

Task To Convict Influential Men In North Carolina Courts

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and acquitted. Lack of education, however, he emphasized, does not mean that all the uneducated are criminally inclined. Some of our most dependable and honest citizens, he said, were in early life denied the opportunities of education. Continuing he expressed the view that poverty tends to build crime because those without money or property often are led to crime to secure money or property which may be turned into money. This urge is one of the major causes of crime.

Lack Of Employment.

Another cause of crime, a cause stronger now in this state than in many years, the jurist declared, is the increasing lack of employment. He pointed out several instances to show that unemployment is spreading and when such is the case many turn to whiskey making and other forms of crime to earn a livelihood. In delivering his charge Judge Stack made a statement which automatically expressed a view regarding Mr. Hoover's commission to study the causes of crime and to offer remedies for the crime wave. "Most of us," he said, "know the causes of crime, and the majority of us know the remedies. The commission when it reports will tell us nothing we do not know."

A Special Officer.

Lack of law enforcement was the chief cause of crime cited by him, with better enforcement being cited as a remedy. In saying so he offered a suggestion which in his opinion would do much to bring about better law enforcement. That was that each county should have a special officer to work up evidence against persons arrested. Our officers, deputies and policemen, are as a rule capable and efficient but they do not have the time to work up evidence. A county should have one officer to go out and ferret up evidence, link it together and convict the defendants in court. Many of those tried are acquitted when there really is enough evidence to convict them but this evidence has not been gathered together. Some may criticize this suggestion because it would mean another office and more expense. "As I said before no county should balk at the expense of enforcing the law. No outlay of money can bring in better returns. What is more the expense of such an officer could be included in the bills of costs thereby creating no additional expense to taxpayers."

In behalf of his suggestion he reminded of the great number of convictions in federal court because federal investigators get out and get up the evidence against the defendants, causing many of them to plead guilty because they know the evidence has been secured against them. He cited, too, how railways send investigators to work on box car robberies and such and nine times out of ten secure convictions. He pointed out, in addition, how insurance companies work up their cases when there is some suspicion of wrongdoing about a fire.

"If it is worthwhile to them, it should be to us," he declared.

Another weak link in lack of state court convictions, he said, is the sympathetic attitude taken by petit juries.

"We have juries which, perhaps not intentionally, become too sentimental. They feel sorry for the defendant, for his wife and for his children and they open their ears to all the evidence in his behalf and close them to all the state's evidence. Such should not be the case. The defendant should think of his wife and children before he commits a crime."

In informing the grand jury of the investigations it should make of county institutions and offices, Judge Stack expressed the opinion that every county should have a different method of investigating the conduct of its offices. "Members of the jury are laymen and not acquainted with the details of the office operation. A lawyer could do a good job of it. This work should be the duty of the district solicitor or the county solicitor. Either one of them could go in any office of the county here and within a few minutes tell if anything was going wrong, where it would take a long investigation by the grand jury. And seeing that officers of the public are doing their duty is one of the major items for a grand jury. An officer who is not doing his duty is violating the law and should be prosecuted."

Higher-Ups Drinking Prohibition Puzzle

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ward prohibition before it became a law, but that the chief executive's attitude since that time was "a personal example" that should be followed by every good citizen in his home, at social gathering and in business affairs.

Reports that "many congressmen vote 'dry' while they drink liquor," the Washingtonian regarded as a valid argument for prohibition. He said he was "sorry it may be so" but that it emphasizes the strength of prohibition sentiment in their districts.

Rafe King Claims His Innocence Yet

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ties said that it was their policy not to permit anyone to see a prisoner unless he was willing.

A guard was dispatched to inform King that the newspaper man was calling and desired to talk with him.

King Unwilling.

"I have nothing to say and do not care to see him," was the message which the guard brought back.

The newspaper man, with a high iron fence between him and the prison yard, with guards, armed with ugly looking sticks standing at the gates, faced an impossible task.

Apparently Unworried.

King, according to Captain Sanders, is a model prisoner and does not cause the slightest trouble. He is not worrying one bit and maintains an air of cheerfulness that is surprising even to prison guards. King eats and sleeps well and apparently is not concerned about the outcome of his appeal to the state supreme court for a new hearing.

"He still contends that he is an innocent man and that he was wrongfully convicted," said Captain Sanders.

From the statements of Captain Sanders, the same nonchalant attitude of King, which characterized his demeanor during the nearly two weeks' sensational trial in Chester last July, has not broken down during these months of incarceration in the dread South Carolina penitentiary.

Not In Death House.

King, Captain Sanders said, is not confined in the death house. It is not the rule to place a prisoner there until the date of his execution has been set and it is known for a fact that the prisoner will walk to the electric chair. King is being held in the regular cell block along with other prisoners until the supreme court makes its ruling on his appeal. The law of South Carolina provides that a prisoner who must suffer the supreme penalty of the state, shall be confined along death row for not more than twenty days and not less than three days before his execution. Until King's case is finally settled by the state's highest tribunal, he will not enter the death house.

King was convicted at a sensational trial in Chester last July of first degree murder in connection with the death of his wife, the former Faye Wilson, whose body was found in an outhouse near the King home at Sharon, January 28. Judge J. K. Henry, presiding, sentenced King to die in the electric chair September 20, but execution was stayed pending completion of King's appeal to the supreme court.

