MUTINEERS DISAPPOINTED.

Negroes Whose Necks Were Saved by President Roosevelt Wanted Outright Pardon.

Special to The Observer.

Wilmington, Dec. 7.—When the news of the commutation of their sentences to life imprisonment was conveyed to the condemned mutineers, Adams and Sawyer, in the jail here, they appeared rather disappointed, as they have relied absolutely on an acquittal from the confession of Scott, the third of the number, when he was hanged here last summer. They stoutly maintain that they are innocent and have said all along that the right would prevail in the end and that they would be turned loose; that they were merely victims of circumstances.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles is arranging for a carnival here next week. It will be given in the northern part of the city. A most interesting feature of the carnival will be the declaration of the result of a popular contest now in progress to decide upon the most popular young lady, to whom a diamond ring will be presented, and the most popular candidate for mayor in the forthcoming election, to whom a buggy and horse valued at $250 will be given. Votes are being cast at a number of down-town places of business and there is some interest politically in the outcome of the latter contest. A nominal charge is made for each vote as it is deposited, the result being announced each morning in the papers. There are now four candidates, ex-Mayor William E. Springer, who was in the lead in the voting at the last accounts, Mayor A. M. Waddell, Alderman E. F. Johnson and Alderman F. Q. Moore.

There is a well-directed effort to have the next Legislature provide a county criminal court for New Hanover with jurisdiction in all cases below the grade of a felony, with the right of appeal to the Superior Court. Joint committees from both the aldermen and county commissioners are at work on the draft of a bill, which they think will greatly relieve the work of the Superior Court.

WANT PRESIDENT TO ATTEND.

Joint Committee on Arrangements for National Reunion of Blue and Gray at Fort Fisher Will Ask Roosevelt to be Present.

Special to The Observer.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 7.—The joint committee from the Survivors' Association, the Veterans, Sons of Veterans, chamber of commerce and merchants' association, appointed to make all arrangements for the national reunion of the blue and the gray on the ground of Fort Fisher on the anniversary of that memorable engagement, January 15th, met Wednesday night and organized by electing Rev. J. A. Sitton chairman, and Capt. T. D. Meares secretary and treasurer. A letter was read from Governor Glenn, promising his attendance at the reunion with his staff of officers and volunteering to accompany the delegation to Washington to urge upon President Roosevelt his attendance upon the occasion. Communications were also read from the Federal Survivors' Association indicating that many of those who wore the blue in that conflict will be here for the reunion and will join most heartily in the invitation to the President. The presence of the Chief Executive upon this occasion, it is expected, would add greatly to the prospects of having the battlefield adopted as a national park by Congress, an effort for which is being made.

Lady's Arm Broken by Fall—A Joint Celebration.

Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 7.—Mrs. O. Y. Nichols, who resides at White Plains, Surry county, had the misfortune to break her arm at the wrist a few days ago. Just after supper she started to visit a neighbor and fell over a stump, throwing her entire weight on her arm. It was quite a painful fracture, the bone protruding through the flesh, but a physician soon set and bandaged the arm. At last accounts Mrs. Nichols was doing as well as could be expected.

At a meeting of the Norfleet Camp of Confederate Veterans it was decided to celebrate jointly the birthdays of Generals Thomas Jackson and Robert E. Lee. The following committee was appointed from the camp to confer with the Daughters of the Confederacy regarding arrangements, such as date, speakers, etc.: Capt. D. P. Mast, Dr. J. F. Shaffner, Sr., Capt. R. R. Crawford and Dr. James A. Blum.

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THE CHAMPIONSHIP BANNER.

Cumberland Democrats Strive for the Honor—More Buildings Going Up—Handsome Club Quarters—Marriage of Prominent Young Folks.

Special to The Observer.

Fayetteville, Dec. 7.—At its meeting this week the Democratic county executive committee carefully canvassed the vote cast at the last election by Black River, Blue Land Hills and Geddie Gin, the three precincts contending for the championship silk banner, for the greatest gains made since 1904. Cabin Branch having borne the banner for two years past, Geddie Gin and Blue Land Hills tied on gains, and it was decided to reward them both for their good work. Another banner will be procured and the double presentation will take place at Union Grove on the 27th, when it is hoped that Senator Simmons can be present to make an address.

