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**A JUST SENTENCE**

James H. Brown was convicted at the December term of the court for Anderson County of a violation of the prohibition laws of the state. He had been found in possession of 116 quarts of intoxicating liquor, made and in his possession to be sold in violation of the laws of the state and country. He was sentenced to serve a term of eighteen months on the chain gang.

Brown, it seems, after his arrest went to Georgia and did not put in his appearance at the trial of his case in Anderson. After his conviction, however, he was located in Georgia, and requisition asked of the Governor of this state. When Brown saw no further chance to evade the law, he made a great show of being law-abiding by sending word to the Anderson authorities that he would surrender, which he has now done.

We presume that his surrender will now be taken as a reason why his sentence should be commuted to a fine. It is said that he is an intelligent looking white man, and we judge that he must be "prominent" from all that we hear of him. It will be a pity, to be sure, to see an intelligent-looking prominent white man working on the roads, and Anderson County likely needs the money. Perhaps somebody will suggest that there are not enough white men on the Anderson chain gang to make it profitable to work Brown, and this will be urged as another reason why his sentence should be commuted.

This is about the way things are run in some places. But we would remind the pardoning power that there is much being said about the crime wave just now. Nothing is contributing to it as much as violations of the prohibition law. The prohibition law is being violated because white men are making the liquor and selling it, and other white men are winking at the law's violation, and contributing to it.

The cause cannot be wiped out without punishing the people who are responsible for the violations of the law. It will not do to punish a few negroes who at most are runners for the chief violators of the law. The men responsible for carrying on the business must be caught and punished. Brown is one of these, else he would not have had in his possession 116 quarts of liquor. He had it to sell in violation of the law. He had a contempt for the law or he would not have had the liquor in his possession.

We, therefore, suggest that a just sentence has been passed on him. He should be made to pick rocks every day of the time. If any officer asks that his sentence be commuted to a fine, the people should take the number of the officer, and if the governor commutes his sentence to a fine, the governor should be impeached. The legislature will soon be in session.

**HARPERS ON FRONT PAGE**

Everybody in Abbeville remembers Henry Harper, who for so many years was right hand man for Hon. Wm. Henry Parker. The first time Judge Purdy came to Abbeville he met Henry on the street and turned to see him walk by. Henry had his whiskers cut like the boss man, wore the same kind of clothes and had the walk down to perfection. Judge Purdy without knowing who Henry was stated that he was willing to make a bet that he worked with Mr. Parker. John Harper was Henry's oldest son, and almost everybody knew John. He got into the police courts sometimes, but when he was at work he was a first class worker.

Several years ago John moved to New York, taking along his wife and children. They wanted to get to

where things were rolling, and they did. John's oldest daughter married a returned soldier and in a little time she discovered that she was not his first wife. They separated and she procured a divorce.

Monday night another negro man, a former chauffeur for the late Bishop Burch, stole out the car of the former Bishop and took the Harper negro girls for a ride about the city. While they were out, Lucia, the divorcee, saw her former husband following them from one place to another. They went to a different part of the city, and rode until the small hours of the night. As they were returning the former husband met them again. This time he jumped on the running board of the car, shot his former wife to death, wounded the chauffeur, and then shot himself.

The Harpers have had themselves written up with double headlines on the front page in the New York papers, and the crime has attracted a great deal of attention along with other crimes committed in the carnival of evil doing now going on in New York City.

The news came to Abbeville Wednesday and Aunt Leah Thomas has wanted to talk about now to keep Greenville street entertained for several weeks.

**SUNDRY CIVIL BILL REACHES THE HOUSE**

Washington, Dec. 30.—Two of the 15 bills carrying appropriations to run the government during the year beginning next July 1, reached the house today and were given more than the usual preliminary scrutiny because of the announced intention of Republican leaders to cut government expenditures.

The sundry civil bill, which contains the miscellaneous appropriations as reported carried a total of \$383,611,292. This total represents a slashing of \$420,914,192 from the estimates submitted by the government departments, and a reduction of \$52,237,514 from the amount appropriated through the same bill last year.

The cut in estimates for the postoffice bill, the other appropriation measure submitted, however, was not so great and the expenditure recommended represented a considerable increase over this year's appropriation. The measure as reported carried \$573,964,721, a reduction of \$11,442,181 from the amount asked by the postoffice department, but an increase of \$69,530,021 over the appropriation for the current year.

Democratic leaders were prompt to point out that the sum total carried by both bills, if passed, as submitted by the appropriations committee, would add about \$17,000,000 to the cost of running the government next year. Republican leaders were equally prompt in declaring that there was abundant ground for gratification on their part, inasmuch as they had used the pruning knife on estimates of Democratic heads without mercy.

