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BEHIND THE BARS

"Portland Ned" Brought Safely Into Port.

CAUGHT NEAR COVE

Dangerous Safe Cracker Captured By Stokes Authorities.

Greensboro, August 15.—"Portland Ned," yeggman, is behind the bars in the Guilford county jail. It is the first time, so far as is known, that he has been under the care of the authorities since he was pardoned by Governor Cole Blease, of South Carolina, in the spring of 1913, and escaped from the governor's office before officers who were waiting to arrest him for North Carolina could get their hands on him.

James Johnson, alias Edward Morgan, alias J. P. Lister, alias "Portland Ned," was arrested near Walnut Cove August 3, and has been held there until the post-office department could look him over. He was found to tally to measurements, scars from bullets and from acid, as well as to fit the photograph that was brought here from the rogue's gallery at Washington.

With him when arrested was C. Conway, who was brought here also for safekeeping. They were arrested on suspicion and the charge was entered of carrying concealed weapons and having burglar tools in their possessions. "Portland Ned," on being turned over to the postoffice authorities, is held for blowing the safe at Plymouth, this state in 1888, for which the officers have been endeavoring to get him these many years.

There had been considerable housebreaking around Walnut Cove a few days prior to August 3. On that day E. O. Creakman, a section foreman, saw two suspicious characters about four miles from Walnut Cove toward Pine Hall.

He reported to Deputy Joyce and with him and two others, John R. Smith and J. E. James returned to the place on a motor car. They saw the two men near a trestle and started toward them. The men went the other way, refusing to stop even when they were called to halt.

The deputy fired in the air and as the three he had deputized came close to the men they threw up their hands. This was not done, however, before one of them had thrown the grip they were carrying into the river.

Later, boys had been sent back for this grip. It was locked but showed that an effort had pulled apart. In it were two revolvers of 38 and 44 calibre special Colt, dynamite fuses, dynamite caps, soap, nitroglycerine, etc.

They were bound over immediately for carrying concealed weapons and for having burglar tools in their possession. Their suspicious appearance led the Stokes county authorities to inform the Washington authorities

and Photograph Inspector J. S. Lemes arrived here Thursday and brought with him a photograph and description of "Portland Ned."

He was brought to Greensboro yesterday at noon by Deputy Marshal J. L. Boger, and is under a bond of \$10,000. Conway was brought by Sheriff W. C. Slate, of Stokes county, and is held under a bond of \$1,200. Inspector Lemes will investigate the rogue's gallery to find if Conway is wanted by the federal authorities.

Mr. Lemes made a thorough examination of Johnson, finding the acid burns on his arms, the bullet holes in his back, scar on his forehead and various other marks. The indictment against him in North Carolina for which he is held was made from the eastern district, he being charged with breaking the Plymouth safe 16 years ago. There are said to be other charges against him. He is thought to have broken in at two places since escaping, both being in Virginia.

He is in the neighborhood of 37 years of age, and has been hunted far and near by the post-office and state authorities at different periods for many years. Most of his work has been done in North and South Carolina and Virginia, and he is one of the smoothest professional yeggmen in the game.

At one time he attempted escape from a South Carolina camp by throwing red pepper into the guard's eyes. He failed to get away, however.

It was in the spring of 1913 that North Carolina officers were waiting outside Governor Blease's office in Columbia for the criminal, who had been carried there by order of the governor after pardoning him. Blease is reported to have walked out of the room when the man, knowing officers were waiting, made an escape.

He had not been seen until the Stokes county people arrested him.

Quick Trip From Spray.

Messrs. H. S. Hutcherson and L. J. Shelton were among a party who visited Danbury from Spray Monday. The trip was made in a Ford car, and consumed just 4 1/2 hours. The distance is 76 miles. The route was via Reidsville, Summerfield, Kernersville and Walkertown, this roundabout way being adopted in order to get the benefit of the good road from Walnut Cove here. If there were good roads through Snow Creek or Beaver Island townships, an hour or two would have been saved.

Mr. Shelton was here to attend to some business connected with the S. M. Shelton's estate, of which he is administrator. Mr. Hutcherson also had some business at the court house.

Miss Lillie Flinchum, of Route 1, has been suffering with an attack of malarial fever, but she is improving.

OLD SOLDIERS' DAY

At Danbury Next Saturday Week, August 29.

BIG CROWD COMING

Name of Speaker Not Yet Announced, But Will Be Known Next Week—Come and Bring A Well Filled Basket.

