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NOELLS BOUND OVER TO COURT.

"Probable Cause" Against the Abductors of Lexington Children is Easily Shown.

The sensational abduction case was tried before Mayor J. H. Moyer Monday afternoon before a packed house. The interest in the case was unusual and when it began the court house was full of the best citizens of the city, including some of the ministers. Noel and his wife, the defendants, were self-possessed and seemingly confident of acquittal. They were represented by General Waiser, who defended them as if the case were being tried in the court of the last resort and not before a committing magistrate. He used all of his skill and conducted a really brilliant defense. The interests of the state were in the hands of Mr. John C. Bower and Solicitor Hammer could not have conducted the case more effectively. The first witness for the state was Mr. H. E. Gibbs, father of Clara Belle Gibbs, one of the abducted girls. He testified as to her age, saying that she was born in 1897 and would be fourteen next November. He said that she was away from home when the girl left and that he did not give his consent for her going. When he found that she was gone, he came up town and telegraphed to Charlotte to have Noel arrested and he went to Charlotte next morning. He said that the finding of the Kinley girl, and the going to the station, and the subsequent discovery of his daughter.

Clara Gibbs was the next witness and she made a good one. She was more than a match for the veteran Attorney Waiser. He said that it is impossible to trap her anywhere. She told of meeting the Noells and their repeated efforts to get her to leave home and go with them to Charlotte. She said that Mrs. Noel, whose maiden name was Jamie Wolf, told her that if she would go with them they would give her plenty of money, nice clothes and a good time, without any work. When she told them that she would not leave and that her father would object, they told her that her father would know nothing about it and that she had to do as was told to meet them at the station and a ticket would be provided. She was to have plenty of clothes when she got to Charlotte.

After much urging she consented to go and met Noel and his wife on the evening of May 18th and took the train to Charlotte, leaving here on No. 35. Noel left the train in Salisbury but went on to Charlotte later in the night. She and Virgie Kinley were placed in the same room to sleep and neither of them slept about a word. Virgie cried to go home and she cried too. In the morning Virgie raised such a disturbance about going home that the couple decided to send her home and Clara begged to go too. Virgie was warned not to say anything about Clara and Noel told her that if she would go to the station she would cost a dollar and a quarter to send her a post card.

When General Waiser asked her why she did not flee from the house in Charlotte, Clara made a most convincing answer. She had been carried there in the night, she knew not the way to the station and she had no money. In answer to another question she raised a big laugh in the court house by her absolute certainty of being put off the train if she boarded it without money. When General Waiser sought to make it appear that her father had beat her several times, she informed him that her father didn't give her more than she needed and probably not as much. Questioned as to certain statements she had made that she was going to Charlotte to get married to Arthur Campbell, she said that she was just joking about that.

When Kinley the other abducted child, was not allowed to go far with her testimony. She is the daughter of W. R. Kinley and is just past fourteen and did not therefore, come under the statute. She went to Charlotte on No. 35 with Clara and corroborated her statements as to many facts and told Clara begging to be allowed to come home and of the threat to carry her so far away that it would be a costly proposition to send a postal to her.

The state rested here and the defense put on a number of witnesses. There was abundant evidence that Clara Belle Gibbs was disseminated at home and that her father had beaten her several times, unmercifully. One witness testified that Clara said that she was going to run away and get married and that the first fool that offered to pay her way she was going with him.

Mrs. Noel then took the stand and told a tale completely exonerating herself and making it appear that she was an angel of mercy. She said that Clara came to her crying, telling of the cruelty of her father and of her desire to get away from him. She also approached her and her husband with the same tale and he offered her sympathy and told her that he did not blame her for wanting to leave. She said that she did not try to conceal the girls and made no attempt to keep them at her house in Charlotte. She said that one of them was going to Charlotte to get married and the other to go on the stage. Her house was located on South Myers street, not a disreputable end of town and General Waiser managed to testify that it was an eminently respectable section.

JOY RIDERS COME TO GRIEF.

Big Machine Shies at Traction Engine and Goes into Ditch—Six Autolists Injured.

