

MESSRS. W. G. CLARK AND WM. WHITTAM APPOINTED AGENTS

Appointment by Secretary Metcalf of Two North Carolinians as Special Agents to Investigate Markets for Cotton Products of U. S. is Announced.

Messrs. W. Graham Clark of Jonesboro, N. C., and William Whittam, Jr., of Charlotte are Appointees. Reports to be Transmitted to Congress.

By Associated Press. Washington, July 16.—Secretary Metcalf announced the appointment of two special agents to investigate the markets for cotton products of the United States.

The appointees are: W. Graham Clark, general manager of the Eugenia Mfg. Co., of Jonesville, N. C.; and William Whittam Jr. of Charlotte, editor of the American Cotton Manufacturer.

Both men are generally endorsed by the cotton manufacturers and growers throughout the East and South.

Mr. Clark is a son of Chief Justice Clark of the North Carolina Supreme Court; a graduate of Cornell as mechanical engineer, and has worked his way up in the cotton business from the bottom to the position he now holds.

Mr. Whittam has for many years been recognized as a cotton expert.

The appointments were made and the authority contained in the legislative appropriation bill recently passed by Congress.

Messrs. Clark and Whittam will make the investigations and report to Secretary Metcalf. The secretary will transmit the reports to Congress.

DEATH OF WM. BOLAN, JR.

Popular Young Son of Mr. Wm. Bolan Died Instantly Yesterday Afternoon—Cadet T. H. Brevard Injured by Train.

Special to The News. Raleigh, July 16.—Not in a great while have the people of Raleigh been so shocked as, at the news of the death of William Bolan, Jr., the 21-year-old son of Mr. William Bolan, of this city, at the Atlantic Hotel, Morehead, yesterday afternoon.

He had left Raleigh the day before with a gay party of young friends in the best of health and spirits apparently.

The young man had been in the sound during the morning and was dressed for an afternoon dip, waiting in the room on the third floor for the party to gather. He had eaten very heartily at dinner.

He was seen to gasp repeatedly and before any one could reach him he pitched out backwards to the ground. It is believed that he was dead before his body reached the ground.

Acute indigestion is thought to have effected a fatally weak heart and caused instant death.

His remains were brought here and the funeral was conducted at 6 o'clock this evening.

Cadet T. H. Brevard, of the A. and M. College, was slightly injured last night in Pullen Park, near the college being struck by a Southern passenger train from Keyville. He and Cadet Irely were walking on the tracks at the point where the Seaboard, Southern tracks are parallel.

He stepped from the Seaboard to the Southern to avoid the Seaboard fast train. He did not realize that the Keyville train was approaching on the Southern. The baggage clerk on the Seaboard shouted warning as his train passed. Young Irely jumped off in a hurry but Brevard was struck and rolled off to the side of the track. His leg was badly broken, a shoulder dislocated and severe bruises were inflicted. He will recover. He is from Buncombe county, his guardian being A. F. P. King, mayor of Hendersonville.

30 SPECIAL TRAINS. Will Carry Elks to Great Reunion at Denver.

By Associated Press. Denver, July 16.—Havoc was wrought by rains Saturday night and Sunday to the elaborate street decorations provided in honor of the Elks' reunion which opens this evening, but the weather cleared and the damage was repaired during the day. Thirty special trains are scheduled to arrive before night.

ASHORE AT GULL SHOAL.

Crew of Grounded Schooner Were Rescued by Life Saving Crew.

By Associated Press. Washington, July 16.—The schooner Matilda D. Borda, coal laden from New York for Savannah, went ashore at Gull Shoal, North Carolina coast. The crew of eight were landed by a life saving crew.



WILLIAM WHITTAM, JR.

WAR NOT DECLARED.

Republic Invaded—Whole Country to Defend.

By Associated Press. New York, July 16.—The Associated Press received the following telegram from the President of the Republic of Honduras:

"Tegucigalpa, Honduras, July 16.—Honduras has not declared war. Guatemala without justification or reason has invaded the territory of this Republic and the whole country has come to the national defense. ("Signed.) "MANUEL BONILLA."

Mr. Scofield Chosen.

By Associated Press. Washington, July 16.—John C. Scofield, chief clerk of the War Department, has been designated as the advisory member of the government board for the Jamestown Exposition and will have the supervision of the war department work.

