

POLICE BAFFLED BY ROBBERIES

Many Reports This Morning—Policeman Shot at Negro Entering Store

Continuation of the many robberies and petty thefts in the city is still proving baffling to the police as thus far all of their attempts to pick up clues to any of the many recent crimes has proved fruitless.

While endeavoring to enter a store at the corner of Fourth and Castle streets this morning, about 4:15 o'clock, a negro was surprised to have two bullets whistle close to his head.

The surprised negro, who was described by Officer Rivenbark as being of medium height, stocky and wearing overalls, jumper and cap, dashed up Haynes' Alley and effected his escape.

One hundred pounds of meat was stolen from a storehouse of Mr. J. B. Newkirk, of Manhattan, last night, according to a report made to police headquarters this morning.

Mr. W. M. Collins, of No. 1920 Market street, notified the police this morning that his home was entered yesterday and that a pair of black leather gloves were carried off.

Last night Rev. Andrew J. Howell, No. 1918 Market street, called the police and told them of a robbery at his home. Officer W. H. Kermon was dispatched to the scene, but no clue was found.

PROBE MARKET CONDITIONS.

This City Selected as One of Several By Advertising Clubs.

This city has been selected by the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World as one of the leading market centers of the United States and Canada in which will be made the third annual investigations on business conditions, according to communication received yesterday by the secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce.

The proposed investigation will be the third of its kind conducted by the Associated Advertising Clubs. Two years ago when trade conditions were unsettled as a result of the European War the advertising clubs were appealed to report the actual change in purchases for an index month of 1914 over the corresponding month of the previous year.

The questions to be answered by the merchants are as follows:

- 1. Sales. "What is the percentage of increase or decrease in your total volume of sales for November, 1916, as compared with November, 1915?"
2. The same question relating to advertising expenditures.
3. The same question relating to volume of stock on hand.
4. The same question relating to net profit.
5. "What per cent of all money in accounts on your books, October 31, 1916, was collected during November."

PURCHASED TUG BOAT.

Wilmington Concern Buys Towing Vessel from the Seaboard.

The A. G. Bigelow, a large tug boat now at Cedar Keys, Fla., has been purchased by the Wilmington Towing Company from the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company, according to an announcement by the president of the local concern, Mr. R. R. Stone.

The vessel is now being put in seaworthy condition under the direction of Capt. W. A. Sanders, agent for the Wilmington Towing Company, who left here last week to supervise this work.

The tug is one of the largest of its kind in the service. It is 90 feet in length and has a beam of 25 feet length. She has compound engines, both fore and aft with steam reverse gear and is equipped with electric lights.

REV. S. WINCHESTER TO LECTURE HERE

Subject to Be "Social Evil and Single Moral Standard" Large Audience Expected

Rev. S. Winchester, of New York City, a well-known lecturer on the social evil and single moral standard, before the public today, and who has lectured to nearly 50,000 men and boys from Florida to New York in the last eighteen months, will deliver one of his most interesting lectures in the Victoria Theatre Sunday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock sharp.



REV. S. WINCHESTER, Noted Lecturer and National Secretary American Social Purity Association.

streets. This lecture will be for men only.

One of the strongest points in the lecture will be the giving of startling facts from real life, and Rev. Winchester will tell how we can stop the depopulation as well as the degeneration of the human family through practical educational methods.

Great interest is being manifested in this movement and a large attendance is expected. All boys over 15 will be admitted if accompanied by their fathers. Admission free. Offering at close of lecture.

CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN.

Contract Has Been Let for Mina Bear Memorial Building.

Contract for the erection of the \$10,000 addition to the Catherine Kennedy Home has been let to H. L. Volters, contractor, of this city, and the construction work will be started at an early date.

Plans for the Mina Bear Memorial building were drawn by E. H. Stephens, architect. Provisions are made for 11 bed-rooms, a living room and dining room, in the building, which will be of brick and two stories in height.

WAS COMING HERE.

Had a Receipt For Ton of Coal and A Ticket to Wilmington.

S. R. Winters has the following to say in Sunday's News and Observer of Durham man who was headed for Wilmington.

With a ticket to Wilmington and a ton of coal headed for some undetermined home on Roxboro street, W. S. Hanbough, a white man, is detained in jail here on the charge of forging a check for \$16.25 on J. H. Horner. The cleverness of the trick is responsible for widespread speculation.

BUILDING ACTIVITIES.

Many Residences Are Being Constructed in Wilmington.

