WOULD HALT ROAD MAKING

MR. LONG AGAINST NEW PLAN

Chairman of Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners Regards State Management of All Convicts as Unjust to the Local Branches of Government and Likely to Retard Road Building in Counties Already Engaged in the Work, Besides Discouraging Backward Sections From Making Progress—Good Results Which Were Predicted Are of Doubtful Realization.

Entire lack of sympathy with the revolutionary changes in the management of convicts in North Carolina, proposed by Superintendent Mann, of the State penitentiary in his recent report, was expressed by Chairman W. M. Long, of the board of county commissioners of Mecklenburg, in conversation with an observer representative yesterday. He said all the chaingangs in the State should be abolished, that all persons convicted of felony, less than capital, should be committed direct to the state's prison, that all persons convicted of misdemeanor and sentenced to terms of imprisonment should be committed either to the State farm or to the nearest misdemeanor camp, that counties desiring convict labor should hire their laborers from the state at $1 a day and should work them under the close supervision of the department at Raleigh, and the main provisions in the sweeping recommendations.

"No sentiment in favor of these changes can be found in and with counties as Mecklenburg, Gaston and dozens of others who have been managing their own affairs for years with marked success," said Mr. Long emphatically. "Regarded as a financial enterprise it would probably be profitable to the State, but, looking to my view, such a departure would be a manifest injustice to the counties in the first place. Take Mecklenburg for instance. When a prisoner is arraigned for a serious violation of the law it is Mecklenburg's money that pays for his maintenance for months or weeks or months. It is Mecklenburg's money that pays for the prosecution in trial in Superior Court. Why should not any pecuniary profit in work not be exacted from him to help replete the coffers of the county in which and among whose people the crime was done, and in partial reimbursement of them for the expenses resultant from his upset? Again, good roads, friendship and its obligations.

WOULD DISCOURAGE PROGRESS

"Not only would a transfer of our charges from the courts to the State harness and retard those counties which are now and have been engaged in the good roads movement, which means so much to the commercial and social betterment of the State at large, but it would, in my opinion, prevent other counties which are now lagging from having a go in the future," continued Mr. Long. "Mecklenburg has had a hard fight and managed it herself for 20 years. It was under this system of policy, as Mr. Morris calls it, that we won for herself her national reputation as the foremost county in the South in public highways. Twenty-five years about 200 miles of road have been built with no assistance. What higher or more convincing tribute could anyone pay to the usefulness of this system than this?

"There be only abuses in the conduct of the chaingangs, I do not know of them. When I hear of them I will join in the outcry. I doubt if we have over a third of that many. If we have, I have seen them from the state and manage them quite more or less delighted instructions from the State which could go as far as it wished in dictating how they should be managed. And right on our gangs, those negroes, despite, said from 10 to 20 pounds while they are there. The result is easy off the gang, they run all straight over now day and night and lose sleep and eat irregularly. Yet there they get three square meals a day and are made to go to bed at a regular hour every night. Having been placed in excellent condition during the day they sleep and their health improves.

"But even if the best practicable system of prisons should be adopted it would be a hard matter to select and hire the overseers who would probably be the best men we now have them in charge. It would be cruelty anywhere to put a man to see and control prisoners that there would be a great deal of trouble.

"It seems that every time we need a road law we will have to have a special act. Last year we had to have a special act from Raleigh and yet we could not get Mr. Long, it seems to me, to the road law. I know more about what roads need than any board could tell them. I admit that the roads need more attention than they have received in recent years. But I am in agreement with the road boards as to a road law. The roads will run out to be a burden on the people if arranged with the labor of convicts so many miles from home.

"No, sir, I am for my opinion, instead of at once taking the convicts and concentrating on the roads in Raleigh, I think the exact opposite would be more timely. Let the penitentiary department spread working the convicts on a great big farm, using their labor with cotton in prospect. The farmers of North Carolina will thank them, thank the State, and the counties that want to build roads.

These are the sentiments of the practical minded head of Mecklenburg's board, who also opposes the idea of establishing the department for the misdemeanor prisoners in the penitentiary, pointing to the present of one such prisoner in the county jail here as a case of the need of such a place.

