SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 17, 1917.

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Investigation, Not Prosecution. At this point, Superintendent Mann

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addressed the committee warmly. "Mr. Chairman," he asked, "I w

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the man referred to, on the stand.

Dr. J. R. Rogers, physician at the

Warden S. J. Busbee took the stand.

Warden Enters DeniaL

ditions of which had been referred to

had 220 convicts working there and

On cross-examination by Representa-

five died in nine months.

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All Witnesses and Officials Are Agreed Is That Housing Superintendent Mann, he denied that it Arrangements On Both eritical attitude toward Mr. Busbee, the Farms Are Bad and Need Improving

When the legislative committee invesgation or a prosecution ?" He was in formed by Chairman Turner that it was tigating conditions at the State Prison Farm adjourned last night at 7:30 o'clock until 3 o'clock Wednesday after noon, it had to hear only a few remain ing witnesses to be introduced by Su-perintendent J. L. Mann in rebuttal of testimony brought before the committee. The testimony yesterday was largely of cumulative nature both for the prison management and against it During the morning, Superintendent Mann had presented numerous witnenses to testify to the character, hu manity and ability of Captain Rhem and Captain Christian besides other officials against whom adverse criticism has been brought. When the hearing closed for the day, after a two-hour morning session and four and a half hour afternoon session, Warden S. J. e and Captain Christian had been examined in their own behalf.

Thus far, the one point upon which all witnesses and officials agree, is that the housing arrangements on the farm bad. Captain Christian declared that to every legislative committee which has visited the Farm during his fifteen years of supervising there, he had recommended new quarters.

Captain J. J. Laughinghouse, former Superintendent of the Prison, in his testimony at the morning strongly advocated a pardon board, de claring that prisoners receiving pardon now are those with friends who have influence with the Governor. He stoutly denied, too, that convicts can be eff. ciently handled without corporal punishment.

Captain Laughinghouse was on the stand at 11 o'clock when the morning session closed and he concluded his testicularly as to his whipping. He testi led that 25 licks were the most he eve timony at the afternoon session beginadministered and he had been in the ning at three. service of the prison for 22 or 23 years having risen from the position of guard At the Whitney camp dangerous con-

Senator George Holderness, member of the Board of Directors of the Prison. when Solomon Shepherd, negro convict, was shot, repeated the statement he made at the board at the investigation which then occurred in which he held that the shooting of the negro when shackled, was nothing short of murder. He attributed the highest characters

tive Beasley he said he had made no study of prison systems of other States to Captain Rhem and Captain Christian, and worked along lines of his own ex but held that they have inherited a system that is far behind the advanced perience with prisoners. He did not understand exactly what the indeterminate sentence was, and was not in favor of some of the ideas that Warden hought of the day. He said that the attitude of the prison poard when he was a member was to make money Oshorne advanced. Following Warden Busbee's testimony

out of the farm, "I will confess," he said, "that when a number of witnesses were examined I was a member of the board, I was all of whom gave him an excellent character. They were Messrs. J. A. Briggs imbued with the idea that seems to J. Fleming, Thomas A. Partin, C. B. strike every man as soon as he becomes Edwards, Gilbert Crabtree and Mr. Row a memebr, that is to make as much money as possible out of the prison. land. Captain Christian Testifies. We found the quarters for the stock and the men at the prison farm run down, and the very first thing we did was to Captain C. N. Christian, supervisor of Farm No. 1 in detail, reviewed the cases

of whippings or shootings brought out erect a building for the stock." He added, however, that he favored in testimony against the prison management. The guard Whitfield, he said, this with the mental reservation that something should be done for the convicts later. him and the solicitor of the district was

He differed with Captain Laughing-house on the fitness of Warden Busbee

have heard a great many say that they have been well treated." He admitted that prisoners were whipped, but could not recall how many whipped during the year but tool were issue with other statements made dur ing the inquiry that employes of the prison are a low type of men. He did

not think the sleeping quarters for the prisoners were horrible. They are merely bad: He gave it as his opinion that about ten per cent of the prisoner used corporal punishment, but the per centage would be greater he thought if the fear of punishment were not present.

Mr. J. O. Applewhite, for twenty ears merchant of Tillery, told the comnittee that he had never known instances of cruelty or inhumanity to prisoners and that Captain Christian and Captain Rhem were kind and humane men.

