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FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 1910.

The action of Governor Patterson, of Tennessee, on Wednesday in pardoning Colonel Duncan B. Cooper, whose sentence of 20 years in the State prison for the murder of the late Senator Edward Ward Carmack had just been confirmed by the Supreme Court of the State, has aroused a storm of protest from almost the entire press of the South, besides many papers in all sections of the country. It is safe to say that no criticism of the Governor's act can be too strong, for while there have been many instances of the abuse of the pardoning power, none have been of such unblushing flagrancy as this. Without waiting for any petition, without waiting even for the Justices of the Supreme Court to complete the reading of all their opinions in the case, Governor Patterson at once issued a full and unconditional pardon of Cooper which he had evidently prepared beforehand to have ready for such a decision. His public statement, issued with the pardon, stating that neither defendant, Duncan or Robin Cooper, was guilty, or had been given a fair trial, was a direct insult to the courts of the State over which Patterson presides by virtue of his office of governor, which should bring the blush of shame to the cheek of every decent citizen of Tennessee. That the voters of the State should allow such a man as Patterson to be re-elected Governor at the approaching State election is unthinkable.

### BOARD OF PARDONS NEEDED.

The case of Colonel Cooper emphasizes very strongly the need in every State of a board of pardons. Who believes that this cold-blooded

slayer of a fellow-man would have been free to-day had his fate rested, after the Supreme Court had rendered its opinion, in the hands of a board of three or five men, carefully selected for the purpose of passing on all applications for pardons in the State of Tennessee. The recent case in this State of Baxter Shemwell emphasized the need North Carolina has of such a board.

This week's Greensboro Patriot, commenting on this subject, presents the matter in the following timely editorial:

"We have been very much impressed for some time, especially in the light of recent occurrences, that the pardoning power carries with it too much responsibility to be vested in one man. This is meant in no sense as a reflection upon our present governor, and we doubt not that he would be one of the strongest advocates of the establishment of a pardoning board to have all these matters in charge. At best, it is not a pleasant position which the governor finds himself in when he is appealed to for the exercise of clemency. On the one hand stand justice and the stern demands of the law; on the other, human appeal, almost always pitiful in the extreme, and the instincts of mercy and compassion that are in every breast. No man knows the problems that the chief executive is confronted with and must work out entirely alone. The responsibility is a tremendous one. It is hard to know when justice has been satisfied and the time of mercy has come. Naturally the governor errs, sometimes on the side of mercy. He would be a little more or a little less than human if he did not.

"Let us have a body of capable men, of a strong sense of justice, and yet not without the instincts of mercy and compassion, whose business it shall be to meet at stated intervals and hear all applications for pardon or commutation. In their counsel there will be strength, and they will be apt to get a more comprehensive view of any situation than one man acting alone would. And the governor will be given a relief which he certainly deserves.

—Rev. J. J. Beach, pastor of East Baptist church, has as his guests his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Beach, and cousin, Mrs. Rosa Laxton, all of Caldwell county, who arrived yesterday afternoon for a stay of several days. Mr. J. L. Beach is the father of Profs. W. L. and C. M. Beach, principals of the school at Dell, and is a prominent citizen of his county, having been county commissioner for a number of years and having held other public offices.

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### Personal Mention.

—Mrs. O. W. Davis has returned from a visit in Cleveland county.

—Miss Ruth McGill, of Bethany, spent yesterday in Gastonia.

—Mr. R. T. Padgett is a business visitor to Charlotte today.

—Misses Jessie and Minnie Nell, of Clover, spent yesterday in Gastonia.

—Mr. G. A. Baker, of Lowell, was a business visitor in the city Thursday.

—Misses Rebecca Flanagan and Nannie Wallace, of Bethel, spent yesterday in Gastonia.

—Miss Cora Steel, of Rock Hill, S. C., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. I. R. McFadden.

—Mr. Will Wetzell, of Red Springs, spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Wetzell.

—Mr. Kenneth Todd went to Spartanburg, S. C., today to attend the May Music Festival.

—Prof. J. L. Webb, of McAdenville, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

—Mr. Clyde C. Craig, of Dallas, superintendent of the county home, was a Gastonia visitor yesterday.

—Mr. I. F. Mabry, of McAdenville, spent Wednesday afternoon in Gastonia on business.

—Mrs. Gadsden Sayre, an architect of Anderson, S. C., is a business visitor in the city today.

—Messrs. N. B. Kendrick and D. P. McClure, of Cherryville, were in the city Sunday.

—Mr. Evon L. Houser, of Dallas, was in Gastonia on business yesterday.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McArver, of Kings Mountain, were in the city yesterday.

—Miss Mamie Darwin, of Smyrna, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Frank Kell, of Gastonia, N. C.—Gaffney, S. C., Ledger, 15th.

