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RESTITUTION.

The Strain Was too Great On His Conscience.

An interesting story concerning a case of restitution has recently come to light in Chicago. The man who tells the story is one of those to whom the money was paid. He said:

"Some years ago I suffered a severe loss by fire, in the destruction of a warehouse. When it came to settling the insurance, the agent who had placed the policy deliberately 'did me up,' as the saying goes. I told him flatly I thought he was a swindler. The terms of my contract were plain. The loss was indisputable. Yet the sum which the company paid me was insignificant. Of course I could have gone to law, but who but a lunatic wants to go to law?

"Three years later I received a note from the agent, asking for an appointment. You can imagine how surprised I was when, on seeing him, he handed me a check which righted my loss.

'What does this mean?' I asked him.

'I heard a sermon on honesty in business last Sunday, he replied, 'and it convinced me. I'm trying to repair my sins. Your case was one of them. That sermon will cost me ten thousand dollars. It's my own money, not the company's. It's a sin-offering to God, on my part; and with God's help I am going to try to be honest in the future.'

Some years rolled by, and my friend seemed to prosper better than ever. I met him one night, and asked him how things were going with him.

'Finely,' he replied. 'Do you remember that sermon that converted me years ago? Well, hearing that sermon was the best stroke of business I ever did. I believe you placed some more insurance with me after I paid you that conscience-money, didn't you?'

'Yes, I did,' I replied. 'You deserved it.'

'Well, others did the same. I got the reputation of being square. And I was square. I was honest with the company and honest with the men who suffered losses. I did as I would be done by. At first it came pretty hard to pay out my own money to make up for what I had saved to the company. But I did it, and I made right settlements. When I was converted I made up my mind that I should lose money by it; but I was mistaken. My business more than doubled in a year."

Such is the story of the man who made restitution. Here are the words of the sermon to which he listened—the words which helped his conscience to make the change:

"Don't think for a moment that you can salve your soul by saying to yourself that the thieving you practise is excused by business methods. If your business methods demand that you cheat your neighbor, drop them and get new ones.

How can you go to bed at night and sleep—sleep—with hell yawning open at your left hand and God calling at your right? You may give your wealth away, you may build churches with it, you may expend it in charity, but your conscience will whip you like a fury, and you cannot escape it or escape from God."

It was a wholesome, strong word, and it helped to right one life. Many another life, if the same admonition were heeded, would find, if not increased prosperity, a peace which no dishonest wealth, however respectably acquired, can ever afford to its possessor.

LOCKHART MILL STORE

Young Burglars and Thieves Arrested.

Wednesday of last week just before the 11.37 down train arrived Sheriff Sanders received a phone message from Lockhart to arrest Paul Brawley, Soudam Gregory and Gail Coln as being the persons suspected of breaking into the Lockhart mill store on Saturday night, Nov. 18th. Deputy C. C. Sanders went to the depot, reaching there but a few minutes before the train arrived. He found Gregory and Brawley there, arrested them and lodged them in jail, and the next day got Coln at Whitmire. Brawley and Coln have given bail, Gregory is still in jail. Several articles which had been stolen from the Lockhart store were found on the person of Brawley. Brawley then confessed that he had stolen the goods from the store at different times in the day time when he would go in to buy and while the clerks were denied with other customers that he was one of the persons who broke into the store. Gregory and Coln have made no statement. Brawley does not implicate either of the others nor does he say that they too had stolen goods from the store. No goods were found in the possession of either Gregory or Coln. None of these young white men are over 18 years old.

Tom Cut Tom With a Knife.

Thursday night of last week somewhere in the city—on Main Street, it is so said—Mr. Tom Cokeley gave Mr. Tom Shaver a very severe wound on the throat with a sharp pocket knife. Mr. Cokeley disappeared immediately, doubtless with the impression that he had inflicted a mortal wound upon the person of Mr. Tom Shaver. These men are both white and brother house carpenters. We have not learned what the row was about, but have been told that the deed was instigated by John Barleycorn, who is an avowed foe to peace and harmony in every community in which he resides, and he does sometimes live in places where there is no dispensary.

Meeting at Johnston, S. C., of the U. D. C.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was held last week at Johnston, S. C. A good deal of important business was transacted. A unanimous resolution was adopted that the old Confederate veterans should have an annual meeting. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year. President, Miss Mary Poppenheim, of Charleston; first vice president, Mrs. Reed Stony, Columbia; second vice president, Mrs. J. W. Coleman, Johnston; third vice president, Mrs. Campbell, Chester; fourth vice president, Mrs. Fowler, Yorkville; recording secretary, Mrs. August Kohn, Columbia; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lynch, Cheraw; treasurer, Miss McMitchael, Orangeburg; auditor, Mrs. Hames, Jonesville. Greenville was chosen as the place of meeting next year.

IMPORTANT MEETING.

Union County Division of Southern Cotton Association.