There are a number of nice homes being erected in the city at present. Among those who are building are: Mr. C. S. Hewett, home on Pender avenue, Carolina Place, to cost \$2,700; Mr. W. B. Daniels, home in Carolina Place to cost \$2,700; Mr. George S. Brown, home on Volcott avenue, to cost \$2,900; Mr. Joe Canady, home on Pender avenue, Carolina Place, to cost \$2,500.

Capt. R. C. Merritt, assistant engineer in the local United States Engineering Office, has returned from a business trip to New York. He states that everyone seems to be prospering in the metropolis.

NEW OFFICERS ASSUME CHARGE

Judge Harriss held Recorder's Court Today—Was Opened by Sheriff Elect Jackson

A healthy but unimportant docket greeted Recorder George Harriss this morning when he made his initial appearance as judge of the Recorder's court. It was disposed of with dispatch for Judge Harriss outlined his policy in the beginning. He made it plain that he does not intend to await the pleasure of witnesses and that he does not intend to try cases on the street corners.

Newly elected Prosecutor E. T. Burton prosecuted the docket and while two or three cases were not pressed, which amounts to a dismissal, this was done because the State wished to use the defendants as witnesses and not because the prosecution did not have the goods on the defendants, so to speak.

The oath of office was administered to Judge Harriss at 9:30 o'clock this morning by Justice Garrett Walker, a magistrate of Harnett township and known to friends as "The Duke of Harnett" His is an old friend of Judge Harriss and came to the city for no other purpose than to administer the oath.

Judge Harriss' first day as judge of the Recorder's court was marked by a double sitting of that court. The week-end docket was disposed of this morning with but one exception and court reconvenes this afternoon at 3 o'clock, when the trial of the recently indicted bakers for failure to comply with the city ordinances in regard to the selling of bread began.

The only continued case to be disposed of by Recorder Harriss was one charging Randolph Williamson and W. J. Richards, two white men, with vagrancy. They were arrested on a capias. It will be remembered that this pair was in court a few days ago on a charge of vagrancy and were allowed to go when they informed Recorder Emple they intended sailing on the Pennsylvania, a big freighter that was in port at that time.

In the case charging S. W. Gardner, white, with drunk and disorderly, judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs. The case charging Preston Watson, colored, with disorderly conduct, was continued until Wednesday morning, when disposition of it will be made.

Enoch Davis and Louis Nixon, colored, convicted of gambling, were fined \$5 each and required to pay the costs.

J. B. Banks and Mary Crawford and Sallie Perdue and Janie Porter, all colored, were up on a charge of gambling. Crawford and Porter were used as State's witnesses and not pressed were taken in their cases, but the others were fined \$5 and taxed with the costs.

In the case of Tolson Bailey, colored, charged with firing off a pistol in the city limits, the witness failed to show up and the case was continued until this afternoon. This is the case referred to above where the witness was fined \$20.

The case charging George Hilton with vagrancy was continued until tomorrow when disposition of it will be made.

FOOLED THE POLICE.

Woman Feigned "Desperate Illness" and Escapes.

By feigning "desperate illness," Mary McGlohon, colored, arrested Saturday afternoon, charged with the theft of \$6.30 from one Lizzie Mallette, escaped from the clutches of the law, late Saturday night, and thereby delayed trial before the Recorder this morning, on the larceny charge.

Officers were attracted to Mary's cell Saturday night by her weeping and wailing. She declared that she was "sick to death," and she was taken to the hospital, where she was treated, but again she disturbed things around the city prison by her wailing when she was returned. Again she was taken to the city hospital, where she was left but not for long, for as soon as the ward nurse had turned her back Mary went out of a window and was swallowed up in the darkness.

Church to Have Coon Hunt. Bellefontaine, O., Dec. 4.—A new church activity is a coon hunt. The Rev. Traverse Harrison, pastor of the Christian Church here, is arranging it. The hounds have been secured and the members of the men's class will go out for the hunt, taking their wives and sweethearts along. The women will arrange the midnight supper.

ELKS' MEMORIAL WELL ATTENDED

Hon. Max Gardner, Lieutenant Governor-elect of North Carolina Was Orator

The memorial services of Wilmington Lodge No. 532, B. P. O. E., were held in the Victoria theatre yesterday afternoon and were attended by all who could crowd into the spacious auditorium of the show house. Hon. O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, Lieutenant Governor-elect of North Carolina, was the orator of the occasion, and Exalted Ruler A. J. Mitchell presided over the meeting.

The impressive exercises began at 3:30 o'clock when a delegation of the lodge marched in a body from their temple on North Front street to the theatre at Second and Market streets. The stage was a veritable wilderness of ferns and evergreens and entwining vines, symbolic of brotherly love, were draped on the light brackets on either side of the hall.