Hiram Bryant, an esteemed citizen of Beaver Dam township, is 97 years old, born in 1809. He cast his first vote in 1832 for Andrew Jackson for President, and has been voting straight Democratic ever since, putting in a "plumper" at the last election. Through Mr. A. S. Hall, his friends have presented to him a handsome mahogany chair, for the casement of his old bones by the chimney nook in the evening of life.

Two large brick buildings are going up on upper Hay street, one designed for a hotel.

As foretold in The Observer by the correspondent a few days ago, the spacious apartments on the second floor of the old Bank of Fayetteville building are being fitted up for the Commercial Club, which will have as handsome quarters as are to be found in the State.

Mr. Q. K. Vimacks, of the Fayetteville bar, is elected county attorney by the board of commissioners, succeeding Mr. A. S. Hall. Alex Leslie was re-elected keeper of the county home and J. E. Cole superintendent of public roads.

The Bank of Fayetteville has opened up for business in its new building. Strangers registered at the Hotel LaFayette, on the opposite side of the street, admire it as one of the most imposing buildings architecturally in the South. The finish of the interior is superb, with marble counters, tiled flooring and the perfection of arrangement in every department. For the transaction of business your correspondent will shortly have to note also the opening of business of the National Bank of Fayetteville in its splendid three-story building, corner of Market Square and Hay street.

TWIN-CITY NEWS.

Rural Carriers Adopt New Schedule—Two Interesting Court Cases—Dobson Gets No Railroad.

Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 7.—District Attorney A. E. Holton has just purchased from A. S. Jones something over 100 acres of farm land a few miles from Salem. The property is known as the "Longworth Place." It is said that Mr. Holton paid $27 per acre.

A new schedule has just gone into effect with the rural mail carriers. Instead of waiting until the mail is distributed after the arrival of the morning train from Greensboro the carriers get off on their rounds now at 8 o'clock. This change is the inauguration of the regular winter schedule.

Chief of Police Thomas, of Winston, makes the following report for November. Number of cases convicted before the mayor, 124; bound over to the Superior Court, 24; total, 148. Amount of fines and costs docketed, $533.55; collected in cash, $653.96.

In Surry Superior Court the past week Mr. J. Gilmer Korner, of Kernersville, secured a verdict for $700 against the Mt. Airy & Eastern Railroad. The plaintiff sued for $6,000 damages on account of timber being destroyed by fire, said to have caught from the defendant's engine. The case consumed three days.

In the $2,000 damage suit, instituted in the Superior Court against the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company by Cora Nelson, colored, for injuries alleged to have been received by a hogshead of leaf tobacco rolling over her, the jury decided that the plaintiff was not injured by the negligence of the defendant and was therefore not entitled to damages.

Dobson township, Surry county, voted Monday on a proposition to issue bonds for the Statesville Air Line Railroad, but the project was voted down by a vote of nearly three to one, thus ending any prospects for a railroad for that town in the near future.

STRUCK BY WORK TRAIN.

Greensboro Man Hurt—The Audubon Laws and Their Observance.

Special to The Observer.

Greensboro, Dec. 7.—W. C. Weaver, who has a dairy near the city, was struck by a work train at the Walker Avenue crossing of the A. & Y. Railroad at 6 o'clock yesterday morning and was seriously injured by the accident. He was knocked several feet when he was struck. Three or four ribs were broken, his skull was slightly fractured and he received other bruises and injuries. He was unconscious for an hour or longer. He was carried to his home in Carr street, where he was treated by Drs. Grimsley and Michaux.

T. Gilbert Pearson, secretary of the State Audubon society, has just returned from a visit to the northeastern part of the State in the interest of the Audubon society laws. He visited Bertie, Hertford and other counties along the Roanoke river. There are few violations of the law in that section. Professor Pearson says the general public is in sympathy with the movement. As a result there is fine sport in season for deer, wild turkeys and partridges. The principal complaint that he heard was that the negroes shot squirrel out of season. This was Mr. Pearson's first visit to the section and he is delighted with his trip.

A Robber Supposed to be Headed for Asheville.

Special to The Observer.

Asheville, Dec. 7.—A telephone message was received here this afternoon requesting that a sharp lookout be maintained for a man supposedly headed this way who is alleged to have robbed some person or persons in Morganton last evening of $1,600. It was stated that the man had purchased a Winchester rifle and was believed to be bound for Asheville. Further particulars of the affair could not be learned.

