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Eccles Property Sold Bid in For $58,300 Sale to be Confirmed

Capitalists, real estate men and men having large holdings of real estate in the heart of the city, gathered at the court house at noon to attend the sale of the property belonging o the estate of the late Henry C. Eccles.

Mr. D. W. Harris for the executor, Mr. Geo. W. Bryan, read descriptions of the property and the terms of sale. The sale was conducted by Mr. W. A. Gresham, auctioneer.. Three pieces of property were offered for sale:

The Belmont hotel, on East Trade, immediately in rear of the Central hotel.

Two brick residences on West Third, in rear of the First A. R. P. church.

The hotel was bid in by Mr. S. Wittkowsky, for $40,100.

The residences were bid in by Mr. O. J. Thies and Mr. A. G. Craig, for $9,100 each.

These bids are subject to consummation of the court. They are open to an advance bid of such amount as the court may see best to receive—either 5 per cent or 10 per cent.

Terms of Sale.

By the terms fixed by court, one-half of the purchase price is to be paid in cash, the the time of sale shall be confirmed by court. This means that the last and highest bidder at this bidding, unless his bid shall be advanced by some other person in 20 days shall be prepared, to pay one-half of the price in cash, and give note and deed of trust on the property for the remaining half.

The Sale.

The hotel property was offered first, not only the building but the furnishings on the second, third and fourth floors. The bidding was started at $25,000, by Mr. O. J. Thies. This was immediately bettered by Mr. F. C. Abbott, at $30,000. Mr. W. J. Chambers made it $40,000, and Mr. S. Wittkowsky raised it to $40,100.

Third Street Property.

The brick residences on West Third street were next upt up for sale, the one nearest Church street being offered first. Mr. Abbott started the bids at $5,000. Mr. Thies bid $6,100; Mr. W. J. Chambers $6,500; Mr. Wilkinson, $7,000; Mr. W. S. Alexander, $7,900; Abbott $8,000; A. G. Craig $8,100. The bids ran the gamut of prices from those figures to $9,000, second bid of Mr. Abbott, which was bettered $100 by Mr. Craig, and the latter became the purchaser at $9,100.

The second house brought the some amount. The bidders were: W. L. Nicholson, $7,200 O. J. Thies $7,500; Carolina Realty Co., $8,000; O. J. Thies $8,100; other parties ran it up to $8,800. Mr. Abbott bid $9,000, and Mr. Thies bettered it by $100, which brought the price to $9,100 at which it was knocked down to Mr. Thies.

The Third street property brought better prices than was anticipated. While many expressed themselves as thinking that the Belmont hotel would have brought at least $50,000. The hotel kas first built early in the '80's. It was burned in 1884 and was rebuilt in 1891.

Lomax Property Sold at Auction

The property of the late Bishop Lomax was sold at public auction today. The following were the bids:

Property on First and Davidson streets, bid in by E. R. Preston, at $2,250.

Property East Third street, by J. T. Sanders at $2,200.

Property East First street, by J. R. Hemphill $1,300.

Property on Alexander and Watkins alley, by Frank Jones, at $900.

Property on West Third street, by J. T. Sanders, at $1,355.

Place on West Second street, by J. T. Sanders $1,320.

Property on South Graham street, by J. T. Sanders, at $1,085.

Property West Hill street, by J. T. Sanders, at $1,710.

Property South Graham street,t W. D. Alexander at $435.

Hill street property by J. T. Sanders at $1,820.

Property near Graham street, by J. T. Sanders at $1,760.

Also piece at $400 by same.

Two farming tracts west of city by Hemphill and Sanders, at $1,790.

The above is subject to 10 per cent bid in 10 days time.

To Renew Fight On Ballinger

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Renewal of the fight on Richard A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior, is contemplated in a resolution introduced today by Senator Purcell, which seeks to force into the open the report of the joint congressional committee that investigated the charges made against the cabinet officer by Gifford Pinchot, former chief forester. The report has been in the possession of both the senate and house for some time, but no action has been taken on it, both branc ehsapparently being willing to let the matter remain as it is.

Senator Purcell is a member of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee and in response to an inquiry he said that it was his purpose to press the resolution to a vote if possible. He will speak on the question tomorrow.

—The Children of the Confederacy will meet tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. to practise for Lee-Jackson day.