WOULD ARBITRATE ALL DIFFICULTIES

Report States that Honduras is Now Willing to Disarm and Submit its Grievances to Arbitration when Guatemala and Salvador Agree to do So.

By Associated Press. Washington, July 16.—Honduras is willing to disarm and submit its grievances to arbitration as soon as Guatemala and Salvador agree to do likewise.

Mr. Merry, the American minister to Salvador, advised the State department that he is still negotiating with the Salvadoran authorities trying to get them to agree to disarm and meet the Guatemalan envoys in Washington, or elsewhere, to arrange for the settlement of the difficulties.

SENTENCE CONFIRMED.

Sentence of Five Years' Imprisonment for Henry Lear Confirmed.

By Associated Press. Philadelphia, Pa., July 16.—The United States Court of Appeals affirmed the sentence of five years imprisonment for Henry Lear, former president of the Doylestown, Pa. National bank for abstracting its funds. George P. Brock, former cashier and brother-in-law of Lear was also convicted and appeal is pending.

TRIAL OF ICE MEN.

Verdict of Not Guilty of Criminal Intent to Defraud.

By Associated Press. Jacksonville, Fla., July 16.—The trial of several ice dealers on the charge of combining to raise the price of ice, resulting in the verdict of not guilty of criminal intent to defraud. The verdict was reached after one of the hardest legal fights in the history of the place.

DEATH AT SALISBURY.

Mr. Morgan, a Well-Known Citizen, Dropped Dead To-day at Noon.

Special to The News. Salisbury July 16.—Mr. John Morgan, a well-known citizen of Salisbury, dropped dead at his home at noon today. He was forty-three years of age.

For Simmons and Hackett.

Special to The News. Lenoir, N. C., July 16.—The Caldwell county Democratic convention at Lenoir met this noon endorsing Hackett for Congress and Simmons for Senator. Ex-congressman Bower took an active part in the convention. It had been reported that he was considering joining the Republican ranks. A full county ticket was also nominated.

MITCHELL GRAHAM IS THE SPOKESMAN FOR FIVE SUSPECTS

In an Interview with the News Man the Negro Suspected of the Lyerly Murder Declares that he Knew Nothing of the Crime Until Saturday Morning.

The Other Four Suspects Declare their Innocence, not One of the Five has Ever Made Any Statement that Could be Construed as Confession.

The five negroes who are suspected of being implicated in the murder of the Lyerly family, were brought to Charlotte Saturday night by Sheriff Julian of Rowan county. The names of the negroes are: Mitchell Graham, George Irwin, John Gillespie, Jack Dillingham and Henry Gillespie.

Sheriff Julian, on his arrival at the county jail turned the prisoners over to Deputy Sheriff E. L. Johnston who at once put them behind the bars.

All five of the negroes were frightened in an inch of their lives. All the way from Salisbury to Charlotte they were trembling and crouching beneath the car seats for fear some one would do them harm. The trip to this city was made without incident, though Sheriff Julian thought he would encounter trouble at the station in Salisbury. He managed to get the prisoners on the "blind" side of the cars and got them aboard the second class car without any one knowing of their presence.

Yesterday afternoon a News man went to the county jail and had a long conversation with the five prisoners. All, with the exception of Mitchell Graham, declined to talk very much. Graham, however, was very conversant and seemed both willing and eager to tell his side of the story.

He declares that he knew nothing of the wholesale murder of the Lyerly family until a Mr. Barber informed him of the crime about 5 o'clock Saturday morning. He says that he was in bed at his home when Mr. Barber passed along the road and yelled for him. He went to the door of his house and Mr. Barber asked him if he had heard what had happened down the road. Mr. Barber told him he had not and then Mr. Barber told him of the horrible crime that had been committed during the night.

Graham says that he was startled and hardly knew what to say or think. He dressed as quickly as possible and went down to the Lyerly home, which is a distance of about three quarters of a mile from his home. He was standing out in the yard talking with one or two other negroes about the affair when he was arrested. John Gillespie and Henry Gillespie, step-sons of Mitchell Graham, were plowing in a field about two miles from the Lyerly home when an officer arrested them. Both of these boys are bright mulattoes and have rather good faces. They, of course, declare they know nothing of the crime and claim that they can establish the fact that they remained at their home from 8 o'clock Friday night until 5 o'clock Saturday morning.

