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JIM WILCOX PARDONED.

Along With Six Other Pardons in the Christmas Batch—Wilcox Had Served 15 Years in Prison as Alleged Slayer of Nell Cropsey.

Jim Wilcox's personal appeal direct to Governor Bickett was apparently back of the Chief Magistrate's action in granting the Elizabeth City man a pardon on Saturday. Wilcox had served one half of a thirty-year term in the State Penitentiary for the alleged murder of his former sweetheart, Nell Cropsey.

This is the first time that Wilcox has ever denied his guilt. Nor has he ever confessed it. That fact has heretofore been a factor in the action of former governors in refusing to grant a pardon repeatedly asked for. The records show that Wilcox has been an exemplary prisoner, not a single black mark having been entered against him during his fifteen years' imprisonment.

Governor Craig had gathered the opinion that he was cruelly indifferent, the testimony had shown that after the Cropsey-Wilcox quarrel and the girl failed to return home, Wilcox when asked by the distraught father of Miss Cropsey if he knew where she was and where he last saw her, declared he left her at a certain place, then "turned over and went to sleep."

On the first trial in Pasquotank, Wilcox was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged. The mob spirit was so all-pervasive that it broke out in cheers and Wilcox got a new trial. Tried in an adjoining county he was found guilty of murder in the second degree and given the limit. Judge G. W. Ward prosecuted him and Judge W. M. Bond and E. F. Aydtlett defended.

Wilcox in writing Governor Bickett, says:

"Although you may think I am guilty and viewing it from a direction other than my own, I, too, can see that the circumstances are against me, for it is a very mixed up affair, but I do not know any more about it than an unborn babe, and were it my last words on earth, I would still protest my innocence, and would not be going before my Maker with a lie on my lips.

"The simple fact that the Lord has been with me all these many years and has extended mercy ought to be a sufficient reason why you should show mercy, for you and my Heavenly Father knows I am innocent.

"For fifteen years and seven months I have worked hard and faithful, been submissive and obedient to those whom I have been under. That is what my prison record will show, and that is a record that very few ever attain. Fifteen years with nothing against it!

"And now, dear governor, it is with the same spirit that you ask the Heavenly Father for mercy that I come and ask you for mercy, and should you see fit to grant me a pardon, I can assure you I will not cause you one regret for having done so.

"Of course I know you viewed the other side of the case in every detail, but now I ask you to do this. Just stop and think, sixteen years' unjust punishment. Mother and father taken away during that time, was not allowed to see them as others have done, broken in spirit and health, not much longer to live, I ask you, do you not think that I have been punished enough?"

OTHER PARDONS.

Other men pardoned were: John Teachey of Raleigh, sentenced to ten years in State prison in 1915 for house-breaking and larceny; Will McNeill, of Richmond county, sentenced in 1909 to twenty years in the State prison for second degree murder; Carl Frits, of Davidson county, sentenced in May 1918 to eighteen months on the county roads for seduction; Will Vines, of Martin county, sentenced in March, 1917, to two years in the county jail for larceny; Caro Hall, sentenced in July, 1913, to fifteen years in the State prison for attempted criminal assault; Ellis Carriker, of Stanly County, sentenced in July, 1913, to one year in the State prison for making liquor.

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Novus Homo Advocates Woman Suffrage.

Written for the Journal.

Of all the ridiculous arguments against women suffrage we have seen yet, the most comic is the plea that "We want the women to remain in the home."

In name of Sam Hill, and all the little Hills, why could not women vote if they wish to without forsaking the home?

It takes only a few minutes out of each two years, or seven hundred and thirty days to cast a ballot, and if men can find time to do their little voting stunt, and still keep their business going on full time why could women not also do as much? To listen to the anti-suffrage one would think that if women were given the right of franchise, and should proceed to exercise that right then she would get nothing else done, and that the whole of her time would be taken up in political activity to the utter neglect of her more important duties.

I suppose that if we had not until this good day granted the right of the franchise to any except the wealthy, and this on the grounds, that no others had the leisure to spend in political activity, and the voting process, and at the present time there was some members of the working class who were trying to break into the voting booth; there would be those opposing the move on the grounds that these working people were needed on their jobs, and that it would cost the nation several millions of dollars to stop business for a day in order to let them vote.

This latter contention would no doubt be very true, but if only the money kings were allowed to vote at the present time, it would cost the workers several millions of dollars, not to vote, and to be explicitly plain about it, the worker can vote a darn sight cheaper than he can refrain from voting, and I suspect that when women get the ballot that the voting majority will be so largely increased against political intrigue, and Junkerism, that we will find that the few minutes she spends each two years in registering her kick against corruption will pay large dividends to that class of producing laborers, who really hardly do have time at the present to drop their work long enough to vote for God knows what. Since they have been too busy to properly post themselves.

Better economic conditions threaten; which the women would certainly bring about, if they had a voice in the matter, would give all of us more leisure in which to better qualify ourselves for citizenship.

It has been stated frequently during the years past that only about one-third, (or 33 1/3 per cent.) of the people are usefully employed. This one-third, one in three of the population has been doing very well at the business of production, and has enabled the other two-thirds—two in three—to manage to exist—made millionaires out of a number of them—and has done all this on an eight and ten hour day.

Now if the women get a whack at the "corrupt practices act" and demand that everybody work—"including dad"—enough to put their upkeep on their own shoulders then we can reduce the number of hours of labor to not more than five out of each twenty-four, then everybody will have time to vote, and rock the cradle too.

It seems to me to be a very serious reflection on a democracy that is one hundred and forty-two years old to contend that its women are so

burdened with the duty of home-keeping, and bread winning that it cannot spare them fifteen or twenty minutes out of each two years to step out to the voting booth and deposit a little scrap of paper. Surely scraps of paper of this nature are not highly valued by them, or at least the handling of such scraps are not to be allowed to any greater number of people than an excuse to disfranchise will limit. — Novus Homo.

Behold the Busy Bee!

(Minneapolis Journal.)

If one were born a humble bee, his idea of life success would be forty acres of red clover waist high, in full June bloom and fragrance all the year through and forever. What one humble bee could do with forty acres of clover no bee nor moral ever knew; but the bee, if human wise, would want all that and more.

Invasde his flowery honey farm at the height of this season, and he puts out no restraining hand. There is no padlock on his gate. The whole field is a-hum with polyglot plunderers coming from everywhere to carry away the very goods that are gold to the humble bee. But he puts up no defense. He makes no vicious counter offensive, as the yellow jacket might. If you search for him here you find him diligently prospecting with his honey pump humming a baritone solo as he works, loads of pollen strapped to his running board, his tongue budging with joy felder. He is having the time of his life.

When the forty acres of red clover is a wilderness of dry stubble under a scorching July sun, and his millions in clover are swept away by the head of the strong, this humble bee will not be found hanging by a spider web to a fence row fireweed, a bankrupt suicide. Not he. In this fence corner left by the mower, clad in his velvet suit of black and yellow, even now he is working over the dump of goldenrod mine, and gold is shining from his pants pockets. Moreover, he has a fair swig left in his honey jug, and he is still humming his song of high June.

As the season goes down the steep slope toward chilly weather the humble bee does not dig his reluctant heels into the sod, lag sullenly back and turn a regretful eye over his shoulder, with his heart in the lost red clover forty. He takes the small sweets of poverty as he did the rich see of June honey.

From a June millionaire's estate he has fallen to the fortune of an autumn tramp, taking a handout from a belated weed and begging a night's lodging in the last bloom of a wayside hollyhock. But he still retains his well-brushed suit, his good deep baritone and his memories of June.

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