Presents Signed Statement.

Mr. S. M. Gary, clerk of the court of Halifax county, proved a first-rate character witness for all prison employes involved, and declared that he knew of no better men in the State than Cap-tain Rhem and Captain Christian. He resented the committee with a paper, signed by prominent men in Halifax, endorsing this view. The paper reads: "We, the undersigned citizens of Hali-

an investigation, pure and simple. Superintendent Mann then stated that fax, having heard of the attack made it had come to his knowledge that there upon the supervisors of the State farm rasone witness, an erconvict, who had in this county, take great pleasure in not been called, although present, and stating that we and each of us know intimated that it was for the reason and have known the supervisors, Capt. C. N. Christian and Capt. C. J. Rhem, that Mr. Hinsdale had found out that he would testify to good treatment an for a number of years, and we know them to be gentlemen of the very high corded prisoners at the farm. Chair man Turner suggested that he was at est character and integrity. We have never heard from any one at any time he declined to call an ex-convict, wherethat either one was cruel and unkind upon Mr. Hinsdale put 8, W. Sparbeck to the prisoners. On the contrary, they have the reputation of being exemplary

The witness told of having seen con nanagers in every respect victs at the camp of Captain Christian The testimonial is signed by Walter ditching in cold water, up to their knees and some times hips in water, . Daniel, J. H. Brown, B. A. Pope, Fletcher H. Gregory, George Lewis, E. W. Hamel, W. V. Warren, W. F. Copwith the usual clothing, as a distance of quarter of a mile or more from quar edge, D. M. Campbell, R. L. Applewhite, A. Willeox, E. L. Vinson, R. L. Miller, ters. He told of the shooting of Mark Deans, testifying that Captain Chris Richards, D. C. Fenner, Elliott tian had condemned it. He had seen llerk, W. D. Willcox, C. H. Willcox, nine men whipped in one morning. For B, Bass, E. N. Sater, H. C. Houseem, himself, he had been well treated, but he considered the food inadequate, hous-I. G. Shaw, J. H. Fenner, H. S. Fenner, H. J. Burrell, F. F. Daniel, W. J. Ward, ing arrangements had and hours of work

E. Green, W. R. Smith, J. O. Drake, too long. He declared his belief, how ever, that whipping is essential as a R. L. Travis and E. C. Clark. Following this testimony Mr. Fitzpeaceable prisoners patrick, of Halifax, testified to the good character and standing of the super visors and denied that the prison em central prison here, told of physical ex-

ployes are men of low type. He was followed by Capt. J. J. Laughinghouse, aminations given prisoners when they are sent to prison before being trans ormer superintendent of the State ferred to the various camps, and then Prison. Declaring his faith in the supervisor at the farm. Captain Laughinghouse The warden denied generally all the mid: "I don't believe there are any vidence introduced against him, par

two men in the State who can take their places and perform the service to prisners and the State they are doing. He added his belief that they are in capable of being inhumane to prisoners. Wants Pardoning Board.

The former superintendent advocated he establishment of a pardoning board. in other testimony he testified that he "One change that would benefit more than anything else would be to take the pardoning power out of the hands of the Governor and put it in the hands of a pardoning board. Men who are pardoned now are those who have friends who in turn are friends of the Governor and can influence him to turn

them out." The abolition of capital punishment he held, would be the biggest mistake ever made and he said the record of every State in the Union which had

taken this step was against it. He told the committee that he had made about \$90,000 a year for the State including the permanent improvements out of the prison system during his ad-ministration and had spent \$60,000 on

the improvement of stables and installation of waterworks at the farm. The committee adjourned for lunch with Captain Laughinghouse still on the stand. At the resumption of the sit-

who shot a convict was discharged by ting he explained the birth of the mulatto child, referred to in preceding evi-

THE NEWS AND OBSERVER



Grier Measure Would Also **Regulate Employment** of Minors

When Representative Grier, of Iredell, introduced his bill entitled "An Act to Regulate the Hours of Employment of Females and Minors in Mercantile, Establishments," his fellow townsman, J. Paul Loonard, of Statesville, State secretary of the Merchants

