

\$20,000 OFFERED FOR THAW'S RELEASE.

Offered to Dr. Russel, Former Head of the Mattewan Hospital for the Insane.

New York, May 16. — Contradictory testimony on the vital point of whether a \$20,000 bribe was offered to Dr. John W. Russell, former head of Mattewan hospital, to release Harry K. Thaw, was given by leading witnesses for prosecution and defense today in the trial of John N. Anhut in the Supreme court. Anhut, a young attorney, is accused of trying to purchase Thaw's freedom.

Testifying in his own defense Anhut denied he ever offered to bribe Dr. Russell or any one else. For the prosecution Dr. Russell has testified that he met Anhut in this city November 22 last and that the defendant said to him:

"Doctor, I have \$25,000 here and any part of this is yours if you will discharge Thaw."

Dr. Russell declined the offer, he had testified. Both sides rested today. Summing up will come tomorrow and the case will probably reach the jury tomorrow night.

Dr. Russel was the prosecution's last witness save one and the defense called only three persons, Anhut and his two attorneys, who were his counsel before Governor Sulzer's committee that investigated the alleged bribe offer.

In opening for the defense Anhut's counsel declared he would show that the \$25,000 Thaw turned over to the defendant was a contingent fee only.

Anhut testified that with Thaw's money he purposed to obtain Thaw's release through legal measures by January 1, last, or July 1, next, when, if Thaw still was confined the money was to be returned. He accepted the fee he said with honest expectations of beginning court proceedings before the first of the year. Thaw's family knew nothing of the move, he added.

Frank Henry, one of the attorneys who testified for Anhut, said he had gone with Anhut to Albany as his counsel when Anhut appeared before the governor's committee of inquiry. Mr. Henry declared that Judge Norton, of counsel for the committee, said to him at that time:

"We want your testimony very much and we want you to go to the limit. Anhut will have protection from the committee and from the governor as a result of his testimony."

The Strength of the Prohibition Sentiment—It is Growing.

Greensboro News.

Some of our friends who profess to believe that the "prohibition wave" has about spent its force and that henceforth there will be a gradual return to the open saloon and high license, would do well to take a glance at the wet and dry map prepared by the Anti-Saloon League since the recent spring elections. The map shows that a population of more than 46,000,000 is now living under the no-license system and that of the 2,856 counties in the United States over 1,700, or nearly two-thirds have abolished the saloons. More than 500 cities having a population of 5,000 or more have banished the open saloon while nine States have Statewide prohibition.

An interesting feature of the fight against liquor and one that may have a far-reaching effect, is found in the Michigan Legislature which has adopted a resolution requesting Congress to submit to the people of the country — by referendum vote — an amendment prohibiting the sale of liquor anywhere in the United States. The Anti-Saloon League, we are told, has announced its intention of working for that proposition.

We believe that if the sale of liquor in the United States is left to a vote of the people strong drink will be banished and that the long-sought aim of the temperance people to make this nation a country of sober men will be accomplished.

Marriage in Jackson — Waxhaw a Clean Town.

Waxhaw Enterprise.

Mr. John N. Neill and Miss Blanche Hinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reid Hinson, of the Unity neighborhood were married Thursday afternoon at the Unity parsonage by Rev. C. S. Young. Immediately after the ceremony they drove to Waxhaw and took the north-bound train. Both of these young people are very popular in their community and the good wishes of a host of friends go with them on their life's journey.

The prizes awarded by the Civic League Monday on account of "Clean-up-day" were as follows: For cleanest premises among white residents Mrs. Ellen Nisbet; for cleanest premises among colored residents, Celia Hood; for largest number barrels of trash, white boy or girl, Master Dannie Davis; for largest number barrels of trash, colored boy or girl, Pearl Williams. The judges could hardly decide upon the cleanest premises and got three other men to help them out. They say Waxhaw is cleaner and more sanitary now than ever before. This is encouraging. We can hardly surpass our splendid health record for the past ten years, but we can live up to it.

