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MOB LYNCHES THREE

Negroes Accused of Killing Lyerlys Taken From Rowan Jail and Lynched.

Monday night about 11 o'clock a mob of about 2,000 men took three of the accused Lyerly murderers from the Rowan jail and hung them on the outskirts of Salisbury. The three negroes lynched were Nease and John Gillespie and Jack Dillingham. George Ervin was questioned by the mob, and then returned to his cell in the jail. The women prisoners were also spared.

The mob began to gather about nine o'clock. Judge Long had opened the special court for the trial of the negroes, and the grand jury had found true bills.

Vague reports had come to the court that lynching was talked of, and Judge Long turned his attention to lawlessness. He charged the jury in regard to lynching, and late Monday afternoon called in the grand jury and read them the law. He spoke hopefully that the people would not attempt a lynching. Even while he was talking, the trouble was forming.

From nine to eleven o'clock the streets about the jail swarmed with people. Solicitor Hammer, Senator Overman, Judge Long, and other well-known men addressed the mob and urged the people to desist, all to no purpose. The military company was ordered out, and came with guns loaded with blank cartridges. They angered the crowd all the more and when the determination to lynch the negroes was finally ripe, the military company with its guns doubled quickened up the street. It had no orders to shoot to kill. Special armed deputies were also on the scene, but were useless. The three accused negroes were taken from their cells and carried to the vicinity of the baseball ground, near the residence of John S. Henderson, and there were strung up. The bodies were riddled with bullets and death came quickly.

Before killing them, they were given a chance to confess. Nease and Jack refused either to deny or confess, but John protested his innocence with tears in his eyes. At midnight all was over. The other prisoners were hurried out of town on a late train. These were Henry Lee, George Ervin and Bella Dillingham.

Gov. Glenn was informed by telephone that a mob was forming, and he at once ordered military companies from Charlotte, Greensboro and Statesville, to Salisbury by special trains, but finding it too late, countermanded the orders. He will proceed at once to do all he can to discover and bring to punishment the guilty parties.

A man named McLendon, a Southern railway fireman, was probably fatally wounded by a stray bullet shot by some member of the mob and a negro drayman named Will Troutman was also seriously wounded in the same way. Both were merely looking on at the jail. Many shots were fired.

People from surrounding counties were in Salisbury and many from near-by towns went there when the news of the lynching spread. As usual people are divided in their views of the matter, some expressing sympathy with the lynchers, but the great majority of citizens everywhere condemn it as an inexcusable outrage and a blot on the state. Grave doubts are expressed that all of the negroes were guilty of the murder of the Lyerlys. Some insist that the prisoners should have been taken back to the Charlotte jail each night, as could have been done easily. Others declare that there ought to have been sufficient military force there to have prevented the outrage. The Governor offered the sheriff of Rowan the assistance of the military some time ago, but it was refused as unnecessary.

We understand that the lynching took place at the identical spot where Harris and James Gillespie, sons of Nease Gillespie, were lynched June 11th, 1902, for the murder of Miss Cornelia Benson on June 9th, 1902. A mob of three hundred took them from jail and lynched them at 2 o'clock in the morning. Pictures were taken of the two Gillespie boys as they hung from the tree, and several were gotten out in Lexington yesterday when it was realized that the father of the two boys was lynched where his sons were put to death.

RUN OVER AND KILLED.

Southern Railway Brakeman N. E. Church Crushed to Death Here Yesterday.

Yesterday a little before noon Noah E. Church, a brakeman on local freight No. 64, was instantly killed at a point on the Southern's side track opposite the Dixie furniture factory. His body was fearfully mangled and presented a horrifying spectacle to hundreds who viewed the remains. Both legs were cut off, as were the arms, literally crushed and ground off, and his head was also crushed to pieces, and the brains scattered along the track.

Church's train, the local freight, was standing on the siding, to allow fast freight No. 74 to pass. As this train was passing, Church stepped on the side track and leaned against the rear car of his train, which was signalled to move backward. Owing to the roar of the other freight, Church did not hear the shout of warning which his fellow brakeman, J. B. Herndon, gave, and he was unaware that his train was to move until the other had passed. He was knocked down and his body dragged about fifty feet, turning over and over. He seems to have fallen squarely across the rails, so that his head and feet were crushed. Reaching the switch, his body caught, and the train of four cars and an engine passed over his body.

