

EXCHANGE ECHOES

In Hands of People.

The State. The excuse that the "mob spirit" prevails because the courts do not do their duty and that the lawyers manage to circumvent the law to the advantage of their clients is ancient and somewhat threadbare.

Whose agents and creatures are the courts?

If the people have not the capacity to make the courts do their will, that is confession that the people can not rule except by mob violence, which is another way of saying that they are not fit for self-government.

Who make the laws? The people make them. If they make them so badly that astute lawyers can set them at naught at pleasure, they would better surrender their statehood and ask the federal government to give them territorial rule—or call in some princeling to decree laws and decapitate interfering lawyers and judges.

Who are the juries? Are they not of the people? Do not a considerable number of the people evade jury duty? Are not statutes framed to relieve many good citizens of jury duty? In South Carolina numerous murders have been committed in the last two years—but how many white men have been convicted of murder by juries of the people?

One suspects that five or ten per cent of every gang of lynchings will, "on the quiet," argue that capital punishment should be abolished.

However, if the courts and the lawyers are more responsible for lynching than are the people and for the people are excuse for toleration of the mob spirit, it follows inevitably that to restore respect for the law, the judges and the lawyers should be lynched before persons accused of crime have attention.

The people can have law and order if they want it. How to get them is perfectly well known. No new process requires to be prevented.

Men are not lynched in England or in New England.

Law Losing Majesty.

Newberry Herald.

The supreme court is entirely correct in granting a new trial in the Gossett case. These special courts, as Justice Cothran says in delivering the opinion of the court, are nothing more nor less than judicial lynchings. We said the same thing when the act was first passed by the legislature. The special courts are meant simply to be a compromise with the mob. Just saying to the mob if you do not take the law into your hands and lynch the party the state will call a special term of the court and go through the legal form of trying the criminal, but the purpose is to lynch him according to the forms of law. There can be no compromise with the mob without the lowering of the dignity of the law, and the tendency is to bring the administration of the law into disrepute.

Whenever the mob is superior to the regular channels of the law, then things are coming to a bad state and it is getting time for the good law-abiding people of this country to stop and think soberly and well, because the foundation of our very system of government is being undermined and there will be no protection to life or property.

It is not well and does not speak well for the power and strength of the law when it becomes necessary for the regular officers of the law to be running over the country trying to dodge and evade the mob.

Read the synopsis of the opinion of the supreme court as delivered by Justice Cothran, and published in this issue an also the article from the Abbeville Press and Banner published in this issue, and written by Col. W. P. Greene, on "Coming Home," and we believe these will call at least some people to sober thought. It is time for some sober thinking, and then for some sober acting in this country. The majesty of the law is losing some of its majesty.

Cotton Going up But—

Listen, Mr. Farmer reader, we want to give you a little inside tip. Cotton is going to twenty cents but understand we are not advising you to hold for that figure 'cause if you do and don't get it you will blame us. But we will bet you a chew of

REALIZATION OF IMPORTANCE MAKES SUCCESS ASSURED

More Than 200 Manufacturers Will Have Exhibits in Made-In-Carolinas Show.

Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 1.—That the general public, as well as the exhibitors, is acquiring a realization of the full importance of the Made-in-Carolinas Exposition, giving added assurance of its being a tremendous success in every respect, is the substance of reports coming daily to the executive offices in Charlotte, according to announcement by J. C. Patton executive secretary. With the exposition opening less than two weeks away, the various committees are now working on final details of their particular tasks, while scores of exhibitors and their representatives are arriving daily to give personal attention to matters preliminary to installing the exhibits.

More than 200 manufacturers of these states, representing every line of manufacturing endeavor in this section, will have on display more than 3,000 different articles of finished merchandise, showing the wide diversity of Carolina-made goods. It is estimated by exposition officials that the capitalization of the companies represented will amount to about \$250,000,000. This is the first event of its kind ever held in the Carolinas, and is regarded as one of the most important undertakings of public interest accomplished in recent years in the southeastern states.

