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SHARP TRIAL IS NOW IN PROGRESS

Mot Contest Is Now Being Fought Out—Large Crowd Hears Sensational Trial

The trial of Dr. Leedom Sharp of Morehead City on the charge of criminal abortion and practicing medicine without license began yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock when the selection of a jury was commenced. Judge Cramer had instructed Sheriff Thomas to summon a special venire of business men and so when court opened an array of merchants, bankers, fish dealers and others were present. Solicitor Davis and Attorney Luther Hamilton challenged several of the talismen and so did Attorneys Abernethy and Wheatley for the defense. Finally however the jury was made up and the following were chosen: G. W. Huntley, Sam Yoffie, W. P. Smith, Frank King, W. A. Mace, C. K. Howe, R. N. Dickinson, N. W. Taylor, C. P. Tyler, J. B. Jones Jr., G. D. Potter Jr., and Jas. Rumley.

The first witness put on the stand was E. H. Gorham who testified that Mrs. Link died, was subsequently exhumed and an autopsy performed on her body. He was Mrs. Link's attorney and manager of her first husband's estate. He did not order the autopsy made.

J. L. Horsfield, coroner of Craven county, testified that he went to Morehead City, had the body removed from the grave, saw the autopsy performed and returned to New Bern and held an inquest there.

Dr. J. B. Bullitt, professor of pathology at the University of North Carolina was one of the principal witnesses yesterday. He testified to having made a microscopic examination of the uterus of the dead woman, that he saw evidence of pregnancy and that an abortion might have been produced. Under cross examination by Mr. Abernethy the witness stated that he would not say positively that an abortion had been committed.

Dr. C. S. Barker of New Bern who made the autopsy, testified that in his opinion the cause of the death was an acute infection following an abortion.

Dr. Raymond Pollock testified that he was called to see Mrs. Link, that she was taken to a hospital in New Bern, that she had peritonitis and that he and Dr. N. M. Gibbs operated on her. He did not see evidence of an abortion; that Dr. Sharpe was present at the operation but took no part in it and was not consulted about it.

Dr. N. M. Gibbs who was the last witness yesterday testified that he assisted Dr. Pollock in the operation on Mrs. Link, that Dr. Sharp had nothing to do with it and that he saw no evidence of an abortion.

The examination of witnesses is going ahead today. It is generally thought that the trial will hardly be finished today unless there is a night session.

Dr. Sharp came to Morehead City during the war as physician for the shipyard. He is not a licensed physician in North Carolina. He has applied several times for a license but has been refused by the State Medical Board. He has been charged with practicing without license and also of having narcotic drugs in his possession, but was acquitted of those charges.

A large crowd composed mostly of men, but with a few women and boys present listened attentively yesterday while the gruesome details of the case were laid bare. The court room was filled again this morning. The lawyers on both sides of the case are fighting manfully and contesting every inch of the ground covered.

YACHT AMBROSE V. MISSING.

There is considerable anxiety being felt as to the fate of the yacht Ambrose V which left this port on the 18th bound for Charleston. E. C. Nothing has been heard of the boat since then and on account of the bad weather of recent times fears are felt that the boat has been lost. It is possible though that the yacht went into some out of the way inlet on the bay and has not been able to communicate with the outside world. Captain Park H. Kimball, his wife and son were on board the Ambrose when she left here.

WILL HEAR SERMONS BY WIRELESS TELEPHONE.

If their plans materialize members of the Old Topsail club will soon be able to regale themselves with fine concerts, lectures, speeches and sermons by wireless telephone. A wireless outfit is to be purchased and installed in the club rooms at an early date and will be available to members and their families.

Wireless telephony, which has been in an experimental stage for a number of years, has now reached the point where it can be used generally and practically. By means of it a speech made in Washington or a concert in the Metropolitan Opera House in New York city can be heard in Beaufort or anywhere else in a radius of hundreds of miles. Market quotations, election results, baseball games and news of various sorts can be reported from the large cities to points throughout the country.

There are several different kinds of telephone outfits in use; some small ones for the family use and larger ones for clubs and places where crowds of people may assemble and be entertained. Apparatus of this sort are being installed now all over the country and the use of wireless telephony is rapidly spreading. On Sunday nights arrangements can be made to have the sermons of noted preachers diffuse all over the country and so in out of the way places fine sermons can be heard as well as music by great artists. The wireless telephone is also being used now for business purposes as well as for entertainment. The apparatus will be installed here as soon as it can be gotten and put in place.