Undertaker McCrary took charge of the mangled remains and they were shipped to Church's home in North Wilkesboro. The deceased was a son of Marshall Church, of that town, a contractor, and well-to-do citizen.

Church was a man about 25 or 28 years of age, and was unmarried. He had been on the road only about one month.

The Confederate Reunion.

The Confederate veterans had a very pleasant day here Thursday at their annual reunion. There were between one hundred and seventy-five and two hundred of them present and a fairly good crowd of other people. The speaker of the day, Mr. Klutz, of Salisbury, could not be present, having missed his train, and the veterans were disappointed very much. They held their business meeting in the court house, and were welcomed by Capt. F. C. Robbins in a short, impromptu address. He expressed gratitude for the work of the women, the Daughters of the Confederacy, in these reunion occasions, and spoke of the fortitude of the Southern women during the war. He also paid high tribute to the private soldier, and recited several interesting war incidents that illustrated the admirable qualities of the Southern soldiers as fighting machines.

Officers of the A. A. Hill Camp of Veterans were then elected, and are as follows: C. M. Thompson, major commandant; C. A. Hunt, Sr., first lieutenant; C. W. Trice, second lieutenant; F. C. Robbins, adjutant; H. H. Hartley, commissary; James Smith, treasurer, and Rev. Geo. L. Leyburn, chaplain.

Following the election of officers Captain Robbins was again called on to submit a few remarks and he talked interestingly of Abraham Lincoln, who, he declared, had never been understood fully in the South nor appreciated for his full worth. Several humorous anecdotes were told about Lincoln, showing his ability, his greatness of heart and his friendship for the South.

Adjourning from the court house, the veterans, about 150, marched to the Foard Grove, led by the Lexington military company, where all enjoyed a bountiful dinner.

The A. A. Hill Camp has enrolled about 340 members, though this has been cut down during the year by death. The following members died during the year: W. H. Keply, R. A. McCrary, H. W. Turner, Wm. Morris, G. W. Snider, J. T. Sink, B. F. Hayden, Samuel Leonard, Peter Cross, A. W. Clodfelter, Sr.

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LAST WEEK OF THE VOTING CONTEST CLOSING.

Only Three More Days in Which to Vote—Contest Will Close Saturday, August 11, at 12 O'clock—The Last Week's Record of Votes—Rev. Lanning Still Heads the List.

This is the last week of the Dispatch's voting contest to send six ministers to New York City. The voting will cease next Saturday at noon. However, votes that should reach Lexington in time to be counted, on the noon trains, will be counted if they arrive after 12 o'clock because the trains are late. While there is not so much activity shown up in the vote this week, by far the most active work of the contest is being done now. Letters have come in from every county in the contest asking about the relative standing of the various contestants. We predict that there will be some surprisingly large votes cast on the last day of the contest. Meantime it behooves the friends of every contestant to be up and doing. To our certain knowledge hundreds of voters are being held back for the last day. The situation in this county is about as it was before. Rev. Jefferson Lanning still leads with over 22,000 votes this week. Rev. Henry Sheets is his close second. Rev. Mr. Horner, in Montgomery, has beyond doubt won his place in the Dispatch party of six. He has more than 17,000 votes. In Randolph it looks like it will be Rev. Mr. Swain, but we do not know what the friends of Mr. Campbell are going to do in the end. He has over 10,000 votes. In Davie it still looks like Rev. Mr. Robbins will win, but in Yadkin, Rev. Mr. Beach again forges to the front with the largest number of votes, displacing Rev. Mr. Myers. The vote is so small there that it would take little effort for any one of the contestants to win, as it is in Davie county. The votes will be counted Saturday by a committee of ministers, and next week's paper will announce the result. The vote for the last week is as follows:

Table with columns for County, Name, and Votes. Includes Davidson County, Montgomery County, Randolph County, Davie County, and Yadkin County.

Increase in Taxable Property.

