FOR HOUSES OF CORRECTION.

IMPORTANT MATTER DISCUSSED.

Judge Oliver H. Allen, of Kinston, Strongly Advocates the Establishment of Houses of Correction—Shows That the General Assembly Has Provided for Any County to Do so—He Urges the Necessity of These Institutions—The Best and Most Humane Remedy for Certain Classes of Criminals.

Judge Oliver H. Allen, of Kinston, who presided with so much grace and justice at the last term of the Superior Court, has made a strong appeal to grand juries wherever he has sat recently to further the institution of houses of correction for youthful criminals. In an interview with an Observer man Judge Allen spoke interestingly on this subject and his words will be read with interest by a great many persons.

"The question as to the cause of so much crime and what to do with the criminal is still an unsolved problem," said Judge Allen. "One chief cause of crime and how to remedy it I wish to emphasize.

"It has been said by students of criminology that 85 per cent. of crime is traceable either directly or indirectly to the use of intoxicating liquors and it is further found that three-fourths of the crimes usualy committed are due to neglected, abandoned and defective children and these are largely embraced in the 85 per cent. class. In the interest of humanity, as well as for the protection of society, something must be done in behalf of the juvenile criminals.

"To take them up periodically and send them to the chain-gang or penitentiary to be returned disgraced and hardened is wrong and doing but little toward the suppression of crime.

"Some advocate a State reformatory, but I apprehend that we are not yet ready for that with conditions as they are at this time, and I am of the opinion that we have something more practical, less expensive and less problematic.

"The constitution says the General Assembly may provide for the establishment of houses of correction and the General Assembly long ago has provided for any one or more counties to establish houses of correction by procuring farms and erecting work-shops and other buildings for the safe-keeping, correcting, governing and employing offenders. (See Code, sections 788-801.)

"If this law is carried into effect and houses of correction are established at certain important points in the State with arrangements for neighboring counties to have the benefits of them by contributing proportionately to the expense and with certain amendments to the statute so as to embrace more crimes than is now provided for, I believe we would have all that is now needed.

"There is not only a necessity for provision for the youthful criminal, but for the female and the defective and afflicted offender, and a house of correction would answer for all these.

"Take the case of a cripple for selling liquor unlawfully (running a blind tiger) or a 14-year-old boy for gambling or carrying a concealed weapon or a woman for keeping a bawdy house and what can be done with them? These and the like are cases of constant occurrence. They couldn't pay a fine if that was suitable punishment. To put them in jail for a long time is injurious to health and expensive. A short term is a licence to continue in crime.

"A house of correction is the best and most humane remedy for all such offenders, and for even much more aggravated criminals when they belong to the classes named.

"With these institutions distributed over the State there would be every opportunity for those who wish to contribute to the aid and reformation of the young and unfortunate in crime.

"A much longer term could be imposed if we had these houses of correction than is now often advisable, because the statute already provides that the committing power can release a prisoner for good reasons upon the recommendation of the directors and if to this provision were added the parallel feature we would have the best method of punishment known to the science of penalogy.

"In the investigation of your public officials you are charged to inquire as to whether your county commissioners have considered this statute and whether they are discharging their duties with reference to a house of correction for Mecklenburg county."

STRUCK WITH A BOTTLE.

Excitement on North Tryon Street When William Ferris, a Foundryman, Was Knocked Down With a Coca-Cola Bottle Wielded or Thrown by Edward Keiser.

Quite a crowd gathered in front of W. M. Davis & Company's restaurant, on North Tryon street, yesterday afternoon, near 6 o'clock, when Wiliam Ferris, struck in the back of the head with a coca-cola bottle, either thrown or wielded by Edward Keiser, an employe of the restaurant, fell to the sidewalk unconscious. The man bled profusely from the skull wound and also from deep cuts over his right eye and on his chin, which were caused by his heavy fall. In a few minutes he was carried just around the corner to the police station, fololwed by a large crowd, many of whom were saying that the man had been killed. It developed, however, that the wounds were not serious, though very painful, and when a physician had put a number of stitches in the gaps, Ferris had recovered consciousness. He was kept at the station house until he could be removed to the Presbyterian Hospital. Keiser was put under $100 bond to appear before the recorder to-morrow afternoon to answer to the charge of assault.

Ferris had been drinking, but to what extent it was hard to ascertain. He went into the restaurant and sat down to get something to eat. Keiser told him that he shouldn't be served, because he was drunk. This brought on words and the final blow with the bottle. Keiser said he had nothing to say about it yesterday afternoon, after he had assisted in carrying the man to the station house. A cousin of Ferris, of the name of A. H. Alexander, told an Observer man that he was an eye-witness to the entire affair. He said that Ferris was not drunk, and when Keiser told him he shouldn't be served, he, Alexander, offered to see Ferris out of the place. "Then, as I was walking out with Will," said Alexander, "that man Keiser struck him from behind with the bottle. There was no cause for it, for Will hadn't made any attempt to strike him. There was none cussing, but nothing else."