ABANDONED SCHOONER AFLOAT

The Fort Macon Coast Guard Station was notified Tuesday to be on the lookout for a derelict schooner the "Pendleton" which is supposed to be drifting down the coast. Last week during the storm the Revenue cutter Manning undertook to tow the trouble and had difficulty in getting to abandon her on account of engine failure. The schooner was compelled to Norfolk. The crew of the Bendleton were rescued.

DAY CURRENT.

Superintendent Manson has informed the News that twenty four electric current will soon be available for the people of Beaufort. The switchboard for the new generator which has held the matter up for some time has arrived at last and is being installed. As soon as the work is finished the current is to be turned on for continuous service.

TO ENLARGE CHURCH.

Plans are under consideration to enlarge Ann Street Methodist church some time this Spring. The attendance at the Sunday School has outgrown the capacity of the building and the plan is to make a considerable addition which will give the needed room. The contract for the work has not been let as yet but probably will be soon.

WILD DUCKS PLENTIFUL.

The bad weather that prevailed all of last week along the sea coast and elsewhere drove the wild ducks from northern waters down to this part of the country in great numbers. Every day they can be seen right in front of town and in the more remote places they are quite plentiful. A good many ducks have been killed recently but the weather was so bad last week that the hunters did not care to expose themselves to it very much. A place by a good fire seemed more desirable to most folks than lying out in marshes or in a battery. The shooting season ended Tuesday and now the game can rest in peace most of the time except when someone who does not mind violating the law takes a shot at them.

MARRIAGE LAST SATURDAY.

Miss Abbie Gaskill and Closs Harvey were united in marriage Saturday evening at the home of Mr. H. D. Smith. The marriage was performed by Reverend W. J. Moore in the presence of a few friends of the young people. The newly married couple will make their home in Beaufort.

ANTI-LYNCH LAW PASSED BY HOUSE

Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill Designed to Stop National Disgrace of Murder by Lynching.

Washington, Jan. 30th—During the 36 years, 1885 to 1921, inclusive, 3,466 persons were lynched in the United States. These lynchings were plain murder, in violation of the penal laws of each state in which they occurred. In addition to this they were in violation of the XIVth Amendment to the Constitution, which provides that every person in the jurisdiction of every state shall have equal protection by law,—lynching being a plain denial to the victim of any protection of the law.

The vast majority of the victims of lynchings were negroes, but in a number of cases they were citizens of foreign countries. The result of the murder of citizens of foreign countries has by mobs in this country has been very humiliating to the United States government. It has had to admit to other countries that, although it claims to be a sovereign nation, it is without power to make good the guarantee in its Constitution that no person within its jurisdiction may be deprived of life or property without due process of the law, and that all citizens of other countries are guaranteed protection while within the jurisdiction of this country. In this respect it makes the United States on a par with Mexico or Russia.

In addition upward of \$1,000,000 in claims have been paid to other governments to compensate for the murder of foreign citizens by American mob violence. There now on file in the Department of State scores of unadjusted claims filed by foreign governments for murder of their citizens by mobs in the United States.

The growing evil of lynch law and the refusal of states both to prevent mobs or to punish members of mobs has resulted in the introduction of a bill in Congress to make lynching an offence against the federal statutes. It is entirely with in the province of the Congress to pass such a bill, for the Constitution which provides that no state shall deny any citizen within its jurisdiction protection of the law, further provides that: "The Congress shall have power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article."

The Dyer Anti-lynching bill passed briefly, the bill provides that if a state, or a subdivision of states, fails or refuses to protect the lives of persons within its jurisdiction against a mob or riotous assemblage, it shall be deemed to have denied equal protection of the law, as guaranteed by the federal Constitution.

The bill further makes it a violation of the federal laws if any state county or municipal officer fails or refuses to make all reasonable efforts to prevent a lynching within the territory under his jurisdiction, and he be held to answer for such failure or neglect in any district court of the United States upon the charge of a felony, and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment or fine, or both. The bill makes it violation of the federal laws for any person to participate in any mob or riotous assemblage and makes such individual answerable to the district court of the United States, and upon conviction, subject to imprisonment for life, or for not less than five years.

The "stinger" in the bill is the provision that any county in which any person is lynched, or through which a mob shall have transported a person for the purpose of lynching him, shall forfeit \$10,000 to the dependents of the victim of the mob,—or to the United States in event there are no dependents. This sum is collectable by the United States by levying upon any property of the county, or by compelling the levying and collection of a special tax. This liability of a county for the criminality, cowardice or dereliction of its officers will go a long way towards stopping mob law, as in overwhelming majority of cases lynchings take place with the open or secret cowardice of local officials.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR COMING YEAR

F. R. Seely Chosen President Of Chamber of Commerce Program for Year Adopted

The first meeting of the directors recently elected by the Chamber of Commerce was held on Monday evening in its headquarters.

