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THE BAPTIST CHRONICLE.

We reproduce from the Shreveport papers the following communication from the pastor and members of the Shreveport Baptist church, which shows how the article of the Rev. Mr. Boone concerning the lottery and the Catholics was regarded by the members of that church:

A DISCLAIMER.

Having had our attention called to a letter and an editorial published in the Baptist Chronicle of the 13th inst., and to certain editorial animadversions on the said article by the New Orleans States and Times Democrat, in which the States uses this language: "The Baptist Chronicle speaking for the Baptist church of Shreveport," we, the undersigned, pastor in charge, and members of the Baptist church of Shreveport, take this method of disclaiming any and all responsibility for the said article, or any sympathy with the intolerant and uncharitable spirit of either Mr. B. Lear or the editor as manifested in the letter and editorial alluded to. The editor and proprietor is not a member of the Baptist church in Shreveport, nor is he a resident of the city.

The pastor of our church has had no connection or influence with that paper for more than 18 months. He is not a subscriber to it, and did not know of any such publications as those alluded to above, until his attention was called to them on yesterday by several friends.

The Baptist Chronicle is not the "organ of the Baptist church of Shreveport," and the church of which we are members is not responsible for its utterances.

One of the most venerable and cherished principles of the Baptist denomination throughout its entire history has been that of religious freedom—soul-liberty; the inalienable right of every man to interpret God's word for himself, and to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience without fear of molestation from any source.

Of the emancipation and advocacy of this principle the Baptists claim to have been pre-eminently the pioneers. They have poured out much of their own blood in defense of soul-liberty, but never, at any time, nor in any country, have they persecuted any one who differed from them.

John Locke said: (and who ought to know better than he?), "The Baptists were from the beginning the firm advocates of absolute liberty—just and true liberty, equal and impartial liberty."

Sir John McIntosh says: "The Baptists suffered more than any other under Charles II, because they professed the principles of religious liberty."

Jeremy Taylor says: "Freedom of conscience, unlimited freedom of mind, was from the first the trophy of the Baptists."

Our own Washington used words just as affectionate, and in August, 1789, at the request of the Baptists, he recommended to congress the first amendment to the constitution, which says that "congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the exercise thereof."

Bancroft, our great historian, and Judge Story, our great jurist, speak of us in the same manner.

W. S. PENICK, Pastor.

J C Egan, J M Bowles,
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Crime And Punishment.

It is the certainty of punishment that diminishes crime. And the reverse of this proposition is equally true. When passions inflame and anger burns in the bosom of a man not governed by principle, then the only means of restraining him is to let him be assured that if he commits the crime, punishment will be sure to follow, and the crime will not be committed. Let it be positively known that murder is to be punished by death, and but few murders would stain our annals. If a thief knew that he would have to put on stripes and serve for years in the penitentiary, then would he rather work as a freeman than steal and afterward work in the penitentiary. So it is with all crimes, and indeed with all criminals, then crimes will diminish.

But when not one criminal in a hundred is punished, then crime will get on a rampage and will threaten our country with worse evils, than would come from annual overflows. Crime is ruining us, and must be stayed. With laws at once wise, judicious, and well executed, and we shall have our country freed from crime, and the temptations to it would be easily overcome.

Ignorance is bad, illiteracy is ruinous, and crime is destructive, and it is time for all the patriots in the land to awaken to the duties that devolve upon them.

Now we must have honest jurors; men of stern integrity, of incorruptible morals, only to be employed as jurors, then would the guilty tremble in view of the certain punishment awaiting them.

It is the certainty of punishment for which we plead. The eloquence of advocates, and the purses of criminals, are to be alike—insufficient to free a blood stained murderer from the gallows, or a thief from the stripes of the penitentiary.

The rule is almost, if not altogether, without exception. The more surely punishment follows crime, the less probable is it that crime will be committed.

We therefore call upon the public press to sound the alarm and call patriots to duty. We call upon the officers of the law to select honest men for jurors. We beseech all advocates actually to refuse to plead for the guilty.

Let this be the motto of the great State of Louisiana.

Punishment shall follow crime as sure as thunder follows lightning or any effect follow its cause.

—Baton Rouge Advocate.

Ducks.

There is always good market for ducks in every town. The excellence of their flesh has always been recognized in such a manner as to insure good prices. Besides the flesh, the feathers go a long way towards paying for feed and keep. The improved varieties are also prolific layers of large, rich eggs, each one of which is, for cooking purposes, equal to two hen's eggs. Pekins, Rouens and Cayugas exceed in excellence the common "Puddle" or Muscovy duck, as a Jersey or Holstein cow exceeds the common long-horn. These ducks commence laying very early, and consequently ducklings are hatched, reared and ready for the table in a wonderfully short time. There is no special difficulty in raising ducks. The improved kinds do not require a pond to dabble and forage in. A tub set in the ground and kept half full is all the water that is needed. Ducks are enormous eaters, and consequently they should be pushed rapidly and sold as soon as they are of marketable size. They are more profitable than chickens, and are not more troublesome to raise. A good flock of Pekins or Rouens is not only ornamental but a source of revenue on a farm. Now that taxes are so high on everything a farmer uses that only the shrewdest can make both ends meet, it would be a good idea to give more attention to smaller things, like ducks, chickens and other fowls.—Farm and Ranch.

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Vast Fortunes Piling Up, But the People are not Prosperous.

Once more the Astor millions have descended from father to son. Through the hands of two John Jacobs and one William they have now reached a second William. At each stage their growth has been marvelous.

Succession to the Astor millions is a solemn thing. To inherit them is much like falling heir to the law of gravitation. Their centripetal force is irresistible. The original John Jacob scraped together \$20,000,000. William, the great grandson, inherits \$200,000,000. To what enormous proportions may not that great fortune grow as the generations of Astors follow another, leaving it to work out its destiny!

There are many colossal fortunes in this nation and many more are building. That of the Astors is surpassed by few or none. The Astors are welcome to it. But in such vast accumulations of money there is danger. They are piling up in all parts of the United States. Taxed lumber, taxed iron and steel, railways, trusts, speculation in lands—on these and similar foundations great fortunes are being constructed with startling rapidity.

Yet the majority of the people are not prosperous. The farmers do not thrive. Satisfactory wages in the cities are offset by the high cost of living. A more equitable system of taxation, the abolition of all unnecessary taxes, the utilization by the people for their own benefit of public rights and the denial to individuals of public grants—these reforms would relieve the pressure which has become intolerable on the shoulders of the many and would check the growth of great fortunes in the few hands of the few.

The Astors, the Vanderbilts, the Goulds and the Rockefellers have done very well under the present arrangement. Now it is quite time for the people to have their inning.—Chicago News.

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