

PARDONS ARE CONSIDERED

Two granted; seven refused. Governor Glenn Grants Clemency to Negro Woman Who Was Accused of Murder in Mr. Lawrence Holt's Home at Burlington—Two Sentences Are Commuted, and Seven Petitions Are Considered Unfavorably—Judge Hall of Forfeiture Applicants for License as Druggists Pass Examination—A Lexington Cotton Mill Incorporated—Judge Purnell's Death Momentarily Expected—Shore Capital City Items.

Observer Bureau. The Holman Building, Raleigh, Dec. 17. Governor Glenn grants the following pardons, giving his reasons: Annie Turner, convicted at the December term, 1907, of Abandon Superior Court of aiding and abetting in the burglary of the house of L. S. Holt. Sam Walker entered the home and feloniously shot Mr. Holt, was arrested, tried, convicted and sentenced to be hanged. After the sentence he said Annie Turner, knowing his purpose, let him into the house. Upon his testimony and some little circumstances she was arrested, convicted of aiding in the burglary and sentenced to life imprisonment. Afterwards when Walker stood on the scaffold he admitted that he had lied against Annie Turner, hoping thereby to prolong his own life; that she had nothing whatever to do with the matter. Application was made to the Supreme Court for a rehearing on the ground of newly discovered testimony. The court refused to hear it for want of power, but asked the judges of the Supreme Court recommended to me the pardon of this woman," says the Governor. "The solicitor does the same. Judge Fred Moore, the trial judge, before his death told me in private conversation that this should be done. Many good citizens also recommended it. Without the testimony of Walker the defendant could not have been convicted. She was in the house or not, she is of a very low order of intellect and certainly did not know his purpose and has, I think, suffered enough."

James Dixon, convicted at the April term, 1908, of Sampson Superior Court, of jarcany and sentenced to two years on the road. "There is no doubt in my mind that the defendant's son and his companion stole the money and brought it and put it in the smokehouse of Dixon. There is some doubt as to whether the defendant knows anything of it and having been as true a Confederate soldier as any man in the county and a man of good character in the past upon recommendation of the best citizens of the county and on account of his past record, I grant him a pardon on condition on his remaining of good behavior."

Coleman Brown, convicted at the February term, 1908, of Jackson Superior Court, of murder in the second degree. "The judge having shown plainly that he thought the man only technically guilty, and that the jury might readily have brought in a verdict of not guilty, and also after reading the testimony of the defendant, the State prosecutor, having now been confined for nearly a year and having been in the county jail months prior thereto, has been sufficiently punished. Ninety-nine men out of a hundred are not done exactly as they did and perhaps acted more quickly in defending themselves, and for these reasons I have determined to give the defendant another chance."

TWO SENTENCES COMMUTED. The Governor commutes the sentence of W. G. Walker, who was convicted guilty at the February term, 1907, of Guilford Superior Court of manslaughter and was sentenced to five years in the State prison. "The trial judge having written me a personal letter saying the sentence was too severe, and the solicitor having concurred in this statement, I have commuted the sentence to two years and direct that the prisoner be discharged the 1st day of February, on condition of his remaining of good behavior."

He also commutes the sentence of N. G. Walker, convicted at the spring term, 1907, of Polk Superior Court of manslaughter and sentenced to six years in the State prison, from six to two years, the defendant to be discharged the 25th day of April, 1909, on condition that he then remain of good behavior.

SEVEN REFUSALS. The Governor refuses to pardon the following convicts: Thomas Worley, convicted at the June term, 1905, of Lenoir Superior Court, of murder in the second degree and sentenced to fifteen years in the State prison. "The defendant had a fair trial and the verdict was right. The defendant was ready to fight and waited for the deceased, and though the deceased was not entirely mistreated and was killed at the second place of encounter and not at the first, the defendant having followed him to that place. Life is getting too cheap and men must be made to feel the cross arm of the law, not only to punish them, but to deter others."

W. D. Shaw, convicted at the April term, 1908, of Nash Superior Court of assault upon his wife with a deadly weapon and sentenced to two years on the county roads. The Governor happened to be in Nash at the time of this trial and perhaps unfortunately for the prisoner, heard the case. His wife was nearly killed, being spared only by the mercy of God. Either the defendant was guilty of a most brutal attempt to murder his wife or else he was insane. Since his conviction he has cut his hair to keep from working. This shows him to be a very mean man or insane. If he is a low type of criminal and was guilty, his sentence of two years was not commensurate with what he did. If he is insane he ought to be in the asylum. The Governor does not believe him insane, neither do his people or his counsel.

Marion Day, convicted at the July term, 1907, of Iredell Superior Court of slander. Isaac Harris, convicted at the August term, 1909, Green, of attempt to commit rape and sentenced to fifteen years. Henry Harvey, convicted at the fall term, 1908, of Richmond, of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged. He was executed on December 17th. Application for commutation was made on the ground that he was of a low order of intelligence.

