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FOUR PRISONERS BREAK JAIL.

Two Negroes, a White Man and a White Boy Walked Out Friday Night.

Four prisoners escaped from the Davidson county jail last Friday evening about 7:30 o'clock. These were Pleas. C. Oakes, a white man, Burrell Holland, a young white boy and two negroes, Henry Thomason and John Barker. All the prisoners were in jail awaiting trial at August term of court. Oakes is charged with burglary and larceny; Holland with attempt to burn several store-buildings; the two negroes with petty larceny. The prisoners were liberated by Daisy Wright, a negro woman trusty who is serving a six months term in jail for cutting another negro. During a few minutes absence of Mrs. Lindsay, wife of Jailer Lindsay, the Wright negro slipped up stairs to a room where the keys to the jail were kept in hiding, secured these keys and came down and unlocked the doors, allowing the four prisoners to walk out. Two other prisoners, locked in a separate cell were not liberated, the woman probably not having time to unlock these doors.

The escape was discovered in a short time and Jailer Lindsay and a force of officers immediately started in search of the prisoners but no trace of them could be found.

Burrell Holland, the white boy, was captured at Thomasville Sunday night by Chief-of-Police Suits, of that place. He was brought to Lexington Monday morning and placed in jail. Holland says the four fugitives all went to Spencer together. Here they separated and he claims to know nothing further of the movements of his comrades.

Sheriff Dorsett offers a reward of \$25 for the capture of Pleas. Oakes.

Jailer Lindsay says the escape of the prisoners is due to the insufficient number of cells in the jail. There are but two of these. Oakes, the white man, plays off crazy occasionally and was confined in a cell by himself, and all the remaining prisoners were then necessarily confined in the remaining cell. Of course the woman could not be placed in either of these and was allowed some liberty. She took advantage of this by watching where the keys were placed and liberated her fellow-prisoners at the first opportunity. Holland says her reward for turning the crowd loose was to be her marriage to Henry Thomason as soon as she could reach the liberated negro.

OAKES IS CAPTURED.

Pleas. Oakes, who escaped from jail Friday night, was captured yesterday morning about 11 o'clock in a cane break near Oakes Ferry, on the Yadkin river. The capture was made by Alex Burton, a colored man. Jailer Lindsay, special officer W. A. Wilkinson and others had the cane break surrounded and Oakes was delivered to the officers and brought here yesterday evening and placed in jail. Messrs. Lindsay and Wilkinson had spent the night in the neighborhood searching for Oakes. They were pretty certain that Burton and his sons know the fugitive's whereabouts, and when they assured the old man that he would get the \$25 reward offered by the Sheriff for the capture of Oakes, it was but a short time until the capture was made.

Killed 80 Snakes.

Mr. Charles S. Green, of Jimes, killed a large garter snake on Thursday of last week. Noting the abnormal size of the reptile Mr. Green proceeded to investigate by cutting open her snakeship. He found exactly seventy-nine young snakes in the mother snake. These he despatched, making a total of eighty snakes killed. Mr. Green says this is the largest collection in a bunch he ever heard of and it seems to us his assertion is well founded.

SERIOUS CUTTING AFFRAY.

Willard Smith, White, Makes Mince Meat of Walter Payne, Colored.

There was a serious cutting affray at Lopp's livery stable Sunday afternoon about four o'clock and as a result Walter Payne, a negro, lies at his home in a precarious condition from wounds inflicted by a barlow knife in the hands of Willard Smith. Payne is an employee at the livery stable. Mr. Smith is foreman of the finishing room at the American furniture factory.

Mr. Lopp, the proprietor of the stable, was away from town Sunday. In the afternoon Mr. Smith called at the stable and became involved in an altercation with Payne. It is said the negro cursed him and attempted to knock him down with a chair. Smith drew his knife and cut the negro on the face, the arm and breast. The wounded negro was carried to Dr. Vestal's office and it was found necessary to take forty-five stitches in sewing up the cuts. The cuts were not very deep and Dr. Vestal contemplates no serious complications, without blood poisoning follows.

Smith was arrested and carried before Mayor Moyer. The negro was unable to be present and preliminary hearing was set for August 3rd, Smith giving bond for his appearance at trial.

Monument to Dr. Norman.

A handsome granite shaft is being erected at Lexington to the memory of the late Dr. W. C. Norman by the Raleigh Marble Works.