All members were present with only one or two exceptions who were unavoidably detained.

The first business taken up was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The election was entirely harmonious and resulted as follows:

President F. R. Seely, Vice President W. L. Stancil, Secretary W. A. Mace and C. S. Maxwell; W. L. Stancil. The following chairmen of committees were appointed: Streets and Paving, C. S. Maxwell; Harbor Improvements, R. B. Wheatley; New Industries, W. P. Smith; Old Industries, U. E. Swann; Highways, W. G. Mebane; New Members, W. H. Taylor; Public Health; Julian Hamilton.

There was considerable discussion as to what the organization should undertake to carry out this year for the town's advantage. A tentative program covering the following subjects was adopted: Hotels, Sewerage, Street Paving, Ladies Rest Room, Nw Industri, Old Industries. A resolution was passed instructing the board of directors to attend the meeting of the town commissioners next Monday to present their views in regard to sewerage matters. The second Monday night in each month was adopted a the regular meeting time for the directors. The meeting adjourned at about ten o'clock.

SHARP CASE ENDS SUDDENLY.

The Sharp case ended today at 12:30 without going to the jury. The defense offered no testimony. The Judge directed that a verdict of not guilty as to abortion and accepted a plea of no-lo contendere as to practicing medicine without license. Dr. Sharp agrees to leave the State.

OFFICERS GET STILL.

Prohibition Officers W. D. Allen and W. C. Rector went over on the east side of North River yesterday and soon came back with a large copper still. No one was captured and the officers said the still had probably not been operated recently. The still looked as if it might have a capacity of 300 gallons.

COUNTY COLLECTS GOOD SUM.

On yesterday W. A. Mace administrator of the Alonzo Thomas estate paid to the county officials the sum of \$5000 and interest amounting to \$190. This amount was paid on the deficit of Thos. Thomas custodian of the Courthouse Bonds Sinking Fund. There is a balance still due on this fund.

APPRECIATES TEACHERS EFFORTS.

Mr. Editor:—As a patron of the Harkers Island School, I want to take this means of commending our School, all of its teachers and especially the Principal Prof. Clem Gaskill. I believe that our people have made the most progress, and that the morale of the school is the best since my knowledge of it.

I believe credit and encouragement should be given where due, hence this note.

Brady Willis.

COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING.

The business meeting of the Community Club will be held Thursday afternoon February 9th at 3:30 o'clock in the Old Topsail Club rooms at which time Mrs. Thos. O'Berry of Goldsboro, one of the District Presidents of the State Federation of Women's Clubs will make an address on some important phase of club work in the state and our President, Mrs. G. W. Lay requests all members who possibly can to be present to hear Mrs. O'Berry.

COTTON NAID TOBACCO FARMERS HOLD MEETING.

At an election by ballot held here at the courthouse Monday the cotton farmers elected S. G. Gould of Newport as delegate to the district convention which meets in New Bern today. The district meeting is held for the purpose of electing a director for the North Carolina Co-operative Association. The state is divided into thirteen districts and the directors for these districts will have charge of the affairs of the association.

After the election Monday a meeting was held by those present which was presided over by Mr. Gould. A resolution was passed asking the farmers in this county not to plant any more cotton and tobacco than they did last year. The following directors for the Carteret county tobacco association were elected: D. N. McCain, S. C. Campen, W. Z. McCabe, T. C. Bell, H. W. Small and W. H. Garner.

HAPPENINGS AROUND SCHOOL.

(Contributed)

The smaller students are having quite an enjoyable time trying out the new Giant Stride, which was recently given to the students by the Parents Teachers Association. It is placed on the grounds back of the building on the north side.

Electric lights are being placed on the Court-house Square. They will add much in helping to beautify the square.

On Friday 3, on the school grounds the girls and boys Basketball team from Oriental, N. C. will play the boys and girls of the B. H. School. The public are invited to come and help both the teams win. The boys will try their best to keep the bacon home this time, and the girls say they are going to win their first game. Come see and root for your home team.

The teachers had their regular meeting Monday, and one of the most interesting things they did, was to organize the students in two groups one side named green and the other white.

Directors of the Greens: Miss Thomas, Miss Morton, Miss Arrington, Miss Webb, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Chadwick, Mr. Pittman.

