LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

APPOINTMENTS OF S. J. COWAN. Rockville, Monday night, March 6, 8 p. m.

Half Acre, Tuesday night, March 7, 8 p. m.

Kinderhook, Wednesday night, March 8, 8 p. m.

Phenix, Thursday night, March 9, 8 p. m.

Dennis Station, Friday night, March 10, 8 p. m.

Court House, Saturday morning, March 11, 10 a. m. . Fairview, Saturday night, March 11, 8 p. m.

SCORES A SLATON-ROMANIST-JERUSALEM CHAMPION.

Editor the Macon Telegraph. Dear Sir: In comparing your editorials in the Telegraph of February 5 with your editorials of last September and October one would believe the editorial staff had undersone a complete change.

Last fall when we severed our connections with the subsidized press of Atlanta, and subscribed for the Telegraph, we thought we had a paper that would protect the rights of the people and uphold the courts of Georgia. Instead of you adhering to these fundamental principles you are drifting farther and farther away from them.

You would have the Governor of Georgia pardon one assassin who under the cover of darkness shot his victim through the window of his own domicile, by the glare of his own lamplight, sitting by his own fireside, and the farther you investigate into the character of this assassin the blacker his record is; and you would have this man pardoned. If we are not safe in our own domicile from the assassin's bullet, where on earth are we to get? One of the weakest attempts you ever made was in trying to defend yourself against the logic of Ex-Governor Brown. So we are deceived in you so far as upholding the law is concerned.

Now, one of Georgia's most honored and gifted citizens is threatened by the Federal Courts to be railroaded out of the State of Georgia to be tried-not by his peers, but by his enemies—the Jews and Catholics, a procedure unprecedented so far as we know, and you are elated over it. Not a word of protest from you; on the other hand you are highly in favor of it. Why refer to the Greene-Gaynor case? Was the crime for which they were tried and convicted not partly committed at Savannah, Ga.? And isn't Berrien and Lownes Counties, from which Judge Speer drew the jurors, situated in Georgia? We think they are. Then why did you drag this case into your editorial if not for the purpose to deceive? So we are deceived in you so far as the rights of the people are concerned.

Now, that Georgia's Senators have joined Georgia's Congressmen in a written protest to Attorney-General Gregory, who are you going to lie down with? We presume your cheerfulness has very much subsided by now. If you lie down with the senatorial lions we suspect you will crawl in at the foot, and the moment those lions find you are there you will be kicked out, as you so justly deserve to be. One of Georgia's Congressmen was outspoken enough to say that he cared not what they did with Watson-they could hang, draw and quarter him so far as he was concerned—but he was magnanimous enough to protest against their taking him out of the State. We dare say that 98 per cent. (leaving out the Jews, Catholics and clergywe are sorry to say clergy, but it is a fact) of Georgia's population would protest against it.

As you are debared from snoozing with the senatorial lions, we suspect Jack Slaton would use you as

a foot-warmer since you gave him credit for the highest and purest of motives for the part he played in the Frank case. But where is Jack? We suspect he is asleep on the bottom of the dead-dead sea, and there is room a-plenty for more when the time comes for burial.

When Mr. Watson finished up his defense of the people of Georgia and the courts of the State and Union against the money power and muzzled press, 90 per cent. of the people of Georgia were with him, not because of friendship or enmity, but because they believed him right. And they are with him today, more solidified than ever; you cannot jostle them-never!

We have rode with you only a short distance-we don't like your vehicle—we are getting off—off now.

Now don't send the Telegraph to to either of us any longer. We had rather have no paper than one that refuses to protect the rights of the people and uphold the laws of the State.

> JOHN C. WHALEY, JOHN L. PARROTT, JAMES H. COLE, L. G. PINKSTON, DR. J. H. WILLIFORD.

"PETE" COLLINS IS STILL LEC-TURING.

Dear Sir: Enclosed am sending you an ad. clipped from the Shreveport Times, published in Shreveport, La. As you can readily see, the (noted?) Pete Collins has invaded our fair State, and in a very bold manner proceeds to tell our citizens "what's wrong with the world." This seems to me a very broad sub--ject, vastly too broad for Pete Collins to handle in the course of one lecture. I have no doubt but what he will omit some very important details.

I wonder if this foot-kissing dupe from the "enlightened corner" of our country will tell us "what's wrong" with an infernal system, purporting to be religious, that compels a lawfully married man to desert his wife because said marriage was not performed by a member of that system? Will he tell us "what's wrong" with unmarried Cataholic priests being alone with young girls in the confessional? Will he tell us "what's wrong" or at least what was wrong with the men who kidnapped Rev. Otis L. Spurgeon, beat him most to death and left him in a dying condition? No; he won't tell us any of these things. Instead, he will do all in his power to softsoap the people in the approved as well as improved K. C. style.

Mr. Watson, your persecution is fast opening the eyes of fair minded men everywhere. Your friends are increasing by the thousands. Yours is a noble fight, and may God help you-for really, what is the matter with the world?