Placed in the center of the stage, between two white pillars entwined with ivy, stood a laurel-crowned tablet bearing two dozen stars, each star representing a deceased member of the organization. Behind each star was concealed an incandescent which blazed and glowed as the name of the deceased member was called by Secretary James Owen Reilly.

Marsden Bellamy, of the local bar, introduced Mr. Gardner, and spoke briefly of his career as a college student, as a lawyer and in public life, pointing out how he had steadily advanced to his present position. Mr. Bellamy referred to the keen regret felt when Mr. Gardner was unable to attend last year's services, but declared the pleasure of local Elks and friends here was all the more pronounced because he had been restored to health and was able to be present on this occasion.

Mr. Gardner's address was delivered with great eloquence and force and was a splendid tribute to the memory of those in whose honor the exercises were held—men who had lived well and had passed over the River of Death. He held the close attention of his audience at all times as he pictured the grim power of death and then depicted the brighter side of a life well spent. The address was replete with striking illustrations which brought home with impressive force the nobleness of living and the sublime grandeur of death. The speaker praised the beautiful custom of the Elks in commemorating the memory of their brothers who have passed away. He told of how the Angel of Death was no respecter of persons as it passes not by the mansion of the millionaire nor overlooks the hovel of the most lowly, and how for ages it has weeded out the ranks of mankind and defied the power of mortals to solve its secrets.

A special quartet composed of Mrs. Mattie Longfellow, soprano; Miss Julia Post, alto; Mr. E. L. Green, tenor; Mr. J. F. Harris, Jr., bass, and Mr. E. H. Munson, accompanist, sang the opening anthem, "Rock of Ages," from Dudley Buck. This was followed by a brief speech by Exalted Ruler Mitchell, explaining the purpose of the exercises and going through a part of the Elk ceremonial after which Secretary James Owen Reilly called the roll of the departed brothers. They are:

- F. W. Foster, Dr. R. E. Zachary, R. L. Gates, E. P. Bailey, John H. Gore, Edgar J. Bear, J. F. Ong, Felix H. Klutz, L. P. Aaron, John M. Wright, Leo Loeb, Isaac M. Bear, James W. Monroe, S. H. Fishplate, L. J. Bear, I. J. Sternberger, F. P. Donlan, Isaac Bear, Rev. James Carmichael, Henry Gieschen, Adonis M. Prince, Dr. Morris M. Caldwell, Dr. J. H. Bornemann, Dr. Chas. T. Harper.

The members of the lodge then arose and sang their opening ode, "Great Ruler of the Universe": "Great Ruler of the Universe All seeing and benign. Look down upon and bless our work And be all glory thine. Oh, hear our prayers for the honored dead, While bearing in each mind, The memories graven on our hearts, For 'Auld Lang Syne'."

Following a prayer by Rev. Father Bour, acting chaplain in the absence of Rev. Father Dennaan, who is out of the city, the sweet strains of the anthem, "No Shadows Yonder," from Gaul's "Holy City," sung by the quartette, filled the auditorium. Mr. Gardner was then introduced in a few appropriate words by Marsden Bellamy, Esq., of the local bar.

WILL OPEN OBSERVATORY.

The Nearness of The Moon to Jupiter May Be Seen Tonight.

The nearness of the moon to Jupiter is an interesting phenomenon that Boy Scouts and others may see tonight and in order that the Boy Scouts may view this to advantage Superintendent John J. Blair, of the city schools, has arranged to have the High School observatory open from 7:30 o'clock until 9. He will be on hand to explain the interesting occurrence and it is hoped that as many as possible will avail themselves of the opportunity.

A Good Investment
For those who did not take advantage of our December 1st quarter to make their deposits, we would suggest our Demand Certificates of Deposit, on which interest is paid in three months from date of issue. These certificates are issued in any amounts upwards of \$100.00.
The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company
110 Princess Street.
Total Assets Over Three Million Dollars.

ANOTHER GOOD SHOW
Publicity Man for "Sweethearts" is in Wilmington Today.
Doc Weaver, business manager of "Sweethearts," arrived in Wilmington yesterday to make final arrangements for the coming of Victor Herbert's operetta, "Sweethearts," which will be at the Academy of Music, Wednesday, December 13th, matinee and night.
Mr. Weaver says that the company has been doing wonderful business. This is the first time "Sweethearts" has been south and there is a treat in store for the lovers of comic opera in Wilmington.

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Tickets at Elvington's Now.

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It is hard to realize that there are only 17 more shopping days until Christmas. It's too close to Christmas to do your shopping early—but you can do it NOW
This store has purchased thousands of useful and practical gift-things—little novelties that are different—that nearly anyone would be glad to possess, yet does not own, because they have never been handy to secure.
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