J. N. Savage, a furniture dealer at Red Springs, committed suicide Tuesday night by shooting himself. No cause assigned.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Mr. John Pressly, Formerly of Monroe, Caught by Belting is So Badly Mangled that He Dies on Way to Hospital.

Lancaster News.

A sad accident occurred at the Lancaster cotton mills this morning at about 6 o'clock which resulted in the death of one of the employees, Mr. John Pressly. While engaged in his duties in the card room, he came in contact in some way with one of the belts attached to a machine, and he was hurled to the ceiling and down again, his body falling on another carding machine. Col. Lreey Springs, the president of the mills and also president of the L. & C. Railroad, had a special train summoned to carry the injured man to the hospital at Chester, but he was so badly injured he died before the train reached there. His family, consisting of a wife and two children, residing at Monroe, were notified of his unfortunate death. Mr. Pressley was about 33 years old, and came to work in the Lancaster mills about two weeks ago. He was an expert, having been working as a mill employee for 15 years.

(The remains were brought to Monroe Saturday and interred in the Pressly graveyard, the funeral being conducted by Rev. E. C. Snyder.—The Journal.)

Death of Union County Man in Lee.

Sanford Express.

Mr. W. R. Craig, who had been in declining health for some time, died at his home near Cool Springs Sunday morning, May 11, about 11 o'clock with lung trouble. It was known that he had been critically ill for several days and while his death was not unexpected yet the announcement of it came as a shock to his many friends in this county and elsewhere in the State.

The funeral which was held at Cool Springs church on Monday afternoon at 3:30, was attended by a large concourse of relatives and neighbors of Mr. Craig. The services were conducted by his former pastor, Rev. J. W. Little, of Polkton. At the conclusion of the services at the church the remains were borne to the cemetery near-by by the Woodmen of the World, of which order he was a member, and laid to rest. The pall-bearers were: F. W. Memon, J. J. Scroggins, T. A. Riddle, D. L. Seymore, C. A. Wicker and R. A. Groce.

Mr. Craig passed away at the age of 48 years. He was married twice. His first wife was Miss Mattie Simms, of Union county. By his first wife he leaves two children, Mr. Will Craig, of this county, and Mrs. J. B. Tyson of Union. Mr. Craig's second wife was Miss Nannie Comer, of Yadkin county, and with her seven children, four sons and three daughters, most of whom are small, survive.

Mr. Craig moved from Union to Lee county some seven years ago. He bought the farm where he engaged in farming after coming to this county. Mr. Craig was a farmer of progressive ideas and was connected with every movement calculated to advance the best interests of his section. He advocated better schools and wanted to see the boys and girls on the farm given the best school advantages possible. He not only advocated these things but he worked for them. Mr. Craig was a member of the Baptist church. When he moved to Lee county he moved his membership to Cool Springs. In his death the county sustains the loss of a good citizen. The bereaved wife and children have the sympathy of the community in their loss.

Bowman Given Liberty.

Wadesboro Ansonian.

Young Floyd Bowman, the Catawba county boy arrested at Pee Dee May 2, charged with assaulting Mary Robinson, colored, had a preliminary hearing before Justices Little and Coppedge Monday and yesterday and was not held for a higher court. The evidence against Bowman was not regarded as sufficient to bind over. He proved a complete alibi by six or more men with whom he had been working and the description of him given by the girl soon after the crime is alleged to have been committed, did not fit Bowman in many respects. The girl has said that her assailant was five feet tall, while Bowman is fully six feet. He is slim while the man she described was medium. A large part of the white and colored population of Pee Dee spent the two days here, attending the hearing.

Union Man Has Fire in Lee.

Sanford Express.

The store building occupied by Mr. D. H. Perry near the court house was destroyed by fire at 1:30 Saturday morning along with his stock of goods. When the fire alarm was sounded the Sanford Fire Department went prepared to fight the fire, but reached the scene too late. Mr. Perry estimates his loss at from \$1,200 to \$1,500. He had his stock of goods insured for \$800. The building, which was owned by Dr. W. A. Monroe, was also insured. It is thought the store was robbed and fire stuck to it to conceal the crime. Mr. Perry recently opened a mercantile business at Jonesboro.