Sincerely, H. G. A. La.

THANK THE LORD WHO MADE SUCH WOMEN AS THIS.

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KNOCKS BEN TILLMAN HARD!

Dear Sir: By birth a South Carolinian, I would like to say that I have a friendly criticism to make of one item in your Jeffersonian of February 10, by your permission. It is regarding one paragraph in the article "Is the State of Georgia to Be Raped by Wilson's Administration?" It occurs in the middle of the third column, on front page, and links the name of Ben Tillman with Mart Gary, Mathew Butler and Wade Hampton. The first named is not worthy of being named in the same breath with those gallant soldiers and liberators of South Carolina. To start with, he was entirely too young to have had a hand in the game. He claimed lots of credit for his performances at Hamburg, whereas it is pretty generally known that his heroism there was merely as a boy to hold some horses while men did the work they had assembled for. His eye, claimed by his friends to have been lost in the service of his State, was put out by an accident.

For years I was one of those who had slight regard for you and your politics. This I freely confess, but events of latter years and a sojourn in Georgia for several years have changed my opinions materially, and especially your handling of the Frank case. I wish you success in whatever trials you may be compelled to undergo at the hands of Federal Courts, and hope you will come out with colors flying.

Yours very truly, ODELL H. DUNCAN. Ga.

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WHY NOT PROSECUTE ALL?

The prosecution of Thomas E. Watson for publishing obscene matter in The Jeffersonian is more in the nature of a persecution than a desire to suppress crime.

The daily press of the country is more guilty than Watson of the offense with which he is charged.

Some of his publications are objectionable, but the daily papers carry stories which reek with indecency.

Let a crime be committed and its details are told in the language of the gutter. Then pictures are daily printed that are unfit to be hung on the walls of a place of shame.

We believe in a clean newspaper but it is unfair to make a scapegoat out of Watson because two religious sects want to get rid of him.

as long as they are flooded with unclean literature.

The prosecution of Watson in other States into Which his publications has been mailed is the result of his fight against Leo Frank and the war he has waged upon Catholicism. It is an eyort to throttle him and will result in a Protestant upheaval. Nothing could be done that would stir up more resentment against the two sects behind the prosecution of Watson in States other than Georgia.

The prosecution will figure largely in the next Presidential campaign and seriously embarrass the Democratic Administration in the election.

The people believe in fair play and will not stand for making fish-flesh of one man and fowlflesh of another.

Suppress all indecent publications and do not allow the two sects to dictate that the axe shall fall only upon the one man they hate.

An upheaval can be projected that may amount to a revolution.-Meriwether Vindicator.

A DANGEROUS PROPOSAL.

Thomas E. Watson, the fierce-tongued Georgia Politician and editor, is threatened with a trial outside Georgia for the publication of articles Which are alleged to have incited the lynching of Leo M. Frank. The Government prosecutor Who proposes to bring the case does not believe he can get a fair trial in Georgia, and takes the Position that a prosecution can be commenced at any point where a subscriber receives a paper containing an offending article.

Irrespective of Watson's guilt, the precedent Which it is sought to establish is dangerous. if endorsed by the Federal Courts, it would pave the way to the trial of a publicist in a community inflamed against him, as easily as in one which is merely free from hostility.

Watson calls attention to the rebuke admin-Istered by the courts to former President Roosevelt when he sought to bring newspaper men to Washington for trial for alleged offenses committed elsewhere. The case against him is only a technical variation of that which he cites in the Roosevelt administration.

To show the absurdity of the contention brought forward by the Government prosecutor, It is only necessary to observe that he bases his charge upon the reading of the article by a given man in a given community outside the State of Georgia. If Watson's article did incite the lynching of Leo Frank, the inciting occurred within the boundaries of Georgia. Subscribers living outside the State were not incited.

Watson's guilt, if he is guilty, arises by virtue of the printing and putting into circulation of the offensive articles. He should be tried where the deed was done.

If Watson can be tried in lowa, or Massachusetts, or any State where his weekly circulates, for inciting the lynching of Leo Frank, then it Would have been possible to try Horace Greely or William Lloyd Garrison in Georgia or Louisiana

for inciting the slaves to rebel. This is enough to indicate where the course planned with respect to Watson leads. It points straight to judicial tyranny .- Des Moines (Iowa) Evening Tribune.

LOOKS BAD FOR GEORGIA.

There is talk of indicting Tom Watson, the Georgia editor, on a charge of sending obscene matter through the mails, in some other State than Georgia. Government officials claim that Watson cannot be given an impartial trial in Georgia, and for that reason they want the trial in some other State.

Of course the proposed move has raised a great hue and cry. It is denounced as tyrannical, and a violation of State's rights and the Constitution as well, and it is all of that.

But back of it there looms up the question: The homes of the country will never be pure Is the law administered fairly and justly in Georgia? Why should Government officials make the claim that it is not? Is there ground for the claim?

