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One Dollar a Year.

SHEMVEL PARTLY PARDONED

Man Who Drew a Pistol on Railroad Conductor Gets Sentence Much Lightened.

Baxter Shemwell, the prominent citizen of Lexington and all round bully, who drew two pistols on a Southern railway conductor to make him stop the train contrary to orders, and was sentenced to 5 months in jail, and whose sentence was stayed till April 1st, found mercy at the hands of Governor Kitchin, who changed the sentence to 5 days in jail and \$500 fine. After a lengthy review of the testimony and the history of the case, the Governor says: "About a month ago the prisoner's attorney came to me, saying a new application would be made. I told him in that case I desired to select some physician to examine the prisoner and was assured that the prisoner would permit any reputable physician to examine him at any time. I then named the county physician of Guilford and two most eminent physicians in Raleigh. In due time Shemwell appeared in Raleigh. "The two physicians selected by me declined to examine him. I then selected two other eminent physicians of this city. Upon the prisoner's presenting himself to them, he failed to secure an examination, although they were informed that the Governor desired it. While I was anxious to get the opinion of those physicians, I do not blame them for declining, for one must naturally shrink from a case of such great notoriety in which the applicant has been so greatly censured by the press. I would shrink from it, if the constitution and the law did not place the responsibility upon me—a responsibility to be discharged upon my judgment on the facts disclosed in an orderly manner before me. I have succeeded, however, in having skillful physicians to examine the prisoner since the pending application was made. Fifteen gentlemen have written, filing protests against commutation, some thinking one's physical condition should not be considered. "The solicitor protests against commutation unless Shemwell's physical condition is such the sentence will be cruel punishment, or seriously impair his health, and thinks from his observation that Shemwell's troubles are due to extreme nervousness. The trial judge says there was no evidence before him of any physical trouble and he prefers to let the Governor pass upon it without suggestion from him. "Dr. Edmund Harriston Guilford, after two examinations, found Shemwell's heart action extremely bad, his nervous system in worse condition than his heart, with inability to control his feelings, general evidence of present or threatened neurasthenia, and of past attacks of rheumatism, and thinks close confinement would seriously imperil his health and mind. Dr. John Whitehead of Salisbury found Shemwell in a neurasthenic condition and believes confinement will be very detrimental to his health. Drs. J. T. J. Battle and S. T. Brooks of Greensboro found an enlarged heart with well developed murmur, showing organic disease; no after effects of rheumatism, except possibly heart lesion. Dr. A. F. Fortune of Greensboro, superintendent of health of Guilford county, examined Shemwell last Saturday. He found enlargement of the heart and a nervous condition and believes confinement will impair his health very much. "With the information before the judge the sentence was proper. While I have never seen Shemwell, with the information before me, of which the judge had no benefit, I am satisfied the execution of the sentence pronounced would be a punishment cruel and unusual for a misdemeanor of the character of which he was convicted, in his physical condition. "While applying the same measure to him that has been and will be applied to others, prisoner should have commutation on the ground above mentioned, for manifest reasons. I therefore commute the sentence to five days in jail and a fine of \$500. Provided, said fine and all costs are paid.

Sentence Begun.

Accompanied by his son, Dermott Shemwell, Baxter Shemwell arrived here on train 44 from Lexington at 9:30 this morning. Stopping a few moments at the Guilford office, father and son proceeded to the office of the clerk of the Superior court. Here Shemwell paid in new bills the

sum of \$620.70. Five hundred of this was the fine imposed by Governor Kitchin, and \$120.70 was the accumulated costs in the trial of Shemwell. Shemwell then notified Sheriff Jones that he was ready to go to jail to begin the service of his five days' sentence. The officer, Dermott and Baxter Shemwell walked around to the jail and soon the doors closed on them, shutting out a curious crowd who had followed.

News About the State.

A meeting was held in Hendersonville Wednesday in the interest of constructing highways from Knoxville to Charlotte, Greenville and Spartanburg to Asheville.

At Neuse station, on the Seaboard Air Line, ten miles from Raleigh, Tuesday morning, Robt. Beville, a flagman who was flagging a freight train, was run over and killed by a passenger train. Beville, it is stated, went to sleep at his post while waiting for the train to pass.

