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THERE MUST BE METHOD IN HIS MADNESS.

There is now a little thought given to the subject of politics as we have ever noticed at this time of a political year. The people are thinking about that which concerns them more; but when they see and hear of an officeholder, whipping himself into a wrathful pitch in order that he may use his influence against some candidate, they will very probably reason that said officeholder had better let his favorite candidate paddle his own canoe, or in the coming primary, "win his own spurs."

The Administration of Justice.

[Issue of May 25, 1910.]

Editor The Manning Times:

I have had the pleasure of reading your recent article entitled, "Oh Those Technical Lawyers," and while I do not agree with you altogether, yet I am satisfied the subject is deserving of some consideration by every good citizen, and therefore I am taking the liberty of offering a criticism of the administration of justice in our State.

learned gentlemen on the circuit and supreme bench, who are an honor to the State and are worth many times their present salary to the people of the State, but so long as we leave the selection of the judiciary to log-rolling legislative and political tactics, the administration of justice will be subject to criticism by every true patriot and by every good citizen.

J. J. CANTEY, Summerton, S. C., May 23, 1910.

A Most Serious Allegation.

[Issue of June 1, 1910.]

In last week's issue there appeared a strong letter from J. J. Canthey, Esq., of Summerton, in which he made some comments upon our judicial and executive system. Mr. Canthey being a lawyer is in a better position to discuss this matter than we are, but if what he intimates has any foundation, it strikes us the attention of the proper authorities should be directed to it for the relief of taxpayers are entitled to. If there is any collusion between officers of the court and a lawyer or lawyers, the officer and the lawyer should be reported to the grand jury, that it may take steps to eradicate this evil.

We have heard the expression, "packed jury," but for it to be intimated that such a practice is ever resorted to in this county is beyond our conception, and too, that any of our county officers should be a party to such a practice is so foreign to our conception of right, that we must believe Mr. Canthey is laboring under some mistake. We know he is too honorable a man to concoct an intimation of this gravity, he therefore must have based it upon information which must be mistaken.

BE OPEN AND CLEAR.

There is an attempt being made to take the liquor question out of the discussion in the coming primary, but we notice that those trying to do this, are the very ones who have made the question foremost in bringing them into prominence. We heartily agree that it would be far better could those seeking political reformation, go before the people with issues that are instructive as well as entertaining, but when we have an unsettled problem on our hands, and we are all agreed upon nearly everything else, the liquor question is the most natural one to fall back upon.

Our observation is that there is a class of politicians, who started out on the prohibition platform because they thought it was the popular thing to do, but when they got out among the masses they discovered a considerable waning of that sentiment, and they are now trying to hedge. They would have the insistent prohibitionists to regard them with favor, and as exponents of their views, at the same time, they are endeavoring to quiet the Local Optionists with a soothing syrup labeled, "The liquor question is not an issue."

I am safe in saying that if the Bar Association of this State had the effective privilege of selecting the Judges who preside over our courts of record, quite a number of judicial figures-heads would be relegated to private practice and a meagre livelihood. Of course, I understand we have in this State some exceedingly able and

LET US ALONE.

Mrs. Russell Sage has donated \$15,000 to the National Audubon Society, to be used in the educational campaign, which the society is conducting in Southern States for the protection of birds. Here is an opportunity for Mr. James Henry Rice to get his fingers on that nice bunch of money, or maybe it is from this fund he is getting his pay for the letters he is writing to the newspapers and the speeches he is making in behalf of game protection. There is no chance for him to get a pull at the State treasury, not until the Senate confirms his nomination next winter, so the man must live and the probability is the Sage fund is where his money is coming from. What we cannot understand is, why is it these Northerners are so solicitous about the people in the Southern States, why they should be constantly wanting to have missionaries down here to teach the people a proper mode of conduct. It does seem to us there is plenty for these philanthropists to do at the North where human life is treated so recklessly, and where it is a common occurrence for human bodies to be found packed in boxes and trunks, after a most horrible murder. Let them sweep before their own doors, and it will keep them busy. The people in the South do not need to be evangelized by the hired monitors of proper conduct, they are plenty able to do their own thinking and acting.