> Georgia's record of recent years is too fresh in the public mind to require much comment. Things have been going from bad to worse over there. It will be a sorry day, and a day full of danger, when the rest of the country loses confidence in the power or inclination of a State to administer justice, to give accused persons honest trials. It looks as if the higher officials of the Government-and under a Democratic Administration-have about reached that attitude as to Georgia. It is a pity, but it is true.

> Mr. Watson is guilty, or he is not guilty. A Georgia jury should be able and willing to decide the case just as fairly and as honestly as a jury from any other State. And if all had been right in Georgia within the recent past the question never would have been raised .- Anderson (S. C.) Daily Mail.

PERSECUTION, NOT PROSECUTION.

The prosecution of Hon. Thomas E. Watson by the Federal Government for an alleged violation of the postal laws by sending obscene matter through the mails is beginning to be looked upon as an act of persecution rather than prosecution. Having failed in its effort to convict him at the last term of the United States Court in Augusta, some of the enemies of Mr. Watson have informed the Attorney-General that the Government cannot get a fair trial in Georgia, and he now proposes to indict Mr. Watson for the same offense in another State and force him to trial there. The very suggestion is a base infringement upon our boasted "State rights" and is a stench in the nostrils of every man, woman or child who loves home and freedom. It is a glaring insult to the integrity and honesty of every loyal and patriotic Georgian; a sanction and endorsement to the flagrant slanders which have been heaped upon our State during the past few months; an insinuation, despite the solemn oath to give a fair and impartial verdict in cases in law, that Georgians are not to be trusted.

The sting which comes from such a foully delivered blow is all but insufferable, and the inference from such a stated proposition is that the dignity of our State would be spat upon by mere outsiders to gratify a few personal animosities; the culmination of hatred growing out of political disagreements in years past and gone.

It is, however, with a feeling of pride that we can point to Georgia Congressmen and Georgia Senators, who have, irrespective of party prejudice and personal feelings toward Mr. Watson, made a vigorous protest against such an unfair proceedure, and declared it to be an unwarranted reflection upon the name of our "Georgia," our laws and jury system.

We think our Congressmen and Senators did the right thing, and their action is strongly endorsed by both people and press of the State.

The esteemed Macon News in an editorial has the following to say on the subject:

"Mr. Watson has repeatedly declared that he would never run for another political office in Georgia, but if the Government persists in its endeavor to convict him, willy-nilly, the result will be the making of a martyr of him and then no power on earth can keep him out of any office in Georgia that he desires. His influence is already an important factor, and his personal equation will be increased all the more if the idea becomes well founded that he is the special object of a persecutive prosecution."-Laurens (Dublin) Citizen.

SIMPLE JUSTICE VS. OPPRESSION.

The threat to carry a citizen of Georgia to another State for trial for publishing an article in a paper published in Georgia, deeply concerns every man in Georgia that loves right and justice.

This threat comes from a Democratic Administration and it must be sanctioned by a Democratic President.

Georgia has the proud distinction of being "rock ribbed" in the Democratic faith, but if this Administration thinks for one moment that we will kiss the hand that smites us, they are mistaken. It is not a question of who the party is that the United States Government seeks to crush, it is a question of principle and this principle outweighs any party. This principle is as sacred as life, for no life is worth living that shall be compelled to surrender all that is sacred.

Surely the Attorney-General did not say that Mr. Watson was guilty and that he could not secure a jury in Georgia that would so find. Who authorized the Attorney-General to make such a statement? The fact is that no prosecuting officer, even if Watson was on trial, that properly regards his oath would make such a statement but would leave it where the law places it: to-wit, to upright and impartial jurors.

If the Attorney-General said that we did not have upright and impartial jurors in Georgia, he ought to do like some others in Wilson's cabinet -tender his resignation at once.

Every citizen in Georgia is entitled to a trial in the county or district in which the crime is alleged to have been committed. This is simple justice and less than this is oppression under the form of law .- Schley County News.

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AS a part of the Slaton campaign for a "Come back," the papers that were either hired by the Haas Finance Committee, or bulldozed by the Jew banker's and advertisers, have opened up another howl-and-yowl propaganda.

Mankind is told in mournful numbers that the issue in the gubernatorial fight, and all fother Georgia scraps, this year is, Law and Order!

It would seem that a few choice spirits are left, the salt of the earth; and that these made-to-order human cigars, are about the only light we can now boast.

e. A few months ago, a negro in Illinois went into the kitchen of his white lady employer, and demanded money.

When she refused, he took up the fire-poker

and beat her life out.

A mob surged around the local jail, and Itwo companies of soldiers escorted the negro to another prison in another county.

court house, and soldiers were kept on duty, in and around the temple of Justice.

The jury convicted the negro, and he was hanged without delay.

So far as I know, the daily press flung no fits over this Illinois case; and, so far as I know, the Burns Crook Company published no systematic libels about it.