The interior of the building is now a scene of constant and intense activity. A staff of men under direction of T. H. Bryant, formerly of Durham N. C., building manager, is affording all proper and possible assistance to the exhibitors. The principal building, of brick, steel and concrete construction, was finished more than a week ago. The airdome, enclosing another area of about 28,000 square feet, and including 35 booths for concessionaires, is completed except for the construction of seats for about 2,000 people.

Work of decorating the interior was completed today.

good Virginia tobacco against a pack of Chesterfield cigarettes that we are right. They say that liars can figure but figures can't lie. Well, if cotton don't bring twenty cents we will always believe that figures do lie, at last the ones we have seen about this year's cotton.—Chester News.

A Blow for Lynchers.

While applause is hardly in order in the chambers of the Supreme Court, The Record believes it would have clapped its hands vigorously if it had been present when Mr. Associate Justice Cothran, representing the unanimous opinion of the South Carolina Supreme Court, hit the special term propaganda of the mob spirit with a legal blunderbuss, loaded to scatter.

The Court of General Sessions is plainly told a few things by the Supreme Court as it reversed its decision in the Gossett case and remanded it back to the court below, with instructions to try it the next time with "proceedings conformable to law." That rebuke is not alone applicable to the Abbeville Court of General Sessions, for participating in a "legal lynching" but to many others in South Carolina.

Associate Justice Cothran wrote the opinion and the entire court concurred, the new trial being granted on the grounds that Gossett was not given a fair trial by the special court. Justice Cothran severely criticizes the statute under which special courts are called and cites a number of incidents to show the accused has no showing under the present policy of special courts.

The court also severely criticizes the spirit of mobs and that where trials are held under conditions similar to those obtaining at the Gossett case it is a "judicial lynching." The Abbeville court was called to try the Gossetts alone.

The Record is highly pleased to know that the Supreme Court, and all high minded, law abiding citizens are sitting with it "steady in the boat" of Law and Order. Were it not for this we might well despair. The Supreme Court's prompt action an unmistakably able and vigorous opinion in this case, will put the mob on notice that it is not as secure in this State as it appears to think it is.—Columbia Record.

J. B. PRATT TO COLUMBIA

Pee Dee Advocate.

The friends of James B. Pratt will be interested in the following from the Charlotte Observer of Aug. 15th. Mr. Pratt was reared in Bennettsville. He is a son of Rev. R. N. Pratt and a brother of R. M. Pratt, of this city. The Observer says:

James B. Pratt, chemist, refiner, and engineer with the Southern Cotton Oil Company, with headquarters in this city for the past 16 years, has been transferred to Columbia, S. C., to take charge of the new laboratory being built by his company in that city.

The new laboratory at Columbia is being built for the Columbia district including the state of South Carolina, the largest district of the company, in which are operated 14 oil mills.

Mr. Pratt will be connected with the engineering department and will have charge of all of the chemical work in that district. During the 16 years he has been in Charlotte he has been engaged in chemical engineering and refining work, spending a part of his time at the laboratory in this city and much time in traveling over the entire territory of the company, his duties having been primarily of the chemical-experiment nature. He has visited all of the 78 mills operated by the Southern Cotton Oil company.

A native of Abbeville, S. C., Mr. Pratt has lived in several South Carolina towns and cities, his father of being a minister. He is a graduate of the chemical engineering department of the University of South Carolina receiving the B. S. degree.

Mr. Pratt has been an active member of the First Baptist church here for many years and is a member of the Charlotte Kiwanis club, serving on some of the most important committees of the club and always taking an active and prominent part in club affairs.

During his residence here he has made numerous friends in Charlotte who will regret that he is to leave and he will carry best wishes from many citizens of this city to his new position and residence.

Mr. Pratt expects to leave Tuesday night for Columbia.

PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN



Behold the Classy Loafer with a Fumigating Bag pasted to his Lower Lip waiting for a Good Job to Turn Up when he is going to Blow this High Town. As he Nonchalantly Poses against the Cigar Case, trying to Look like Clarence X. Marshmallow but resembling Charlie Chaplin more, he's one reason for the H. C. of L.

MY GOSH! WOULDN'T IT BE GRAND IF EVERYBODY PAY FOR THEIR PAPER WITHOUT BEIN' REMINDED, SO WE WOULDN'T HAFTA WASTE A LOTTA TIME 'N STAMPS 'N WORK GITTIN' OUT THESE STATEMENTS EVERY WEEK! GEE! WE SURE DO APPRECIATE THE GOOD FELLERS WHO MAKE TH' HABIT OF DROPPIN' IN 'T' PAY UP. ER SEND THE MONEY, WITHOUT BEIN' ASKED! I'LL SAY WE DO!



WOMAN IN ODD BUSINESS

Makes Fair Income by Depriving Bees of Their Stings, for Sale to Druggists.

A correspondent of the Boston Herald tells of a woman beekeeper in Auburn, Maine, who for more than a quarter of a century has derived a good income, not from marketing the honey, but from selling the stings. Manufacturing druggists buy them, for each sting contains an infinitesimal quantity of formic acid, which druggists extract and sell.

When the woman begins the day's work she lights a peculiar lamp, which throws off a dense smoke. That stupefies the bees, and she collects in a box as many as she thinks she will need for the day. She works in her dining room with all the curtains drawn except the one at the window before which she sits. Firmly fixed in front of her is a high-powered magnifying glass.

She opens the box, gives it a shake, and the bees come out. The light of the window in front of her attracts them, and they swarm upon it. She reaches out with her left hand, plucks a bee from the window and, holding it under the glass, takes a small pair of tweezers in her right hand and draws the sting. She drops the sting into a cup of sugar of milk in order to preserve it. Then she kills the bee by dropping it into a cup of soapuds, for a stingless bee is of no worth in the world. The stings are shipped in glass bottles that hold five hundred each.

The woman keeps count of the stings that she draws each day. On the average she daily draws about nine hundred. The greatest number she ever drew in one day is fifteen hundred. Once she took the stings from one thousand bees in three hours.

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OPERATIVES WORKING

Employees of Park Manufacturing Company Return.

Rock Hill, Aug. 26.—The Rock Hill unit of the Highland Park Manufacturing company will resume operation Monday, according to announcement made late this afternoon following a meeting of the employees of the plant when by unanimous vote it was decided to return to work. The plant will be opened Monday morning for all who care to work, stated the vice president, E. H. Johnson, tonight and it is understood all will return to work under the same conditions and at the same wage scale in force at the time the strike began on June 1.

The workers here went out with the operatives of the Charlotte units of the company and all union negotiations have been conducted through the Charlotte union, the local strike having been more in the nature of a sympathetic strike, although a protest against low wages.

The action this afternoon, it is understood, was to an extent influenced by similar action taken in Charlotte last night by operatives of the two units of the Park Manufactur-

ing company there.

News of the resumption of work will be hailed with delight by business generally as the payroll of the local plant amounts to several thousands of dollars weekly and it is expected the turning loose of this money will tend to enliven many lines of business. There are about 300 operatives employed by the local plant.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, District of South Carolina IN THE DISTRICT COURT In Bankruptcy.

In the Matter of Sarah Weinraub, Bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given that the above named person has been duly adjudged bankrupt, and the first meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt will be held in the office of the undersigned in the city of Abbeville, S. C., on the 5th day of September A. D., 1921, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at which time and place the creditors may appear, examine the bankrupt, prove their claims and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

E. M. BLYTHE, Referee in Bankruptcy. Aug. 25

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Tickets at above rates are now on sale and will continue until September 30, with final limit returning October 31, 1921. Stopovers are permitted at any and all points on both the going and return trip.

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