

STOCK DOESN'T PAY FOR CONVICT LABOR

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF STATE'S PRISON OBJECTS TO AIDING RAILROADS.

PENITENTIARY FUNDS SHORT

The Cash Now on Hand is Insufficient For the Running Expenses—Authorities Would Accept Money Contracts For Convict Labor.

Raleigh.—If the wishes of the board of directors of the state's prison count for much, railroads in search of convict labor will have to go elsewhere than to the North Carolina penitentiary to secure it. In their report made public recently the directors and Superintendent Mann insist that Article V, Section 4, of the State Constitution forbids state aid to railroad construction unless approved by the vote of the people.

The council of state, however, stands firm on retaining the system as to fulfilling present contracts where the promoters are meeting the terms required by legislative acts for such aid.

The position of the directors is simply that the railroad stock acquired through hiring of convicts fails to bring in the ready cash, and has often failed to bring any. They do not want to turn down offers of cash for the prisoners' labor and run behind on prison expenses, as the present situation threatens to force them to do.

The prison directors report that the prison is now absolutely without funds except the railroad stock that is pronounced worthless. The running expenses of the prison amount upwards of \$16,000 a month and with no revenue except this railroad stock for labor in sight until far into the fall, the state will probably have to put up \$93,000 or more for prison maintenance by January 1. On the other hand, there are numbers of applications for convict labor a \$1.50 cash a day that would quickly create surplus at the prison, if the railroad stock contracts were terminated.

A lengthy report by Supt. Mann gives in detail the conditions at all these railroad camps. It pronounces the Atlantic and Transcontinental operations a "sham and pretense" at the same time crediting its promoters with honest intentions.

Education Board Holds Meeting.

The Iredell county board of education held its first meeting several days ago under the new administration which dates from July 1 and the members of the board—Messrs. J. H. Hill, J. L. Bradley and W. G. Nicholson—and the new county superintendent, Mr. R. M. Gray, all took the oath of office. The work of appointing new school committees was begun. It is announced that a number of ladies will probably be named as members of the school committees.

Storm Does Damage in Halifax.

A severe storm passed over Scotland Neck and vicinity doing much damage to the crops. While the storm was not severe, at Spring Hill there was considerable hail and a terrific wind and the rain fell in torrents for a few moments. It is said the hail did but little damage, but the wind blew and twisted the corn and cotton bolls. At Hobgood, a few miles south of here, there was a severe electric wind and rainstorm.

Meets Death Under Southern Train.

Fred L. Smathers, for the past three years a switchman of the Southern Railway Company, met instant death on the Asheville yard, when he was crushed beneath a refrigerator car, which was overturned. The deceased was horribly mangled and when physicians arrived an examination showed that he received internal injuries which resulted in his death.

Wood Is President of N. C. R. R.

Governor Craig announces a new directorate for the North Carolina Railroad Company and names W. H. Wood, prominent banker and business man of Charlotte, for president and J. P. Cook of Concord, state senator, for secretary-treasurer. The new directorate follows: L. Banker Holt, Alumnus; W. T. Brown, Forsyth; J. M. Allen, Franklin; W. H. Wood, Mecklenburg; C. S. Tomlin, Iredell; John P. Tomlin, Catawba; J. Q. Gilkey, McDowell; J. R. B. Carraway, Haywood.

Mecklenburg County's New Jail.

That Mecklenburg county will have a thoroughly modern prison at a distant date seems to have been assumed as the result of the meeting of the board of county commissioners several days ago. At that time the board practically agreed to accept the plans submitted by the Augusta architectural firm. It found a purchaser for the county's bonds in a sum between \$1,000 and \$116,000. The representative of the firm expressed a hope that a purchaser would be found for the bonds.

Board Meets.

The board of education met at 10 o'clock on Monday, H. S. Reed was present. The board's term expires on Monday, H. S. Reed was secretary and C. W. G. was secretary. The board determined to accept the plan proposed by J. C. C. and determined to accept the plan proposed by J. C. C. and determined to accept the plan proposed by J. C. C.