A few days ago, a negro went into a white woman's house in Georgia, and in spite of her resistance and a wound she gave him s with a pistol, he choked her into helplessness, s and brutally accomplished his fiendish pur-Pose, leaving his victim either to die of her wounds or to drag out a wretched life of grief.

Red Anglo-Saxon blood boiled, as it always has done when such hellish deeds are done against our Womanhood, and the black beast

was lynched.

Whereupon, the daily papers, in and out of Georgia, fall into virtuous spasms and, without wasting a tear on the poor, rumed woman, break out into a howl-and-yowl about "Lawlessness."

What makes lawlessness?

THOSE IN AUTHORITY MAKE IT, "CHIEFLY!

Did not ex-governor Joseph M. Brown sternly warn Governor John M. Slaton, that if he usurped the power to re-try Leo M. Frank, on the same evidence that had been passed on by the Supreme Court, and abused This office by reversing all the Courts, HE WOULD BE THE CAUSE OF MORE LYNCHINGS THAN GEORGIA HAD EVER KNOWN BEFORE?

In substance, that is exactly what Slaton's

y predecessor told him.

Ple and the courts of Georgia, what was our years ago. Governor doing?

He was colluding with the defamers of his State, ratifying by his silence and acquiescence every vile aspersion cast upon us and every malignant falsehood told about us; and he was personally aiding the crook detectives in their efforts to buy testimony, bribe witnesses, run-off witnesses, silence witnesses, and to defeat the Law which he, Slaton, had 13 sworn to enforce.

Who is primarily responsible for the terry rible prejudice that was aroused against our

el beloved State?

JOHN M. SLATON, THE GOVERNOR! With a single word, he could have silenced or his partners, silenced the Haas Finance Committee, silenced the Burns crooks, and left the E. Watson. Beautifully bound in cloth. reptile press without incentive .

of As an evidence that the "Come back" cam-

paign of Slaton has taken the definite line which will enlist the rich Jews and the Roman Catholics, I quote from two New Orleans papers, one Jewish and the other Catholic, both howling and yowling within a few days of each other.

The Daily States, in an editorial says:

"Much of the lawless spirit in Georgia dates from the beginning of the Frank affair. Frank was denied a judicial trial. He was tried by a mob and condemned regardless of his guilt or innocense. A brave Governor saved the State the stigma of a judicial lynching; but he could not prevail against the lawless spirit which pervaded the whole State.

This Jew-Catholic paper has conveniently forgotten the "race war" in Louisiana, last summer, in which so many negroes were shot and killed that the papers soon clapped the lid on.

Now, let us see what that venomous old priest Archbishop Blenk, says in his paper, The New Orleans Morning Star.

ATTORNEY GENERAL SAYS TOM WATSON MUST FACE TRIAL.

During the trial, a mob seethed around the Mr. Gregory, in Open Letter, States That He Believes the Charges Against Watson Are True, and Will Institute Criminal Proceedings Against Him if He is Convinced That Federal Statutes Have Been Violated Outside of Geor-

An Associated Press Dispatch of February 21st

Washington, Feb. 21 .- Attorney General Gregory tonight made public a letter to Charles C. McCrory of Ellaville, Ga., stating the position of the Department of Justice in regard to prosecution of Thomas E. Watson of that state for alleged sending through the mails of obscene and indecent matter. The letter answers protests of Georgia members of Congress against reported plans of the department to prosecute Mr. Watson outside of the State of Georgia on the ground that a fair trial could not be had in that state.

Mr. Gregory makes it plain that he will not hesitate to institute criminal proceedings against Mr. Watson in some other jurisdiction if he is convinced that federal statutes have been violated outside of Georgia, or that a fair trial cannot be had there. He says the Department of Justice has data to show that Mr. Watson has violated the section of the criminal code prohibiting the mails to obscene matter, and that neither threats nor slander will affect his duty as a public official in the case.

The above refers to the Frank case, of course; and the passionate interest which Blenk manifests, shows how the rich Jews and the Catholic priests are united.

It was a member of Leo Frank's family who went to Postmaster-General Burleson, and demanded that The Jeffersonian be thrown out of the mails last summer.

Mr. Attorney-General Gregory has not yet published the names of the 20 Georgians who told him, in effect, that a jury of 12 honest men could not be obtained among the 200,000 voters of Georgia.

It was Anthony Matre, Secretary of the American Federation of the Italian pope's During all the months when the infamous secret societies who went to Saint Anthony Haas Committee, and the Burns Crook Com- Comstock, P. O. Inspector, and started the pany had been engaged in villifying the peo- prosecution against The Jeffersonian four

The rich Jews, the Romanists, and the Rotten politicians are awfully anxious to squelch

The Jeffersonian. It does not necessarily follow that The Jef-

fersonian will be squelched. THE PEOPLE are in no mood to submit to any squelching of that sort.

