

STOLEN GOODS IN FURNACE

Thieves Find Novel Hiding Place for Goods Supposed to be Stolen—The Gang Flashed and a Lively Chase Indulged In.

Late yesterday afternoon a number of boxes of shirts and other goods were found in the furnace at Brown's brick yard, opposite the Southern Power station. The police were notified and Officer Earmhardt went over to make an investigation. He found the goods packed away in the furnace as reported. He came back to the headquarters and was joined by Policeman Sloop. They decided to go over to the brick yard and wait for the thieves to come for the goods, but on their arrival they saw five white men standing around the furnace each of them with his share of the spoils. The officers crawled up the ditch until within a short distance of the men when they made a dash to arrest them. The instant they appeared the gang scattered in every direction. Officer Earmhardt picked a likely looking single bird and the two engaged in one of the most exciting marathon races ever held in that section of the woods. The course lay over the meadows along the edge of Buffalo creek and the track was soft and mushy. The law breaker gained a few steps on the start and managed to maintain the advantage throughout the race. While going along where the going was rough down went the pursued and pursuer, both receiving a lovely coat of mud, but neither gained any advantage in the race. By this time they had crossed the meadow and were confronted by a thick hedge on the bank of the creek, but this held no terrors for the fleeing man and on through the shrubbery and briars he went into the cooling waters of the creek. His classy work on taking the hedges and high places gave him such an advantage that the officer gave up the chase. Thirteen shirts and two hats were found scattered on the ground. The officers have strong suspicion as to who two of the men are by the hats they found. No one has as yet identified the goods and no robbery of any store has been reported at police headquarters.

An Appreciation of Capt. Odell. Mooresville Enterprise.

North Carolina sustained a distinct loss last Friday in the death of Capt. John M. Odell, of Concord. Not only was he a pioneer in the cotton manufacturing interests of the South, but he was a captain among the masses. His leadership in any undertaking was never questioned, and his influence for good was ever present wherever he chanced to be. We knew Captain Odell from our earliest recollection, and as an observer of men, we have never known a character more beautiful or one more sincerely loved by his people. Kind-hearted, charitable, he never failed to relieve the distressed by word or deed. No man or woman who appealed to him were cast aside, and there were thousands of them during his long career. His endorsement was sought by hundreds of young people entering upon a career of their own; and if his approval was stamped upon it, success crowned it. Never an uncharitable word or deed is registered against him and in his death he stands a peer among his fellows. He was a man, and measured far beyond the present day standard. A King once said of a Prince struck down, "Taller he seems in death."

Rapid Growth of Methodists.

In a report just given out at Nashville, Tenn., it is shown that during the past quadrennium \$3,193,685 was collected on the foreign field by the two mission boards of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. This is an increase of \$987,064 over the previous quadrennium. The report states further: "The collections on the foreign field indicate a steady growth in the spirit of self-support. Four years ago the total contributions amounted to \$36,750 (United States currency) while during the past year the sum of \$62,880 has been reported, an increase of \$16,130. The increase in church buildings is most striking. While in 1908 there were reported 167 churches and chapels, we have 348 at the present time—an increase of 181. Parsonages to the number of eighty have been built during the last quadrennium. The value of property owned by the Church on the mission field has advanced to nearly two and a half million dollars, the exact figure being \$2,427,454, or an increase of \$1,063,323.

The farmers of Union county have organized a live stock association, its object being to improve the breed of live stock. Our Home says that the association "starts off with a membership of about fifty, with Dr. Watt Ashcraft as president, Mr. J. E. Green as vice president and Mr. T. W. Broom, secretary. The annual fee was fixed at \$1."

DISTILLERY IN OPEN FIELD.

Officers Destroy Plant in Corn Field on Outskirts of East Spencer.

Assisted by Chief of Police John R. Cruise, of Spencer, Deputies J. H. Krieger and F. C. Tolbert, of Salisbury, Sheriff J. H. McKenzie, of Rowan county, very early Thursday morning raided a large corn field on the outskirts of East Spencer, capturing John M. Freeman and D. L. Beasley, a forty gallon brandy distillery and complete outfit and twenty-five gallons of low wine.