Directors of the Whites: Miss Gibbs, Miss Privett, Miss Modlin, Miss Goode, Miss Griffin, Mr. Duncan.

Each side is to entertain the other side in Athletics, Socials, Dramas, Music and Literary. The side entertaining best in the eyes of the judges gets 100 points towards the "Victory."

In athletics the following games will be played: Basket Ball, Base Ball, Volley Ball, jumping, running, Tennis, Skating, Bicycle riding, Horse Back Riding, Swimming and other athletic sports. The side that gets the victory gets 100 points.

In socials, each side is to give a social and the side that entertains best gets 100 points.

The Dramas and Plays will be given by the high school students from each side, and from the grammar and primary departments will be given minor plays and the winner of both, in high school and grammar school will get 100 points.

In music there will be vocal and instrumental music from both sides and the side that renders the best music will receive 100 points.

In literary there will be debates, speeches, recitations and declamations from both sides and the side that gives the best get one hundred points.

After all these have been finished and one of the sides have won the most victorious. The side that has been beaten has to entertain the other side for one day, furnishing, amusement and dinner. Each side is working hard for the last victory field day.

In the inter-class games of Basketball Tuesday afternoon between the Freshman Class of Boys and Girls and the Boy and Girl of the Sophomore Class. The score was for the girls: Freshman 52, Sophomore 5.

Score for the Boys: Freshman 12, Sophomore 10.

There will be a meeting of the Parents-Teachers Association on Friday February 3. All the parents and people interested in the school are urged to be present.

CRIMINAL CASES OCCUPY COURT

Not Much Time This Term For Civil Matters Several Criminal Cases Been Tried.

A one week term of Superior court for the trial of criminal and civil cases convened here Monday with Judge E. H. Cramer of Southport presiding over the court. So far not much except the criminal docket has been tried. A number of criminal cases have been disposed of and the case against Dr. Leedom Sharp is now in progress and will take up considerable time.

As usual the grand jury was sworn in just after court opened, C. E. Herington was made foreman of the jury Judge Cramer's charge to the jury was impressive and pointed. He explained that those on the jury must be men of good character, intelligent and must have paid their taxes. He spoke on the great importance of citizenship of the county of the grand jury. They were "the Watchmen on the walls." The peace, and security of the homes depended largely upon the grand jury. He called special attention to violations of the prohibition law, reckless driving, of automobiles, gambling and selling cigarettes to persons under 17 years of age.

The cases disposed of up to this writing are as follows:

Carl Gabriel 16 year old boy, charged with breaking in the store of C. D. Jones, put under \$100 bond to show good behavior for two years. Judge Cramer lectured him on the error of his ways and got a promise from him that he would go to school and Sunday school.

Isaac Carter, violation prohibition law, not a true bill.

James Deseron and Harry Bell, larceny, judgement absolute.

Walter Buck giving liquor to a minor, plead guilty and got six months on Craven county roads.

Stanly Dixon and John Sanders violating prohibition law, noli proceed with leave.

Lee Fulcher, assault, case continued.

M. F. Spears, abandonment, plead guilty, must pay something to wife and children.

Fred Davis, violation prohibition law, true bill called and failed, judgement nisi sci fa.

J. D. Hutton, breaking prison, judgement must give \$300 bond to appear at March and October courts for two years and show good behavior.

Herbert Briggs moving crop, non suit.

Earl C. Dickinson, disorderly conduct, true bill, called and failed.

Mary L. Turner sued for divorce from E. I. Turner and was granted ground of abandonment for five years.

COURT SQUARE LIGHTED UP.

The ornamental lights around the Court Square were turned on last night for the first time. By reason of the lights the courthouse building and grounds present a very handsome appearance. The contrast between the way the place used to look and its appearance now is very striking indeed and a change that is very much for the better.

FARM LOAN APPROVED.

County Auditor W. L. Stancil received a notice a few days ago from the Farm Loan Bank at Columbia that \$44,500 worth of applications for loans from Carteret county had been approved and in a short time now the money will be available. Fourteen applications were acted on favorably. The county association will now be re-organized and the officers elected from the 14 successful applicants.

The Athletic Association of the Mock trial, Friday, Feb. 3, at 8:00 P. M. School will present the "High Brown Branch of Promising" a Negro P. M. in the Court House. Come and enjoy an hour of real fun. A stream from start to finish.

W. C. Moon of Sea Level who has been in the hospital at Morehead City was here Sunday on his way home.