James McKinney, convicted at the May term, 1907, of Mitchell, of murder in the second degree and sentenced to ten years in the State prison. The Governor thinks the sentence very moderate and therefore cannot interfere. He again repeats that life in prison is a remedy for the worst of crimes and that medicine that life in prison is a remedy for the worst of crimes and that medicine that life in prison is a remedy for the worst of crimes.

MRS. TAPT VISITS SPRAY

(Continued from Page One.) glass-blower, the restaurant being kept open night and day to meet the needs of those who work on eight-hour shifts. The work having begun, the manufacturers are asking for information and examining into the possibilities for improving their own work.

No better example of the co-operation, in good work of the wife of a public official can be given than that of Mrs. Bowman H. McCalla. Twelve years ago when Admiral McCalla was stationed at Mare Island, he and Mrs. McCalla witnessed the pitiful condition of the boys and young men who were carried there on ships to be repaired in the navy yard.

The Town of Vallejo, opposite the naval station, is a town of 12,000 inhabitants, with over two hundred saloons, Mrs. McCalla has been working for five years in the interest of the boys and young men, who, when she began, had no decent place of amusement to go to when they were from their ships; their uniforms disbarred them from respectable places; for the purpose of providing pleasant companionship and amusement for the enlisted men, she and her husband undertook to provide a permanent club to be patronized only by that type of government employees; it has had rooms, bath rooms, a library, a game room, an auditorium, a bowling alley, shooting gallery and restaurant within its four walls, thus securing for the men the enjoyment and recreation of the saloon without its injurious adjuncts. The naval club house was opened in 1904, with an attendance exceeding 50,000 during its first two years. It is reported that in that period over one hundred thousand dollars of the men's pay has been placed by them in the club's bank for safe-keeping, this money having been spent formerly in the saloons or worse places.

The club house is over-crowded and Admiral McCalla has been informed by the chief of police that arrests diminished in Vallejo 70 per cent. during the first two years after the opening of the building.

But the cost of this splendid achievement in welfare work was not as it should have been, met by the employer, the government of the United States. A heavy burden of debt was incurred by Mrs. McCalla and her committee of women interested with her funds having been loaned by private citizens, without interest, and the lot having been purchased, and to relate with all of Admiral McCalla's prize money of the Spanish war, so great was his interest in many cases of heart-breaking misery where boys of fifteen going into the navy were hopelessly ruined in body and soul. He and Mrs. McCalla felt impelled to alleviate the conditions of a special temptation assailing the lads who had left home and friends and sacrificing their own resources in a strange town.

We hope to assist the public employees' committee of the National Civic Federation in its effort to have extended efforts of the government for the benefit of its employees, such as members of the military in army stations, army posts and at Panama, that it may be financially responsible and not permit its employees to be dependent upon haphazard contributions of sacrificing and interested citizens.

The establishment of provident funds, including industrial insurance, pensions and safe investments for savings for women as well as men employees and for government as well as private employees, we consider to be of a great importance and we are proud as members of the National Civic Federation to aid in that line of endeavor.

The woman's department sees and appreciates great possibilities for usefulness. May it live up to its best and highest ideals, and help to secure and maintain a spirit of good will and fair understanding, the true American spirit.

TALKS OF OTHER LADIES. After the address of Mrs. Taft, Mrs. A. F. McKissick, of South Carolina, told in a most interesting manner of welfare work in the South Carolina cotton mill towns and especially in Pelzer, where she was brought up, and at Greenwood, where she now lives.

Then Mrs. Charles D. McIver, of Greenwood, made some very admirable remarks about the cotton mill towns in the country districts of the State.

Mrs. Lindsey Patterson, of Winston-Salem, then spoke and as usual made a fine address.

Mrs. Taft is scheduled to meet her husband at Danville shortly before midnight and after a stay here of only a few minutes they proceed to Augusta, Ga. This afternoon Mrs. Taft enjoyed a fox-hunt and drive at the "meadows," Mrs. McCalla's country home.

North Carolina is getting too cheap and the law must be enforced more rigidly in order to stop lawlessness. Cap. Jones, who pleaded guilty at the September, 1908, term, of a murder in the second degree and sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary. In the Governor's judgment the conviction was proper and the prisoner has not served a long enough term for the heinous crime he admitted he committed, for the Governor's belief is that where a man enters a house to rob or to commit burglary, or other serious crimes he will also commit murder.

END EXPECTED HOURLY. It is realized by the family and friends of Judge Thomas E. Purnell that his end is very near and death is expected daily. All the members of the family are here. It is said that there is a dual trouble, paralytic and cancer of the kidney.

A charter is granted the Fenner Ament Stock Improvement Company, of Rocky Mount, the purpose of which is to improve the quality of horse, beef and cattle of the county. The Eagles Club, Inc. of Charlotte, this being a social organization with Adam Fisher and others stockholders.

AMUSEMENTS

The great emotional actress, Miss Blanche Walsh, will be seen at the Academy of Music Monday night, December 18th in her latest and biggest success, "The Test." Miss Walsh will be supported by an unusually large and well balanced cast of prominent players. Blanche will go on sale Thursday, December 24th, at Hawley's.

