EASY FOR HIM TO TELL.

Youngster Escaped a Thrashing and Had Smile Coming.

Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw told this story the other day apropos of a discussion as to the propriety of extending clemency to violators of the customs law who furnish evidence against their associates.

It was at a school in Mr. Shaw's native state of Iowa, and one of the boys in a class had committed some grave infraction of discipline. The teacher announced that he would thrash the whole class if some one did not tell him who had committed the offense. All were silent, and he began with the first boy and thrashed every one in the class until finally he reached the last one. Then he said:

"Now, if you will tell me who did this, I won't thrash you."

"All right, sir. I did it," was the reply.—New York Times.

Overworked.

Smith was met one evening with a box of chocolates under one arm, and a big parcel of beefsteak under the other.

"Hello, Smith!" said Brown; "going in for housekeeping? I didn't know you were married."

"I am not—yet."

"What are you doing with that chocolate and meat?"

"Going to see my girl."

"Do you have to furnish the family with meat already?"

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AN EX-CHIEF JUSTICE'S OPINION.
Judge O. E. Lochrane, of Georgia, in a letter to Dr. Biggers, states that he never suffers himself to be without a bottle of Dr. Biggers' Huckleberry Cordial during the summer time, for the relief of all stomach and bowel troubles, Dysentery, Diarrhoea, Flux, etc.
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Better Than a Lawyer.

Congressman Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas tells of an old negro who was charged with having stolen a hog. The facts were all against him. He had no counsel, and when the judge asked him if he wanted a lawyer assigned to defend him, he declared that he did not.

"But you are entitled to a lawyer," the court explained, "and you might as well have the benefit of his services."

"Yoan Honor would jes gimme some cheap white trash lawyer," the old darkey replied, "and he wouldn't do me no good. If it's jes de same to Yoah Honor, I'd ruther depen' on de ign'rance ob de court."—New York Times.

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A SUB-MARINE SINKS

Russian Boat Goes to the Bottom and Whole Crew is Lost

24 DROWN AT SAINT PETERSBURG

Accident Due to Excessive Number of the Crew, Mostly Novices, and Attempt or a Man to Escape While the Manhole Was Being Screwed Down.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—The submarine boat Delfin sank at her moorings in the Neva, off the Baltic shipbuilding yard at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, with the loss of an officer, Lieut. Cherkasoff, and twenty men. The accident was due partly to the excessive number of the crew, mostly inexperienced men, and chiefly to the unfortunate attempt of a man to escape while his comrades were screwing down the manhole.

The officers and men detailed for sub-marine instruction had assembled at the Baltic yard, and three officers decided to go down in the Delfin, although her captain was not present, relying on the experience of her skilled crew. A score of novices were anxious to go with the three officers. The Delfin's nominal capacity is ten men, instead of which number 32 entered the boat, bringing her manhole in dangerous proximity to the river level. Just then a tug passed, sending a heavy wash against the boat. As soon as the water splashed into the submarine boat's interior, it created a panic among the novices and one of them tried to get out of the manhole, which the older hands were screwing down preparatory to the descent, the submerging compartment having already been opened. The water rushed in and as the submerged vessel sank like a stone the officers and some of the men were saved, being blown through the manhole by a rush of escaping air.

The Delfin shortly afterward was raised. Lieut. Elaguin, who was one of the officers saved, said to the correspondent of the Associated Press:

"The tragedy was like a dream. I remember a sickening sense of suffocation from the fumes of the storage batteries and then a rush of air and water. The next thing I knew was that I was ashore."

The Delfin is Russia's best submarine boat. She was designed by Naval Architect Boubnoff and Capt. Beklemisheff, and underwent a successful trial in 1903.