A TEXAS WONDER.

There's a Hill at Bowie, Tex., that's twice as big as last year. This wonder is W. L. Hill, who from a weight of 90 pounds has grown to over 180. He says: "I suffered with a terrible cough, and doctors gave me up to die of Consumption. I was reduced to 90 pounds, when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Now, after taking 12 bottles, I have more than doubled in weight and am completely cured." Only sure Cough and Cold cure. Guaranteed by R. H. Jordan & Co., Druggists. 50c. and $1.00. Trial bottle free.

THE LESSON FOR SUNDAY

CALVARY AND ITS TRAGEDY.

The Most Pitiful Procession the Earth Has Ever Seen Goes to the Cross—The Sinless One Put to the Extremity of a Convicted Felon—Keener Than Mortal Pangs The Gibes of Soldiers and Populace—Key and Analysis—The Teacher's Lantern.

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Fourth Quarter. Lesson X. Luke xxiii. 33-46

An unfinished life that sways the world.
James Russell Lowell: Cathedrae.

The quadruple description of the crucifixion is a literary marvel. Though a circumstance of transcendent importance the narrative of it is surprisingly condensed. There is no spinning out of details; no obtrusion of personal opinions and sentiments of the narrators.

Here is a suggestion of how we ourselves should approach Calvary. It is not a theme for volubility. There should be no striving to magnify its painful horrors, or to compare the physical sufferings of its victim with those of others. A spiritual interpretation is the thing desirable. A personal appropriation by faith is great riches.

Religious romancists have paved all the way between the Praetorian and Calvary with miraculous incidents. In strong antithesis to this, the evangelist mentions but two circumstances. At sight of one on whose brow innocence and benignity was stamped led to a shocking death, the daughters of Jerusalem wept aloud in pity. Jesus turned, and, as if with the impending siege in plainest view, bade them not to weep for Him, but for themselves and for their children. In those awful days, barrenness, the disgrace of the Hebrew woman, would be at a premium. For if such a cruel deed as was now being done was possible, the tree of their national life being yet green, what horrors would characterize the extinction of that life! The fainting strength of Jesus makes the impressing of some one to bear His cross necessary. A foreign Jew, recognized as such by his Libyan garb is compelled to do so. A changed heart was probably his exceeding great reward. So goes that most pitiful procession earth has ever seen. The centurion, mounted and in the van; a guard in shining armor, and numerous enough to make rescue of the victims impossible; the condemned, with their crimes recorded in black letters on boards daubed with gypsum, and hung about their necks; in the rear, slaves carrying refreshments for the soldiers, besides nails, hammers, ropes, etc., necessary for the execution; and, back of all, such a motley, unsavory crowd as a public execution would draw in our day.

Following the narrative, we first have the numbering of Jesus with transgressors. He was crucified between the malefactors, the insurgent robbers and murderers. He who could challenge the world to impeach His sinlessness, was "made sin." He was put to the extremity of a convicted felon.

With the first shedding of His blood begins His mediatorial prayer. "Father, forgive them." The "inventiveness of love" finds a palliating circumstance in their ignorance. "They know not what they do." The prayer sweeps out to include, not the coarse executioners alone, but the cunning conspirators who use them as their tools.

It is enough to brand it with infamy that destroying vice of gambling, that it obtruded itself at the crucifixion. The soldiers threw dice to determine which should have the most valuable garment of the sufferer. They "chanced off" the seamless robe.

"He saved others." Unconscious, undesigned encomium! "Let Him save Himself." Last recurrence of the wilderness temptation! That which is a literal possibility is a moral impossibility. Except He stay on the cross He can not be a Savior. If He remains not, He can not utter that ineffable cry, "It is finished!"—"the work the Father gave Me to do." Keener than mortal pangs are the brutal gibes of rulers, populace and soldiery.

That triple inscription may signify that the story of the cross is destined to go into all languages, as it there appeared in the tongues of conquest, culture and colloquy.

