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BUTLER McDOWELL, LIFE TERMER, GETS PARDON AT LAST

Butler McDowell, of McDowell county, who for ten years has been facing the future of a lifetime behind prison walls, was granted a conditional pardon by Governor Craig yesterday. The man was convicted of murder in the first degree at a special term of McDowell county court in July, 1907. But his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. Pardon was granted by Governor Craig as one of the last acts of his administration, on the condition that the pardoned man be a good citizen and obey the law.

Granting the pardon, Governor Craig says: "This prisoner was sixteen years old at the time that he committed the crime. He has been in prison almost ten years. The homicide resulted from a sudden quarrel. The prisoner had no malice toward the deceased. His brother-in-law, who was a mature man, got into the quarrel and the fight during which the prisoner shot the deceased with an old worn-out pistol. He was at the time under the influence of some drug or whiskey procured in company with his brother-in-law, and evidently did not realize what he was doing. Mr. D. E. Hudgins, who represented the private prosecution, recommends the pardon on account of the youth and the intoxication of the prisoner. He deserved and has received severe punishment. This homicide was in a passenger coach used by negroes. On these public conveyances the law should be rigidly enforced, but considering all the circumstances, the exceptionally good record of the prisoner, his abnormal condition and his youth, he has been sufficiently punished."

W. C. T. U. WILL GIVE BUFFET, LUNCHEON NEXT MONDAY.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union of this city will give a buffet luncheon at the Y. M. C. A. Monday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 o'clock complementary to the visiting delegates to the Anti-Saloon Convention. Plans for the luncheon were discussed at a meeting in the parlor of the Y. M. C. A.

TRINITY STUDENT INVITED TO SPEAK

Will Argue Against Compulsory Military Training Saturday in Washington

COURT GRANTS DIVORCE

Mrs. Anna Gribble Umstead Freed From Marital Vows. Contract Let For Roxboro's New Postoffice; Bahama Depot To Be Enlarged; County To Retire School Bonds

News and Observer Bureau First National Bank Building. By S. R. WINTERS.

Durham, Jan. 10.—Rufus H. Shelton, of Asheville, a member of the senior class of Trinity College, received a telegram today from New York city requesting him to appear before the Senate Military Affairs Committee in Washington Saturday to make a speech against compulsory military training. The request was forwarded by E. R. Cheyne, organizing secretary of the Collegiate Anti-Militarism League. Mr. Shelton will comply with the request.

Mrs. Anna Gribble Umstead, wife of E. Travis Umstead, was granted absolute divorce from her husband in Durham Superior court on statutory grounds. Mr. Umstead is a fugitive from justice, having fled from Hopewell, Virginia, with the charge of check-forgery hanging over him. His whereabouts are unknown and consequently no contest was offered in the divorce proceedings. He comes of one of the leading Durham county families. Robert Gault, counsel for Mrs. Umstead, presented her claims for separation. She is living with her parents in Fostoria, Ohio. C. A. Gribble was formerly a proprietor of a Durham drug store and manager of the Durham County Fair.

Contract for Roxboro Postoffice. The job for the erection of Roxboro's new postoffice has been let to a firm of Durham contractors. The contract entails the expenditure of approximately \$20,000 and the building is to replace the one razed by fire. The structure will be completed by May 1.

Bahama's New Depot. A. W. Tilley of Bahama brought to Durham an encouraging bit of "booming" news this afternoon under way in his healthy village. The Norfolk and Western Railway has authorized an expenditure of \$500 in annexing three rooms of the Bahama depot and the siding for marketing farm and mill products will be extended.

Malbourne Hotel Porter Liqueur Charge. Orrin Whitted, head porter of the Malbourne Hotel, has been jailed under a \$1,000 bond charged with being implicated with the importation of whiskey into Durham. N. E. Hargett, the negro undertaker who was arrested on the identical indictment, "squealed" on Whitted and the two will sense the meaning of the proverbial saying, "misery loves company." Hargett is charged with using baggage checks and express receipts in putting his goods over. A trunk was seized containing 54 pints and the baggage checks and express receipts were among the spoils on his person. The trial comes up tomorrow morning.

LOUISBURG PAYS BICKETT TRIBUTE

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Bickett's administration the State would make great strides. Senator G. A. Holderness, of Edgecombe, said that he felt like he was talking at his own funeral; they had planned just such an occasion as this for Edgecombe's favorite son but Franklin county would not allow it that way, but he assured Mr. Bickett that Edgecombe loves him as much as Franklin.