In a big "Winton Six" six South Carolinians passed through Lexington Thursday evening going north over the National Highway. There were seven in the car counting the negro chauffeur and the whole party was in a distinctly hilarious mood, not to say drunk. An hour after they passed through the city they began to trickie back into town, one or two in automobiles and others in buggies and the hilarity had gone out of their faces and the joy from their hearts. They were bruised and battered and their groans were not hushed.

They had met with disaster. Just north of the city while coasting down a smooth hill at a suicidal rate of speed, they encountered a big traction engine drawing a threshing outfit. Right at the foot of the hill there is a sharp curve and it was at that curve that it happened. The engine suddenly roared its nose out from behind the bushes and snorted at the oncoming monster of speed, but it was too late. To avoid a head on collision the negro chauffeur swung his car toward the side of the road and it crashed over, smashing every bone in the party and sending the machine into a ditch. A man was killed and another man was injured. The car was a Winton Six, and it was called on to bear the shock. Every member of the party was caught under the wrecked car and securely pinned down. The crew of the threshing came to the rescue and lifted the big machine from the prostrate men.

According to the crew of the threshing and others who saw the joy riders as they dashed down the hill, the speed of the great machine was most inconceivable. One man declared that he believed that the machine was going at the rate of 50 miles an hour. The negro chauffeur frankly said that he had no idea how fast they were going and a member of the party admitted that the speed was 30 miles an hour. Some of the party were inclined to blame it all on the negro, but others took it philosophically, as if it were a part of the price that they had to pay for their folly.

The negro said that it was not his fault. He said that a bolt had been lost out of the brake mechanism and that he could not hold the machine on the down grade. He said that he lost the bolt somewhere down the grade, before he reached Lexington, and that when he got here he suggested that they stop and have it repaired. His passengers demurred to it and insisted that they go on and "take a chance" and against his wishes, he pushed on through. According to his story.

In the party were Captain Skipper, owner of the car and a prominent mill man of Lancaster, S. C.; Ben Funderberg, Frank W. Hunter, Luther Still and Mr. Moore, of Lancaster, S. C.; Dr. Brown, of Rock Hill, S. C. They were all able to leave for their South Carolina homes Friday afternoon, but were not allowed to go without settling with the authorities at Spencer, for having willfully and maliciously frustrated every speed law on the statute book while passing through that progressive city. A Spencer policeman came over, looked the gentlemen up and down and declared that they were the very ones he wanted. He did not attempt to make any arrest here, but said that the party had to get off the train when it got to Spencer. After some difficulty in securing some one to stand good for the amount wanted, in case his check was no good, one of the party paid the bill—\$57.50, and the motorists, sadder, sorer and wiser, left for South Carolina.

ARRANGING FOR THE FAIR.

Big Event Will be Pulled Off November 8, 10—Some of the Features Planned.

The Davidson County Agricultural Association and the Lexington Board of Trade held an interesting meeting Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. C. Palmer in order to discuss the details for the Davidson County Fair. The attendance was not large but it was enthusiastic and the plans arranged for will, if carried out properly, result in one of the biggest events that ever happened in this section.

The meeting was called to order by President Wilson, who made a little speech in which he reviewed farming conditions at the present and declared that he was still hopeful over the outlook. Corn is looking good in spite of the present discussion of crop conditions and many sections of the county have had good rains and if there is a rain within a week, the crops will be all right.

Following his short speech the talk became general and there was an interesting discussion of crop conditions and other matters and attention was finally switched to the coming fair. It was announced that the state of North Carolina had promised for the Davidson County Fair the sum of \$250. This would be the people here raise a similar amount, which would be in cash prizes. This amount is readily assured. The people of Lexington and Davidson county will raise more than \$250, if necessary, and the prize list will be a formidable one. The state needs about \$200 of the appropriation to go to town and in a short time Dr. E. J. Buchanan and Dr. Chas. M. Clodfelter, were on the scene. Dr. Buchanan said that the scene had many of the aspects of a battle field. On every side the wounded were stretched out, some of them crying and all groaning. One man, still dazed by the shock, was praying to beat the band. The physicians gave them such treatment as they could on the ground and bundled them into buggies, automobiles, etc.