Association, immediately sat up and took notice. Mr. Leon rd's primary object in making heudquarters in Raleigh during the session of the General Assembly is to conduct a campaign in the interest of the Garnishment and Home stend Exemption Amendment Bill, fathered by the Merchants Association, but he is also on the alert for other measures of especial interest to mercantile interests of the State, He loes not know just what the general attitude of the merchants will be to ward Mr. Grier's "nine-hour law for females and minors," but he desires that innsmuch as the bill affects thou sands of employees and employers in the State, it shall be published as a

natter of information. "The sentiment which has prompted Mr. Grier to introduce the bill," Mr. Leonard, "is very commendable but the question is whether its provis-

ions are practical, and not too far reaching. Mr. Grier is right much of humanitarian and wants to better th condition of the young manhood and womanhood of the State. particularly the working boys and girls, and he hopes that his bill will meet the ap proval of the merchants and others af ected. But this remains to be seen will probably begin receiving expres from merchants immediately sions after they read of the introduction of the bill.

The bill, which was introduced Wed readay, reads as follows:

Bill to Be Entitled "An Act to Regu late the Hours of Employment of Females and Minors in Mercantile Establishments.

Sec. 1. That no female, or minor inder fourteen years of age, shall be employed or permitted to work in any mercantile establishment, laundry, bak ry, hotel, restaurant, printing estab lishment, book bindery, theater, show house or place of amusement, more than nine hours in any one day, or more than fifty-four hours in any one week Provided that in cases of emergency in otels, and restaurants, females may work to a maximum of ten hours dur ing the twenty-four with their consent such females to be paid not less than double their regulate compensation for

such extra time. Bec. 2. No female under sixteen years of age shall be employed or permitted to work in, or in connection with, any of the establishments or occupations named in section one of this act before the hour of mix o'clock in the morning or after the hour of six o'clock in the vening of any one day.

Sec. 3. No female, or minor under fourteen years of age, shall be employd or permitted to work more than six hours continuously in any establishment, or occupation named in section one of this act, without an interval of at least one hour; except that such female, or minor under fourteen years of age, may be so employed for not more than six and one-half hours con tinuously, if such employment ends not later than half-past two o'clock in the afternoon, and if such female or minor is then dismissed for the remainder of the day.

egin his duties in North Carolina on perintendent, foreman or other agent of any such employer, who shall require He or permit any female, or minor mentioned in the foregoing section to vio-late the provisions of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon con

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Suits bought by our staff of more progressive manufacturers, their recent productions embodying every up-to-the-minute style point.

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Prices, as usual, are moderate. Many wonderful models are priced \$14.95, \$16.95, \$19.95 to \$24.95. A few very nifty models priced higher.



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requested to prosecute. He escaped into dence, and declared Captain Rhem was Virginia, however, and no action was not responsible for the conditions which and declared that had his resignation taken. He declared that Traywick's made it possible. The guard guilty as supervisor of a prison camp, during story of the guard who struck the his own service on the board, not been paralytic was his first information likewise declared his faith in the i made it possible. The guard guilty, he likewise declared his faith in the innocence of Mr. Brooks, steward, referred turned in, Mr. Busbee would have been concerning it. Gua Hall, who was shot to in connection with charges of im removed

Eulogize Manager

"For what cause !" asked Representa-

tive Beasley. "For his handling of the prisoners and for drunkenness allowed in the camp but some of them did not hear him. He there," he answered.

had no way of knowing, he said, that Sheriff J. A. House of Halifax appear ed before the committee to say the char-Calvin Meares, who died in the field, acters of Captain Rhem and Captain had been suffering with a leaking heart Christian are good. He expressed the opinion that the long handling of pris-Grady Davis, the mountain boy who was whipped, he declared, refused to

oners, even the whipping of them, would work. "I never was informed that I had broken the skin," he said. "It is not not tend to harden a man but to make him more lenient.