Cloudburst Near Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Special—Over 500 homes, business houses and school houses a short distance from Pittsburg, on the Pan Handle Railway, were inundated in from two to ten feet of water in Robinson's Run Hollow and the Chartiers valley by the cloudburst there Tuesday night. Many buildings and bridges were washed away, horses and cattle were drowned and at least one life was lost. The loss amounts to $500,000. The Murchland sisters, who conduct a millinery store at McDonald, narrowly escaped death in the flood. Their store was washed from its base with the three women in it. They were rescued by Charles Cameron, who waded out to the building and carried out the sisters one by one. Miss Blanche Bush, a clerk in a newsstand at McDonald, had a narrow escape. The store was lifted from its place and swept into the stream. Miss Bush was caught in the structure, and as it floated away she screamed for help. Her cries were heard by Geo. Hemmerling, an oil operator. He plunged into the water and swam out to the building and swam back again, taking Miss Bush with him.

Military Allotments.

Washington, Special.—Acting Secretary Oliver, of the War Department has made the usual allotment of the $1,000,000 appropriated by Congress to provide arms and equipment for the organized militia of the United States. The money is apportioned to the Southern States as follows:

Alabama, $21,947; Arkansas, $17,952; Florida, $9,973; Georgia, $25 932; Louisiana, $17,952; Mississippi, $19,947; North Carolina, $23,937; South Carolina, $17,952 Tennessee, $23,937; Texas, $35,905; Virginia $23,937; Kentucky, $25,932.

Accident to Russian Vessel.

Cronstadt, Special.—The Russian battleship Navarin, while returning to her anchorage, was rammed by the Russian iron-clad Netron Menia, which struck her amidship. The damage to the Navarin is not serious, though it may be necessary to dry dock her. It is believed that the period required for the repairing of the battleship will not be a long one.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

Poverty and want are beginning to be felt in Russia.

Thirty-two of the forty-five States will elect Governors this year.

Montreal will spend $3,000,000 in the improvement of its wharves.

Great irrigation works are projected by the State of Rio Grande do Norte, in Brazil.

The Government wireless telegraph station at Newport, R. I., will be kept open day and night.

The locust has become a plague in Spain and the Minister of Agriculture has been authorized to fight the pest.

Nicaragua will assist in constructing a railway line across her territory as a substitute for the proposed isthmian canal.

The Department of Labor and Commerce will establish a wireless telegraph station on the lightship off Nantucket shoals.

The British army is to publish a shilling monthly magazine. It is to be called the Army Journal of the British Empire.

Improvements planned in Rio de Janeiro involve a street length of nine miles and the destruction of 1656 buildings.

New Orleans is fighting white ants for a pastime, and it is said that the insects are fast devouring some of the wooden houses.

An eighty-four-year-old veteran of the Mexican War held a reunion by himself at Parisville, Ill., and called his company's muster roll.

The Department of Agriculture will send to Japan a large collection of citrous fruits indigenous to this country in return for a similar courtesy.

The immigration officials declared that the immigrants now arriving under the steamship rate-cutting war were the scum of Europe and that thousands are being sent back.

BELIEVE MANY STRANGE THINGS

Innumerable Superstitions Prevalent Among the Sicilians.

People of Sicily are vastly superstitious. The Sicilian believes—to give a few examples—in the existence of a double-tailed lizard which condescends to take in its mouth the winning numbers of the lottery. He believes it is unlucky to marry or begin a journey on a Tuesday or a Friday. He believes in the power of maledictions and of the evil eye and attempts to defend himself against them by wearing amulets—such as the corno, a coral imitation of the horn of the goat—by spitting three times on the ground while pronouncing a magic formula, or (in certain districts) by invoking the name of Virgil, who somehow acquired, during the middle ages, a bizarre reputation as a magician. He believes in sorcerers, of whom a goodly number practice professionally on his island, selling to him, among other wonder-working charms, grotesque colored images of St. Paul to be attached to barren fruit trees and barrels in which wine has soured. He believes that a person born on a Friday is able to predict the future, and that a person born on June 29 (the fete of St. Paul, who was unharmed by the viper which encircled his hand) is able to do both these things and to charm serpents besides.

Eastern Man Fond of Eggs.

At Taunton, Mass., a man ate ten hard-boiled eggs and topped the feast off with a raw one, all in less than ten minutes, to win a wager.

MRS. CECELIA STOWE,
Orator, Entre Nous Club.

