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WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC.

An Ugly-Looking Case Close Home—Trial Postponed Until Monday Afternoon at Four.

There is an ugly case scheduled for Monday afternoon at four o'clock before Mayor Moyer in which the state of North Carolina is the plaintiff and Charles Noel and his wife, Jamie Noel, nee Jamie Wolf, are defendants. Those who read the papers carefully have heard frequently of the so-called "white slave" cases in New York, Chicago and other wicked centers and many a man's blood has boiled with indignation as he reads. This case comes close home and has some ugly phases. It may not be a case of "white slave traffic" but it looks very much like it. The story is substantially as follows:

Along about the first of May Noel's wife, who was Jamie Wolf, came to Lexington to visit her mother and other relatives here. Her husband came here once or twice during her visit, and he was here on the day that the abduction took place. From what can be learned about it, this was engineered by the woman. It is alleged that she approached several young girls and tried to lure them away from home with the promise of fine clothes, easy money and a good time. Clara Bell Gibbs daughter of Mr. H. E. Gibbs, of the Dacotah Cotton Mill, and Vertie Kinley daughter of Mr. Robert Kinley, of the Wannonah, fell for her line of talk and consented to go with her. Neither of the children knew that the other was going until they met at the station. They slipped away from their parents, without even taking their clean clothes with them, the woman promising that her husband would provide them with all of the clothes they needed.

They went to Charlotte and were carried to a secluded house out in the suburbs, in a disreputable part of town. The woman refused to allow them to go on the street in the day time and kept them close, promising them that when night came that they would go out and have a good time. The little Kinley girl was dissatisfied and raised quite a disturbance. She was homesick and wanted to come back to Lexington at once. She raised such a stir that the woman thought it best, for safety, to let her come home and she sent her to the station in the care of a driver. At the station the girl was identified by officers who were seeking for her and soon both of the girls were in the hands of the officers, waiting to be carried back to their parents at Lexington. Both Mr. Kinley and Mr. Gibbs went to Charlotte at once and efforts were made there to locate the slippery couple, but to no avail. Both escaped.

From the stories of the girls it appeared that the woman and her companion intended to take them to Jacksonville, Fla., and were preparing to make their getaway when the Charlotte officers butted in. If they had managed to get out of Charlotte with their prey, it is hardly probable that the girls would have been soon recovered.

The girls are mere children. The little Gibbs girl will not be 14 until next November, although she looks to be the older of the two. The Kinley girl is just past 14 and both are unusually pretty and well-behaved. They seem very quiet and obedient and it is thought that they could have known anything that they could have known about the horrible fate that was evidently intended for them.

After the disappearance of the couple in Charlotte nothing was heard of them for some time. The woman sent her small boy here to her mother shortly after the rescue of the girls but did not come herself. Last week she turned up here and the officers watched her every move for several days.

Saturday night Officer Welch, who did especially fine work on the case, got word that she was packing her trunks preparatory to leaving Lexington. He went to the station and found that she had purchased a ticket to Danville, Va., and had checked her trunks to that city. He spotted her in the conductor's car and called up town and called up the chief of police in Danville, Va. To him he described minutely the man wanted and the woman and when she arrived in that city two plain clothes men were on the job. They located the woman Sunday morning at about one o'clock and so notified Mr. Welch. He left on an early train for Danville and returned with his prisoner on No. 35 Sunday night. Noel did not object to coming back, though he might have stood the officer off until he could have gotten a reputation for himself. These could have been obtained with but little delay and the result would have been the same.

APPROPRIATION FOR HIGHWAY.

County Commissioners Set Aside \$1,400 For the Building of the Great Central Highway.

The county commissioners Monday unanimously appropriated fifty dollars per mile for the building of the Great Central Highway through Davidson county. Running from the Guilford county line to the river, the road will pass through Thomasville, Lexington and Linwood traveling 4 townships, a distance of 28 miles. The amount set aside for the work was \$1,400. This will be supplemented by township funds and individual contributions. Boone township announced that it had already raised \$1,000 for the work and that the Piedmont Bridge Company will give \$500. Tyro township sent representatives to say that that township will raise a dollar for every dollar that the county will give and Thomasville, Boone and Lexington will follow suit. This means that the road will be built.