The raid was made at daylight and the distillery was found in full blast. The officers had information that a distillery was in operation in the East Spencer community and the trap was planned early in the night. Armed for any emergency the officers approached the corn field just at day-break and closed in around a spot on a small branch running through the field. From the edge of the field the officers could see a dim light burning and they knew they had located their game.

The officers crept through the growing corn until within fifteen yards of the still. Sheriff McKenzie shouted to the operators to hold up their hands. Four men were in the crowd, J. M. Freeman, D. L. Beasley and two unknown colored men. At the sound of Sheriff McKenzie's voice the entire crowd fled for their lives. J. M. Freeman, the leader of the blockaders, was soon run down and captured by Deputy Krieger. D. L. Beasley, who was assisting in operating the distillery, was caught by Deputy Tolbert, after a hard chase in which the officer fired once to scare the fugitive, who fell at the edge of the field under the cover of a gun in the hands of the officer. The two colored men who were at work with the owners of the plant made an unusually good run and escaped, being hotly pursued for nearly a mile by Sheriff McKenzie and Chief of Police Cruise. The officers have their names, however, and it is believed they will yet be captured.

Unable to give bond, Freeman was taken to Rowan county jail to await trial. He is an old offender and was recently released from the county chain gang, where he was serving a 4-year sentence for retailing. He has a family in East Spencer. Rather than go to jail, Beasley gave bond in the sum of \$500 for his appearance at court. He conducts a small farm in East Spencer and has a family. The distillery, wines and firearms found on the premises were taken in charge by the officers, and it is now believed that a good crop of corn will be made on the spot.

From the Stanly Enterprise.

Mrs. R. J. Turner, of Norwood, suffered a stroke of paralysis on Saturday, one side of her body being affected. She was speechless for a while, but we learn that she is recovering her power of speech.

The many friends of little "Gus" Boger will regret to learn that he is seriously ill. He recently went to Cabarrus with his parents on a visit, and was taken ill there. Gus is loved by all who know him, and it is hoped that he will entirely recover.

Miss M. Estelle Torrence, of Davidson, a graduate of the Presbyterian Hospital at Charlotte, will locate in Albemarle and offer here services to the local public. It was through Rev. Geo. H. Atkinson that she has decided to accept the work. Her headquarters will be at the Normal College, and she will work in connection with the local physicians.

Wade, the young son of Capt. T. M. Denning, of the Wisconsin mill, got the thumb of his left hand badly crushed in one of the machines. Dr. Anderson was summoned, and found it necessary to amputate the thumb. Wade is getting along nicely under the circumstances.

At the home of the bride's parents, in West Albemarle, Miss Ruth Gaddy was married on Thursday afternoon of last week to Luther B. Fink. Mr. Fink is a photographer, and is operator in the gallery at Russell & Staton's. The bride is an attractive young woman and both have the best wishes of many friends. Rev. H. A. McCullough performed the ceremony.

A Pellagra Preventive.

Grensboro Record.
Dr. R. W. S. Pogram, of Delaplane, this State, tells The Charlotte Observer that he thinks pellagra comes from poisoning contained in the disinfectants used by grain dealers. But what business has one in this country eating imported meal or corn? We ought to raise more than we need and not have to buy away from home. Physicians have held that it came from corn and it may be that Dr. Pogram has about sized it up, for it has been demonstrated that people who eat the good old corn raised on the farms down this way do not have it.

Dr. I. I. Davis is spending the day in Charlotte on business.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come and Go.

Mr. D. B. Coltrane is spending the day in Gastonia on business.

Rev. Dr. J. C. Rowe, of Salisbury, is a visitor in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Ritchie are guests at Misenheimer Springs.

Miss Zeta Parrish has returned from a visit to friends in Lexington.

Hon. W. R. Odell has returned from a business trip to Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. J. A. Propet is visiting his daughter, Mrs. C. C. Lentz, in Denton.

