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HARRISON FLAYS HARDING RECORD

Mississippi Senator Attacks President For Taking So Many Vacation Trips

Washington, Sept. 21. — Senator Harrison, of Mississippi, one of the Democratic spokesman in the Senate today attacked President Harding for taking a vacation trip last week and charged the Republican administration with failure to carry out its campaign pledge to bring increased prosperity to the country.

The Mississippi Senator in his speech which enlivened the reconvening of the Senate declared that while President Harding and several members of his cabinet were enjoying the vacation trip "millions of Americans were hanging their heads in shame" because men who "helped win the war" were on the auction block in Boston.

"The American people want more work and less play," said Senator Harrison, looking across to the Republican side of the Senate chamber, more results and fewer recommendations; more meal tickets, and fewer bread lines; more prosperity and fewer poor houses."

Senator Harrison made the letter recently written by President Harding to Senator McCormick, of Illinois, chairman of the Republican Senatorial campaign committee recounting the achievements of the Republican Congress, the basis of his address although upon inquiry from Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, a Republican leader, as to his "text," he said he was speaking on "the deficiencies and delinquencies of the Republican party."

The President's letter to Senator McCormick, Senator Harrison said, "shocked and almost pained some Democrats" and was written in the interests of the candidacy of Senator Bursum, Republican Candidate in yesterday's election in New Mexico. Senator leader in this connection read a telegram announcing the election of Senator Bursum and explained that he was not presenting it as an argument but merely as information.

DOCTORS TESTIFY IN ARBUCKLE CASE

Describe Injuries Received By Miss Rappe Which Caused Her Death

San Francisco, Sept. 21.—The police court examination of Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle which will determine whether the film comedian is to be bound over to the Superior court for trial on a charge of murder of Miss Virginia Rappe, began here today in a court room filled almost exclusively with women.

Three witnesses who saw Miss Rappe's body after her death September 9, which it is charged resulted from injuries suffered at a drinking party four days before, in Arbuckle's hotel suite testified that they observed bruises on her limbs and body. Two of them the surgeon who performed the post mortem examination and the autopsy surgeon said the death was from a ruptured bladder, caused, in their opinion by external force.

The autopsy surgeon also told of a small puncture he said he found in the left arm of the body, which he attributed to an hypodermic needle.

At tomorrow's session it is expected there will be introduced testimonials regarding incidents at the party, where, according to witnesses at the coroner's inquest Miss Rappe was found moaning and screaming after having been alone in a room with Arbuckle.

Arbuckle listened intently to today's testimony his face bearing serious expression. Mrs. Minta Durfee Arbuckle, his wife from which he had been separated for five years, but who came here from New York Monday, sat at his side with her mother, Mrs. Flora Durfee.

Dr. Shelby Strange, who performed the autopsy on Miss Rappe, and Dr. William Ophlus, who made the first post-mortem examination, were the principal witnesses today.

Dr. Strange said he found bruises on Miss Rappe's right upper arm, apparently caused by finger marks, two bruises on the lower abdomen and others on the thighs and shins, the cause of which he was unable to state. Dr. Ophuls and Miss Grace Halston, a hospital nurse who was present at the post-mortem, both corroborated Dr. Strange's description of the bruises and coroner's photographs of the body were offered as evidence.

A tear in the bladder wall was described by Dr. Strange who said the bladder and other organs had been preserved by Dr. Ophuls. He said he believed that death came from peritonitis resulting from the ruptured bladder, and that the rupture was caused by some external force.

Dr. Ophuls said he was called in for a post-mortem examination by Dr. M. E. Rumwell, the physician who attended Miss Rappe in most of her last illness. He found the abdomen "horribly distended," he said as a result of the rupture, and a congestion of blood in several organs of the lower abdomen.

The rupture, he surmised, was caused by over-distention of the bladder, resulting probably from outside cause.

Miss Halston's statement that she believed the bruises on Miss Rappe's arm were made by the grip of another person prompted a debate over its admissibility between Arbuckle's counsel and Milton T. U'Ren, assistant District attorney, who conducted the examination.

Judge Lazarus let the testimony go in. The defense did not cross-examine any of the witnesses, and Judge Lazarus put the hearing over until 2 p. m. tomorrow.

Mrs. B. M. Delmont, the complaining witness, Blake and Zeh Prevost, will be among the witnesses tomorrow the district attorney announced.

