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FINE MANAGEMENT AT PENITENTIARY

Profits of Prison Labor in One Year Equal \$213,000

12 HAD DIED IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

Prisoners Fare Well Under Warden Sale's Splendid Management

Striped Clothes and Loss of Freedom Their Only Penalty

Written for the Democrat by Dr. R. Wood Brown.

"The way of the transgressor is hard." This may be true in the majority of cases, but there are many prisoners in the penitentiary at Raleigh who never before had so many comforts. The warden, Mr. T. P. Sale has made many improvements, which some of the inmates do not deserve. It seems to me as far as the Raleigh penitentiary is concerned, about the only punishment is wearing striped clothes and loss of liberty. The food, bed and bedding are excellent, the prison hygienically modern, clothing free, a certain sum of money when discharged, and all it costs the prisoners is their daily work and their liberty.

The building is three stories, brick, built in the shape of a T. The top of the T facing the interior of the prison yards is about 200 feet long. This top or cross bar of the T is used for prison cells, the men on one side and the women on the other. The upright part of the T is used for offices and living rooms for officials and guards. The cellar, opening into a court or corridor, are heavily barred, about 9 feet by 5 feet, and 10 feet high, very neat and scrupulously clean. The women eat in the corridor in front of their cells and the men in the regular dining-room. When Mr. Sale took charge he furnished earthen-ware dishes, so now the prisoners have attractive table ware instead of tin cups and plates.

There are at present 850 prisoners, but only 100 are in the penitentiary, 750 being farmed out or worked on the State farm. But more about this later.

MAINTENANCE 50 CENTS A DAY

During good behavior, the prisoners have the use of the yards on Saturday and get a rebate of 1 day out of every month, and \$7.20 per annum. Every month is given in total at the time of discharge. It costs 50 cents a day to maintain each convict, including clothing, food and guards. The most abjectly bodied men are sent to railroads for \$1.50 a day, the prison paying all the expenses of care and keeping direct control by guards.

The Raleigh penitentiary is modern in every respect, steam heat, electricity, electric lights and first-class sewerage. The library is well stocked with books, magazines and periodicals. Sunday school is held in the chapel, and there are forty minutes of preaching. The piano and organ are used in the chapel for concerts twice a month. There are separate wards for consumptives on the top floor for white and colored. The consumptives whom I saw will live longer under the prison regime, than they would outside the prison.

An innovation by Warden Sale was having laundry boxes for each convict. The convict's number is on his clothing and also on his laundry box. This insures the convict always wearing the same clothes, saves time and much discomfort.

All convicts are brought to the penitentiary, then are distributed as seen fit. When a convict is incapacitated or is sick he returns to prison, so the State prison is in reality a hospital for convicts, as out of 850 there are only 100 within the prison walls.

BEGIN WORK BY TIMES

In summer the convicts turn out for work at 5 a. m. in winter at 6 a. m. The cells are arranged like other prisons, three tiers, one above the other, the first tier on the floor level, and the other two having balconies. The interior of the cell houses are white, perfectly clean and sanitary. Mr. Sale has made an improvement in separating the criminally insane from the rest of the prison and prison yard. A large white fence gives these unfortunate a place to themselves where they are not easily observed.

THE ELECTRIC CHAIR

Having some personal knowledge of electricity this piece of mechanism was to me very interesting. The death chamber is about 20 feet square, the chair being located near the entrance. In front of the chair is a heavy iron gate which separates the jury and guests, while the room is illuminated by electricity. The electric chair (about the size of an ordinary large arm chair) is made of white-colored wood 3 inches square, firmly joined. On the lower round there are two semi-circular iron bands, not unlike the rowlock of a boat. The ankles are strapped into these bands. The right ankle is bare and is pressed against a copper plate, making one end of the electric circuit. The fore part of the arms of the chair have straps to bind the wrists, similar straps binding the elbows, and

CHICKEN-FATTENING PLANT FOR HICKORY

If the Poultry-Raisers Get Together it Can Be Done.

DEPART FROM OLD METHODS.

Mr. H. H. Pierce of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Here Investigating Conditions—He Thinks the Plan Will Work

Mr. W. J. Shuford informs the Democrat that Mr. H. H. Pierce, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, was in Hickory last Saturday. He was investigating the feasibility of establishing a chicken-fattening plant in this city.

Chickens are now shipped from this city in the same way as 20 years ago; there has been no improvement in the methods of marketing. If enough interest is shown by this section's chicken fanciers, Mr. Pierce will return with a cooling-car giving demonstrations of killing and dressing chickens properly.

Mr. Pierce thinks enough chickens could be procured within a radius of 50 miles to make the plant very successful. Any one interested in this matter can communicate personally or by letter with Mr. A. K. Joy, Secretary of the Hickory Chamber of Commerce.

