

## THE GOVERNOR IS MOVED

Application For a Pardon Which Should Be Granted.

## THE MAN WAS INNOCENT

Alleged to Have Committed Crime, But Did Not So Intend—Prominent Men Interesting Themselves in Behalf of Unfortunate Prisoner.

Before Governor Aycock is an application for a pardon of a convict made by Mr. J. P. Kerr.

Back of this application is a strange story. It is the story of a man convicted of which he was not guilty. It is the story of a man serving a term in the penitentiary for three years without the knowledge of his wife, children or relatives. It is a story of a man's suffering punishment rather than let his family know of his disgrace. They suppose he is dead as to them he disappeared from the face of the earth when circumstances caused dis-direction.

It was this state of affairs which was learned by Mr. J. P. Kerr, director of the State prison when he was last in Raleigh attending a board meeting. Mr. Kerr immediately set on foot plans to rescue the man and it is confidently expected they will succeed.

It was in 1900 that a drummer came to Waynesville. He had been on a prolonged spree. He took a horse and buggy and drove to Sylva where he was arrested for stealing the team. He was brought back to Waynesville and put on trial soon afterwards. He was a stranger without money or relatives at hand. In his state of mind resultant from the effects of heavy drinking and imbued with an idea of keeping his people from knowing of his disgrace, he went to trial. He gave the assumed name of W. B. Smith. The evidence made a prima facie case against him. It was shown that he took the horse and buggy and made off

with it. He had no defense. He was convicted and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. He has served until this time and has, said Director Kerr to The Citizen, yesterday, made a model prisoner. He has informed the authorities of the various plots of prisoners to escape.

But absence from home and family under a conviction which he felt was unjust, had its influence on the man. Recently Governor Aycock visited the prison and the man asked to speak to the executive. The Governor heard his story and was influenced by it. Mr. Kerr on his return here wrote to W. T. Crawford saying that he was convinced Smith did not know what he was doing when he took the team and urged his pardon. The letter was endorsed by James Ferguson, solicitor at the time of conviction. This letter, with application for pardon, Mr. Kerr has sent to Governor Aycock.

"Smith" told Mr. Kerr his family lived in Florida when he came to Waynesville.—Citizen.

## W. M. J. BRYAN IN LIVERPOOL

Interested in English Sociological Problems.

Liverpool, Nov. 18.—W. J. Bryan arrived here tonight from the United States. He was interviewed by numerous newspaper correspondents and said that he was intensely interested in English sociological problems and that he wanted to hear and learn as much as possible of the fiscal discussion now going on. He has arranged to hear Herbert Henry Asquith speak on this question tomorrow and to listen to the speech of Joseph Chamberlain Friday.

Mr. Bryan said he is merely an on-looker so far as the fiscal discussion is concerned.

Speaking of the next presidential election in the United States, Mr. Bryan said he thought he would not again be a candidate, but that nothing had as yet been decided.

Mr. Bryan will remain for some time in England, and will then go to France.

## J. P. CALDWELL, JR. SUICIDES

Was a Prominent Young Man of Charlotte.

Charlotte, Nov. 19.—A tragedy which shocked the whole community occurred shortly after 6 o'clock last evening, when Joseph P. Caldwell, jr., son of the editor of the Observer, ended his life by shooting himself through the left breast with a .38 calibre revolver. He committed the deed at the family residence on South Main street and died in a few minutes.

Young Caldwell was up street the greater part of the afternoon, returning home shortly before 6 o'clock. He met a friend to whom he intimated a purpose of ending his life. While the young man was not taken seriously, a member of the family was notified of what he had said and he was accompanied home by his oldest sister. He engaged in conversation with his sister and apparently had dismissed from his mind any thought of self destruction by the time the family residence was reached. He went immediately to his room on the second floor and a moment later a pistol shot was heard.