Following are his specific recommendations of legislation on the subject on which the interview was based:

RECOMMENDATIONS.

That all chaingangs in North Carolina be totally abolished.

That all persons convicted of felony, less than capital, be committed direct to the State's prison.

That all persons convicted of misdemeanor and sentenced to terms of imprisonment be committed either to the State farm or to the nearest misdemeanor camp.

That all persons committed to jail to await trial, except those charged with capital felony, be given the privilege, with the consent of the State authorities, to join the nearest established misdemeanor camp as a member and subject to the rules and discipline thereof until the time of trial and, if convicted, the sentence given to be shortened by the length of service before conviction, and if acquitted, to be paid by the State authorities the same wages a day for the service rendered before trial that is being received for misdemeanor prisoners less the cost of transportation.

That all persons serving sentences for crime, whether felony or misdemeanor, shall be under the management, direction and control of the board of State prison directors as fully and completely and exclusively as the State prison now is.

That the said board of directors shall have full authority to transfer misdemeanor prisoners from one point in the State to the State farm or to any other point, in their discretion, either for work or for hospital attention, but shall not be authorized to mingle together persons convicted of felony and those convicted of misdemeanors, that is, the keeping of camps of each kind of prisoners.

That all misdemeanor prisoners be required to wear an adopted uniform, and not the striped clothing of felon convicts.

That a competent civil engineer be employed by the State and paid an annual salary, whose duty it shall be to lay out in a proper and scientific manner any public road or highway in the State which is proposed to be constructed or improved with convict labor.

That any county in the state that desires to use convict labor in the construction or improvement of its highways shall apply first to the State engineer in writing and make plans for said work, or to approve plans made.

That the said county shall reimburse the board of state prison directors for the number of convicts desired for the work, the number in no case to be less than 25.

That the board of directors as soon as possible after the receipt of the application and the approval of the State engineer shall furnish the number requested and proceed to construct or improve the highway under the direction of the State engineer.

That all applications from counties for convict labor shall be honored in turn, according to date of their receipt, and that necessarily many applications from more than one hundred at any one time from another county is pending and no labor is available for it.

That counties using convict labor shall pay to the State Treasurer the sum of $1 a day for each convict, which pay, plus transportation charges, shall be used in paying for such additional guards and such other expenses as may be incurred by the board of prison directors for prisoners and supplies, and also for such pay, clothing and other expenses incurred by employing such additional farming implements as may be deemed necessary to carry on the work. All other expenses of the work, of whatever kind, shall be borne by the board of prison directors.

WANT 12 CHARLOTTE DAYS.

Extension of Idea Originally Proposed is Now Being Considered—To Advertise Charlotte.

Renewed consideration is being given to an interesting proposition originally advanced at a recent meeting of the Greater Charlotte Club, providing for a number of Charlotte days, each to be given in a different city. Its advocates claim for it a popular degree and one. The results for all sorts of shopping in the city, rather than but a Mecca on these days, but there for business and a field day for the city. Special rates would be secured, it is believed, on railroads and special sales for prospective visitors would be provided. The scheme in the church has the matter in charge. Messrs. C. C. Kuester, Charles Leigh M. Scott, R. W. Gheesling, N. A. Porter, J. W. Motley, R. H. Peters and L. W. Carter will meet on Monday night at 8 o'clock at the Parlors to shape up the original ideas and details.

It is now proposed to make the days of monthly occurrence, as it is believed that this will not be too often and it is held that there cannot be too much of a good thing. The city will be immensely advertised and this by concentrating the attention of retailers and customers on Charlotte as the principal place at which to shop, it is expected that a great deal of good will accrue to all classes of business interests here, in addition to bringing the out-of-town people who would probably go farther and fare worse.

ANOTHER LAWYER COMING.

Mr. John A. Parker, a University Graduate, Coming Here From Statesville to Practice Law.