"THE RIGHT OF WAY." One of the great characters of modern literature is the character of Charley Steele, the brilliant, cynical, drunken, doubter of Sir Gilbert Parker's novel, "The Right of Way." This man with monople in eye and with the question "who knows?" always on his lips, is a character as clean cut as a cameo and one that will live so long as distinct characters are appreciated. In the play that has been made by Eugene W. Presbrey from the novel this part is played by Guy Standing, who has made Charley Steele a living, breathing thing. He has injected the breath of life into the character as the author drew it and his performance is one of the best seen in America in recent years.

ASHEVILLE, Dec. 17.—James L. Wilkie died here this morning at 2 o'clock at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. A. Shell. Mr. Wilkie came here from Lenoir county some time ago. He was 78 years of age. The remains were taken to the former home today for interment.

MONROE, Dec. 17.—Mr. Samuel R. Williamson, aged 21 years, died at the home of his mother, Mrs. Horie Williamson, at 8 o'clock last night of pneumonia, after a week's illness. Mr. Williamson was an employe of the Piedmont Buggy Company, and had won the esteem and confidence of his employers by faithful attention to his business. He was a member of the Monroe Presbyterian church. Funeral services were held at the residence at 4 o'clock this afternoon, conducted by Rev. George E. Atkinson, and the interment took place in Monroe cemetery.

THE SICK COMPANY LAST NIGHT. "The Girl and the Bandit" was the play offered by the Hutton and Bailey Stock Company at the Academy of Music last night, to a fair sized audience. The scenes of the piece were laid in the West and the different roles were enacted by the members of the company. The specialties between acts were excellent. To-night the Kentucky hills, "Lena Rivers" will be presented. This play was seen here last season, and made a good impression.

There will be a matinee to-morrow afternoon and the bill will be "The Whole Dam Family" and at night "The Night Riders," a new melodrama based on the recent tobacco war in Kentucky, will be played.

MR. GOLD IN THE CITY. Tells of the Wonderful Growth of the Jefferson Standard—Mr. E. C. McGinnis Added to Local Agency Force.

Mr. P. D. Gold, Jr., vice president and general manager of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, Raleigh, N. C., has been in the city for the past several days visiting the branch office of the company at this point. Mr. C. S. Alston, district manager and his wife, who are in the city during Mr. Gold's stay and it is understood that as a result of this more than fifty thousand dollars of applications were obtained, complimentary to the vice president of the company. This was obtained through the efforts of Mr. E. C. McGinnis, of Charlotte, who has recently gone with the Jefferson. Mr. Gold, when seen by an Observer reporter, was exceedingly complimentary of the business of the Jefferson and said: "The highest expectations of the organizers of the Jefferson have been more than realized. The company's commencing business just at the very beginning of the panic and has never yet had an opportunity to show what it could do in normal times, however, notwithstanding this fact, it will close the year's business with three million in surplus, and with the surplus of the company increased. The Jefferson is the strongest life insurance company in the South and the second strongest of the time of organization. In the world, in other words no other company at organization had as large capital and surplus. This strength is represented by surplus to policyholders \$500,000, every dollar of which was paid into the company in cash. The company accepted no notes of individual or corporation. As a net worth of an individual is the ratio of assets to liabilities, so is the strength of an insurance company estimated. With 2 1/2 assets to every \$1 of liability it is many times stronger than any Southern company and in proportion as strong as any in America. This may sound like a very strong statement and may surprise many people in North Carolina that their own State has such an institution, yet it is a fact. The company is loaning its money largely on first mortgage on real estate in those communities from whence it gets its business, so that the insurer can build up his own community and at the same time get as safe protection as that offered by any company anywhere."

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THE DEATH RECORD.

James L. Wilkie, Formerly of Lincoln, Dies at Asheville. Asheville, Dec. 17.—James L. Wilkie died here this morning at 2 o'clock at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. A. Shell. Mr. Wilkie came here from Lenoir county some time ago. He was 78 years of age. The remains were taken to the former home today for interment.

Samuel R. Williamson, of Monroe, Special to The Observer. Monroe, Dec. 17.—Mr. Samuel R. Williamson, aged 21 years, died at the home of his mother, Mrs. Horie Williamson, at 8 o'clock last night of pneumonia, after a week's illness. Mr. Williamson was an employe of the Piedmont Buggy Company, and had won the esteem and confidence of his employers by faithful attention to his business. He was a member of the Monroe Presbyterian church. Funeral services were held at the residence at 4 o'clock this afternoon, conducted by Rev. George E. Atkinson, and the interment took place in Monroe cemetery.

MARRIAGES.

Three Troutman Couples Wedded. Special to The Observer. Troutman, Dec. 17.—Mr. Frederic L. Murdoch was this afternoon married to Miss Jennie M. Atkinson, the bride's brother, Mr. William Mills. About the same hour Mr. David Clodfelder and Miss Daisy Ostwalt were married at the Methodist church, by Rev. J. Edwards. While the last named couple was being married here, Mr. Percy Suther and Miss Adella Clodfelder drove to the home of Rev. C. J. Fox, three miles north of here, to be united. All of these are worthy young people of the community.

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