—Mrs. M. H. Shuford has as her guest her niece, Miss Frances Clark, of Inman, S. C., who is a student at Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C.

—The editors of The Gazette had ripe strawberries from their garden for dinner today. These are the earliest reported.

—An ice cream supper will be given in the "park" from 5 to 10 p. m. today by the tenth grade of the Central school.

—Mr. Perry Wright, a prosperous farmer of Bessemer City, route two, was in Gastonia on business yesterday.

—Mrs. W. H. Jenkins left Wednesday for Nashville, Tenn., to visit her son, Mr. Harry Jenkins, and to attend a meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions.

—Rev. G. A. Sparrow, Mr. J. W. Riddle and Rev. R. A. Miller returned this morning from Shelby where they attended Kings Mountain Presbytery.

—A total eclipse of the moon, visible generally throughout North America, is scheduled for the night of May 23rd. Moon enters the shadow about 11 p. m.

—Mr. John Holland is confined to his home by illness. His position as bookkeeper for J. Flem Johnson & Co. is being filled temporarily by Mr. E. H. Tuttle.

—Mr. W. T. Love, of Spencer Mountain, left Wednesday night on a business trip to Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York. He will be away a week or ten days.

—Mrs. W. T. Love and Mrs. J. W. Moore, of Spencer Mountain, are in the city this afternoon to attend the entertainment being given by Mrs. R. M. Reid.

—Mr. J. W. Walters, who moved from Gastonia to High Point several weeks ago, has now moved his family to Hickory, where he will be permanently located in business.

—Mrs. E. C. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Wilson went to Charlotte Tuesday by automobile, Mrs. E. C. Wilson remaining over for the Bahnsen-Reid wedding which was solemnized last night.

—Miss Willie Jenkins returned Wednesday from Charlotte where she attended the Virginia-Carolina baseball game last Saturday. She was accompanied home by her sister, Mrs. E. D. Craver, and children.

—Mrs. George G. Glenn has returned from a visit of several weeks to relatives at Lexington, S. C. She was accompanied home by Mr. Glenn who went down on a brief business trip.

—The Sans Souci Club held a business meeting at the home of Miss Louie Fry on South Oakland street Wednesday afternoon. Following the transaction of business, refreshments were served.

—A Washington dispatch in yesterday's Charlotte Observer states that a patent on a telegraph instrument has been granted to Mr. William M. Jackson, of Gastonia. Mr.

Jackson is a son-in-law of Mr. J. R. Baber, manager of The Love Co's store, and is now living in Sterling, Col.

—The fire company was called out Wednesday afternoon shortly after 6 o'clock to extinguish a blaze in the waste house of the Avon Mill, on East Franklin avenue. By use of the mill fire apparatus some of the operatives succeeded in getting the blaze under control before the company arrived. The damage was small.

—Good crowds have been in attendance all week at the services being conducted in Bradley Hall at the Loray by Rev. P. G. Elsom, of Raleigh. So far there have been 50 or more conversions. On Sunday afternoon Rev. Mr. Elsom will preach one of his strongest sermons to men only. The meeting will probably close Sunday night.

—A number of the good citizens of the Crowders Creek section of Gastonia township are presenting the name of Mr. J. Frank McArver for county commissioner from this township. Mr. McArver, while not desirous of office, has consented to the use of his name and his friends will make an active canvass in his behalf, believing that he would make a most active and efficient commissioner.

—Mrs. L. L. Jenkins and Miss Lola Jenkins returned Tuesday night from New York, being joined at Washington by Mr. Jenkins. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins have been spending the winter in New York city and Miss Lola has recently been with them, undergoing medical treatment under a specialist there. She is greatly improved as a result thereof, her many friends will be glad to learn.

—With this issue the story of "Truxton King" which has been running serially in The Gazette for some weeks comes to a close. We believe that a large number of our readers have found this an absorbingly interesting story. With our next issue, Tuesday, April 19th, we will begin a new story, "Cherub Devine," which is said to be a most intensely interesting and absorbing story. Don't fail to read it.

—The attention of our readers is called to the advertisement in this issue of Messrs. Ford Brothers, who conduct a general merchandise business at the Modena Mill. These gentlemen some months ago purchased the business conducted there by Mr. W. H. Poole when the latter moved up town. They have a growing business and solicit a portion of your patronage. Their advertisement will appear regularly in The Gazette.

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At the residence of Magistrate A. J. Quinn, Clover, S. C., yesterday Miss Fannie Jenkins was married to Mr. W. H. Holland by Mr. Quinn. Both parties are residents of Dallas.

### Gastonia Cotton.

These figures represent the prices paid to wagons, April 15th:  
Good middling ..... 14 1-2  
Strict middling ..... 14 1-4  
Middling ..... 14  
Cotton seed ..... 30c