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The Newspapers and Crime.

Our neighbor the Laurens ADVERTISER says very properly that nothing should be condemned more than the custom, prevalent among some newspapers, of trying to influence public opinion upon the guilt or innocence of a party accused of crime, before the facts are presented to a jury." If this is a "custom prevalent among some newspapers," it certainly is a great wrong, both to the public and to individuals. It is, however, the duty of a newspaper in common with all good and peaceable citizens to use its influence for the suppression of lawlessness and the proper administration of justice. This it can and should do, without attempting to usurp the prerogatives of a jury and to decide, in advance of a legal investigation, upon the guilt or innocence of any individual.

A newspaper can do much in a way that is entirely unobjectionable toward the creation of a healthy public opinion upon the subject of crime and its punishment, and if it does not do this it comes short of one of the highest and most sacred duties of the press. While a newspaper should not attempt to influence the verdict of a jury, it is right and proper that it should hold that jury up to the scorn and contempt of the public when its verdict is made up in utter disregard of the law and the evidence, and in violation of the sacred obligation of the oath administered.

We do not know to what papers our neighbor alludes as trying to influence public opinion upon the guilt or innocence of a party accused of crime." Some of the newspapers of the State may of late have occasionally lapsed into rather intemperate language in speaking of crimes, but we do not think that any of our contemporaries can be accused of such a monstrous wrong as this would be.—*Newberry Herald and News.*

Perhaps the above language which we used, does not convey the exact idea intended. It was not our purpose to arraign any particular newspaper upon so serious a charge, as wilfully attempting to influence a jury. Crime should be denounced, and that too, in unmeasured terms; yet before a newspaper is justified in giving an *opinion* as to the *guilt* or *innocence* of a person, the matter should be legally decided. No one will deny that the press exercises a potent influence in shaping public opinion, and while we may have been unjust in saying that any newspaper attempted to influence a jury, still we do say that a great many have recently indulged in comment upon certain matters under legal investigation, which, while they may not have so intended, does have a tendency to fix the opinion of those who may be called upon to decide the matter. As an example, take the recent homicide in Abbeville. The majority of the newspapers in this State have taken occasion to brand as outrageous, the action of the jury in the FERGUSON case. Of the twenty-four citizens of Abbeville County, who have been specially charged with the solemn duty of deciding, under oath, upon the guilt or innocence of the accused, eight have been convinced of FERGUSON's guilt and sixteen have been convinced of his innocence; yet the press has seen proper to pronounce it a foul murder, and his defence farcical, which is calculated to bias the minds of those who will be called upon to decide finally upon the case. We have read the evidence in this case, and have formed an opinion upon it; but that does not justify us in seeking to bring all men to our way of thinking. Our law has, and we think wisely, provided that twelve sworn jurors shall say when a man is guilty of murder, and has made no provision for a trial by the press. These papers that have asserted that it is the *duty* of the jury to convict FERGUSON, *are* usurping the prerogatives of the jury. If such a course be right, if it be justice then we say that the whole proceedings of an arraignment and trial by his peers is a farce and useless, and that as soon as the state press has formed an opinion, the man should be taken out and executed.

Virginia has administered a wholesome rebuke to BILLIE MAHONE, JOHNNIE WISE and the mugwumps. Perhaps they can now understand that the election of CLEVELAND was not the result of chance, but was intended as a death-knell to corrupt methods in politics.

New York remains in democratic ranks, and this sanctions the Administration in its work of reform.

Avoid Giving Mortgages.

In agricultural districts, and especially where cotton is the staple product, a credit system of some kind is absolutely essential. There is but one time in the year when money is plentiful, and yet there is no time when it is not needed. Very few farmers can keep ready-cash on hand so as to defray the expense of making a crop, but they arrange with merchants to advance them supplies. Now the most important point is, what kind of arrangements they make. Some farmers can obtain supplies, upon their promise to pay for them; others give a lien upon the crop; and many are compelled to give also a mortgage upon their stock. It is alarming to see the number of chattel mortgages indexed in the various Counties in this State.

