A SERIOUS BLUNDER.

The homicide in No. 9, if such it is, or accident, if that, is deeply to be deplored. As to whether poor Hood is guilty or not the public will do well not to prejudge the case, but when the story involves a man that everybody thought was with the county chain gang the public have a right to inquire by whose authority a convict is receiving such lenience, that is, too, so nearly a reversal of the sentence passed by a high court. We have no disposition to rob Mort Petrea of a single pleasure in life, but if, engaging in violations of the law till in the interest of the peace and dignity of the State he is denied by its laws the freedom secured to all law abiding citizens he is deprived of the benefits of free citizenship in a State whose laws he defies, we do not see who has the right practically to nullify the verdict of court and unlock the shackels from off his feet and send him home on parole.

The act is without precedent, we believe, and marks a bad start from the new regime that seemed not to tire of unfounded criticisms of former administrations. An effort is made to say that it conforms to former usages. We have enquired and ex chairman of the board, J Dove, says no convict under his direction or with any knowledge of his was ever allowed to leave the guards save trusties and they were sent on business strictly and never on pleasure. It becomes a serious question and one vital to the interests of good government whether the courts or the executors of the courts mandates are to shape the punishments thought necessary to suppress violations of law.

We are not disposed to lay the responsibility of Honeycutt's death at the door of the author of this blunder that we believe was an error on the side of a good heartedness, for death is but the natural consequence of a drunken group, but this is the very evil which Petrea's sentence was intended to suppress and his release was calculated to promote and did promote to the effect of Honeycutt's death, the widow's and the orphans' bereavement and the anxiety and distress of Hood.

A CLEAN SWEEP.

Governor-elect Russell is reported as saying that no amount of sentimentalism is to prevent the Republicans and Populists from having all the appointments to positions within the State. Nothing more noble could be expected of course, but integrity and efficiency must give way when the spoils system comes along. That all our State institutions are to suffer the inconvenience, not to say the damage, of a change from those who have the work well in hand to those who must learn to adjust themselves to the work connected with these positions is not very pleasant to contemplate.

We freely admit that an administration should not be hampered by opposing policies near its centre, but where the policies represented by those elected to office are not involved there is no stimulus to improvement by change, rather the very opposite.

Changes in appointments except for purposes of improvement in service works a downward tendency and must lead to official spoliation rather than to official probity.

We repeat that nothing more noble could be expected from the source but surely North Carolina can do better than to foster the ignoble sentiment that public office is a public reward for partisan zeal.

MR. BRYAN'S LECTURE

Ever since it has been announced that Mr. Bryan would enter upon a lecturing tour people have been curious to know the subject of his lecture. In due time it was announced to be "The Ancient Landmarks." Then of course the question was, what will be the drift of the lecture. We clip from the report of the Southern Associated Press a synopsis of the lecture believing that our readers will receive much satisfaction therefrom.

Miss Pattie Stinson and Miss Cynthia Pharr, both of Charlotte, are visiting Mrs. Elam King. Miss Stinson is late of Colorado, where she lived for eight years prior to her recent return to Charlotte.

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CHINA GROVE ITEMS.

A Batch of Interesting News Items and Personals

Christmas has come and gone and many are the hearts that have been made glad for the fact that Santa Clause has slighted no one. The various churches in town and surrounding country have had most elegant trees all loaded with sacks of candy, oranges, etc.

The decorations at Mt. Zion were especially beautiful and we have no doubt but that Miss Grace Shullenberger, whose father is pastor of said church, had much to do with the designing. At our own church in China Grove we had no decorations, but 250 children, whose names are on the Sunday School books, were made happy with presents, both from the Sunday School and their respective teachers.

One of the best evidences of a town's progress is the attendance of the people at church and Sunday School and we are glad to note that China Grove is rapidly throwing off her old ways and putting on new. We have had one of the quietest Xmas' since the town has begun to grow, not even one drunken man was to be seen on our streets.

Dr. and Mrs. Stevens, of Enochville, and Rev. and Mrs. Miller, spent Xmas eve with Mrs. I Frank Patterson.

Miss Jennie Patterson, one of the teachers in the graded school at Concord, is at home spending the holidays with home folk. Miss Ella Belle Shirey, also one of Concord's teachers, accompanied her. Miss Shirey left Saturday evening for Salisbury to meet her sister.

Miss Carpenter, of Newton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Corriher.

Miss Belle Eddleman is visiting in Albemarle.