Big Drainage Undertaking

Asheville, Jan. 16.—A dispatch to The Gazette-News from Raleigh today stated that the Mattamuskeet lake drainage proposition has been closed up satisfactorily and that within a short while the work of draining the largest body of fresh water in North Carolina will be begun. A company, styled the Southern Land Reclamation company, with headquarters at Sywan Quarter, Hyde county, was incorporated by the secretary of state, with authorized capital of $50,000, and $25,000 subscribed. The incorporators are D. N. Graves, of Boston, a well known developer; W. T. Mason, a lumberban; J. P. Kerr, a well business man, and Charles A. Webb, the latter three of Asheville. This company has purchased from the state of North Carolina, the bed of Mattamuskeet lake at a cost of $100,000. The basin comprises about 50,000 acres of land, while in the outlying drainage district are about 70,000 acres of land which will be greatly improved by the drainage of the lake. The total cost of drainage is estimated at $400,000, of which amount the landholders of the adjoining property to the lake will pay one-fourth. In making the sale, the state board of education, which had charge of these lands, provided for thep rotection of these interests and the company guarantees to do the work. After the report of Engineer Coleman, who examined the plans made by Engineer Wright, the Roper Lumber Company withdrew objection to the drainage of the district.

Drainage Will Require 18 Months.

The work will require a period of more than 18 months to drain this mammoth lake which is 15 miles in length and five to six miles wide, and about five feet deep. The pumping station, which will have a capacity of 50,000,000 gallons of water per hour, will be installed at a cost of $180,000.

When reclaimed, this land will open up a fine farming and trucking center. The lands of Hyde county have long been known for their fertility where they were drained sufficiently to allow the growth of crops. When the drainage is complete the lands will be sold in farms.

The work of pumping the water from the basin into the canal leading into Pamlico sound will be done under direction of a drainage commission, the members of which are J. S. Man, J. P. Kerr, and T. H. B. Gibbs. Mr. Kerr will remain in Hyde county until the work is complete.

United Mine Workers Meet

By Associated Press.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 16.—About 1,000 delegates from all over the country are here to attend the national convention of the United Mine Workers of America, which will meet here tomorrow.

One of the big fights scheduled to take place is over the proposed removal of the national headquarters from Indianapolis to Columbus.

Thomas L. Lewis' friends say he will be re-elected.

Two Killed In Explosion

By Associated Press.

Marietta, Ohio, Jan. 16.—Two men were killed and another seriously injured in a boiler explosion at the Cleary stone quarry here today. Thomas Words was instantly killed and Phillips Bules died shortly afterward. Lote Smith was seriously injured.

Two Lads Burned to Death.

By Associated Press.

Madeira, Cal., Jan. 16.—Harold Miner, aged 8 years and Horace Russell, aged 16 were burned to death when a fifty gallon gasoline tank was exploded by matches with which they were playing. Both boys ran three blocks with clothes blazing. Then they were stopped and the fire extinguished.

The Russell boy retained consciousness for hours, pleading with his mother to be calm and ulrging the doctors to devote their attention to the smaller lad.

Torpedo Boats to Sail.

By Associated Press.

New Orleans, Jan. 16.—The torpedo boat destroyers Paulding, Roe, Drayton and Terry, which have been in this port for several days, sailed this morning for Galveston.

Charlotte, N. C.,
Jan. 14th, 1911.
Editor Charlotte News.
Dear Sir:—I want to express my appreciation and thanks for my ticket to "Buster Brown." I certainly enjoyed the play. With best wishes for The News.
Very truly.
SARAH E. ROARK.
City.

UNCLE SAM—"DON'T YOU TH WOULD STAND A BETTER CHANCE AND WORK THAT BAY WINDOW OFF, THE WATER IN THAT PONDINK IF YOU WOULD COME OUT OF GOING DOWN SOME?"

State Troops Guard Room in Which Negro Charged With Horrible Crime Is Being Tried

Special to The News.

Oxford, N. C., Jan. 16.—Under guard of state troops from Raleigh, and met at the station by the local military company, Montague was brought here this morning on a special train. A great crowd was watching at the station all day.

Judge Ward ordered all near-beer saloons closed and prohibited express companies deiivering any whisky here during the trial.

There was some talk of contesting this point as an interference with the interstate commission rulings.

Durham, Jan. 16.—Sheriff Wheeler, of Granville county, under escort of the state militia, passed through Durham this morning at 6 o'clock having in charge Nathan Montague, charged with the murder and burning of J. L. Sanders, his daughter, Miss Mittie Sanders, aged twenty-two, and his granddaughter, Irene Overton, the three year old child, whose spending the night at the Sanders home, saved the life of Mrs. J. L. Sanders.