Mr. H. Clay Grubb made a short speech to the board of commissioners and told something of the wonderful progress being made in Boone, where a special tax was voted a few weeks ago. This tax will raise a road fund of \$1000 to \$1200. Mr. Walter G. Fitzgerald, ex-county treasurer, spoke for the people of Thomasville, who were on hand in force. They came in three big touring cars and were very much in earnest. Among them were: W. G. Fitzgerald, E. Meredith, D. L. Cecil, W. S. Cecil, S. E. Payne, J. A. Burton, W. M. Newby, L. H. Hillon, C. M. Hoover, B. F. W. Bryant, J. W. Lambeth, J. W. Peacock, R. L. Lambeth, F. S. Lambeth and others. Boone township was represented by H. C. Grubb, John B. Dalley, William Snider and others and Lexington township by J. T. Hedrick, F. D. Conrad, W. Lee Harbin, G. W. Montcastle, F. C. Robbins and a number of others. Tyro township also had a number of representatives on hand.

It was announced that Mr. C. M. Miller, of Salisbury, had been secured as road engineer and he will have charge of laying out and building the road through the county. He is expected to begin work at once.

THE ROUTE THROUGH DAVIDSON.

Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, state geologist, yesterday filed his report as to the location of the Central Highway throughout its entire length. As to the Davidson county section of it he says: The route from Greensboro to Salisbury will be via Jamestown, High Point, Thomasville, Lexington, Spencer to Salisbury, following the route of the National Highway, provided that the road is put in the condition required by the trustees of the Central Highway within the time limit. In Guilford county, from Greensboro to the Davidson county line, the road is very good with the exception of a quarter of a mile on each side of High Point, where the road has not been improved. These two stretches of road are within the incorporated limits of High Point, and it is necessary that this city should put these two pieces of road in good condition if the National Highway is to be kept up to the standard desired.

The route across Davidson county, with the exception of a small amount of good road in Thomasville township and in Lexington township, is very bad, there being many very steep grades and heavy, rocky portions of the road. A part of the road will have to be re-located in order to avoid these steep grades, but this can be done at a minimum cost of road construction and there will be but little rock to blast. If this work is taken hold of at once, there is no reason why the road should not be graded by October 1st, although it may take somewhat longer before it can be surfaced.

Business News Notes.

With W. F. Lopp, the merchant, offering cut prices on shoes, straw hats and skirts, the time for the bargain seekers has arrived. He is offering \$4 shoes \$3 and a big lot of ladies' children's shoes at cost. See his ad elsewhere.

Shepard & Son, ladies outfitters, always squarely up with the procession, or a little ahead of it, are showing some advance fall styles of black fine and coarse weave Pacific Fashions and Altona velvets—see their ad.

H. Harris & Bro., live High Point merchants, have a big ad in this issue telling of a special sale—the first in their history—which is to begin Friday and last for thirty days. This progressive firm is preparing to build a larger store and to greatly enlarge their business. Their stock will be materially increased and to make room for it they are forced to get rid of some of their old stock. This will be sold at prices unusually low. The store will be closed tomorrow and next day so that the stock may be properly arranged and marked.

Family Re-Union at Mrs. Elizabeth Miller's.

There was a most enjoyable family reunion Sunday at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Miller in Reedy Creek township. Mrs. D. K. Cecil, of Lexington; Mrs. J. R. Caudle, of Greensboro; Mrs. C. A. Wood, of Lexington; Mrs. S. and Mr. Isak Miller, of route 4, children of Mrs. Miller, were present and in addition to these more than eighty grand-children, great-grand-children and other relatives were there and a most enjoyable day was spent. A great dinner was spread out doors under the trees and everybody had a delightful time. Mrs. Miller is in her 84th year and enjoys splendid health and vitality for one of her age.

Mr. Walter G. Finch spent Sunday at his old home near here, leaving for Raleigh Monday night for Washington, D. C. He has recently been transferred from Vicksburg, Miss., to the U. S. Engineers' office at Washington.

UP TO LEXINGTON.

Corporation Commission Makes Rail—Not Probable That City Will Build Approaches.

