

A SHARP REPLY

By A. B. Williams to the Slanders of Bishop Potter

ABOUT THE SOUTH.

The Editor Challenges the Slanders New York Bishop to a Show of Hands to the Moral Condition of His Diocese and the South Generally.

Bishop Potter of New York is one of the pet superstitions of this country. He is part of the general New York superstition. Because New York is big, most of us assume that any man who becomes prominent there must be a very large and great man indeed. We persistently forget that as many fakirs, bumpkins and light-weights rattle and swell around in large places in New York as anywhere else in the world.

The editor of the Columbia (S. C.) State wrote Bishop Potter a very respectful letter, pointing out to him that he had done the homes and people of the State serious injustice, referring to the bishop and clergy of his own church in that State for evidence and asking him to make every inquiry into the facts and then take such steps as equity and justice may dictate.

In reply the editor received a most insolent letter from Bishop Potter, indirectly and in a roundabout way, off the bishop's hide. He pointed out that the offensive paragraph had been published prominently, that Bishop Potter had not seen fit to make any denial or correction of an outrageous and shameful slander against the people of a whole State and that his denial suggested in his own mind was as evasive as discursive.

"Ho had simply remarked that in view of the prevalence of miscegenation in the South, the 'pose' of lofty and superior virtue on the part of its people, anywhere had in it an element equally comical and pathetic."

An accusation like this cannot be sustained or disproved by statistics or amplification. It can be considered only in the light of general and obvious facts. Virtue is not a thing of sections or of countries. The good are good and the bad are bad everywhere and wherever human nature is, the affections and passions of men and women stray in forbidden paths.

It would be interesting to know where Bishop Potter got his impressions of the morals of the people of the South and how he would go about justifying himself for circulating such a cruel and injurious charge as that concubinage and miscegenation are general in this part of the country.

HE HELD THE KEEL

Some Anecdotes of the Boyhood and College Life of Judge Prince, of the Ninth Circuit.

What a Citizen Said During a Term of Court in Barnwell. And now, "May it please Your Honor." Well, those of us who knew him in his younger days are not surprised that it is now "Judge Prince."

SOME PLAIN TALK

From a Northerner on the Shackling of President Davis.

To the Editor of the Public Ledger: So many letters have appeared in the newspapers lately, pro and con, regarding the treatment of ex-President Jefferson Davis while a captive that I am surprised one salient feature has hitherto escaped comment.

I remained for the United States of America, through their duly constituted authorities, to do a thing unprecedented in modern times, the shaming of a great man, the slaying of a brave cause, whose rights or wrongs are not now in question.

JAMES P. DAVIDSON. Philadelphia, March 22, 1905.

A Bride Kills Herself

Because her husband told her he detected her flirting with a former admirer, Mrs. James Gallion, a bride of three hours, shot herself at Huntington, W. Va., Tuesday. The couple were married, and about midnight went to the home prepared by the groom. The bride, however, was as evasive as discursive.

Three men were killed outright and another so badly injured that he died a few hours later by an explosion at the Schaeffertown powder mills near Troy, N. Y., Tuesday. The men killed were James White and Charles Colburn of Hazardville, Conn., and James Sprague and Albert Bartlett, the latter being new employes. The men were at work in the corning mill when the explosion occurred and the cause is now known.

Henry L. Woodward, an attorney of New York city, and Charles A. Brown, a traveling salesman for the National Supply company of Toledo, Ohio, committed suicide in their rooms at the Hollenden hotel at Cleveland, Ohio, sometime during Tuesday night of last week.

The Washington Post believes that the American people are in earnest and that if the present Republican administration does not smash the trusts that it will itself be smashed. The next man to be elected, the G. O. P. might as well go out of business right now. The trusts were not born to die by the hand of the party which gave them birth and which has ever after protected its offspring with a jealous and fostering care.

Arthur R. Whitner, a young man belonging to a prominent family at Jacksonville, Fla., pleaded guilty in the federal court Wednesday to taking \$500 from a registered letter. Whitner was employed in the Jacksonville post-office as night registry clerk, and the larceny was committed last summer. He was given a sentence of one year's imprisonment.

AWFUL TRAGEDY.

A Man Shoots a Girl Five Times and Kills Himself.

NEAR CONWAY, S. C.

The Man Wanted to Marry the Woman and Because She Refused He Shot Her Five Times With a Pistol and Then Shot Himself Also.

A special dispatch to The State from Conway says one of the most awful and sickening tragedies which has ever occurred within the borders of this county took place Thursday morning about 7 o'clock, at Homeewood station, on the Coast Line railroad, four miles north of Conway.

Since Judge Prince's election to the bench, he has recalled many amusing incidents of his boyhood days. The future Judge had a high sense of honor and would fight for the right, or what he conceived to be right, anywhere and at any time.

In one of our fishing escapades (and I am not sure, but that is true) without permission, that time, as stream was swollen) we were seated on a tree that leaned over the stream and not more than four or five feet above the water. Catskin were biting ravenously and we were catching them rapidly.