The soverign power of redeeming love has a splendid exemplification even in the deepening gloom of Calvary. As the hours wear away, the innocence, the Divinity of his fellow-sufferers dawns upon the mind of the malefactor. It pains him to hear the continued railing of his comrade in crime. He chides him, reminding him of the justness of their condemnation, and affirming the guiltlessness of Jesus. To eye of faith there opens a blissful vista beyond the chasm of death. He recognizes the sufferer, spite of His marred visage, as monarch of that realm. In the strength of a belief that prompts to action, he joins his fortunes irrevocably with those of the crucified Nazarene, and entreats recognition when He comes to the regal splendors of His coronation.

What Jesus did then, He has been doing ever since. He opened paradise to a penitent. But, His obedience unto death, even the death of the cross, was the key, and the only one, to unlock that paradise.

Nature, as if becoming sentient on account of the incomparable tragedy now becomes enacting, drapes herself in a veil of impenetrable blackness.

In that darkness, the seventh word from the cross is heard. The Son, having drunk to its dregs the cup the Father had given Him, in the very hour and article of death, confidently commends His soul to that Father.

KEY AND ANALYSIS.

1. Two incidents on the way to crucifixion.
   (1) Jesus' words to the women.
   (2) The impression of Simon of Cyrene.
2. Arrival at Golgotha.
   The nailing to the cross; anesthetics refused.
3. Cross erected; first word from the cross, "Forgive."
4. Sanhedrists offended at inscription on the cross.
   Change refused.
5. Ridicule and reviling.
6. Conversion of crucified thief. Second word addressed to him.
7. Gambling at the foot of the cross.
8. Filial piety prompts the "third word," in which Jesus commends His mother to John.
9. "Fourth word," inexplicable cry of the sufferer. "Why am I forsaken."
10. "Fifth word," "I thirst."
11. "Sixth word," "It is finished."
12. "Seventh word," the committal; Soul given to God.

THE TEACHER'S LANTERN.

Pilate's ironical inscription has a germ of truth in it. Jesuu is king. His dominion is wider than the most ambitious Caesar ever dreamed of.

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What was a taunt to the Jews was a tribute to Jesus. Pilate would fain acknowledge Him a kingly spirit, of whom the Jews were not worthy. To this covered eulogy of the procurator the dying thief added his "Thy kingdom."

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The cross is always divisive. It once separated a believer from an unbeliever. It does so yet wherever it is preached. People range themselves in two classes. The cross is the divisor.

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A study of Calvary reveals the intensive forcefulness of the expression, "Crucify the Son of God afresh." In difference, unbelief, and apostasy are doing this daily.

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It is inconceivable that the spirit of Jesus, just mingled with common air, was dissipated and lost, as to its identity, when He breathed it forth. He commended it as an inconcievably precious thing to the care of a personal God, the Father of Spirits.

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The Lord of Life helped the dying penitent at His side to stand the shocks of dissolution by the assurance of a perpetuation of conscious life beyond, and an immediate entrance to paradise.

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When Jesus entered paradise it was in company with an executed criminal. This trophy of His redeeming love, this evidence of the power of His cross, He presented to all the intelligences of the sky.

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It is a common error that the man who was impressed to bear the cross was a negro. The presence of a Jew from Africa can be easily accounted for. Ptolemaeus Lagi forcibly colonized Cyrene, North Africa, with a great number of Jews, who built for themselves a synagogue in Jerusalem to which they might resort at feast-times.

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The thoughts of Jesus, even in His mortal agonies, were upon others, as His three first "words from the cross" indicate, "Father, forgive them;" and to the penitent thief, "This day;" and to His mother, "Woman, behold thy Son."

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Gambling is that one horrid vice that could intrude upon even the crucifixion scene. The rattle of the dice-box was heard at the foot of the cross. It is the dehumanizing vice. At Monte Carlo, to-day, the suicide's revolver often rings at the table. Liveried servants throw a sheet over the corpse and carry it out, and the game goes on!

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Crucifixion was abolished by Constantine, out of sacred regard for the cross as the instrument of the Savior's passion. Thus for fifteen centuries the world has been rid of this cruelest mode of capital punishment. And the spread of the humanizing Gospel has reduced to the minimum the pain and indignities of those who must suffer the extreme penalty.

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The twenty-second Psalm, written, as Hengstenberg affirms, in the greatest heat of David's conflict with Saul, is also strikingly minute in its portrayal of the last agony of Jesus. The agonized cry, the derision, the pierced hands and feet, the parting of the garments, and many other circumstances, are here. They are directly quoted, or at least alluded to, in the New Testament.

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