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## OFFICIOUS BILL JONES.

HE DON'T BELIEVE THE SUNDAY  
LAW HAS BEEN VIOLATED,

And Asks the Opinion of His Friend  
Smith.

Gossip Street, Nov. 24, 1892.

Mr. Wm. Generous Smith, At Home (by  
chance).

MY DEAR OLD CHUM: I know that you  
will be surprised to hear from me; but  
all the same I want you to hear me. If  
there is one thing that you love above  
another, it is fair play and even-handed  
justice. Now, don't blush; it is no taffy  
that I am giving you. I mean it. I want  
you to act as arbiter and settle a mooted  
question that is agitating the minds of  
the peace-loving but artless citizens of  
Gossip street. You know where it is,  
hence it is unnecessary to tell you it is  
inhabited by a busy class of people, who  
are so totally unselfish and self-sacrificing  
that, absolutely, they neglect their own  
business to look after that of other  
people. For some time they have had *The  
Progress* (THE PROGRESS, you know, is a  
newspaper) on trial. That paper for sev-  
eral weeks has been using its best en-  
deavors to convince the credulous resi-  
dents of Gossip street that the Sunday  
law is being shamefully and flagrantly  
violated in sight of and right under the  
noses of the officers of the law. Perish  
the thought!

Now, the editor of *THE PROGRESS* is a  
young man. He has not been long in  
the editing business, and I fear is suffer-  
ing from what newspaper men call a sev-  
ere attack of over-zealousness, and  
venture the assertion that this rash and  
unfounded statement is made, not from  
personal knowledge of the young editor  
himself, but upon "information" fur-  
nished by some heartless wit, or some  
other person possessed of large and vivid  
imaginative powers. If I am correct in  
my surmise, I think the individual that  
has thus wilfully and knowingly im-  
posed upon the editor of *THE PROGRESS*,  
who is one of the most innocent and un-  
suspecting pencil shavers it was ever my  
pleasure to run over, ought to be ban-  
ished to Bossier City for at least one  
week. The punishment, I admit, would  
be severe, but if he has a good strong  
constitution, he might survive it.

But what leads me to say what I do is  
that I have more than once, quite re-  
cently, read in the Times notices highly  
complimentary to the mayor and police  
force of Shreveport, of which Gossip  
street is a part. Indeed, this old and  
over-scrupulous journal, which has never  
been known to go off at a tangent, but  
gives praise only to whom praise is due,  
has been lavishly extravagant in extol-  
ling the superlative efficiency of the city  
government generally, and the admir-  
able fitness of the police force particu-  
larly. And, dear Smith, this makes it so,  
because, as you know, the Times never  
indulges in any sentimental gush. It  
means all it says, and occasionally a lit-  
tle more. This old and reliable paper  
has said that Chief of Police Nelson and  
his lynx-eyed policemen are a holy  
terror to evil doers. This you will also  
admit is true, for the simple reason that  
the editor of the Times never jokes. He is  
constitutionally opposed to saying  
funny things. I accept as a solemn fact  
the statement of the Times that it is no  
fault of Chief Nelson and his vigilant  
and valiant corps of assistants that guilty  
men are a scarce commodity, and hard  
to find. They all remain in doors. Hence  
I cannot refrain from saying that *The  
Progress* does the mayor, chief of police  
and his force a downright injustice when  
it says that the Sunday law or any other  
law enacted for the protection and good  
of society is being openly and shame-  
fully violated. Such cannot be the case,  
else the police, who are ever on the alert  
(see the Times back number), would  
most probably find it out and go for the  
bold and shameless violators with the  
avidity and relish that a duck would  
pounce upon a June bug.

Like myself, dear Smith, are you not  
surprised at the temerity of the young  
and untrained editor of *The Progress*?  
But perhaps he will learn two or three  
valuable lessons if he remains long  
enough in the editing business. At any  
rate, let us entertain this hope for him.  
Now, all of us know, even the benighted  
people on Gossip street, that it is a  
violation of the law to sell whisky, beer,  
etc., on Sunday, and I am constrained to  
think (*The Progress* to the contrary  
notwithstanding) there have been no vi-  
olations of the Sunday law, because the  
police have made no arrests. This latter  
fact, however, may be due to the  
other fact that the policemen of Shreve-  
port, are all good moral men and never,  
well, seldom ever, enter saloons on Sun-  
day. They don't drink on Sunday.