PRODUCTION OF ALUMINUM

North Carolina Will Do Its Share Toward Meeting the Increase Demand For Aluminum.

Raleigh.—A special from Washington states that the officials of the United States geological survey believe that this state will during the year 1913 do a great part in meeting the growing demand for aluminum, through the formation of the Southern Aluminum Company, which has commenced operations on the Yadkin river, in Stanly county.

In a report of the production of aluminum during the year 1912, issued recently, the survey states that last year there was a notable increase in the use of that metal, more than 65,000,000 pounds being consumed, compared with 46,125,000 pounds in the preceding year. Not only was there an increase in the domestic production, states the report, but there was a decided growth in the imports of the metal.

In commenting on the formation of the Southern Aluminum Company in this state, the report of the survey states:

"To meet in part the growing demand for aluminum, the Southern Aluminum Company, with a large capital, has acquired a water-power site on the Yadkin river, in Stanly county, North Carolina, and is now engaged in the development of the property. The projected operations of the company and the additional fact that the importation of foreign aluminum is being stimulated by a keen demand promise a sufficient supply of the metal in the future."

North Carolina New Enterprises.

The Interstate Stores Company Greensboro, is chartered for the establishment of a chain of department stores. The charter specifies that the company has the power to do a general department store business. The capital is \$200,000 in \$10 shares of preferred and common stock. The incorporators are L. J. Shaw, Carter Dalton and Dred Peacock. Another important charter is to the Carolina Bridge & Iron Co., Lexington, capital \$125,000 authorized, of which \$10,000 is eight per cent preferred stock and \$115,000 common stock. The incorporators are J. R. Hoffman of Burlington, G. F. Hankins and J. C. Bower of Lexington. There is also a charter for the Catawba County Farmers' Union Warehouse Company, Newton, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$1,050 subscribed.

Commission State Guard Officers.

Commissions are issued to officers in the North Carolina National Guard by Adjutant Gen. Young as follows: J. I. Brown, Kinston, captain of Company B, Second Infantry; J. O. H. Taylor, lieutenant, William A. Faulkner, second lieutenant, Kinston; R. C. Stevens, second lieutenant, Company E, Second Infantry; A. C. L. Hill, Kinston, captain and quartermaster; S. E. Winston, Youngsville, captain and quartermaster, Third Infantry; William Westmoreland, captain, Company E, Statesville; W. D. Holland, Dunn, first lieutenant, Company M, Second Infantry; C. D. Loane, Plymouth, lieutenant junior grade naval reserves; V. E. Everett, Plymouth lieutenant naval reserves.

Women on Guilford School Board.

The Guilford county board of education in appointing school committee members did not take so very enthusiastically to the new provision of the legislature that permits women to be made members of school committees but went far enough to give it a trial. Four women were appointed in various parts of the county, as follows: Mrs. W. S. Dick, McLeansville high school; Mrs. Laura Davidson Stockdale high school; Mrs. R. O. Gamble, Summerfield high school; Mrs. W. L. Gibbons, Colfax school. All of these are very intelligent and capable women and with one exception, college graduates.

Hookworm Campaign in Rowan.

The Rowan county board of commissioners has decided to put on a hookworm campaign in this county and appropriated \$250 for the prosecution of the work, which will be under the direction of Dr. G. T. Leonard of the North Carolina board of health.

Taylor to Succeed Watts.

Joseph F. Taylor, of Washington, N. C., who will be clerk of the senate finance committee, succeeding A. D. Watts reached Washington, after having spent two days in his home town making ready to take up the work. Senator Simmons said that his decision in Mr. Taylor's appointment would not have the effect of hastening announcement of other appointments in Eastern Carolina. He said that he has no idea when selections for district attorney, collector and marshal will be made.

Brings Suit Against Convict.

Speculation as to how John A. Cameron will conduct his defense in a \$25,000 damage suit while he is serving a 20-year sentence for second degree murder was started at Greensboro when the complaint in the suit was filed with the clerk of superior court. The plaintiff is H. V. Oaks of High Point, administrator of the estate of the late P. C. Oaks of Raeford. The deceased was killed August 31 and Cameron is now in penitentiary serving his sentence received after pleading guilty to second degree murder.