Will Walker and Bob Durham, colored, were in a room together at Stice's Shoals, Cleveland county, on Sunday morning, when Durham was shot and killed. The Shelby Star says that Walker contends that they were scuffling over the gun when it was accidentally discharged. He is in jail to await the action of the grand jury.

Swift & Co. and their local representative, Vaughan, were tried last week in Raleigh on a charge of selling diseased meat and were convicted, Swift & Co. being fined \$500 and Vaughan \$50. The particular meat was a hog, which had ulcers on it with pus in them. The very thoughts of it have caused the consumption of meat to greatly decrease in Raleigh.

Jason Hawkins and his son, John Hawkins, living near Polkville, in Cleveland county, had a difficulty last Friday, says the Shelby Star, which resulted in the son stabbing his father, inflicting a serious if not fatal wound. The young man was plowing when his father, who was drinking, reproved him for his treatment of the mules. A quarrel followed and the father knocked the son down and was beating him when the boy stabbed him.

Governor Kitchin Tuesday granted three conditional pardons, the beneficiaries of executive clemency being A. G. Wynn of Wilson county, Harvey Elkins of Yancey county, and George Washington of Franklin county. Wynn was convicted in September, 1907, of retailing liquor, and sentenced to two years on the roads. Elkins was sentenced to five years on the roads for stealing a mule, being convicted in September, 1908, and Washington was sentenced in January, 1909, to two years on the roads for an assault with a deadly weapon.

Think a Job Was Put Up on Rev. Crawford.

Rev. J. C. Crawford of this community, charged with shooting at Rev. William McDonald, another colored preacher, at Nebo Baptist church in this place one Sunday night a few weeks ago, was tried and convicted in the Superior court last week and sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and costs. The evidence was along the same line as brought out at the trial in the Recorder's court, which was published in this paper at the time. It should be stated in justice to Crawford that a great many of the best people of the community, both white and colored, do not believe in his guilt and were surprised at the verdict. Having heard all the evidence on both sides and knowing all the ins and outs, they believe that the entire affair was nothing less than a "put up job" on Crawford. Somebody did the shooting, to be sure, but they do not believe that any of the State's witnesses know who did it, their testimony to the contrary notwithstanding.

McLendon---Erwin.

Last Wednesday evening at seven o'clock Miss Daisy McLendon of Vance township was united in marriage to Mr. E. A. Erwin of Catawba county. The wedding was a quiet home affair and occurred at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. J. McLendon, Rev. J. E. M. Davenport of Matthews officiating. After the ceremony an elegant supper was served and Mr. and Mrs. Erwin left for their home in Catawba. The bride is a lady of liberal education and has been a very successful teacher.

Waxhaw Enterprise.

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News from Here and There.

The list of persons indicted for bribe-taking in Pittsburg, Pa., has increased to ninety-one.

Emperor William has invited ex-President Roosevelt to be his personal guest at the palace for three of the five days that Colonel Roosevelt will spend in Berlin.

A strike vote has been ordered on the Lake Shore, Michigan Southern railroad by the officers of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors. The order was issued following the breaking off of the negotiations which had been carried on with the road for three days. About 20,000 men are involved and the result of the vote will be known on the 8th.

Two men who are alleged to have robbed the postoffice at Richmond, Va., Sunday night, were arrested in New York city Tuesday night after a desperate struggle, and a third man escaped. They were traced to New York by means of three trunks shipped from Richmond, with the seizure of which \$30,000 worth of the \$85,000 lot of stamps obtained in the robbery were recovered. The men were at the station with checks for the trunks when they were arrested.

Preferred Drowning to School.

The body of Martin Luther was found by Jesse Luther, Rufus Lassiter and others in Uwharrie river last Monday. The young men were fishing on Easter Monday and saw the body floating in the river in the Lassiter mill pond nearly half a mile above the mill. This young man disappeared from home on November 16, 1909, and had never been heard from since. He was tracked to the river and the river was dragged for several weeks but nothing could be found and it was believed by many that he had run away or had been enticed from home. The body was found above where the dragging in the river was done, and above the point where the tracks of the boy were traced to the river.