The Winslow-Salem Journal says an average of about 2,000 cases are tried annually in the police court of that city and that the court pays something like \$2,000 per annum into the county school fund.

MR. MARSH RESPITED.

Governor Craig Stays Sentence of Marshville Man Twenty Days So That He May Examine the Case More Closely.

Governor Craig has respited the sentence of Mr. J. C. Marsh, former agent of the railroad at Marshville, for twenty days in order that he may have an opportunity to look more closely into the case. It is believed that the Governor will see his way clear to change the sentence from imprisonment to a fine. The Raleigh Times thus reports the effort in behalf of Mr. Marsh before the Governor last Thursday:

"Fifteen citizens from Union and adjoining counties this afternoon appeared before Governor Craig with a petition signed by more than 2,000 citizens asking that the sentence of J. C. Marsh, former agent of the Seaboard at Marshville, be changed from imprisonment to a fine. On the list of petitioners were preachers, educators, editors, lawyers, and persons in all walks of life, this being the largest array, it is said, that ever asked for executive clemency. The petition asking for the change was also signed by the judge, solicitor, the twelve jurors, the attorneys for the prosecution, the entire Union county bar and the Seaboard Air Line which prosecuted the case.

"Mr. Marsh is 50 years old and has borne a splendid character all his life. His offense simply consisted in doing work outside of office hours and receiving pay therefor instead of paying some one else to do the work. He and another agent made an agreement to do the work of a hand and to divide the money, as each agent was on duty only eight hours they found the time to earn the extra money. The Seaboard prosecuted the case, and under the charge of the judge, Mr. Marsh was found guilty of false pretenses and sentenced to five years.

"Since that time, however, the jury, which recommended mercy, and later made affidavit that it was misled under the charge of the court, every objection to clemency has been removed even the railroad informing the governor that it did not care to resist the application for relief. The judge now thinks the sentence should be changed to a fine.

"Scores of letters were presented to the governor testifying to the splendid character of Mr. Marsh, who was described as a man who had given his best years to the service of the railroad, promoting the cause of education and doing everything for the public good. His long record as a good citizen convinces these men that Mr. Marsh was only technically guilty of an offense, as he actually did the work for which he received pay.

"In presenting the matter to the governor, attorney J. J. Parker of Monroeville stated that he and the gentlemen with him did not come as attorneys, but as friends of the man standing under conviction. The others in the delegation were Attorneys W. B. Love and Ney McNeely, R. W. Lemmond, R. H. Moore, just elected chief of police of Charlotte; Maj. J. D. Shaw, of Rockingham, Editors B. C. Ashcraft, R. F. Beasley and L. E. Huggins, Jas. H. Lee, Rev. Mr. Crane, J. C. Brooks, A. J. Brooks, Ed. M. Marsh, H. B. Marsh.

Death of Mrs. S. J. Howard.

Written for The Journal.

On Thursday, May 8, the soul of Mrs. S. J. Howard took its immortal flight.

She leaves several children to mourn her loss. They are Mrs. John Sutton of Stout; Mrs. Lula Benton of Indian Trail; T. B. Howard of Mecklenburg, and Mr. W. J. and S. B. Howard of Buford.

Her good husband and one son had already preceded her to that heavenly home.

Mrs. Howard was born Feb. 7th, 1847, and was married to Samuel J. Howard October 10, 1871. They lived together for thirty-four years, then he was taken from her, but she battled bravely on until the summons came for her to join him on high.

All who came in contact with her realized that God dwelt in her soul, and were made better by having known her. Truly, Mrs. Howard was a good woman, a good wife, and last—but not least—she was a good mother. She will be missed in the community and no one knows as well as her children how she will be missed in the home. Home can never seem the same any more. Her chair will ever remain vacant, but I would say to the sorrow stricken ones, up yonder mother is occupying the place God had ready for her, and is still watching over you, bidding you to come to her there, where sorrow will be no more and never again will there be any tearful farewells said.

Asheville Citizen: William R. Allison and others have brought suit in Superior court against the Southern Baptist Assembly for the recovery of tracts of land in Black Mountain township. The plaintiffs asked to be declared the owners of the land and in addition to recover \$750 for rents and \$5,000 damages for the removal of timber.

