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ARRESTED FOR SEDUCTION.

Young Statesville Man Faces a Serious Charge And Marries to Avoid Trouble.

A special from Statesville to the Charlotte Observer last Thursday says: "John Disher, a young white man who has been in the Key Furniture Co. for the past two or three months, was arrested this morning on a warrant issued at Lexington, charging him with seduction under promise to marry Miss Ada Ford, of that town. The first knowledge Miss Ford's family had of the affair was by accident yesterday. She went to her room and found some member of her family reading a letter which she had received from Disher and which she had left lying in her room. The letter was dated Statesville 16, and among other things contained the information that Disher would leave Statesville that night for Columbus, Ga. When the young lady saw that her letter was being read she turned away, secured a bottle of laudanum from another part of the house and attempted to take it, but was prevented by a member of the family. On learning the circumstances of her trouble, two of her brothers, Messrs. J. M. and A. L. Ford, secured a warrant and came to Statesville last night. This morning Disher was arrested and agreed to accompany the Messrs. Ford to Lexington and make satisfactory adjustment of the matter." Disher came to Lexington on No. 36 last Thursday morning, in company with the Messrs. Ford. They immediately went to the court house where license was secured and Disher and Miss Ford were married Thursday afternoon, the ceremony being performed by Justice of the Peace John H. Moyer.

Mr. Craver Has Enough.

Mr. Arthur R. Craver, who has been running as mail clerk on the Southern Railway for the past seven and a half years, Monday morning wired his resignation from this point to department headquarters at Washington. Mr. Craver says he has been contemplating resigning for some time, but didn't think of taking the step at once until he passed by the wreck of the ill-fated 97 near Danville Monday morning. That after viewing this wreck he decided that now was the proper time for him to get out of the service and he proceeded to send in his resignation as soon as he reached Lexington. Mr. Craver is an old hand in the service and has made a very efficient clerk. He will move to his farm at Reeds, this county.

He Kept On Reading.

I. E. Avery in Charlotte Observer. "I was sitting in a seat in the car reading my paper," said Mr. George W. Montcastle, of Lexington, president of the North Carolina Bankers' Association. "There were a lot of chorus girls on the train, and two of them sat in the seat behind me. I heard one of them say: 'I feel tired and sort of stretchy. I believe I'll put my feet on the top of the seat in front.'" "Go ahead," said the other with a laugh.

"In a second I felt my seat shake a little," continued Mr. Montcastle, "and out of the corner of my eye I saw a French heel within half a foot of my face."

"What did you do?" "Oh, I kept on reading my paper. Of course I did."

People who have mourned the early demise of the Fairbanks boom last spring will be pleased to learn that the senator from Indiana has started another boom. This time his ambition is headed in the direction of the Republican national chairmanship instead of the white house. It may be observed that he has at last got on to something with a semblance of possibility, although it contains enough of the elements of uncertainty to make the situation interesting.

TEN KILLED—MANY INJURED.

Terrible Wreck on Southern Railway Sunday Afternoon.

No. 97, the Southern Railway's fast mail which passes Lexington every afternoon about 4 o'clock, jumped the track over a trestle just north of Danville Sunday afternoon and killed ten men, injured seven others and completely wrecked three mail and one express cars. The killed are J. L. Thompson, railway mail clerk, of Washington; W. S. Chambers, railway mail clerk, of Midland, Va.; D. P. Flory, railway mail clerk, of Nokesville, Va.; P. M. Argelwright, railway mail clerk of Mt. Clinton, Va.; J. A. Broady, engineer, of Placerville, Va.; J. T. Blair, conductor, of Spencer, N. C.; A. G. Clapp, of Greensboro; Flagman S. G. Moody, of Raleigh; a twelve-year-old son of J. L. Thompson. The injured are Lewis W. Spears, of Manassas; Frank G. Brooks, of Charlottesville; Percival Indenmauer, of Washington; Charles E. Reames, of Charlottesville; Jennings J. Dunlap, of Washington; N. C. Mauplin, of Charlottesville; J. H. Thompson, of St. Luke. All of the injured are railway mail clerks.

The wreck occurred on a steep grade, the latter embracing the trestle, which is in the shape of the letter "S." The train was running at a rate of between 50 and 60 miles an hour when the engine left the track. The train ran some distance on the cross-ties, plunging over the trestle when the engine was about half way across.

The engine and all of the cars fell 75 feet to the water below. The last car tore up a considerable section of the trestle. The engine struck and was buried in the bed of the creek. The cars piled on top of the engine, all of them being split into kindling wood. The engineer was found some little distance from his cab, horribly mangled and dead. The train carried nothing but mail and express.