Mr. I. G. Shaw, R. F. D. carrier, from my intention to do this and I have Halifax to the State Farm had fine never punished a man who did not know words for the farm supervisors, treatthat he had broken a rule." Captain Christian testified that sev-enty-five per cent of the whippings were ment and care of convicts, and the absence of abuse of any kind. He testifled that he had seen Steward D. R. administered for violation of rules. He told of the sanitary arrangements Ball, under the influence of liquor, while of the camp, joined with others in conin the stockade on duty, but had never seen him incapacitated.

demning the living quarters and stated that for fifteen years, as supervisor of G. E. Burgwyn told the committee likewise of the good character of the the farm, he has been recommending supervisors and the fine management of the farm. He was asked by Mr. Hinsto legislative committees that suitable buildings be creeted. The witness dedale if he could explain why Captain scribed improvement of conditions by Rhem whipped 84 prisoners in a year installation of iron bunks in the sleep Captain Christian and a half and ing quarters, and agreed with a member of the committee that white and colored whipped 224, according to the records. He could not. prisoners might be separated in the use

Former Prisoner Testifics. H. L. Grant, former convict who was sent to the State Prison from Ashealways done through a sense of duty and the more he whips the more he dis ville for one year for embezzlement, told the committee that he did not em-

ploy a lawyer to fight his case but de-eided, when the charge was brought, simply to tell the court his story and if likes to have to whip. Testimony for the State Prison, all convicted to try prison life as a new experience. He found at Captain Christian's camp, according to his tes-timony, insufficient food, unhealthy conintroduced to show the high character of the prison management, particularly the quality of supervision exercised by Captain Christian and Captain Rhem of the State prison farms, consumed the two hours of the committee's sitting ditions, dusty blankets, one sheet most of the time, one towel during his entire term, and bugs floating about in pease merred for dinner. In addition, there was a general mixture of the races in yesterday morning. Without disent the management was lauded to the highest and the witnesses united in agree-ing that even if the State Prison system the scramble for place at the washing trough. He repeated the story of George flayder, already heard by the committee and declared he found nothing at the were changed to abolish corporal pun-ishment, the two men would be excelfarm tending to elevate a man, morally,

arm tending or physically. Owen Sesgrove, former guard of the man Prison, explained to the commit-The set ally, or physically. Oven Seegrove, former guard ed the se that he had been discharged recently y Warden Busbes becames Mr. Busbee ad been told by a prisoner he whipped hat Seagrove was going to help prose-use dhine when he got out. The former onerd denied this. He had heard War-en Busbes whip none ma. He gave im fifteen or twenty licks. It was the ustom, he said, after whipping, to lock he canvict in a dark cell. He declared hat the camp at Whitley was the worst he source aim mer work, free or not he continued. "On the other hand i he continued. "On the other hand i the continued. "On the other hand i he continued." tee that he had been discharged recently by Warden Busbes because Mr. Busbes had been told by a prisoner he whipped that Seagrove was going to help pros-cute him when he got out. The former guard denied this. He had heard War-den Busbes whip one man. He guve him fifteen or twenty licks. It was the sustom, he said, after whipping, to lock the convict in a dark cell. He declared that the same a Whitley was the woord

climbing over the stockade, he testified, was about to be whipped for attempt-

morality. Captain Laughinghouse then gave the ing to kill another negro with an axe. committee his version of the killing of Solomon Shepherd who was shot making He declared he had yelled to the guards not to shoot, when he saw it was Gus,

attempt to escape. Prior to the shoot the witness said, the negro had ing. made frequent attempts to inflict such injuries upon himself as would incapaci-

tate him for work. "He had often expressed his purpe either to escape or kill himself," Cap-tain Laughinghouse said. At the par-

ticular time of the shooting, he continued, the guard under whose supervi sion the negro was had also under his care fifteen others. To have chased Shepherd, even though he was shackled, when he ran off, would have meant that all or a number of the fifteen would have escaped. No other guard was near

There was nothing else to do, the wit-ness held but to shoot. "Everybody was glad the negro was rotten rid of," he concluded, "because e was an innate brute."

He paid tribute to the high disciplinarian qualifications of Warden B. J. Busbee and declared his appointment one of the best acts of the Oraig administration.

"I have already recommended to Govof the washing facilities. Captain Christian testified that he never got ernor Bickett that he be reappointed as warden of the State Prison," he declarmad when he whipped a convict, it was

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Deeds were filed yesterday to be re orded in the office of the register of leeds as follows:

R. Y. Penny to J. C. Carroll, 54 acres in Panther Branch township, for \$1,-308 Carey J. Hunter to Raleigh Cemetery

Association, property adjoining the cemetery, for \$308. Glenwood Land Company to Frank E. Thompson, five lots in "Glenwood,"

for \$100 and other considerations. W. T. Bocker to F. L. Stephens, trac of 41 seres, for \$100 and other con der tions

lent supervisors, especially fitted, by reason of their long service. "I don't believe there are two better D. F. Fort, Jr., and wife to Jesse

Parker, property on Jones street, for sind and other considerations. J. M. Broadwell to William Rears Mills, 60 scress in White Oak township, for \$400.

