

JUDGES UNFAIR TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sentences Are Imposed and Then the Chief Executive Appealed to For Pardons.

Governor Glenn devoted some time yesterday to the consideration of a number of applications for pardons, but made no announcement of any action in either of them. In conversation with a number of gentlemen he declared that he feels very much vexed at the course that is being pursued by a number of superior court judges in that they will preside over the courts and pass judgments on prisoners convicted, sentence them to terms in the penitentiary or on the public roads, (often times to good long terms) and then a few months later write long and beseeching letters to the governor asking that the prisoner be pardoned. The governor says that is not treating the governor of the state right. If the sentence is too severe it ought never to have been imposed, and he is anxious that the judiciary of the state will change this manner of procedure and impose only such sentences as should stand for the full service of the term and not appeal for executive clemency to undo sentences they have imposed. It took seven years for the colonies to get from under the heel of King George and he wanted the farmers to fight even if it took seventy years to overthrow King Bear.—Raleigh Post.

Resurrection in Richmond County.

Laurinburg correspondent of the Charlotte Observer writes the following interesting article to his paper:

"Appropos the death of Senator Rowell Hawley, of Connecticut, on yesterday, there is an interesting story being told here to the effect that his mother was supposed to have been dead once and was buried, and that after her burial some robbers went to her grave, dug her up and were helping themselves to her jewelry, when one of them, in taking a ring from her finger, caused her to have a conscious spell and they discovered that she was not dead. In their fright they left her and some neighbors in passing discovered her condition and took her to her home. It was after this that young Joseph Hawley was born. The old Stearville plantation on which the Senator was born is now owned by Mr. Henry W. Malloy, of Wilmington, a son-in-law of Squire Peter McRae, of this place. Our older citizens give the above story as authentic."

That such an occurrence really happened is not to be doubted, but Mrs. Hawley was not the lady who figured in it. The above peculiar circumstances attended the supposed death and burial of a Mrs. Lindsay, and the child afterwards born was ordained a Presbyterian minister. This occurrence was many years previous to Senator Hawley's birth.—Laurinburg Exchange.

Chain Gang is Peonage.

Augusta, Ga., April 5.—The Federal grand jury today, in a special report, endorsed Judge Emory Speer's views on peonage, which were recently expressed in his charge to the grand jury in the United States court at Savannah. Judge Speer in discussing the peonage question spoke of the men condemned to the chain gang for violation of petty municipal ordinances, he added:

"For myself I do not hesitate to declare that enforced labor on a local chain gang imposed under such circumstances for any offense not amounting to crime, involuntary servitude and peonage in the light of the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, no matter what the State law or municipal ordinance on the subject may be."

F. G. Dayton, the linotype operator at the Sun office, has resigned his position and left for his home in Schenectady, N. Y.

An Unfortunate Contention.

North Carolina soldiers were not modest and retiring when fighting was needed to be done; why should they be modest and retiring now?—Raleigh Post.

It is because of this "modest and retiring" nature of the people of North Carolina that she does not stand higher among the states in the union, or rather because her people have been careless and indifferent to the state's reputation. In recent years they have been spurred to greater interest in wresting her past from the oblivion to which it has been relegated; through the lack of energy to strive to place her where she belongs. We have just begun to feel and to let the world know that our state is not "just a strip of land between two states."

When it was decided to place that legend on the monument to be raised at Appomattox all the people applauded. It would be a testimonial for all time to come of what North Carolina soldiers did for the cause of the Confederacy. If the legend is true, and the people of the state claim that facts prove its truth, then it should be placed on the monument, let object who may. Those who do not wish to believe it are not forced to do so simply because it is carved on a marble shaft.

We are sorry to see that a good many North Carolinians are now expressing opposition to the inscription remaining upon the monument—advocating its obliteration and some other substituted. They take this position not because legend is untrue, but through fear of offending some who took part in these battles. They should have thought of this earlier—before the monument was erected and the inscription engraved upon it.

If this inscription is to become a source of contention among our own people at this late day it would be better to let the whole matter drop—to take down the monument and have no testimonial to the valor and heroism of our soldiers upon these battlefields and let pass unchallenged the contention of those who claim the honors without having won them. If we claim that North Carolina troops were the first at Bethel, farthest at Gettysburg and Chickamauga and last at Appomattox we should not hesitate to make that declaration as public and as pronounced as historian's pen or sculptor's chisel can make it.—Wilmington Messenger.

