

CONVICTS MOURN AT WARDEN'S BIER

Prisoners Weep at Grave of Penitentiary Head—Lived a Christian Life.

New York World.
—and 30 lashes on the bare back.
The judge finished reading the sentence without looking at the wretch before him. It was a routine matter.
"Come on, 'bo, your back will bleed tomorrow; but you'll have five years in the pen to heal it," a guard said, as he led the thief from the court.
The next morning the thief, trembling with fright, was taken from his penitentiary cell and down a long tunnel which ended in a patch of light, in the center of which stood the whipping post.
The shirt was stripped from his

body, revealing the back, bared for the lash of justice. Each hand was manacled to a side of the post, so far above his head that he had to stand on tiptoe to keep the iron wristlets from tearing his flesh.
"All ready warden," a jailer called. The Sartorial Flogger.
A man of the splendid age, with face and curly hair of a matinee idol, and clad as the beau would dress today stepped jauntily from a nearby building. Nonchalantly taking a silver case from waistcoat pocket, he carefully let a cigarette, took a long puff, and in a deep voice demanded:
"Give me the 'cat!'"
The heavy cudgel with the nine leather lashes tied to it was handed him. The thief, screwing his blanched face half around on his stubby neck, saw the torture weapon. He cursed huskily and tried to flatten himself against the post.
The warden measured his distance, took another puff at the cigarette, held in his left hand, and abruptly raised the cat-o-nine tails. The thongs whirred through the air, and fell—almost as light as thistle-down on the thief's back.
Time and again cat whirred. The fifteenth lash was the last. There was barely a mark on the thief's back.
"That's enough for today. He's going to hit him hard. Take him down and we'll finish next Monday." Warden Merced Plummer, of the workhouse at Greenback, said in a low voice to the jailer.
Tossing the cat to one side, Plummer remarked to a spectator: "The law says that as I am warden of the Delaware pen that I've got to whip the thieves. But the law doesn't say how hard I've got to beat them. That's my business. Fool law—beating a man insensible doesn't make him a better man. It spoils the makings of a good man."
This happened last year. The whipping post is still one of Delaware's most cherished institutions. But, as Warden Plummer said: "—see that man crossing the yard? He stole \$10-

000 from a corporation; was a trusted officer. A clever lawyer fooled with a technicality, and that man wasn't sentenced to the whipping post. But some poor white or nigger steals a ham—he gets 30 lashes."
Plummer died the other day, his work accomplished. For 20 years he had been a postoffice detective. A few years ago he was made warden of a prison noted for the brutality committed within its walls.
Plummer changed that. His life act was the establishment of an honor system. Then he re-made men. His system was simple: "Treat a man on the square. Give him a chance to treat you on the square. And don't forget that religion is necessary somewhere."
"No, I'm not a religious man. But I've seen what it did for these men. I'm for it. Some day I'm going to take it on."
Those who knew Plummer well said he lived Christ-like, even though he was not a baptized Christian.
Plummer took the lifelessness who had been treated as a man out of their cells and gave them work that restored health. A gang composed of long and short-term men and lifers who had shown marks of honor were put to work on a farm, without even a guard.
"Run away?" Plummer became indignant at the thought. "My men don't run away. The lifers—escapes? I'll say not. Why, man, the lifers are the real guards. They know what a hell it was under the old system. They're thankful for a bit of fresh air. If one of these short-term men tried to escape the lifers would kill 'im. That's the way my honor system works."
After the day's work in the mill—and they work hard there—hired men lights were lit in the yard and baseball was played until 9 o'clock each night.
"See those men playing ball?" Plummer asked. "They say I'm coddling prisoners by giving them a chance to pump fresh air into their lungs, by making 'em forget the monotony of prison life. But every man has already worked eight hours. When they finish playing they'll be so tired they'll want to sleep right off. And let me tell you—we're turning out more good than the pen ever did, too."