COMMENT

A CHAT AT THE OBSERVER SIDE

The Charlotte Observer says: "We are inviting our friend, Dr. Howard A. Banks, of The Hickory Democrat, to draw up to the Side Table this morning for a little chat in the nature of a shop talk. In his paper this week he says he has been drawn under fire by several papers, by reason of his position in the senatorial contest. He names The Observer first in the list of these papers. Then he says: 'Wade Harris took a whirl at us in The Observer. He resorted to satire, and it was very good—regular New York Sun stuff. He said we 'fell to the pair,' meaning Judge Clark and Mr. Ward, and gave out the impression over the State that we had been suddenly converted by their speeches in Hickory. He asked with fine irony if we were not posing as the original Ward-for-Governor man. Perhaps so. We have better luck on being the original man than The Observer does. We were an original Wilson man. The Observer, we believe, was not. It is an unoriginal Wilson man now. We saw it when it climbed on the band wagon—Wade, Theo, and the Reverend kinder giving old man D. A. a boost. We are mighty glad it hopped up, too. Maybe it will 'another gain' as our baby would say. 'Two things in what Dr. Banks says we do not understand his reference to the boost of old man D. A., and the talk of his baby. We could not even venture a guess at the latter. We have too good an understanding of the probity of Banks' character and he has too good a personal knowledge of the character of Mr. Tompkins, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Klutz and this writer, to permit even a lurking suspicion that his expression could be construed into an insinuation that the three latter are capable of a resort to subserviency, or that the first named would countenance such on the part of a business associate or employee. Whatever Dr. Banks may have meant, we feel sure it would bear no such interpretation. His past association in The Observer office would not justify any such conclusion, yet we suspect there are those who will 'look at it in a light Dr. Banks surely did not mean.' Nothing delights us more than to sit at a side table with the Observer folks and we proceed to explain: Of course it is hard for an old man like Wade, whose fine children are all grown, to understand baby talk. We meant this: As the Observer had changed from opposition to support of Wilson, so perhaps it might someday change from opposition to support of Ward for Governor. If that should happen it would be time No. 2, or again, or 'another gain,' (which is our baby's way of putting on double emphasis) that had done the stunt of veering

VERMONT POINTS TO WILSON'S ELECTION

Little New-England State Always a Good Barometer

WILSON GOOD FOR 7,176,094

The Result in Vermont Shows That Roosevelt Has Disrupted His Party and Has Failed to Make an Impression on Democrats

In general terms it may be said that the Republicans of Vermont divided their vote thus: For the Taft party, six out of ten; for the Roosevelt party, three out of ten; for the Democratic party, one out of ten. We present herewith the vote of the State this year and in September, 1908, the only true basis of comparison:

Republican.....45,598
Democratic.....15,958
Total.....61,556

1912.....
Republican.....26,229
Democratic.....20,850
Progressive.....15,800
Total.....62,879

With the aggregate practically unchanged, the combined Republican vote this year amounts only to 41,900, showing that 3,698 Republicans probably voted the Democratic ticket, which exhibited a gain of 4,147, or 20 per cent. If the third party had not been in the field and the Progressives had united with the regulars, a manifest impossibility, the Republican plurality would have been 21,800, the smallest given at a September election in a Presidential year since the civil war, with the single exception of 1892, when a Republican plurality of only 19,702 overshadowed the landslide for Cleveland.

The Vermont result not only shows that Mr. Roosevelt has disrupted his party but that he has failed to make any impression upon the Democrats; that, on the contrary, he and Mr. Taft together have driven many Republicans into the ranks of the opposition, and that even in one of the strongest Republican States the new party is a poor third.

At the Presidential election in 1908 the Republicans polled 7,678,908 votes in the Nation and the Democrats 6,409,104. Assuming that, as in Vermont, one-tenth of the Republicans will vote for Wilson, six-tenths for Taft and three-tenths for Roosevelt, we have this forecast of the result in November, making no allowance for Democratic unity and enthusiasm or for a large increase in the number of voters.

Wilson.....7,176,904
Taft.....4,607,340
Roosevelt.....2,308,670

If we apply the test to various States, there are only three or four that Wilson would not be likely to carry. In most of them his plurality would be phenomenal.

serious-minded talk. For some of the others we care not a snap. The moon will shine on. The Observer will pursue its course of decency in politics—and Wilson will be elected."

We will try not to line up with the harpies or the cur-packs, if we are anywhere dangerously near there. And we want to assure the Observer people that we love them all, and Wade himself that he is making the paper nearer its old self than it has ever been since our old Boss Man folded his hands, and passed on.

Mrs. and Mrs. Ed Reinhardt, jr., of Lincoln, are at the home of Mrs. Reinhardt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Poly Hahn, The Reinhardts have a fine nine pound boy at their home.

Married at Brookford, Aug. 7, J. E. Downey and Jennie Jones and Clyde Bolick and Fannie Jones. N. A. Whitener Esq., officiating.

Abel A. Shuford Chapter of the U. D. C. will meet with Mrs. R. A. Grimes on September 9th, at five o'clock promptly.

