

HELP NEEDY FAMILIES OF STATE'S CONVICTS

Prison Board Votes \$10 for Each Dependent Household.

Directors Will Return Money if "Howl" is Raised—Governor Craig Announces His Last Batch of 19 Pardons.

(Special Star Telegram).

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 20.—Governor Craig announced this evening that, following his instructions, the directors of the State's Prison had voted \$10 each to the dependent and needy families of the State convicts, this requiring an appropriation of \$6,150. Lengthy resolutions by the directors are made public and assurance given that if the Legislature disapproves or any citizen seeks to have the money restored to the State Treasury, as applied without authority, it will be readily returned.

It is shown that the prison has made during the Craig administration now closing \$350,000 above all expenses of every kind.

In the same connection the Governor announced 19 pardons, which are the last that will be considered by Governor Craig. Several are for long term prisoners who have faithfully served for many years, others whose terms would soon expire. Reasons for each are set out in separate statements with the final announcement that there are about 900 convicts in the State's Prison and that in the different counties there are 200 more.

Trustees to be Pardoned. Governor Craig has requested State and county prison authorities to parole trustees convicts for three days beginning Sunday, December 24, provided adequate assurance is given that the parolees will return to their prisons or camps by noon Wednesday, December 27. Governor Craig thus follows the precedent he established last Christmas when 800 prisoners were allowed to return to their families or go at will during the three days designated.

In spite of pessimistic forebodings of some, not a man failed to return. An even greater number of men are expected to be granted this privilege this year.

The request for Christmas parole was issued by Governor Craig in a letter to the superintendent of the State's prison, the sheriffs of the counties of the State and the officers in charge of convict camps. The Governor's letter reads: "You are hereby authorized and requested to allow each and every prisoner who is and has been a trustee for ten days prior to this date to return to his home or other place chosen by him, and to remain away from the camp or prison during Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, the 24th, 25th and 26th of December, provided each trustee pledge his honor and satisfy the officer in charge that he will return by 12 o'clock on Wednesday, December 27."

You are further authorized and requested to give to all of the prisoners in your charge a holiday on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, the 24th, 25th and 26th of December.

You are further authorized and requested to report to me on or before the first day of January your action in accordance herewith and the results, and the name and conduct of each prisoner paroled.

A request and authority similar to this was issued in December, 1915. It was universally observed by sheriffs and officers. The prisoners that were paroled kept their promise with scrupulous fidelity and showed that they were worthy of the confidence and trust.

Klingman Gets Pardon. O. C. Klingman, of Guilford county, sentenced to three years on the roads of Guilford county for embezzlement and who was denied a new trial by the Supreme Court recently, is pardoned by Governor Craig because of newly discovered evidence not before the court. Justice Allen of the Supreme Court recommended the pardon and stated to Governor Craig that the Supreme Court would have allowed a new trial on the grounds of new evidence had it not been for the established rule of the court not to entertain motions of this character in criminal actions.

RANGE EXPLOSION KILLS CHILD. Death Results When Fire Heats Frozen Water Back.

Newton, N. C., Dec. 20.—A frozen water back in the fire box of a range in the residence of Clyde Wagner exploded yesterday morning shortly after a fire had been built in the range, and flying metal killed little Nancy Shelton Wagner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wagner, the explosion literally blowing the child from the arms of her aunt, Mrs. Clyde Wagner, into an adjoining room where she was picked up in a dying condition. Her aunt escaped unharmed, which is considered remarkable, as did the parents of the little girl and the horror of the tragedy gripping the town today. The child was an exceptionally charming little miss of tender age and was the darling of everybody who knew her.

HOME OF SEABOARD MAN BURNED. Fire Destroys Residence of Supt. P. G. Walton at Hamlet.

Hamlet, N. C., Dec. 20.—At 1:15 this afternoon the dwelling occupied by Seaboard Superintendent P. G. Walton, on Oak street, was discovered to be on fire and before the fire could be gotten under control the dwelling was nearly consumed. Mrs. Walton is in Chicago visiting and no one had been in the house since early morning, and the origin of the fire is a mystery. Some of the furniture was saved but much of it was destroyed and badly damaged. The dwelling was property of C. L. Lusk. Both dwelling and furniture were partially covered by insurance. The Hamlet fire department did excellent work in confining the fire to the building and in saving a part of the furniture.

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After providing for his funeral expenses, not to be expensive, and paying his debts, of his personal property, his library is given to his nephew, Dr. Vance Ransom; a mahogany desk in his home and \$100 in money to his niece, Miss Leslie Worthington, and the balance of the personal effects to be sold, the proceeds to go to his brother, Jacob S. Pyke, or his children.

MOGULS OF THE FILM INDUSTRY ARE HEARD

Bush and Brenton Address Carolina Movie Men's Convention.

Public Meeting Last Night Feature and Climax of Second Day's Session of North Carolina Convention at Charlotte.

(By D. M. Bain.)