176 Warren Avenue,
CHICAGO, ILL., Oct. 22, 1902.
For nearly four years I suffered from ovarian troubles. The doctor insisted on an operation as the only way to get well. I, however, strongly objected to an operation. My husband felt disheartened as well as I, for home with a sick woman is a disconsolate place at best. A friendly druggist advised him to get a bottle of Wine of Cardui for me to try, and he did so. I began to improve in a few days and my recovery was very rapid. Within eighteen weeks I was another being.
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WINE OF CARDUI

A SWEEPING OPINION

Judge Speer Hands Down a Ruling of Wide Application

AGAINST CHAIN-GANG SENTENCES

United States Court Judge Emory Speer, of Georgia, Orders the Release of a Negro Prisoner Sent Up By a Recorder, Holding That There Had Been No Finding of Guilt or Innocence by the Official.

Macon, Ga., Special.—United States District Judge Emory Speer, of the western division of the southern district of Georgia, has rendered an opinion of far-reaching importance, involving the authority of municipal courts all over the country to sentence violators of municipal ordinances to local chain-gangs. The case came before Judge Speer on a writ of habeas corpus applied for by Henry Jamison, a negro, for release from the custody of E. A. Wimbish, superintendent of the Dibb county, Ga., chain-gang. Judge Speer in a lengthy opinion decided that the superintendent was without authority to hold the prisoner and directed his immediate release.

In passing on the case Judge Speer called attention to the fact that the commitment from the recorder's court was "a sentence and nothing more," and that there "was no finding of guilt or innocence by the recorder." The question involved," said Judge Speer, "is whether the recorder of Macon, can, without any sort of criminal pleading, and without the intervention of a jury, convict a citizen twice for violation of a municipal ordinance and sentence him to seven months at hard labor on the public chain-gang, the punishment to be suffered in a branch of the penitentiary."

Continuing, he said: "Can it be maintained in the light of the constitution that one man, under any form of procedure, devised or to be devised, by local legislation, can consign men, women and children to a chain-gang for such trivial offenses as are within the jurisdiction of a police magistrate?" Judge Speer severely scored the chain-gang methods and said: "Indeed, it may be with entire accuracy declared that the voluminous and exhaustive preparation of the city attorney and the subsequent examination by the court has evoked no shred of authority, either American or English, where a sentence by a police magistrate to a public chain-gang, with the ignominous accessories of fetters, the stripes, lash and of the degradation of convict life, has been sustained or even palliated. Under the American system the chain-gang has no place in the jurisdiction and procedure of police courts where trial by jury is not a right of the accused."

He declared the sentence of the recorder void for want of due process of law and because one man cannot judge infamy. "Like thousands of the oppressed and down-trodden," he said, "through all the centuries since that glorious day in the histor yof the human liberty when the great charter made forever imperishable the principle that 'no free man be taken or imprisoned but by the lawful judgment of his peers or by the law of the land," he applies for the great writ of right, the writ of habeas corpus; he humbly seeks the portals of the courts whose judges are sworn to know no difference between the rich and the poor, where justice ever bends the listening ear to catch the plaint of the humble and the lowly.

"If," he said further, "the prayer petitioned must be denied, then the statute authorizing the United States Courts and the judges thereof to issue the writ of habeas corpus to protect the rights of the citizen guaranteed by the national constitution, have at last been successfully nullified."

Boodler Confesses.

St. Louis, Special.—It was announced that Charles A. Gutke, former member of the House of Delegates, convicted on a charge of bribery and soon to be tried on another similar charge, today, made a complete confession of Circuit Attorney Joseph W. Folk, in which he declared that former Delegate Charles F. Kelly had told him he had received $50,000 for going to Europe when his presence in St. Louis jeopardized men of prominence. Kelly is also resting under one conviction and is soon to be tried in another case. Circuit Attorney Folk attaches great importance to the revelations which have been made by Gutke.

Russian Cavalry Routed.