Mrs. Delmont accompanied Miss Rappe and Al Semanacher on the trip from Los Angeles to Selma, Fresno, and San Francisco which ended in Miss Rappe's death.

Although many women, unable to get into the court room submitted to fate and stood patiently on the stairs leading to the court room, others refused to be satisfied, and called on Chief of Police O'Brien demanding their rights as "citizens and tax payers" to be given a seat in the court room.

Semanacher, who called the district attorney by telephone yesterday from Los Angeles to request that expense money be sent to come to San Francisco, to testify, arrived today by automobile. He was taken to the district attorney's office immediately and detained there during the hearing.

ACTION AGAINST KLUX IS BEING CONSIDERED

Attorney Gen. and Chief Burns Confer Today Over Ku Klux Klan

Washington, Sept. 20.—The department of justice is considering whether federal action shall be taken in connection with the activities of the Ku Klux Klan, Attorney General Daugherty said today.

Mr. Daugherty said he would confer tomorrow with Director Burns of the bureau of investigation who has been directed to look into the question, and if the facts warranted would seek a grand jury investigation of the Ku Klux Klan in some districts and urge indictment against any members where justified.

The attorney general discussed the matter today with District Attorney Hayward of New York and several of the assistant attorneys general but said that no conclusion as to whether the federal government should take part in the Ku Klux question had been reached.

Any federal action against the klan, Mr. Daugherty said, would probably be under some statute covering conspiracy but the legal problem involved, he added, was somewhat complex. On its face, he explained, the literature of the Ku Klux Klan was not in violation of the law.

What was to be determined, he explained, was what went on behind the scenes, "the wink and nod that turns the trick."

The government, Mr. Daugherty said, is not to be run or intimidated by any man or organization behind a mask.

GRAND JURY AGAINST SALE OF GOODS ON THE SABBATH

Lillington, Sept. 20.—The grand jury at the term of court just closed took occasion to denounce the practice of merchandising on the Sabbath. Deprecating the widely prevalent habit of "throwing open drog stores, cafes, garages, etc." the grand jury says: "We labor under the impression that there is a law upon the statute books against selling goods, wares and merchandise on the Sabbath, and we appeal to this court for a more diligent discharge of the duties of officers in this connection." There are those who think there is no harm in dispensing soft drinks on Sabbath, but they drew no "soft impeachment" from the grand jury.

QUARTER MILLION IN SCHOOL BONDS SOLD NOW

Fayetteville, Sept. 20.—Sale of the $250,000 issue of Cross Creek township school bonds, voted by the people [illegible] announced late yesterday by Chairman John A. Cates, of the Board of School trustees. The trustees did not find it necessary to go outside of Fayetteville to find a purchaser, the bonds being taken by the National Bank of Fayetteville at par with a commission that will net the school board about 97.1 per cent.

This excellent price, said Mr. Cates, was obtained because of the fact that the trustees have now a sufficient fund to form a sinking fund for the old bonds, thus making the new issue practically first mortgage bonds. The local bank secured the sale over four other bidders. The money will be available for the inauguration of work within two weeks.

WEALTHY MAN BURIED IN PLAIN PINE COFFIN

Wilmington, Sept. 20.—In accordance with his wishes, Dr. D. W. Alderman, of Alcolu, S. C., reputed to be one of the wealthiest men in that section of the State, who died last Friday, was buried at Wells Chapel, in Duplin county, Sunday afternoon, in a plain pine box, unpainted and without ornamentation of any kind, according to a letter received from the dead man's son by S. F. Highsmith deputy collector of customs in this city. The box was made from lumber sawed at the mill of the deceased and was built by a carpenter who had been in the employment of Dr. Alderman for 30 years.

TWO WAYNE BOYS CLAIM COTTON PICKING TITLE

Wilson, Sept. 21.—Two industrious Wayne county boys have set a pace that the boys of Wilson and others would do well to follow. Mr. A. L. Strickland, of Caulston township marketed his tobacco here this morning and stated: "I have two sons, Sam and Willoughby, whose ages are 17 and 15 years. Sam tips the scales at 118 pounds, Willoughby at 68. Yesterday, from 5 a. m. to 6:30 p. m., Sam picked 540 pounds of cotton; Willoughby was a close second with 505 pounds. Until this record is broken Mr Strickland will contend that his boys are the champion cotton pickers of the State.