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 20.—Featuring the second day of the convention of the North Carolina Motion Picture Exhibitors' League here today was the public session tonight held in the large convention hall of the Selwyn Hotel, and which was attended by a large crowd of Charlotte people, who came to hear the address of a man powerful in the film industry of America, Mr. Cranston Brenton, chairman of the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures.

The able address of Mr. Brenton was probably the most illuminating essay on the motion picture industry ever delivered before an audience of laymen, explaining for the first time to the public at large the duties of that thousand-branch organization which watches over an endless string of film almost 2,000 miles in length every 12 months.

Mr. Brenton in beginning explained something of the uniqueness of the National board, which is composed of unpaid members having been created by the People's Institute in 1909. "A commercial enterprise in which millions of capital are invested voluntarily placing itself under the control of a social organization with a view to its own regulation, is indeed unique in American industry," declared the speaker, "and that the original experiment has met with success is amply evidenced by the higher tone of present day pictures, the confidence of the public inspired by service rendered, and the ever closer co-operation of the producing companies."

"Something has happened," continued Mr. Brenton, "to make the motion picture now one of the cleanest forms of public amusement. Do you realize what it is? The board has quietly performed this work in two ways. First, by cutting out of 6,000 new films each year those things which are, in its opinion, questionable; and second, by advising manufacturers in advance against the use of themes that may prove harmful."

"The border line questions of morality and conduct are difficult ones to decide. Personal opinions vary so much that it is hard to be fair to all classes in criticizing pictures. I have seen week by week the world and his family are found somewhere at the movies, and the industry must deal continually with the problems that perplex all conscientious parents. It is no easy task to discern the line which divides the false from the true."

Mr. Brenton revealed some interesting statistics for the 12 months just ended, stating that the total number of reels inspected by the board in 12 months was 9,870, or a total footage of more than nine and a half million feet of film, 1,817 miles of celluloid negatives. Out of this mass, changes were made by the board in 477 different subjects, and a total footage of 58,740 feet of film were eliminated by the board, which cost the producers a loss of \$238,634.50 by being banned on the American market.

After business sessions during the morning, the convention will close with the grand ball at the Charlotte Auditorium tomorrow night.

F. H. Richardson, of The Moving Picture World, New York, delivered an able discourse on "Projection," before the morning session today.

The main business before the convention today was the matter of making a fight before the General Assembly in January for reduction in taxes on theatres, which are higher in North Carolina than any other state in the Union.

W. Stephen Bush, editor of the Exhibitors Trade Review, New York, stated to your correspondent today that this convention was the best he had ever attended, rivalling even New York and Pennsylvania leagues, the oldest in America. He paid high tribute to President Percy W. Wells and Secretary H. B. Varner, whom he characterized as "two of the liveliest wires in the film game."

SEVERAL CITIES WANT NEXT MEETING OF TEACHERS ASSEMBLY. Executive Committee Meets January 18 to Decide on Place.

(Special Star Correspondence). Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 20.—President A. T. Allen, of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly, has named January 18 as the date for the executive committee of the Assembly to meet here to select the time and the place for the 1917 session. The past two years Raleigh has entertained the Assembly and is fighting hard to have the Capital City permanently selected as the place of meeting as best promoting the usefulness of the Assembly. However, there will be strong effort made to have some other city selected this time, with Charlotte, Asheville, Greensboro and possibly Wilmington trying for it.

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Of the real estate at Southport, the testator having faith in the future values of property here, asks that this be not sacrificed, and it is left to his sister, Susan J. Rawson, if living, or her children, if dead. No bond is required of the executors named.

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Large Shipment of French Kid Gloves Came Yesterday

An import order of kid gloves placed by us in September arrived yesterday. They are of excellent quality and much below the market prices.

One lot of fine Chanut gloves, black and white, all sizes, 5 3-4 to 7 1-2, priced at, pair \$1.50

Another assortment of black gloves with white stitching, and white with black, priced at, pair \$1.75

Centemeri kid gloves, specially fine grade, sell for pair \$2.00 Free with every pair of kid gloves sold today, an attractive Christmas Box to fit them.

Handkerchiefs Are Moving Rapidly

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TO EMPLOY TRAVELING MAN

Scottish Society of America to Have Field Representative—Meeting in Fayetteville.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 20.—The executive council of the Scottish Society of America met here yesterday afternoon and decided to employ a field representative to travel in the interest of the society, and discussed the question of the next meeting place of the annual convention. No definite action was taken on the latter question, however, it being decided to leave the matter to a vote to be taken by correspondence. No individual was chosen as the field representative.

The members present were: Dr. C. G. Vardell, Mrs. D. P. McEachern and Miss Eloise McGill, the secretary of the society, of Red Springs, and J. P. McNeill, of Florence, S. C. A. J. Matheson, of Bennettsville, S. C., was represented by proxy, while Governor Locke Craig, the president of the Scottish Society, had written by letter his views on all the matters up for discussion.

Alex. J. Field, editor of the State Journal, met with the council. The State Journal is the official organ of the

Scottish Society of America, which has a monthly department in the Journal, conducted by Miss McGill, and it was determined at the meeting yesterday to make this department even more interesting than it is now.