Mr. John A. Parker, a graduate of the University of North Carolina in the class of 1906 and later of the law department of the same institution, has decided to locate in Charlotte for the practice of his profession. Mr. Parker is now associated as secretary with the Statesville Loan & Insurance Company, of Statesville, but about two weeks ago he decided that he would like to be doing something more in keeping with his college training and his professional aspirations. He has not yet so stated this to his business associates, but he will do so before the first of next month.

Mr. Parker is well known throughout the state by the younger men of his age who have graduated from the University. He is a native of Davidson county, from this county he went to the University. While in college he was a member of the Phi Society and was president of his society in his senior year. He was also president of the Y. M. C. A. and president of the Y. M. C. A. Cabinet. Mr. Parker has many friends who will be glad to welcome him back to the profession of his choice.

Funeral of Mr. L. A. Moore.

The funeral of Mr. L. A. Moore was conducted yesterday afternoon at the residence, 301 South Poplar street. The service was impressive and beautiful. Ashley Lodge and Knights of Honor were conducted in charge of the regular ritual service. Mr. Edward L. Avery, Mr. Charles Shaffer and Mr. Harry Shaffer sang the hymns at the grave. Interment was at Elmwood. The following were pallbearers: Messrs. Henry Clarkson, H. D. Moore, J. Frank Wilson, J. H. Rogers, George W. Graham, Jr., and Harry Shamenhouse. The floral offerings were exceedingly handsome.

New Insurance Agency.

The State Life of Indianapolis is the name of a new life-insurance company which has established offices in Charlotte. A room has been secured in the Realty Building and the business of the concern will fall into the hands of the local agent, Mr. David Moore. Messrs. D. Sam Cox and W. G. Chandler, of Columbia, S. C., are the division agents for the Carolinas. Mr. Cox intends to locate here and has already secured offices in the Realty Building.

Beware of Frequent Colds.

A succession of colds or a protracted cold is almost certain to end in chronic catarrh, from which few persons ever wholly recover. Give every cold the attention it deserves and you may avoid this disagreeable disease. How can you cure a cold? Why not try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It is highly recommended. Mrs. M. White, of Butler, Tenn., says: "Several years ago I was bothered with my throat and lungs. Someone told me of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I began using it and it relieved me at once. Now my throat and lungs are sound and well." For sale by W. L. Hand & Co.

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MAY TAKE IN ALL SOUTH.

Mr. E. B. Moore, of the Selwyn Hotel, Tells of the Joint Meeting of North Carolina and Virginia Associations of Hotel Men This Week in Richmond at the Jefferson.

"It was the finest body of hotel men I believe I ever saw," said Mr. E. B. Moore yesterday, having returned unexpectedly from Richmond, where a joint meeting of the Hotel Men's Association of Virginia and the similar association of North Carolina is being held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Mr. Moore came back with the Richmond delegation which appeared before the board of governors of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association yesterday afternoon, on whom he had some designs.

"About eighty delegates and their wives from the two States were gathered at the Jefferson, where the meeting was held. It was a company of men who went on to their job. When one was speaking you could hear a pin drop. And it was a temperance assemblage, too.

"Twenty hotel supply men were there from all parts of the United States with the exhibits of linen, tableware and other specimens of their goods filling a large hall. There were two sets of membership badges. The design which on one bore was a squirrel and a peanut, the former the coat of arms of Robert E. Lee and the latter the emblem of the Tidewater region of Virginia. For the North Carolinians there was a badge with an empty barrel with both ends knocked out, emblematic of the passing of booze. This was named Tar Heels.

"An important motion which was made and passed carries with it an invitation to the hotel men in the States south of the Potomac to unite in the formation of a Southern association, whose purposes shall be the mutual benefit and protection of the members and the improvement of the standard of service in all possible ways. This will be a matter for consideration among the general business.

"It was stated that the Tar Heels who generally go north, south, including North Carolina, under the United Hotelmen's Association, with different names. Next year, and so forth, will be tried for each of this office and the office can have to wait her turn. It is given the maximum sentence [illegible] will be arraigned in the courts of this commonwealth. By that time he will probably have had enough anyway. He got not a cent of a thousand dollars he was look for, it is said.