Jack Dillingham, another one of the five is a rather squat negro and much darker than either of the Gillespie boys. He has piercing black eyes and there is something about his appearance that denotes meanness. There is nothing, however, in the evidence, so far accumulated, that will directly connect Dillingham with the crime. It is known, however, that Dillingham is very intimate with Mitchell Graham and this fact may mitigate against him.

George Irwin, the fifth negro now in the county jail here will not speak of the crime at all. He seems to be perfectly satisfied to listen to the story that Mitchell Graham tells. He, of course, denies that he is in any way implicated in the crime. He is a black, swarthy negro and there is nothing attractive about him.

It is not known how long the five negroes will remain in the Mecklenburg jail. Some think that the best policy would be for Rowan county to have them transferred to the State penitentiary at Raleigh. There they would be perfectly safe while here there is a doubt as to their safety.

SPECIAL TERM OF COURT.

Governor Glenn Orders a Special Term of Court for Trial of Lyerly Murderers.

Special to The News. Salisbury, July 16.—Governor Glenn today ordered a special term of the Rowan superior court for the purpose of trying the murderers of the Lyerly family. The court is ordered to begin July thirtieth.

Judge Long to Preside.

Special to The News. Raleigh, July 16.—Col. Arrington, private secretary to Governor Glenn, today issued an order for a special term Rowan court for the trial of the negroes under arrest for the murder of the Lyerly and family at Barber's.

The order is at the request of Sheriff Julian and many citizens of the county, and in compliance with instructions from Governor Glenn, now with his family at Atlantic City.



His Satanic Majesty—"Just have a seat on that brimstone until I can think of a punishment severe enough for you!"

ANOTHER CONVENTION

Commercial Law League of America to Meet in Asheville July 30.

Special to The News. Asheville, July 16.—One of the most important conventions in Asheville during the year will be that of the Commercial Law League of America, which convenes at the Battery Park hotel in this city Monday July 30, to remain in session until Tuesday August 2. Delegates from every State in the union will be in attendance, and those closely identified with the association during the last few years are looking forward to the greatest gathering ever held in the history of the organization.

The program for the Asheville convention contains many interesting features. Prominent among those who will be in attendance are: Governor Blanchard of Louisiana, Governor Glenn of North Carolina, Hon. John Temple Graves of Atlanta, Ga.; Hon. John G. Gray of Seattle Wash., and Hon. F. L. Siddons of Washington, D. C., ex-president of the league. President Charles Wentworth Carr of the Law League, and Secretary Charles L. Purves are urging all members to attend this meeting.

It is estimated that fully 600 delegates and their families will attend the convention, and the people of Asheville are making extra preparations for their accommodation. Among the important addresses to be delivered here in the convention will be those of Judge Jeter C. Pritchard of the United States Court, of Asheville; and Hon. John G. Gray of Seattle, Wash.

The present officers of the league are: George Wentworth Carr, of Philadelphia, president; H. G. W. Dinkelspiel of San Francisco, first vice-president; Charles H. Fowler of New Haven, Conn. second vice-president; George M. Napier of Atlanta, third vice-president; William G. Hart of New Orleans, treasurer; Herbert E. Bradley of Chicago, recording secretary and Charles L. Purves, secretary.

MAN AND WIFE FOUND DEAD

Both had Throats Cut and Pistol Wound in Head.

By Associated Press. Chicago, Ill., July 16.—Edward F. Kloss and wife who conducted a small millinery store at 231 North Avenue, were found dead in their rooms above the store. The throats of both had been cut, and blood was spattered on the floor and furniture. In addition to the wounds in the throats, both had been shot through the head. A revolver was found on the bed by the body of Kloss and it is believed by the police that he committed the crime.

SOCIAL.

Misses Fannie Austin, of Monroe and Corinne Wolfe, of the city, leave this evening for Hiddenite to spend several days.

THREE WERE KILLED AND 20 INJURED

Three Men were Killed Outright and 20 Injured in Explosion Which Destroyed Powder Mill of the Atlantic Dynamite Company To-day.

By Associated Press. Ashland, Wis., July 16.—The powder mill of the Atlantic Dynamite Company blew up killing three men. Twenty others were injured.

