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CITY LOCK-UP IN BAD SHAPE

Said The Grand Jury in Their Report Last Saturday.

MAYOR GRAHAM ANSWERS THE CHARGE

Winding up of the Superior Court Last Week—Many Cases Disposed of Friday and Saturday.

The report of the grand jury was presented to the court last Saturday just before noon, and the contents of it were a surprise to many, especially the city officials, and as Mayor Graham was present in the court room he replied to and explained some of the matters referred to in the report.

"To sum the matter up we think that the lock-up or station house is a disgrace to the city of Durham and the city government should be required to put it in a condition at least equal to the county jail."

This paragraph at the end of the report of the grand jury submitted this morning as to the condition of the prison in the county caused somewhat a semi-session and brought Mayor Graham to his feet to tell the court, in an explanation, that in a way the report was unjust. It was the second sensation that the grand jury created during the week and the criticism of the city lock-up is the most severe of any report ever submitted by a grand jury as to prison conditions in this county.

REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY.

The report of the grand jury was divided into section and was very full and comprehensive. The work had been divided. Foreman W. M. Bacon made a general report and submitted a part of his report the sub report that were submitted to him by the committees he had appointed to visit the jail, city prison, work house and convict camps.

The general report of the foreman was directed to Judge E. B. Jones, presiding and said: "We, the grand jury of this term of court, have inquired into and passed upon all the cases sent down to us, when we could not do so, we have referred them to other matters and have followed the advice of the solicitor."

They have examined the various offices of the county, the city and county jails, the convict camp and the home for the aged and infirm. These examinations and visits were made by committees appointed for this purpose. You will find these detailed reports attached hereto and they are a part of this general report." This was signed by W. M. Bacon, foreman.

FOUND IN GOOD CONDITION.

The first sub-report was that of the prison committees, Mr. A. E. Lloyd, chairman. It was this part of the report that found such bad conditions in the city prison.

The first section relates to the office of Register of deeds and said that the office was in good shape, records well kept, and indexing comprehensive. The second section told of the treasurer's office. This was found in good condition, books checked up both as to the general fund and the school fund. The third section refers to magistrates and says that Messrs. J. T. Morton, J. E. Owens, D. C. Gunter, E. H. Venzey, R. C. Cox, and D. D. Harris had submitted reports and the reports were found in good shape. These magistrates,

the jury said, have not exceeded their jurisdiction. The report adds that there are other magistrates who did not submit reports, but names not given.

The sheriff's office came in as the fourth item of the report. The office was found well kept, the books neat and correct and the taxes well collected, there being approximately \$14,000 yet to collect. The jail was dealt with in the fifth section of the sub report. It was found clean, in good sanitary condition, walls fresh and white. The report recommended the painting of the iron work of cells and windows in order to keep this in keeping with the other parts of the jail. There is a good, baththe bedding is good and clean and information was that prisoners are required to bathe frequently and keep clean.

CITY GOVERNMENT UP.

In section six of this sub-report came the presentment of the city government on account of the lock-up conditions. The report began by saying that the city lock-up or prison was in a filthy condition, the walls not appearing to have been white-washed for years. The bedding was described as bad, worn out and un-sanitary. "The lighting is bad," says the report, and your committee had to strike matches to see the condition on the upper tiers." It was then stated that officers in charge said that all that was possible was done to keep the place clean and in sanitary condition, but that it was hard work.

The report in this connection adds that the iron work needs painting and the whole interior needs over-hauling. There is a department for women that is cut off from the other departments and in this there is a tub and closet, but otherwise the conditions are about the same as in the remainder of the prison. "In the event," says the report, "that they had white and colored women prisoners at the same time we do not see how they could separate the races as required by law."

Then came the general arraignment: To sum the matter up we think the lock-up or station house a disgrace to the city of Durham and the city government should be required to put it in a condition at least equal to the county jail. The cost of doing this would not exceed \$350.

REMAINDER OF REPORT.

Section seven referred to the office of clerk and said that it was in good shape. The records are well kept. It was recommended that an additional desk be purchased for the clerk's office and that the additional room in the vault be supplied with metal shelving and boxes in which to preserve the valuable papers.

Mr. J. G. Latta, as foreman of the committee appointed to visit the county home for the aged and infirm, the work house and the convict camp reported that matters were found in good shape. At the county home and work house the committee found 26 were being cared for and getting good treatment. The superintendent looks well after them. At the convict camp there are 60 prisoners and no sickness. The camp is clean and well kept.

MAYOR GRAHAM REPLIES.