The Charlotte Observer says that the general opinion of the cause of the wreck is the high speed of the train on a sharp curve. Fire broke out in the wreckage shortly after it occurred, but was quickly extinguished by the Danville fire company.

No man on the train sought to jump. All the dead men were found in the various cars to which they were attached. All were killed instantly, and a majority of the bodies were mutilated in a ghastly way. The impact of steam against the bodies of the engineer and fireman caused the skin and hair to fall away from their bodies.

In the loss of life this is one of the most serious wrecks that has occurred on the Southern; and it is the third time that the fast mail has been almost entirely demolished. Within the last twelve months the same train ran into a large rock on the track near Lexington, the engine was ruined, all the cars were gutted, and several lives were lost, and a few months ago the train was almost destroyed in a head-on collision at Pineville, no lives being lost, however.

Mid-Winter Meeting.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the North Carolina Press Association held in Charlotte yesterday, it was decided that a mid-winter meeting of the association should be held in Washington December 2nd, and 3rd. The meeting was attended by these members of the committee: J. B. Sherrill, of Concord; H. B. Varner, of Lexington; J. D. Bivins, of Albemarle, and W. C. Dowd, of Charlotte.—Charlotte Observer.

The private stockholders of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad are of the opinion that it is better to lose the road and realize some dividends than for the state to continue to control it and let the politicians manage it. That may be business, but it is not statesmanship, and business cuts no noise with statesmen.

WHITES OUT ON BOND.

Slayers of Russell Sherrill Released Under Bond of \$50,000.

At a hearing before Judge Geo. H. Brown, Jr., at Salisbury Saturday afternoon Thos. J. White and Chalmers White were released from custody under a bond of \$25,000 each for their appearance for trial at the next term of Rowan Superior court. The Whites had no trouble whatever in giving the required bond. The hearing was largely attended and intense interest manifested. Thos. White and Chalmers White, brothers, and prominent men of Concord, on Thursday, September 17th, shot and killed Russell Sherrill, a well-known young man of Mt. Ulla, Rowan county. Sherrill is charged with ruining their niece. The defendants allege circumstances of self defense. On the other hand the prosecution contends that they offered young Sherrill the simple alternative of death or marriage and that upon his declaring his choice of the former when he found that they would accept no equivocation or delay, they shot him down, unarmed as he was, and before his mother's eyes.

The only witness to the affair was young Sherrill's mother and the Whites and the evidence of Mrs. Sherrill contradicts the Whites almost in toto. Whites claim Sherrill was advancing upon them in a threatening manner when they both drew their pistols and fired. Mrs. Sherrill denies this and says that her son got up and started in the house whereupon Tom White shoved him back and both brothers fired. There was no argument in the case and at 5 o'clock Judge Brown announced his decision allowing the Whites to give bail.

Mr. Pickard's Brother Dead.

Mr. A. L. Pickard received a telegram from Jacksonville, Fla., yesterday morning announcing the death of his brother, Mr. C. M. Pickard, which occurred Monday night after a brief illness of typhoid fever. Deceased was a native of North Carolina, but had been conducting a grocery business in Florida for several years. He visited in Lexington last summer and has many friends who will learn of his death with sorrow.

Mr. A. L. Pickard left last night for Jacksonville to be present at the burial of his brother, which takes place this afternoon at three o'clock.

Card From President Tate.

EDITOR DISPATCH. Dear Sir: I wish to say that I approve most heartily the way in which you have been speaking out on things relating to the moral welfare of the town and county. But in regard to the Will Towe case I wish to say that you are mistaken in regard to the indifference of the president of the Anti-Saloon League. It was through his efforts that the bill was found, and after the finding of the bill he could do nothing further, so far as the law was concerned. But seeing the matter continued, he went to the owner of the house and asked that his tenant be turned out, to which the owner readily agreed. I am with you in any effort to bring to light and then to suppress wrong. Truly, D. P. TATE.

1,000 At Baptizing.

One thousand or more persons attended the annual baptizing at Trading Ford church on the Yadkin river Sunday, says the Spencer correspondent of the Charlotte Observer. The pastor, the Rev. Mr. Summey, preached an able sermon, after which fifteen candidates for church membership were baptized by immersion. Among the number was a lady 86 years old, and a man 60 years of age. It is said that three candidates "backed out" on account of the low temperature of the water, Sunday being a cool day.

Parties desiring mining bonds can be supplied at this office. A new lot of blanks have just been printed.

RUNAWAY MARRIAGE.

Miss Ollie Garrett, of Yadkin College, Weds Mr. Albert Holder.

