

NEW PRISON NEEDED

In Statement Governor Again Urges New Penitentiary

Columbia, July 18.—Deploring conditions at the state penitentiary brought about by crowded conditions which "exist on account of the lack of proper facilities," Governor Thomas G. McLeod, in a statement made public today, declared that "both humanity and economy demand the removal and erection of a new state penitentiary."

Pointing out that the crowded conditions are due to the increased number of prisoners committed there from various counties, the governor stated that a "substantial movement has begun, on account of economy, for the abandonment of chain-gangs and the placing of prisoners in the state penitentiary."

"This will only aggravate the present situation," he said. "At the same time, the erection of a new prison with ample provision manufacture would utilize a greater part of the labor at from three to four times what they are now worth to the state as convicts. Both humanity and economy demand a change."

The governor's statement was issued following receipt by him of a reply to a questionnaire he had submitted to prison officials giving statistics and other information regarding conditions at the institution.

In connection with the answer to the questionnaire, A. M. Scarborough, superintendent of the prison, expressed the hope that the governor would ask the county authorities to hold up sending prisoners to the penitentiary until conditions are relieved.

The governor's statement was issued, he said, to place "these conditions upon the hearts and consciences of the people of South Carolina in order that the action of the legislature may reflect an aroused sentiment which I trust will be expressed by the people throughout the state."

Governor McLeod's statement follows: "Some days ago, I received a letter from the board of directors, placing before me the crowded conditions at the state penitentiary due to the increased number of prisoners committed there from the various counties."

"In order that the public may be generally informed, and in view of the fact that I think the people ought to know the conditions prevailing—for from them must come the remedy—I have submitted to the superintendent a questionnaire which has been fully and completely answered, and which together with his letter gives a full and complete statement of conditions at the penitentiary."

"I have no criticism to make of the management. Conditions are wonderfully improved and everything consistent with the physical equipment of the prison is being done. However, these conditions exist on account of the lack of proper facilities, and will not only continue to exist but will increase as time goes by unless substantial relief is given."

"Summarized there are in the state penitentiary and upon the farms, 601 prisoners. There are upon the two farms, 113 prisoners, leaving a total of 488 prisoners in the penitentiary proper. Of these, 34 are in trusty wards; 17 in the hospital; 2 in the T. B. tent; 64 in the women's quarters, and 371 in the cell building."

"There are in the cell building, 280 cells. These cells are 7 feet 10 inches in length, 5 feet wide, 6 feet 8 inches high. The air space or windows are one to each cell. The size of the window is 2 feet 10 inches high by 21 inches wide. The door is 5 feet 10 inches high and 1 foot 10 inches wide."

"There are 178 cells occupied by one prisoner each; 99 cells occupied by two prisoners each. When you take into consideration the size of these cells and remember that these are miscellaneous prisoners, further comment is unnecessary. The air space itself is insufficient to properly sustain more than one. There are a number of reasons, some of them unmentionable, as to why two prisoners should not be placed in one cell."

"The women are not in separate cells, but in a ward. The colored women's ward is 68 feet by 50 feet and contains 53 prisoners, the ventilation here, 15 windows, is ample."

"The white women's ward is 22 feet, 8 inches by 14 feet 3 inches and contains 11 prisoners. The ventilation is likewise ample. But when you figure this last out, you will see that each prisoner is limited to an air space and moving space of 4 feet by 7 feet. Necessarily no privacy obtains. These conditions speak for themselves, especially the last mentioned."

"A committee appointed by the legislature is earnestly and carefully investigating these conditions and will make a recommendation. In the meantime I am making this statement

KILLED IN CRASH

Edgar Yeldell Dies As Auto Hits Telephone Pole

Greenwood, July 19.—Edgar Yeldell, aged 20, was killed and his four companions, Earl Sneed, Wallace Garrett and Gus Bailey, all of Greenwood, and James Lawrence, of York, were more or less seriously injured when the high powered car in which they were riding was wrecked on the Chimney Rock road about four miles above Hendersonville this morning at 6:30 o'clock.

According to information received here, the car ran into a telephone pole, cut it in two about three feet above the ground, and the suspending part swung back and struck young Yeldell, who was sitting on the rear seat, killing him instantly. Young Garrett suffered a painful injury on the head, while the others were badly shaken up.

The young men left Greenwood yesterday about midday with Earl Sneed driving and went by way of York for Lawrence. They did not leave York until 11 o'clock last night and are supposed to have driven all night, along by way of Charlotte and Rutherfordton. The injured were taken to a Hendersonville hospital soon after the accident. It is understood that all of them except young Garrett will return tonight or tomorrow.

Man and Woman Killed

Leesville, July 19.—Benjamin Louis Harrison, of Columbia, conductor for the Southern Railway, and Miss Susie Rickman, 310 Fifth street, Augusta, Ga., were fatally injured this morning about 8 o'clock when they were dashed to the ground after the automobile in which they were riding overturned on the highway, about seven miles east of Leesville.

Miss Rickman lived only a short time, dying in the machine of Dr. D. M. Crosson, while the Leesville physician was rushing the injured to the hospital. Mr. Harrison suffered a fractured skull and was in a state of coma until he died at the Leesville hospital tonight at 11:15 o'clock.

There were no known eye witnesses to the accident, although motorists came upon the scene of the tragedy soon after it occurred and hastened for medical attention.

The accident occurred on a curve in the road and on an incline. Judging from the tracks left by the tires, Dr. Crosson said the car was overturned when the driver, seeing that the wheels were sliding into a ditch, Rickman was at the wheel.

Memorial at Chimney Rock?