Whenever a farmer is compelled to mortgage everything he possesses in order to obtain supplies at an enormous price, he need not expect to make money at farming, yet every day we see them sacrifice their horses, hogs, and even the family cow is not exempt, but must be used to strengthen his promise. The necessity for such as this does not exist. Giving a mortgage does not make the land yield a more bountiful harvest, nor is it at all necessary, unless the party giving it is suspected of rascality.

There are to-day very few men in Laurens County, who cannot in a very short time, establish a credit sufficient to obtain supplies, without even giving a lien. We hear the lien law abused on all sides, but the only way to avoid it, is to have nothing to do with it. Don't give a lien, said the law will not hurt you. Act *honestly*, pay your debts even if it takes the best part of your year's work; be conscientious, and if misfortunes overtake you and you cannot meet your obligations, do not forget them or seek to avoid them, but be careful to pay up next year, and in a short while, instead of having to beg merchants to "run you," the merchants will seek your trade. It is not the rich, always, that people like to trust, but the man who is prompt in paying his debts.

The Country Newspaper.

In these days of the wide circulation of daily newspapers, containing the general news of the world, country papers must to a great extent confine themselves to local matters. An exchange says:

"There is no better guide-book to a country town than its local newspaper. A glance at it almost any week is sure to reveal whether the town is a dead-and-alive place, or a bustling, enterprising community. The local business men use it to communicate with the people, and the paper's minute accounts of local happenings keeps alive an interest in divers matters of home growth and improvement, which could not otherwise be fostered. The country weekly should be well sustained wherever it is established. It is a public benefit as certainly as any business enterprise in the place. There may be weeks in the year when the reader thinks his paper dull, but that is not always the editor's fault. There may be weeks in the year when a single copy may be worth a whole year's subscription."

The Fair.

PREMIUMS CONSIDERED.

Last week for want of space we could not give the premiums awarded the several departments. We give below the

HORSES.

Best thoroughbred stallion, over three years old—Col. J. L. M. Irby; 2d best thoroughbred stallion, over three years old—Col. R. C. Watts; best thoroughbred stallion, County raised—David Crow; best stallion, not thoroughbred—John L. Gentry; 2d best stallion, not thoroughbred—J. G. Brown; best thoroughbred mare—A. M. Hill; best brood mare, not thoroughbred—Jas. Bell; 2d best brood mare, not thoroughbred—J. A. Jones; best colt, three years old—A. T. Brown; 2d best colt, three years old—Arthur G. Young; best colt, two years old—Jas. Bell; 2d best colt, two years old—R. P. Adair; best colt, under one year old—Jas. Bell; 2d best colt, under one year old—T. J. Brandelt; best pair light draft horse—Dr. M. M. Caine; 2nd best pair light draft horse—L. E. Irby; best saddle horse—C. K. Hale; 2d best saddle horse—J. F. Robertson; best single harness mare, County—J. D. Watts; 2d best single harness horse, County raised—A. W. Ramage; best single harness horse, not County raised—B. A. Wharton; 2d best single harness horse, not County raised—J. A. Simpson; best four year old colt—Dr. C. A. Saxon; 2d best four year old colt—R. Hunter; best pair of horses, County raised—J. G. Brown; best thoroughbred filly, under one year old—Mrs. Clete Hill; 2d best thoroughbred filly, under one year old—G. W. Shell; Best combination horse—B. A. Wharton; best pair matched mares—J. D. M. Shaw; 2d best pair matched mares—S. D. Childers; best single harness mare—J. D. M. Shaw; 2d best single harness mare—J. H. Oneal; best riding by boy under 15 years old—C. L. Fuller; 2d best riding by boy under 15 years old—Charlton Todd.

Our attention has also been called to errors in the following departments:

JELLIES.

Best jar apple jelly—Mrs. J. W. Ferguson; 2d best jar apple jelly—Mrs. G. E. Moseley; best jar muscadine jelly—Miss Belle Lark; 2d best jar muscadine jelly—Miss Kate Lark; best jar quince jelly—Mrs. W. A. McClintock; best jar grape jelly—Mrs. Allen Dial; best jar plum jelly—Miss I. Wright; best jar blackberry jelly—Mrs. Caroline Byrd; best jar crab apple jelly—Mrs. S. D. Garlington.

