

TWO BLEASE EXPLAINS CLEMENCY

Governor Likens Negroes to Beasts, and Says Race Has No Standard of Morality.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 23.—Governor Cole Blease's views on negroes and their morals, horse trading, marriage and a great variety of other subjects are presented in an entertaining way in his latest literary effort, an octavo volume of 333 pages, which he has presented to members of the General Assembly. It is his official explanation of the pardons, paroles and commutations of sentence granted during the past year.

The book contains many harrowing stories of crime and suffering, on which the Governor keeps a running fire of comment. He relieves the gloom by an occasional joke.

Telling why he pardoned Sam Gaskins, a negro convicted of manslaughter, the Governor says:

"This negro, being engaged to a negro girl, called to see her and in fooling with a pistol it went off and killed her. It seems to have been a very sad accident, however, after a second thought, possibly it was for the good of humanity, for had they married no doubt they would have brought forth more negroes to the future detriment of the State."

No Faith in Negro Morals.

In explaining why he pardoned "Nockey" Casey, John Horn and other men convicted of assaults on negro girls, Governor Blease says the charge is absurd, in his opinion, as he doubts if the crime of assault can be committed on a negro woman. He expatiates on this thought with a frankness unsuitable for newspaper publication.

"The negro race has absolutely no standard of morality," he declares. "They are in that respect a class by themselves, as marital infidelity seems to be their most favorite pastime."

In explaining why he pardoned J. E. Murray, a negro convicted of murder, Governor Blease says: "If every negro in this State that is guilty of bigamy or marital infidelity is brought up and convicted of labor, it will be a wonder that it is not done."

Telling why he commuted the sentence of "Stake" Morris, a negro convicted from death to life imprisonment, the Governor says: "This defendant was convicted of killing another negro. I am naturally against executing or hanging a negro for killing another, because if a man had two fine mules running loose in a lot and one went mad and kicked and killed the other he certainly would not take his gun and shoot the other mule, but would take that mule and work it; therefore I believe that when one negro kills another he should be put in a fair and square method of adjusting their business transactions. The temperate and conciliatory tone of the message is commendable. There is nothing drastic in it. I think that after the enactment of the new trust legislation President Wilson may well be content with the achievements of his party and administration."

Explicates on Horse Trading. Governor Blease discusses horse trading in telling why he pardoned Frank Stone, who traded a blind horse to another man and was convicted of obtaining goods by false pretense.

"There is no excuse," says Governor Blease, "for a man saying that a blind horse has been put on him unless he was either blind or drunk at the time, and there is no evidence to show that the prosecutor was either. Therefore, he should have been too much of a man to complain, for the only purpose people have for trading horses is to improve them. A trader with a gain or a loss would not trade. When B trades with A he believes he got the best of the bargain or he would not trade. If a man says that one of them gets stung there should be no complaint."

Simeon Ellis, a negro life term, was pardoned, the Governor says, for speaking to Mr. Blease without the guard's permission. The Governor submits documentary evidence to the effect that the man was sentenced to the stocks for insubordination, given 15 or 30 days and then released with a strong electric battery for more than a half hour. "His screams and cries and piteous appeals for mercy," it is said, "could be heard all over the penitentiary grounds."

Governor Blease says he liberated Ellis because he feared that if he did not the negro would be killed by the penitentiary authorities because the Governor had shown an interest in the case.

Sister Caused His Liberty. Much of the Governor's book is given to pitiful descriptions of the sorrow and suffering of the wives and children of convicts, and it is for their sake that he has released many of the men.

Telling why he pardoned J. Allen Emerson, a white man, serving a life term for murder, he says that the imprisonment of Emerson has seriously impaired the health of Emerson's sister.

"Her life," says Governor Blease, "is worth more to her and her children and is worth more to the citizenship and the motherhood of the country than the incarceration of her brother is worth to the State."