WE SHOULD BE THANKFUL.

Along in the early part of this year there appeared in the newspapers predictions of coming calamities through the world, and if the man who made these predictions continues to have things his way he will go down in history as a prophet. The criminal record of 1910 is fast becoming the largest in many years, but at the same time it can be said conditions in this State are not as bad as they are in a great many other States in the Union. While we too have our troubles, in comparison with some of the other States, we are far in advance of many of them in civic righteousness. And too, this State has not been visited by any very severe calamities the present year. Crop conditions are not as forward as they might be, owing to backward seasons, yet, the outlook is getting brighter, and there is great hope for a fair crop, with a fine prospect of good prices for the products of the soil. There are no political dissensions at this time to tear our people asunder, our controversies on this line is merely those who seek preferment, not so elsewhere, where the contest is for the control of great interests, termed Trusts, and, take it all in all, our people are happy and contented.

The address of President Kohn delivered before the State Press Association at Glenn's Springs Monday evening on the assembling of that body, is worthy of the man and the great body of sentiment molders he represents. It is with a source of keen regret that circumstances prevented our being present to hear it.

Dillon county's first court was captized in human blood. Yesterday S. D. Hursey, a young lawyer, was shot and instantly killed by R. S. Davis two minutes after the lawyer left the court house. It is said that domestic complications was the cause of the tragedy. The press dispatches show that the killing was deliberately planned.

The lawyers are making another desperate effort to secure another trial for Jones, the convicted wife murderer. The hearing is being had by Judge Gruber, a special judge, at Union. If Judge Gruber refuses a new trial Jones's lawyers will appeal from his ruling to the supreme court, and thereby get for their rich client a longer respite from punishment. Money works wonders.

Hub Evans was yesterday indicted by a Newberry grand jury, charged by the Attorney General with receiving rebates. Evans was immediately after his voluntary surrender, released on a small bond. This arrest in our opinion was expected, and understood as further developments will prove. Hub Evans is nobody's fool, and when the Attorney General went to Newberry, Hub was ready to go to trial.

When Congress establishes the postal bank system, we wonder if all of the money order offices in the country are to be converted into savings banks? There are money order offices which are not in populous towns, and in fact, there are a great number of such offices that are merely kept for the convenience of a saw mill or store. These surely would not be compelled to inaugurate the savings bank system as we understand is contemplated by the bill now pending in Congress.

Teddy is back from the wilds of Africa, and now the Republican party will put on its good behavior. While the cat was away the mice did play, and came near being caught in the Democratic danger zone, in fact a few of the little fellows found their way into the Democratic trap, and unless Teddy gets busy some of the big ones will be found dangling in the belts of the Democratic warriors. There is much worry among the big Bosses, and they will welcome a blast from the hunter's horn.

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The action of Judge Meminger in keeping a jury in a room twenty-six hours with only two meals is deserving of the censure of a free people. In our recent court twelve intelligent white men after conscientiously trying to reach a verdict, and failing informed the Judge that it was impossible for them to agree, but notwithstanding this information he undertook to force them to a verdict by punishment; that the jurymen are indignant is not to be wondered at, they have a right to feel hurt by the Judge's conduct towards them, and we say without any disrespect to the judiciary that the legislature should at its next session fix the rules of court so a Judge will be compelled to exercise a reasonable judgment, and the law should force him to observe the ordinary rules of humanity. The idea of a jury being punished in order to get a verdict is not only a cruel absurdity, but it is a mockery at justice.

We have been hearing so many political rumors recently, we have reached the conclusion that some people regard any old thing they can do or say in politics is permissible. Lying, and blowing to deceive is their long suit. But there is this hope, the people cannot be fooled as easily as some may think. This is the day when white men are independent, and vote as they see fit, and the one who imagines he can control votes is only deceiving himself. Therefore, our advice is for every man who is running for office to depend upon his own merit rather than to bank his hopes on the fellow who would try to create the impression that if you want any thing in his section or his community you must go to him, as what he says goes. Watch the vote of this county in the coming primary and it will be convincing that the voters vote, not at the dictation of any one, but judge a candidate by what service he has rendered, or of his fitness to render service, and the man who receives the majority, is the choice of the masses.