PRESERVES.

Best jar fig preserves—Miss Lutie Wright; best jar pear preserves—Mrs. W. A. Jamieson; best jar blackberry preserves—Miss Mary B. Brown; best jar water melon rind preserves—Miss Kate Lark; best jar muskmelon preserves—Mrs. W. T. Smith; 2d best jar watermelon rind preserves—Mrs. Agnes Anderson.

MARMALADES.

Best jar apple marmalade—Mrs. T. F. Simpson.

JAMS.

Best jar blackberry jam—Mrs. T. F. Simpson

Centennial Industrial Exhibition.

All exhibits competing for these premiums, must be delivered to the Secretary, by Nov. 21st, 1885

For best two bushels of white wheat, half-ton ammoniated fertilizer, offered by the Ashepoo Phos. Co.; for second best two bushels white wheat, half-ton acid phosphate, offered by the Wando Phos. Co.; for best two bushels red wheat, half-ton ammoniated fertilizer, offered by the Stono Phos. Co.; for second best two bushels of red wheat, half-ton acid phosphate, offered by the Ashley Phos. Co.; for best two bushels bread corn, half-ton ammoniated fertilizer, offered by the Atlantic Phos. Co.; for second best two bushels bread corn, half-ton acid phosphate, offered by the Pacific Guano Co.; for best two bushels stock corn, half-ton ammoniated fertilizer, offered by the Ashley Phos. Co.; for second best two bushels stock corn, half-ton acid phosphate, offered by the Atlantic Phos. Co.; for best two bushels barley, half-ton ammoniated fertilizer, offered by the Etiwan Phos. Co.; for second best two bushels of barley, half-ton acid phosphate, offered by the Ashepoo Phos. Co.; for best two bushels rye, half-ton ammoniated Fertilizer, offered by the Pacific Guano Co.; for second best two bushels rye, half-ton acid phosphate, offered by the Edisto Phos. Co.; for best two bushels of red oats, half-ton ammoniated fertilizer, offered by the Edisto Phos. Co.; for second best two bushels red oats, half-ton acid phosphate, offered by the Stono Phos. Co.; for best two bushels white oats, half-ton ammoniated fertilizer, offered by the Wando Phos. Co.; for second best two bushels white oats, half-ton acid phosphate, offered by the Etiwan

The Merchants' Exchange of Charleston, passed a resolution donating fifty dollars, to be used as premiums for the best exhibits of South Carolina grown tobacco.

In accordance therewith, the Society offers the following premiums:

For the best exhibit of not less than ten pounds of leaf tobacco grown and cured in South Carolina, $30.; for the second best exhibit of not less than ten pounds of leaf tobacco grown and cured in South Carolina, $20.

The department of Tobacco will be under the charge of the following committee: B. Manton, G. A. Follin, C. Wulbern.

In the Woman's Department, the Society will offer a number of prizes of the value of five dollars, for such articles of merit, as may be selected from the exhibit.

E. L. ROCHE,
Secretary.

Cotton on the State Farm.

The report of Mr. S. I. Gaillard, of the South Carolina college farm, shows the following results of different varieties of cotton weighed and ginned on October 28:

Peterkin cotton turned out 38½ pounds of lint per 100 pounds of seed cotton.

Crawford cotton 34½ pounds to the 100.

Ozier's silk cotton, 33½ pounds.

Duncan's mammoth cotton, 29 pounds.

Cobweb cotton, 25 pounds.

Eight other varieties, 30 pounds.

The cotton was sold at a round price of 9 1-16 cents.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, LAURENS COUNTY.
IN PROBATE COURT.

Whereas, G. W. Shell, as administrator, has applied to me for Letters of Administration, on the Estate of John C. Sullivan, deceased.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of said deceased, to be and appear before me at a Court of Probate to be holden at my office in Laurens C. H. on the 30th day of December, 1885, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to show cause if any they can, why letters should not be granted.

Given under my hand and seal this, the 3rd day of November, 1885.

A. W. BURNSIDE, J. P. & ex. o.
Nov. 3, 1885 1t 61

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