His two sisters, Misses Lottie and Mary Oates Caldwell, and the youngest brother, Frank Caldwell, were in the house at the time. When the unfortunate young man's room was reached his body was found lying across the bed, the smoking revolver by his side.

The body was carried to Statesville this morning accompanied by the grief-stricken father and oldest sister, Miss Lottie Caldwell, and a number of friends. The funeral took place this afternoon, the service being conducted from the residence of Mrs. Amanda Caldwell.

This morning's Charlotte Observer in its narration of this tragedy says:

"No cause for the act is known. Recently the young man has been depressed, and as far back as six weeks ago he had said that he intended to kill himself, but his remarks were not taken seriously; nor did he seem to intend that they should be taken seriously."

Continuing, after telling of the young man's going to his room, the Observer says:

"He closed the door. A second later a pistol shot was fired. A sister, who hurriedly ran to the room, found it in darkness. She made a light and found her brother lying on his back on his bed with the revolver lying by his side. Physicians were summoned, but the young man died before they arrived. He had either sat on the side of the bed or thrown himself across it, and had placed the pistol against his breast and fired, the bullet penetrating the heart and causing almost instant death."

"J. P. Caldwell, jr., was the older son of Mr. J. P. Caldwell, and was 19 years of age last March. He had spent about two years in the navy, but was honorably discharged from the service about a year ago. Since then he had been in Charlotte most of the time. He had had several attacks of illness, and had suffered a good deal from melancholia.

"It is needless to speak of how this tragedy has shocked the family of the boy and the entire community. Joe Caldwell had become a familiar figure here, and had made many friends. He was warm hearted and brave, with many fine and likable qualities; and the pitiful manner of his passing evokes general regret and sympathy.

"The body was taken to Statesville this morning. The time for the burial services cannot be announced now. Among those who will accompany the body to Statesville will be: Mr. J. P. Caldwell and Misses Lottie and Mary Oates Caldwell, the father and sisters of the deceased; Mrs. R. L. Gibbon, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Chambers, Mrs. W. R. Talianferro, Mr. Julian Talianferro, Mr. H. E. C. Bryant and Mr. I. E. Avery. Frank Caldwell, a younger brother of the young man, left for Statesville last evening to convey the sad intelligence to his grandmother, Mrs. Amanda Caldwell, and his aunt, Miss Jennie Caldwell. Mrs. Theo. F. Klutz of Salisbury, a sister of Mr. J. P. Caldwell, and members of her family will join the burial party at Statesville."

## STING OF LYING TONGUES

Besmirch the Reputation Of An Innocent Young Girl.

## WHO SHALL ANSWER FOR THE

Self-Destruction of Miss Culbertson?—"Those Who Were My Enemies Wore the Mask of Friendship" Were the Lines She Left.

That the old proverb, "Satan finds some mischief still for idle tongues to do," still holds good, is evidenced by the distressing circumstances revealed in a letter recently received in this city from Michigan.

A young lady of highly respectable parentage ended her life by self-administered poison, because the slanderous tongues of idle gossips had connected her name with that of a well known "man, about town." It is the story of the serpent destroying the happiness of a pure young life.

Miss Adelaide Culbertson as previously stated, was a young woman of respectable parentage and refinement. Her life from childhood to young womanhood had been irreproachable. So marked was the uprightness of her life that, as is frequently the case in small towns, the sting of jealousy entered into the hearts of those who confessed to be Miss Culbertson's friends. In an unhappy moment the young lady was seen talking to a young man who wore no saintly halo about his head as he walked the city streets.

The hearts of the scandal mongers were glad for here was a chance to begin their distasteful work. They did not overlook their opportunity, and the cowardly insinuation dropped here and there spread with contagious rapidity. Those who wore the smile of friendship in the presence of Miss Culbertson, were the busiest diffusers of the

## MR. CRAWFORD OBJECTED

To Burial of "Petrified Man" On His Place.