J. L. Pierce, of Wilmington, general superintendent of the powder mill and two workmen were killed.

The neutralizing plant was destroyed. There were 25 buildings in the group.

Men Ordered to Work.

By Associated Press. Columbus, Ohio, July 16.—The "Stand Pat" operators, and the Ohio mine workers signed an agreement, and the men were ordered to work.

It is stated the miners were given some advantage over the agreement of June and the operators conceded some points.

TRIAL OF ALLEGED LYNCHERS OF J. V. JOHNSON BEGINS

The Trial of the Alleged Lynchers of J. V. Johnson at Wadesboro Began To-day at Monroe with Judge Shaw Presiding. Town is Crowded.

Grand Jury was Selected. Judge Shaw Makes Strong Charge to the Jury, Says Justice and Fairness Shall Mark Trial. His Charge.

Special to The News.

Monroe, July 16.—Monroe is full of orderly men. About 100 came last evening. Every train is bringing hundreds to the scene of the trial of the Anson county alleged lynchers, of J. V. Johnson, on the evening of May 28.

The court convened at 10:30, Judge T. J. Shaw presiding.

The court room was packed with men. Few women were present. Order and quiet reigned. The town is in a continuous motion. The streets are crowded. Vehicles and horses in the East Monroe woods are camping in great number. Anson county visitors and witnesses are coming in all shapes.

The Grand Jury is drawn. Judge Shaw's charge to them was great. Two Grand Jurymen had formed opinions and expressed the same, stating the lynchers ought to be acquitted. They stood aside these. Several were suffering from nervousness. Others were excited, being sick with certificates. Judge Shaw declares there will be order. He placed an officer at each door and one in the gallery.

The talk to the Grand Jury was in plain terms. First he said a Grand Jurymen should be a man of good common sense; otherwise, should have the sympathy of the court; must be an honest man; should have the courage of his convictions; not looking for consequences. It is a hardship for the innocent man to be charged with crime. He must employ a lawyer, employ counsel, leave his business, home and bring his neighbor also. You stand as a bulwark to see that no innocent man is convicted. The guilty man ought to feel towards the court that he would be convicted, not hoping for a mistake in the order of court which would favor him, and release, nor expect his fellows to purge themselves to save him. Innocent men ought to expect a vindication. When such is the state we may expect a most perfect law system. The guilty if allowed to go free feels at liberty to act further along the same line, and to lead a life of lawlessness. Also their associates are encouraged to act likewise.

"There are three classes of citizens. First, the law-abiding, the largest of all classes, composed of good citizens who conform their lives to the law. Second, the class who evade because they fear to violate the law. Third, the men who defy the law deliberately."

"Crime has two elements. First, criminal act forbidden by law. Second, criminal intent to do that against the law."

Judge Shaw then recited the law of perjury and explained in detail what is meant by conspiracy. He said that each conspirator was responsible for the acts of every other conspirator.

Judge Shaw said that his mission to Monroe was to see to it that justice was done. He said that his court would not let a victim be punished unjustly. If the State furnishes evidence sufficient, the defendants will be punished; if not they will be freed. He said that any one who would listen to popular clamor or be influenced thereby, that one would be guilty of moral perjury. The law states whoever participated in this mob is guilty of murder in the first degree. Concluding Judge Shaw said, "God helping me I am going to see that my part of the responsibility of this court and I am going to place a part upon the Grand Jury. After this court is over, God helping me, my skirts shall be clear. The responsibility or the miscarriage of justice shall not be thrust upon the court."

"If approached by persons on this subject, report the matter to me and I can assure you that such man will not talk for many days to another on the court square."

"I understand that there are letters in the pockets of men now ready to be mailed to you. If you receive same, turn them over to me. I want to see what influences they are trying to bring to bear upon you."

The Grand Jury is composed of representative men of the county. Mr. J. H. Marsh of Marshville, is foreman. One jurymen was excused, because of an attack of indigestion. The Grand Jury has retired and the court is now hearing petty jail cases.

DEMURRER SUSTAINED.

Judge Sustains Demurrer of Thomas Taggart and Other Defendants.

By Associated Press. Palo, Ind., July 16.—Judge Buskirk sustained the demurrer of Thomas Taggart and the other defendants, which means that the receiver will not be appointed for French Lick Hotel at this time. Attorney General Miller immediately gave notice of an appeal to the State Supreme Court.