Ferris is a man about 30 years old and works at Liddell's Foundry. His wife is dead, but he has two or three children living. J. B. Ayers, who said he knew him well, told an Observer man that he had talked with Ferris five minutes before the trouble occurred, and that Ferris, while showing the effects of drinking, was not drunk.

FOR HOKE SMITH'S RECEPTION.

The Committees Who Will Look After the Arrangements for the Reception of the Distinguished Georgian—Mr. Smith and Senator Lee S. Overman Will be Entertained at the Manufacturers' Club.

Hon. Hoke Smith will be given the warmest sort of welcome here to-morrow. All arrangements are made for the reception of the distinguished Georgian's visit in this city, and for the meeting at the Academy of Music to-morrow night, where he will address the public on the political issues of the campaign. Committees have been appointed. The public is tip-toe with interest, for Hoke Smith is known to be a brilliant man and his words will receive closest attention, not merely because he will expound Democratic principles, but for the sake of the personality and career of the gifted Southerner.

The following reception committee, appointed from the Southern Manufacturers' Club, who will entertain the distinguished guest, are requested to meet at the club at 8:15 o'clock and escort the speakers, the Hon. Hoke Smith and Senator Lee S. Overman to the Academy of Music. Judge Armistead Burwell, Mayor P. M. Brown, Messrs. Wade H. Harris, A. J. McKelway, J. P. Caldwell, A. L. Smith, Harrison Watts, D. E. Allen, T. C. Guthrie, W. C. Maxwell and Thomas W. Alexander.

The meeting will be called to order by Judge Armstead Burwell at 8:30 o'clock p. m., and Senator Lee S. Overman, of Salisbury, will introduce the speaker of the evening.

The county central and executive committees constitute the reception committee to receive the speakers upon the rostrum. The following constitute the membership of these committees:

W. I. Henderson, J. A. Fore, E. T. Cansler, J. H. Ross, Harrison Watts, P. S. McLoughton, F. M. Shannonhouse, J. D. McCall, C. A. Spratt, W. N. Peoples, James Sledge, W. A. Smith, T. A. Squires, L. H. Robinson, W. S. Pharr, F. V. Huey, W. F. Stevens, P. M. Ritch, C. B. Cross, J. W. Grier, J. W. Galloway, J. Reid, W. S. Caldwell, J. Lee Sloan, Jr., F. C. Sherrill, J. T. Cashion, Albert McCoy, J. H. Sadler, I. I. Abernathy, W. C. Dowd, H. Clarkson and James A. Bell.

The following constitute the committee of ushers, who are requested, without further notice, to assemble at the Academy and receive the people:

E. R. Preston, Chase Brenizer, J. A. McRae, D. B. Smith, W. M. Smith, J. B. Johnston, C. F. Childress, Thomas Thompson, L. L. Caudle, Sweeter Brawley, Landrum Brown, Gordon Clifton, P. M. Cave, Allison Bunn, Craig Davidson, Hatcher Watkins, Robert Ransum, C. E. Frick and A. E. McCourtland. Music will be furnished by the Keesler Concert Band. Ladies are especially invited.

THE RECORDER'S COURT.

Woman Defends Her Husband, Who is Up on the Charge of Striking Her—A Minor Case.

In the recorder's court yesterday afternoon, the devotion of a woman and a wife was shown for the millionth time. It made very little difference whether Lawrence Fewell, a white man about 30 years old, was guilty or not of having struck his wife, Ada. The sordidness of the mostly pretty prisoners, the gloomy room with its never absent spectators, all were subsidiary to the little defense of the woman—her defense of the husband who was charged with striking her.

Witnesses testified that they had heard her crying out and begging hom "Please stop, Lawrence," but they were not sure that they heard the sound of blows.

Mrs. Fewell, little more than a girl, came forward and said: "He was quarreling with me some, but he never hit me, sir—he never hit me a lick inall his life."

"Did you send for the police?" asked Squire Hilton.

"No, sir, I don't know who sent for the police."

"Does he abuse you?"

"No, sir, not except to quarrel. We've never had a fight."

"What were you crying about?"

"Well, sir, it goes a heap harder with me for anyone to quarrel with me than if he hit me."

"Fewell," said the squire, "the evidence here is not enough to convict you, but if you ever come here again on this charge it will go hard with you. You oughtn't to be making your wife cry. That's no way to treat a wife. Now remember that."