The tone of the Governor's book is not always forceful or compassionate. He inveighs fiercely against many men. Telling why he pardoned Bud Willis, who was convicted of violating the liquor laws on the evidence of private detectives, Governor Blease, says:

"My experience with detectives or so-called detectives of this character, who are to receive a reward for each conviction, has been that they will swear any kind of a lie in order to get \$10. I have no sympathy for such a breed of cattle calling themselves human beings. They are a disgrace to the name detective, and I take great pleasure in setting aside the conviction and giving to this young man a free and unlimited pardon."

The Governor says he pardoned Roland Parris, who was convicted of assault and battery on his brother-in-law with intent to kill, because Parris was defending his sister from abuse.

"I congratulate him," says Governor Blease, "upon being man enough to protect his sister from a drunken husband; in fact, I think there should be an appropriation made by which the Governor could award him a gold medal of honor for his action."

The Governor says he pardoned his negro chauffeur, Harrison Neely, when he was convicted in the Columbia police court of exceeding the speed limit because the prosecution was the spite work yesterday but as there besides, he says, part of the police officers had no charge against him here he was released on representation that he was to leave for Chicago to appear as a witness in the civil suit there.

Well Known Criminal. Detroit, Mich., January 23.—It was learned here tonight that a man described as a "well known criminal" boarded Michigan Central train No. 7 a few minutes before 11 left Detroit last night. With him were two companions. It is believed they may have had something to do with the robbery near Jackson early today.

This man whose name is known to the police, was picked up on the streets here yesterday but as there was no charge against him here he was released on representation that he was to leave for Chicago to appear as a witness in the civil suit there.

Champion at Pinehurst. Quimet Arrives at Famous Resort—Plays Game During Morning. Pinehurst, N. C., Jan. 23.—National open golf champion Francis Ouimet of Brookline, Mass., arrived here early today. "Keen for golf," as he expressed it, he was accompanied by Paul Tewksbury of the Woodland Golf Club, Abingdon, Mass. Both went immediately to the local links where they played a foursome against C. L. Becker and T. Ashley. Ouimet had not played golf for several months and today took things easy.

They Praise Wilson's Anti-Trust Views and Will Not Oppose His Legislation.



1. GEORGE GOULD, 2. NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, 3. HENRY CLEWS, 4. DANIEL REID, 5. GEORGE W. PERKINS.

New York, Jan. 23.—Much to the surprise of most well informed persons in the financial district, several of the leading operators in the moneyed world have endorsed President Wilson's views on the regulation of "big business" as expressed in his recent message to Congress. These men are bankers, corporation heads and stock brokers. George J. Gould says: "I feel encouraged. My attitude for a long time has been one of extreme conservatism. The sentiment is more cheerful, and I believe that business will be better. I do not think the abolition of interlocking directorates will prove so troublesome or disturbing to the corporations as has been feared in some circles." Daniel G. Reid, head of the Rock Island syndicate says, "The President's views are very reassuring." Broker and Banker Henry Clews says: "It is quite evident that there is a disposition on the part of the great business interests of the country to meet the President in a fair and square method of adjusting their business transactions. The temperate and conciliatory tone of the message is commendable. There is nothing drastic in it. I think that after the enactment of the new trust legislation President Wilson may well be content with the achievements of his party and administration."

ROBBERS HELDUP TRAIN TO FORCE OFFICIALS TO GIVE TESTIMONY. Armour Car Lines Under Fire—Swift Answers Questions. Chicago, Jan. 23.—While officials of the Interstate Commerce Commission prepared for a hurried trip to Washington to draw up a petition for the Federal court demanding that the Armour private refrigerator car lines be compelled to furnish its traffic figures, A. R. Fay, vice president of the Swift Car Lines, declined to challenge the commission's authority, but proved a willing witness today. Refusal of F. W. Ellis, vice president of the Armour Lines, to reply to questions, is expected to result in a Federal ruling that will establish either the commission's power to enforce answers or the witness' right to refuse to disclose his business secrets. Mr. Fay said that Swift & Co. had \$5,000,000 tied up in refrigerator cars and that last year the net earnings on that investment were but \$94,000. "Must Answer Questions." Washington, Jan. 23.—After Chairman Clark of the Interstate Commerce Commission held a long distance telephone conference with Commissioner McChord, in Chicago, regarding the refusal of F. W. Ellis, vice president of the Armour Refrigerator Car Lines, to answer certain questions at a hearing, Mr. McChord is conducting the fight to file a petition with the Circuit court in Chicago calling for a mandamus to compel the witness to testify. Later in the day Patrick J. Farrell, solicitor of the commission, left for Chicago to prepare the bill.