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EDITORIAL NOTES By J. D. WATSON

T took the advocates of the Parcels Post a long time to get any measure through Congress giving them the system, because a Parcels Post system naturally means a reduction in the incomes of the privately owned express companies.

The express companies fought the measure from the time it was first mentioned until its final passage—in fact for a generation the express companies were able to keep such tools as the late Senator Platt, of New York, in Congress for the express purpose of looking after their interests-men whose first duty it was to see that no measure should go through that would cut down the enormous income that the express companies were yearly collecting from the people.

But finally the Parcels Post came, and it has been growing ever since its first trial just as rapidly as the R. F. D. grew, now being a strong and healthy competitor of the express

companies.

Apparently the express companies took their defeat cheerfully, nothing more being heard of their Washington lobby, and the majority of people believed that the express people had realized that there was no use in longer fighting. But right there we were fooled.

Right now there are pending before Congress two bills that are designed to kill the Parcels Post, and unless the farmers get busy and put the pressure on their representatives, you will soon see the express companies again with a monopoly, and the Parcels Post discontinued.

The bills referred to are House bills 270 and 4793, which propose to levy a tax of 2 and 3 per cent. on cash value of all goods and merchandise sold within any State by corporations doing mail order business.

Plainly interpreted, this means that Congress proposes to levy a 2 or 3 per cent. tax on everything that you order by Parcels Post -- it means that Congress proposes to put the Parcels Post system out of business and restore the express companies to their former position of having a monoply whereby they can charge you exhorbitant rates, and, if you should be brave enough to protest, demand "what are you going to do about it?"

Think of having to pay 2 or 3 per cent. more for goods that come to you by Parcels Post, and you can't help but see what will be the final effect on the system that what will be the final effect on the system that now gives the farmers the privilege of having his package brought to his door, instead of his having to go all the way to town to get it out of the express office.

These two bills look harmless, but the farmers had better get busy at once and see that they are buried too deep to ever be resurrected, or they will wake up some morning to learn that they have been robbed of the usefulness of one of the most beneficial pieces of legislation yet enacted in their interest.

Get behind your Representatives at Washington, and remind them that you have a club that can be used this year.

If the people would only wake up and realize their power, there would be an end put to the efforts to put additional taxes directly upon them every time there was need for additional revenue for running our most expensive government.

Each one of the Administration measures designed to raise the extra freight that we will have to pay to haul the present Democratic administration through has been proposed on some necessity that means putting the burden on the people—on those who are already overloaded the extra load will be strapped.

As Hon. Sam Tribble said in a speech in Congress a few weeks ago:

CRISP COUNTY PEOPLE ADOPT RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, Official announcement has been made by the Department of Justice, by and through Attorney-General Gregory, that Honfl Thomas E. Watson is guilty of violating Section 211 of the Penal Code of the United States, for that the publications of the Jeffersonian Publishing Company, a corporation under the laws of Georgia, Thomas E. Watson, president, is making exposure in connection with the Leo Frank case and the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, was in violation of the postal laws of the Government, as being obscene, lewd, lascivious and filthy; and,

Whereas, Attorney-General Gregory, speaking for this great Government, has passed judgment upon Mr. Watson, declaring him guilty of an offense against the Government, without trial by court or jury, thereby denying to him that God-given right guaranteed under the Constitution, a fair and impartial trial by a court of competent jurisdiction and a jury of his fellow-countrymen, within his own State; and,

Whereas, Mr. Gregory, speaking for the Government, declares that, unless the courts of Georgia, presided over by such able and honest men as Judges Emory Speer, W. W. Lambdin and William T. Newman, and the jurors serving in these courts, try and convict Mr. Watson, the Government will attempt to indict and wage a prosecution against him in a foreign State, taking him away from his native State and into a section of the country among strangers and those who are likely his enemies and bitter foes; and,

Whereas, The Government has now pending in the United States Court at Augusta, Ga., a case against Mr. Watson, which has been twice tried, having been ordered thrown out of court by Judge Foster, and having been tried by a jury and a mistrial resulting before Judge Lamblin.

We, the people of Cordele and Crisp County, in mass meeting assembled, appreciating Mr. Watson as Georgia's brilliant son, historian, author, orator, journalist and defender of the rights of the common people and demanding for him his constitutional rights under the laws of the country, a fair trial before court and jury, and that he be not adjudged guilty without trial, or forced by the strong arm of this Government to defend against a prosecution in a State other than his native State of Georgia.

Therefore, we most earnestly protest against the proposed plan of the Government to single out Mr. Watson because he dared to defend the courts and juries of Georgia and the United States District and Supreme Courts, standing for right, honor and Justice, without fear of destruction.

(a) We further protest against the plan of the Government and its attempt to prosecute a citizen of the State of Georgia in a foreign State and to try him by his enemies in a section of the country where the Roman Catholics predominate.