W. O. Biggs and wife to P. E. Glover, two tracts of about 35 acres, for \$3,000. W. B. Hobby to Virginia D. Mobby, tract of 125 acres, for \$10 and other

V. J. Batchelor and wife to J. M. Brondwell, tract of 16 scres, fof \$100 and other considerations.

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viction therefor shall be fined or imprisoned, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 5. That this act shall be in form and effect after the first day of April 1917.

COL. C. HUTCHINGS DIES AFTER LINGERING ILLNESS

Mr. Celdon Hutchings, familiarly known to his host of friends as "Col onel," died at 2 o'clock yesterday after neon in Bex Hospital where for the past ten weeks he had been undergoing

treatment following an operation. Mr. Hutchings was about 70 years old and a son of the late Col. C. W. D. Hutchings. He entered the Confeder ate army when 17 years old and attain ed the rank of lieutenant of Company

C. 47th North Carolina Regiment. served throughout the war and was alightly wounded at Reams' Station.

He loaves one daughter, Mrs. Harry Debnam, of Washington City, and one sister, Miss Narcissa Hutchings, of this eity. He is also survived by a brother, Mr. Ed. Hutchings, of Baltimore; two daughters-in-law, Mrs. Maxwell, of Norfolk, and Mrs. Hardaway Hatch, of

this city; four nephews, Mesars. Wal-ter, Pet, Garland and Ed. Tucker, of Raleigh, and two nieces, Mrs. Diehl, of Macon. Ga, and Mrs. Nice, of Baltimore.

His wife died shortly after he was taken to the hospital and he was never informed of her death.

He was commander of the L. O'B. Branch Camp of Confederate Veterans at the time of his death and was a member of Occoneechee Tribe No. 16 of Red Men. He was also an honorary member of Capital City Lodge of Odd rellows. With a pleasant greeting for all, he was popular in a very large de-gree and was perhaps more widely known among the people of this city than any other melešinan.

The body was carried to the residence of Mrs. Hatch in the Raleigh Apart-ment and the funeral services will be conducted at 3 o'clock Sunday afterreen from the Edenton Street Metho Line edentity The many pallimetres who officiated at his wife's funeral have been requested to act again. The in-terment will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Notice To Red Men. All Bed Men are requested to meet at their wigwam at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon to attend the funeral of their late brother, Mr. C. Hutchings, By order of:

W. T. DAVIS, Chief of B

bruary 20.

Mr. Moses has had considerable ex-Total for the month to date Deficiency for the month 1.17 perience in the promotion of pig clubs while county agent and this with his Deficiency since January 1st ectulcal knowledge of the swine industry should make him a valuable nember of the Agricultural Extension Service. The pig club work has grown to be one of the most satisfactory phases of the extension work in which the college and department is engaged. In 1915 768 boys and girls were en-rolled. In 1916 about 1,538 were en-

rolled. This shows a growth of over 100 per cent in the two years time.

WILL MAKE EPOCHAL

An epoch-making free-will offering. country-wide in its scope, will be made in Episcopal churches Sunday.

Every Episcopal congregation in the United States has been requested to make a supplementary collection on Quinquagesima Sunday, which is to be added to the larger subscriptions and He pledges already made out to the Church Pension Fund. A last final drive in the great campaign to raise five million dollars by March 1st is being carried on with increasing fervor.

Backed by the united support of all the church membership, male and female, final success seems assured.

Numerous pledges and subscriptions have been made in Baleigh, some covering a period of five years, and Sunday's collection, it is expected, day's collection. it is expected, will largely increase the part that should be raised by the local congregations. Every member will have an opportunity to share in this great united offering to-

norrow.

Itching, Terrifying Eczema? This Question Is Ever on the | ing the irritation, no matter how an bearable the itching and burning of the skin, S. S. S. will promptly reach the seat of the trouble and forever roat from the blood every trace of the discase, just as it has for others who have suffered as you have. This grand blood remedy has been used for more than fifty years, and you have only to give it a fair trial to be restored to perfect

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