Again, it is against the law to gamble.  
But gambling is a thing of the past. It  
is classed among the lost arts. Police-  
men, as a rule, that is, Shreveport police-  
men, are opposed to setting up late of  
nights, and therefore, from a high  
moral sense of duty, refrain from gam-  
bling. You may take my word for it,  
there is no gambling going on in Shreve-  
port, or else the police might possibly  
find it out and then woe unto the evil  
doers.

And especially it is against the law  
(made so by the late State legislature) to

play craps. I mention these things en  
passant, dear Smith, not because there  
has been any infraction of this particular  
law, but only to prove that the Times is  
right and *The Progress* is wrong.  
At any rate, if crap shooting is indulged  
in I am certain the police are not aware  
of it, as they have never been accused of  
going into public places, and besides, they  
do not think it any of their business to  
meddle with such small matters. Crap  
shooting is a Bengambian game, and it is  
considered beneath the dignity of any  
high-toned officer who respects his badge  
and baton to disturb a sociable and pleas-  
ant game of craps. Do you think any  
policeman could do it and hold his job?

But for any one to say or insinuate  
that the Sunday law is flagrantly violat-  
ed and that crap shooting is carried on  
within the hearing and seeing of the pol-  
ice is a gross and unpardonable slander,  
for it is a well known fact that no well  
disciplined policeman ever goes into a  
saloon, even to keep out of the weather.  
Now, dear Smith, you see the point.  
Will you please set it? If you can't get  
your answer published in either the  
Times or *The Progress*, hand it to Pink  
Hyams. He will give it circulation. It  
will be better than posting it on the  
court house door.

Reluctantly yours,  
BILL JONES.

FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

Notes of Interest Gathered From Around  
About the National Capital.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 24, 1892.  
Special Correspondence to *The Progress*:

Will there be an extra session of Con-  
gress at the opening of the Cleveland ad-  
ministration? is the question now brought  
to the front by the national Kaleidoscope.  
Like all other questions public and pri-  
vate, there are two sides to this one. On  
the side of the extra session are most of  
those who believe in doing things with a  
rush; they claim that a majority of the  
voters have spoken for a lower tariff and  
that it is the duty of the Democratic  
president and Congress to give it to them  
at the earliest possible moment, and that  
six or eight months should be saved by  
holding an extra session of Congress.  
Against the extra session of Congress are  
those conservative men who believe that  
"it is better to be slow than to be sorry;"  
they contend that it would be danger-  
ous to the welfare of the great commer-  
cial interests of the country to make too  
sudden a change in the tariff and that it  
will be much better to spend the inter-  
vening time in deciding upon just what  
sort of a tariff law shall be substituted  
for the McKinley law, at the regular ses-  
sion, than to jump headlong into it at  
an extra session. It is positively claim-  
ed by those opposed to the extra session  
that Mr. Cleveland is with them, but  
Senator Carlisle, who has designated by  
rumor as the head of the new cabinet,  
says Mr. Cleveland has not determined  
the question, and will not until he has  
had time to consider it in all its possible  
bearings.

There are, however, two contingencies,  
either of which may compel Mr. Cleve-  
land to call an extra session, whether his  
personal opinion be for it or against it.  
First, the senate and house may, at the  
coming session, either intentionally or  
unintentionally, get into a wrangle over  
some of the regular appropriation bills  
that might last until the Fifty-second  
Congress expired by limitation, at noon  
on the 4th of next March. Then an ex-  
tra session would have to be held to pass  
the appropriation bill or bills that had  
failed. The other contingency is that,  
owing to the probability of a change in  
the tariff law, certainly next winter and  
it may be sooner, the government re-  
ceipts from customs duties may fall so  
low as to necessitate the calling of an ex-  
tra session to provide the means for rais-  
ing the money necessary to run the gov-  
ernment the next fiscal year; but, of  
course, they may be mistaken.

There is a marked difference of opin-  
ion in the ranks of the People's Party as  
to the future of that organization. Jer-  
ry Simpson says the mission of the party  
is ended and that most of its members  
will mostly go with him into the Dem-  
ocratic party. Senator Peffer says Simp-  
son only speaks for one man, and that  
he believes the People's Party, under  
another name probably—he doesn't like  
its present one—will be one of the lead-  
ing parties in the next presidential cam-  
paign, if it does not elect the next pres-  
ident.

