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Editorial Opinion.

REV. BROWNE should remember that no race can rise by sacrificing its manhood or relinquishing its principles.

THE sentencing of THURNTON PARKER to death at Winchester, Va., was an outrage. It was the sacrificing of a human life to appease the insane prejudices of a community. Eighteen years in the penitentiary would have been ample punishment.

THAT REV. BROWNE never held a public office and was ignorant of the official proprieties in connection with the same was plainly apparent in that "toadying" letter of the 23rd inst.

WE are opposed to the excessive punishment of persons convicted of crimes, and the light punishment of those guilty of murder.

REV. W. W. BROWNE should learn that representative colored men cannot afford to fight one another. His war upon all of the colored men of prominence in this city should cease.

WE have received The Southern Forge, published at Lynchburg, Va. with MR. SPOTT W. TALIAFERRO as editor. It presents a most creditable appearance and we wish it success.

COLORED men, be polite and obliging. Respect white men and colored ones, but do not grovel. Hold your heads up. Be men!

THE war ended in '65 and slavery went actually out of existence with it. The "before the war" colored man has raised up children. He will never consent for them to take the place he once occupied.

WE have received the Free Lance published weekly at Chicago, Ill. with MR. W. FORREST COZART as editor and manager. May it have a prosperous journey.

WE have received the annual report of the Virginia Hospital. It is published in pamphlet form and contains a fine cut of this useful institution. HUNTER MCGUIRE, M. D. L. L. D. is President; MR. LEWIS GINTER, vice president; HUGH M. TAYLOR, M. D. secretary and treasurer and MR. EDGAR D. TAYLOR, director in charge. The amount of cash received during the past fiscal year was $11,265.74; disbursements, $11,246.43. The number of patients treated in the hospital has been 188, the number treated to date of report including those on the outside 8054. The institution is doing a grand work and cannot fail of success.

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OUTRAGEOUS VERDICTS.

MISS MARY NORMAN, colored, charged with resisting a police-officer, was tried in the Hustings Court Wednesday, March 21st, convicted and sentenced to six months in jail and fined $5. We are fully acquainted with the facts in the case. Miss NORMAN was scandalously treated by this officer, who it appears was off duty at the time. She had never been in court before, and the case has been pending for a year or more.

That she would be given such a sentence never entered into the mind of anybody who was acquainted with the facts in the case and had observed the verdicts rendered in other cases.

Mrs. E. ALLBRIGHT, white, a shoplifter, who stole $25 worth of silk from Messrs. JULIUS MEYER & SON, and who was convicted in the Police Court and her punishment ascertained at thirty days in jail was tried Thurs. March 22nd in the Hustings court upon an appeal, convicted and fined only $10. She walked out of the court a free woman although a thief. The gentleman who went with the officer to search Mrs. ALBRIGHT'S house said that she had about $200 worth of stolen goods in her possession, that he identified goods there for which he was not looking, but he knew came out of the JULIUS MEYER & SON'S establishment.

And yet this white woman, now a convicted thief was fined only $10 and relieved of jail punishment.

Miss MARY NORMAN, who stood well was a hard-working, industrious person, one for whom Rev. EVANS PAYNE vouched was sentenced to six months in jail for resisting an officer who did not know what good manners are, and was so ignorant of the ordinary rules of propriety that he could not be relied upon to respect a woman.

So ashamed were the persons in the court-room of the verdict that there was no hesitation in securing the signatures of the judge, commonwealth's attorney and jurors for a commutation of the sentence to five days in jail. This secured her release as she had been in there that length of time when the papers were presented.

The heartlessness of even this act is manifest in the fact that they signed for a commutation instead of a pardon. The one is more far-reaching in its nature than the other, but both produces the same result. She was fined $5 and had to pay the costs of this court.

Talk about justice gentlemen, we have erected temples of injustice. That verdict is a disgrace to the court itself.

E. ALLBRIGHT, a white woman, a professional shoplifter is kept from jail. MARY NORMAN, a lady of unblemished character is sent to jail for six months.

Ah, well, there will yet be a day of reckoning. Retribution will surely follow and this oppressed race of ours will yet take its place among the most favored nations of the world. GOV. O'FERRALL granted the request of the petitioner and after spending five days in that pest-hole, the city jail, MARY NORMAN walked out a free woman by the mercy of a Governor who is conscientiously striving to do his duty and comply with his sworn obligations by being the Chief Executive of all the people of this state.

MURDER MOST FOUL.

MOSES MELTON, a white man assisted by his wife, brutally kicked and otherwise maltreated HANNAH GREEN, a colored woman.

