

**BOB SMALL TO HANG.**

**A Plea for the Life of a Randolph Boy—Story of the Alleged Crime.**  
March 19, 1906.

Editor COURIER,

Dear Sir:—I notice in last week's issue of your paper that in mentioning the case of Bob Small, from Randolph county, N. C., who was convicted of murder a year ago and sentenced to be hanged, you said "the Governor of South Carolina had commuted his sentence to imprisonment for life." This is an error. His attorney appealed to the Supreme Court for a new trial, and Small has been in prison awaiting the action of this court ever since.

Last week the court decided against him. Another day will have to be set for his execution and as the next term of our court here is scarcely a month off he will probably have a very short time to live unless his friends will bestir themselves at once and get the Governor to act in his favor. I write this because he was from your county and his father and brothers still live there, and hoping that he may have some friends there who will make some effort in his behalf. He was almost friendless and unknown here having lived here only a short while before he got in this trouble.

It seems that things have gone against him from the first, for while only a very few expected a worse verdict than manslaughter the jury found him guilty of murder in the first degree and he was condemned to be hanged on the same day and on the same gallows with a negro who had killed a prominent white man. The negro's sentence was commuted to life imprisonment and his partner in the crime was turned loose and now when seemingly almost every one expected that Small and his partner Wall would get a new trial the Supreme Court decides against them, which means that Small must be hanged and Wall stay in prison his lifetime.

It will be remembered that Wall and a negro while quarrelling, got in to a scuffle over a gun and while each was trying to take it from the other, Small ran up and shot the negro in the thigh causing him to bleed to death.

It is possible that if he had some friends who would take the lead in doing something for him his neck might yet be saved but unless they act quickly it will be too late. It seems that public opinion has undergone quite a change here in his favor and if these boys could have gotten a new trial it is almost certain that they would have obtained a much more lenient verdict.

Observer.

**DO YOUR PART.**

Editor COURIER:—I want to tell your readers that great opportunities don't come many times in a life time. Don't fail to do your part any time in life. Have you done all you can to get your roads macadamized? Let each one ask himself that question. If we have not done our part, let's put our shoulder to the wheel and keep on rolling till we get on macadamized road. Have we tried to get our Honorable Board of County Commissioners to stop the convicts from building mud roads and build macadamized road. If you haven't been trying you have failed to do your duty. Don't stand back and wait for some neighbor to do what you should do yourself. No one can estimate the loss from mud roads till they try macadamized roads. Let everybody pull together and you will accomplish something. Let everybody be a worker for this great cause, then something will be done. Many do with opportunities as children do at the seashore. They fill their little hands with sand then let the grains fall through one by one, till they are all gone. Don't do that way in this case; come out of the mud; don't wait until your best days are gone to do something for good roads.

C. U. HINSHAW,  
R. R. No. 6 Greensboro, N. C.

**Communication.**

Central Falls, N. C.  
DEAR EDITOR:—I notice in last week's papers where Josephus Daniels (Editor of the Raleigh Observer) is predicting Bryan for President in 1908, and in another paper where Judge Alton B. Parker in a speech at Charlotte, N. C., advocated placing a Southern man for at least something, at or near the head of the ticket in 1908. These signs together with other indications show that there are many uncertainties in the minds of the people in both leading parties, and that in 1908 there will be many surprises presented to the people of the South in various ways.

Roosevelt is living up side by side with Bryanism in his R. R. rate agitation, together with his proposed square deal in every measure, showing conclusively that something along the line of retrenchment as well as

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J. F. HAMILTON.

**To Correspondents.**

Persons who send us news items and other matter for publication should write legibly. Frequently we are compelled to discard items of important news because some word has been written so poorly it cannot be deciphered. If our correspondents will bear this in mind it will aid us to eliminate unnecessary trouble and humiliating errors. This does not mean, however, that we want none but those gifted in penmanship to write news for publication, but it is simply to remind those who have been writing for us to be painstaking, especially as to names of persons and places. Read other correspondence in other papers and you will find it will help you wonderfully—Always sign your name.

**JUDGE PARKER COMMENDED.**

The Washington Post supports Judge Parker's contention that the time is ripe for the nomination of a Southern man for President. A noticeable feature of the Post's editorial, however, is its reference to dead Democrats, among them the late Senator Vance, who would have been desirable material, and the conspicuous absence of suggestion as to some one in the flesh who can command the votes. The old Latin caution, "Timeo Danaos et dona ferentes," has not lost its force and somehow or other we can't feel that the Washington Post has ever been or is now concerned about the success of the Democratic party in the nation. The average man still fears the Greeks bearing gifts.—Salisbury Post.

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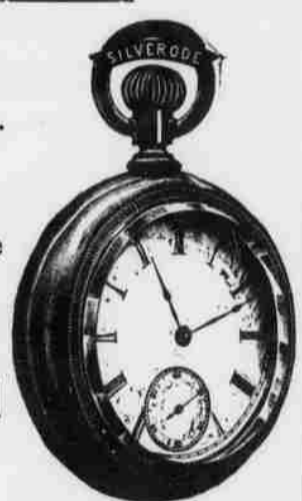
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