The prosecution in the celebrated "Petrified-man" case is hot on the trail of Squire Sitton who was bound to court a week ago by Justice Waddell on the charge that he knowingly planted "it" on his land and then rescored it and then sold it for \$3,500 to Asheville men as a genuine petrified man.

At the preliminary trial evidence was introduced to show that the thing was hauled across country in a box and buried on Squire Sitton's land and that it was the same thing that was dug up and exhibited in South Carolina, and shown in Charlotte.

But at this hearing there was no positive evidence, only circumstances, to show that the Squire consented to the placing of the body on his land or that it was a fake.

But now more evidence has been produced before the grand jury. Mr. Crawford, a prominent citizen of Henderson county, told that Tom Edney wanted to plant the petrified man on his land but he declined to go into the scheme. Tom Edney was one of the four men, John Long, Tom Edney, Geo. McKinney and "Litton," whom Will Carter told the magistrate were named by John Long as the men who buried the petrified man where it was found.

No indictment has yet been returned in the case.—Citizen.

poison when out of her sight. When malicious utterances finally reached the young lady's ears, her pure young heart could not survive the shock and in a fit of despondency she passed out of the range of the venomous shafts of the scandal mongers. In the note which she left behind Miss Culbertson gave expression to a sentiment which should burn into the hearts of her cowardly murderers. She wrote: "Those who were my bitterest enemies wore the mask of friendship."—Citizen.

# WE SEND GREETINGS

Autumn with its whistling winds and frosty mornings tells us that winter is near. The Fall Clothing question is now an all important matter for consideration, and we take great pleasure in cordially inviting every Man, Boy, or Parent, who will have clothing to buy during the season, to call on us for the purpose of looking at, and examining the new Clothing, Hats, Furnishing Goods we are now showing. To show our new styles affords us great satisfaction. ALL THINGS ARE READY—COME



## Young Men's Suits

The young man who insists upon Fashion's latest whims, naturally comes to Fashion's Headquarters for them. As you know, that means he comes here.

As soon as he lands he puts on a Suit, and the Suit generally lands him at once.

The smartest and newest double breasted Sack Suits are here, as well as the new, firm, high shoulder, narrow lapel, single breasted Sack Suit.

Worsted, Fancy Cheviots and Scotch Suitings are the favorite fabrics.

This way, young man, if you want a Suit of clothes that's strictly "It."



## At A Glance

The good features of our Overcoats proclaim themselves.

There are a dozen kinds and styles. What's your particular preference—long, short or medium?—We have it.

## You Make the Decision.

By the time we have shown you what Overcoat styles are worn, you will be able to decide which one becomes

you and what cloth you want. All cloths, all colors, all styles, that deserve to be here, are here.

Overcoats at \$5.00, \$7.50, \$15.00, and away up to \$30.00. Money back if you want it. The weather is rather Overcoatish now—don't you think so?



## That Boy's Clothes

The clothes question for the growing Boy is a perplexing proposition at best.

Parents, who have raised an assortment of boys, know all about it. The boy must be pleased as well as the parent.

We have Boy's Suits that will satisfy all hands and promote contentment in the family circle. Our handsome Short Pant Suits for Boys from 5 to 16 years, in two or three piece styles, will

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\$1.00, \$2.00 or \$4.00 are some of the prices. The Suits are handsome and have style enough to please both the boy and his mother, as well as that substantial wear his father will insist upon having.

Bring the boys here for all round clothes satisfaction.

## TO THE LADIES

Some of you who read this, may not know that we also sell Ladies' and Misses' Tailor Made Suits, Skirts, Capes, Wraps and Jackets, in fact, in our Ladies Department you can come and be fitted in anything you wear, except shoes and hats. The styles are better than you can have them made by the best dressmakers, and our prices are less than you can buy the goods and have them made for. We only have one fair price to every one, and sell for cash only, but should you buy something you find you do not want, you can send it back and get the money for it. This is our way of doing business and we think you will agree with us, that it is the best way.

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