The monument, a tall symmetrical shaft, to stand about fifteen feet high, is made of light barre (Vermont) granite. This great and good man was greatly loved by men, women and children of all classes, all over North Carolina, who will endorse the beautiful inscription carved on the polished die of the monument, which is as follows: "William Capers Norman, June 27, 1847, December 7, 1902. A member of the North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South, for 30 years. He will ever live in the memory of those whose hands he has strengthened, and whose hearts he has made glad.

Rest on thy sheaves,
Thy harvest task is done."

Fatally Burned by Oil.

Winston-Salem, N. C., July 25.—Miss Emma Pitts, a young white girl, was terribly burned here late this afternoon. While starting a fire in the stove with kerosene oil, the can exploded and threw oil all over her. She was soon wrapped in flames and before help arrived she was rendered unconscious. The attending physician says the soles of her feet are the only part of person not burned. She was removed to the hospital, where she lies tonight in an unconscious condition. The physicians say there is no hope for her.

Fatally Injured in a Wreck.

Mr. Earl F. Sowers, son of Mr. Phillip Sowers, of Spencer, received fatal injuries in a railway wreck between Raleigh and Selma on Thursday morning of last week. The young man lived until Saturday night. The body was carried through Lexington to his old home for burial Sunday. Mr. Sowers was a flagman on the road. He is a nephew of Messrs. R. L. McCrary and Lindsay McCrary, and of Mrs. J. F. Hedrick, of Lexington.

Series of Meetings.

The annual series of gospel services will begin at Pilgrim Reformed church Saturday, August 1st. Dr. J. L. Murphy, of Hickory, will assist Pastor H. A. M. Holshouser. Everybody is invited.

Marriage License.

Only two "pairs" of marriage license have been issued during the past week, one to W. H. Johnson and Miss Nannie M. Prim; the other to L. W. Delap and Miss Etta L. Wilson.

TWO NEW FREE MAIL ROUTES.

From Lexington to Yadkin College and Enterprise.

The post-office department at Washington has ordered two new rural free delivery routes to be established in this county beginning September 1st. These are Nos. 3 and 4, and both lead out from Lexington. The names of the carriers have not yet been given out but they will probably be known in a few days.

Route No. 3 begins at Lexington, thence southwest, northwest and west on Mocksville road to Winston-Salem road, 8 miles; thence north 1½ miles to Yadkin College. Returning, east 1 mile; thence southeast 1 mile; thence east 1½ miles; thence north to Michael post office ¼ mile; thence east and southeast to Mocksville road 3½ miles; thence southeast and northeast on Mocksville road to Lexington, 2 miles. The length of the route is 19 miles; area covered, 12 square miles; number of houses on route 110, and population served is 495.

Route No. 4 begins at Lexington, thence northeast and north on Winston-Salem road to Ebenezer church, 2 miles; thence west, northwest and north to Arnold post-office, 3 miles; thence west and northwest to Peter Wagner's, 1½ miles; thence north and northwest to Junius Evans, 1½ miles; thence northeast and to Enterprise post-office, 2 miles. Returning, west and southwest to Good Hope church, 4 miles; thence south and southeast to the Jordan place, 1 mile; thence south, southeast and east to the Biesecker road, 2½ miles; thence south, southeast and east to Winston-Salem road, 5½ miles; thence south and southwest, on Winston-Salem road to Lexington, 1½ miles. Length of route No. 4 is 24 miles; area covered 16 square miles; number of houses on route 140, population served 630.

The carriers will leave Lexington daily at 8:30 a. m. The salary paid the carriers is \$500 for route No. 3, and \$600 on route No. 4 per year.

Parties living along these routes must provide themselves with mail boxes in order to secure the advantages of free delivery.

Southern's New Equipment.

The New York Journal of commerce and Commercial Bulletin has the following interesting item:

The Southern Railway Company has filed a mortgage for \$4,000,000 at Richmond, Va., to cover the cost of additional equipment, including 147 locomotives and 700 freight cars. Ninety of the locomotives will be built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works in the year, delivery to begin in August next; 57 locomotives will be constructed by the American Locomotive Works, delivery to commence in October next. These locomotives will be of the giant consolidated and Pacific passenger types.

The cars are to be built by the Mount Vernon Car Manufacturing Company, at Mount Vernon, Ill., and will consist of 500 ventilated box cars and 200 drop-bottom gondola coal cars. The locomotives and cars are for use over the entire system.

To Build 600 Dwelling Houses.

The Messrs. Cone are building for a city as well as a huge cotton mill at White Oak Mills, near Greensboro. Contracts have been let for 600 two-story dwelling houses, sixteen stores, and a first-class hotel. Streets have been laid off and named, and the principle ones will be macadamized. A thorough system of drainage has already been perfected, and the town will be lighted by electricity, moonlight nights and all.