It is estimated that the increase in the taxable properties of Davidson county will reach about \$400,000 this year. Leaving out the assessments of the corporation commission, the natural increase in the county is \$347,000. The railroads, etc., will bring the total to \$400,000. The largest increase is in Lexington township, the same showing \$114,064. Thomasville is second, with \$77,879. Emmons shows an increase of \$41,435. Cotton Grove \$19,332; Tyro \$17,886. Abbotts Creek \$14,649; Healing Springs \$11,694; Conrad Hill \$11,692; Alleghany \$8,679; Silver Hill \$8,318; Jackson Hill \$6,284; Reedy Creek \$5,705; Midway \$4,999; Boone \$3,130; Arcadia \$1,255. Yadkin College shows a loss of \$13,443, and Hampton lost \$1,044.

The total valuation will be in the neighborhood of \$5,554,663. The increase in the town of Lexington will be about \$60,000.

The Governor Can't Come.

A telegram from Gov. Glenn received late yesterday evening states that he cannot leave Raleigh owing to the press of public matters, and will be unable to speak at Cedar Grove to-day. However, the educational rally and Sunday school picnic promises to be a big occasion and there will be a large crowd present. The event has been widely advertised over the county. Hon. J. R. McCrary will also speak, and perhaps others.

Damage to Bridges.

Reports were made to the county commissioners Monday of the damage done to bridges by the freshets caused by the recent heavy rains. One bridge which cost \$325 was washed away; another that cost \$100 was wrecked, as was one costing \$50, and one \$30, and several smaller ones. The damage will foot up something like \$800 and perhaps more. Crops and land have been greatly damaged also.

Nominee for Senate Stricken.

Friday morning at 9 o'clock J. M. Brown, of Albemarle, democratic nominee for the senate in this district, was stricken with paralysis. He was in his law office at Albemarle, discussing some matters with a client, when the stroke came upon him. The sudden attack did not cause him to lose consciousness. The left side was affected. Mr. Brown has been a sufferer and a cripple for many years. He was nominated for the senate by the democrats of Stanly.

DEATHS.

MARY LUCILE PICKETT. Mary Lucile Pickett, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe C. Pickett, who formerly lived in Lexington, but who now live in Bassett, Va., died August the 2nd. The funeral was held from the home last Friday in Bassett.

SATURDAY'S PRIMARY.

Davidson Democrats Hold Best Attended and Most Enthusiastic Primary in Years.

The democratic primary held last Saturday was the best attended and most spirited meeting of the kind in every township that has been held in years. Men attended who had never before attended a primary. The result shows that as a usual thing the people prefer the old officers. S. W. Finch, for clerk, and S. L. Owen, for register, are probably nominated, and Sheriff Dorsett came within a few votes of it, according to the instructed vote. Several townships did not instruct. The other officers were not nominated by the primary vote and their contests go up to the convention for settlement. The reports have come in very slowly and are incomplete in some instances. The following is the result:

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Examination for Revenue Officers.

As will be remembered the fifth internal revenue district, the western, was placed under the civil service regulations some time ago, and in the future aspirants for positions in the service will not be recommended for appointment by politicians, but will secure the positions on merit alone, as shown by the result of the applicant's examination. This examination will be held on Wednesday, the 29th of August, at Salisbury, Statesville, Winston, Charlotte and Asheville, and all persons who want positions in the revenue service may enter the examination, and they should apply to the secretary fourth civil service district, civil service commission, Washington, D. C. or to the secretary of the board of examiners at the postoffice at either of the above named towns, for the proper application blanks. No applicant will be considered unless he sends in these blanks properly filled out, before the 23rd of August, to the secretary of the fourth civil service district, civil service commission, Washington, D. C.

It is probable that the entire internal revenue service may be placed under the regulations of the civil service commission.

ARCADIA.

For clerk: Finch 3. For sheriff: Dorsett 1; Hinkle 1; J. W. Lambeth 1. For register: Hill 3. For treasurer: Griffith 1; Rothrock 1; Fritts 1. For surveyor: Demps Clinard 3. For coroner: Dr. C. A. Julian 3. For commissioner: J. C. Ripple 3. For constable: Robt. Tesh. For magistrates: Cicero Kimel, Frank Raper and David Tesh. For representative: Hankins 3. All democrats are delegates to the convention.

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For clerk: Moyer 5. For sheriff: Hinkle 5. For register: Hill 5. For treasurer: Rothrock 5. For coroner: Dr. W. J. Vestal 5. For representative: Hankins 5. Delegates: W. B. Hunt, H. H. Hartley, C. R. Barr, C. F. Koons, W. J. Giles, G. M. Thompson, C. A. Wood, Dr. J. E. Cathell, C. M. Lamb, C. W. Farabee, J. Ham Swicegood, C. L. Koons, A. N. Koons, C. L. Michael, and all good democrats.