LOANS AVAILABLE FOR MOVING CROPS

State Committee of War Finance Board Adopts Plans For Lending

Plans for making North Carolina's share of the War Finance Board's billion dollar agricultural loan fund available to the farmers of the State were formulated at the initial session of the Board's State committee in Raleigh Tuesday and farmers desiring to borrow money can do so at their local banks. Application blanks can be secured from Chairman Jas. R. Young, in Raleigh.

Use of the money is restricted to the growing, harvesting, preparing for market, and marketing of crops, or for raising and marketing live stock. None of it may be used for any permanent improvements, and interest will be charged at the rate of 6 per cent. The usual conditions upon which money is borrowed from banks govern loans made from this fund.

Although no fixed amount has been fixed to any State, North Carolina can borrow up to $40,000,000 for cultivating and marketing its crops. Loans are usually made for six months, but may be extended to one year, or if circumstances and collateral justify, carried for two years. Loans for this length of time are looked upon with some disfavor.

Under the plan of operation, any farmer having crops on hand and desiring to hold them, or in need of money with which to finance the cultivation of a crop, may make application, through his bank for credit. The application is passed on to the State committee for approval, and thence to the War Finance Board, for final approval. The money is then placed in the local bank to the credit of the applicant.

James R. Young, former State Insurance Commissioner, was named chairman of the State committee and will be in direct charge of its operation. Charles E. Taylor, president of the Wilmington Savings and Trust Co., S. F. Austin, of Nashville, Dr. B. W. Kilgore and J. Elwood Cox are members of the committee. Mr. Cox was absent yesterday, having left a week ago to attend the American Bankers convention in Los Angeles.

"He will Learn Something."—The following recently appeared in a Chicago newspaper's advertising columns:

"If Wilbur Blank, who deserted his wife and babe twenty years ago, will return, said babe will knock his [illegible] American Legion Weekly.

DEMOCRATS OF NEW MEXICO CONCEDE THEY'RE DEFEATED

Albuquerque, N. M., Sept. 21.—W. C. Oesterich, in charge of Democratic state headquarters here today conceded the election of Holm O. Bursum, Republican as United States senator over Richard H. Hanna, Democrat.

With reports from every county in the state in a majority of which the vote virtually was complete, W. L. Phillips, Republican campaign manager claimed Bursum's majority would exceed 7,000.

PROGRAMME FOR CONCERT IS READY

Bandsmen Hold First Event on Lucknow Next Wednesday

Details of the first weekly concert to be given by the Dunn Concert Band next Wednesday night on Lucknow Square were completed yesterday when the concert committee announced the following program:

First Part

Overture—Atlantis.
March—Royal Military Band.
Waltz—Alice Blue Gown.
March—Loyal Welcome.

Second Part

Overture—Religioso.
Waltz—Peggy O'Neill.
March—Our Director.
March—Success.
Waltz—Good Night, Sweet Dreams.

Lieutenant Alfred J. Schmidt, editor of the Benson Review, who has been instructing the band through its period of training, will conduct the initial concert. There will be at least twenty-five musicians to participate.

This concert will mark the opening of a drive through which the Chamber of Commerce hopes to secure a fund ample to purchase uniforms for the bandsmen and provide for incidental expenses. Practically $1,000 is needed. In return for this sum the bandsmen have agreed to give weekly concerts for the benefit of Dunn folk.

Every man and woman in town is asked to contribute something to the band. About next Thursday or Friday morning a committee will call upon the citizens to contribute. Everybody is asked to be ready with a small contribution.

"Dad" Hancock, the genial manager of the Harnett County Agricultural Fair Association races since the fair was organized, arrived yesterday and today is soliciting advertisements for his race program. Mr. Hancock manages the races in several Carolina fairs, including the State Fair at Raleigh. His visits to all of the towns are always looked forward to with much pleasure by those who have been associated with him. He has been of wonderful help to the Dunn Fair and we trust that he will continue his connection with it for many years to come.

THREE NEW A[illegible]POINTERS ALL MINISTE[illegible]' SONS

Wadesboro, S[illegible], 21.—The three men appoin[illegible] to the positions of Suprem[illegible]ourt judge, Superior Court ju[illegible] and solicitor are all sons [illegible] ministers, again proving th[illegible]roverb that ministers' sons [illegible] remarkable for badness [illegible] be unfounded in fact.