One Family Making Money On Farm, No Cotton Crop

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"Installment buying is all right. It has proven a great help, but installment buying, of course, like anything else can be over done. Not long since, for example, we were approached by a man who wanted to be financed in purchasing a lot and erecting a home. He said that he could not make a down payment but could pay so much per week. The investigation then was to see how much he could pay weekly, and it turned out to be a very small sum. He had an automobile on which the payments would not be complete for a year, and he must keep them up to keep the car, and he also had a new radio upon which a majority of the payments were due. After they were paid for he could increase his payments on his home. That's my point about spending too much. The luxuries, or semi-luxuries, are often placed before the necessities. Both the luxuries and the semi-luxuries are all right. All of course would like to have them, but from the sound point of view, should not the necessities come first?"

Others taking part on a general discussion of economical conditions brought forth the statement of one man that he had an employe who had informed him that each week after paying his installments on his car, his radio, his electric refrigerating plant, and other items that he had only \$5 left from his pay check upon which to purchase necessities.

The Home Of The Brave.

The rapidly increasing divorce rate, remarked the wit, indicates that America is indeed becoming the land of the free.

Yes, replied his prolate friend, but the continued marriage rate suggests that it is still the home of the brave.

Starting Young.

Teacher—What would the interest be on \$500 for one year at 3 per cent? Able, pay attention. Able—"At 3 per cent I would not be interested."

Negro Is Father Of Five Sets Of Twins

York, S. C. — Page Henry White, negro farmer and a very successful and reliable one, too, who lives on the farm of Mrs. Samuel A. Mitchell, near Sharon.

Henry, who is about 45 years of age; he is not sure (most of the colored people in this community are never sure about their ages), is the father of five sets of twins.

He has twenty-two children in all and has been married twice, according to a reliable citizen of the community who was telling about Henry and his five set of twins.

Most of those twins are pretty fair cotton pickers, it is said.

Poison Rum Kills Two Carolinians

Another In Party Sick At Memphis Tourist Camp, Party En Route To New Mexico.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 5.—Two members of a party of six North Carolina men en route to New Mexico, were found dead at a tourist camp here today when other members of the party sought to awaken them. A third was seriously ill. Police said their condition was caused by poison liquor or suffocation, but inclined to the latter theory.

The dead are: F. M. Buckner, 45, and Barnum Lewis, 25, both of Big Laurel, N. C. Erwin Lewis of the same section is in serious condition at a hospital.

Other members of the party are: L. K. Wallin, Lloyd Wright and Elias Wright, all of Marshall, N. C.

The Wright brothers said the party bought liquor last night at Brownsville, Tenn., as they came here. All drank some of it.

At the tourist camp, the Wrights and Wallin occupied one room, and the three stricken used another. A small gas stove was found burning in the room where the men were found dead. There was little ventilation.

Police were inclined to the suffocation theory rather than that of poison liquor because all six drank some of the whiskey and only three were affected.

Cotton Market

Cotton was quoted at noon today on New York exchange: Jan. 16-99. Saturday's close: 16.97. London cables say inquiries have been numerous in Lancashire cotton goods market but actual results indifferent, buyers and sellers apart. Political outlook in India restraining business with China. Worth street quiet Saturday. Better business prediction shortly. Break in futures last week due mainly to southern offerings, probably hedge selling. If continued prices may ease off but any further decline should meet increasing demand from mills to cover hedges.

CLEVELAND, O.

Shorter Work Hours By Artificial Light

Des Moines, Iowa.—A three-day week for machine workers through use of at present unavailable energy in artificial light is suggested to the American Association for the Advancement of Science as an industrial development of the future.

It is a by-product of a new field of scientific exploration which was explained to a general session of the association by Dr. W. T. Bovis, formerly of Harvard Medical school. It is based on observations which Dr. Bovis said promise the possibility of producing an artificial light of a wide range of healthful and stimulating rays that are neutralized at present because not disentangled from useless or harmful rays of the same light.

May Mean Short Hours.

The idea of shorter working hours was suggested to him by a manufacturer and by his own observations that some workers would prefer night work if they might have as healthful conditions as in the day. With the equivalent of sunshine available artificially it might be possible, he explained, to operate machinery 24 hours a day, saving the interest on capital now lost with idle time, and developing resources to give workers the shorter week.

Penny Column

BIG TRADE DAY AT CASAR. Saturday, January 11, 1930. We are expecting the biggest day we have ever had in Casar. Everybody invited. Bring anything you have to trade. We have plenty of hogs for sale. I have a car load of Kentucky mules, all nice and fat, weigh from nine to twelve hundred pounds and well broke. Come and look them over. D. O. Melton. 1t 6p

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FARMERS! THE EAGLE Poultry company, Alvin Hardin manager, is located at the Seaboard depot in Shelby and always pays highest cash prices for poultry. We also carry a complete line of dairy and poultry feeds. See us when in town. 1t-6c

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Mercerized plain nainsook in a soft finish which will be a delight to work with. Wanted pastel shades. 36 inch width.

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