A large crowd is expected to attend the annual reunion of the ex-Confederates at Danbury next Saturday week.

It is proposed that the address of the day will be delivered in the court house, provided the crowd is not too large, where the people may be comfortably seated. The name of the speaker has not yet been announced, but this will be given out next week.

It is earnestly desired that a good dinner may be prepared for the old soldiers. There are not as many of them as were with us last year. Death has made a wide swath since the last reunion, one year ago.

Even the small town of Danbury during the last 12 months has contributed two to the great majority who have passed over the river. Danbury will not be represented in the march this time.

Let every family who conveniently can, bring along a contribution of something good to eat for the "thin gray line," which has now become so wasted. These reunions cannot last many years more.

There will be a number of ball games and other amusements for the crowd.

Judge Douglas.

Judge R. M. Douglas of Greensboro is spending a few weeks at Piedmont. Judge Douglas is one of the most distinguished citizens of the State. He is a son of Stephen A. Douglas, celebrated in American annals. At the age of 18 Judge Douglas was appointed private secretary to Governor Holden. At 20 he became private secretary of President Grant, holding this position four years, then resigning to accept the head of the revenue service in North Carolina, which he held for 10 years. After this he practiced law at Greensboro.

Judge Douglas suffers with an impediment of his speech, a nervous trouble which has affected him for several years. Otherwise his health is fairly good.

He is a man of wide learning, and of advanced ideas with reference to politics and governmental affairs. He has a great fund of incident and anecdote connected with ante-bellum days. A few years ago he wrote some memoirs of President Grant for the Youth's Companion, which attained a wide publicity, and were very entertaining.

Judge Douglas has a fine sense of the ridiculous, reminding one, in this respect, of the late Mr. A. H. Joyce of Danbury.

BRILLIANT AFFAIR

The House Party of Miss Dore Korner A Charming Success.

PIEDMONT SPRINGS

The Saturday Night Dance, the Reception, and Other Incidents of the Occasion.

Piedmont Springs, Aug. 18.—The dance given on Saturday night at Piedmont by Miss Korner was quite a brilliant affair, being a charming compliment to the members of her house party at the springs.

The hotel drawing room was handsomely decorated with goldenrod, ferns, laurel and rhododendron foliage, while outside were numerous gaily colored lanterns.

In the receiving line were Miss Korner, wearing a lovely gown of lavender and white taffeta; Mr. D. L. Donnell, of Oak Ridge; Mrs. M. L. Mott, in white embroidered voile; Mr. J. Gilmer Korner, Jr.; Miss Lucinda Martin, of Leaksville, in pale blue crepe de chine, trimmed in silk shadow lace and silver spangles; Dr. C. H. McAnnally, of Richmond; Miss Laura Noel, of Elkin, in primrose yellow crepe meteor, with garniture of shadow lace and hand-embroidered chiffon; Mr. Billy Spach; Miss Briggs Prather, of Mt. Airy, in white crepe meteor, with over-drapery of American Beauty crepe and lace bodice; Mr. Ed Inman, of Mt. Airy; Miss Sarah Chunn, in a cream shadow lace gown with touches of Nile green and one big Jacqueminot rose; and Mr. Taylor Bynum.

After greeting the members of the receiving party, the guests were presented with cards by little Miss Frances Montcastle, of Lexington, bearing this inscription: "Please follow the Japanese lanterns to the pavilion at the spring."

Pretty indeed was the walk to the ballroom, illuminated with scores of swaying lights in the most brilliant lanterns. The spacious dancing pavilion was attractively adorned with mountain greenery, laurel, ferns and holly branches, while bright lights, inspiring music and general gaiety made up a strikingly beautiful scene.

Among the dances of the evening several fascinating Spanish figures were introduced, led by Miss Korner and Dr. McAnnally.

In the course of the evening refreshing punch was served from an artistically arranged bowl, with clusters of grapes and trailing sprays of the vine; dainty sandwiches were also enjoyed, Miss Korner being assisted in serving by Mr. Roy Caviness, of Danville; Dr. McAnnally, Mr. Cole, of Greensboro, and Mr. Pepper.

Altogether the affair was one of notable beauty and pleasure, the guests numbering about one hundred.

The house party entertained

Walnut Cove.

Walnut Cove, Aug. 17 Rev. T. J. Glenn preached two excellent sermons at Rosebud Sunday.