Jake James, until recently superintendent of the New Hanover county convict force, has been sentenced to a year on the road for shooting a convict in Wilmington. According to the testimony James and the convict were both drunk when the shooting took place.

SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

A Fitting Close to a Year of Fine Work.—Notable Address by Prof. Brooks.

The commencement of the Monroe Graded School began Wednesday night with a sermon to the graduating class by Dr. T. F. Marr of Trinity Methodist church, Charlotte. Dr. Marr preached on the parable of the good Samaritan, and taught the lesson that the fundamental reason for rendering service to our neighbors is the simple fact that there is need for such service. The fundamental question is not "Whom am I helping?" but "Is my service needed?"

Friday morning the graduating exercises were held. These consisted of a short story by Miss Mary Gordon and a debate by the other four members of the graduating class. The question debated was: Resolved, That the Commission Plan of Government is the best form of government for North Carolina cities. Misses Mary Morrow Heath and Daisy Worley upheld the negative and Misses Maud Shute and Pauline Bendies acquiesced themselves well. It is interesting to note that the negative team did not attempt to uphold the present form of town government, but they argued for what is known as the Mayor-Council plan of government. The affirmative team won the debate.

Friday evening the commencement address was delivered by Prof. E. C. Brooks of Trinity College. This was an excellent address. The theme was that courses of study in the school should be adopted to the needs of the times and to the needs of the pupil. Prof. Brooks explained that the pupil is often different to school work because the school work is not adapted to his nature. For example a boy that appears hopelessly lazy with reference to latin and history may be aroused to action by a business course or by manual training.

Prof. Brooks also explained that a child's process of education is not a process of cramming the child's mind with ideas contained in the text book or in the teacher's mind, but is a process of developing the child's personality. The ideas in the text book and the teacher's ideas are means of stimulating the child's mind to bring it into action. And we should be more concerned about the action of the child's mind than about the ideas that are employed to arouse the action. For example latin should be taught not for the sake of the latin but for the sake of stimulating the child's mind to healthy development. If latin fails to do this for a particular child, some other subject should be substituted for it.

After Prof. Brooks' address the diplomas were delivered to the five graduates by Dr. Gurney.

Then, two medals were delivered. One was offered by the Union County Club of N. C. University to any boy or girl in the Union county schools for the best essay on some topic of local interest. Miss Daisy Worley won the medal. The subject of her essay was "The Commission Form of Government." Mr. Ney McNeely delivered this medal on behalf of the Club that offered it.

The other medal was offered by the boys' literary society of the Monroe High School for the best improvement in debate during the year. Mr. Eugene Presson won this. Mr. W. B. Love presented it with appropriate comment.

In this connection several events should be mentioned. Miss Maud Shute was one of the graduates. Since she entered the high school four years ago she has not missed a day from school or been tardy once. And she never missed any time from the grammar school except a few days on account of sickness and death in the family.

The pupils in the high school have been graded pretty severely this year. No one succeeded in getting on the honor roll until the last term. Miss Alice Presson was placed on the honor roll for the months of March, April and May. A grade of 95, honorable conduct, and regular attendance are required for this rank.

Since commencement notice has been received from the Sons of the American Revolution that in an essay contest opened by them, Miss Daisy Belk ranked next to the winner. The subject of this essay was Col. Edward Buncombe. The contest was State wide, and the prize was \$25. The winner was a young lady in the Raleigh schools. She, of course, had access to the State Library.

Prof. Brooks arrived in Monroe Thursday night that he might spend some time in Monroe Friday. He seemed to enjoy that day among his friends and former patrons. They certainly enjoyed having him with them. It will be recalled that Prof. Brooks was the first superintendent of the Monroe Graded School.

There will be no liquor saloons in the Panama canal zone after July 1. The Isthmian canal commission has passed a resolution to grant no license after that date. There are 35 saloons in the towns of the zone. Sixty-three saloons were open at one time. The license taxes collected the past year amounted to \$43,800.