Upon dismissal, the man walked sullenly away. His wife hesitated a moment and then went after him, calling to some of her friends that she would not go their way.

A brace of impudent negresses were up for an affray. Their names were Viola Wallace and Alice Cardwell. Rose Love, a witness, who would make a splendid study of a voodoo in the jungles, gave testimony in direct contradiction to one of the defendants, but the whole thing was so boringly commonplace that the acting recorder cut it short and made the defendants pay $1 and costs each.

Civil Service Examinations for Postoffice Vacancies.

A general examination of the civil service for clerks and carriers of the postoffice will be held in the United States court room, November 16th, at 9:30 a. m. There are two places to be filled. The commission will be glad to have a number of applicants to stand the examination. The examining board is composed of Messrs. W. G. Erwin, W. F. Mosely and C. F. Alexander. Blanks can be had by applying to Mr. W. G. Erwin, the local secretary, or to Mr. L. H. Fisher, secretary of the fourth division, at Washington, D. C. All applications must be in Washington by October 17th.

Funeral of Little William Davis.

The funeral of William C. Davis, Jr., the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davis, will take place at the home, No. 406 North Pine street, at 10 o'clock this morning. Rev. L. A. Falls, pastor of the Brevard Street Methodist church, will conduct the services. The pall-bearers will be the dead child's small companions, who live in the neighborhood. The little fellow died Friday evening at 7 o'clock from an attack of acute indigestion, after an illness of only a few days.

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J. B. Taylor, a prominent merchant of Chriesman, Tex., says: "I could not eat because of a weak stomach. I lost all strength and ran down in weight. All that money could do was done, but all hope of recovery vanished. Hearing of some wonderful cures effected by the use of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure, I concluded to try it. The first bottle benefitted me, and after taking four bottles, I am fully restored to my usual strength, weight and health." Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat and cures. Sold by R. H. Jordan & Co.

Y. M. C. A. SERVICES.

Speakers Who Will Address the Meetings To-Day.

The Boys' Sunday Evening Club of the Y. M. C. A. meets this evening at 6.15 o'clock. The meeting will be addressed by Mr. John Geiger. Mr. Geiger will speak on "A Boy's Religion." All boys from 14 to 18 years of age whether members of the association or not are eligible to membership in the club. Luncheon will be served immediately following the meeting so as to enable the boys to attend church while up town.

The Boys' Volunteer League will be addressed at 3 p. m. by Mr. D. A. Tedder. His subject will be: "Doing Your Level Best." This meeting is for boys from 10 to 14 years of age.

Charlotte Men Honored by the Shriners.

At the recent meeting of the Shriners at White Stone Lithia Springs, S. C., it was ordered by the Shrine, by a unanimous rising vote, that the governing committee should present to Col. T. R. Robertson, Rev. George A. Page, and Dr. R. K. Blair, a handsome testimonial of their faithful and efficient services as "property men." For several years these gentlemen have been curators of the baggage, regalias and other paraphernalia of the order, which it has been their duty to arrange and care for at all meetings of the Shriners. This testimonial was voted in appreciation and recognition of their service in a generally thankless task.

Mad Bull on a Rampage.

Special to The Observer.

Goldsboro, Oct. 1.—A fine Jersey bull belong to a Mr. Wm. Smith, who lives in Wayne county, about 10 miles from Goldsboro, very suddenly became mad and before he could be killed succeeded in killing one cow and badly injuring another. It is not known why the bull became mad, but it is supposed that he was bitten by a mad dog a few weeks ago.

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2nd—"In the Bishop's Carriage," by Michelson. Price.....$1.50

3rd—"The Castaway," by Hallie ermine Rives. Price.....$1.50

4th—"The Silent Places," by Stewert Edward White. Price.....$1.50

5th—"The Rose of Old St. Louis," by Dillon. Price.....$1.50

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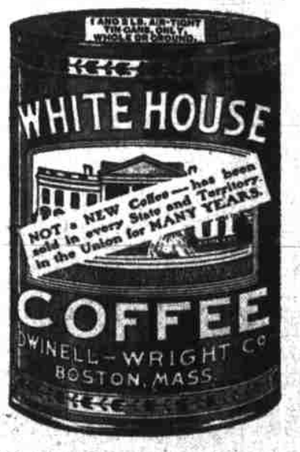

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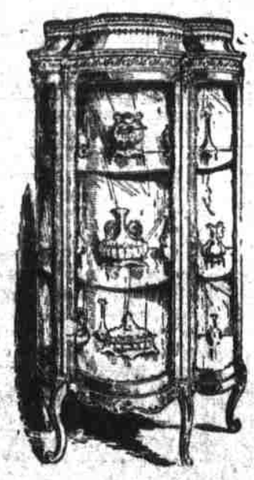

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