Hon. Stanley Winbourne said that North Carolina is the greatest State in the Union, according to every North Carolinian, and that Mr. Bickett would make the rest of the world think as we do about it. He assured the Loureburg people that it would be a long time before Mr. Bickett would come back

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Hon. T. W. Bickett Will Receive Oath of Office at Noon

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State administration and the beginning of another, it does not bring new figures into State official circles. Attorney General James S. Manning is the only one who really enters the official family, for with the same act by which he assumes the governorship, Governor-elect Bickett lays down his title of Attorney General. All the other State officers sworn in today are re-election.

Inaugural Committee Leaves.

Yesterday afternoon the inaugural committee composed of Chairman J. Ed. Pegram, Senators Person, Holderness, Seales, Representatives Newell, Roberts, Winborne, Holding and Beasley left for Louisburg where last night they attended a banquet given by citizens of Louisburg in honor of Governor-elect Bickett. Today they will form an escort for Governor-elect Bickett on his special train to Raleigh.

When the Governor's special arrives the Governor will be welcomed by a committee as follows from the Chamber of Commerce: Messrs. John A. Park, A. A. Thompson, E. E. Britton, C. E. Johnson, N. C. Duncan, Ed. Chambers, J. Crawford Biggs, R. W. Winston, W. W. Kitchin, W. C. Riddick, J. F. Ferrall, W. B. Jones and A. T. Bowler; from the Rotary Club: Mr. W. S. Wilson, chairman, Messrs. R. S. Busbee, Jos. E. Pogue, W. A. Wilbers, B. H. Griffin, Geo. J. Ramsey, H. H. Carr, Clarence A. Johnson, E. R. Crow, J. R. Chamberlain and J. C. Allison. Wives of the members of both committees are invited to meet at the hotel and to attend the inaugural ceremonies and also the luncheon to be given at the Mansion.

A committee of ladies, of which Mrs. C. M. Busbee is chairman, will meet Mrs. Bickett at the depot and escort her to the Yarrowburgh Hotel. The committee is composed of the following ladies: Mrs. C. M. Busbee, chairman, Mrs. J. Crawford Biggs, Mrs. W. S. Wilson, Mrs. Alfred Maupin, Mrs. W. E. Shipp, Mrs. Clarence Johnson, Mrs. William Bailey, Mrs. Chas. E. Johnson, Mrs. A. A. Thompson, Mrs. James H. Pou, Mrs. S. F. Telfair, Mrs. Edward Chambers Smith, Mrs. B. H. Griffin, Mrs. J. W. Bailey, Mrs. J. T. Farrish, Mrs. James S. Manning.

Governor's Escort.

The escort to the Governor under the direction of Brigadier General Laurence W. Young, assisted by Col. L. B. Bristol and Maj. J. A. Turner, R. W. Winston, Jr., Elmer Long, J. H. Boushal, will be formed in the following order:

- (a) A. and M. cadets, commanded by Captain Broadhurst.
- (b) Governor Bickett and party.
- (c) Legislative Committee.
- (d) Chambers of Commerce of Raleigh and Durham.
- (e) Rotary Clubs of Raleigh and Durham.
- (f) Other civic organizations and distinguished citizens.

The procession will move via South Dawson, Hillsboro, Salisbury, Edenton and Blount streets to the Mansion. At the Mansion Governor Craig and staff and the following State officers-elect will join the escort: Lieutenant Governor O. Max Gardner, Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes, Auditor W. P. Wood, Treasurer B. R. Lacy, Superintendent J. V. Joyner, Attorney General James S. Manning, Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman, Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham, Corporation Commissioner W. T. Lee, Insurance Commissioner James R. Young, and proceeded to the Yarrowburgh Hotel via Blount, Edenton, Wilmington and Fayetteville streets.

With the front seats on the main floor of the auditorium reserved for the members of the legislature, Governor-elect Bickett will receive the seal of State from Governor Locke Craig at noon. Thereupon Governor Bickett will take the oath of office administered by Chief Justice Walter Clark. From every indication the auditorium will be well filled. Immediately after Governor Bickett's inaugural address, the State officers, legislative committee and Governor's party will review the A. and M. battalion from a balcony of the Yarrowburgh Hotel.

Luncheon at 2 O'clock.

A luncheon will be served at the Governor's Mansion at 2 o'clock by the legislative committee, the refreshments being served by Woman's Club under the direction of Mrs. Howard Thomas.