Mr. Moore extended the association an invitation to meet in Charlotte, but the Seaboard stated to meet in Atlanta, so the local invitation was gracefully declined, although every Tar Heel viewed.

Mr. C. E. Hooper, of the Buford Hotel, of this city, was the president during the past year of the North Carolina organization.

POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS.

At Present Clip the Records of Sales of Stamps, Etc., for the Year Will Reach Much Over $100,000.

If the present rate of business keeps up at the local postoffice during the next six months the business can be manipulated for the succeeding six months of stamps stamped envelopes, etc., between July, 1908, and July, 1909, will reach more than $170,000. From July 1st, 1908, to January 1st, 1909, the first six months of the present fiscal year, the sales amounted to $69,639.56. For the corresponding period of the last fiscal year the sales amounted to $55,557.04.

The record of December brought the sales for the half year up to the high figures reached. During this month more than a $12,000 business was done at the postoffice, which was $2,000 more than that of the preceding December. There has been a steady increase in the records during the entire administration of Postmaster Spence and general satisfaction prevails with his method of conducting the duties devolving upon him.

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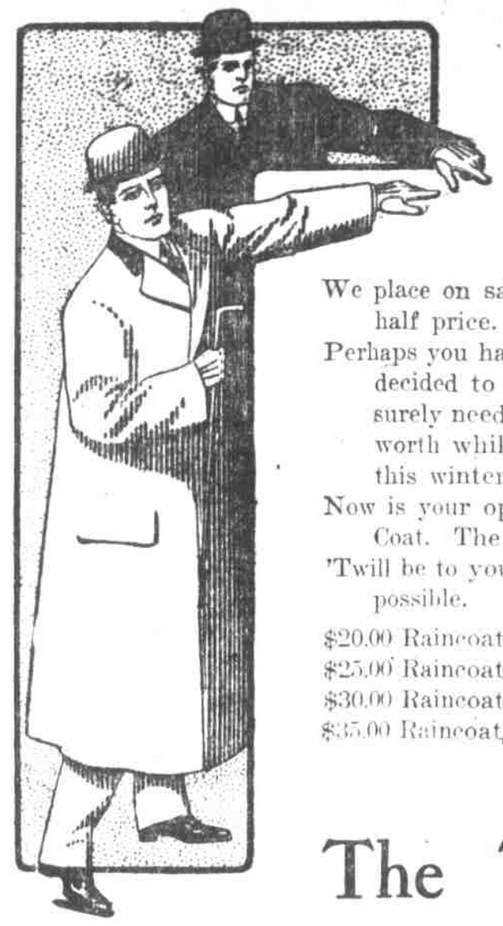

January Sale of Rain Coats and Top Overcoats

We place on sale this morning all of our Raincoats and Top Overcoats at just half price.

Perhaps you had no intention of buying a new Coat this season—and you've decided to make the old one do for this time. But next winter you'll surely need one. Why not buy next winter's Coat now? You'll save a worth while amount of money and you can enjoy next winter's Coat this winter. Two good reasons for buying now—aren't they?

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NEARS END OF ITS WORK.

Charter Committee Meets To-Night and May Conclude Its Work Prior to Sending Report to Larger Committee.

The committee of ten which has been working on a tentative draft of a new city charter for several weeks will hold another meeting tonight in the mayor's office in the city hall and will very probably conclude its work. Chairman F. H. McDowell stated yesterday that the draft might be put in shape for the larger committee at this meeting and in this event he will call the committee of one hundred for a meeting Monday night. This however cannot be held with any degree of certainty and it will be seen what progress is attained tonight. It is expected to thresh the proposition into shape as rapidly as possible now. The larger committee may demand several meetings to conclude its discussion of the scheme which the smaller committee will send up and after that the board of aldermen will get a final whack.

Locate in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Miller have arrived in the city from Winston-Salem and will make their home here in the future living at No. 14 West Seventh street. Mr. Miller has been appointed representative for North and South Carolina for a Louisville dry goods firm, with headquarters in Charlotte.

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