A reward of \$200 was offered for him. He evidently committed suicide and it is thought that it was on account of his people insisting on his going to school.

He was a good boy, the constant companion of his mother, was slightly crippled and on account of this deformity did not like to go to school. His people insisted on his going to school when he disappeared from home. He was 16 years old and had never spent but one night away from home in his life.

Mt. Prospect School Closing.

Mt. Prospect graded school will close on Friday, April 15th. There will not be any exercises by the pupils. The annual sermon will be preached at 10:30 a. m. Dinner at noon on picnic style. The annual address will be delivered at 2 o'clock p. m. The Tabernacle brass band will furnish music. A match game of base ball will be played at 4 o'clock between Mt. Prospect and College Hill teams. The public is cordially invited. Don't forget the day, don't forget the place, don't forget the speakers whose names will be given in next issue; don't forget the big, full basket of something good for the inner man.

Dr. W. W. Bays of Charlotte will deliver the annual sermon.

C. A. PLYLER, Prin.

Meeting of Electrical Engineers.

The American Institute of Electrical Engineers met in Charlotte last week. The meeting was a particularly happy one because it was in the home of the Southern Power Company, the most extensive developer of hydro-electric power in the South. The engineers were brought on a special train to Monroe, thence to the power plants on the Catawba and Rocky creek, where the day was spent in sight seeing and an old time barbecue. The following from Monroe accompanied the party: J. L. Everett, Chas. Ioeman, J. J. Crow, H. B. Shute, J. M. Blair, J. A. Douglas, F. G. Henderson, Misses Frances Lee and Margie Williamson and Mrs. Etta Griffin.

Worse Than Bullets.

Bullets have often caused less suffering to soldiers than the eczema L. W. Harriman, Burlington, Me., got in the army and suffered with 40 years. "But Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me when all else failed," he writes. Greatest healer for sores, ulcers, boils, burns, cuts, wounds, bruises, piles, 25c., at English Drug Company's.

COTTON.

Local market, 14.50.

The Weather Now the Factor in the Bull and Bear Game.

With the cotton market once more a two-sided affair, this week will probably see more activity in the future ring. For a long time the bulls had their own way and were able to throttle bearish enterprise and to threaten higher prices because of the unbroken drouth in Texas and the western cotton belt generally. With general and heavy rains in the Southwest, the situation has taken on a most decided change and both sides seem to have an equal chance in their operations.

If the weather remains favorable the bears will once more commence to talk about possibilities of a 14,000,000 or even a 15,000,000 bale crop, just as in the recent past the bulls have been gloomily predicting that with not enough moisture in the soil there was a chance for another 10,000,000 yield, such as was seen in the last season. It is yet too early in the spring to justify either of these extreme estimates. Crop reports will assume considerable importance this week from the fact that planting is now in full swing in Texas, will be in full swing in parts of Louisiana and will commence quite generally in Alabama and Mississippi. From now on it will be a weather market and those who can guess the turns in the weather can guess the course of prices in the cotton contract market. For some time to come the weather in Texas will command most attention because of the dispute now on as to whether the rains of last week were a complete cure for the drouth that has ruled so long. Bears claim that the effects of the drouth have been conquered, but bulls claim that the rains came too late to put "season" in the ground. Only the growth of the plant can determine who is right.

Action Regarding Sanitation.

"Malaria is beginning to appear rapidly in Monroe," said a leading physician yesterday. And it is the opinion of men who know what they are talking about that unless wise measures are taken in time Monroe will have more than an abundance of sickness this spring and summer. At the meeting of the county association of doctors yesterday three members, Drs. Nance, Neal and Stevens, were appointed a committee to meet with the board of aldermen tonight and take steps looking to securing more sanitary conditions. The situation is in the hands of the city authorities, as the law lays upon them the duty of providing and executing sanitary regulations. It is expected that prompt and vigorous steps will be begun at once. Of course, the town has got to have adequate sewerage before the proper conditions can exist, but certainly much can be done at once. The thing is to get down to the root of the matter, see what should be done and then do it.