Corporation Commissioners McNeill and Lee were here a short time ago looking into the matter of an overhead crossing for the Cotton Grove and Linwood crossing of the Southern. They heard complaints from various citizens and returned to Raleigh. The result of the hearing was given at the present dangerous grade crossing at the present Raleigh last week in the following: "As a result of the hearing that Commissioners McNeill and Lee gave at Lexington two weeks ago, the Corporation Commission today issued a statement to the effect that if the town of Lexington will provide the proper approaches for a new railroad crossing at Lexington for the Cotton Grove road the commission will then order the Southern Railway to put in the necessary bridge and other approaches on its right of way in order that the present dangerous grade crossing can be abolished. Until the town of Lexington takes the initiative in providing the approaches to the right of way indicated, the commission insists that it cannot make an order against the railroad company."

A prominent member of the board of aldermen is authority for the statement that the town of Lexington will not take the initiative and will not construct approaches to the much needed bridge. He takes the position that the railroad, when it double tracked four years ago and changed the grade, made the bridge necessary and should build the bridge and approaches too, as the town had nothing to do with making the crossing dangerous to the traveling public.

Masonic Officers.

The following new officers of Lexington Lodge No. 478, A. F. & A. M., were installed by Past Master J. H. Alexander last Wednesday night: L. V. Phillips, W. M.; P. E. Peacock, S. W.; J. F. Barr, J. W.; L. J. Peacock, treasurer; H. B. Hutchison, secretary; D. F. Conrad, S. D.; E. M. Bender, J. D.; T. H. Lamb and G. W. Miller, stewards; W. N. Kinney, tyler.

Thirty Mills Close in Gaston.

Gastonia dispatch, 1st: Thirty or more spinning mills in Gaston county will be closed for the next ten days, or two weeks, and as consequence many thousands of mill operatives will be idle for that period. This number represents 75 per cent or more of the spinning mills and even larger percentage of spindles in this county. Those mills which use their own yarn in manufacturing will not close down, though it is a fact that a few of the mills included in this number are affected by the shortage of power caused by low water on the Catawba and a consequent shortage in electric power available.

Another Darling Held Up.

An associated press dispatch from Erie, Pa., Saturday, carried the following very interesting story: A fast mail and passenger train on the Philadelphia and Erie railroad was held up tonight five miles from this city by a band of a dozen masked men. The mail and express cars were rifled, and three of the crew, C. H. Block, of Erie, mail clerk and H. D. Rooney, of Erie, conductor, were injured. D. Bennett was shot in the arm. Block was shot in the right side and was taken to a hospital in a dying condition. Rooney received serious injuries when he was hit by a stone thrown by one of the robbers.

Forty-Two Million Pounds.

A dispatch from Winston-Salem states: The fiscal year of the United States internal revenue office here ended today and reports showed that \$4,484,859 pounds were collected in shipments by manufacturers during the period, the sale of revenue stamps therefor yielding the government \$3,394,788.76, an increase over the former year.

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The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Brinkley of Arnold, died early Monday morning of infantile paralysis. The little sufferer was ill only a few days but no hope was entertained for his recovery. The sorrows over the death of the dear little child of very many friends. Funeral services were held from Beulah Reformed church, Arnold, Tuesday morning by Dr. J. C. Leonard, and the body was buried in the grave-yard at that place.

Mrs. Leota Welch Harris died June 30th at the home of her brother-in-law, Mr. W. F. Harris, on Center street, after an illness of the great width of her many friends. Three months ago she was married to Mr. Thomas Harris, who in this short time is left to sorrow over this great loss. Mrs. Harris was a member of the Second Reformed church. The funeral was conducted Saturday afternoon by Dr. Leonard, assisted by Mr. Jacob A. Palmer, and burial was made in the city cemetery.

Mr. A. Grier Hunter was born August 7, 1831 and died June 29, 1911, at the age of 80 years 10 months and 22 days. He spent the earlier years of his life in Mecklenburg county, but several years ago moved to Lexington. He was for many years a member of the First Reformed church, but united with the First Reformed church of Lexington after coming here, in whose fellowship he continued faithfully until death. Mr. Hunter enlisted in the Confederate service when the first call for volunteers was made, and served honorably throughout the war in a corps of the local camp of Confederate veterans attended the funeral which was held last Friday morning from the home on Center street, conducted by the pastor of the First church, Dr. Leonard. Eight children and the widow survive the deceased. Mr. E. M. Hunter, the well known local merchant, is the oldest son. Interment was made in the Lexington cemetery.

Miss Ola Horney spent Sunday in High Point with her parents.

