

PROHIBITION SUPPORTS THE LAW Governor Kitchin Answers Prohibition Critic

GREAT BENEFIT TO STATE Business in This State is Sound and Progressive as in Any Adjoining State—Prohibition Has Not Demoralized Labor—Prohibition Sentiment Now Stronger and Stronger Than Heretofore

Governor Kitchin, in an open letter to Ray W. Oliver, of Florence, S. C., condemns an interview published in a paper of that town which criticizes the North Carolina prohibition law. A few days ago Governor Kitchin received a letter from Mr. Oliver with the newspaper clipping enclosed, and the Governor's answer to the critic is contained in his reply to Mr. Oliver. The letter from Mr. Oliver was as follows:

"Florence, S. C., June 22, 1909. "Hon. W. W. Kitchin, Raleigh, N. C. "Dear Sir:—The enclosed clipping from 'Florence Daily Times' of yesterday states that prohibition in North Carolina is not only a failure but the cause of serious economic disturbances. Will you kindly advise me as to the truth of the charges that (1) business is demoralized by reason of prohibition; (2) labor is demoralized, and 'all the negroes' engaging in illicit liquor traffic; (3) the law is unsupported by public sentiment, and 'has worked for corruption and evil.' "Is it true that drunkenness is more common and prevalent in the State than formerly? "Is it true that in any considerable portion of the State more money is expended for liquor and more liquor consumed than was the case when saloons were legalized? A North Carolinian, by birth and residence until ten years ago—and a life-long foe of the liquor traffic—would be deeply interested in this matter, and the more so as we are to settle this question in Florence this summer. "Hoping you will pardon this intrusion and demand upon your time and patience, and begging a speedy reply. "Sincerely yours, "WILL B. OLIVER, "Pastor First Baptist Church."

The Governor's Reply. Governor Kitchin's answer was as follows: "State of North Carolina, "Executive Department, "Raleigh, June 26, 1909. "Rev. W. B. Oliver, Florence, S. C. "Dear Sir:—The clipping which you enclosed is not correct, but is grossly misleading as to the general results of prohibition in our State. It may be that the gentleman named in it is incorrectly quoted. I am not personally familiar with the situation in Goldsboro, but one of the best citizens of that town says that under prohibition order and sobriety have prominently improved, and that the report mentioned in the clipping does Goldsboro a grave injustice. "Business in this State is as sound and progressive as in any adjoining State. Prohibition has not demoralized labor. It is true that some negroes and some white men, too, as for that, are violating the prohibition law, and our courts are constantly sending them to the roads for it. Considering the profits the violations are not beyond what prohibitionists expected. The law is supported by public sentiment, and is a great benefit to the State, though of course there are many good citizens who opposed prohibition, and who still doubt its efficacy and wisdom. It is, however, doubtless working well and has satisfactorily in this State as in any State in the Union. It has not worked corruption and evil, though some men have engaged in corruption and evil under it. It never made a good man a bad one. It is no more true that drunkenness is more common and prevalent than before prohibition. In my judgment there is not a county in the State that is spending as much money for saloons as before prohibition. There is not the slightest probability that the next Legislature will repeal the law. I think the prohibition sentiment is sounder and stronger than heretofore. "With best wishes, "Yours truly, "W. W. KITCHIN, "Governor."

The False Interview. The following is the newspaper clipping which Mr. Oliver sent the Governor: "Mr. James M. Allen, Jr., is in the city to see his brothers from New York and from the army. Mr. Allen says that if any one wants to know what prohibition is really they should visit North Carolina now and see the practical workings and the demoralization of labor and business from the blind tigers in spite of the Pinkerton detectives that are employed to run them to earth. Labor is demoralized because all the negroes can make more money as blind tigers than by honest work, and wages are too high even if one can get a man or woman to work. "He says that there is more drunkenness on the streets now than he ever saw in Goldsboro before, and that the same is true of other towns in the State. The jug trains and express company are doing a big business. Sixty-five gallons of liquor in one day was counted a dull shipment for Goldsboro, and more money is going out of the community now for liquor than ever before. "Mr. Allen says he is and has always been an advocate of prohibition, but that he is convinced now that the passage of such a law unsupported by the real sentiment of the people, has worked for corruption and evil. He thinks likely that the State

Legislature may repeal it next time and give the people local option as they had before, and under which temperance seemed to be advancing.