Big Strike of Miners.

Two hundred thousand organized miners of the bituminous coal fields of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas quit work last Thursday night.

The miners, members of the United Mine Workers of America, declared the walkout was not a strike but merely a suspension of work pending an arrangement between themselves and the operators of a wage scale for another year, the old scale having expired with the month of March. The men demand an increase of pay in some instances of 5 cents a ton, and in other instances of more, and certain changes in working conditions.

Confidence was expressed by the operators that there will be no general coal famine, large supplies of fuel having been secured in anticipation of the walkout.

While the miners expected the suspension would be cut short by a prompt signing of wage scales, some of the operators maintained that the mines ought to be kept closed for a month or sixty days or longer.

The Call of the Blood

for purification finds voice in pimples, boils, sallow complexion, a jaundiced look, moth patches and blotches on the skin—all signs of liver trouble. But Dr. King's New Life Pills make rich red blood, give clear skin, rosy cheeks, fine complexion, health. Try them. 25c. at English Drug Co.'s.

Carolina-Virginia Game in Charlotte Next Saturday.

Special to The Journal.

Charlotte, April 4.—Charlotte has not entertained anything recently which has aroused such universal interest and enthusiasm as the approaching Carolina-Virginia base ball game which will be played here Saturday of this week. This game will decide which of the two universities shall be entitled to the championship in base ball for the South for 1910. A battle royal will be fought for this Southern championship. The Charlotte people are doing everything possible which can in any way contribute to the comfort and pleasure of the two teams, their friends and all visitors on this occasion. Everyone is invited and it is hoped that you will all come—and bring the other fellow, too. Remember the date, Saturday, April 9th. All railroads entering Charlotte have granted special reduced round trip rates and will sell tickets which will be good on all trains leaving the city before midnight Sunday. The game will be called promptly at 3:30 p. m., and all trains leaving Charlotte on their regular schedule between 4 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon will be held for the game, so that all visitors at the game may return that evening—the same day.

All those who remain over will be entertained at a grand ball in Charlotte's large auditorium, where refreshments will be served.

Charlotte's accommodations are ample for the occasion and it is hoped that all who can do so will remain over for the ball, as everyone is most cordially invited to come, bring your friends and attend.

Watch the Charlotte daily papers for any further important announcements.

When He Gets a "Git Back."

The darkies have coined another new phrase. It often happens that one who has served one or more times on the gang is sentenced for another term for some offence. In which case he gets a "git back." Lots of them have had many "git backs."

The gang is now finishing up the macadam on the street leading to the Oil Mill, and Superintendent Morgan is preparing to begin grading and macadamizing west Franklin street.

Mr. Morgan came over to church Sunday and when he got back to the stockade one of the guards and the trustees were having a great old time. The trustees were the rabbits and the hounds that are always kept at the camp were running them in great shape. Mr. Morgan soon restored the proper Sunday decorum. The gang is visited in throngs on Sunday by people who want to hear them sing. But this has become a nuisance and the management will cut that out.

Proposed Big Automobile Run.

Rockingham Post.

Mr. A. G. Corpening yesterday received a letter in regard to the proposed endurance run to be inaugurated by the Times-Dispatch of Richmond. The letter stated that the tour is to take place early in June, starting at Richmond, coming into North Carolina, thence returning. There is some question as to what route will be decided upon, but it is believed this run can be made in five or six days.

The route suggested is as follows: Richmond to Clarksville, Clarksville via Durham, Greensboro, High Point, Lexington, Salisbury, Concord, Charlotte, Monroe, Wadesboro, Rockingham, Pinehurst, Sanford, Raleigh, Henderson and return.

There will be about twenty-five entries from Richmond, and of course numbers of others are expected to join along the line, so that it is safe to estimate the party will consist of nearly 100 cars by the time it reaches Rockingham. If there are four persons to each car this will bring 400 people here and they must be entertained to a certain extent.