The Union county division of the Southern Cotton Association held a very interesting and important meeting Monday in the court house. This being salesday in December and the last meeting of the association for the year 1905 a larger attendance than usual greeted the earnest and enthusiastic president and other officers of the county organization. President F. M. Farr called the meeting to order and Secretary W. W. Colton read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved and adopted.

A call of the townships was made for the purpose of ascertaining the names of all that had reorganized and elected officers pursuant to a notice given by the president through the columns of the local papers. The report by townships upon the question of the reorganization and election of officers in the townships showed that only Jonesville township had held a meeting, reorganized and elected officers as follows: President, W. Banks Fowler; vice president, J. [illegible] Bolton; secretary, T. H. Gore; treasurer, G. B. Fowler. The president then addressed the association, explaining fully the necessity of township organizations, and the objects and necessity of collecting the 3 cents per bale to defray expenses. Other counties had paid 10 cents per bale, that 8 cents was all that was the minimum, but that no one was prevented from giving more or as much as they desired. That a collector would be appointed to visit each member to collect the assessment and he would be paid 20 per cent, provided he visited each and every member of the association in the township. The plan for the holding of three million bales of cotton for 90 days for 15 cents by the members of the association was read by the secretary. A printed form of the pledge for the holding of three million bales had been distributed in the different townships and the reports of those who had circulated these pledges for signatures and the number of bales the signer was willing to hold was called and showed that 582 bales had been signed for, that there had been but a partial canvass of the several townships was also shown by the reports which was an indication that only about one-third of the number had been pledged that would be. The president then announced that it was his purpose at this meeting to appoint a collector of the three cents per bale assessment, but as there had been no reorganization in any of the townships except Jonesville he would wait for the suggestion of the name of some man by the delegates from the several townships. Rev. J. G. Farr then offered a resolution that those townships that had not on the day fixed in the published notice reorganized and elected officers meet at a convenient place in their township Friday, December 15, at 2 o'clock p. m., and proceed to reorganize and elect officers, which organization and officers would serve for the year 1906. This resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. W. T. Jeter was called upon to address the association upon the subject of the importance and necessity of a thorough organization. He said he had moved among the farmers of his township and had met with so little encouragement that to him it was a surprise that the people took so little interest. That they really did not seem to realize the necessity and importance of an organization or rather that they lend their aid to such an organization, although some did acknowledge that they thought the organization had done some good. That the more he talked the less good it seemed to do, all of which was beyond his comprehension.

Mr. Roland Hill and Mr. W. H. Gist, both from the same township, seemed to be more optimistic and thought the people of that township were organized and beginning to realize the great benefits derived through the instrumentality of the association.

Mr. Davis Gregory and Mr. D. B. Fant, of Santuc, were called on. They had nothing to say that would enlighten the people on the subject, but said they felt the importance of the organization and were willing to give 10 cents per bale.

Hon. B. C. Little was called upon to give his views upon the importance and necessity of organization and keeping it up. He said that he regretted that he had so little to say and had not taken an active part in this county organization. That he had been astonished and thought it unprecedented that every other business was manifesting really more interest in the association than the real persons in interest, that is, the farmers. Could not imagine why the farmers, the boys like he, did not come forward as one and put their shoulders to the wheel, when the gray hair veterans who had spent four years of the best of their manhood fighting the battles of their country were now asked to bear the burden of this association and we boys stand back. He thought the young [illegible] farmers should take a more interest and help with a hand and hand this great [illegible] which was doing so [illegible] their benefit.

[illegible] H. Gore said he had [illegible] to make, but he had [illegible] was still a warm supporter of the association, had worked for no pay, was willing to do all in his power to promote the cause.

[illegible] Whitehead expressed themselves in a few words as being ready at all times to further the aim and objeot and contribute all in their power to the success of the association, no one wanted to see it fail.

The president expressed his gratification that the speakers had made the meeting an interesting one and had doubtles done good towards increasing any lagging interest on the part of the lukewarm.

Mr. W. T. Jeter suggested and it was agreed that a delegate from each township furnish the president with the name of a suitable person for appointment as collector of the three cents per bale. Then the following appointments were made:

Bogansville—R. P. West.
Cross Keys—P. B. Bobo.
Goshen Hill—I. M. Mobley.
Fish Dam—W. T. Jeter.
Santuc—S. G. Bratton.
Pinckney—D. J. Farr.
Jonesville—T. H. Gore.
Union—O. T. Belue.

Next in order was election of officers of the county organization: President, Capt. F. M. Farr; vice president, W. T. Jeter; secretary, W. W. Colton; treasurer, John W. Gregory; all re-elected. Then three delegates to the state convention which meets in Columbia January 2, 1006: F. M. Farr, W. T. Jeter, T. H. Gore. These delegates have a right to appoint their alternates, provided it be impossible for them to attend. Adjourned to meet first Monday in January, 1906.

What Cables Have Done.