The first of the five contracts was executed December 13, 1915, and the last on March 13, 1916. It was charged that the contracts were renounced October 22, 1917.
In its opinion the appellate court said:
"Plaintiff's various orders discontinuing shipments of yarn and demanding change of certain numbers were contrary to the contract agreements. However, these requests seem to have been granted far as possible by the defendant, and deliveries were continued agreeable to the plaintiff's request until September 1917."
Reference was also made to the fact that the defendant complained from time to time of the failure on the part of the plaintiff to settle promptly.
The court, summing up, declared that the court below did substantial justice in rendering a judgment for the defendant.

LIVE NEWS FROM THE LAWNDALE SECTION

Special to The Star.
We are glad to say that the influenza around here is about-died out.
Miss Selma Denton who is teaching at Pleasant Hill spent the week end with home folks.
There was a large crowd at the play at Piedmont which was given Friday night.
Miss Lattie Dayberry is visiting her sister Mrs. Maurice Southard of Lawndale.
Misses Sallie and Gattie Southard spent the week end with their sister Mrs. Dutch Lattimore.
Mr. Roland Towery of this place has accepted a position in Washington.
Miss Madge Copeland spent the week end with her uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Duol Copeland.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Andy Eaker a dairy daughter, Annie Pearl.
Miss Josephine Ramsey spent the week end with Miss Effie Spangler.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Towery a daughter, Birdie Lee.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Richards a dairy daughter.

WHEN A FELLOW GOES ASTRAY HE NEEDS YOU

Editor Johnson Pleads That Sympathy and Kindness Go Out to Fallen Man.
Charity and Children.
When a fellow goes astray you needs the sympathy and help of his friends. It is a rather mean spirit that cries "I told you so." It is simply boasting of one's wisdom and foresight on the misfortunes of one's fellow man. It betrays a lack of the milk of human kindness and reveals the vanity and conceit of him who gives utterance to the miserable sentiment. No matter how guilty the poor fellow who falls may be, how unfit for the position he has held, when he is overtaken by his sins, and goes out in disgrace, silence is the word on the part of those who may have known him and who ought to help him. The foregoing reflections are inspired on the occasion of the retirement of A. D. Watts. The Greensboro News-Voice, in its issue of February 10, 1923, has published an account of his retirement by President Wilson to the Federal reserve bank, and has severely condemned his political methods. But instead of lambasting him in his humiliation that paper refers to his honest and efficient administration of his own affairs. That is most creditable to the paper, as any other course would have been unworthy. It is neither brave nor honorable to kick a man when he is down and out. It is the easiest thing in the world to say "I told you so," which betrays a half hidden hilarity at the man's downfall. The strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak and not please themselves. "I told you so" not only refuses to bear the infirmities of the weak but panders to the ignoble pleasure of self. None of us are free from weakness and sin. All of us are liable to be overcome by temptation. To raise the fallen and cheer the faint is not only the duty of the Christian, but of any man who is manly and brave. To rise on stepping stones of our dead serves to hinder things is fine, but to rise on stepping stones of others, however feeble and faulty, is despicable.

Catches Large Hawks.

John V. Porter of Shelby, R-I caught three large hawks in less than two months. One measured 41 inches from tip to tip one 33, and the other 30 inches. They were caught in a steel trap.

50 GOOD CIGARETTES 10¢

GENUINE "BULL" DURHAM TOBACCO

MORTGAGEE'S SALE.

By virtue of a mortgage deed executed to J. L. Suttle Company by S. W. Wilson and wife, on the 8th day of February, 1919, and recorded in Book No. 90 at page No. 407, in the office of Register of Deeds for Cleveland county, N. C., to secure the sum of \$870.00 and default—having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, the undersigned mortgagee will sell to the highest bidder at the court house door in Shelby, N. C., on

MONDAY, March 12th, 1923.