On Monday last she was delivered of a dead babe. The infant's skull was broken and its side crushed in. It was about five months development, and its death was due to the injuries inflicted upon the mother. Let us presume that MELTON and his wife were colored and their victim white, would the county authorities been able to have held at bay the mob? Would not an immediate trial have resulted and the conviction of the brutes at once chronicled?

But although HANNAH GREEN lies at the point of death and may die efforts are all ready being made to awaken sympathy on behalf of the guilty parties. We shall watch this case with interest.

We are not forgetful that MORRIS HOPKINS, is now within the confines of this same county jail condemned to die for murder, and that MELTON, the murderer of HANNAH GREEN'S infant is patiently awaiting the time when he will walk forth a free man.

MORRIS HOPKINS' CASE.

MORRIS HOPKINS, the colored youth who is now under the sentence of death and awaits the action of the Governor of Virginia should not be executed if the facts as gleaned by us are true. He is guilty of manslaughter and the penitentiary should be his portion, but to hang him would be in violation of every legal principle.

In a fit of passion he struck Mr. HENRY S. PARSONS, with a stick. The weapon used was not a deadly one in the eyes of the law, and most any other man would have been alive and well today after just such a blow as HOPKINS wielded. The daily papers have been exercising their influence in hurrying him on to the gallows by publishing his preparations for death and declaring that he is ready and willing to proceed to the other world.

We regret to see this. There is an open question as to whether he is really sane. It would seem that his mind has become unbalanced and that in that event the law is about to exercise itself upon a totally irresponsible man rather than rid the world of a cruel, murderous villain. We await the action of His Excellency, trusting that he will remember mercy even as he expects to receive it.

REV. BROWNE'S BLUNDER.

THE attack of REV. WILLIAM W. BROWNE upon us was certainly uncalled for and in violation of every principle of right.

We make it a rule not to attack colored men, realizing that disagreements of this sort cannot but result in injury to those we represent.

The shaking of hands at the True Reformer's Hall, on the night of the 14th inst., as we thought ended the matter, and no reference to the affair was made in these columns.

But, when he violated the compact, proved false to the principles of the organization, which he founded, violated the solemn injunctions of the Scriptures which he is pledged to obey and expound, assailed the foundation upon which the race stood, and sacrificed the interests of the people whom he declared he represented; we could endure no more and so we give to the world at large both sides of the question and leave it to judge.

And yet, it is with a feeling of regret that we do even this, wishing that it could be avoided and that our advice, and the warning of others had been heeded by REV. BROWNE, and further agitation of the issues raised had ceased.

The colored people of Richmond have been stirred during the past week as we have never seen them wrought up before. The letter of REV. W. W. BROWNE, which may be seen in another column did it.

In this he gives away vital principles and makes concessions which would brand him as a traitor to the people for whom he essayed to speak.

It was an error of judgement on his part. His course is all the more reprehensible when it is known that what he wrote was carefully considered, and published to the world in the Democratic Negro hating journals of this section, many of which willingly applauded his traitorous utterances, and regarded with favor his declaration of the inferiority of the colored people residing in this country.

REV. BROWNE has the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights of Virginia, the Holy Bible, the colored people, and the liberal minded white people who love justice, hate injustice and eschew evil against him.

The wrong he has done us is swallowed up by the injury he has inflicted upon his race.

Success has intoxicated him and his leadership of one of the grandest institutions on the face of the globe has turned his head.

Let him beware, lest in bringing ruin upon himself he destroy those who are connected with him.

For ten years, we have stood at his side, ignored all condemnation of his methods and assisted in the advancement of the work. We are soon the servant of the people.

The injury he attempted to do us is of small consequence and for this we forgive him.

The battle is between him and the people and unless he displays yielding qualities, which many think he does not possess, the conflict will be soon ended. There can be no question as to the result.

The people will be victorious and in solitude he will repine over past blunders, and long for moments which will never come again.

REV. BROWNE and the people will settle the question. As for us we have withdrawn from the contest.

A LIFE SAVER.

What it Means to be a Surfman—Hardship and Injury His Chief Reward.

From the Woonsocket (R. I.) Reporter.

One midwinter night, in a blinding snow storm, Captain Arthur L. Nickerson, in command of the gallant little schooner Allen Green, ran out from Vineyard Sound before the northeast gale and made for the open sea. The storm was at its height when the wind shifted so suddenly that before the skipper realized his situation his decks caught the sound of the breakers booming on Point Judith's treacherous shore.

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