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MORE ABOUT BAIL IN HOMICIDE CASES.

The Chester Lantern comments at length on what THE NEWS had to say in relation to the Lantern's views on the subject of bail in homicide cases.

If we correctly understand our esteemed contemporary, it is opposed to the granting of bail in "so many cases." It contends that there is a "slack place" in the law which "needs tightening up." It admits that a bail bond has the effect of bringing the accused into court for trial, but it seems to object to the practice of granting bail on the ground that when a judge thus releases a party his judicial action is an implied if not an expressed prejudice on the merits of the case in favor of the innocence of the defendant, the effect of which is to encourage the jury, when the case is finally tried, to render a verdict of acquittal. Indeed, our contemporary even puts it still stronger: It says "the granting of bail has about the same effect as a judge's instructing a jury to bring in verdict of 'not guilty.'"

Of course it is largely a matter of speculation as to what weight, if any, the granting of bail has with the jury, but we are satisfied that the view taken of the matter by the Lantern is altogether an extreme one. Our own opinion is that the bail feature has very little, if any, bearing on the jury. Jurors are sworn to decide the issues according to the law and the evidence as submitted to them at the trial and it is not reasonable to suppose that they are influenced by a mere incident in the proceedings occurring weeks or months beforehand, and with which they had nothing whatever to do. The fact as to whether the defendant was confined in jail or was out on bond, awaiting his trial, should not have, and we do not believe it does, any appreciable effect on the jury.

If our esteemed contemporary is right in its contention, the converse of its proposition should also be true. Then why was it that Gillis was not confined in Camden a few days

ago? He was twice refused bail, once by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and once by a circuit judge, Judge Watts, and yet the jury acquitted him after twenty-two minutes' deliberation in their room. According to the logic of the Lantern the jury should have found him guilty.

The Gillis case, by the way, illustrates another point in this friendly discussion. Our position is that if a bail bond will beyond all peradventure bring the defendant into court for trial he should be granted bail, provided his release or liberty cannot be considered as a menace to society. In other words, assuming, as the law does, a party accused to be innocent until he is proven guilty, there should be no unnecessary punishment inflicted in advance of his trial. Now in the case of Gillis, that man, being denied bail, was punished to the extent of eighteen months' imprisonment, and yet he was finally declared by a jury of his peers to be innocent.

No, the trouble is not in the matter of granting bail. Now as to whether the juries of the country are doing their duty—but that is another question.

Comments of the Press on The Lancaster News.

(Greenwood Journal.)

For some time we have been noticing what was being said about the consolidation of the three Lancaster papers. Today we have unmistakable evidence that three old friends who have been visiting us for years have gone the way of all the earth, for in their stead a new friend has come in to tell us the story of their departure, and to assure us that it will endeavor to fill the places made vacant by the passing away of the Ledger, Review and the Enterprise. We have known these papers and their editors for years, and are glad to claim them all as our personal friends. We are pleased in this instance, however, that while we are compelled to give up Messrs. T. S. Carter and A. J. Clark we shall still have the pleasure of the weekly greetings of Mr. C. T. Connors, one of the most elegant gentlemen we know. Hence we are not giving up old friends for a new one.

The new paper is called the News, and is edited by Mr. C. T. Connors, former editor of the Review. It is a five column, eight-page paper, and will be issued semi-weekly at \$1.50 per annum. Our contemporary has made a good beginning, and we wish him great success. We are sure that he will permit us to say, however, that we think he has made a mistake in making his paper a semi-weekly instead of a weekly. We tried the semi-weekly business for a few years, and we have never had much of an opinion of it since. We believe that a first-class weekly is better, and that it is more appreciated by the public than the semi-weekly.

FROM THE CHESTER LANTERN.

The Lancaster News, the one paper of the town, into which the three old papers were merged, has made a splendid start. Those

who are acquainted with the ability of the editor, Mr. C. T. Connors, do not need to be told that he can make a good and interesting paper. It seems to us, by the way, that this consolidation will be as profitable to the people of Lancaster county as to the publishers, if not more so. Subscribers can have the advantage of three papers at the price of one, and a low price at that. Advertisers can reach all the readers of the three old papers, perhaps more, through one paper, and the cost will be much less, even though they pay a rate considerably higher than they paid any one of the old papers, as they ought, and we presume they do. We wish the News the very best.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN.