DISCUSS TENTATIVE PLANS. For Government Radium Producing Plant in Colorado. Washington, Jan. 23.—Tentative plans for the construction of a great government radium producing plant in Colorado were discussed today in a conference at the Interior Department between Secretary Lane and the Colorado delegation in Congress. It was agreed that there should be no announcement concerning the scheme until details have been worked out, but it is understood the Colorado delegation told Secretary Lane they would not continue opposition to the pending bills for withdrawal of radium-bearing lands from entry if they could be developed and not allowed to stand untouched.

DEATH AT FAYETTEVILLE. Mr. Kyle Pemberton, Aged 34, Passes Away. Fayetteville, N. C., Jan. 23.—The Observer this afternoon reports that Mr. Kyle Pemberton, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pemberton, died at the family residence on Ramsey street this morning at about 8 o'clock of heart failure, aged 34 years. Mr. Pemberton was a man of big heart and many generous impulses. He had hosts of friends, who will learn with sorrow of his death. He is survived by his parents and a sister, Mrs. Geo. B. Underwood, of this city. The funeral will be held at 4:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the residence.

TO CROSS-EXAMINE RAILROADS' WITNESSES. State's Attorneys Are Conferring in Preparation. (Special Star Correspondence.) Raleigh, N. C., January 23.—Attorney General Bickett and Rate Expert J. L. Graham along with Judge R. W. Winston and Judge J. Crawford Biggs, counsel for the State, have been in conference in preparation of the plans for cross-examination of railroad company witnesses in the recent hearing before the intra-State freight rate commission. The cross-examination will be taken up February 24th.

HESTER'S WEEKLY REPORT. For First 23 Days of January Shows Increase Over Last Year. New Orleans, Jan. 23.—Secretary Hester's weekly New Orleans cotton exchange statement issued today shows for the 23 days of January an increase in the totals over last year of 244,000. For the 145 days of the season that elapsed the aggregate is ahead of the 145 days of last year 476,000. The amount of the gain during the past week has been 364,977 bales against 252,994 for the seven days ending this date last year and for the 23 days of January it has been 1,208,672 against 964,730 last year. The movement since September 1st shows receipts at all United States ports 726,774 against 7,896,450 last year. Overland gross the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to North river mills and Canada 718,902 against 730,757 last year; interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year 789,074 against 659,702 last year; Southern mills takings 1,906,000 against 1,478,144 last year. Total movement for the 145 days of the season from September 1st to date 11,140,754 against 10,665,053 last year.

Foreign exports for the week have been 135,357 against 43,292 last year, making the total thus far for the season 5,909,658 against 6,502,495 last year. The total takings of American mills, North and South America, thus far for the season have been 3,573,432 against 3,341,922 last year. Stocks at the seaboard and the 29 leading Southern interior centers have increased during the week 69,393 bales against a decrease during the corresponding period last season of 129,651 and are now 348,609 larger than at this date in 1913.

Including stocks left over at ports and interior towns from the last crop and the number of bales brought into sight from the new crop, the supply to date is 11,467,171 against 11,029,766 for the same period last year.

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COTTON MANUFACTURING. Some Facts About the Industry in New England.

(From Providence Journal.) In the early days of the cotton manufacturing industry in this country Rhode Island was the leading State. The factory system on this side of the ocean began here with the spinning frame of Samuel Slater and for some years afterward, when skilled operatives came over from England to seek employment here, they usually came to Providence, which was known far and wide as the central point of the cotton industry in 1815, when cotton manufacturers were memorializing Congress for an increase in customs duties, information was presented that one-third of the cotton manufacturing of the country was done in or near Providence. In 1820 the census returns showed that this State had nearly twice as many cotton spindles as any other State could boast of.