The homicide is perhaps the most brutal crime ever committeed in the state, having arson, rape and murder in one. It was done Monday night, December 19th, four weeks ago, early in the evening, the murderer killing all three, then setting fire to the house and burning them to ashes.

Montague was suspected by strange accident. Having assisted the Sanders relatives the day before in the slaughter of hogs, he used a knife which most certainly appears to have been the murderous weapon with which he killed the young girl. Indications are that after having assaulted the girl, the assailant tried to throw her in the well. He changed his mind and threw her into the house where she burned with the family.

Governor Kitchin ordered a special trial immediately and this morning Judge G. W. Ward, one of the bravest of the state's jurists, began the trial of the prisoner. Lynching talk has been so persistent that it has been thought necessary to have sufficient guard to remain at the jail every night until thep risoner has been tried. In the event of conviction, he will be sent immediately to Raleigh, all executions now going to Raleigh and by electricity.

Such is the feeling in Granville that no attorneys have been employed to defend the prisoner. The court had to appoint counsel this morning. There was no trouble over the venire. While it was deemed next to impossible to find a jury in the county that had not heard the matter discussed many times, an overwhelming crowd was about the court house and the special jury was ordered from these.

The evidence will not begin until tomorrow. The venire reports then and the testimony will begin. It will necessarily be short. There were no witnesses to the crime, the negro's sole defense will be alibi which he hopes to establish. He has said nothing that at any time indicated a weakness and has sullenly denied that he had anything to do with the crime.

His reputation never has been bad for that reason, the surprise that came out in the bloody circumstances uncovered in his house, was great.

Prisoner Leaves Raleigh.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 16.—Nathan Montague, the negro charged with having criminally outraged Miss Hattie Sanders, and later throwing her dead and mutilated body into a burning house, also with murdering the young ladie's father and his grand-daughter and burning them in their home, left this city this morning for Oxford where he is to be tried.

Montague was accompanied by Co. B Third Regiment, North Carolina National Guard to Oxford and there he will be met by Co. E, of the Third Regiment, and both companies will be on duty around the court house and jail while the trial is in progress.

The crime was one of the blackest ever enacted in the state and the people in the neighborhood where it was committed are so wrought up it was thought necessary to bring the prisoner to the state prison for safekeeping. The local company is also taking a Gatling gun as a precaution and in case the prisoner is convicted will bring him back to this city for execution of whatever sentence may be imposed upon him.

Governor Kitchin immediately ordered a special term of court to try the man and Judge George W. Ward will sit on the case. The crime was committed Dec. 19th.

SEVERAL INJURED WHEN DYNAMITE EXPLODED

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—A dynamite explosion in a tunnel leading to the Seventy-third street water supply crib, where many lives were lost by fire two years ago, fatally injured two workmen today. Twenty-six others narrowly escaped death. The dynamite was accidentally struck with a crow-bar used to loosen rock in the tunnel leading from the crib.

A Delicate Operation

By Associated Press.

New Orleans, Jan. 16.—Sewing up a gash two inches long in the tissues of Edward Mahoney's left lung was a feat accomplished at the charity hospital here yesterday. It is said to have been one of the most delicate and remarkable operations of the kind ever performed. Mahoney was stabbed, it is said, Saturday night during a fight, by Charles Deisncham. The knife Deischman is alleged to have plunged into Mahoney's breast cut the fifth rib, missed the heart only because that organ pulsated at the instant, and made a wound through which physicians watcherd the victim's heart beat. Mahoney has regained consciousness and has a slight chance to live, according to the physicians.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DAY IN THE LEGISLATURE

Special to The News.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 16.—The senate session was less than a half hour and was devoted to lccal matters entirely.

Adjournment was taken as a mark or respect to the memory of the late Col. W. J. Hicks.

The house gets the Ewart bill to ratify the federal constitutional amendment for income tax as a special order Thursday January 26.

A bill by McGill, of Cumberland was instructed to appropriate $5,000 for the erection of a building at the Soldiers home for the wives and widows of the veterans and carries also $5,000 for maintenance.

The joint committee on propositions and grievances gives a hearing Wednesday afternoon on the Koonce resolution for a legislative commission to investigate the conduct of fire insurance companies in this state.

Sensational developments are probable.

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REAR ADMIRAL BARRY RETIRED BY PRESIDENT

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16.—The application of Rear Admiral Barry for retirement has been approved by President Taft and he has been transferred to the retired list of the navy. The navy department today received a telegram from Rear Admiral Thomas, who was appointed to succeed Admiral Barry, that he had assumed command of the Pacific fleet. The navy department issued the order retiring Admiral Barry on Saturday and advised him of that fact by telegraph.