(b) We further protest and claim that, to place upon the courts and juries of the State of Georgia the st gma, that of being unfair and unfit to give the Government a fair and impartial trial, as being without any foundation of truth whatsoever. Georgia courts and juries are possessed of the manhood and honor to deal fair and just with every cause and to defend every just principle and will dare to uphold the majesty

of the law, both State and Federal. Read and adopted by unan mous Vote, February 25, 1916, at Cordele, Georgia.

PUBLISH THOSE NAMES!

Dear Sir: I have finished reading the contents of the best perodical Dublished in America and am so dissecond at the rascality of your persecutors that I wish to suggest that We petition Governor Harris to as-Estion with himself our State dele-Cation in Congress with any outside

Congressmen to assist, and demand of United States Attorney-General Gregory to produce the names of the twenty Georgia citizens that made the alleged report and be allowed to produce a counter delegation of forty Georgians that has names that they are not ashamed to own that will say on oath that they are sure Georgia can produce as upright jurors as any State in the Union, and demand an investigataion of the matter. If he is unprejudiced he will agree to that; if he goes on as it is, it may cause much trouble before it is over. No lover of liberty in the United States is going to stand for such vile methods. It is a matter of fact that if the Attorney-General had been acting in good faith he would have given the names of the party and invited an investigation before he would have cast that stigma on Georgia; and if he is a fairminded man he won't object to it now. It might save much trouble and perhaps the shedding of much blood before it is done. I wish to say further that all Christians of every faith and order will pray for you to be treated fair in the matter. That is all that I believe you desire.

It is also strange that the Government will lend its assistance to the most corrupt hand that ever disgraced the face of the earth to prosecute one of the best patriots we have in it.

Mr. Watson, when I wrote you in December last I was in very bad health-did not expect to ever get out of the house living-but the doctor changed my treatment and I am yet living and walk out a little. Yet I am very feeble, but would be glad to live to learn that you get justice done you by the courts. I am in my 85th year. Very truly yours,

T. J. CHAFFIN. Ga. P. S .- If Mr. Wilson wants to retain the office of President he had better turn about and undo the rotten work to date and build again on the true principles of democracy and stop his aid of Rome and the T. J. C. Knights of Columbus.

___0__ AN OPEN LETTER TO CLARK HOWELL.

Hon. Clark Howell, Editor Constitution, Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Editor: I have just finished reading your editorial entitled, "Go Slow, Mr. Gregory," and every time I think of the attempted rape of Georgia it makes the Puritan-Salzburger blood in my veins go up to the boiling point. Three cheers for our noble 12, who have thrown themselves into the breach. I am impelled to ask is Senatorial timber dead in Georgia? Has democracy in the first flush of power lost her bearings? Has she forsaken the old landmarks and no longer stands for states rights? Do the people of the United States realize that this is no longer the attempted trial of a man, but the trial of constitutional government? I ask, Mr. Editor, Is the Declaration of Independence dead? Does the shade of Geo. III sit on a "Divine right" throne in Washington?

Let me quote from the immortal document of Jefferson. 'He has combined with others to subject him to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his assent to their acts of pretended legislation."

"For depriving us, in many cases, of the benefits of trial by jury. "For transporting us beyond seas to be tried for pre ended offences."

Mr. Editor, Section 211 of the United States penal code was never intended to abridge the freedom of the press, as is preven by the very language of the statute, and if in would be so construed it would then become violative of the first amendment of the Constitution and would be null and void. Oh, Mr. Editor, when our Supreme Court wrote "reasonable" into the Sherman Law, our judicial department began to walk on dangerous ground! The central government was created by the constitution, and Las no authority whatever for overstepping the restrictions placed upon it by that instrument. It must be held strictly to the letter of our fundamental law. and each of the three departments must be confined strictly to the bounds conferred upon them. If De. mocracy was ever called upon to defend the principles of representative government, the time is now at hand.

Mr. Editor, all history shows that the worst form of anarchy is the violation of law in the pretended enforcement of the law. Can the overstepping of constitutional limitations do aught but bring about a disrespect for government? If Mr. Gregory can stretch this law, and give to it a meaning and extent that congress could not give, then he can change all law and nulify all constitutions.

What will this misconception of the Attorney-General bring forth? Let us go to Holy Writ for the answer?

"That which thou sowest, that will thou also reap." Will Mr. Gregory sow the whirlwinds, then the mutterings of the tornado will soon be heard. Will the Democratic party stand for the rape of Georgia? We shall see. The people are aroused as never before, and they are looking to the party leader for the defense of Democratic Principles.

As the executive placed in power by any party, must of necessity become the representative head of that party, Mr. Wilson will be held to account for any violation of Democratic principles.