at 12 o'clock M., or within legal hours the following described real estate: Beginning at a stone, Philip Wilson's corner in D. Putnam's old line; thence N. 75 W. 28 poles to a stone; thence S. 37 W. 6 poles to a stone; thence S. 43 1-8 W. 64 poles to a stone on the bank of river; thence down the river as it meanders; 37 poles to a stake; thence N. 59 E. 4 poles to a dogwood; thence 86 Southwest 18 poles to a stone; thence N. 18 E. 91-2 poles to a stake; thence S. 80 E. 21 poles to a Black gum at the fork of the branch; thence up the left hand from about N. 33 E. 49 poles to a white oak stump at the head of the branch; thence N. 72 E. 13 poles to a stone thence N. 15 E. 53 poles to the beginning, containing 22 1-8 acres, more or less.
Terms of Sale: Cash.
This the 2nd day of February, 1923.
J. L. SUTTLE COMPANY, Mortgagee.
B. T. Falls, Atty.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED IN LINCOLNTON MILL SUIT

Richmond, Va., Feb. 12.—In an opinion presented by District Judge E. Y. Webb, sitting on the appellate bench, the United States circuit court of appeals today affirmed the judgment of the Charlotte district court, whereby Frank E. Pels company of New Durham, N. J., was denied damages against the Saxony Spinning company, of Lincolnton, N. C., in a case involving alleged breach of contract on the part of the Lincolnton factory.
The New Jersey concern sued on five different contracts for the delivery of certain quantities of cotton yarns at stipulated prices per pound, damages in the sum of \$20,883.40 being asked. A jury in the lower court awarded damages in the sum of \$9,617.57, but the verdict was set aside.

TO CONTROL FLAVOR AND ODOR OF MILK

Much Depends on Feeding and Proper Care of Product.

Silage That Has Been Fed One Hour Before Milking Is So Quickly Absorbed That Taint Is Discernible, Says Bulletin.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)
The flavor and odor of milk may be controlled to a great extent through the feeding of the herd and the care of the product. These problems are discussed in United States Department of Agriculture Bulletin 1007, "The Effect of Silage on the Flavor and Odor of Milk," by James A. Gamble and Ernest Kelly.
The flavor and odor of silage, according to the results of the investigation, are largely imparted to milk through the body of the cow, and silage that has been fed one hour before milking is so quickly absorbed that its taint is discernible in the milk. It should be fed immediately after milking, if the dairyman wishes to avoid imparting an odor to the milk. Legume silage must be fed in smaller amounts, as it affects the milk more than corn silage.
The bad odors imparted by silage may be greatly diminished by prompt and careful aeration of the warm milk. Some milk is improved in flavor by the feeding of silage. The results show that silage odors in the barn air have little effect on the flavor and odor of the milk, but the department advises that good ventilation should not be lost sight of.
Cream from silage-tainted milk retains the flavors and odors more tenaciously than the milk itself. Condensed milk made from it has a less perceptible silage flavor than the milk from which it was made.
Copies of the bulletin may be had from the Department of Agriculture, Washington.

NEWEST FREAK IN POULTRY

"Turken," a Cross Between a Turkey and a Hen, Drought About by Washington Man.

If your family is divided as to whether they want turkey or chicken for dinner don't worry—here's the solution—a combination of the two in



"Turken," Latest Freak in Poultry.

one in the form of a new and strange bird, the "turken," a cross between a turkey and a chicken.
This poultry freak, bred by F. V. Menzies of Washington, one of the exhibits at the poultry show held in the Coliseum in the national capital, commanded unusual interest and puzzled the visitors.
The fowl about the head and neck has the appearance of a turkey while the body is that of a large chicken.

TREES WILL DRY OUT QUICK

Best Plan to Handle One at a Time, Leaving Others Remain in Trench Holed in.

Plant one tree at a time. Do not take a number of trees out of the box or trench where they are heeled in and distribute them on the ground by the holes. They will quickly dry out, much faster than you imagine, and since you won't plant as fast as you thought the delay is sure to be longer than best practice demands.

POWDER CONTROLS HEN LICE

Mixture of Gasoline, Stock Dip and Dry Cement Will Prove Quite Effective.