At Greensboro Saturday afternoon, Miss Ollie Garrett, daughter of Rev. J. N. Garrett, of Yadkin College, was wedded to Mr. Albert Holder, of High Point. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. L. W. Crawford. The marriage was a run-away affair, it being understood that the young lady's parents objected to the match. Miss Garrett has been visiting relatives in Burlington for some time. Mr. Holder is employed in a furniture factory at High Point. The young folk have kept up a regular correspondence and arranged to meet in Greensboro Saturday and get married. Mr. Holder went to Greensboro early Saturday morning and waited for Miss Garrett, who came in on the train from the east. A license had been secured and the couple was married and left on the 1:20 train for High Point, their future home.

The marriage will be quite a surprise to the young lady's many friends in the county, and especially those at Yadkin College, where she lived and is highly respected.

The Street Fair and Carnival a Big Success.

The Street Fair and Carnival is now in full blast and the vast crowds are enjoying themselves. The Jones Carnival Company is one of the largest of its kind traveling. All of the attractions are clean, refined, moral and up-to-date. Pierre's Lunette, the Maid of the Air, should be seen by everybody. Carlisle's Dog and Pony show has been pleasing large crowds of ladies and children. The Electric Theatre is almost beyond description for its beauty. Coley's Old Plantation gives a reproduction of the happy Jarkey in the South before the war. Zimmerman's Vaudeville, where singing, dancing and funny jokes are the program. The Victorian Hindoos where the mysteries of India are enacted; don't miss this entertainment. Then comes Aego, the snake-eater, who eats snakes alive. Towering in the air is seen the magnificent Ferris wheel, a continual round of pleasure. Then comes the old reliable, the Merry-go-round. Last but not least, Prof. Danton, the world's greatest high diver, diving twice daily from a 90-foot tower into four feet of water. At night he is enveloped in flames while descending.

Mr. Jones, the manager, is to be congratulated on surrounding himself with ladies and gentlemen which the company is composed, also not allowing gamblers and sure thing grafters follow his aggregation. We trust the entire week will be one of success.

Mr. Hargrave Sells Out.

Mr. R. S. Hargrave has disposed of his interest in the Farmers Supply Co. store at this place to Mr. J. Lewis Woodson. Mr. Woodson is traveling salesman for a well-known shoe firm. He will continue to devote his time to this business and the Supply store will be under the management of Mr. T. J. Taylor. Mr. Hargrave will devote his time to the management of the several farms owned by himself and sisters in and near Lexington.

Belfast News.

Belfast, Sept. 28.—Last Wednesday we were saddened to hear of the death of Miss Phebe Scarlett, which took place at Thomasville Tuesday evening. Her remains were brought to Clarksburg and laid to rest on Wednesday. People are about through pulling fodder. John Kindley was put to some trouble finding his mule which broke loose from him while at A. P. Hanner's store one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hepler, of Hannersville, visited their daughter, Mrs. G. W. Miller, at Lexington, Saturday and Sunday.

RALLY AND PIC-NIC.

Prominent Speakers—Basket Picnic, &c., at Reeds Saturday, Oct. 3rd.

The good people of Reeds and surrounding country are looking forward to a great educational rally and basket picnic to be held at that place on next Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Profs. H. T. Phillips, P. L. Ledford, W. T. Totten and other prominent speakers will be present and make addresses on educational lines. The Michael string band will furnish music for the occasion. All friends of education and the public generally is cordially invited. Don't fail to carry baskets, as this is to be a picnic as well as an educational rally.

Silver Hill News.

Silver Hill, Sept. 28.—Mr. Frontis Stoner, of High Point, is visiting his grandparents, Capt. and Mrs. J. M. Prim. Frontis' friends are pleased to have him with them. Mr. Frank Johnson, of the Fentress mine, is visiting his father, Mr. L. Johnson. Frank is a genial fellow and his friends are always delighted to have him with them. Miss Ida Dickens and brother, Mr. Ed, of Troy, were pleasant visitors here last week. Miss Myrtle Crouse, of Hoover Hill, is visiting friends here. Mr. Will Dickens, of the Fentress mine, is visiting his mother, Mrs. E. H. Dickens. Mrs. H. J. Palmer has returned from Buie's Creek, where she has been attending her son, Grover, who was sick. We are glad to learn he is much improved. The exercises by the Sunday school here Sunday was very much complimented.

McKee Items.