Will Mr. Wilson permit his attorney general to perpetrate this crime? The Attorney-General and his satelites are a part of the executive department of our Government. All are but the hired henchmen of the executive, placed in power by the suffrage of Democrats, hence the leader can not escape responsibility for what is done. We have been called barbarians by a venial, partisan, press, and now, if what we read is true, we are called perjurers by the Attorney-General, and I, for one hurl the calumny in his teeth. Does Mr. Wilson believe his Attorney-General? Has he forgotten that his noble wife was a patriotic flower of Georgia's soil, loved and honored her native state, and that her dust now mingles with the old red hills of Georgia?

We await his answer.

W. A. JONES.

A CHEERING WORD FROM SOUTH CAROLINA.

Dear Sir: I assume that it is of little interest, socially, politically or otherwise, but it can convey the advice that you have the support of at least one of the club here.

I note the disposition of our learned Attorney-General, that he would set the pace, that he would drag you out of your jurisdiction for trial again on charges which they have failed utterly to prove. As information, would say that I am an old Taylor County boy, and proud that we still have in Georgia such men as you. Best wishes.

Yours truly, J. B. FRASIER. S. C.

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THE JEFFERSONIAN

Hen. Mr. Gregory,
Attorney, General, U. S. A.,
Washington, D. C.

My. Dear Sir:

I read with interest in today's despatches, carried by the morning papers, your statement in re the Watson proposed indictment in connection with the Frank case.

were ready to read and to recognize courteous and reasoned protests in regard to that purpose. I am sure that you will agree with me that the great body of the people of this section are not unreasonable, are not insulting, and are as unbiased and upright in this matter as you are.

I have never heard any body estimate the majority in Georgia holding Watson's point of view and indersing his course in the Frank case at a figure below ninety per cent. Is it not possible that the 90 per cent. are right and yourself wrong in this matter? It is well worth while to remember Burke's assertion that you cannot indict a whole people. Such an overwhelming majority as that must feel themselves supported by reason in the position that they take.

Please let me appeal the reasons underlying their position to your imagination:

Twelve months ago I doubted Frank's guilt. I knew that his supporters had appealed his case from the courts to the decision of public sentiment. I wish to ask you, assuming that the decision in his case was appealed by him and his friends to popular sentiment, whether this new and unusual tribunal, elected by his friends and attorneys to hear and decide his case, was not entitled to know the evidence in the case? How else could the public know whether to move for clemency in his behalf or not? The evidence in the Frank case was a revolting mass of obscenity and filth, unfit to print or to think of, but I had made up my mind favorably to Frank, and my favorable opinion was based on the ex parte statements made in his behalf by interested friends of his. They gave me the evidence favorable to the theory of his innocence and asked me to move in behalf of clemency for him. If I was to act in the matter, was I not entitled to know all the evidence? If the case was appealed to the interference of public sentiment, must it not necessarily have been appealed on the whole record? The government should by law prevent the appeal of cases to the decision of public sentiment, if it cannot permit the record to accompany the appeal.

If you really want to know, if you really are as cuurteous to us as evidently you like that we should be to you, if you have the understanding imagination by which you put yourself in another's stead, can you not see herein the ground upon which the people of Georgia claimed the right to see and read that record and upon which Watson spread that record befort them for perusal and consideration?

The people of Georgia love decency in their mailed prints quite as well as do Pennsylvanians, they are in every respect as decent and reasonable, but they claim the right to look at the whole record, notwithstanding its indecency, when the issue presented to them is whether a verdict of their court shall be sustained or overturned. They know that they had the same right and duty to look at that record that the members of the appeal courts had under the same circumstances.

In the Frank case Watson and his associates and sympathizers were standing for the supremacy of Georgia laws as duly administered by the courts of the state. The instigators of the attack on Watson were slandering the state by charging that it had employed the courts of the state to mob and murder one of its citizens. In deciding the issue raised in that calumny the peopl eliterally had to see that record. They exposed the record and demonstrated that

the caluminators were as corrupt as the criminal in whose behalf they were uttering their calumnies.

Is it fair to ask why you believe that the whole people have become lovers of indecency to the extent that they clamor for the right to have it printed in their newspapers and spread about their firesides?

The thing that you have charged against the State of Georgia is monstrous. Georgians do not despise law—they honor it. They do not hate justice—they love it. They have not set up a worship of filth—they would die for purity.

It appears to an impartial outsider that you have threatened the State of Georgia—that you have said to them that you will hold them up to the contempt of the whole world as a mob of revelers in ordure if they do not agree with your interpretation of the law and your findings of guilt under its provisions.

But let us assume for a moment that you are right-monstrous as that assumption is—let us assume that justice and decency and honor and love of law and purity are dead in the hearts of that great people, -even upon that assumption, what you propose is a thousand times worse than the degradation into which they have fallen. How shall it be determined that the jurisdiction which finally approves your judgment as to Watson's guilt is decent and law-loving and pure? The fact that the jurisdiction in which you finally secure a verdict of guilty agrees with your conclusion will lay that jurisdiction under surpicion among many high-minded men of the same or worse corruption than that which you so vehemently and persistently charge against the great people of the Empire State of the South.

