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CONVICT CAMP INVESTIGATION

Report of the Grand Jury Committee.

Unable to Find Defects or Mismanagement.

Camps Declared to be in Good Condition—Steward King Resigns on Demand of the Commissioners.

Criminal court adjourned yesterday, after a short session. When court convened in the afternoon Judge Ewart announced that as the solicitor and clerk of the court had been summoned to appear in Washington Saturday, as well as a large number of the members of the bar, he would adjourn the court for the term. The grand jury was called into court and discharged, with the thanks of the court for their efficient work. Before being discharged, the jury filed the following report of their investigating committee in regard to the county public institutions as suggested by the judge in his charge:

To His Honor, H. G. Ewart, Judge:

Your grand jury, in pursuance of instructions from court, have proceeded to examine the following public institutions of the county and find as follows:

First:—County Jail is in passably good condition, with the exception of a few of the cells occupied by women, which are in a somewhat filthy condition.

We also find the prisoners comfortably provided with bedding and have plenty of wholesome food.

We were informed by the jailor that the prisoners are required to clean their own apartments, which some of them refuse to do, and for this reason they seem to be neglected, and are in a rather filthy condition. We therefore suggest that if the jailor is not allowed to use such discipline as to compel prisoners to clean up their own apartments, he should have it done by others.

The jail at the present time is not uncomfortably crowded.

J. S. T. BAIRD, Foreman.

To His Honor, H. G. Ewart:

Your committee appointed to investigate certain charges and reports in regard to the county convict camps, begs leave to make the following report:

Camp No. 1. We visited this camp at 11 a. m. March 2 and found forty-five prisoners and nine employees. We made a careful investigation of the sanitary condition, officers quarters, commissary and cooking department. We found the grounds all clean in every respect. The commissary was provided with plenty of good, substantial food; the kitchen was in charge of a prisoner known as a "trustee"; where we found the dinner being prepared, consisting of meat, bread, potatoes and fruit.

We visited this camp again at 8 p. m. March 2, for the purpose of investigating the sleeping quarters of the prisoners. Their beds consisted of a coat of straw, spread on the floor of the bunk, a straw mattress, a sheet and four double wool blankets. The men sleep two to the bunk, and in order to see how much space each man would occupy, the prisoners were ordered to their beds, and in the opinion of your humble committee, there was plenty of room for each and every man to rest comfortably. In answer to questions asked to prisoners they said there was plenty of sleeping room; that they got plenty to eat and were well clothed.

The blankets and clothing of the prisoners were clean and in good condition. The prisoners were all healthy; not a sick man in the camp.

We visited this camp again on March 3 at 12 m., for the purpose of seeing the prisoners fed at dinner. (This meal was served on the road about one mile from the camp where the men were at work.) Their dinner consisted of bread, meat, turnips and molasses. The amount allotted to each man was, by actual weight, two pounds and twelve ounces. The officer's dinner consisted of the same, but was served at a different table.

In answer to questions, how often the county prison inspector visited this camp, we were told that he came to the camp

about twice a month; always coming on Sunday evening. That he had never visited the camp during the week; always making his official visits on Sunday. Answers to these questions were taken under oath.

Camp No. 2. This camp was visited at 4 p. m. March 2. We found at this camp twenty-nine prisoners and eight employees. The general arrangements of this camp are about the same as camp No. 1. While your committee did not have the opportunity of seeing the prisoners in bed at this camp, the bunks were the same size as at camp No. 1. Of course their sleeping quarters were not as royal as one would expect at the Battery Park or Swannanoa, but they were better by far than may be found in many a home in the city of Asheville.

We found the tent at this camp in rather bad condition. It is simply worn out and needs to be replaced by a new one. Your committee was informed by the steward in charge that a new tent had been ordered and would be ready to put up when the camp was moved, which would be in a short time. Your committee would suggest that a canvass fly cover be provided for the roof of the sleeping quarters at both camps, to be used in the time of rains and damp weather. There is one man on the sick list at this camp; all the other men are at work.

Upon inquiry as to how often the county prison inspector visited this camp, we were informed by the officer in charge that he never had visited the camp at its present location; that he had visited the camp one time only while it was located at Aeton, near Sulphur Springs, and that was on Sunday about the first of September, 1897.

As to the charge of immoral conduct on the part of Mr. King, the steward at camp No. 2, upon investigation we find that Mr. King admits that these reports are true in part. We are officially informed that the county commissioners have demanded the resignation of Mr. King, and that said resignation is now in the hands of the commissioners and will be acted upon at their next regular meeting, Monday, March 7.

After a thorough investigation of all the facts connected with the two camps, we have reached this conclusion:—That all the charges and reports as to the packed and crowded cells, half fed and clothed prisoners, imperfect guards and officers, waste of supplies, bad condition of camps and general mismanagement on the part of county officials, is entirely unfounded, un-called for, and unwarranted by the facts as we found them.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT H. LEE,
G. W. LINDSEY,
S. R. GUDGER,
J. H. JENKINS,
T. G. ANDERS.

To His Honor, H. G. Ewart:

Your committee appointed to visit the county poorhouse beg leave to make the following report:

We visited the poorhouse on the morning of March 3, 1898. There are now thirty-seven persons provided for at the home. There are only three persons on the sick list. The keeper informs your committee that he was supplied with all necessary bedding, clothing and provisions. There seemed to be a general satisfaction among the inmates; the quarters and grounds were all clean and in good sanitary condition.

(Dictated.) Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT H. LEE,
J. H. JENKINS,
S. R. GUDGER,
G. W. LINDSEY.

STEWARD KING RESIGNS.