Ex-President Roosevelt is in Rome today. When arrangements were being made for his presentation to the Pope, the latter sent word that he could not grant the interview unless Mr. Roosevelt would agree in advance not to have anything to do with the Methodists in the city. Mr. Roosevelt replied that while he had no engagement nor expected any, he would not accept any restrictions upon his conduct, and would not see the Pope. This is the same trouble that Ex-Vice President Fairbanks got into. It looks like the Pope has got it in for that bunch of Methodists in Rome.

Mr. Edwards is a Mover.

Mr. James H. Edwards, carrier on rural route No. 1 from Mineral Springs, is a mover. He gets over ground when he starts. He used to be a school teacher and when examination day came round each year for a renewal of teachers' certificates, he was the first to finish every time, and he usually handed in his papers before many got started good. And he made good marks, too. Last fall Mr. Edwards put his substitute carrier on the route at Mineral Springs and went up to Charlotte, took the examination for city carrier, got an appointment, and went to work. Not being allowed to stay away from his work at Mineral Springs any longer, he came back and took up his regular work the first of this month. Not long ago while working in Charlotte he came down home to spend Sunday, promising to report for work in Charlotte on Monday morning. Sunday night he got left here by the train, but he didn't fail to keep his appointment. He merely picked himself up and walked to Charlotte that night. About seven miles from Charlotte he sat down to rest and fell asleep, and so got in a few minutes too late. But Mr. Edwards accomplished a feat last Saturday that made him more tired than walking to Charlotte on that Sunday night. He rode over his route on a bicycle, a distance of sixteen miles. Then he rode the wheel and walked together to his home near Altan, a distance of ten miles. Here he took a drink of water and went out and planted his roasting ear patch.

Five New Special Districts Ordered

The Board of Education, consisting of Messrs. P. T. Way, J. E. Broom, E. E. Marsh, Prof. Nisbet, superintendent, met yesterday, but not having time to complete the business, will meet again next Monday.

Five elections for special tax districts were called, upon petition of citizens of each. Williams-Secret district, Monroe township; Wedding-ton Academy district; Antioch in Sandy Ridge, Black Jack in Marshville, and Faulks in Marshville are the districts.

Petition for new school building in Altan district was not granted.

Petition for new district to take in part of Faulks, Rock Rest and Maple Springs, was not allowed.

New school house will be built in Bonds Grove, Sandy Ridge township, and site changed to a point on public road nearby old site.

Petition from Cool Springs, in Lanes Creek township, to move school house was deferred till next meeting.

Fine Beginning of Mr. Craig.

Rev. Braxton Craig, pastor of Monroe Baptist church, has preached seven Sundays since coming to Monroe. There have been professions on every Sunday and thirty-three new members have been received.

Rev. Mr. Craig will preach at several churches in the county during the summer, holding meetings in conjunction with Rev. J. A. Bivens, Rev. R. H. James and Rev. M. D. L. Preslar. He will also hold a meeting at Mt. Airy some time during the summer.

Wants an Afternoon Train from Monroe.

Charlotte Chronicle.

Sunday, the 9th, the Seaboard Air Line is to make another change in schedule. The Charlotte business men have petitioned strongly for a restoration of the evening passenger service from Monroe to Charlotte—a service that proved satisfactory and of much benefit to the traveling public. In arranging for the new schedule, it is to be hoped that the Seaboard officials will give this petition the consideration that it deserves.

Graded School Honor Roll for March

Eunice Benton, Annie Lee, Nannie May McNeely, Emma Williams, Jean Ashcraft, Ruth Green, Leslie Futch, Martha Biggers, Alice Presson, Alma Belle Collins, Henry Belk, Eugene Lee, Victor Hamilton, Mary Hazel Long, Eva Flynn, John Douglass, James Gathings, Finley Rogers, Ona Bass, Elizabeth Houston, Sherman Winchester, Charlie Ritch, Willie Matheson, Cora Broom, Ada Hancock.

Special Spring Sale.

The big ten days' special spring sale at A. Blacker's begins next Thursday at nine o'clock. The line embraces all kinds of goods for ladies and gentlemen and prices have been marked way down. Mr. Blacker is in the Whitfield old stand next door to Bruner & Huey.