The three weekly papers of Lancaster have been combined and the new paper is called The Lancaster News. It is converted into a twice a week paper. We have received two issues. A decided improvement is shown. The News is bright and fresh looking. Mr. Chas. T. Connors is the editor. We wish the News may have many years of prosperity in store.

FROM THE FORT MILL TIMES.

The first issue of the Lancaster News, the new paper which resulted from the consolidation of the Ledger, the Review and the Enterprise, reached us Wednesday. The paper is made up of eight pages of good, wholesome news and editorial matter and is quite neat in appearance. The new paper is edited by Mr. Chas. T. Connors, formerly of the Review, and will be issued twice a week, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

FROM THE GREENVILLE MOUNTAINEER.

The Lancaster News, Vol. 1 No. 1 is on our desk. This is the successor of the three papers formerly published in that progressive town. The News is newsy and presents a neat appearance. We predict that the Lancaster people will give it their warm support. Maj. Chas. T. Connors is the Editor of the new paper which is a semi weekly.

FROM THE NEWBERRY HERALD AND NEWS.

The three Lancaster papers have been consolidated into one called the News and will be issued twice a week. One paper in a town and county the size of Lancaster should be a good investment and should be able to give the people a paper worthy of their support. We wish the new paper much success.

FROM THE CHESTER REPORTER.

The three Lancaster papers, Ledger, Review and Enterprise, have been bought by a joint stock company and in their stead will be issued the Lancaster News. The first issue appeared on 4th of October. Mr. Chas. T. Connors, the able editor of The Review for 20 years, becomes editor of the new paper.

There are no new developments in the recent Camden murder mystery. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict Friday to the effect that Merchant McDowall was slain by an unknown party.

Business Notices.

All Notices inserted under this head at the rate of ONE CENT A WORD for each insertion. No notice to be counted less than 25 words.

LADIES, be sure to go to the Lancaster Mercantile Co's and ask to see the very latest in Shopping Bags and Belts, they are patent leather and are beauties.

FRESH Norfolk Oysters every Wednesday and Saturday. Delivered promptly to any part of town. Phone 97. Plyler Bros.

THE most beautiful and latest thing out in ladies' neck wear at the Lancaster Mercantile Co's. See them at once before they are all gone.

I WILL make Cabinet Pictures at half price—6 for \$1.00. Small size 6 for 35c until Nov. 1st, 1905. Photograph tent between Crawford Bros. drug store and Bank of Lancaster. J. W. Cook. 2t.

HAVE you seen the Empire Coats and all of the newest things in wraps at the Lancaster Mercantile Co's, Ladies? If not you should do so at once. This is the third order and possibly they cannot get any more at the same prices.

WE HAVE Fresh Norfolk Oysters and Florida Fish—shipped direct to us—on hand every day in the week. When you want anything in this line that is nice and FRESH, phone 79. E. C. Lanier.

JUST IN—A big stock of Ladies' Kid Gloves, right new from the manufacturer, in all shades to match that new fall suit of your lady. Lancaster Mercantile Company.

WHEN you want nice fresh beef, pork or sausage, phone Plyler Bros. Meat delivered promptly to any part of town. Phone 97.

WANTED—A few gentlemen boarders. Good table board and lodging \$12.00 per month. For particulars call at News office.

THE Lancaster Mercantile Company is selling more Millinery this season than ever before. Why? Because Miss Hurt makes the most stylish hats ever shown here.

THE Bennett Grocery Company got in a car load of Cabbage Wednesday. Call on them for Cabbage to make kraut. Bennett Grocery Company.

E. C. LANIER, at L. & C. depot has a fine car Danish Cabbage that he is selling for \$1.75 per hundred pounds. They are fine for making kraut.

FOR SALE.—Three hundred thousand feet short leaf Pine Lumber. Alex. Hammond, Heath Springs, S. C.

NEW CROP New Orleans Molasses. Bennett Grocery Co.

E. C. LANIER, at L. & C. depot, has a fine car Danish Cabbage that he is selling for \$1.75 per hundred pounds. They are fine for making kraut.