London, By Cable.—The Japanese leagtion this afternoon received a dispatch from Tokio announcing that a detachment of the Takushan army surprised and routed a squadron of Russian cavalry, ten miles northwest of San Tao Kow, on the La Tche Kiao road, at dawn June 23rd, and also occupied the heights north thereof, expelling the Russians, who left sixty dead on the field.

Composer of "Dixie" Dies

Columbus, O., Special.—A telephone message received Tuesday from Mount Vernon, O., announced the sudden death in that city of Dan Emmett, the old-time minstrel and famous as the composer of "Dixie." Emmett was about 86 years old. His last public appearance was made four years ago, when he toured the States with a minstrel company.

Money Belt Found on Door.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—George Ligon, of Millington, a suburb of this city, who complained to the Memphis police of being held up and robbed of $5,250 by two men late Wednesday night, notified Chief Mason that he found his money belt with the money intact tied to the knob of his door this morning when he got up. Ligon could give no description of the two men other than that they were not negroes. He claims to have had the money in a belt about his waist.

Dr. Smith Made President.

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.—The trustees of the University of Tennessee have elected Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, professor of English literature at the University of North Carolina president of the University by unanimous vote. Dr. Charles W. Dabney, the present president of the University of Tennessee, resigned some time ago to become president of the University of Cincinnati and will leave Knoxville in about a month to take charge of his new duties.

THE CAPITOL IS SAFE

The Report of Architect Berle Discredits Mr. Wilson's Report.

Columbia Etate, 25th.

The dome of the State Capital is safe. This is the report of the government expert sent here to make an investigation. Not only is the dome safe, but from his report it appears that the girders are not called upon to bear any unreasonable load. The issue was settled by the report of Mr. Kort Berle, chief structural engineer in the office of the supervising architect of the treasury department.

This expert investigation was made necessary by the report of Mr. C. C. Wilson, the well-known engineer and architect of Columbia. Mr. Wilson had been engaged by the committee to repair the State house, and he reported that the dome of the capitol was unsafe and therefore it would not be advisable to construct the heavy steel ceiling for the main lobby.

As so much surprise was created by this report, which was accompanied by calculations, Gov. Heyward decided to get the best talent available to investigate Mr. Wilson's charges. Upon applying to the secretary of the treasury, who has charge of all the federal buildings in this country, Gov. Heyward was given Mr. Berle as the examining expert.

The report which he submitted is entirely in opposition to the statements of Mr. Wilson. Mr. Berle, in addition to his official position, is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Gov. Heyward forwarded the report together with all correspondence in the matter to Col. J. Q. Marshall, chairman of the committee to make repairs.

After going into the matter at length and in minute detail, Architect Berle concludes as follows:

The fact remains, however, that in no place in this whole construction are there any signs of weakness, not one crack of brickwork or other masonry, no settlement or deflection of any kind; and such would certainly have appeared by this time, if weakness existed, especially to such degree as was feared.

In conclusion I beg to state that the government need have no hestitation in substituting the present ceiling of lobby and the covering of the inner dome by a permanent, fireproof and suitable construction, provided the weight of same shall not exceed 15 to 20 pounds per square foot. This can be best obtained by light angle or "T" iron framing covered by metal lathing and hard plaster with the proper ornamental finish.

If such changes be contemplated I beg to recommend that the two shorter brackets, supporting the inner dome on the ribs of the main dome, be first removed and replaced by similar but much longer brackets. It appears that one of those main ribs is bent, and I think this is due to the fact that the bracket does not extend far enough down on the steel rib. The substitution of such new brackets can be accomplished without much difficulty, proper shoring being first erected.

Attached to this report and forming part of same are sketch showing layout of the girders and five sheets of calculations.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) KORT BERLE,
M. Am. Soc. C. E.
Chief Structural Engineer, Office of the Supervising Architect, U. S. Treasury Department.

Union's Chamber of Commerce.