Of course, Rhode Island, with its limited area, could not be expected always to retain the first position in this great industry. Massachusetts took the lead in 1850, but Rhode Island retained second place for over a half century longer. It is now exceeded by both North and South Carolina, as well as by Massachusetts, in the number of its cotton spindles, while it is seventh in the amount of cotton consumed. This State has no great cotton manufacturing cities to compare with Lowell, New Bedford, Lowell or Manchester. But Providence county, it appears from a census bulletin just issued, stands second only to Bristol county, Massachusetts, in the number of its cotton spindles.

Bristol county, of course, contains Fall River and New Bedford, the two greatest cotton manufacturing cities in the country. The cotton industry will surprise many to learn that it is more extensively engaged in this industry than in Middlesex county, Massachusetts, which contains the great cotton factory city of Lowell.

Land Purchased in Florence is Admirable Location. Florence, S. C., Jan. 23.—At a meeting of the Pee-Dee Fair Association, held here Tuesday, the deal was closed whereby 20 acres of land for the fair grounds were acquired and the site selected is the best that could have been chosen.

The tract purchased was a part of the land of Joseph J. Jennings, on the old Cheraw or Darlington Railroad, just on the northwestern edge of the city limits and touches both the Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard coast line, where wide side tracks can be put in and stations for the fair grounds erected. The committee in charge is pleased at having secured this site, for it is one of the highest, driest and most accessible of any around the city. The purchase price of the land was \$300 per acre and but for use as fair grounds it could not have been bought for less than \$500 per acre. The lands are just a short distance, one-fourth of a mile, from the Pee-Dee agricultural experiment station of Clemson College.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED. Authorizing the Investigation of Coal and Copper Strikes. Washington, Jan. 23.—An amended resolution to authorize an investigation of the Colorado coal and Michigan copper strikes was agreed on by the House Democratic caucus when introduced today by Representative Keating, of Colorado, and probably will be acted on under the special rule early next week.

The expectation is that the principal hearings will be held at Pueblo, Colo., and Houghton, Mich., though other towns in both States probably will be visited. The investigators would be empowered to sit during session or recess of the House, to employ all the clerical help necessary, subpoena witnesses and to require the publication of books and papers.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 23.—Governor Blease today granted respite until February 23rd, to I. S. Lemacks, of Colleton county, who was sentenced to be electrocuted at the State penitentiary here today upon conviction for murder.

Health Officers Are Paying Their Counties Big Dividends. (State Board of Health.) A health officer is the best paying investment that any county ever made. We don't mean a county physician—one who doctors the poor—but an out-and-out health officer who is on the job every day, early and late, examining school children for defects, holding tubercular clinics, carrying out quarantine regulations, and lecturing to the school patrons and children on hygiene, sanitation and the prevention of disease. North Carolina now has about a dozen such men, and it is interesting to see how some of them are delivering the goods.

Reports from Dr. Sevier, the health officer of Buncombe county, show that during the last month, among other things, he gave 11 lectures on health, and examined 533 pupils for defects. Out of those examined he found 209 physically defective. Most of these defects very seriously handicap the child, and, worst of all, they are usually either unnoticed or neglected by both the parent and child. Furthermore, most of them can be easily removed, and in many cases their removal makes good or even excellent pupils out of those who appeared to be dull, backward pupils before. In Sampson county, Mr. Cooper, the health officer, examined 521 pupils in December, and found 576 had some form of physical defect handicapping the mental or physical progress of the child. These defects usually occur in the ears, nose, throat or teeth. Dr. Cooper also gave health talks to audiences aggregating 1,575 people.

Now this is the practical kind of work that counts. It gets right down at the bottom of things and lays a broad foundation of health education among the masses. The worst feature of the whole thing is that, when a health officer examines a child in his coat and starts to do health work in the county, he soon finds opportunities for doing health work coming his way so fast that it soon gets to be a question of either doing it or letting it pass. Such conditions already exist in practically every county that has employed a health officer.

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