Kappa Delta Sorority Meets.

In order that high school girls may be discouraged from joining sororities of small institutions of learning, the National Association of Sororities, the Kappa Delta Sorority, which is holding its convention at Asheville, passed a resolution forbidding the initiation of any girl who joins a high school sorority after September 1, 1913. The organization was on record as being opposed to the granting of charters to organizations of colleges, but this resolution is a step toward the same.

THERE IS NO CHANGE

THE APPOINTMENTS OF POSTMASTERS FOR NORTH CAROLINA STILL DELAYED.

MEN ARE UNSATISFACTORY

Senator Simmons Holding up Nomination of Postmasters at Laurinburg, Marshall and Reidsville.—His Reason For This Action Given.

Raleigh.—A special from Washington states that there has been no material change during the past two weeks in the situation regarding the appointments of postmasters at Laurinburg, Marshall and Reidsville, where the men named by congressmen are unsatisfactory to Senator Simmons and he is having their nomination held up.

G. H. Russell, who was recommended for appointment at Laurinburg by Congressman Page was in Washington going over the situation with his friends, and seeking advice as to the best way to overcome Senator Simmons' objection. He did not call on the senator, Senator Simmons said that he had not seen Russell and indicated that it would be useless for Russell to call on him, as he was intent on having E. H. James, appointed postmaster at Laurinburg, and did not believe he would change his mind any time soon.

It is understood that Russell's friends in Washington advised him to take up the matter with Senator Simmons through a mutual friend of both, in an effort to reconcile the senator to the appointment of Russell and the defeat of James. Senator Simmons has filed no charges against Russell either at the postoffice department or with the senate postoffice committee, and in fact it is not a question of his being opposed to Russell or having anything in particular against Russell, but he wants James appointed and will not let any one else have the office.

At Marshall, Madison county, the appointment of J. R. Swann as postmaster, on the recommendation of Congressman Webb, is being held up in the postoffice department by Senator Simmons. The charges brought against Swann, and on which his appointment is being held up, are that he has talked too freely in an uncomplimentary way of a number of prominent North Carolina Democrats.

Offer Reward For Murderer.

Raleigh.—With the family of the murdered officer offering a reward of \$50 the sheriff of Wake county \$50 and application to the state to add the sum of \$100 for the apprehension of Henry Jenkins, the negro slayer of James Glenn, a white man in the northern section of Wake, concerted efforts are endeavoring to effect the capture of the desperate character in brief town. Citizens from Barton's Creek township in attendance upon court here brought the news that 40 farmers were in search of the negro, and every home in which suspicion hovered that the negro might be harbored there is being searched.

The Tobacco Crop Good.

Raleigh.—Raleigh people who have visited the Wendell section of the county within the past two weeks say that the tobacco crop has the brightest outlook for being better this year than for the past five years. Tobacco in that section is unusually matured for this time of the year and unless there is a visitation of some destroyer the crop will be of better quality and also quantity. In some places the weed is waist high and ready for topping.

Contribute to Central Highway.

Lexington.—The board of county commissioners held a very busy session of two days. Of the important matters that came before the board at this meeting may be noted the revising of the jury list, which took up practically all of a day, and the appropriation of Davidson county's share of the state automobile license tax to the Central Highway.

W. H. Hipp Succeeds Himself.

Asheville.—County Superintendent of Education W. H. Hipp was unanimously elected to succeed himself, at a meeting of the Buncombe county board of education. His name was the only one placed in nomination. Mr. Hipp has been superintendent of the schools of this county for the past year, having been elected in 1912 to succeed A. C. Reynolds, resigned. He has met with a great deal of success during the time that he has been at the head of the Buncombe county school system.

County Board of Education Meets.