McKee, Sept. 26.—Miss Phebe Scarlett died at Thomasville at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Scarlett, and was buried at Clarksburg Wednesday. The health of the people in this community is good at present. Last Monday and Tuesday were good days for making fodder and Messrs. A. L. Younts and Ed. Hunt with several other hands, made a lot of excellent fodder at Mrs. D. A. Leonard's. There is some good corn in this community and lots of persimmons, therefore, it is hoped that the farmers will not all move to town. Best wishes to the readers and editor of The Dispatch.

LAD.

Cid Dots.

Cid, Sept. 28.—The protracted meeting at Pincy Grove closed last Thursday night. It resulted in about forty-five conversions. Mrs. D. E. Hepler, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Lanier, returned to her husband at Monroe, Va., last Saturday. They expect to reside there in future. Mrs. Eliza Harris, of Albemarle, is visiting her step daughter, Mrs. Nelia Wicks. Miss Ida Dickens has returned to her home at Troy. She made many friends who regret to see her leave. We are glad to state that Mrs. S. G. Brown, who got hurt by being thrown from a buggy some ten days ago, is convalescing. Mr. Ed Leonard will commence a singing school at Jerusalem tomorrow. Miss Zeffie Ingram, of Bombay, spent Sunday with her grandmother, Mrs. F. Williams. Listen for the wedding bells around Cid.

GEE WHIZ.

The ladies will be interested in the millinery announcements of Mrs. T. L. Moore and Mrs. Amanda Davis, which appear elsewhere in this paper. Mrs. Moore's millinery opening takes place October 6th and 7th; Mrs. Davis' will be on Oct. 8th and 9th.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Zana Thompson, of Tyro Shops, spent Friday and Saturday here.

The Dispatch was pleased to receive a call from Mrs. M. Smith, of Linwood, last Saturday.

Mr. Spencer Surratt, who clerks for Mr. Jno. W. Finch, is confined to his bed with typhoid fever.

Miss Lola Reid, of Greensboro, was here several days last week and was the guest of Mrs. W. J. Vestal.

Mrs. M. C. Dicks, of Randleman, spent several days here the first of the week, returning home this morning.

Mrs. S. J. B. Stewart, of Concord, spent several days here last week visiting the family of Mr. W. H. Moffitt.

Master Elmo Michael, son of Mrs. Margaret Michael, left Monday for Mebane, to enter Bingham School.

Miss Rhett Leach, of High Point, spent Friday and Saturday here and was the guest of Miss Kathleen Smith.

Rev. W. A. Smith left Monday morning for Cooleemee, where he is assisting in conducting a series of revival meetings.

Mrs. Ed. S. Hutchinson, (nee Miss Ella Burton), of High Point, arrived Friday night and is visiting Mrs. J. H. Hutchinson.

Mrs. L. B. Wheeler, of Asheville, arrived last Wednesday and spent the week with her sister, Mrs. W. J. Vestal. She left yesterday morning for her home.

Miss Neil Earmhardt leaves tomorrow for Thomasville, where she goes to assist Mrs. Fife-Grimes in the millinery business.

Mrs. Arthur L. Butt and little daughter, Margaret, of Charlotte, will arrive to-night and visit relatives here for several weeks.

Miss Lillie Watt Penn, of Reidsville, spent Monday night and Tuesday in Lexington. She was the guest of Miss Winnifred Adderton.

Mrs. M. R. Shoaf, who has been seriously ill at her home at Bethany for the past week or ten days, was reported some better yesterday.

Mr. Gilmer Heitman, who has been here for several weeks visiting his mother, Mrs. Joe Heitman, left yesterday morning for Fort Myers, Fla.

Mrs. Will Dickerson, formerly Miss Annie Holmes, is seriously ill at her home in High Point. She is a daughter of Mr. C. K. Holmes, of Lexington.

Mr. E. M. Burhead, who has been visiting friends and relatives in the county for some time, left yesterday morning for his home at McKinney, Texas.

Mrs. E. E. Hayworth, of High Point, spent Sunday here with her sister, Mrs. J. T. Hedrick. Mrs. Hedrick's mother, Mrs. Mary Shepherd accompanied her here.

Dr. Joel Hill and Mr. Joe Thompson left last Thursday for New York, Baltimore and other northern cities on a pleasure trip. They will be absent for a week.

Mr. Chas. M. Cutting, subscription solicitor for the Charlotte News, which is one of the best papers published, spent a few days here this week visiting his mother.

Mr. W. H. McDonald, of Baltimore, who was here last week to relieve Mr. Burkhead as cashier at the National Bank, left Saturday for Georgia. Mr. Burkhead is back at his post of duty again.

Mr. Irvin Lopp has been confined to his room at Mr. J. L. Michael's for several days and has been quite sick. Mr. Lopp has had charge of the express business at this place for some time and is a very clever and accommodating official.