TO GET READY FOR FAIR.

Meeting of Agricultural Association—Board of Trade and Other Interested Parties.

The agricultural fair and home coming week held last year under the auspices of the Davidson County Agricultural Association, was a success in every particular. A few people expected it to make as big a stir as it did and everybody was delighted. Hundreds of folks "came home" from other counties and other states and the town and county realized great benefit from it.

This year it is proposed to make the fair bigger and better than last year. The exhibits will be bigger and better than ever before. The prizes will be bigger and better than before and the whole show will be well worth while. The state of North Carolina will give this year \$300 in prizes—cash—instead of \$50 as it did last year. The merchants have expressed a willingness to come across handsomely and every manufacturer in the city will do his part.

Last year there were many incredulous persons in the county. Scores of good farmers came to the fair expecting to see a "bum show" and they did not care to enter any of their products. What they saw when they got here astonished them. There was more than one sore in the lot. Many promised themselves that next year they would show stuff that would take the shine off of the display of Smith and Brown and Jones. They will have the opportunity this fall of making good.

To have a successful fair it is necessary that steps be taken at once to get things in shape. A date must be set for the event and committees named to have things in charge. This year the Lexington Board of Trade announces that it will take even more interest in the fair than it did last year and will co-operate with the Agricultural Association in making it the greatest fair ever held in this section.

Lighting in a Mine.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., dispatch 29th—While working 1,500 feet under ground at 1 a. m., James Conroy of Kingston was struck by lightning and so badly injured that he is not expected to recover. He did not know there was a storm until his chamber was filled with a blinding light and he was knocked senseless and badly burned. The water of lightning struck so hard as to break into air current as far as Conroy's chamber. Fortunately there was no powder or dynamite in the chamber at the time.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET.

Two Special Tax Elections Called—Assessors Paid—Other Items of Interest.

The board of county commissioners met Monday and were in session all day Monday and Tuesday, returned home Friday. In speaking of the convention Mr. Varner said: "We had a delightful meeting of the press. A number of very able addresses were made. Among them was the address of welcome by Hon. W. C. Newland and the response thereto by Mr. Joseph Daniels, of the Raleigh News and Observer. Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt read a fine paper on "State Supervision for Public Roads," Dr. W. P. Few, president of Trinity College delivered a very able address on "The Newspaper and Public Opinion." Dr. John A. Ferrell of Raleigh delivered a very interesting address on Hookworm. The oration by Mr. James P. Cook of Concord attracted considerable attention. Hon. James R. Young, State Insurance Commissioner, delivered a very interesting address on "The Press as a Feature in Reducing Fire Waste." Congressman John H. Small made a fine speech on the subject of "Intra Coastal Water Way and its Relation to Piedmont and Western North Carolina." The most interesting of the great speeches was delivered by Dr. W. L. Poteat, president of Wake Forest on "The Liberty of the Press." President Shipman and his co-workers made the convention at Lenoir one of the best in the history of this association. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, J. J. Farris, High Point; 1st Vice President, James H. Caine, Asheville; 2nd Vice President, H. C. Martin, Lenoir; Secretary & Treasurer, John B. Sherrill, Concord.

The following were appointed road trustees for Boone township: James Bell, W. J. Whitener, William Salder, Walter Wilson, W. D. Barnes.

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Mr. H. B. Varner, who attended the North Carolina Press Association at Lenoir the 27th and 28th, returned home Friday. In speaking of the convention Mr. Varner said: "We had a delightful meeting of the press. A number of very able addresses were made. Among them was the address of welcome by Hon. W. C. Newland and the response thereto by Mr. Joseph Daniels, of the Raleigh News and Observer. Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt read a fine paper on "State Supervision for Public Roads," Dr. W. P. Few, president of Trinity College delivered a very able address on "The Newspaper and Public Opinion." Dr. John A. Ferrell of Raleigh delivered a very interesting address on Hookworm. The oration by Mr. James P. Cook of Concord attracted considerable attention. Hon. James R. Young, State Insurance Commissioner, delivered a very interesting address on "The Press as a Feature in Reducing Fire Waste." Congressman John H. Small made a fine speech on the subject of "Intra Coastal Water Way and its Relation to Piedmont and Western North Carolina." The most interesting of the great speeches was delivered by Dr. W. L. Poteat, president of