In elections held Tuesday three townships in McDowell county voted bonds for good roads. Marion township voted \$50,000, Old Fort township \$20,000 and Nebo township \$10,000.

THE FRIEDMANN CURE.

Uncle Hardy is Suspicious of the New Remedy.

Lancaster News.

Uncle Hardy Montgomery approached a gentleman the other day on the street with the inquiry:

"Say, boss, I hears a powful heap about dis here Freedmann's cure an' I'd like you 'splain what 'tis. Tell you de truf I'm kinder 'spleous like of dis Freedmann chap anyway, 'cause jist after de surrender dis very fellow or some of his kin 'stablished what he called a bureau where dey said de culored folks could git anything dey wanted from forty acres an' er mule to a water-million. Soon as I heerd it I picked out my land and come to Lancaster with a blind bridle for de mule and a sack for de water-million, an' 'fore God, when I got to town, I couldn't find dat man Freedman, de bureau or nothin' else. So I went on back home. Now, boss, you knows all 'bout dis thing, an' if de govmont's got anything to give way to de oldest nigger in des parts, it better hurry up an' not do like dey did 'bout dat forty acres an' de mule, 'cause dis nigger ain't bound long for dis world. So boss, jist tell me de plain truf 'bout de matter, is any 'pence to be put in all dis talk 'bout dis Freedmann business?"

He was told that Friedmann was the man who had discovered a cure for consumption and his laconic reply was:

"Boss, I's got my doubts 'bout it. He's apt to treat de nigers like dat other Freedmann."

Rural Carrier's Association.

Dear Fellow Carrier:—

The rural letter carrier's association, embracing Union, Anson and Richmond counties, will meet with the Union county carriers at Monroe, May 30, 1913. This being the most important meeting of the year, I am making a personal appeal to every carrier in the three counties to be present on that occasion.

It is of the utmost importance that every carrier become an active member of the association. In fact, the best interests of the service demand it. Too, it is through the association that we have been benefited, and now we have a recognition that but few others have.

The annual dues are but \$1.00, and if you find it impossible to be present, please do not fail to send your dues.

We want to go to the State Convention at Wilmington stronger than at any time in the past. But we'll talk about these things the 30th.

Now, listen, the Union boys are making ample preparation for you and will be disappointed if you are not here on the 30th. Don't let the fact that you want to go fishing, or to see your mother-in-law, keep you from coming.

Will expect you to drop me a card in the next day or so telling me whether to expect you or not. I'll tell the boys.

Fraternally yours,
T. L. LOVE, President.

Program of R. F. D. Mail Carriers Convention.

The Rural Mail Carriers' Convention will be held in this city on May 30th, 1913.

The program committee, composed of Messrs. J. L. Smith, J. T. Cox and J. H. Mills, have prepared the following program:

11. a. m.—Called to order by Pres. T. L. Love.

Devotional Exercises by Dr. H. E. Gurney.

Address of Welcome—Mayer of city.

Response—H. E. Coppedge.

Election of officers for ensuing year.

Election of Delegates to State Convention.

Collection of dues.

1 p. m.—Adjournment for dinner.

2:30—Re-assembly.

Address by Postmaster W. B. Love.

Address—Assistant post-master Brigman of Rockingham.

Solo—Miss Carrie Simmons of Polkton.

Address—B. C. Ashcraft.

Short talks by the carriers for the good of the service.

PageLand vs. Jefferson.

Jeffersonian.

The PageLand Journal wants to know who said that some of the folks of Jefferson were overjoyed when the surveyors ran a line from Jefferson to Monroe and missed PageLand two or three miles.

That is a question that we would like to ask. We haven't heard of any such great joy among our citizens due to the fact that such was the case. We would say to the Journal: "Don't get sick too quick, for the surveyors are still at work surveying lines and perhaps they will hit your town before they stop. If the road should miss your town two or three miles perhaps they could be induced to put in a spur track so the trains could be backed up to your town occasionally and give you a chance to see a 'sho-nuff' train once-in-awhile."

When Deputy Sheriff Parham of Robeson county served a warrant on Harry McMillan, colored, the latter drew a pistol and threatened to shoot the officer. Parham shot the negro dead.

