

It is nature's way of making him rub and put his skin in a healthy condition. If an animal does not rub itself, and is not curried and this clogged, crusty, condition of the skin remains, lice will soon develop little skin scavengers. Lice is one of nature's last, wise and merciful efforts to cleanse the skin, and preserve the health of the animal.

Prov. 12:10, "The righteous man regardeth the life of his beast,"

A. L. Chapin.

JUDGE HORTON'S DECISION

The sudden decision of Judge Horton to continue the trials of the other negroes until some future time, because of statements made by Leibowitz in which the New York attorney slurred the jury and Morgan county people, was the cause of some criticism until the full import of the judge's position and view was impressed upon the sound thinking people over the South and country at large.

Judge Horton inferred that the words of the defendant's counsel had endangered the case of the defense and was "a millstone around his (the negro's) neck." And that justice could not allow the case to proceed even if the defense counsel was at fault, as the court was not presiding at a trial of anything or anybody except the negro defendant and that this defendant could not be subjected to conditions made by an erring counsel.

The Decatur trials closed after the conviction of the first negro and will probably be continued until this first can be carried through the high courts on appeals.

It is probable, according to certain bits of the proceedings sent out by the Associated Press regarding the last minute testimony, that this Heywood Patterson case may be reversed by the Alabama supreme court because of the statement by the jury bailiff that he let a juror on the case talk on the telephone, only hearing the half of the conversation spoken by the juror. If this is correct no matter what the conversation may have been, it could constitute a formidable ground for reversal.

During the last week the aspect of the case has changed in regard to national sentiment because of certain outstanding Northern newspapers exposing Leibowitz as a crucifier of negroes for propaganda instead of trying to save their lives in a fair legal battle.

The decision of Judge Horton to do as he did will probably meet with approval over all sections of the country, as any fair-minded person from any section of the country could hardly say that Leibowitz or the other Reds were even trying to honestly assist the negroes in the trial proceedings. The negro at Decatur

town is concerned, we wonder how much dissatisfaction some of our northern contemporaries would find if they dropped in for a few weeks stay and actually found two races of people living together in harmony and respect toward each other in the same towns and communities, the negroes not molested or in any way uneasy over "the Scottsboro case" or any other attempt at hatred agitation by outsiders. —Scottsboro Sentinel.

FLETCHER FOR GOVERNOR?

The thing that has been in the back of a great many persons' minds, and which has been quietly discussed over the state for a good many months, came out in print the past week.

This was the movement to draft Senator Shelby Fletcher next year as a candidate for governor.

It hardly seems possible that such a movement could succeed, or that such good luck would befall the state of Alabama as to have a man of his type and caliber sit in the governor's chair at Montgomery.

And yet what a man of his common sense, courage, intelligence and independence, his financial ingenuity, and his political sagacity could do in that position, to bring the state out of the morass in which it is floundering!

The novelty of such a candidate—free of all alliances, absolutely independent, honest and courageous, and with unbiased, accurate information about all phases of the state's government—might be so great that the people of Alabama would call for a "new deal," and elect him over some of the political hacks that are now grooming themselves, if he would agree to become a candidate.

His legislative record has been so outstanding as to attract attention all over the state.

The Fletcher budget act has been proclaimed the most constructive piece of legislation enacted in this state in a generation.

He has been the intelligent leader in the fight to reduce the expenditures of the state.

He was largely instrumental in the formation of the "economy bloc" at the regular session that blocked Governor Miller.

In both the regular and the two extra sessions, he stood steadfastly against any increase in taxation, until the state's expenses had been trimmed hundreds of thousands of dollars.

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The legislature was besieged by the largest and most powerful utility lobby ever assembled in Montgomery. The legislature defied it by passing the Carmichael-Walker bills and loosening the Power company's strangle hold on this state.

The legislature was threatened and cajoled by an army of office-holders, and it asserted its independence of them by cutting \$500,000 off the annual payroll.

The legislature was threatened with dire things by professional bone-dryers if it adhered to the democratic platform and let Alabama vote on the 18th amendment. The legislature responded by submitting the amendment.

The legislature, surrounded by representatives of thousands of school teachers, hungry and without pay, resisted to the end and refused to pass a sales tax to help pay school debts.

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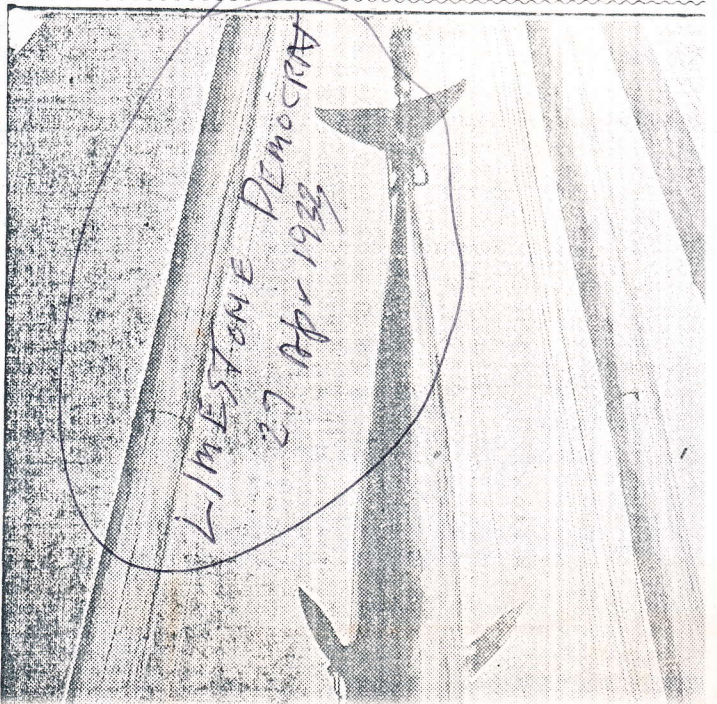
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