Judge Adams [illegible]e son of a Methodist minis[illegible]nd presiding elder, the [illegible] Shockley Adams; Judge Br[illegible] the son of a Baptist minister[illegible] Rev. Mr. Brock, still livin[illegible]nd Solicitor Nash is the s[illegible] a Methodist minister, the [illegible] Dr. Nash, well known in N[illegible] Carolina.

TOM WARR[illegible] MAY BE A C[illegible]DIDATE

Tom Bost Hear[illegible]mblings Of The Ne[illegible]ate Camp[illegible]

By W. T. BOST in [illegible]mboro News.

Raleigh, Sept. 21[illegible]mblings and lumberings in old [illegible]n that state Chairman Thomas [illegible]Warren, late and ill-fated cand[illegible] for the Supreme court bench [illegible] be run for the governorship [illegible]4, were just enough today to m[illegible]newspapermen wonder whether t[illegible] potent resolves or impotent [illegible]iversions on Governor Morrison[illegible] stood his ground.

The displeasure [illegible] old guardsmen is discounted. The[illegible]mad enough, but they can't st[illegible] populace. They can duplicate [illegible]count of the Mecklenburgiars [illegible]nce raged when a governor [illegible] down Hertford Clarkson's candid[illegible] the judgeship and promote[illegible]or James L. Webb, of Shelby. [illegible]lenburg the leaders thought [illegible] worst thing done in the name [illegible]te since Napoleon said he wa[illegible] everywhere else the perspira[illegible] that governor [illegible]o the third and thirty-third [illegible]ions.

The old guard[illegible] their anger is the state's [illegible]y they have been able to e[illegible] the public's mind and make [illegible]; but when a guardsmen s[illegible] and begins to frail the gove[illegible]t forgetting his friend, to a[illegible] of turning down his friend[illegible]y thing that can happen is t[illegible]ation of the forgetter.

The bitter[illegible] guardsmen what difference [illegible] among friends whether a [illegible]me court justice is lawyer or [illegible]ional strategist. Another thing that makes them very lame is the implied admission that the fight made against Mr. Warren by Republicans was serious enough to dismiss him from the position for which his friends were giving him their endeavors. Many Democrats thought it would be a proper rebuke to the Republicans to give Mr. Warren the very highest office possible, one which carried testimonial to the highest character. There is little evidence that the Republican fight had any bearing at all, but there is no explanation of the bound newspaper volume which carried the Republican assaults on Warren.

Then there is another bitterer fact still, if it is a fact, and as a fiction it has strength. It is confidently declared that National Committeeman A. W. McLean offered no aid to Mr. Warren and that Senator Simmons kept hands off. Governor Morrison does not keep the open house of Bickett, Craig and Kitchin when state issues are up. The newspaper fellows never had the pleasure of perusing the letters of indorsement or opposition. But Governor Morrison with quite a bit of enthusiasm announced that Senator Overman and Congressman Pou indorsed Mr. Warren. There was no declaration that Senator Simmons did. Generally the support of "The Senator" would be considered excellent propaganda; in this instance either it was lacking or else the governor did not make use of it.

For that Senator Simmons and Mr. McLean appear not to have helped Mr. Warren, there is an old guard resentment here which would assert itself in its anger against Senator Simmons and Mr. McLean: It would not be well for McLean if he had to beat Mr. Warren for governor, seeing that the state chairman knows something about organizations and the persons to whom he would write. Doubtless two and a half years will cool off the guardsmen. They will not be able to make a campaign on the issue.

COTTON TO BE SCARCE, PREDICTS MR. GODWIN

Deterioration Severe Since Last Report, Says Former Congressman

"I am not making any predictions and I do not want to influence anybody in the matter of holding cotton, but it looks to me as if cotton is going to be a scarce article before very long," said former Congressman Hannibal L. Godwin, of Dunn, who was in Raleigh yesterday.

"The last government report showed the condition as of August 25. It gave a condition of around forty-nine I believe. My observation is that some of the worst deterioration the cotton crop has suffered was after August 25. I believe the next government report will show substantially a worse condition than the last one did, and that was bad enough."