Charity covers a multitude of sins and makes a lot of sinners useful.

The first requisite of failure is to believe that you can't succeed.

COURT HOUSE CONDEMNED.

Rowan's New Temple Poorly Constructed and of Inferior Material. Public Officials Indicted.

Statesville Landmark.

Rowan county grand jury, which under instruction from Judge Long looked into the construction of the new Rowan court house, which is to cost \$125,000 when complete, employed a committee of experts to examine the building as to quality of stone and workmanship, and this committee's report is attached to the jury's report. The experts say that the stone used in the sides and front of the building was taken from boulders or from near the surface of the quarry, and shows serious discolorations and a wide variety of texture and is entirely unsuited for use as an ornamental building stone. "It is not at all representative of the Rowan county granite and should not have been allowed to be used in the building," says the report. The stones were not cut square and it was impossible to put them up plumb and true. Specifications called for six-cut stone and the kind used is hardly a four-cut stone. "The committee recommends that all the granite in the front of the building be removed and that the best quality of Rowan county granite, of uniform color, be put in its place." The rear wall, which is of brick, showed poor workmanship, but as the wall is solid, it was recommended that no action be taken on it. The committee's plumb line applied to the corners of the building showed them to be out of plumb from three-fourths to two and a half inches, making the building larger at the top than below the water table.

The grand jury recommended that the commissioners require proper workmanship. They say the inspector now employed is unfit and unqualified and recommended his dismissal and that a competent man be put in. The report continues: "We further report that we condemn the building from start to as far as now finished. We find that there has been paid \$52,000, which is in excess of the worth of the building in its present condition, and therefore ask that no further payments be made or work be done until the matter has been thoroughly adjusted.

Judge Long referred the report to the county commissioners for action. The building is being erected by the King Lumber Company of Charlottesville, Va.

Along with its report the grand jury returned true bills of indictment against the present board of county commissioners for failure to do their duty as public officials; also true bills against P. A. Hartman and Fred McCanless, public officials, for contracting to do public work. These were both members of the board of county commissioners when they secured the contract to furnish the stone for the court house. Mr. Hartman is still a member of the board.

Safe Robberies. Follow the Escape of Portland Ned.

Columbia State.

Making the third safe robbery in four days the postoffice at Kingville was entered about 4 o'clock yesterday morning and the safe robbed of between \$75 and \$100, according to a report sent here. All of these robberies have followed the escape of Portland Ned. Last Thursday morning the safe in the postoffice at Barr, Lexington county, was cracked; and Friday night three stores at Cayce were reported to have been entered.

About 4 o'clock yesterday morning D. J. Boyd, postmaster at Kingville, was aroused from his sleep by a noise in his store and postoffice adjoining the room in which he lives. It was still dark. With his pistol he went into the store, and as he did so he saw two men disappear from the building into the early morning shadows. Mr. Boyd did not fire. Making an investigation he found that the safe had been opened, by what means could not be ascertained, and robbed of between \$75 and \$100.

(Portland Ned is the robber who escaped from Governor Blease's office recently, while an officer was waiting to arrest him. He had been paroled by Blease while serving time for robbing safes. Last year it was stated that efforts were made by detectives to buy a pardon for Portland Ned for \$20,000.—The Ansonian.)

Ansonian Plays Part in Surprise Marriage in Charlotte.

Wadesboro Ansonian, 14th.

News reached here this morning of the marriage in Charlotte yesterday of Mr. Duncan McKee and Miss Beuna Bailey, both of Marshville. The ceremony was performed in Charlotte by Rev. Mr. Pressley, pastor of a Presbyterian church in that city. The bride and groom took their friends by surprise and went to the Queen City in an automobile. They are now visiting relatives in Columbia, S. C.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. J. C. Bailey of Marshville and the groom is a son of Mr. John McKee of White Store township. He is a broker at Marshville.

The hall storm season opened in Lincoln county last week with hailstones the size of acorns that covered the ground to a depth of six inches where the hail drifted, says the Lincoln News.

There are men who lie to establish a reputation for truthfulness.