Union, Special.—Union's business men have decided to organize a chamber of commerce. A meeting for this purpose was held last week and the following, who are representative of Union's interest, were present: W. T. Thomson, of Farr & Thomson, R. P. Henry of the Mutual Dry Goods Company, W. S. McLure of McLure Mercantile Company, L. L. Wagnon of the Union Grocery Company, J. C. Copeland of Bailey-Copeland Company, W. D. Arthur, wholesale grocer, L. J. Hames of the Hames Grocery Company, F. G. Austell of W. T. Beaty & Co., F. C. Duke, druggist; Mayor R. L. McNally, who also represents the Bailey Lumber and Manufacturing Company; Dr. I. M. Hair, dentist; Thomas McNally, of Fant Brother Company, Dr. S. G. Sarratt, Dr. J. H. Hamilton, Attorneys V. E. DePass, W. W. Johnson and Ieter Butler, and Allan Nicholson, of "Progress." The meeting was called to order by Mayor McNally, and the temporary officers elected were Thomas McNally, chairman, and Allan Nicholson, secretary. The only business transacted was the appointment of a committee consisting of Allan Nicholson, W. D. Arthur and V. E. DePass to draft a constitution and by-laws, and as soon as these are prepared a meeting to perfect the organization will be held. It is believed that this chamber of commerce will mean much for the future advancement of Union commercially, industrially and educationally.

Green not Guilty.

Aiken, June 25.—At 7 o'clock Saturday morning the jury in the case of Lee Green, who since Wednesday morning has been on trial for his life for the killing of Abram Surasky, returned a verdict of "not guilty," and one of the most sensational cases that has ever occurred in Aiken county is ended. Gren and his young wife, who has stood faithfully by him through "thick and thin," together with his father and mother and brothers, left for their home near Hawthorne. The jury stayed in their room from 7 p. m., Friday until 7 o'clock Saturday morning.

A Charter and a Commission.

The Secretary of State Saturday issued a charter to the Cook-Estridge Company, a general merchandise concern of the towns of Kershaw, Camden and Lancaster. The capital stock is $12,000.

A commission was issued the Conway Telephone Company, capatalized at $3,000. Among the petitioners is Robert Scarborough.

Bank Cashier Arrested.

Chicago, Special.—Col. Jacob H. Plain, cashier of the German-American National Bank, of Aurora, Ill., has been arrested, charged with the missappropriation of $60,000 of the funds of the bank. The peculations have extended over a period of three years, during which time bank examiners have several times gone over the affairs of the bank and reported all correct.

No Doubt He Would.

The German professor at Smith college tried in vain to explain a difficult construction to one of the girls of his class. Finally he decided to devote no more of the recitation hour to this one point, but, wishing to clear it up for the young woman later, he said:

"We'll let this go now, Miss M—, and I would like to hold you for a few minutes after class."

Then he blushed to his temples at the torrent of giggles which the girls were unable to restrain.—New York Times.

PALMETTO CROPS

Conditions for the Growth of Crops Have Been Favorable.

The week ending 8 a. m., June 27th, had a mean temperature of 79 degrees which is practically normal. The extremes were a minimum of 64 at Greenville on the 24th, and a maximum of 98 at Allendale and Blackville on the 22d. The relative humidity was high in the eastern portions and was below normal in the central and western ones. There was more than the usual amount of bright sunshine. There were local high damaging winds early in the week in the northern and northeastern counties.

Scattered showers occurred early in the week in the central, northern and eastern counties, amounting to more than an inch in the Pee Dee sections of the State, and with variable amounts in the other sections.

The reports of correspondents include the rains at the close of last week and those of this, both of which were in the form of thunderstorms, and, as is characteristic of such storms, the showers were heavier in places than in others in the immediate vicinity. The conditions of the different crops responds very closely with the amounts of rainfall received during the last two weeks and varies from poor in localities where the drought is unrelieved, to exceedingly fine where the rainfall was copious, and while it is difficult to determine the comparative areas of these conditions, it is believed that over most of the State the conditions are very favorable. In general the Savannah valley and parts of the central and northern counties are most in need of rain, although drought areas exist in all parts of the State.

Early corn is about all laid by in good condition; late corn is doing well generally but in places the lack of moisture is causing it to yellow.