Mr. Godwin said Harnett county farmers had never taken kindly to tobacco. Several efforts had been made to maintain a tobacco market at Dunn but they all had been unsuccessful and this year no tobacco would be sold there. "Our folks are disposed," he said "to carry all their eggs in one basket.

"But cotton farming in Harnett is a very different thing from cotton farming on the average. The average production through the cotton belt this year will be about 127 pounds per acre. In Harnett our average is around a bale to the acre and there is plenty of land which in normal years makes two bales to the acre."

Dunn, said Mr. Godwin, continues to hold its reputation as a lively cotton market. Four hundred bales were sold there Saturday.

"The Dunn fair next month is going to be a great occasion," Mr. Godwin said. "I fancy we are going to have more notables there than at most any other fair in the State," he said. "We have the promise of Mrs. Vanderbilt, president of the State Fair, and of Herbert Hoover to attend and speak, and we are trying to get Governor Morrison to be there also. You can just tell all your readers that our fair will be one of the big fairs of the South this year."

FINES J. EDWIN FOR AUTO SMASH

Wreck Of Two Buicks Costs Young Man $50.00 And Charges

To hear Julius Edwin Cole and Thomas Kelley tell it, the thing happened this way: Julius Edwin was driving a decrepit Buick leisurely along the smooth pavement of Broad Street, bound homeward from Duke whither he had carried Skeeter Bain to see his lady love. Arrived abreast of Neill Green's home, a Ford came a catapulting by at bullet velocity, followed closely by a Buick. The Ford's speed so addled Julius Edwin's thoughts that he did not see the Buick at all a-tail until his car and it were locked in deadly embrace and battered through their respective midriffs. Tommy knew little of this, because he was plastered over the pavement with blood flowing from his hitherto beautifully molded proboscis. The Ford and the strange Buick, according to J. Edwin, had attained a speed approximating the velocity of a projectile thrown by big Bertha toward Paris.

But that is not the way Cleburne and Rudolph Wilson saw the thing. They are sons of Jesse Franklin Wilson, Dunn, lawyer, and drivers of the Ford and Buick which brought Tommy and J. Edwin to grief. 'Twas they who drove leisurely along the boulevard and J. Edwin in the role of Pegasus, according to what they told Judge Godwin in Recorder's Court yesterday.

Several other witnesses were present to tell of the respective positions of the cars in the road before and after the accident which resulted in almost the complete annihilation of two faithful old boats. J. Edwin did aver that his ship would not travel more than twenty miles an hour by Pago's best stop watch in the best of weather. He was corroborated here by the faithful Tommy.

Jesse Franklin attempted to prove that J. Edwin was slightly smoocked, that he had partaken freely of Harnett's justly celebrated hootch. But with fine disdain J. Edwin this did deny. One was forced to conclude that Hootch and J. Edwin were strangers.

Judge Godwin listened long and pondered much. After Public Prosecutor N. A. Townsend and Ernest F. Young, attorney for Mr. Cole, had completed their arguments, he decided that Ed's Buick was the aggressor and pasted a fine of fifty bones on the comely young gentleman for what he judged to be reckless driving.

Young Edwin paid the fine and costs and departed, a sadder but wiser man from this decision.

DANVILLE MAN HAS CHOICE OF JAIL OR 20-YEAR EXILE

Danville, Va., Sept. 21.—John Dix charged with four separate offenses on the present docket of the corporation court, was today sentenced to stay away from Danville for 20 years by Judge D. P. Withers. Dix was convicted of conducting a disorderly house, sentenced to serve 12 months in jail and to pay a fine of $500. The court suspended the sentence provided he would fulfill the terms of the 20-year exile but he must pay the fine and costs. Dix is 35 years old.

DISABLED SERVICE MEN GIVEN RELIEF

Major Hinde Wants Them To Report In Raleigh Or Goldsboro

Disabled former service men who received injuries while in the armed service of the nation are promised immediate relief upon application in person to the "clean-up squad" in Raleigh October 21 and 22 and in Goldsboro October 24 and 25.