Yanceyville.—The county board of education, in session here several days ago elected George A. Anderson county superintendent of public instruction. This unopposed reelection makes the beginning of Mr. Anderson's fifth consecutive term of office. A statistical report of the school work in Caswell shows an increase over any previous year of 351 in enrollment and 189 in average of attendance. This record was made in the face of a smaller epidemic during the term.

John A. Ferrell Praised.

Raleigh.—Announcement is made that Dr. John A. Ferrell, who has been director of the state campaign for the eradication of hookworm disease for several years, goes to Washington to take the direction of the work for the whole country, being appointed to this high position because of his remarkable success in North Carolina. He is to be succeeded in the North Carolina work by Dr. C. L. Fritts of Winston, who has been an assistant.

TO ENCOURAGE HOG RAISING

Southern Railway Issues Booklet "Hog Production and Conditions For Success in The South."

Atlanta, Ga.—In the effort to encourage Southern farmers to raise more hogs, the Southern Railway, through its Live Stock Department, has issued a booklet entitled, "Hog Production and Conditions for Success in the South," a copy of which will be furnished on request by F. L. Word, Live Stock Agent, Atlanta, Ga.

The booklet contains much practical and valuable information as to the care and feeding of hogs, selection of breeds, treatment of diseases, and cutting and curing meat. Chapters on each subject have been supplied by experts.

That the South consumes more pork and raises less than any other part of the United States despite the fact that pork can be produced more cheaply in the South than in the North or West, is a well known fact and a condition that greatly impedes the progress of the section. The long open season and the great variety of food crops at his command give the Southern farmer the opportunity to make more money raising hogs than is possible in any other territory.

The Live Stock Department of the Southern Railway devotes its efforts entirely to stimulating interest in live stock raising in the territory along the Southern Railway and the services of its experts are available without charge of any kind to any farmer or other person interested in live stock.

Land Show For Big Exposition.

Knoxville, Tenn.—Realizing that land is primarily the basis of all wealth and that from the land must come food and clothing for the present and future generations, the management of the National Conservation Exposition has prepared for the greatest land show ever held in the South and for one of the greatest land shows ever held anywhere. Scientists say that the land of the United States must be conserved, must be nurtured and cared for, must be nursed and doctored and in no wise maltreated if the nation is to maintain its present proud position at the head of all the nations of the earth. It is to teach the lesson of the necessity of conserving our lands as well as of teaching the lessons of conservation of other resources, that the National Conservation Exposition comes into being. In the big new land building on the exposition grounds the land show will be held. The land building, completed to the last nail, is one of six big exposition buildings erected for the conservation exposition. Attached to it is an annex with an auditorium that will seat 3,000 persons. The United States government display in the land building, as well as state displays will be particularly fine and comprehensive. The exposition will open on September 1 and will continue until November 1.

Servia Through With Bulgaria.

Belgrade.—The Servian government has addressed a note to Bulgaria formally breaking off diplomatic relations and announcing the recall of her minister. Servian troops have entered Kocchia. A semi-official statement claims that Servia has prevented Bulgaria from executing her plan of gaining possession of the Macedonia territories which she wished to occupy pending arbitration. The statement says that Servians succeeded in repelling the Bulgarians advance. The Servian army gradually assumed the offensive and the Servians forced the Bulgarians right wing back over the river Bregalnika. An other semi-official communication says battles cost the Servians 15,000 killed and wounded; the Bulgarians 20,000.

Town Destroyed By Fire.

Nashville, Tenn.—A special says Sturgis, Ky., a town of about 2,000 people on the Illinois Central Railroad, 40 miles south of Evansville, Ind., was practically destroyed by fire several days ago. The fire started in S. E. Graves' drug store. All the business houses were in ashes and about 20 dwelling houses had been destroyed and the fire was still raging. The town had no waterworks and the people fought the flames with a bucket brigade.

Charlton Must Go to Italy.

Jersey City.—Porter Charlton will start for Italy soon to answer for the killing of his wife, Mrs. Mary Scott Castle Charlton. Pierre P. Garves who has represented the Italian Government in the case had received from Washington, the decision and mandate of the United States Supreme Court that Charlton must be surrendered to Italy. Mr. Garves has sent the papers to the Federal District Court in Trenton and will communicate at once with the Italian consul in New York.