HOME MISSIONS.

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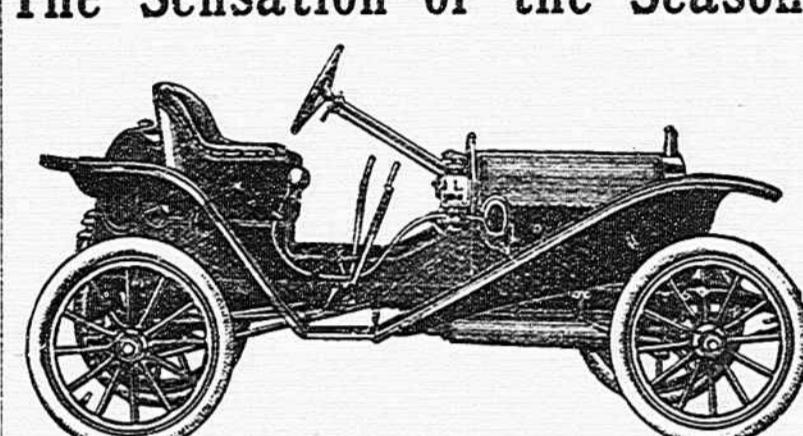
The report of the Woman's Home Mission Society to the General Conference showed much gratifying increase over the report of the previous quadrennium. It showed a growth of 48,304 more members than was reported in 1906. The collection for connectional work amounted to \$622,379.91 nearly twice as much as was collected during the previous quadrennium. Seven hundred and forty-seven parsons were aided in the four years. In 1906 there were 22 deaconesses in the church, now there are 57. The Board has also given deaconess training to 53 women at a cost of \$13,077. At the last session of the Board 86 trained workers were appointed to service in the church. \$21,296.59 came to the society in the form of gifts in the last four years.

A Defeated Conscience.

The secretary of the Kansas State Historical society tells a story about an early day Kansas justice of the peace who will be nameless here: "This J. P.," said the secretary, "would marry a couple one day as justice of the peace and divorce them the next as notary public." One time, as the story ran, a man surrendered himself to this J. P. "An' phwat's the matter?" asked the judge. "I killed a man out here on the prairie in a fight," was the reply. "I want to give myself up." "You did kill him, sor?" asked the J. P. "Yes, sir," was the reply. "Who saw you?" asked the J. P. "Nobody." "An' nobody saw you kill 'im?" "No, sir. Just we two were there." "An' you're shure nobody saw you?" reiterated the J. P. "Of course I'm sure," was the reply. "Thin you're discharged," said the J. P., bringing his fist down on the table. "You're discharged. You can't terminate yourself. Fifty dollars, please." - Kansas City Journal.

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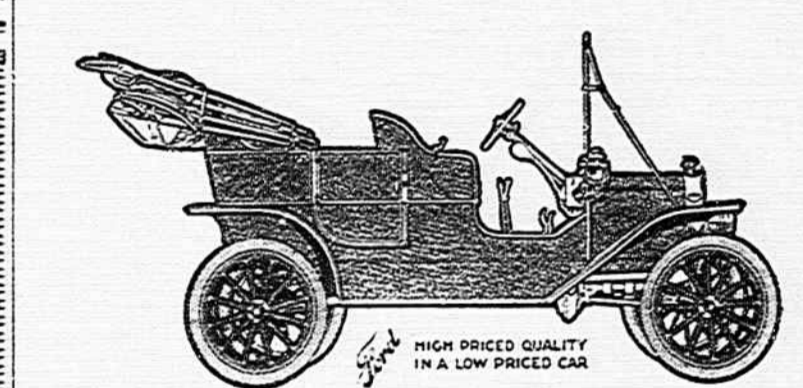
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