Mr. Charlie Tuttle and sister Miss Susie spent Sunday at Mr. Geo. Newsom's.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Montgomery spent Sunday at Mr. Thos. Campbell's.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hutchinson spent Sunday at Mr. C. F. Smith's.

Hilda, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Putner, received a painful injury Saturday by falling off the porch and cutting her forehead.

A doctor was immediately summoned and dressed the wound and the little girl is doing finely at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ferguson spent Saturday night at Mr. J. G. Tuttle's.

Misses Sadie, Dora and Glenn Tuttle and Pauline Smith attended the birthday dinner given at Mr. Laurie Tuttle's Saturday. They report a large crowd, a sumptuous dinner and a good time.

The Rose Bud ball team went down in defeat Saturday for the second time since the team was organized three years ago, but on both occasions it was due to the absence of our pitcher, Mr. Albert Young. I merely mean this was the principal cause, for the team played very badly in the field, making several mistakes, which resulted in ruin. The features of the game were the terrific batting of both teams.

Misses Carrie and Alice Watt spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Pauline Smith.

Mr. Will Tuttle and family spent Sunday at Mr. M. E. Ralledge's.

Messrs. I. S. and Robert Burge spent Sunday at Tobaccoville visiting relatives.

last week at Piedmont Springs by Miss A. Dore Korner, spent a gay time. Trips to Cascade and auction bridge and rook parties were the order of the day.

The members of the house party included Misses Lucinda Martin, of Leaksville, and Camille Willingham, of Macon, Ga.; Dr. McAnnally, of Richmond; Messrs. Gilmer Korner and Billy Spach, Winston, and D. L. Donnell, of Oak Ridge.

In the party to Cascade, besides the house-guests of Miss Korner, were Misses Laura Noel, Briggs Prather and Sarah Chunn; Messrs. Wade Dunbar, of Reidsville; Taylor Bynum, Floyd Hunt, of Lexington, and Mr. King, of Leaksville.

On last Friday Miss Korner entertained at a charming bridge and rook party, complimentary to her house-guests.

Six tables were attractively arranged on the south and west verandas, little Misses Frances Montcastle, of Lexington, and Sarah Tiedeman, of Savannah, distributing the score cards.

After eight interesting progressions the guests enjoyed delicious iced melons.

The first prize at auction was presented to Miss Noel, of Elkin, being a pretty ivory fan. The second prize, a lovely box of Huyler's, was won by Miss Lucinda Martin, of Leaksville.

Miss Boren, of Greensboro, carried off the attractive fan given as the first prize at rook; and Miss Willingham won the box of bonbons as second prize.

THE FUND GROWING

Start Made Towards Building Confederate Monument On The Court House Square.

A. TILLEY DONATES

Mr. Tilley Thinks the Project Should Be Pressed Forward—Daughters of the Confederacy to Be Organized Old Soldiers' Day—Ladies To Do The Work.

The fund for the erection of a monument to the Stokes Confederate dead, which it is proposed to erect on the court house square at Danbury, is beginning to grow, and now stands as follows:

J. J. Martin	\$10.00
Danbury Reporter	10.00
Amer Tilley	10.00

Mr. Amer Tilley, one of the most prominent ex-Confederates in the county, called on the Reporter a few days ago and expressed his hearty approval of the movement to erect the monument. Mr. Tilley believes that there should be no dilly-dallying about the matter, and that the friends and relatives of our Confederate soldiers should promptly contribute toward this most worthy undertaking. Mr. Tilley showed a substantial interest by subscribing \$10 to the fund.

At the annual reunion of the Old Soldiers, which is to be held at Danbury next week, Aug. 29, it is proposed to organize a chapter of Daughters of the Confederacy, which organization usually takes the lead in such matters. The ladies will be asked to raise the funds necessary for the building of the shaft, which will cost about \$1,500. All donations will be promptly acknowledged in the columns of the Reporter.

Any amount, however small, will be thankfully received. Friends and relatives of ex-Confederates, and all persons who feel an interest in the cause, are solicited to help defray the expense. Every progressive county in North Carolina or Virginia has already built enduring marble to the memory of those who so nobly fought for their homes and firesides, hundreds of them dying away from home in strange lands. Now is the time for Stokes to acknowledge the debt she owes to her dead heroes, by perpetuating their memories to future generations.

Union Picnic.

The Farmers' Union picnic here last Saturday was attended by a large crowd.

The occasion was one of much pleasure and benefit to the farmers, and their families. There were a number of interesting speeches on union matters by Mr. Comer of Danville, Mr. Taylor of Winston and others.