This action was taken before the publication of the allegations that officers of the flagship West Virginia contemplated charges against the admiral reflecting upon his moral character. It is reiterated at the navy department today that no charges had been filed here against Admiral Barry and all that was known in regard to his retirement was that he desired to avail himself of the privilege granted by law to retire voluntarily after 40 years active service.

ALL VERY QUIET AFTER LYNCHING

By Associated Press.

Shelbyville, Ky., Jan. 16.—All is quiet here today following the lynching here yesterday of the negroes, Gene Marshall, Wade Patterson and Jim West. It is believed that in the excitement the mob mistook Marshall, accused of the murder of a negro woman, for another negro. That they wanted Patterson and West, charged with crimes against white women, is well known.

The grand jury which will meet Monday next and which was to have taken up the cases of the two negroes who were lynched, will investigate the lynching. West and Patterson were being held pending probable indictments. Marshall had already been indicted, tried and sentenced to be executed.

Agreement on Liquor Question.

By Associated Press.

Marked Tree, Ark., Jan. 16.—After pending in the courts for several months and developing fine legal points in number, the prohibition question in Marked Tree and Deckersville, Ark., has been settled by mutual agreement. According to the understanding, which is to be made part of a court records, saloons will exist in the two towns without molestation until July 7 of this year. After that for two years no liquor is to be sold.

New York's Beer Consumption.

By The Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 16.—Greater New York consumed 8,500,000 barrels of beer during the year 1910, according to a report just made public. This is about an average of two barrels a year for every man, woman and child in the city. Throughout the United States the year's consumption reached a total of nearly sixty millions.

POPULATION OF TWO NORTH CAROLINA TOWNS.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16.—Population statistics of the 13th census announced today include the following:

City.	1910	1900
Cedartown, Ga.....	3,551	2,823
Milten, Ga.	2,030	411
Lexington, N. C. ..	4,163	1,234
Thomasville, N. C..	3,877	751

Schenk Trial Will Consume Several Weeks It's Thought

By Associated Press.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 16.—There are so many sides to the trial of Mrs. Laura Farnsworth Schenk, charged with attempting to murder her husband, that attorneys are convinced it will be several weeks before it is finally concluded in the Ohio county court.

Judge Jordan has done all in his power to expedite the trial but his expectation that it could be disposed of in week has long since gone and the attorneys in the case are uncertain as to the date for the close. Prosecutor Handlan will not have his evidence in until January 19th and the defense expects to consume a week in presenting its side. This will bring the trial to the end of next week without arguments.

Mrs. Schenk spent Sunday quietly in her tower room and, it was stated, devoted much of the time to reading letters which are pouring in on her at the rate of 100 a day from all parts of the English-speaking world. Some of them being sentiments in her favor. One contained a proposal of marriage.

Miss Eleanor Zoeckler, the detective nurse who had been known at the hospital where Schenk was taken as Mrs. Klein and who gave much damaging evidence against Mrs. Schenk on Saturday, was on the stand when court convened today. The crowd was as large as ever in spite of the biting coil and the court room was filled long before the hour for the taking of testimony.

"Mrs. Schenk told me on one occasion," said the witness in a voice so low that it could not be heard in the audience, "that when John Schenk died I would be provided for. Friday following the offer to give me $1,000 to poison Mr. Schenk, Mrs. Schenk came to the hospital and asked to be left alone in the room with Schenk for a few minutes. We left them alone and there were high words between them. On one occasion I remarked to Mrs. Schenk:

" 'Well, he's making some improvement,' and she replied: 'Yes, to my sorrow.' "

"You were paid money for lying and laying traps for Mrs. Schenk were you not?" asked Attorney Boyce.

"I was instructed to do what I could."

The private and public life of the witness was then gone in into detail. She related that her husband, Dr. Klein, had secured a divorce from her and she had earned he living in Pittsburg as a nurse for a time and then worked in stores and finally joined the police department of that city, first under Dr. Edwards, of the health department, and then under Chief of Detectives Edward McGough.

There were times when the witness could not remember then ames of the families in which she had nursed and times when she could not recall the stores where she had been employed. She denied having been discharged from a Pittsburg department store because she had gone on duty under the influence of liquor. She said she became connected with a detective agency in August last, and the Schenk case was her first work.

A lon series of questions calculated to ascertain the character of the witness developed nothing, but the gruelling manifestly was something she had not expected.

