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FRIDAY, Oct. 23, 1908.

To the Editor of the Batesburg Advocate:
Dear Sir,

Please allow me to say a few words, to your reply to my letter of Oct. 6, relating to the special court for the trial of Herrin. I just want to say, that, I was born and raised in a country where mob rule and lynching is unknown, and where the courts must carry out the law to its fullest. There is no mixed population there, same as this country has, consequently there are no special courts required. But I am not narrow minded enough not to see and understand the circumstances of a mixed people like this country has, circumstances that are not properly understood by strangers until they have lived in the south. We all know that lynching is deplorable and the vast majority of us would rather see the law take its course at a regular term of court. Down in the heart of a man of the Anglo-Saxon race there is a spark which always calls for justice and fairplay, and they have their various courts to carry out the law and see that justice is done.

And if the negro keeps in his place as a negro ought to, then he too will get justice in these same courts and he does get it.

The circumstances of the sentiment against the negro is too well known for me to try to explain, however, we all know that the sentiment is there. And whenever a negro commits such a crime as Herrin did, that sentiment is very easily roused to a dangerous pitch. Now Herrin shot and killed one of the best white men in Saluda county, without cause or provocation of any kind, the murderer himself admitted he had no cause to kill Carver. And when a negro commits such a dastardly crime on a white man, the sentiment and that spark of justice and fairplay, call it revenge if you like, that is in the heart of the Anglo-Saxon is fanned into an uncontrollable flame, and unless there are a few cool men among the crowd, who are able to control themselves and the crowd too, the first thing they know the negro is lynched.

The time may come when all such crimes will be tried at the regular terms of court, without having to order a special court. And the ordering of special courts for a speedy trial of such crimes is the entrance of the thin end of the wedge, so to speak, of the time when the regular courts shall deal with such cases as Herrin's. But we have to live down that "sentiment" before such a time comes, and down in our hearts we all know it.

Taking the circumstances of the two race of people into consideration, the ordering of special courts for such crimes, does not in any way drag the court away from its fixed purpose. We as a people living under such circumstances as we have to contend with, must always adapt ourselves to circumstances. We, as law-abiding citizens try to give the negro the protection of the courts as far as we possibly can, and we know that to shoot him like you would a mad dog is violating the law.

When the people are doing their best for the law to take its course, then I say why question the wisdom or right to order a special court for Herrin.

And such editorials like the one you published on Oct. 2nd are rather out of place and uncalled for. Hoping you will pardon me for

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Ward, S. C. William Houston.
Oct. 13-08.

Our correspondent still insists that we should have kept quiet about the special trial for Herrin. If we had not a more reasonable argument to support our position than he has then we would readily admit that what we said was out of place and uncalled for. There are lots of people that think just as we do about this matter and we did not mean to cast a reflection on anybody except the would be lynchers, such, we designated by the term mob.

The only thing that looks anything like an argument in our correspondents reply is what he says about this being the best that could be done under the circumstances. This is a delusion that has and will appeal to many. It led to the establishment of the right to appoint special terms of court and as sure as we live it will never make people of either color any better or more law-abiding.

The institution of our government is founded on the principle of impartiality, and at all hazards and under all circumstances should we guard this principle. The mere fact that prejudice excitement or indignity (righteous or unrighteous) exist is the more reason that we should guard the court from such influences. Instead of adapting the court to the circumstances we should adapt the circumstances to the court.

Our correspondent sees the point and admits that he was raised up under such principles but he has seized to this delusion as a solution of this phase of the race problem. Does he not know that human prejudice and envy are insatiable characteristics, that the more we cater to such feelings the stronger they will grow? Courts that are constitutionally held and conducted will establish the principles of justice and impartiality in the people and this is what we sorely need. We would not argue that justice could not be had at a special term of court but a sacrifice of principle is necessarily involved in appointing a special court under such circumstances. In a sense the white people are responsible for the negroes presence here and we do not hesitate to say that most of his meanness is done in imitation of examples set by white men. It is a mighty peculiar spark of justice that flames up so suddenly when a negro commits a crime and dies out so readily when the order is reversed.