MUST GO TO TRIAL Pathetic Case of an Old Woman Seventy Years of Age in the Criminal Insane Department. Messrs. R. L. Huffman and R. T. V. Riddle, of Morganton, were in the city yesterday, callers at the office of Governor Kitchin to petition for the pardon of Susan Halle, a seventy-year-old white woman and Duie Lusk, a nineteen-year-old white boy. The woman has been in the criminal insane department of the penitentiary four years, and the petitioners believe she has recovered her sanity, upon this ground asking that she be released to return to her people. The Governor has no power to act in a case of this character, as the constitution empowers him to grant a pardon only after conviction. The woman was charged with arson, having set fire, it was alleged, to a barn, but being adjudged insane, was not tried. The only way in which the woman's release may be attained is for her to be adjudged to have recovered her sanity, then through a trial, which would either result in an open avenue for executive clemency. Lusk was sentenced to six years for horse-stealing and has served one and a quarter years. The Governor has taken the application for Lusk's pardon under advisement.

MAUD KELLY MAY SUBMIT INTIMATED THAT SHE WILL NOT RESIST CHARGES AGAINST HER.

It was stated yesterday on good authority that Maud Kelly, the white woman arrested in Rocky Mount and brought here to stand trial on the same charge as that on which the negro hack driver William Jones was convicted and sentenced to eighteen months on the public roads, would submit and not go to trial. This news caused considerable interest, and it was learned shortly afterwards that the woman had sent a police officer there after money. She asserted that this money would come from friends whom she had at Wilson or Rocky Mount. Who these "friends" are was not divulged. Shortly after the despatch of the officer for the money, she telephoned to the woman had a consultation with one of her attorneys, Col. J. C. L. Harris. Maud Kelly has talked a great deal since being in confinement in the police station, and declares that it should go on the witness stand her testimony would involve others. She says others are as guilty as she. The police say there are other women of public accommodation in the red light district who have engaged in the same crime for which the negro Jones was convicted and the Kelly woman is to be tried tomorrow morning, and they are determined to bring down the arm of the law upon such criminal practices. It is probable that other arrests will be made at an early day. Denies Sending Message. Major H. L. Grant, through his attorneys, Messrs. Holding and Aycock at Winston, yesterday denied that he had sent any message to the Kelly woman since her arrest, either directly or indirectly.

MAY RE-ESTABLISH HERE SEABOARD AIR LINE DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

The re-establishment of these offices here would turn loose in Raleigh each month between three and five thousand dollars. Division Superintendent Shea would bring with him all the dispatchers, clerks, train masters, road masters, etc., and it would be their personal advantage as well as to the advantage of the city for them to be in Raleigh. It is said that the railway is not specially benefited by their being in Hamlet, and that their inducement and interest on the part of the merchants and the Chamber of Commerce would result in the removal of the division offices back to Raleigh.

DEATH OF CAPT. W. J. LONG. Died Thursday Morning—Was a Prominent Citizen of Harnett County.