In conclusion I beg to hope that your effort to drag a Southern man before a Northern tribunal, not for trial, but for conviction, will result in the same inglorious failure that came to President Roosevelt's similar and equally unwise and unrighteous effort of the recent past.

It would indeed be a monstrous travesty if the greatest intellectual genius ever produced in the South should be rewarded with a felon's cell in some Northern penitentiarya genius that has protested fraud, appression, corruption and all their kindred obscenities, in language of the rarest beauty, simplicity and power. If you can find a jurisdiction north of Mason and Dixon's line so corrupt as to stigmatize Watson's character by consigning him to a felon's cell, I beg to suggest that your case will stand better lost in Georgia than won in such a jurisdic-

We shall all trust that some means may be found to bring the judgment of the President into the department's final decision in this case—not for Watson's sake or Georgia's, but for yours and his. Your answer to the plea that the public has the right to see all the evidence, if the public is to decide the penalties in the case, is that the law forbids the transmission of such a record through the mails. But that is just the point at which juries in fair jurisdictions will differ with you.

What the law forbids is not a certain practice or act—it forbids injury. Therefore the law permits an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding an act. Your jury will often find that John Doe did kill Richard Roe—but the circumstances show jusification. It will find that Rev. Mr. Doe did publish and mail obscene printed matter, but the circulation resulted in good rather than evil, because he mailed the Bible as a means of reproving and removing the obscene state of things complained of.

The question is not, nakedly, did one man kill another, or did a man print and mail a book or paper containing obscene passages—it is a question of the circumstances and the result,

In order to determine that question the jury will take into consideration all the circumstances of a publication. If you can take advantage of the technical phrasology of the law in its present defective statement, or take advantage of the rules admitting testimony which will show all the circumstances and forbidding the jury to consider the spirit and effect of the publication, you will have established a precedent that will require the circulation of deleted forms of the Bible.

The Frank case is dead. The record of that case is now a memory. In basing a prosecution on the publication of that record you are dealing with the past and with a single instance and local matter-could you not deal with the evil in its general and permanently injurious form by prosecuting the publishers for circulating some of the "nothing omitted" copies of Shakespeare's, or Byron's, or Burns' works? Georgia juries by the car load can be found who will join with you to purify the mails of all that salacious matter which really does injure societymatter that is written in the cold blood of indifference to its effects and in the cold greed which seeks gain at the expense of the morals of the people.

Some of your correspondents are indignant because you overlook vast quantities of injurious salacious literature, while you seek to prevent by the letter of the law the jury elected by a criminal to hear and decide his case from seeing that criminal's record.

They are convinced that you are not making a stand for public morals, that you are not the advocate of the ideals of public purity, but that you are after Watson, because he published obscenities, not for the entertainment of aristocrats, Jews, and Catholics (as did Shakespeare, Burns and Byron), but for the purpose of exposing some of the peculiar entertainments in which aristocrats. Jews and Catholics indulge at the expense of purity, decency, honor, life, and law. Behind Editor Watson, justifying him, is the child face of Mary Phagan, and all the high ideals that her tragic fate stands for; behind YOU, is the blended dual-face of the Catholic and Jew. Cannot men speak the truth as

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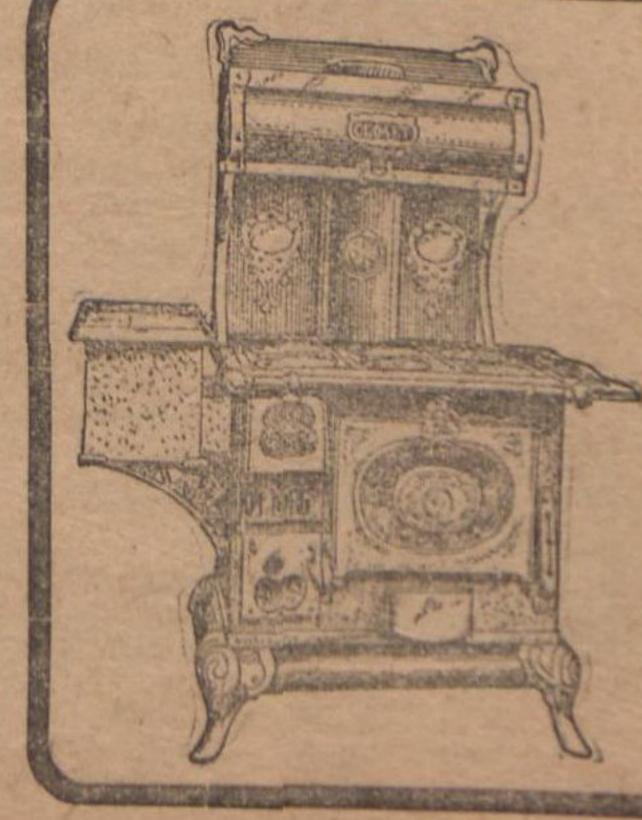
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