Miss Lela Miller has been teaching in the Hickory graded school for the past five years, and last week resigned her work there to accept a splendid position in Summerland College for Women, Leesville, S. C., a new Lutheran college of high standard. She will teach Natural Science. The Democrat's good wishes follow her.

OPENING OF LENOIR COLLEGE

Dormitories Taxed at Opening of First Week

FACULTY RECITAL SEPT. 23rd.

The Teachers of the Department of Expression and Music Will Take Part—Miss Shultz, new Voice and Expression Teacher Highly Recommended

The fine talent and work of Miss Hallman, Director of our Music Department, are well known to the people of Hickory. All music-lovers will be delighted at having an opportunity to hear her again. She will give a recital at the College, Monday, Sept. 23rd at 8:15 o'clock.

Miss May Rhodes, assistant has achieved most excellent success as a pianist. Her graduating recital last May won the very highest praise from those competent to judge.

It is with special pleasure that we introduce to the lovers of music and expression of our town and vicinity Miss Esther Shultz of Pittsburg, Pa.; our teacher of Voice and Expression. She is without doubt one of the most gifted, most perfectly trained and successful of the teachers and entertainers that has come this way. She is a pupil of the noted teacher and entertainer Byron King, and with him she has achieved great success on the platform, at Chantauquas. A most delightful and enjoyable evening is assured. The people of Hickory and vicinity are most cordially invited to come out and see, hear and enjoy themselves.

Pittsburg, Pa., June 12, 1911. I have listened with great pleasure and profit to Miss Esther V. Shultz in some of her musical and literary renditions. Her work is strong, and powerfully impresses her hearers. I can cheerfully recommend her to any who may desire the services of a first-class entertainer.

Sincerely,
R. J. Love, Ph. D.

Pastor Good Hope United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburg, Pa.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 14, 1911

Miss Esther Shultz is unusually well equipped for the platform because of her ability both as reader and singer. She has an excellent repertoire of readings and possesses a splendid voice. Miss Shultz is also well prepared for teaching and is in all respects worthy of confidence and patronage.

Very truly,
Bertha Fuhrer,

Principal King's School of Oratory.

Lenoir College is in the midst of the best opening in her history

trite as the saying may be; 160 at the first chapel service, 200 at the end of the first week the dormitories taxed the second day.

The work of the school moved off like clock-work the first day—thanks to the week of solid preparatory work of the Faculty.

On Thursday evening the annual Informal Reception was held in the Auditorium and Society Halls. The feature of the evening was the address by the Rev. D. E. Snapp of Baltimore, Md. Mr. Snapp is an able and most interesting speaker. His address was most fitting and made a lasting impression on the students and all present.

On Sunday morning, in the College Church, Pastor John D. Mauney preached a special sermon before the students. Mr. Mauney is a great favorite with his people and the students, and his sermon was one of the best and strongest of the kind ever heard at the College.

Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 9th and 10th, the Rev. E. C. Cronk, General Secretary of the Southern Lutheran Laymen's Movement delivered several talks and addresses to the students and assisted the leaders in organizing the Mission Study Class Work. Mr. Cronk is one of the ablest and most successful workers along these lines in our country.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Charles H. Fletcher*

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

SEABOARDS THIRD ANNUAL EXCURSION

Florida, Jacksonville and Tampa, Tuesday, September 17th, 1912.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway will operate their annual excursion to Jacksonville and Tampa, Fla., on September 17th, the tickets good to return until September 24th inclusive. Pullman sleepers and high back day coaches, special train from Hamlet, passengers from point, east Hamlet use train 39 to Hamlet, taking special train at Hamlet. This is splendid opportunity to visit "The Land of Flowers," see the wonderful sights of the Sunny South, a visit to the Manatee country is well worth the trip alone. Tickets will be sold from all points on Seaboard, below find rates from a few points, all rates correspondingly low.

Jacksonville Tampa

Rutherfordton \$10.25 \$12.25

Shelby 9.00 11.00

Cherryville 9.50 11.50

Lincroft 8.50 10.50

Mount Holly 8.00 10.00

Charlotte 7.50 9.50

Monroe to Rockingham, Inc. 7.50 9.50

Wilmington to Laurinburg 7.50 9.50

Hamlet 7.00 9.00

Raleigh to Hoffman 7.50 9.50

These tickets are good returning on any regular train up to and reaching destination September 24th. Be sure and take advantage of this very low rate, the only one that will be offered this season. For further information and reservations see your nearest Agent or address the undersigned.

H. S. LEARD, JAMES KER, JR., D. P. A., Raleigh. T. P. A. Charlotte.

Married in Burke Co.

Married at the Henry River Mfg. Co., on last Saturday evening Miss Ruth Evans to Mr. Wallace Berry both of Icard Township II, A. Adams officiated at the marriage. A nice supper was enjoyed by those present.

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