GREAT ATTRACTION in Chester next Thursday Night—Willard Spenser's popular comic opera, "Miss Bob White," will be presented at the Chester opera house next Thursday night, Oct. 19th, by the Nixon & Zimmerman Opera Company. In order to afford Lancasterians and others an opportunity to attend, a special train over the L. & C. road will be run, leaving here at 7 p. m., and arriving in Chester at 8 p. m. Curtain rises at 8:30. Returning, the train will leave Chester immediately after the performance. The fare from Lancaster for the round trip will be 75 cents; from other points along the road, 50 cents. Tickets to the opera are now on sale here at Crawford Bros. drug store.

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FOR RENT.—January 1st, the store room now occupied by Allison Bros. & McCordell. See W. T. Gregory, Oct. 10-31t.

Why do you order high-price Washing Machines? Bennett Grocery Co. sells the Spotless. 10-4-6t.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
COUNTY OF LANCASTER,
In the Probate Court,
By J. E. Stewman, Esquire,
Probate Judge.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Julia Cauthen, of Lancaster County, in said State, made suit to me to grant her Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of W. C. Cauthen, deceased,

THESE ARE, THEREFORE, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and Creditors of the said W. C. Cauthen, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Lancaster Court House, on Tuesday, Oct. 31st, next after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand, this 17th day of October, Anno Domini, 1905.

J. E. STEWMAN,
Probate Judge.

Oct. 18, 1904—2t.

Professional Cards

JOHN E. WELSH,
DENTIST,
Lancaster, S. C.
Office Up-stairs in Masonic Building.

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DR. R. G. ELLIOTT,
Lancaster, S. C.
Residence 'phone, No. 187. Office, Davis Building, cor. Main and Dunlap streets; 'phone No. 72.
Will practice in both town and country. All calls, day or night, will receive prompt attention.

Notice.
Notice is hereby given that the tax books of the town of Lancaster, S. C., will be open for the collection of taxes on the 1st day of November, 1905, at the office of the town Treasurer, and all taxes remaining unpaid on the 1st day of December, 1905, pursuant to Section 1 of the Supply Bill of 1905, will be subject to a penalty of 15 per cent for the non-payment of the same when, together with cost.
R. E. WYLIE,
Mayor.
Oct. 10, 1905.

Notice to Taxpayers.
Taxes will be due and payable without penalty from October 15 to December 31, 1905.

The tax levy for State purposes is 5½ mills, for ordinary county purposes 4½ mills, special county purposes (L. & C. R. R. bonds) 2 mills, constitutional tax for school purposes 3 mills, making a total levy of 15 mills on all taxable property of the county. In School Districts Nos. 5, 30, 32 and 46, there is a special levy of 2 mills additional for school purposes; in District No. 24, 3 mills; Districts Nos. 12, 17 and 39, 4 mills; District No. 38, 5 mills; No. 14, 6 mills, and No. 40, 7 mills. In Cane Creek Township there is a special local levy of 4½ mills for railroad purposes; Gills Creek, 5 mills, and Pleasant Hill, 3 mills.

There is also a tax of one dollar on each male citizen between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, except ex-Confederate soldiers and sailors, or those who are so disabled that they cannot earn a support by manual labor.

W. C. CAUTHEN,
Treasurer Lancaster County.

Notice to all Persons Indebted to the Lancaster Mercantile Co.

As you well know, we made some business changes the first of last year, and it is absolutely necessary that we must collect all past due notes and accounts in order to settle with the late members of our concern; therefore, we now ask our friends, whom we have been so liberal with, to now make arrangements at once to pay us. All past due notes and accounts not settled promptly will be placed in the hands of our lawyer for collection.
Yours truly,
3t Lancaster Mercantile Co.

MONEY TO LOAN.
I am prepared, as usual, to negotiate loans on improved cotton farms, in sums of \$300.00 and upwards for five years. Interest at 7 per cent on sums of \$1,000.00 and over. Under \$1,000.00, 8 per cent. Interest. No brokerage or commission charged—only a reasonable fee for abstract of title.
R. E. WYLIE,
Attorney-at-Law.

The First National Bank of Lancaster, S. C.,

Solicits accounts of individuals, firms and corporations, and offers to depositors every facility and courtesy consistent with sound banking. Interest allowed on time deposit. Safety deposit boxes for rent. Correspondence solicited.
E. M. CROXTON, Cashier.
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