MIDWAY.

For clerk: Finch 2. For sheriff: Dorsett 2. For register: Owen 2. For treasurer: Rothrock 2. For coroner: Dr. C. A. Julian 2. For surveyor: Jno. W. May 2. For commissioners: C. A. Davis 2, F. S. Lambeth 2 (J. A. Green second choice), J. N. Mendenhall 2, (Adam Hedrick Sr. second choice). For representative: Hankins 2.

CONRAD HILL.

The Conrad Hill vote will come up

ALL OVER THE STATE

News of North Carolina Gathered From Murphy to Mantop and Condensed for Busy Readers

The trial of nine Italians in Marion for conspiracy resulted in the discharge of seven and the retention for further hearing of two. These are held for \$500 bond.

Asheville has had an epidemic of burglary for the past few weeks and the police were mystified. On Friday, however, after several fresh robberies, the officers managed to come up with several criminals and fortunately they were the ones. If they escape hanging, the penitentiary for a long term will be their sentence.

Rev. R. W. Jackson, a preacher of color, was cut with a razor and shot with a shot gun in Lincolnton last Thursday night by one Len Odom, who declared that the preacher was too intimate with his niece. He ordered Jackson out of his house, and Jackson refused to budge. Odom then sliced him some, but found that too slow, so he just shot him out of the house.

Frank Bohannon, who shot foreman Beacham Tuesday afternoon last week and immediately escaped, was arrested Saturday in Danville. He confessed to the shooting, but did not know his victim was dead. As the murder was cold-blooded the dead man will doubtless be avenged by the hanging of Bohannon.

A "Confederate" Grafter.

One day last week a man giving his name as McManars and claiming to be one of the "Louisiana Tigers," arrived in Morganton and put up at the Southern Hotel. He was trying to make his way to his home in New Orleans from New York. With his cross of honor and several letters from different Confederate organizations he appealed to the Daughters of the Confederacy and veterans and of course received help, as no one would have the face to doubt such credentials.

While rooming with Mr. Farmer at the hotel this "Louisiana Tiger" relieved him of his watch, \$9 in money and two bunches of keys, and left on the west-bound train. One of the letters was from Mr. A. B. Stronach, of Raleigh, written on the official paper of the Soldiers' Home. He was asked why he came this route as it was more direct from Raleigh, but he had friends in Chattanooga who would pass him over the Alabama Southern. He was well dressed and certainly understands his business.—Morganton dispatch.

(If we are not mistaken in the man, this same gentleman was in Lexington the other day, "working" the veterans here.—The Dispatch.)

to the convention uninstructed. This was decided on after a poll was taken of those present, in which the vote for clerk went to Finch and was divided as to the other officers. The delegates named were W. T. Everhart, John H. Crotts, J. L. Lohr, Joshua Copple, J. W. Lee, Ratt Dorsett, and all democrats were made delegates.

JACKSON HILL.

Jackson Hill's vote is uninstructed. The following magistrates were nominated: C. H. Surratt, Geo. I. J. Elliott, John Stoker, and constable, A. Loftin. The delegates named are: C. L. Badgett, J. C. Skeen, Albert Reid, Geo. I. J. Elliott and A. W. Surratt.

YADKIN COLLEGE.

The Yadkin College vote of 2 will come up uninstructed.

ABBOTTS CREEK.

Abbotts Creek instructed for Finch for clerk and for all the old officers, each of whom will receive the full vote of the township, which is three.

ALLEGHANY.

Alleghany with 2 votes instructs for the old officers and Finch.

HEALING SPRINGS.

For clerk: Finch 2. For sheriff: Dorsett 2. For register: Owen 2. For treasurer: E. A. Rothrock 2. For commissioner: C. L. Badgett 2. For representative: Hankins 2. All democrats are delegates.

HAMPTON.

For clerk: Finch 1. For sheriff: Dorsett 1. For register: Hill 1. For treasurer: Fritts 1. For surveyor: May 1. For commissioners, 1 each: Lambeth, Davis and J. C. Ripple. For representative: Hankins 1. All democrats delegates.