"Conscience Fund" Decreased.

Washington.—Fewer penitents, tortured by the "still small voice" confessed and surrendered "conscience money" to the Federal Government during the fiscal year 1913 than for many years. The "conscience fund" received, totalled only \$2,214.44, the lowest amount since 1901 and comparable with a hundred-year average of \$4,200. That fund is the only official index to sorcery but no Treasury official attempts to explain the decrease in money received from the Government by fraud or error.

Republicans Plan Attack on Tariff.

Washington.—Republican members of the Senate have been quietly preparing for some weeks for the attack that is to be made on the Underwood-Simmons tariff bill when it gets back into the Senate. While a program of tariff policy had not been laid out by the Republicans, leading representatives of the party in the Senate have prepared amendments, substitute schedules and protection arguments directed at many of the important sections of the Democratic bill.

WENT EAST TO ASK FOR THE LIBERTY BELL



These young women, representing the states of the northwest, have just been on a trip to Philadelphia to ask that the Liberty bell be sent to the Panama-Pacific exposition in San Francisco in 1915. With them is Philip S. Bates, publisher of The Northwest, of Portland, Ore.

THIEVES NEVER QUIT

Once Started Continued Through Life, Say Detectives.

Sleuth Tells of Apple, Chewing Gum, Secret Packet and Dog Collar Schemes in Stores—Loss From This Source Heavy.

New York.—Four years ago Lottie Gross married. Her husband knew that she had served a term in Moyamensing for shoplifting. But she promised him—and she meant it—that she would never steal again. And then the baby came. "I wanted pretty things for her," said Lottie. "And so I went back to the old game. If I couldn't quit for the best man in the world I guess I never can quit. Stealing is like a disease—except that it can't be cured."

That's about what the detectives think. Once a man or woman gets well started at stealing and he or she is a thief for life.

"The big stores lose more by amateur shoplifters than by professional," said D. J. Botter, manager for the criminal department of a detective agency. "A woman steals some trifling thing, that catches her eye—and goes away with it. Then she comes back—and keeps on coming back. They never let up."

Cotter takes the professional thief-catcher's view of the defense of kleptomaniacs. Now and then there may be a kleptomaniac. Most kleptomaniacs are just thieves. They get started at stealing—and it's like rolling a snowball down hill—the stealing grows.

"There was the woman we may call Anna Eva," he said. "She is one of the most dangerous professional store thieves and shoplifters—there is a difference in the terms—in the country. Her husband is a captain of a lake vessel. So is one of her sons. They have a good home at Cleveland, where the daughter is married to a good man. But Anna Eva began to steal. She has been a professional thief for years, and now has a prison record."

"Mind you, she has no criminal associates. I do not suppose she knows another thief to speak to, though she may know them by sight. She has nothing to do with other crooks. She just steals. She travels most of the time, living at good hotels. She is a kindly, placid, pleasant woman of middle age—and a professional thief. Like all the others, she began as an amateur."

"I don't know that there are any particularly new schemes against which store managers should be on

the alert," said Cotter. "Every one knows the old trick with a hunk of chewing gum. The first thief sticks a ring under the ledge of the counter with the gum. Then the other comes along and runs his hand under, the counter edge and gets the ring and vamooses. Open umbrellas are often used as receptacles.

The neatest trick turned lately was in the west, when a good looking, well dressed man sauntered into a jewelry store with an apple in his hand. He looked at a tray filled with valuable rings.

"Wah!" he suddenly sputtered. "This apple is wormy."

Whereupon he threw the apple into the street. The confederate, on the lookout, picked up the apple and the gem which had been hidden in it and made off. An almost equally nifty device is to equip the collar of a pet dog with a secret pocket. When the stolen ring has been placed in the pocket, while the operator is petting the animal, it leaps to the floor.

"Catch my dear little doggie," yelps the bereaved shoplifter.