Cotton continues to make seasonable growth, but the plants are, as a rule, undersized on clay and red lands. Lice are less prevalent than last week. Fruiting is reported from all sections, especially on sandy lands, but blooms continue sporadic. In parts of Chester and Lancaster counties fields are foul, but generally they are clean and well cultivated. Sea Island cotton has made good growth during the week.

Tobacco was damaged by hail in Darlington; selecting and curing has begun in Marion; the tobacco crop is developing rapidly and is quite promising.

Late rice sowing are up to good stands; in the Georgetown districts early rice will soon receive its harvest flooding. Melon shipments will soon be heavy. Peach shipments continue, and the commercial portion of the crop is free from rot. Wheat and oats thrashing is under way; yields of wheat are generaly above the average; oats yields are variable. Wells are still failing, and water courses drying up in a few counties and cattle are suffering. The crop outlook is generally promising, but a general rain would be of great benefit to all crops.

A Highway Attack.

Spartanburg, Special.—Dr. Arthur O Thomas was the victim of a daring robbery and vicious assault Sunday night and the story of the sensational affair reminds one of the border days when holdups and highwaymen were the order of the day. But what makes the event of still more exciting interest is the fact that it occurred just west of the Saxon Mills. Dr. Thomas was returning from a day's visit to friends at Fair Forest and left there some time after nightfall. He was riding alone in a buggy and when passing an unfrequented spot along the road some one whom he thought to be a negro came noiselessly behind the buggy and struck him on the head with either an iron pipe or thick stick. The blow was very heavy and Dr. Thomas was rendered unconscious. The perpetrator of the assault then rifled the pockets of his victim and obtained about $25 in money and a valuable gold watch. The horse continued the way homeward with the unconscious man in the buggy. It was not until early morning that he recovered sufficiently to relate an account of the affair. Officers of the police department at once went to work on the case and a negro, Tom Richardson, was arrested by Officer Cudd as a suspect. The negro, it is said, lives at Fair Forest and spent the day there Sunday. Dr. Thomas, after Richardson's arrest, left for Fair Forest for the purpose of obtaining evidence against the man in custody or getting information from various sources that may lead to the arrest of the guilty person.

May Ask Board to Review.

Columbia, Special.—It is not known yet what the State house commission will do in regard to the report of Architect Berle. The report has not yet been considered, and as the members are scattered over the State it will likely be several days before a meeting si called. Whether the work of repairing the defects found will be pushed or whether the commission will not accept the report of Mr. Berle is a matter to be considered by the commission as a whole, and individual members would not discuss the matter. It is possible, however, that a board will be appointed to go over the whole report of Mr. Berle and consider the mass of technical figures presented which are not understood by the laymen.

Rothschild's Munificent Gift.

Paris, By Cable.—Baron Alphonse de Rotchschild, Baron Edmond de Rothschild and Baron Gustave de Rothschilds, three of the chiefs of the Rotschchild family, called upon M. Trouillot, the Minister of Commerce, Monday afternoon, to inform him of their intention to give $2,000,000 for the purpose of providing cheap and healthy dwellings for the Parisian working classes.

Bishop's Friends Gratified.

Columbia, Special—The announcement of the election of Bishop Ellison Capers as Chancellor of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., to succeed the late Bishop Dudley, of Kentucky, has given great pleasure to his friends in Columbia and throughout the diocese of South Carolina. The chancellorship of the University is a position of high honor. The executive duties of conducting the institution are delegated to the vice chancellor, whose position corresponds to the presidency of similar institutions.

Seven Scolarships.

The South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs has 57 scholarships in the colleges of the South. Most of these are taken and only seven are open at present. Examinations for these will be held in each county of the State on July 20, and those desiring to try for any of the vacancies must make application before July 10th to Miss Anadora Baer, chairman of the Educational Department South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, 16 Bull street, Charleston.

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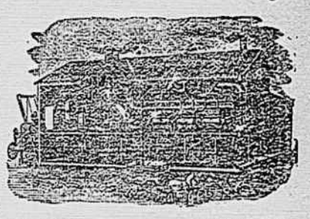
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