

TO SUPREME COURT FIRST.

No Further Effort Now for Pardon of John J. Jones.

Columbia, April 6.—That no further petition for pardon will be presented until after the case has gone through the supreme court, is the latest development in the case of the State against John J. Jones, of Orangeburg. Gov. Blease received today a letter from W. C. Wolfe, Esq., of the Orangeburg law firm of Wolfe & Berry, in which the position of counsel for Jones was set forth.

It has not been thought by the Orangeburg counsel that the petition for pardon from Edgefield would come so soon; a plea for executive clemency had not been sought and Jones himself did not wish it.

As stated in to-day's News and Courier, a new petition was nipped in the bud yesterday, but to-day's letter from Mr. Wolfe to the governor explains further the situation. The case will be fought out in the supreme court, states Mr. Wolfe, and then probably, in fact it is practically certain an appeal for executive clemency will be made if the appeal to the supreme court fails.

Jones was brought here following his sentence and at the time it was thought the appeal to the court had been abandoned, but such now appears not to be the case. Even if a petition is now presented, Governor Blease will not pardon Jones.

Pardon for Way Refused.

Eighty-two closely written sheets of paper contain the appeal of Jefferson M. Way, a notorious Orangeburg life-terminer at the penitentiary, whose petition for executive clemency has been refused by Governor C. L. Blease. Way was convicted in September, 1906, of the killing of John D. Palmer, and was sent up for life.

Of this prisoner Solicitor P. T. Hildebrand writes: "This man has a long and distinguished career as a murderer. No person in this community wants him pardoned or paroled. It is said that he killed his first wife by choking her to death. He was convicted of the murder of Elliott Whetstone, and was in jail under sentence of death for four years, but got a new trial and was acquitted. Then he killed Palmer, a most inoffensive young man, for which he is now in the pen. He notoriously whipped his wife and daughters with a buggy whip, and defied the law in every way, and if there is a worse man I don't know him."

Judge Ernest Gray wrote that the verdict was responsive to the facts.

On July 6, 1906, Way Killed Palmer. The trial was one of the most sensational ever held in the county of Orangeburg. In Way's remarkable appeal to Gov. Blease he claims that he himself would have been killed had he not shot Palmer; that Palmer had had trouble with the church and wanted to be revenged; that his daughter had written Palmer and that Palmer in a drunken spree, came to his store and sought to kill him; that he fired in defence of his life. If Way's story were true, he is the most wronged man in the State today, yet the solicitor's statement is just to the contrary.

The letter in Way's handwriting, is one of the most interesting things that has come to the governor's office. The date had to be changed, it took Way so long to write the letter. One note book is filled and the pages numbered up to 82, after 35 other sheets of paper had been filled with a recital of the events leading up to the killing.

Recommends Pardon.

Atlanta, Ga., April 7.—The Georgia prison commission to-day recommended to Gov. Brown that he grant an unconditional pardon to Thomas Edgar Stripling, the former chief of police of Danville, Va., who killed W. J. Cornett 14 years ago and escaped while being taken to the penitentiary. His fate now rests with the governor. Stripling is in jail in Harris county. While living in Virginia he was known as Morris.

MUST GIVE 'PHONE NUMBER.

Jury Finds for Telephone Company in Greenville.

Greenville, April 6.—According to the decision of a local jury, a telephone subscriber has no "come-back" on the company if central declines to ring a telephone unless he has given the number of the 'phone desired. This was brought out in the suit of D. Lewis Dorroh, member of the local bar, against the Bell Telephone company for one cent damages.

The plaintiff claimed that in endeavoring to get telephone connection with the club, he could not find the name so listed in the directory and hence asked central to give him "The Country Club." It developed that the club was listed in the directory under the name of the "San Souci Country Club." The jury returned a sealed verdict in favor of the Telephone company. The suit brought out a hot legal battle.

HOLDS UP PASSENGERS.

Masked Man, Armed With Revolver Goes Through Vestibuled Coach.

Muncie, Ind., April 5.—A masked man, armed with a revolver, held up and robbed passengers in a vestibuled coach attached to westbound Big Four train a few miles east of here to-night. After taking about \$3,000 in cash from three men the robber dropped off the rear platform of the car as the train slackened speed to enter the city. Several shots were fired at him as he ran, but he escaped.

Attention of the 50 men and women in the coach was attracted to the front vestibule when they heard the crash of glass at Selma, six miles east of Muncie. Benj. Banta of Detroit went forward to investigate and was confronted by a man who slipped his arm through the broken glass of the door, unlatched it and entered.

"Hands up, everybody," shouted the man, covering Banta with a revolver. He then added, "Come forward everybody, shell out."

The women were too frightened to move, but the men crowded to the front of the car.

"Only cash, not jewelry," said the robber as he passed among the men. Ten of them had contributed their money when an electric light marking the edge of Muncie flashed in the car window, and the robber, quitting his work, ran through the car and jumped from the train.

Won't Pardon John J. Jones.

Columbia, April 5.—Another petition for pardon of John J. Jones, of Orangeburg county, who was sentenced to ten years and one month for the killing of Abe Pearlstone, at Branchville, was nipped in the bud by the announcement from Gov. Blease that he isn't going to pardon Jones. What may come up later cannot be told at this time, but at present Gov. Blease will not act favorably in the matter. He refused a petition for the pardon of Jones a few days ago. This petition came from Edgefield.

The forerunner of a second petition from Orangeburg was the presence in the city of two counsel interested in the case. Gov. Blease was not in the office when the attorneys visited him at first and when the governor was approached on the subject of whether or not he would reopen the case, he said that he would be glad to hear counsel, but he has decided not to pardon. No steps have been taken to further the petition from Orangeburg.