Outside of the \$223,000,000 provided for the care of the disabled service men and dependents of those killed the sundry civil measure only \$160,611,292 for all other purposes, compared with \$126,000,000, the amount appropriated for 1916.

The committee reported that the increase in the postoffice appropriation was due principally to the \$10,000,000 increase in the pay of city letter carriers, the \$36,000,000 increase allowed the railroads for mail transportation and the \$12,500,000 increase in pay of clerks and employees.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Efforts will be made on the floor of the house to provide appropriations for completion of the Muscle Shoals, Ala., nitrate plant, for which no provision was made in the sundry civil appropriation bill reported today, members from the South said. It was understood that the appropriation was lost in the committee on a tie vote.

Representative Almond, Democrat Alabama, in a statement before the committee, estimated that \$11,000,000 had been the cost of a year's lost time on this work.

"With the completion of this water power dam no other nation will be as well equipped as we are for the manufacture of explosives in time of military emergency or the manufacture of fertilizer in time of peace," Mr. Almond said. All the countries engaged in the recent war are utilizing their nitrogen plants and they

are being operated or planning to be operated, by the government or through government aid for fertilizer purposes, he added. He estimated the dam as about 30 per cent. complete.

**LONG TIME NOTES TO BE ARRANGED**

Washington, Dec. 30.—Discussions between American and British treasury officials regarding the exchange into long time obligations of the demand notes of the British government held by the United States amounting to \$4,196,000,000 will be renewed upon the arrival in this country soon of a representative of the British treasury, Secretary Houston today announced.

The secretary of the treasury is authorized, under the Liberty bond act, to effect the exchange at a rate of interest not less than that borne by the demand instrument, it was said.

Discussions with the British representative, Secretary Houston said, will be confined to the exchange of the obligations of that government as it is the policy of this country to deal separately with each of the allied nations to whom loans have been made.

Discussions carried on in Europe with the other nations indebted to the United States, the secretary said, have not reached a stage so advanced as those with the British government. The British negotiations, he said, had progressed to the point of a general understanding, but the details remained to be worked out and will be taken up with the British treasury officials here in Washington. The question of interest rates and of the form as of the various long time bonds which may be adopted are yet to be decided, the secretary intimated.

"The obligations should contain suitable provisions for their conversion into bonds of small denominations or for their payment at the option of the obligator, in lieu of such conversion," Secretary Houston said. "To prevent or curtail gold exports from the United States, they should contain an agreement by the debtor government to offer drafts payable in its currency at a figure to be fixed, substantially the gold export point, and to apply the proceeds to deferred interest and then to principal, current interest to be adjusted accordingly. Sinking fund payments should be provided to be made in gold coin of the United States or in the currency of the debtor government at the par of exchange if the holder shall so request."

Actual exchange of the securities will not be made at the coming conference here, the secretary said, adding that the documents of the agreement would probably be drawn up for presentation to each of the contracting governments before the transfer of the securities is made.

**ASTRONOMERS FIND STAR THREE MILLION MILES IN DIAMETER**

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Result of the first successful experiments on an astronomical device at the Mt. Wilson, California, Observatory revealing that certain remote stars in the firmament are many thousand times larger in size than astronomers had ever surmised, was discussed today by Professor A. A. Michelson, noted scientist of the University of Chicago, who perfected the device, before the American Physical Society, meeting here in conjunction with the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Under the direction of Professor Michelson astronomical expert have just computed the diameter of Alpha Orionis, one of the stars in the constellation of Orino. The orb is found to be three million miles in diameter, making it 300 times as great as the sun. The sun being almost a million times greater in volume than the earth, this planet seems most insignificant in comparison with Alpha Orionis.

Professor Michelson, winner of the Nobel prize in Physics thirteen years ago, is recognized as one of the foremost authorities in the world on the subject of light.

**TO WELCOME THE NEW YEAR**

Miss Mary White is entertaining at a party tonight at her home on Greenville street. Rook will be played and the young people will wait for the coming of the New Year.

**SENTIMENT STRONG FOR ACREAGE CUT**

Many Counties To Hold Meeting Next Monday—Institutions In Marlboro County Adopt Resolutions

Columbia, Dec. 30.—The sentiment of the farmers, merchants and bankers of South Carolina on the reduction of cotton acreage is clearly shown in the letters that are pouring in to the office of the American Cotton association daily. Officials of that organization said yesterday. These letters demand that the acreage in this state be cut at least 50 per cent. Some hold out for an even greater cut, saying that no cotton at all should be planted unless there is a rebound in the market before planting time.