Mrs. A. P. Lentz and daughter, Miss Mary, are the guest of Mrs. L. H. Lentz.

Miss Cecelia Henry, of Timmons-ville, S. C., is the guest of Miss Sudie Smith.

Mr. Hubert McGhee, of Canton, is visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. P. McGhee.

Mrs. William M. Johnson and children, of Salisbury, are visiting at Miss Olivet Cline's.

Miss Florence Leak, who has been visiting friends has returned to her home in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. F. S. Bulwinkle, of Dallas, N. C., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. S. A. Wolff, on Tribune street.

Misses Grace and Helen Patterson are visiting Miss Jennie Patterson at her home in China Grove.

Mr. G. H. Rutledge has gone to Asheville to appear as a witness in the trial of the State vs. Watkins.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sims and Mrs. P. B. Parks are now at the Sims farm where they will spend some time.

Miss Mary Hartsell returned this morning from Greenville, S. C., where she has been visiting relatives for the past month.

Mrs. W. S. Stewart, who has been the guest of Mrs. D. B. Coltrane for the past week, will return tonight to her home in Charlotte.

Mr. L. Windsor Hutchins, who has been spending several days here, left this morning for Thomasville and Hillsboro. He will return to his work at Durham next week.

Handsome New Store for Efrd.

Charlotte Chronicle.

For the past year or more there has been talk of remodeling the present stand of Efrd's Department Store. Many things have happened to delay the enormous amount of work necessary to the building, but the management several months ago decided that a temporary stand must be found and the new work should begin the first of August.

The Charlotte Auditorium at the corner of Fifth and College streets, has been secured and within a few days, moving will commence. The place on East Trade street will be partly torn down and a new and elegant building erected. The site is an excellent one and money will not be spared to make the stand one of the most beautiful in the State.

The stock carried in the store at present will be sold in the Auditorium during the months that will be necessary for the workmen to build on the Trade street property. The floor space at the Auditorium is the largest in the city, and the immense stock can be displayed to good advantage there. Many sales will be conducted during the next few months by the Efrd management and when the new building is completed it will be newly stocked in lines both expensive and attractive.

Sun Set McNinch is showing around a letter he received from Teddy saying: "Indeed, my dear sir, I remember you well. You are one of the men in whom I believe." This would indicate that McNinch's hope to get a Federal job when defeated for Congress will have Teddy's O. K. This must make Sun Set cheerful as he goes down into the pit.

See The Times for Job Printing.

SHOT ON EVE OF WEDDING.

Young Physician, Killed by Woman in Pittsburg.

Dr. George Murray Stuart, a young physician of Pittsburg, Pa., was found dead in bed with a bullet hole in his head Monday night, and by his side the body of Edna Wallace, a well-known woman of Pittsburg's underworld, who, it is believed, shot the physician and then killed herself.

Invitations to the physician's marriage on August 10 were issued recently. Dr. Stuart's parents live at Winchester, Va., and his bride was to have been Miss Alice Pauline Simpson, of Laws, Va.

In the bachelor apartment of Dr. Stuart the police found his wedding garments carefully packed.

The young doctor was doing well in his new location and happy over his approaching marriage. He said just a few days ago to several friends among the younger physicians:

"I'm doing finely, and I am glad as it will make it nicer for my fiancée."

Identification of the Wallace woman was completed when her body was viewed at the morgue by a brother-in-law. The woman's sister, who lives in Pittsburg's North Side, has refused to allow the body to be brought to her home.

Speaking bitter words Edna Wallace addressed Attorney M. L. Thompson a few days ago, as she hinted vaguely at the murder and her own suicide.

"That is the way," she exclaimed, "the gay young men run around with us, and when they find nice girls they like they marry them and throw us aside. Oh, well, I suppose that is the way of the world."

The woman known as Edna Wallace was Bertha Neuland, of the North Side. Her friends say Dr. Stuart had promised to marry her, and she already had begun preparations for the wedding in September.

