

THE DOWNFALL OF MURRAY.

Sumter, May 21.—George W. Murray's attorney made a motion for a new trial in his conviction for forgery today at 12 o'clock on the ground that the verdict was not warranted by the evidence. The attorney claimed that it was not only unwarranted in fact and law, but of far reaching effect for evil if allowed to stand.

In reply the solicitor and assistant counsel reviewed the evidence and showed that no other verdict could have been returned by an intelligent and honest jury. Judge Purdy refused to grant the new trial. He stated that the verdict was fully warranted, and the one to be expected from so intelligent a jury of representative citizens.

Murray was then sentenced to pay a fine of \$250 and serve three years on the chain gang. Notice of appeal was given and he was bailed on a \$2000 bond.

In printing the above, we say in all truth and sincerity that we have in our heart nothing but regret that the trial of Geo. W. Murray resulted in a verdict of guilty with no recommendation to mercy. If justice could have been done by his acquittal we would have been much better satisfied.

As we are compelled to look at it, however, this is another instance of a good man gone wrong, and he must suffer the penalty for the act of which he has been convicted. This is not a case where race prejudice biased the minds of twelve intelligent jurors. Had the evidence not been overwhelming, there would have been enough jurors on the case to have at least made a mistrial despite the color of the defendant and his prominence in the Republican party, South.

While we cannot be positive, our recollection is that Murray is said to have forged a certain legal document in order to win some case for one of his clients. This is a grave crime and if Murray committed it, the penalty imposed by Judge Purdy is not excessive. Tampering with justice. We have too much of it, and if the result of this trial with the resultant degrading of a man, once high in power, wealthy and with the general good will of all classes, white and colored, will deter others from the commission of similar or other crimes, it may serve as a wholesome lesson.

Geo. Washington Murray was born a slave on a plantation in the lower portion of this county and after the war, worked as a farm laborer for a number of years. He saved his money, secured an education almost by his own unaided efforts, became prominent in the councils of the Republican party, served a term in Congress, and now this is the end. He is said to own about 8,000 acres of very valuable land in Sumter County, and to have a considerable bank account, but what are riches without honor?

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That is certainly double-barreled emphasis, but it does not sound just right if you study it a little.

COUNTY AND CITY PRINTING.

The county and city should be able to save some money this year under the terms of our liberal offer of a cut of twenty per cent, on prices made by any competitor if the an. bears a profit after the cut. We reach more people and are more closely read than both our contemporaries combined, so why shouldn't you give us your work?

We are not in the printing business for glory, but for a living, and in this great game of freeze out we propose to die game. We think that the law requires all public printing to be done by the lowest responsible bidder, so to those who have any public printing in charge, we say, see us before placing your contracts.

Populists for Morgan. Louisville, May 21.—The Times today says: J. A. Parker, chairman of the national executive committee of the Populist party said today in an interview that Hearst would receive the support of the Populists in Kentucky and elsewhere. "I speak for the national leaders of my party when I say that we are for him," said Mr. Parker. "His views and principles agree with ours. He advocates certain principles for which we have been fighting for years. If the Democrats nominate him, the Populist party will put out no ticket.—The State.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER. J. Pierpont Morgan is now of the few men of the county who can handle \$40,000,000 in a lump without worrying about the magnitude of the responsibility.

Port Arthur, the only war town whose name the average person can pronounce, threatens to go out of business.

Dr. Samuel Smiles of London who recently died at the age of ninety-two wrote books on how to live long and be happy, and seems to have been one of the few doctors who knew how to take their own medicine.

Senator Hale says battleships are not worth the money invested in them, and Russia will undoubtedly agree with him.

It seems all clear enough now. Elliot Danforth is said to have said that Judge Parker has said what he is said to have said.

A cable from St. Petersburg says: "Russia did not plan to lose 3,000 men in the Yalu fight." It would be interesting to know how many men she had planned to lose.

The President is demanding a short platform at Chicago, but the managers will probably make it long enough to cover the holes in the old one.

Bishop Calloway, in an address to an educational conference, said "The South cannot afford to drive the negro away." The statement would be equally true if the words "afford to" were stricken out.

Physicians now declare that whisky drinking causes Rheumatism. The victim will hereafter be compelled to speak distinctly to show whether he has Rheumatism or rumatism.

Japan expects to have no difficulty in securing all the money needed in her business, as she plans to soon offer Port Arthur and Manchuria as collateral for any loan she may seek.

President Roosevelt is said to be very confident of the result. His only concern is that the voters may not feel as he does about which ticket deserves support at the polls.

Judge Parker has red hair. His conduct is also making some of the other candidates red-headed.

Excitement in the Cotton Market.

The recent excitement in the Cotton market does not interest the Southern farmer much at this season. Let the fleecers fleece each other now, and when the proper time comes, let them give us a straight 15c. average price for our cotton. Then we can rise up and call you blessed and not rest under the imputation of worshipping the Golden Calf either.

The right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, together with the accumulation of dollars is all that the average Southerner asks for, and at present he has not got it.

After Many Years.

The following are extracts from a very interesting letter from an old resident, now a citizen of Los Angeles, Cal. It will be read with interest as recalling names and places now almost forgotten.

Los Angeles, Cal. May, 20th, 1904.

Ed The People: I was pleased to receive a copy of your very interesting paper a few days ago. It did not exist I think when I lived in Camden some 38 years ago. In looking over it I find many familiar names, among them those of the second generation of which you are one. I knew your father, Joel A. Schroek in 1875. Has "The old Town Pump" been taken away and the "Lodge Pump" also? Has the old Mansion House too given way to a press brick front? Respectfully, R.

We will reply to the questions of our correspondent next week if we have the space, and in the meantime will say to him that if he has ever taken a drink out of the "old Lodge pump" he will see Camden again before he crosses the great divide. A life insurance policy, good for one year is issued to every subscriber, so come on, "R" and take out a lease for that length of time at least.

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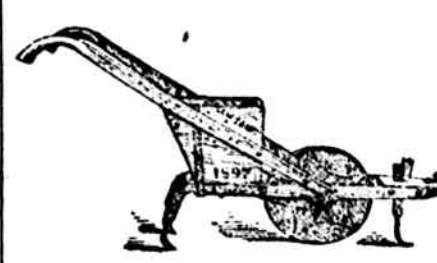
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