Raleigh, N. C., July 18.—The Raleigh News and Observer tomorrow will say that a memorial to the Confederacy along the lines of the memorial started on Stone Mountain, Georgia, by Gutzon Borglum, has been planned for the granite cliffs overlooking Chimney Rock gorge in Rutherford county, North Carolina. The paper will state that the plans are well under way and have the backing of a number of influential men. Gutzon Borglum who was deposed as sculptor of the original memorial at Stone Mountain, is to carve the North Carolina memorial, says the paper.

Five Years For Auto Theft

York, July 18.—Frank Cflowder, young white man, was sentenced to five years imprisonment by Judge Henry in sessions court here following his pleading guilty to theft of an automobile. Cflowder is also under charge of assault as the result of an alleged attack upon Sheriff Fred Quinn in an attempted jail break recently.

to place these conditions upon the hearts and consciences of the people of South Carolina, in order that the action of the legislature may reflect an aroused sentiment which I trust will be expressed by the people throughout the state. The legislature will be glad to carry out the wishes of the people and I do not believe a continuance of these conditions will be tolerated by a Christian people."

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"Chain gangs, it is realized, are an expense to most of the counties and it is only for political influence that some of them exist at all in all probability. A substantial movement has begun, on account of economy, for the abandonment of chain gangs and the placing of prisoners in the penitentiary. This will very much aggravate the present situation."

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JAMES M. SILL DEAD.

Old Veteran Was a Native of Kershaw County.

(Friday's Columbia Record.) ... James M. Sill, venerable Columbia citizen is dead.

He passed away at the Confederate soldier's home Friday morning at 3 o'clock. Many knew him personally and hosts of others who did not know him by name will recognize him as the vender of trinkets on the streets of Columbia for several years. He used a small cart to carry his wares and his only advertisement was that carried on the front of the cart "I am 94 years old."

Mr. Sill came to Columbia 72 years ago from Kershaw county. Here he had lived most of that time except when he served in the Confederate service and when he moved to Newberry about 1873 but moved back to the capital city in 1882.

He had served as chief of police, being elevated to that office from assistant chief during the administration of E. R. Earle as mayor. During the war he enlisted with the transportation service and rendered patriotic service to his native Southland.

He was the oldest member of Richmond Lodge No 39, Ancient Free Masons at the time of his death. Mr. Sill was a quiet man but when engaged in conversation he talked in a most interesting manner. When he served as chief of police the old whipping post then being in vogue. Since that the mode of punishment has changed and he had expressed the opinion that the electric chair was a much more humane means of punishment than those of his service on the police force.

He never sought charity in his old age. He looked on his business with pride. For a long time he had a room at the Baptist hospital and bought a bench for himself which he placed on the sidewalk, but his business was his love and he would come to Main street every day that he was able to dispense of his wares.

A few weeks ago he left the state capital for Washington, the National capital, to visit his son. He returned about ten days ago and since that time has been a resident at the Confederate soldiers' home. He appeared to be in his usual health except for being crippled. He was seen on the streets Monday of this week.

In his death Columbia loses one of its landmarks, a man who has served the city as a guardian of its peace and to whom was accorded the privilege in his declining years of using its streets for his business. He had seen the capital city rebuilt from ashes. He loved the city of his adoption.

The funeral services will likely be held Saturday with Masonic honors. He leaves a son, William Sill, of Washington, and a daughter, Mrs. M. B. Pragan of Atlanta. Advices from both of these are to the effect that they are en route to Columbia.

Leo Marvidis died in a Spartanburg hospital Friday night from ten knife wounds inflicted Thursday night when Lanoy Hohos sprang upon him in the dark as he was going to his home. Both men are Greeks and fell out over money matters. The family of Marvidis have been waiting in Paris for a year or more to come to America but were held up on account of the change in immigration laws. He had bought a home in Spartanburg for them when he was fatally stabbed. A cable to his family advised them not to sail for America.

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Three Boys Stole Car

Chester, July 19.—Sheriff J. G. Howze and son Charlton, Deputy H. L. Patrick and John A. Nichols have returned from Reidsville, Ga., where Mr. Nichols' touring car and three white boys, John Parks, Fred Hope, and Otis Railey, who are alleged to have taken the machine.

The boys seem to have abandoned the car about ten miles on this side of Reidsville when they ran out of gas and a farmer pushed the car under his shed to await the owner's or sheriff's arrival. In the meantime, acting upon information furnished him by Sheriff Howze, Sheriff J. Henry Kennedy of Reidsville had picked up three boys and was holding them for the arrival of the Chester authorities.

An instrument perfected for the long-range spotting of icebergs is so sensitive that the heat from the funnels of an approaching vessel will affect it at a distance of six miles.

A rich ruler from Himalayan India, after being feted and shown all the glories of England, was asked what most impressed him. "The green grass," he said.

Dives And Is Hurt

Sumter, July 17.—Joe Yassmeay, of Manning, was seriously hurt Wednesday afternoon diving at Second Mill. Going down the steps the boy dived into the shallow water and it is thought his neck was partially dislocated by the blow his head struck on the bottom. He was at once taken to a local hospital for treatment where it is stated he is slightly improved today. Yassmeay had never been in the pool before and without asking about the depth and before any one could stop him he plunged in. Mr. Lyman who was nearby at once ran to pull him out and was assisted by others. Hope is expressed for his recovery, although attending physicians have not yet made any definite statement as to his condition.

Suffering from burns he received when he fell into a tub of boiling water the three-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davis, of Chesterfield, is now at the Florence infirmary and is not expected to survive. The child was brought to the infirmary Friday afternoon. Its body was burned from the neck to the knees.

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