Rev. Leroy Deaton is visiting friends and relatives here.

Miss Jennie Cook, the highly accomplished music teacher at the Female Seminary at Mt. Pleasant, is visiting Misses Jennie and Bettie Patterson.

Rev. Wertz preached an excellent sermon last night at St. Mark's, and to add to the beauty of the services during the collection, Miss Cook sang a solo, "Flee As a Bird," which was most beautifully rendered to the delight of the large audience assembled.

Among the many nice presents on the Xmas tree was a monkey dangling upon a string for Rev. Wertz.

Messrs. Preston Sims and Guy Melchor have gone to Troutman's on a hunting expedition.

Mrs. Dr. Ramsaur will give a reception this evening, complimentary to the visiting young ladies of the town.

Miss Ethel Patterson attended the Xmas tree at Grace. "PHOEBE."

Dec. 28, '96.

A Rich Man.

They had just arrived in Brooklyn from the island. They walked across the great bridge. As they approached the New York side they stretched their necks and viewed the massive buildings.

"Oh, he must be rich," she ventured.

"Who?"

"The man who owns all those buildings."

"One man doesn't own them all."

"Oh, yes he does," she assured him.

"How do you know?" he asked.

"Because," she said "his name is on them."

"I guess that's so," he agreed as he looked up at a sky scraper. "Mr. Castoria must be pretty rich."—Printers' Ink.

An Oyster Supper at St. John's.

An oyster supper will be held at St. John's Grange hall on Friday night, Jan. 1st, '97. A good time is anticipated in which all are invited to be present and participate. The supper will doubtless be of a sumptuous nature, the socialabilities will be pleasing and profitable, the charges moderate and the entire proceeds will be appropriated to the uses of the St. John's church benevolent objects.

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Enochville Items.

Mr. Caleb Fisher and Miss Mary Kistler were married at the home of the groom in No. 5 township on Wednesday the 23d, Rev. V. R. Stickley officiating.

At St. Paul's E. L. church on the evening of the same day, Mr. J Frank Thompson led Miss Cordia Overcash to the hymenial altar, where Rev. V R Stickley pronounced the ceremony that made them husband and wife.

At Trinity E. L. church on Christmas day at 10 a. m., appropriate services were held and a collection for foreign missions was secured from the children's supply and the congregation amounting to $13.33. At 3 p. m., of the same day, at St. Enoch's church, a Christmas tree and suitable services formed a season of Christmas joy and gladness. A collection for foreign missions was also taken and amounted to $3.1.

On January the 5th at 2 o'clock p. m., in Trinity E. L. church, Mr. John A. Blackwelder and Miss D Essie Fisher will be united in marriage by Rev. V R Stickley.

Death of an Aged Lady.

A dispatch from Gastonia Monday morning announced the death, at Dallas, Gaston county, of Mrs. Susan Withers. She was in her 99th year. She was the grandmother of James P. Cook and Mrs. J M Harding, and great-grandmother of John M. Cook, of Clark Gibson's office.

We understand that Mrs. Withers was Gaston county's oldest lady and her death will be sorely felt by many more than those of any other person in the county.

Personal Items.

Miss Augusta Burkhardt and sister, were visiting Miss Bernhardt, last Sunday.

Mr. H Lentz Kestler is home from Catawba College spending Christmas with parents.

The work on the Lutheran parsonage is being rapidly pushed forward. We hope to see the building completed in an early day.

Mr. Clarence Walker, of Davidson, spent last Tuesday night at Nussman.

Mrs. Katie Crouse will move to Concord in the near future.

THE STANDARD is a welcome visitor, now. LENO.

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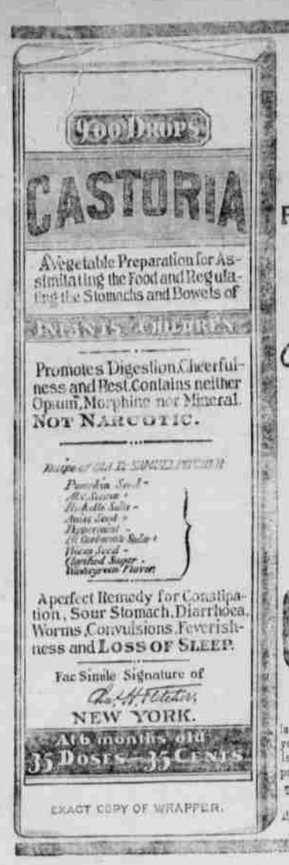

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