Let us see to it that the courts take their constitutional course then the law will take care of itself.

A Puzzle in Figures.
Take any number of three different figures, as 471, under it place the same figures in reverse order, subtract the lesser number and you will find that the middle figure of the result is invariably 9. Why it is so is something that only the most learned mathematical scholars can explain. Here is our case worked out:
Taking any number, say..... 471
Reversing figures..... 174
Subtracting, we have..... 297
Further still, we can now reverse this number 297 in the same way and add the two numbers and the result will always come 1080. Thus:
Taking..... 297
Reversing..... 792
Adding, we have..... 1089
Why should the answer always come out the same? Here's something for you to work over.

A Real Apology.
"When the late Joel Chandler Harris was an editor here among us," said an Atlantian, "I called on him one day and found him very willing to correct an error about me that crept into his columns.

"We talked about newspaper contradictions, public apologies and the like, and 'Uncle Remus' took down a scrapbook and read me an apology that was an apology indeed. It had happened, he said, in a Transvaal paper. I'll never forget it. I agreed with Mr. Harris that it was the finest specimen of the public apology and retraction extant. It said:

"I, the undersigned, A. C. du Plessis, retract hereby everything I have said against the innocent Mr. G. P. Beuzendout, calling myself an infamous liar and striking my mouth with the exclamation: 'You mendacious monster! Why do you lie so?' I declare, further, that I know nothing against the character of Mr. G. P. Beuzendout. I call myself, besides, a genuine liar of the first class."
"A. C. DU PLESSIS."

His Cough Cure.
"In my boyhood there came to our town," said a clergyman, "a gentle minister who, the very first Sunday of his incumbency, stopped effectually his coughing congregation.

"It was a congregation, too, singularly addicted to coughing. Rattling volleys of coughs ran over it every few minutes. The minister, in his first Sunday sermon, said, 'I have heard of you for twelve centuries, but I have never seen you. You are a little fellow, but you are a good fellow, and when the next Sunday comes, I will be here and you will be here, and we will have no more coughing.'"
"At once the coughing ceased. There was a profound silence. The minister smiled.

"My friends," said he, "it seems that when I stop you stop."
"From that day in that church they coughed no more."

Queer Wedding Effigy.
There is a curious custom still prevalent in the Bellary district of India in connection with the wedding ceremonies among certain Brahman families. Just prior to the close of the feasting a hideous effigy of a male figure, fantastically robed in rags, supposed to represent the bridegroom's father, is carried along the streets in procession under the shade of a sieve adorned with tassels of onions and margosa leaves. Every few yards during the procession the feet of the effigy have to be reverently washed and its forehead decorated with a caste mark by its living spouse, the bridegroom's mother. The bridegroom's other female relations have several mock attentions paid to them by the women of the bride's party.—St. James' Gazette.

Restaurant Affiliation.
The waiter in the light lunch cafe looked expectantly at the first of five men who had just entered.

"Bring me a coffee cake and a cup of coffee," ordered the first man.
"I'll take some milk biscuit and a glass of milk," said the second.
"Two buns and a cup of tea, please," remarked the third.

"A piece of coconut pie and a cup of cocoa," said the fourth.
The waiter passed on to the fifth man.

"Don't say it, don't say it!" he pleaded. "I know what you want. You want a slice of chocolate cake and a cup of chocolate."

"No; I do not," protested the fifth man. "I want a plate of ice cream and a glass of ice water."—Judge's Library.

An Odd Legacy.
Thomas Jefferson, the founder of the Jefferson family of actors, was remembered curiously in the will of Weston, who was himself an esteemed member of Garrick's company. Weston's will contained this item:
"I have played under the management of Mr. Jefferson at Richmond and received from him every politeness. I therefore leave him all my stock of prudence, it being the only good quality I think he stands in need of."

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