The extension of the street car line from Revolution to White Oak will be completed by September 15th.

There is a small army of workmen there now, the number being increased daily, and this week's pay roll amounts to over \$30,000.

WRECK IN VIRGINIA.

A Local Passenger Train and Two Freights Run Together.

Charlottesville, Va., July 26.—A wreck, in which four ladies, one man and two children were hurt, occurred near Coveville, 12 or 15 miles south of here, this morning about 10:20 o'clock. The injured persons were brought here about 1 o'clock this afternoon, and treated at the University of Virginia Hospital. Dr. McGruder, railroad surgeon, and several other physicians were taken to the scene of the wreck on a special train. The surgeon and Agent Peyton refused to give out the names of those injured. It is learned, however, that none was fatally injured. Two ladies received broken legs, two others were badly shaken and bruised, two children were slightly hurt, and George Powell, a negro fireman on one train, was hurt, probably internally, by jumping from the cab.

The scene of the wreck was on an iron trestle, and three trains are piled in the wreck—two freight trains and local passenger No. 10.

All three trains were northbound. The first freight had stopped on account of a break, when the passenger came up and stopped. Before the flagman could get back, the second freight came down the grade at a high rate of speed, and crashed into No. 10. The result was that two passenger cars telescoped the rear train, and a number of cars were wrecked, one being partially thrown from the trestle. The road is still blocked.

George Powel, the fireman on the third train, jumped to the ground and was badly bruised, though not fatally hurt. The women and children were rescued from the debris.

The accident was due to the flagman of passenger train No. 10 not stopping the freight in time to prevent a rear end collision. The accident caused \$30,000 damage to the road.

A OTHER WRECK YESTERDAY.

Washington, July 28.—Two were killed and seven injured in a rare end collision between the Southern vestibule limited on the Southern Railway, and a work train at Springfield, Va., seven miles below Alexandria this morning. The engines and several of the cars were badly damaged. The killed are W. W. Wodard, postal clerk, and Walter Meeks, fireman. The wreck was caused by breaks on a freight train refusing to work and the freight ran out from a siding onto the main line, and was then run into by the limited.

Grand Chancellor Lyles Here.

Ir. William M. Lyles, grand chancellor Knights of Pythias of North Carolina, will arrive here today and will meet with Lexington Lodge No. 71 tonight, when the officers-elect will be installed. Every member of Lexington Lodge is urged to be present. The following are the officers-elect: G. F. Hankins, chancellor commander; J. W. Nel, vice chancellor; Joel Hill, plated box cars and 200 drop-bottom gondola coal cars. The locomotives and cars are for use over the entire system.

A Puzzler in Figures.

Here's a puzzle that puzzles everybody. Take the number of your living brothers, double the amount, add to it three, multiply by five, add to it the number of living sisters, multiply the result by ten, add the number of deaths of brothers and sisters and subtract 150 from the result. The right hand figure will be the number of deaths, the middle will be the number of living sisters, and the left will show the number of living brothers. Try it and see.

Register of Deeds Owen Monday received twenty-seven copies of the acts of the Legislature, session 1903. These will be distributed to justices of the peace, while they last. First come, first served.

GREAT STORM AT ALBEMARLE.

Churches, Houses and a Shop Destroyed Last Wednesday.

Albemarle, N. C., July 23.—The heaviest wind and hail storm ever known in this section, resembling a tornado in the volume of wind, moving about 80 miles an hour, passed through this section yesterday afternoon.

Two negro churches, four houses in Kingsville, and Sibley Bros. wood shop here were destroyed.

The damage to buildings and trees in Albemarle is considerable. The track of the storm was about four miles wide and twelve miles long. The storm took a southeasterly course.

The damage here is estimated to be between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Dr. J. N. Anderson, returning from a call during the storm, was caught by a large door at the livery stable and had his left leg broken.

Subscriptions and Renewals.

During the past week we have been favored with new subscriptions and renewals to The Dispatch from the following parties:

R. L. Lopp, D. H. Varner, A. E. Andrews, John Lambeth, Rev. Jno. A. Summey, Dr. A. Fuller, S. M. Delk, A. P. Hanner, J. L. Woodson, Chas. R. Darr, Arthur L. Leonard, Geo. Clodfelter, S. H. Yokely, J. M. Myers, A. H. Burkhardt, C. B. Hoover, B. E. Evans, J. W. Sechrist, J. V. Pierce, I. A. Smith, R. Everhart & Son, W. F. Pope, A. A. Grubb, Titus A. Fluck, R. C. Morgan, J. D. Raker, J. M. Hix, J. J. Shore, G. H. Willard, G. M. Sharp, J. L. Dorsett, C. C. Musgrove, J. H. Grimes, Alfred Leonard, C. B. Leonard.

