

Humorous Department.

Ministers' Errors.

We have heard some very laughable statements by ministers, and we do not for a moment doubt that they are also made by other public speakers.

Another clergyman, who had been discoursing most eloquently on idolatry, surprised his audience by saying "Bow not thine eye to a needle" when he meant to say "Bow not thy knee to an idol."

The slips of the type are, however, more numerous and laughter provoking than those of the tongue, causing many an editor and correspondent sorrow because of the carelessness or obtuseness of all knowing compositors.

A clergyman once made the statement in his pulpit, "What we want is more fire in our meetings." His remarks were reported for the next day's paper, and instead of "fire" he found that he had expressed a desire for more "fun" in the meetings.—London Tit-Bits.

WHY HE WOULD NOT PAY.—A few weeks ago a Scotchman came to consult a Wimpole street doctor and began relating the symptoms of his ailment. When he had concluded the physician said:

"The first thing you must do is to stop smoking and the next is to cut off your liquor, and then there must be no more midnight suppers."

"Humph!" ejaculated the Scot. "I dinna like that."

"Well," said the physician, relenting "if you must have something to eat at night take a few biscuits and a glass of warm milk about an hour before retiring; but no liquor, remember."

"And is that all?" asked the Scotchman, as he arose gravely from his chair.

"I think so," said the doctor. "Of course, I want you to come in to see me again in about a week."

"Well, good-day to ye doctor," said the patient, as he stepped toward the door.

"Oh, I beg your pardon, my usual fee is £2 2s," said the physician, as he picked up the note of introduction from his desk.

"Two guineas, and fer what?" asked the Scotchman.

"For my advice," replied the physician.

"Then," replied the Highlander, "I'll naw pay ye a penny."

"And why not, pray?" asked the doctor.

"Because," replied the Scotchman, "I dinna intend to tak' your advice."—Tit-Bits.

CONCERNED ABOUT THE INTEREST.—Patrick Calhoun, grandson of John C. Calhoun, and a member of the banking firm of Brown Brothers, tells some interesting incidents of ante-bellum days, one of which relates to Daniel Webster, says the New York Times.

"I have forgotten the year," said Mr. Calhoun recently at the Waldorf, "but it was when Mr. Webster was visiting my grandfather at Columbia, S. C. At dinner, which was eaten at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, an incautious guest alluded in glowing terms to the Madeira wine served with the dessert. He dilated on its age, its color, its bouquet, and closed his panegyric by saying:

"Mr. Webster, the interest on a quart of this wine at the market price would pay your fare back to Washington, sir."

"When starting for a drive soon after dinner, Mr. Webster put one foot on the carriage step and remained in that position so long that Mr. Calhoun said solicitously, 'I hope, sir, that you are not thinking of giving up the ride.'"

"It's a matter of doubt, Mr. Calhoun," said Webster, with a profound bow, "whether I should go on the ride or remain here and help consume some more of the interest on the irreproachable Madeira."

A SUFFICIENT REASON.—An Irishman, unable to get work in his own country, went to England to look for it and was lucky enough to find it.

The first Saturday night, when he got his wages, he went to buy a dozen eggs. He was charged a shilling for them. He was agast.

"A shilling!" said he. "Is it a shilling for a dozen eggs? Why, sure when I was in Ireland I could buy a dozen eggs for sixpence."

"Then why didn't you stay there?" "Because I hadn't the sixpence to buy them with."

Miscellaneous Reading.

FROM CONTEMPORARIES.

News and Comment That Is of More or Less Local Interest.

CHESTER.

Lantern, September 15: The following girls go to Winthrop: Misses Marjorie Leckie, Nett Spratt, Rachel Bralley, Josie Oates, Minnie Timmie, Mal Carpenter and Lillian McKeown. Magistrate Hamp Stroud informed us yesterday that Mrs. — Cloud, of Heath, was waked Friday night between 11 and 12 by the cries of an infant, and on going to the door found a female child which appeared to be not more than twelve hours old. The parentage of the child had not been discovered. Squire Lewis, colored foreman on Mr. R. T. Sandifer's farm at Lowryville, was shot Thursday by Wm. Hampton, a young Negro on the place, and died yesterday from the effects of the wound. The shooting was done just over the York line, near old Zion church. Coroner Gladden was sent for, under the impression that he could hold an inquest, but he decided that he could not legally do so. There was some dispute but Hampton claims that his gun went off accidentally. He fled and has not been found.

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THE RURAL POLICE QUESTION.

Need For Such a System in the South Is Great.

The Manufacturers' Record is of the opinion that all southern states ought to have stricter vagrancy laws, but adds that to make them most effective they must be supplemented by a law providing for an adequate police protection in the country districts. As vagrants are driven from the cities they must go to the country, and while a great many of them will go to work on the farms numbers of them will remain shiftless, idle and a menace to the communities in which they exist. The Manufacturers' Record suggests the organization of a police patrol somewhat upon the lines of the old patrol before the war, but modified to suit changed conditions.

This question ought to be considered by our legislature in connection with vagrancy, says the Columbia Record. It is undoubtedly a fact that life in the rural districts is not as safe as it ought to be, and for the protection of women, especially, some system of rural police ought to be established. Many residents of the country go to live in towns because they feel this ever present danger, but with more adequate protection they would remain, and so much valuable land would not be abandoned to worthless Negro tenants. Of course, we do not mean to say that this is the chief reason why so many farmers are going to the towns, but it is one consideration and an important one in many cases. The cost of such a system need not necessarily be large, but even if it requires the levy of a small extra tax it would seem that those who have it to pay would do so willingly. It would relieve them of a costly burden and a dangerous element and enable them to pursue their business in peace and with a security that they do not now enjoy. It is a matter that

demands serious consideration, and it seems to us the cog would be very insignificant in comparison with the benefits.

Rural Police the Remedy.

In connection with the wide discussion upon lynching, mob law and violence generally, the Atlanta Constitution prints an interview with ex-Gov. W. J. Northern that is interesting and profitable. He is primarily responsible for the introduction of the anti-lynching legislation in Georgia during his term of office, and he holds that the races are more in harmony than at any time since the war. He was asked to suggest a remedy for vagrancy and mob law, and replied as follows: "I believe the people in the rural districts are as much entitled to police protection as the people in the cities. I do not make the suggestion because of the presence of the Negroes any more than I would make the suggestion to the cities because of their absence, but on general conditions that demand protection. Every county in this state and in every state, north or south, should have a police force efficient and active. The sheriff should be chief of such county police, and see that they are vigilant. This will not only largely eliminate the little remaining spirit there is still among our people to deal summary vengeance upon outlaws, but it would furnish such protection as to prevent crimes of all kinds in the rural sections. It is well to say, as you have doubtless observed, that there has been not only less occasion for mob violence because of assaults, but that the people have more generally refrained from violence and awaited action by the courts. The relations between the races are not so antagonistic as formerly, but far more co-operative. To believe this, you have only to recall the conditions that existed soon after the war when the Ku-Klux were believed to be necessary to the safety of the people. After these came the vigilance committees, and now, if we had the county police, regulated by law, the situation would be largely, if not completely, met.

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