The development of cables throughout the world has furnished the modern newspaper with a splendid equipment for spreading knowledge and facilitating progress. It is said in Europe that the newspapers of the world have done more to bring about the dawning liberties of the Russian people than any other instrumentality. The cables are the nerves of the world. There are 350 of them binding continent to continent, and the total length is now nearly 190,000 miles.

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ALMOST A FIRE.

The Residence of Mr. J. T. Sexton Came Near Being Burned.

Thursday night of last week the residence occupied by Mr. John T. Sexton came very near being consumed by fire. It happened in this way: The children and their playmates had been celebrating Thanksgiving Day in their own childish sweet way; in doing so had constructed some jack-o'-lanterns; after their play was over one of the children brought a lantern into the house and set it down without blowing it out. Mr. Sexton told his wife to blow it out and he went into another room and went to bed. Mrs. Sexton, to have some fun out of her youngest boy, carried the lantern into an adjoining room in which there was no one and no light and told the boy to go in and see. After this, the children all being in another [illegible] placed for the door to the room the lantern was forgotton. been Sexton heard a noise like [illegible] ing, and when she went [illegible] lantern had burned the top of the bureau, burned the window curtains and shades and caught the wall on fire. It was soon extinguished without giving any alarm to the outside. A loss of about forty dollars was sustained in loss of furniture and damage to the house. The fortunate thing about it is that Mrs. Sexton and the older children had not retired, before the fire occurred, otherwise they might have had a narrow escape for their lives.

Electric Sparks to Race Around the World.

An electrical race around the world, and a spark having the velocity and brilliancy of lightning jumping across the entire length of an immense building, will be two of the interesting features of the Electrical Trades Exposition, to be held in the Coliseum, Chicago, during the latter part of January. In the race around the world, messages sent at the same time, will be flashed by telegraph, one going by way of New York, and the other through San Francisco. They will leave the Coliseum at the same instant daily. It is expected that Thomas A. Edison will be present to make some wonderful demonstrations in the line of his recent discoveries. Wireless telegraph tests, including a message to President Roosevelt, announcing the opening of the exposition, together with wireless telephoning, will add interest. In this latter department of electric science, namely, wireless telephony, some remarkable developments are looked for.

A New Cave Discovered.

An important subterranean channel, which bids fair to surpass in size and beauty the famous Mammoth Cave, has been found in Barren County, Ky. One arm has been explored for a distance of seven miles. Further progress was stopped by a wide swift river, plunging on over its underground course. It was impossible to tell the magnitude of the stream.

The investigations have been conducted by Dr. Hazen and Thompson, two explorers. They are now engaged in building a boat with which to cross the river and seek out the wonders farther on.

NEGROES KILL AND SLAY

At a "Frolic"—Lewis Jeter is Shot "Dead as a Door Nail."

Spartanburg, Dec. 2.—It now looks as if the negroes were about to rise in this county. Near Moore Station, on Paul Moore's farm, the negroes were having a frolic Thursday night. There was the sound of revelry and the gurgling of the bottle that makes cowards bold. Suddenly two lusty youth's began to fight, the lamp was extinguished and a general shooting began. After the firing ceased and the smoke cleared away Lewis Jeter was seen stretched out. "dead as a door nail," and Nelse Coker, Jesse Kirk and Will Wood were knocked out of commission by severe gunshot wounds.

The same night, out in the Ardella neighborhood, Bob Dean made a deadly assault on the family of Mart Castlebery, who was sitting near the fire with two sons and a small daughter. Dean turned loose a double-barrel shot-gun through the window [illegible] three children. [illegible] was lacerated [illegible] amputation will be necessary. George Castleberry [illegible] that

Another Shooting at Buffalo Mills.

Larkin Norman, a young white boy about 14 years old, on Thursday of last week shot Robert Harrison, another white boy about the same age, with a shot gun, inflicting quite painful wounds on the body, arms and face, the shot having scattered and entered these parts. Norman fled and has not been seen since. It seems they began a quarrel about a swing, and Norman went and got his gun and shot Harrison. The wounds are not considered at all dangerous. A very trivial thing about which to shoot a person, and the intention, it seems, was to inflict a more serious wound, but fortunately it did not so prove to be.

Infant Burned to Death.

Infant of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGregory was burned to death Friday evening. The facts as we learn them are, that afternoon Mrs. McGregory left home in search of some one to cut some wood, leaving her two children in the house. The larger one of the children rolled up a piece of paper and made what he called a cigarett, gave it to the baby and in lighting it from the fire the clothes of the baby caught fire and it was burned so badly that it died.

A Picture Found.

Mr. F. Gist Briggs brought to THE TIMES office a very fine picture that he had found on the main road leading from Union to Lockhart just beyond the gin house of Mr. Smith Ivy. The picture was lying in the road as if dropped from a wagon. It is a memorial picture. At the top is a white dove, in center a wreath of flowers, cross and anchor, below which is this inscription, "In loving remembrance of my dear ones, Johnson Woods, died in April, 1900, Susanna Simeul, Florence Simeul." By paying for this ad. at UNION TIMES office this picture will be delivered to the owner.