The following was received by the chairman of the board of county commissioners yesterday:

To the Board of Commissioners.

Gentlemen:—On account of the misrepresentations and false reports that have been published by certain petty politicians and democratic newspapers concerning my private acts, and for fear that such misrepresentations and false reports may mislead a few people and prejudice their minds against the present administration and myself, I hereby tender my resignation as steward of camp number 1 of the Buncombe county chain gang. It is true that about one year ago, when not performing my official duties and when away from the convict camps, I was guilty of being in the company of lewd women, but if this act is sufficient to debar me from holding a public position, then the records of some of the persons who are parading my faults before the public would do them to perpetual banishment. It is also true that one of the convicts—a "trustee"—accompanied me, but at the time when my grave offense was committed and before your board made a different order, such trustees were allowed to leave the camp when not at work, as they had been under the former administration. I know that my conduct of over a year ago was and is censurable, but I am not ashamed of the record that I have made in filling the position of steward for the county, and which I hope has been satisfactory to you as the representatives of the people. I am,

Very truly yours,
J. M. KING.

We are in favor of silver, and believe that the silver forces ought to win, but we have no confidence in the pretensions for silver of the majority of the leaders of the populist party in North Carolina today.—Asheville Telegram.

THE MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

Yesterday's Fluctuations on the Exchanges.

Yesterday's Cotton Market Disappointing.

Quotations of the New York Money Market—Chicago Grain and Live Stock—Country Produce.

New York, Mar. 3.—Liverpool was disappointing today and the local cotton market was lower. Instead of showing strength, as was expected, Liverpool declined one sixty-fourth. The market here opened one to three points lower. The trading throughout the day was narrow and largely local. There was some disposition to attach values, but a fairly good investment demand was always present, absorbing the offerings sufficiently well to prevent any real weakness. The possible outcome of the strained relations with Spain continues a disturbing feature. May opened at 6.18, advanced to 6.20, declined to 6.16 and closed at 6.17 to 6.18 with the tone of the market steady. The southern markets continue to hold their own well and while this lasts no serious break is possible.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, March 3.—The stock market recovered somewhat from its decline on a diminished volume of business yesterday. In some lines the gains were slight and were lost before the close of the day. Sugar advanced to 127½ and American Tobacco to 91¼; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western went up two points to 152 at the close. General Electric closed at 33¼; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, 95½; New Jersey Central, 93¼, and Southern Railway, 8¾.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Atlanta, March 3.—Eggs, 9@10c. Butter, western creamery, 20@22c; fancy Tennessee, 14@15c; choice, 12½; Georgia, 12½@15c; demand light with market glutted. Live poultry—Turkeys, 10@11c; hens, 25@27½c; spring chickens, large 20@22½c; small, 15@20c; ducks, puddle, 18@22½c; Peking, 25@27½c; dressed poultry, turkeys, 12½@14c; hens, 10@11c; chickens, 11@12c; geese, 8@10c; ducks 12½c; Irish potatoes, 95@1.00 bu.; sweet potatoes, 60@70c bu.; honey, dull; strained, 6@7c; in the comb, 7@8c; onions, new crop, \$1.15@1.25 bu.; \$3.00@3.25 bbl.

FINANCIAL.

New York, March 3.—Money on call, 2@3½ per cent.; last loan at 2 per cent.



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Silver certificates, 55¼@56½. Bar silver, 54¼.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

T. O. Burwell, of Toledo, O., is a guest of the Battery Park.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner, Miss Wagner and Mr. Joseph Wagner, of Philadelphia, are at the Battery Park. Mr. John Wagner is the head of the well known firm of John Wagner & Co., of Dock street, Philadelphia, and one of the ex-governors of the Philadelphia Driving Club.

Mrs. Lon Mitchell has returned from New York, where she has been purchasing a spring time of millinery goods.

Miss Stewart, of St. Louis, is visiting Miss Grove on Merrimon avenue.

Mr. Will Herritage, of Asheville, arrived last night to attend the fair.—New Berne Journal.

Trench C. Cox arrived yesterday from Philadelphia and is at the Battery Park.

Mrs. John Tate, of Asheville, who was seriously ill for some weeks in the hospital in that city, has returned, and intends to remain here for an indefinite time. Mr. J. E. Scott has returned from a business trip to Asheville.—Morgantown Herald.

Mr. Tyler Norlinger, of Washington, D. C., is sojourning at the Battery Park hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kolley, of Wheeling, W. Va., who have spent several winters in Asheville, are here, stopping at the Berkeley.

John G. Hoffman and bride, of Wheeling, W. Va., are visiting in the city.

Mr. J. A. Sheels, of Asheville, is here spending a few days with his parents.—Davidson Dispatch.

Dr. Gallard S. Tenney, the eye specialist, from Asheville, will make his monthly visit to Hendersonville, on Saturday, March 5. He can be found at Dr. Few's office.—Hendersonville Times.

Rev. Harold Turner is here from Hot Springs.

Miss Hannah Irwin left yesterday for a visit to St. Augustine.

L. P. McLoud has returned from New York where he has been on professional business.

H. C. Fagg left yesterday for Hot Springs.

Tom Collins came up from Marshall yesterday.

J. L. Wagner has gone to Cincinnati.

Miss Josie Patton left yesterday for Fletcher's, where she will visit friends.

P. A. Morris advance agent for the Peruch-Pellett operating company, is at the Asheville.

Sheriff George K. Pritchard, who is in Asheville for the purpose of summoning witnesses who are to appear before the sub-committee at Washington tomorrow, in the Ewart investigation, expects to leave to-day for Burnsville where he will spend some time with his family before returning to Washington.

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