Common hen lice that live on the hairs, feathers and skin of the fowls can be controlled by treating with a home-made powder composed of mixing three parts of gasoline and one part of stock dip and adding enough dry cement to make a powder. Hold the bird with its head down and apply the mixture by working in the feathers.

WAY FOR KEEPING SEED CORN

Flour and Sugar Barrels Make Satisfactory Containers—Provide for Ventilation.

A good way to keep seed corn is to place it in good tight boxes or barrels. Flour and sugar barrels make good containers. The barrels should be placed where the air is dry and circulates freely. Such a place is usually found in the barn loft.

WHY PLAN YOUR SPRING PLANTINGS SO EARLY?

While You are Sitting by Fire Think of the Crops You Can Plant.

(F. E. Rockwell, Horticultural Editor of "Farm and Fireside.")
Why should you plan now while the ground is still frozen up hard, or covered with snow, for what you are going to plant this spring?
The big reason for "doing it now" is that, the earlier you make your plans, the better the results which you will get.
There are many reasons why this is a fact. In the first place, you can at this time, make your planting plans at leisure. With the approach of spring even weeks before the ground can be worked, there are a score of things to begin that require one's attention even on the smallest place. Now, while the evenings are still long, and there is plenty of time to pick and choose and discuss, and to send for catalogues if those you have on hand do not cover everything you are likely to want, is the ideal time to do your planning.
The Early Order Bird Gets the Pick.
There is another big reason why you should get your plans made now, and that is so that you can order early. Many kinds of plants and shrubs are scarce this spring than they have been for many years. A few years ago the United States department of agriculture shut out many kinds of plants formerly imported in large quantities from abroad. This was done to lessen the danger of importing serious insects or disease pests with the plants. Some of these things have not yet been produced in sufficiently large quantities in this country to supply the demand. That is the reason for the shortage. Another is that more building has been going on during the last twelve months than has previously been done in many years. People realize more than they ever did before that a house is not really a home until it is planted with trees and shrubs. Almost every new home you see built these days has some planting done around it almost immediately. All this building, therefore, has made an extra heavy demand for all classes of ornamental plants.
More Fruit Being Planted.
When it comes to the fruit trees, the situation is the same. During the war and the few years following it, comparatively few fruit trees were set out. During the last year or two, however, people have begun to realize that in many kinds of fruits, we have fewer bearing trees in 1920 than we had in 1910. Government figures show that the decrease were from ten to thirty and even forty per cent. This has resulted in extra heavy demands from the commercial planters, and this is a heavy demand for the home owner and the farmer who wants a home orchard for his use and for local market. There is no fair investment today which offers a better opportunity than the planting of an orchard.
Plan for all parts of the Place.
The more of the places which one owns, whether they are farms or suburban lots, suffer from "landslide" planting. In one place you may see a few evergreens and nothing else. Evergreens are fine and they are so desirable and so long lived that some of them should be planted every place, but there is need also for other trees and for flowering shrubs and hardy plants. Evergreens as a rule, should be put to the north or west of a house where they will protect it from winter winds and form a background that will set it off to advantage. If the most homes are welcome all the sunlight we can have in the winter, and therefore in front of the house it is better to have some trees which lose their leaves in winter, thus permitting the sunlight to enter during the months when we want it.
There is hardly a place, no matter how small, where there is not room for some fruit. Certainly no farm is a real farm without at least some sort of an orchard to provide plenty of fruit for home use.
Even if it is only a couple of dozen trees, it will be well worth while, because during eight or ten months of the year they will save many dollars that would otherwise be spent for "store" food, and in addition to this, even a very small orchard may bring in a goodly sum of ready cash. Ten to twenty dollars is not at all unusual. I have received as much as forty dollars for the crop from one tree of apples.
Then there are the flowering shrubs and the hardy flowers. The day has come when the stark, bare farm house will need for a farm home that the owner can be proud of. Some flowering and some flowers are as much a part of the modern farm home as running water in the kitchen, a modern heating plant, and electric lights. A few dollars invested in plants will bring beauty and joy to the entire family for years, and at the same time will more than ten times the cost of the plants in the value of the property. There is no longer any excuse for bare unplanted houses.
Keep these things in mind, and make your plans now to do some planting in the spring. Get your order in promptly so you can get just what you want and not have to take what the other fellow happens to have.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that I have this day qualified as administrator of the estate of James M. Champion, deceased, and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned and all persons having claims against said estate will present them to me properly proven for payment on or before January 10th, 1924, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.
This January 10th, 1923.
R. C. CHAMPION, Adm'r. of James M. Champion, dec'd.