An unsigned letter from Virginia is said to have acquainted her with the fact that Dr. Stuart was to be married to Miss Simpson in a few days. This knowledge, the police say, led her to kill Dr. Stuart and then take her own life.

That the double crime was premeditated is practically proved by the fact that the Wallace woman had made her will and mailed it to her attorney, with a note saying that if she were not seen Monday night she would never be seen again.

Dr. Stuart was last seen alive about 9:20 o'clock on Sunday evening. He then was sitting on the steps in front of his office. A few minutes before that he had talked to Charles Seibert, a clerk in the drug store at the corner of Negley and Pennsylvania avenues, making a purchase of some shaving soap and a toothbrush.

During his conversation with the clerk the physician mentioned his coming marriage on August 10 to a Virginia girl.

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BUTLER "COMES BACK"

Returns to Build up a Strong Republican Organization.

Mr. R. W. Vincent, writing from Morehead City, has the following in this morning's Charlotte Observer:

That Congressman John M. Morehead will be the next Chairman of the Republican State executive committee is a foregone conclusion; that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself in Congress from the fifth district is as certain. These interesting facts I have gathered in a few days' sojourn at Republican headquarters, for so this famous resort, for weeks a beehive of political activity, may be justly termed. Further, and of equal interest, especially to the people of the fifth district, is the strong probability that Prof. W. A. Blair, of Winston-Salem, will be nominated to oppose Major Charles M. Stedman, Professor Blair is one of the strongest candidates the Republicans of the district could select. He is a member of the national educational board, a man of strong intellect and great ability and a good speaker. While Col. John W. Fries has been "mentioned" it may be put down as practically certain that Mr. Blair will be the nominee.

The fight against Chairman Duncan has been one of the most interesting situations that has developed in Republican politics in years. Mr. Duncan has made the best resistance possible with only the organization of Federal office-holders at his command, but it seems evident that the has lost. For the first time in the history of the Republican party in the State the rank and file has waked up and for the first time in its history has begun at the beginning—the primaries. Quietly, but assiduously, ever since last January the plans to overthrow the present regime have been in formation. It embraced the organization of every precinct of every county in the State—something new for the Republicans, for it is known of all men that the office-holding Republicans of the State wanted no organization and did not want the party to grow. The spoils wouldn't go around if the party developed.

The result has been that Chairman

Duncan has waked up to find himself beaten. Instead of the back-porch conventions of postmasters that he and others have controlled in the past he was confronted with a system, rapidly approaching perfection, of primaries in which the "outs" had as much voice as the "ins" and only, it seems, in the "vest-pocket" counties were the organization of the anti-Duncanites had not been perfected is he holding his own. As an evidence of how systematically the campaign against him was conducted I have only to mention that here in his own county the country precincts went against Duncan, he lost Morehead city at the primaries last night, and I hear tonight that Beaufort, his native town, has instructed for Colonel Morehead, and this in the face of the fact that no effort was made by the opposition to carry the county; it was conceded to Duncan, and if the well authenticated reports that he has lost it are true it will be a genuine surprise to the Morehead forces.

Ever since it was announced that former Senator Marion Butler was at Morehead City and that he had come back to the State to conduct Congressman Morehead's campaign, politicians the State over have been on tiptoes to learn what this astute politician was doing and what his plans were, and while there has been long-distance speculation, most of it has fallen short of the mark, and while much of this may read like Republican campaign material, it is necessary to both gratify the guesses of the curious and to apprise the Democratic hosts of the State of the plans of the opposition. As a prominent Democrat, who is summing here, remarked tonight: "The Republicans are going to give us more trouble this fall than they have in some years and a ——— of a lot more two years hence. The Democrats of the State make a mistake in underestimating the smartness of this man Butler. They may as well understand now that they have him to reckon with."

Miss Sarah McCorkle, Messrs Therman Long and Connor Sherrill, of Charlotte, spent yesterday afternoon in the city, traveling in a Maxwell roadster.

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