Capt. W. J. Long, a prominent citizen of Harnett county, died Thursday morning at 4 o'clock, after a long life of usefulness in church and State. He was the beloved captain in the Confederate army of company "C," 31st regiment of North Carolina. Hope's division, Clingman's brigade. He was a loyal Mason and was active in his order until old age and ill health deprived him of the opportunity to be present at the regular meetings. He belonged to Bule's Creek lodge No. 502, and was formerly of George Washington Lodge. Captain Long was an active member of Pleasant Union Christian church, near Lillington, of which he was the senior deacon and church clerk for a period of forty-six years. He was always at his post attending all the regular appointed meetings of his church and was loyal to all the enterprise of his church and its institutions. Early in life he married Miss Janet Bule Sexton, daughter of William and Mary Sexton. They would have been wedded fifty years, the 15th of next November. He was the father of ten children, seven of whom survive him with his devoted wife, Mrs. Janet Long. The children are: Mrs. J. C. Goodwin, wife of Dr. J. C. Goodwin, of Dunn; J. D. Long, W. S. Long, A. M. Long, A. Long, of Greensboro; G. H. Long and Mrs. L. F. Johnson, wife of Rev. L. F. Johnson, Raleigh. He died at the age of 75 years. His life was full of faithful service, and his work was a labor of love and sacrifice for his home, his country and his church. The funeral was conducted Friday afternoon from Pleasant Union Christian church, by Rev. J. D. Wicker, pastor, assisted by the Masons, and the body was put to rest in the old family burying grounds, near the church. Sweet be the sleep of a pious citizen, a good soldier, a loving and faithful husband and father.

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Governor Kitchin yesterday granted pardons to J. W. Morris, of Buncombe, and Carter Whaley, of Mitchell. Morris was convicted at the April term, 1909, of Buncombe court, of defrauding a boarding-house keeper, and sentenced to four months on the roads. In granting the pardon the Governor says: "Pardoned on condition that he pay the board bill, and costs mentioned in the record, together amounting to \$28.84. This action is according to prisoner's petition, prisoner having served about one-half of his sentence. The judge proposed to suspend judgment on above condition, but the prisoner was not then able to raise the money." Carter Whaley was convicted of larceny, and sentenced to two years on the roads at the July term, 1908, of Mitchell court. Governor Kitchin gives as his reason for exercising clemency: "Both the judge and solicitor and many citizens ask for prisoner's pardon on account of his physical condition alone. Prisoner is an epileptic, totally unable to work, has been confined in jail for about one year, as he could not stay on the roads, is hardly able to walk across his cell, and the county physician says confinement is detrimental to his condition. "Pardoned on condition of good behavior."

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THE MEMORIAL GATEWAY STANDS AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CONFEDERATE CEMETERY.

Was Placed There by the Ladies' Memorial Association, Who Care for and Protect the Sacred Plot on Which Are Buried Confederate Soldiers from Eleven States. The Wake County Memorial Association was organized on May 23, 1866, and received by deed from the late Henry Mordecai, a plot of land in the eastern part of the city, then a wild, unclaimed woods, now a part of the beautiful Oakwood cemetery. From that time up to the present the plot has been in the tender care of the Association. Four years ago an appeal was made to the Legislature by the ladies of the Memorial Association, in which they asked that body to assist them in their noble work of beautifying and protecting the plot on which are buried the Confederate dead. The ladies felt sure that when it was known that they were caring for the dead from eleven States as well as those from the Confederate navy, and those from the Soldiers' Home, they would receive the appropriation asked for. The committee to whom the bill was referred and the Legislature voted unanimously to appropriate \$250 for the first two years, annually, and \$200 annually for the two years following. The suggestion was made by several who favored and worked for this appropriation that a part of the amount be donated for an entrance gate on which should be chiseled in granite an index to the sacred precinct of the Dead. A meeting of the Ladies' Memorial Association was called and resolutions passed giving an order for the massive and elegant gate which adorns the entrance to the Confederate cemetery—three columns of North Carolina granite and the gate itself, a beautifully wrought work in iron, on which is inscribed in gold letters, "Confederate Cemetery." On the right column is inscribed the following inscription: "Our Confederate Dead 930 from North Carolina, Arkansas, Virginia, Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Florida, Tennessee, Texas, Confederate Navy 1909."

The left column bears the following inscription: "Ladies' Memorial Association Organized May 23, 1866." It is the purpose of the ladies of the Memorial Association to have placed on the top of each granite post a pyramid of cannon balls. A head stone has been placed at the grave of every soldier buried in the Confederate cemetery, each stone bearing on it a number which corresponds to that in the record book deposited in the office of the State Auditor. The gate at the entrance of the Con-

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