Conscience.

Rev. Dr. J. P. McFerrin, one of the oldest and most eloquent divines of the Southern Methodist church, says the Charlotte Chronicle, delivered a sermon in Nashville, last Tuesday evening, on "Conscience." Dr. McFerrin said:

"A guilty conscience will not allow a man to think coolly on any subject, or to reach a conclusion. Its presence is ever felt and it follows one like a grim shadow. The lesson I have read is concerning Herod.

"He was known throughout Palestine for cruelty, and especially for his antipathy to the Christ, whom he supposed would usurp his throne.

"He had killed John the Baptist over the whim of a woman, while feasting in his palace, yet the deed weighed on his mind, and kept an impress there that could not be shaken off. Conscience has the power to disturb the King in his palace feasting and attract the attention of his nobles.

"Some people live their whole lives through with an ever-present dread lest their sins find them out and they be exposed. Some go down to their grave bearing with them the conscientiousness of evil, which they have borne in their hearts through the passing years. I would dread to face God and eternity with a guilty conscience."

Appomattox.

Today at Appomattox was unveiled a monument designed to perpetuate the deeds of the North Carolina soldiers in the civil war, which was brought to a close there forty years ago. The carved stone tells what manner of soldiers they were. As to North Carolina's claims that her soldiers were last at Appomattox, it might not be inappropriate here to copy four reasons in substantiation given by Major Henry A. London:

"1. A North Carolinian, Major General Bryan Grimes planned the last battle fought there and commanded the infantry engaged therein, the greater part of which were North Carolina troops.

"2. A North Carolina brigade, commanded by General W. R. Cox, made the last volley of any organized body of Confederates immediately proceeding the surrender.

"3. A detachment of North Carolina troops from the Fourth and Fourteenth Regiments did the last fighting of any infantry after the withdrawal of the main body of the infantry.

"4. North Carolina troops (Roberts' brigade of cavalry) captured the last cannon that were captured by the Army of Northern Virginia."

The fighting there, too, was done when North Carolinians knew their cause was lost. "Those Confederate soldiers who fought at Appomattox," Major London says, "deserve more credit than those who fought in any other battle of the war. During the first half of the war the South was confident of success, and until the last campaign there was hope of success. This confidence and hope cheered and encouraged our soldiers, but when Richmond and Petersburg had fallen and the 'thin gray line' had reached Appomattox all hope had fled. And yet that feeble remnant of what had been the grandest army that ever shook a continent with its tread, after all hope was gone, fought as gallantly at Appomattox as at Manassas."

It is well to honor the memory and perpetuate the deeds of such soldiers as these—none better has the world ever seen. And it should be a matter of pride that North Carolina is the first Southern state to erect there a memorial to her troops.—Charlotte News.

An Absent Minded Drummer.

"Do you see that dignified person walking across the office with this satisfied expression spread over his face?" remarked Chief Clerk McDormott at the St. Francis Hotel last evening. "He travels for one of the biggest concerns in Michigan and is the most forgetful man on the road. He is so absent-minded that he loses his watch or his pocket-book about every day in the week, but always gets it back again. He was working the small towns over in San Joaquin the other day and his train hit Lathrop at the noon hour. He had 10 minutes for lunch, so he climbed up on a stool, placed his watch in front of him on the counter so he would not eat overtime, and when his time was up rushed out and caught his train. When he reached Modesto he missed his watch. He couldn't get back to Lathrop until 5 o'clock the following morning. Arriving there at that hour, he dashed madly into the lunch room and asked for his watch. They found it where he had left it on the lunch counter, covered by a pile of doughnuts. Lucky fellow that."—San Francisco Chronicle.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Statesville Landmark says that, "Speaking of 'clope' (for crept), 'drug' (for dragged), 'clunt' (for cleaned), etc., a subscriber writes the Charlotte Observer to know about 'skunt.' 'Skunt' is good and more common than some of those mentioned; and 'clumb' (for climbed) is all right, too."

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