"What did you say to Mrs. Schenk when she said if anything happened to John you were to get the keys of his safe deposit vault before Albert got them?" asked Attorney Boyce.

"I said I was afraid I would get into trouble. I was in the room with her at that time for almost thirty minutes. The next day I waited for her at the head of the stairs and took her into my room. She told me of Schenk's having been worse and that the newsmade her the happiest woman in the world; also of her praying every night that he might die."

In answer to the question of Prosecutor Handlan as to what Mrs. Schenk had said to the witness after her arrest and they were alone the detective replied:

"I said, 'just look what you have got me into,' and she said: 'Shut up you fool. Don't tell any things.' "

Miss Zoeckler stated that prior to the time she came here to work on the case she knew nothing of the Schenks, although she is distantly related to them.

SUPREME COURT WILL NOT READ LONG RECORDS

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16.—Members of the supreme court of the United States have balked at reading the entire record in the dissolution suit against the Standard Oil Co. The court today entered into the fourth day of oral argument in the case.

It takes 22 large volumes of more than 500 pages each to tell the history of the litigation. Spread out in a line, these volumes extended half way across the counsel's tables in front of the court. As the gaze of Chief Justice White fell upon them he inquired of John G. Milburn, who was talking for the Standard Oil, if it would be necessary for the court to go over the entire record. Mr. Melburn replied that it would not. He assured the court that within the two covers of the Standard's brief had been collected all the facts that were in controversy. The same might be said with regard to the government's brief he added. The latter had been prepared with much literary genius, however, as to make it somewhat unfair from the point of view of the defense, he said.

Some one from the bench inquired if the attorneys for the Standard Oil were devoid of literary ability. When Frank B. Kellogg, the government's special "trust buster" was addressing the court he assured the bench that the literary ability of the opposing counsel was of the highest order and that only the government's brief told the cold, unbiased facts.

Think They Have Bank Robbers

By Associated Press.

Hot Springs, Ark., Jan. 16.—The tale of a negro bellman at a local hotel of great piles of money lying about a room led to the arrest yesterday of Charles H. Everett, harged with having secured $1,800 from the Peoples' Saving Bank of Seattle, and for whom detectives had been searchink through a half dozen states. Four men occupied a room, according to the negro and when he was summoned to bring them liquid refreshments he saw huge stacks of bills distributed on the bed and chairs.

When the police arrived the men had disappeared but memorandums were found showing that various groups of figures in the aggregate $286,000, had been divided into four parts. Circulars brought bank detectives here post haste and the arrest of Everett, who had engaged the hotel apartment followed. According to the detectives, Pacific Coast banks have lost heavily recently through the circulation of fradulent paper and other arrests are declared probable.

Gold Found in Georgia.

By Associated Press.

Tallapoosa, Ga., Jan. 16.—While at play on the farm of John W. Harris, four miles from here a day or two ago, a child discovered a large nugget of gold, and further search by older persons led to the finding of a considerable quantity of the yellow metal. The farm is in the center of the Georgia gold belt and the discovery is regarded here as an important one.

Fell From Third Story to Death.

By Associated Press.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 16.—John Anderson, a saloon proprietor, and Ben Christensen, a bartender in his employ, were instantly killed yesterday when they fell from a third story window of a hotel. The men were engaged in what their friends describe as a friendly tussle. The room had been cleared to make way for them they suddenly fell toward the window, the sash gave way, the men balanced on the brink a moment and then plunged head first to the cobblestones.

Peculiar Situation Will Confront Governor--Elect Colquitt at Inauguration

By Associated Press.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 16.—That a peculiar sisuation will confront the adminministration of Governor-elect Oscar B. Colquitt after his inauguration tomorrow appears certain as the result of a caucus of prohibition leaders of the Texas legislature this morning, at which it was agreed to adopt the following program, in effect:

Submit to the circumstances now confronting them, by reason of which so-called radical prohibition legislation is impossible.

Decline to confirm Colquitt's nomination of appointees in the absence of the governor's approval of the proposed liquor laws, this being feasible because of the prohibition element in the state senate.

If this program is carried out Colquitt, according to prominent anti-prohibitionists, will be forced to carry retiring governor Campbell's appointees until the legislature adjourns, but his friends say the following adjournment Colquitt will demand wholesale resignations and make his previously announced appointments to office. In the latter event the Colquitt appointees could serve at least until rejected by the next session of the legislature.

Never before in this state, it is said has just such a clash between a legislative majority and a governor taken place. The last state-wide prohibition campaign was in 1888. It is expected that the present legislature will submit to the people an amendment for state-wide prohibition.