The towns which have, so far, asked for the honor of entertaining the next annual convention of the society are Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Red Springs. It is thought that Aberdeen will be chosen. The members of the executive council who were not present yesterday are L. A. Bethune, of Clinton, Mrs. Marshall Williams, of Faison, Miss Ida McLean Black and Dr. A. D. McClure, of Wilmington, Governor Craig and Mr. Matheson.

HIGH POINT MANUFACTURES AGGREGATE 23,000 CARLOADS. Shipments from the "Furniture City" During One Year.

High Point, N. C., Dec. 20.—Shipments of products manufactured in High Point will aggregate approximately 23,000 solid cars this year, according to local transportation men and manufacturers. This will be an increase of about 8,500 cars over 1915 when 14,500 cars were forwarded. These shipments included all-steel street cars, furniture of all kinds, organs, mirrors, plate glass, textile products and numerous other articles. No estimates are obtainable as regards the value of the shipments but it will amount to millions of dollars. The 80 or more manufacturing plants

in operation during 1916 will be augmented in 1917, three hosiery mills and a factory for the manufacture of laces and other furniture hardware being expected to begin operations early in the year. Plans also are under way for the establishment of other enterprises, High Point during the last three months having had more new business concerns chartered than any other city in the State.

According to local furniture manufacturers they have orders which will keep their factories busy for the next six months. The increasing cost of raw materials is sending the price of furniture up, it is stated.

TOBACCO MARKET CLOSES FOR SEASON AT WINSTON-SALEM. Over 15,000,000 Pounds Were Sold at Average of \$17.78 Per Hundred

Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 20.—With the close of the leaf tobacco warehouses here today, the fall sales amount to a total of 15,169,099 pounds, which has brought \$2,708,420.97, an average price of \$17.78 a hundred pounds, the average being almost double the average of the same date last year, and \$2.33 more than the banner year, 1913, when the crop was considered better than this year.

Tobacco men estimate that not more than three million pounds remain to be sold on the local market, estimating the entire crop at about 5,000,000 pounds, the shortest since 1908. The bulk of the remaining part of the crop is expected to be sold in January.

HIGH POINT PUTS \$100,000 INTO STREET IMPROVEMENTS. Contracts Awarded for This Amount; \$250,000 to be Expended.

High Point, N. C., Dec. 19.—Contracts for street improvements aggregating \$100,000 have been just awarded here and the work of paving several of the principal thoroughfares of the city already has begun. Before proposed improvements have been completed it is expected that no less than \$250,000 will have been expended. The work was begun with the proceeds of a special bond issue of \$50,000 and the City Commission may issue additional bonds to cover added costs.

Statistics show that an average of one family locates in High Point each week day in the year, according to the local chamber of commerce. The population is increasing at the rate of 1,200 per year, it is claimed.

MEET THIS AFTERNOON. Prominent Colored Citizens Requested to Attend Important Conference.

An impromptu meeting of all the leading colored citizens of the city has been called for this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The meeting was to have been held on last Thursday afternoon but was postponed for good reasons, it is explained.

The following colored physicians, ministers and business men have been requested to attend the meeting, which will be held in the office of T. A. Smith, on Water street, between Grace and Walnut: Rev. McKnight, Billips, H. A. Parris, Dr. A. J. Wilson, W. H. Moore, J. A. Bonner, J. D. Carnes, W. H. Caphart, Rhoe, Timberlake, M. O'Donner, Price, Miller, White, Ballock, Hill, Green, Barnett, Kennedy, J. E. Taylor, Robinson, Drs. Avant, Kay, Chestnut, Austin, Scott, Davenport, Bowdens, Dunston, Jones, J. W. Neill, C. M. Martin, R. H. White, J. E. Howard, R. D. Dew, Mainer, R. D. Bizzell, Wise Merritt, Lewis Bros., Lennon, T. H. Hooper, W. H. Moore, printer; E. G. Story, James H. Murray, Jacob Johnson, Julius Murray and all other leading colored citizens not mentioned.

WEST VIRGINIA ELEVEN TO PLAY A. & M. NEXT SEASON. Morgantown, W. Va., Dec. 20.—The West Virginia football schedule announced here today included a game with the North Carolina A. & M. at Morgantown, November 29.

Two deeds were filed yesterday in the office of the registrar of deeds as follows: A. C. Craft, Jr., and wife, to F. G. Blecker, property on 12th street; consideration, \$100. L. L. Hanby and wife to the Southeastern Realty Company, property in Masonboro township, consideration, \$100.

Christmas Slippers at Peterson & Ruifs, for the whole family, 415, 17, 19, 21

Ready-to-Wear Underpriced for Christmas Giving

Suits selling at prices calculated to wish them a speedy farewell. Here's an example—\$25.00 suits for . . . \$16.75

Coats, furs and waists are likewise selling for less in this sale at Christmas times, which makes a little money go a long ways, and still procures apparel of Bon Marche quality.

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