Preparations are being made in every county for a big meeting at the county seat next Monday, January 3, which is "Cotton Acreage Day" in the state by official proclamation of Governor Cooper. Great interest is being taken in these meetings over the state and indications are that thousands of farmers will sign the reduction pledges next Monday. The meetings next Monday will be followed by a systematic canvass in every county and every farmer will be asked to sign a pledge to cut his crop.

President R. C. Hamer yesterday received a letter from the Young Men's Business league of Greenville offering to assist in the acreage reduction campaign in that county. The secretary of the league, Moses E. Penn stated that preparations were being made for a big meeting in Greenville next Monday.

"We have offered our assistance," wrote Mr. Penn "because we believe this movement is one of the most important now before the people of the South."

President Hamer yesterday received copies of the resolution signed by the banks of Marlboro county agreeing to lend no money to any farmer who plants in cotton next year over half his acreage in 1920. This resolution, which is somewhat similar to the pledge which every bank in the state will be asked to sign, reads as follows:

"Whereas the price of cotton is below the cost of production, making insecure and hazardous loans made by us make more hazardous all credits on cotton and cotton crops, and

"Whereas, the boll weevil is now in our country, and will undoubtedly based on cotton, and

"Whereas, it is desirable and absolutely necessary in the face of this situation that the country produce sufficient feedstuffs for its own need, and

"Whereas, it is necessary that the banks of the county operate for their own benefit and the common good, now therefore, be it

"Resolved that the undersigned banks do hereby agree to make no loans to any persons or corporations whatsoever, for the purpose of making a crop, in any amount whatsoever, where such person, persons or corporation plant in the year 1921 more than one-half the year 1920 on the same land, to the end that a sufficient quantity of foodstuffs may be raised."

**WILL ARRANGE BIG LEAGUE SCHEDULE ON JANUARY 8th**

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The meeting of the American and National League held here on January 8th, according to an announcement today by President Johnson of the American League.

By framing their playing charts for 1921 at that time the schedule committees will be ready to report to their respective leagues at the time of the joint meeting of National and American leagues, January 12, avoiding the necessity of calling the perfunctory schedule meeting previously held in New York in February. At the January 12 meeting the proposed new national agreement between majors and minors will be considered and ratified.

A special session of the minor league association is scheduled to be held here January 10 and 11.

**BILL TILDEN WINS**

Auckland, N. Z., Dec. 30.—William T. Tilden, II, world's champion tennis player for 1920, defeated Norman E. Brookes of the Australasian team here today in the first event of the Davis cup championship tournament. The score was 10-8, 6-4, and 6-4.

**ADVANCE IN WAGES SHARP THIS YEAR**

Average Yield of Lint Cotton Half Bale to Acre, Says Crop Report

Saluda, Dec. 30.—According to report of B. B. Hare, agricultural statistician for bureau of crop estimates, United States department of agricultural, farm wages in South Carolina during the year 1920 were the highest of record.

The average wage paid per month with board for the years 1910, 1919 and 1920, according to Mr. Hare's report, was \$12, \$27 and \$30.50, respectively. Without board for these same years it was \$16.50, \$38.40 and \$41.80, respectively.

The average wage per day for harvest work was \$2.25 with board and \$2.75 without board, while the average wage for similar work last year was \$1.94 with board and \$2.40 without board.

The report shows that the estimated wheat acreage in the state is 4 per cent greater than last year. The estimated yield of wheat straw per acre this past season was .50 tons; oats, .75, and rye, .90.

The probable acreage yield of seed cotton this year is 692 pounds per acre with an average yield of 254 pounds of lint per acre. The average price of cotton December 1 was 14.5 cents per pound, while on the corresponding date of last year the average price was 35.7 cents per pound.

The average number cords of wood consumed per farm in the

state during the past year was 13.2 cords, the average price of four foot wood being \$4 per cord and stove wood length \$6 per cord.

**MOVIE STARS WED**

New York, Dec. 29.—The marriage of Constance Talmadge, motion picture actress, to John Piaggio, New York City tobacco merchant, was announced here tonight. The ceremony took place at Greenwich, Conn., last Sunday in the presence of the bride's mother and her two sisters, Norma and Natalie.

Dorothy Gish, also a motion picture actress, and a friend of Miss Talmadge, was married at the same time and place to James Rennie, an actor. Each couple acted as attendants to the other.

**A CALL TO PRAYER.**

Christians of every denominational faith are asked to join with us in earnest prayer to Almighty God that the special efforts to spread the Gospel in Abbeville (through a series of preaching services in the Baptist Church, Jan. 10th to 20th) will be fruitful and more consecrated lives on part of believers, and that sinners may be saved.  
**THE BAPTIST CHURCH.**

**NOTICE!**

After January 1st we will sell for  
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It is not what a man makes, but what he saves that, spells  
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