While the above contains in brief all of the essential parts of the report it does not tell all the story. The report created something akin to a sensation when the city government was arraigned in such terms. Mayor Paul C. Graham was present

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FIFTH MEMBER DIED MONDAY

Afflicted Chandler Family, of Person County, Buries Another.

TYPHOID FEVER THE CAUSE OF DEATH

After Five Weeks B. T. Chandler Succumbs to Disease that Removed Four of His Family This Year.

Mr. B. T. Chandler, who has been five weeks at the Watts hospital being treated for typhoid fever, died yesterday about noon.

In his death there passes the head of the most grievously afflicted family to be found anywhere. Within six months, starting March 10, five members of that family have died with typhoid fever and within seven weeks both father and mother have been taken from the family.

The first death occurred March 10 when Robert Chandler yielded to a long illness. Then followed Bunny, later another brother, July 22 the mother and yesterday the father. The family was composed of nine children and the parents. Six are left, three each of boys and girls and the disease has gone through it missing only the three girls.

The physicians have not given any theory as to the malignancy of the visitation. In every instance the victims have been unusually well cared for and three of the deaths have occurred at the hospital. "All that human hands could have done has been given them."

Mr. Chandler was 64 years old. He was a farmer and spent all of his life in Person county. He lived in the Timberlake section and was a good type of the modest planter and dependable citizen. In his wholesale grief he died and the family can point to a pair of brothers only left of the wreck of the old home. There has not been written since the Lyerly tragedy almost exterminating a family in Rowan county, any story sadder than this.

The funeral services will be held this afternoon from the old home. Mr. J. H. Chandler, a surviving son, came here yesterday and will take the body over the Norfolk and Western this morning. One of the boys who first suffered, a younger member of the family, was with the older brother. The dead man was a cousin of Officer C. C. Chandler, of the police force.

There cannot fail to be felt, whether one knew the family or not; a deep pity for any home so pitilessly stricken as this one. One can say no word that can gild the sorrow. He can hope simply that weeping spirits may not be wholly crushed.

Death of Mrs. Robbins.

Mrs. Minnie Robbins died Sunday afternoon at her home on Peabody street after an illness of several weeks. Paralysis was the cause of her death, and she was about 70 years of age.

She leaves a husband and two daughters. The funeral was conducted from the home Monday afternoon by Rev. S. S. Bost, after which the interment took place in Maplewood cemetery.

Labor Day was celebrated in Durham Monday by the postoffice and banks the postoffice being observing Sunday hours and the banks remaining closed during the day.

ITEMS FROM TRINITY COLLEGE.

Getting Ready for the Opening—Faculty Returning—A Japanese Student.

September, 4, 1908.—Everything now is in readiness for the opening of Trinity College, Wednesday September 9th. The first faculty meeting of the year will be held tomorrow when all preliminary arrangements will be made for the work of the year. All the standing committees for the year will be appointed.

The members of the faculty who have been away for the summer are returning. There are also several old students on the campus. Several new students have also arrived.

The first exercise of the new college year will be the chapel exercise Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

All new students will appear before the committee on admission immediately after these exercises.

Several assistants for the different departments have been appointed.

The prospects are that the attendance this year will be unusually large.

Committees of students have been appointed to meet the new students to assist them in getting settled in their new environment. A bureau of information will be established by the students on the first floor of the Duke building.

Mr. T. A. Finch, business manager of the Archive, the monthly magazine published by the Senior class, and Mr. J. S. Wrenn, business manager of the Chronicle, the weekly paper issued by the students, have been in Durham for several days making arrangements for issuing these publications. Mr. M. A. Briggs, of Durham, is the Editor in Chief of the Archive, and Mr. E. W. Knight, of Rich Square, is the Editor in Chief of the Chronicle.

Mr. G. Kubota, Cita, Japan, arrived today to enter college.

His Shoulder was Broken.

Buck Edwards, a negro boy about 17 years of age, while getting off a street car Saturday, fell and broke his shoulder, the shoulder blade being dislocated and fractured. Dr. J. M. O'Kelly was summoned and rendered medical attention, but it will be some time before Edwards is able to get out.

The cause of the accident was a simple piece of carelessness on Edwards' part, as he attempted to get off the car before it stopped. No blame is attached to either the motorman or conductor.

Death of Two Year Old Child.

Master Curtis Renn, son of Mrs. Alice Renn, died at the home of his mother, near the graded school building, West Durham, this morning about 3 o'clock. Pneumonia was the cause of his death. The child had been ill for several days and death was expected. The funeral and burial will take place tomorrow, the body being laid to rest at McMannen's chapel, west of West Durham.

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