The next presidential election is too far  
off to interest many people, but the  
opening session of the Fifty-third Con-  
gress, whether it be regular or extra, is  
near enough for everybody to wonder  
whether the People's Party senators and  
Senator Stewart, who will be re-elected  
from Nevada as an independent, will  
vote together and dictate the legislation  
of the senate, as they will have the pow-  
er to do, if calculations of the mem-  
bership of the next senate now made natu-  
rally to be correct, and there is little  
probability of their being otherwise. The  
direct question was asked Senator Peffer,  
but he declined to even express an opin-  
ion on the subject, saying that it was a  
matter for the future consideration of  
those most deeply interested. He intimated, however, that he believed the

People's Party senators would willingly  
vote for as deep a cut in the tariff as the  
Democrats can put through the house.

## COLORED PREACHER SHOT.

From Rev. Stephen Duncan, pre-  
siding elder of this, M. E. church  
(colored) district, we learn that on  
Saturday morning last, Rev. H. O.  
Williams, pastor of Shady Grove  
church, about 9 miles from Mansfield,  
was shot and dangerously wounded  
by one Friday Cate, a colored youth  
about 20 years of age. Rev. Wil-  
liams is said to be an extremely con-  
scientious, clean and firm pastor, who  
kept the standard of his congregation  
lifted on the high plane of Christian  
morality, and is very popular with his  
presiding elder and the conference.

The only reason that can be as-  
signed for the deed is that Rev. Wil-  
liams had been forced to expel both  
Friday Cate and his brother for gross  
immoral conduct.

The wounded man is exceedingly  
popular with the white people of the  
neighborhood, and all classes who es-  
teem religion and morality.

The shot, which was said to have  
been a minie ball, Dr. Walker says  
broke or fractured the spinal column.

The feeling against the would-be  
murderer is said to be intense  
and if the murdered man dies,  
as is now thought to be ex-  
ceedingly probable, it will go hard  
with him on the final trial.

## THE LAW AGAINST CRAP-SHOOT- ING.

As a warning to those who may be  
ignorant of the subject, *THE PROGRESS*  
gives below an exact copy of the  
latest enactment directed against  
that species of gambling known as  
crap shooting:

"Section 1. Be it enacted by the  
General Assembly of the State of  
Louisiana, That whoever shall en-  
gage in the gambling game of craps  
for money, or any representative of  
money, or any other consideration  
whatever, shall upon conviction  
thereof be fined in a sum of not less  
than ten dollars nor more than one  
hundred dollars, or imprisonment  
for not more than ninety days.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, etc.,  
That any owner, lessee or proprietor  
of any building who shall permit in  
or about the same, or on the prem-  
ises connected therewith, the playing  
of the game of craps, shall upon con-  
viction be fined not less than one  
hundred dollars, nor more than five  
hundred dollars, or imprisoned for  
not less than thirty days nor more  
than ninety days, or both, at the dis-  
cretion of the court."

Thusly reads act No. 7 of the acts  
of 1892.

It will be seen therein that the law  
of 1886 has been changed, now mak-  
ing it a crime to play anywhere in  
stead of, as in the former law, only  
in public view. It will be noticed  
further that the owner or lessee of  
the building which permits crap-  
shooting in its enclosure, commits a  
graver crime and is assessed heavier  
on conviction.

## A LUXURIOUS SINECURE.

The mayor's salary is vastly too  
much. This office is a veritable sin-  
cure which our tax-payers are not  
able to pay. The salary should be  
reduced and immediate steps should  
be taken to have the city charter  
amended in order that this beneficial  
change can be effected. If we under-  
stand the matter correctly, this  
amendment can be secured by a two-  
thirds vote of the tax-payers and prop-  
erty valuation cast for that purpose.  
Surely then we should not longer  
hesitate about a matter so important  
in the extremity of the case, Mayor  
Vinson must be too good a citizen to  
oppose such a move himself. In  
fact he could place himself on record  
by taking the initiatory move in the  
matter. He is bound to realize that  
this office pays a salary vastly too  
great for the services rendered, and  
for that reason, as a patriotic citizen  
he will doubtless be found, as a may-  
or should be, in the lead of all mat-  
ters which will redound to the city's  
improvement and strengthen her  
financial condition.

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you Mr. Mayor!

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