Those attending will be as follows: The Governor, his staff, State officers, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chief Justice and Judges of the Supreme Court, the Joint Legislative Committee, the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, the Committee of the Rotary Club, also the wives of the members of above named parties; also the Central Ladies Committee, consisting of Mrs. C. M. Busbee, chairman, and Mrs. J. Crawford Biggs, Mrs. W. S. Wilson, Mrs. Alfred Maupin, Mrs. W. E. Shipp, Mrs. Clarence Johnson, Mrs. William Bailey, Mrs. Charles E. Johnson, Mrs. A. A. Thompson, Mrs. James H. Pou, Mrs. S. F. Telfair, Mrs. Ed. Chambers Smith, Mrs. B. H. Griffin, Mrs. J. W. Bailey, Mrs. J. T. Farrish, and their husbands, and other invited guests.

The Reception.

A public reception will be given at the mansion by the Legislative Committee at 8:30 p. m., to which the members of the General Assembly and the public generally are invited. Governor Bickett and State officers accompanied by their wives will compose the receiving line. A number of prominent ladies and gentlemen have been invited to assist in receiving at the mansion. They are: Mayor and Mrs. Jas. I. Johnson, Bishop and Mrs. Jos. B. Cheshire, Col. and Mrs. C. E. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Armistead Jones, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Thompson, Col. and Mrs. J. W. Hinesdale, Col. and Mrs. Benjamin Cameron, Dr. A. B. Hawkins, Miss Mattie Bailey, Mrs. F. H. Busbee, Mrs. C. M. Busbee, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Mahler, Mrs. T. W. Ashe, Gen. and Mrs. Everett, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Ray, Dr. and Mrs. Pittenger, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Telfair, Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Barber, Miss Dowd, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Root, Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Vass, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hillier, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Busbee, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Jones, Gov. and Mrs. W. W. Kitchin, Mrs. G. B. Aycock, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Strong, Miss Kate McKimmon, Mrs. L. W. Young, Miss Young, Gen. and Mrs. Boyster, Col. and Mrs. Peterson, Col. and Mrs. Hunt, Capt. and Mrs. Broadhurst, Capt. and Mrs. Pense, Maj. and Mrs. Grieg, Lt. London, Maj. and Mrs. Gordon Smith, Lt. and Mrs.

here to live for North Carolina needed him.

Hon. R. F. Beasley, of Union, the county of Mr. Bickett's nativity, told Mr. Bickett and those assembled together of the pride Union has in her distinguished son and the interest with which she has watched his career. She looks upon him as the parent does upon his child that is never expected to return, for he belongs to North Carolina henceforth and forever.

Hon. Gallatin Roberts, of Buncombe, said that ten years ago Mr. Bickett was known beyond the Blue Ridge mountains, but today was loved in Buncombe as he was in Franklin.

Mr. Holding, of Wake, said he came as a back woods speaker, but paid a brilliant tribute to Mr. Bickett's ability.

Hon. William Joyner, another member of the General Assembly, spoke of Mr. Bickett's memorable speech in Charlotte, seconding the nomination of Ashley Horne for Governor, as being the greatest speech he ever heard from mortal lips.

Mr. W. H. Yarrowburgh paid an eloquent tribute to Mr. Bickett and then Mr. Bickett himself spoke.

Mr. Bickett Speaks. In his reply to the many beautiful words of praise he said that he was realizing the dream of his boyhood. When a boy, he said, he read the story of Cincinnati being called from between the plow shares by the commissioners and ever since that time he had been looking up the road to see if the commissioners had turned the corner. The special committee that came up from Raleigh was the fulfillment of that dream and the realization of hope long deferred.

He spoke beautifully of Mrs. Bickett, saying that she had been the inspiration of his life. He spoke very tenderly of the time, twenty-two years ago, when he came here with only \$12.50 in his pocket but a head full of dreams. Four years later he won as his wife one of Franklin county's fairest daughters, Miss Frances Yarrowburgh. The special delegation will leave here tomorrow at 8:10 o'clock and will consist of near one thousand citizens.

HOWARD CORDES WILL MEET JONES IN FINALS

Pinehurst, Jan. 10.—Howard Cordes, of the Westwood Club, Cincinnati, and J. D. E. Jones, of the Agawam Club, Providence, qualified today for the finals tomorrow in the mid-winter tennis tournament here. Cordes sprung the surprise of the tourney by defeating Otto Solms of the West Side Club, New York, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4. Jones defeated Hugh Whitehead, of the Norfolk County Club, 6-1, 6-0.

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