As neither mother nor daughter have ever been lawfully married, their marriage was a very unsavory reputation in the community and no one would have regretted their departure had they gotten away on Wednesday. Just before the boat left the pier, the mother went to the home of Mr. Bray to borrow a picnic for her day's work and after she left the house she entered, went up to the cabin, entered, caught the girl, who tried to get out the door, the little piazza and held her with his left hand while he pulled his revolver from his belt and emptied every chamber into her body at arm's length.

Mr. A. S. Salley, Jr., was Wednesday chosen as clerk of the South Carolina Historical commission after a careful examination of the papers, which number entered. This office was created at the last session of the legislature and provides a salary of \$1,000 a year.

A special from Newton, Miss., says: W. P. Smith, a traveling representative of a portrait company, was shot and instantly killed by Ray Tucker, a contractor and outsider of the town. Tucker was driving when he met the picture agent and asserts that Smith was attempting to draw a revolver on him. It also developed last week that he was short in his accounts as treasurer of the city of Orange Park.

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UNDER ARREST.

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A SERIOUS CHARGE.

They Are Indicted Jointly in New York With Nan Patterson, Who is Charged With the Murder of a Gambler by the Name of Caesar Young.

Accused of conspiracy, to commit murder, J. Morgan Smith and wife were arrested in Cincinnati, Ohio, Thursday on telegraphic request from District Attorney Jerome W. New York city. Nan Patterson, the actress who has been twice put on trial for the murder of Caesar Young in New York, is charged in the same connection, new indictments to this effect having been found in New York Thursday.

Several weeks ago a New York detective met Smith in Montreal, Canada, and from that time until the arrests this officer has awaited a favorable time for making the arrest. He followed the couple, part of the time as traveling companion over half of the continent, having met friends with Smith, who knew him to be a detective but believed that in the office was after some other person.

Mrs. Smith said she had relatives in Covington, Ky., and she went with her husband to that city Wednesday night on these people who, however, refused to see the visitors and after wards declared that there was no relationship between them.

At New York fireman Samuel Lillie was killed and several other firemen were injured by a cave-in in the subway at the One-hundred and Sixty-eight street station, which was burned at the foot of the hill where the cave-in had been into the tunnel to get down the smoldering embers of the fire when a portion of the roof fell and crushed Lillie.

Paul Milliken, Chief of Police, Cincinnati, in reply to the district attorney Thursday telegraphed: "Arrest Smith and wife as fugitives from justice." The district attorney also sent the following: New York, March 30. Arrest and hold for extradition J. Morgan Smith, wanted in New York on a charge of criminal conspiracy.

Announcement was officially made in Waycross that the Wadley and Mount Vernon railroad, the Douglas, Augusta & Gulf railroad and the Ocala, Pine Bloom & Valdosta railroads had passed into new hands and the former management will be changed in a short time. The roads are being operated by J. E. Wadley, J. S. Bailey and G. G. Parker, all of Waycross, and they have associated with them wealthy parties from Augusta, Douglas and other points along the lines.

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DISPENSARY PROFITS

Divided Among the Different Schools of the State.

MAINE WAS SUNK

Through Mistake Says Gessler Rosseau, the Bomb Maker. Remarkable Story.

Comptroller General Jones has made an allotment of \$110,000 of dispensary profits to the public schools of the State. The allotment was made after finding out the deficiency in each county. This deficiency represented the amount each school in the county fell short of \$75. In some counties the 3 mill school tax produced revenue sufficient to pay each school \$75, which amount is calculated to run a school three months.

It required \$9,652.50 to make up these deficiencies and the remainder of the profits recently declared by the dispensary were divided among all of the counties. O'Neerfield's county superintendent of education having failed to respond with the data necessary, that county was not included in the distribution but the amount will be made up at subsequent distributions.

The total enrollment in the State is reported as 288,353; and the amount each pupil will receive from this distribution will be 34 1/2 cents. The deficiency was divided as follows among the 26 counties reporting that the 3 mill school tax did not afford \$75 for each and all of the schools in these counties:

Table listing county names and amounts, such as Abbeville, \$297.85; Aiken, \$76.30; Bamberg, \$91.04; Barnwell, \$32; Cherokee, \$132.63; Greenville, \$78.75; etc.

The \$190,000 mileage grab undertaken by the house representative, has brought upon the members of congress widespread condemnation. Walter Wellman, Washington correspondent, referring to this attempted grab, says: "Proceeding upon the assumption that their constituents' memory is no longer clear, a majority of the members of the house of representatives voted themselves \$190,000 mileage in the closing days of the last session, whereas one year ago not a single member, with the elections following in the fall, had the courage to stand for such an appropriation."

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President Roosevelt will deliver an address in Brooklyn on May 30 at the exercises in connection with the unveiling of the statue of Gen. Slocum.

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