The presence of counsel here led The News and Courier correspondent to ask Gov. Blease this afternoon about the John Jones case, and Gov. Blease stated the circumstances and said that he would not at this time extend executive clemency for the same reason that moved him to refuse the petition that came from Edgefield. No papers were filed from Orangeburg. A petition may later be presented for the pardon of Jones, but it can be authoritatively stated that Gov. Blease will not now, if ever, pardon John J. Jones.

KILLED BY ELECTRICITY.

Conductor Pat Moore, on Anderson-Belton Car, Electrocutted.

Anderson, April 6.—Pat C. Moore, a conductor on one of the interurban electric cars, running between Anderson and Belton, was electrocuted in Belton late last night when he attempted to adjust the headlight of his car, the shock of 600 volts passing through his body, which was in a cramped position against the car. This attracted the attention of a bystander, who pulled the trolley from the wire. When the current was broken Moore fell to the ground, death being instantaneous.

Moore was 27 years of age and married. He had been with the company since the lines were first built, and was considered careful and efficient. His body was brought to Anderson and interment will be made in Silverbrook cemetery to-morrow. He leaves a widow, who was Miss Annie Sassard, and several brothers and sisters.

SUCH PETITIONS PREMATURE.

Governor Says Supreme Court Must First Act on Murder Cases.

Columbia, April 7.—Gov. Blease announced positively to-day that he would not consider petitions for the extension of executive clemency toward either W. T. Jones, the rich Union planter convicted of poisoning his wife, or John J. Jones, the Branchville attorney, convicted of killing Abe Pearlstone, the merchant, until the supreme court has passed upon the issues.

Gov. Blease informed counsel, however, that he would receive such petitions as might be filed and would forward all papers as received to the trial judge and the solicitor for their recommendations, so that they would be ready for consideration upon the determination of the appeal.

MUST ENFORCE LIQUOR LAWS.

Governor Blease Issues Proclamation to Officers of State.

Columbia, April 6.—Gov. Blease to-day issued a proclamation calling the sheriffs and their deputies, constables, rural police, city and town officials to order on the enforcement of the liquor laws of the State.

The following is the proclamation:

To All Sheriffs and Their Deputies, Magistrates and Their Constables; Constables, Rural Police, City and Town Officials of South Carolina: Please take notice that an "Act to declare the law in reference to and to regulate the manufacture, sale, use, consumption, possession, transportation and disposition of all alcoholic liquors and beverages within the State, and to police the same," and Acts amendatory thereto, provides, in part, as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the sheriffs, and their deputies, magistrates, constables, rural police, city and town officials, to enforce the provisions of this Act, etc."

New, gentlemen, I beg and insist upon you doing your duty under this Act, and wish to say to those of you who come under my authority, if you do not do it, (while it would be very unpleasant,) I shall take action in the matter and use the authority given me under this Act. I hope that you will not force me to do this; and, for this reason and because I am anxious that all of the laws of the State be enforced and that lawlessness and vice shall be put down as far as within our powers lie, I appeal to you to assist in the enforcement of all the criminal laws of our State. I will do my part and give you all the assistance I can. I also call upon all good citizens of our State to assist in the enforcement of our laws. Very respectfully,

COLE L. BLEASE, Governor.

Hang Negro to Tree.

Lawrenceville, Ga., April 13.—Shortly after midnight this morning a mob of 200 masked men stormed the jail here and after attacking the sheriff and taking his keys from him secured the negro, Charles Hale, arrested earlier in the night for assaulting a white woman. They took him to a corner in the business part of the town and after stringing him up on a tree, riddled the body with bullets.

According to Sheriff E. S. Garner, the mob was composed of residents of the country surrounding Lawrenceville. While the sheriff was parleying with the ringleaders in the yard of the jail, three others slipped behind and dealt him a heavy blow on the head, rendering him unconscious. They then secured his keys and made away with the prisoner.

Chase Three Negroes.

Fitzgerald, Ga., April 8.—Tearing the insignia of the Grand Army of the Republic from the clothing of three negro delegates to the encampment here of the department of the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida, a mob of a hundred men and boys before day break this morning ordered the negroes to leave town. The order was obeyed. The crowd then hurried to find Telson, past commander of the G. A. R. Department, and handled him roughly, several blows being struck during the attack on the aged veteran. Following the trouble a number of shots were fired. The mob was made up of irresponsibles, according to citizens here, who deplore the trouble.

This Dog a Fish Hound.

James B. Holland of Limestone county, has a dog which possesses almost human instinct, according to a story related by R. H. Walker, late state immigration commissioner and editor of the Limestone Democrat. Mr. Walker says that when Mr. Holland goes on a fishing trip he carries neither bait nor fishing rod and line. He selects a deep hole or eddy and climbs a tree directly over the water. Then he commences to cast gravel slowly over the water, one stone at a time, and the fish, attracted by the falling of the gravel in the water, begin coming to the surface.

In the meantime his dog is sitting on the bank, watching every movement of his master and of the fish. As a fish comes to the top of the water the dog makes a quick spring into the water and seizes the fish in his mouth, and, swimming to the shore, deposits his catch safely on the ground far enough away from the water's edge that the fish cannot get back into the water. The operation is repeated until Mr. Holland has as many fish as he desires. Climbing down from the tree he gathers up the fish and puts them in a basket and goes home, the dog carrying the basket with him.

Mr. Walker says that Mr. Holland is a man of "untarnished veracity," and will give anyone a sworn statement to the facts if necessary, or will take them to his home and show them that his dog will do what he says he will.—Decatur (Ala.) cor. Memphis News-Scimitar.

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