Major Ben H. Hinde, of Charlotte, writing to Secretary T. L. Riddle, of the Chamber of Commerce, states:

"I understand that quite a number of disabled service men are in your neighborhood. I would certainly appreciate it very much if you will through your organization use every effort to have these men go either to Raleigh on the 21st and 22nd of October or to Goldsboro on the 24th and 25th of the same month. The Government will have a Clean-Up Squad of experts there at that time and take up the claims that the men may have for compensation for disability or disease incurred in military service. The men will have to pay their own way to Raleigh or Goldsboro, but when they reach there the Government will see after their lodging, meals, etc., and give them a ticket. If necessary they will be immediately sent to the hospital, and at any rate all their claims will have expert attention and be cleaned up."

NO IMPROVEMENT SHOWN IN 1921 COTTON CROP

Further Deterioration Reported; Weevils Invade North Carolina Counties

Washington, Sept. 21.—With weevils still active and damaging in many localities and dry weather prevailing, cotton, in general, showed no improvement and further deterioration was reported in many sections of the belt during the week just closed, said the National Weather and Crop Bulletin issued today.

Weevils were reported in North Carolina as far north as Mecklenburg, Cumberland and Jones counties. Bolls were opening rapidly and prematurely in much of the belt, especially in the eastern sections, with "very little indication of a top crop" the bulletin said. Picking and ginning under favorable weather conditions progressed rapidly, South Carolina reporting this work practically finished. A large portion of the crop also has been gathered in Georgia and Southern Alabama.

Cotton was "fair to good" in northern and western Oklahoma but "poor to failure" in the south central and southeastern sections of the State. It was "generally very poor in Texas, although above the average in some sections." The crop in Arkansas ranged from "very poor to poor" in the South to "poor to fair" in the north.

Lack of moisture unfavorably affected late corn in the Gulf and lower Atlantic States, according to the bulletin. Early corn, however, made good progress, harvesting being nearly completed.

FILLIPINO BOY COMING TO BUIES CREEK ACADEMY

Pick Gaston, of Camp Meade, will enter the Baptist ministry. He is called by his name because Col. Joseph A. Gaston picked him up in the Philippines as a baby, abandoned by his father, a rebel chief. That was 19 years ago, at the time of the insurrection, when babies were something of a burden to the warriors and their wives.

The boy has been with Colonel Gaston ever since, displaying a religious and studious tendency as well as a desire to be generally useful. He will be sent to Buie's Creek, and later to a seminary.

His desire is to return to the natives.

WILSON MERCHANTS NOT TO TRADE IN VIRGINIA

Wilson, Sept. 21.—Wilson has voted for secession from the Virginia League Virginia cities. Virginia merchants have been in the habit of coming here and buying goods without ever having even a smell of Virginia. With only two dissenting votes recorded, the Merchants' Association has gone on record as opposing trading with Virginia firms, if it can possibly be avoided.

A local merchant has cancelled two orders for goods in Norfolk, a cafe proprietor not only cancelled his order but shipped his stuff back to Norfolk, while a seller of livestock swears he will in the future buy his horses and mules in Western States and a groceryman running a chain of stores has put up the "no admittance" sign against all salesmen representing Virginia firms.

Even Wilson women, who have gotten in the habit of going to Richmond to buy something "exclusive," have decided to put on the ban and will trade at home in the future. It's war to the finish.

Delivery of express is a problem now engaging the attention of Dunn merchants. Several months ago Secretary Riddle of the Chamber of Commerce, took the matter up with the American Express Company and, if we remember correctly, was promised that some favorable action would be taken. So far, however, there has been no relief granted. All who receive goods by express here are compelled to call for it and pay cartage whenever the packages are too large to tote. It appears to us that with the great volume of business done here by the company that a delivery system should be put in. We would hesitate to advise any method of reprisal, but it is possible that the company would consider relief in the event all merchants insisted upon parcels post shipments pending the granting of that relief.

The Johnson Cotton Company and the Sanson Cotton Company are two new concerns established in Dunn since the cotton season opened. Nathan and John P. Johnson, of the mercantile firm of Johnson Brothers, and T. H. Sanson, who has operated here as a cotton buyer for the last two season, are the respective organizers. Mr. Sanson is confining his operations to short staple cotton at present, but the Messrs. Johnson are dealing also in long staple which has gotten a real foothold in the District this year for the first time. The Johnson company deals directly with the farmer, buying all grades and varieties of cotton from the wagons on Lucknow Square. Mr. Sanson buys only from the established dealers here and in the surrounding markets.