Every one hurries to oblige. The dear little doggie fits its little tail into the groove and scampers for home, as it has been trained to do. The shoplifter profits by the fact that the managers of stores hesitate

DOG SACRIFICES ITS LIFE

Little Canine Makes Vain Attempt to Save Owner in Burning House.

London.—A touching story of a Pomeranian dog's vain attempt to save the life of its owner, who was fatally burned in a fire at Grosvenor-gardens recently, is being told here.

The victim of the fire was Mrs. Southgate, young wife of a chauffeur in the service of Count Apponyi. She was seen by a policeman standing at a window with her clothes in flames.

While the officer and a chauffeur were breaking down the front door the little dog was seen jumping up at the window, barking frantically. He then rushed back to his mistress and apparently attempted to put out her burning clothing with his paws.

When an entrance was effected the woman was found to be in a dying condition and the little dog was dead.

IN THE THICK OF THE FIGHT

One of the Thrilling Scenes from Hardest Fought Sporting Contest Ever Witnessed.

New York.—Those who have followed the international polo match played between the English and the



Thrilling Moment. American teams at Meadow Brook, Long Island, have little conception of

the strenuous game polo, when played as these champion polists play it. really is. The photograph vividly portrays an intense moment of the second game of the international match played June 14, when the following players (left to right) Waterbury, Freake and Milburn (Americans in white shirts, English in dark shirts) were engaged in a hair raising scrimmage as Captain Freake sent a smashing drive, but failed to make a goal.

YOUNG BRIDE SUES PARENTS

Wife of Seventeen Years Takes Playthings of Childhood to Her New Home.

Denver, Colo.—"Three dolls and a teddy bear."

As Constable Sam C. Dorsey of Justice Rice's court called off these articles from a long list of children's playthings, Edith V. Chase, a seventeen-year-old bride, sorted them from a pile heaped high in the outer office. She was to take them to her home—her new home—following a decision of the court in a replevin action that she was entitled to the playthings of her childhood, even though her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Willis, attempted to retain them when their daughter became the wife of B. L. Chase, son of Adjutant General Chase, last December. The marriage was objected to because of the girl's tender years.

Other things in the lot were a little red wagon, a post card with soldier buttons on it, a magic lantern, one school cook-book, two skirts for a doll, one picture of Cupid, and other things, with a value only to the one who has possessed them in childhood.

BOY HELD AS BLACKMAILER

Telegraph Runner, Aged Fifteen, Confesses to Attempted Extortion in London.

Paris.—A telegraph boy, aged fifteen, was arrested on a charge of attempted blackmail. He and his comrades at a branch postoffice had been in the habit of opening telegrams and reading them. In this way the boy learned of an intrigue that was being carried on by a married woman. He wrote demanding \$200 as the price of his silence, but his letter fell into the hands of the woman's uncle, who gave him in charge. The lad confessed, but the woman declined to prosecute.

Wanted as Blackmailers.

Phoenix, Ariz.—Three women operated street cars here as blackmailers, despite the threats of the striking railway employes. After a struggle of three hours, however, the manipulation, brakes and other missiles proved to be too much for them, so they quit.

Improved Street Sweeper.

The up-to-date street sweeping machine is entirely enclosed in a protective cage to prevent the children, who are attracted to the machine, from

OFFERS CHILDREN FOR SALE

Poverty Stricken Mother Advertises Two Girls and Baby Boy for \$750 Each.

Berlin.—For several days various newspapers of Thuringia and where in central Germany have contained an advertisement stating that a mother offers to sell "a beautiful girl of fourteen, a handsome girl of five and a bonny baby boy aged one" for \$750 apiece.

An investigation shows that the woman is a divorcee, who, despairing of making a livelihood for herself or her children, conceived the idea of selling them. Only the eldest girl is a child of her divorced husband, the two younger children having been born since she lived apart from him.

The authorities have decided to withdraw the children from their mother's care and to place them in institutions.

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Burglars Commend Householder.

Fairmont, N. J.—Thieves who visited the home of Thomas Mahoney here while he and his family were in California got nothing. They left a note commending the owner on his