Va.; L. B. Pearson, Aiken, S. C.; J. P. Pearson, Livingston, S. C.; P. F. Pearson, Orangeburg, and J. M. Pearson, Fork of Edisto. After the death of her husband Sister Pearson lived with her youngest son, Jas. M. In the absence of her pastor the funeral rites were performed by Rev. Paul Bolen, assisted by this scribe. We laid her to rest in the family burying ground near the old home. With hope awaiting the resurrection of the just.

W. S. Goodwin.

Circuit Court Sale.

State of South Carolina, County of Orangeburg.—In Common Pleas. The I. S. Harley Mercantile Co., Plaintiff, against Thomas Glover, Jr., Defendant. By virtue of the judgment of the Court in the above stated case, I will sell at public auction, at the risk of the former purchaser, at Orangeburg Court House, on the first Monday in June next, during the legal hours for sales, the following described real estate:

All that certain tract or plantation of land, situate, lying and being in Orange Township, in the County of Orangeburg and State aforesaid, containing one hundred and twenty-three (123) acres, more or less; being the same lands conveyed to Thomas Glover, Jr., by George H. Corlison, by deed dated the 3rd day of January, 1906, and more fully described in Plat.

The said real estate will be sold in separate tracts of forty-one (41) acres, more or less, according to Plat to be exhibited on the day of sale. TERMS—Cash, the purchaser or purchasers to pay for papers and all taxes falling due after the day of sale; and in case the purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale, said premises will be resold on the same or some subsequent salesday on the same terms and at the risk of the former purchaser or purchasers.

Andrew C. Dibble, Judge of Probate, as Special Referee. May 10th, 1911.

Circuit Court Sale.

State of South Carolina, County of Orangeburg.—In Common Pleas. Minnie Fludd Bull, Plaintiff, against Ephraim Parker, Defendant. By virtue of the judgment of the Court in the above stated case, I will sell at public auction at Orangeburg Court House, on the first Monday in June next, during the legal hours for sales, the following described real estate:

All the right, title and interest of Ephraim Parker of, in and to all that certain tract or plantation of land, situate, lying and being in Zion Tp., in the County of Orangeburg, State aforesaid, containing seventy-five (75) acres, more or less, and bounded as follows: on the North by lands of N. C. Marcus; on the East by lands of J. D. Whisenant; on the South by estate lands of W. C. Mess; and on the West by lands of A. D. Dantzer. The interest of said Ephraim Parker in said lands being one undivided one-fourth (1-4) part thereof.

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