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NOTICE OF SALE.
\$100,000.00 5% Bridge Funding and Bridge Bonds, Cleveland County North Carolina.

The County Commissioners of Cleveland county, N. C., will receive sealed bids up to 2 o'clock p. m., on Wednesday, February 21st, 1923, at which time said sealed bids will be opened by the Commissioners of Cleveland county at their office at the Court House in Shelby, N. C., for One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars of Bridge Funding and Bridge Bonds of Cleveland county, numbered from One (1) to One Hundred (100) inclusive. Said bonds will be coupon bonds of the denomination of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars each and payable, principal and interest, at the Chase National Bank, New York city, bearing date March 1st, 1923, and bearing five per cent. interest, payable semi-annually on the first days of March and September of each year, said bonds maturing serially, Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars thereof maturing on the first day of March in each of the years 1928 to 1947 inclusive, and Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars thereof maturing on the first day of March in each of the years 1948 to 1955 inclusive. Said bonds are issued under authority of a Special Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, Session 1923, House Bill No. 71, Senate Bill No. 41, said Act directing that an annual tax shall be levied and collected sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds as same fall due. Bids should be addressed to the undersigned, accompanied by genuine certified check for two per cent of the face amount of the bonds bid for, said check payable to the undersigned. No bids for less than par received, and Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids. Assessed valuation \$35,683,802.00. Bonded indebtedness \$226,000.00. Population, census 1921, 34,372. Tax rate for 1922, Sixty cents on the \$100.00 worth of property.
By order of the Board of Commissioners,
This February 6th, 1923.
R. L. WEATHERS, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, Shelby, N. C.

Weak Back
Mrs. Mildred Pipkin, of R. F. D. 8, Columbia, Tenn., says: "My experience with Cardui has covered a number of years. Nineteen years ago... I got down with weak back. I was run-down and so weak and nervous I had to stay in bed. I read of **CARDUI** The Woman's Tonic and sent for it. I took only one bottle at that time, and it helped me; seemed to strengthen and build me right up. So that is how I first knew of Cardui. After that, . . . when I began to get weak and 'no account', I sent right for Cardui, and it never failed to help me."
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SHELBY, N. C.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF LAND

By virtue of authority vested in me by decree made in the Superior court of Cleveland county in a special proceeding entitled "Ruben C. Peeler and wife vs. William A. Peeler, et al" I will on
Thursday, March 1st, 1923
at the court house door in the town of Shelby at 12 o'clock noon offer for sale to the highest bidder the following described real estate situated in No. 9 township, Cleveland County, N. C., and bounded as follows: Being the Abe Peeler lands lying on the head waters of Maple creek and beginning on a rock pile. S. W. Lindsay's corner and runs thence S. 13 W. 35 poles to a pine stump and pointers; thence N. 77 W. 65 poles to a post oak. Pool's line; thence N. 7 W. 68 poles to a rock pile, Randall's line; thence S. 77 E. 90 poles to a rock in Lindsay's line; thence S. 23, W. 30 poles to the beginning containing 30 1-4 acres more or less.
Terms of sale: One-half cash on day of sale and balance December 1, 1923, evidenced by approved note bearing six per cent interest from day of sale. Purchaser has privilege of paying all cash on confirmation of sale.
This January 30th, 1923.
FRANK L. HOYLE, Commissioner.
Jno. P. Mull, Atty.