Former Sheriff J. McKay Byrd, of Coats, was in town yesterday to order cotton tickets and other stationery for his big gin. While here he favored the Dispatch with a visit and stated that it is likely that the knitting mill at Coats would probably be rebuilt some time during the coming year. Mr. Byrd was one of the principal stock holders in the mill which was more than usually prosperous and meant a great deal to the business life of the community. He hopes to get the plant in full operation by the time the hosiery market returns to a normal condition. Most of the walls of the burned mill can be used with little repairing, he said.

J. W. FITZGERALD HEADS BUSINESS

Continues Enterprise Started By Father When Town Was Young

John W. Fitzgerald, who for 14 years was associated with his father, T. L. Fitzgerald, in the live stock business conducted under the name of T. L. Fitzgerald, announced this week that he would continue the business along the same lines as those laid down by his lamented father.

The new business will be conducted under the name of J. W. Fitzgerald. The big building in Wilson avenue will continue to house the stock of the concern, and the same lines of wagons, buggies, harness, etc., will be carried. A full and complete line of farm machinery and implements will be added to the stock in time for next spring's use.

"Those of our friends," Mr. Fitzgerald stated yesterday, "who are indebted to the concern need have no fear that they will be unduly pressed for settlement, although we do expect them to make the best. It was always a rule to my father to be as lenient with his customers as circumstances would allow. I do not intend to change this rule.

"A report has been circulated that the T. L. Gerald estate would have to be settled this year and that would necessitate the closing out of some of our customers who have not been able to pay. I want to emphasize the fact that such is not our intention. Those who owe us will still be given every consideration in reason. They need have no fear at all that we will give them needless trouble."

The Fitzgerald stock business is the oldest in Dunn. It was established when Dunn was in its infancy and it has always prospered. For the last fourteen years John W. Fitzgerald has been an active partner in the business. For the last several years a large part in shaping its policies.

JEFF CRUMPLER KILLED BY TRAIN

Popular Employee of Tilghman Lumber Company Results Fatally

Jeff Crumpler, an employee of the Tilghman Lumber Company, was crushed to death under the wheels of a log car on the company's railroad while engaged in shifting on the yard Wednesday afternoon. He was in the act of passing from one car to another on the moving train when his foot slipped, causing him to fall to the track. The wheels of the car passed over his abdomen. He died a few hours later

Mr. Crumpler was twenty-four years old and a son of Alderman Crumpler, of Honeycutt Township, Sampson county He was one of the most popular young men in the employ of the company, according to Granville M. Tilghman, active head of the enterprises here.

The body was carried to the home of his father Wednesday night. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon and interment was made in the family burial ground.

Automobile dealers and garage men are not privileged to use dealers' State license plates on cars used for hire, service or any other purpose than demonstrations, according to a ruling made by J. Bryan Grimes, secretary of State, at the instance of Chief of Police U. S. Page. This being the case, Mr. Page requests that we advise all who are violating this section of the automobile law that he will begin prosecutions within a few days of all who have not in the meantime purchased separate license for all cars operated illegally. The chief's attention has been called to several instances wherein garage owners and their employees are operating their private cars under dealers' license. This, he says, will have to stop. It may be well for you fellows to see the chief and find out just where you stand.

Captain and Mrs. William C. Lee are here to visit the captain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldredge Lee. Dunn is glad to see them, for there is no young man of the community whose success has brought more real pleasure to Dunn people than that which has come to "Bill" since he entered service. When they were here last spring the captain was a lieutenant. A short time afterwards he was promoted to captain. His company was a member of the batallion which won highest honors in a contest held to determine which was the most efficient in all the American army. Captain and Mrs. Lee were in San Antonio when the flood visited that city this month. They left there last week to come here. They will leave within the next few days for Columbus, Ga., where Captain Lee will be stationed in Camp Benning for the next several weeks.

The local cotton market seemed to be in better shape than at any time since it was established. With the Johnsons, the Thompsons, Marvin Wade and Will Sanders bidding the limit on every bale the price to keep up to the limit, and Tom Royal's gang of hefty colored boys are industriously on the job all of the time trucking the stuff away from the scales. Up to this morning there had been nearly 2,000 bales sold on the market since the opening four weeks ago. More than two-thirds of this was new cotton. Last year at this time hardly 1,000 bales had been sold.