Building New Bridges.

The Southern Railway is building three large new iron bridges on the main line between Lexington and Greensboro, one at Abbott's creek, one at Richfork and a third at Leonard's. The bridge force is now at work on these improvements which will cost many thousands of dollars. The bridges are very heavy ones and will be suitable for use after the work of double tracking this part of road has been completed.

Revenue Raid in Boon.

Revenue officers made a raid in Boon township Monday and captured a big illicit distillery, which they destroyed. They also found nine barrels of moonshine whiskey and carried this away. The owner of the outfit is not known, but we understand it was found on the lands of O. L. Davis.

Randolph County News.

The Asheboro Canning Co. canned 2500 cans of beans, blackberries, etc. last Friday.

Why not have a confederate reunion at Asheboro this summer? Randolph county sent nearly four thousand soldiers to serve in the Confederate army. Get the old vets together once more.

Books are open for subscriptions for a new chair and furniture factory at Asheboro. Work will not begin until \$15,000 is subscribed. An effort will be made to organize other factories to manufacture timber and lumber into chairs and furniture.

The dead body of a negro, afterwards identified as Chas. Lattie, was found on the outskirts of Greensboro Saturday evening. An inquest developed that the man had been murdered, his head being crushed and almost severed from the body. The body was decomposed and as the man had been missing since last Wednesday it is believed he was killed Tuesday night. The evidence tended to show that the man's wife killed him and she was arrested and jailed.

The large hotel at Nag's Head, with part of its furnishings, was completely destroyed by fire Sunday evening. Mrs. Lowe, wife of the proprietor, died from excitement during the fire.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

A Teachers' Institute for the white teachers of Davidson county was held in Lexington July 20-24th. The week of the Institute marks an important era in the school history of Davidson county. The record shows an enrollment of the names of 134 teachers with a daily average attendance of more than 100.

The teachers were punctual and attentive. The impressions made on their minds and information received by them that will be carried directly into the schools of the county will add greatly to the development of a better school system in our county. The Superintendent distributed literature and blanks that will enable the teachers to more intelligently pursue their school work and make more accurate reports.

Arrangements were made for the completion of township maps which had not been finished. In a few weeks the township and district maps will be in the hands of the Superintendent and the work of the drawing of the most complete county school map ever undertaken in the State will be commenced.

The Lexington Graded School Commissioners very kindly gave us permission to use the organ belonging to the graded school. The musical department was conducted principally by the ladies and was an attractive feature of the Institute. The social feature was very enjoyable. The teachers mingled freely with each other. Many old acquaintances were renewed and new ones made.

Thursday evening after adjournment Messrs. Cox and Helmstetter, photographers, grouped the teachers in front of the court house and took a very nice picture of the teachers of the Institute.

The teachers very freely express themselves as being pleased with the Institute conductor, Professor Alex Graham. His lectures show study and preparation and he has a peculiar tact for imparting instruction. His lectures on Physiology, Words, Geography, History, especially history of North Carolina, were exceedingly good. Friday morning at 10 o'clock the time for the opening of the Institute, in addition to the large number of teachers, visitors from the county and town, gathered in until the court house room was nearly filled.

After devotional exercises the Superintendent made a short talk to the teachers, practically on the line of their work the coming session and then introduced Professor Graham, who eloquently addressed the audience for nearly an hour on the subject of consolidation of districts and local taxation. His arguments were plain, practical and convincing. Capt. Robbins then for thirty minutes pleasantly entertained the audience, speaking words of encouragement to the teachers, giving them some very good advice which was well received.

In the evening Professor Graham gave the crowning lecture of the Institute upon the subject of North Carolina History. He is perfectly familiar with the history of the State from the date of its first settlement to the present time, and perhaps no one in North Carolina is better qualified to write the history of our State than Professor Graham.

At 4 o'clock Friday evening the best Institute that was ever held in Davidson county adjourned.

P. L. LEDFORD.

Sign Your Name.

If you want your checks to be good at the bank, don't omit to sign your name to them. They may not go then, but you may be sure they won't go without the name. So if you want your communications honored at The Dispatch office sign your name—always sign your name—sign your name to everything you send, even when you are sure the editor knows all about who sent it.