The party decided to hold the fair on November 8th, 9th and 10th. But for the fact that the women of the county week, the fair would have been held a week later, so that the schools would have had more time in which to get ready for the event, but it is believed that the dates named will give general satisfaction. Home Coming Week will be observed from the 11th inclusive and the "big days" will be as follows:

November 8th, Bankers, Merchants and Manufacturers' Day.
November 9th, Educational Day.
November 10th, Farmers' Day.
A number of prominent men will be invited. Invitations have already been sent to Dr. J. Y. Joyner, state superintendent of public instruction, and a number of other prominent men in the state. Representative Page and Senators Sikes and Overman have been instructed to invite President Taft to deliver the main address of the occasion and these gentlemen may be depended on to do what they can toward securing him.

It was pointed out that the fair this year is to be no "one man business." It is for everybody and everybody is expected to get out and help make it a success. The interest this year must be more general than it was last year and one speaker declared that of the \$50 offered last year by the state to the women not a cent went to a woman living south of the Southern railroad. He said that the women of the southern end of the county know as much about domestic science as the women of the upper end and can make as fine a showing.

OFFICERS ELECTED.
The matter of electing officers of the Davidson County Fair was taken up and the following were chosen: Mr. H. B. Varner, president; Mr. Z. L. Waiser, secretary; Mr. J. F. Sprull, assistant secretary; Mr. J. Tilden Hedrick, treasurer. The following were named as directors: Mr. J. D. Grimes, of Lexington; Mr. W. C. S. Griggs, of Thomasville; Mr. F. D. N. 2; Mr. L. E. Ripple, of Lexington; Mr. D. No. 4; Rev. J. F. Deal, of Holly Grove.

On motion the officers were also made directors of the fair and members of the executive committee of the Davidson County Agricultural Association for the various townships, were made township directors of the fair. The township directors are as follows: John D. Grimes, Lexington; H. J. Conrad, Thomasville; R. J. Groves, Palmer; Silver Hill; F. M. Sikes, Lexington; R. 6; R. K. Williams, Lexington; R. 3; J. Wesley Waiser, Lexington; R. 3; H. M. Sken, Denton; R. 1; C. L. Badgett, Jackson Hill; P. E. Wheeler, Wallburg; R. 1; C. A. Davis, Kernersville; R. 1; J. M. Swing, Lexington; R. 2; Frank Hudson, Clemmons; R. 2; W. S. Anderson, Silver Hill; R. 1; J. L. Doby, Jackson Hill; John S. Hege, Lexington; R. 4; L. E. Ripple, Lexington; R. 4.

GREAT MID-SUMMER FAIR.

Ladies Aid Society of First Baptist Church Are Behind Big Project—Details of Plan.

The ladies of the Pastor's Aid Society of the First Baptist church are planning a big fair to begin August 21 and it will be the biggest thing of its kind ever attempted by a church society in this state. It will be modeled after a state or county fair and nothing will be left undone to add to its attractiveness. There will be a handsome line of exhibits and many thousands of visitors will be attracted to the city.

The project has met with instant favor and approval. The plan is for exhibits to be secured from friends and philanthropic people all over the country, the exhibits donating the goods to the Society. A big building has been secured and will be fitted up properly so as to display the goods to the best advantage. There will be a dry goods department, a domestic department, a furniture department, a hardware department, a grocery department, a notion department and a floral department. The goods offered will be on display for a week.

In a statement outlining the advantages to the exhibitor from this fair, the Society says:

"Every contributor's name, business, and place of business will be advertised for at least three weeks in The Dispatch, Lexington, N. C., which has the largest circulation of any local weekly in the United States, going as far as the States and more than 10,000 of the best and most prosperous people in this section of the south. And a large placard containing the name or firm of each contributor will be placed in the booth just over the articles contributed. This will afford the very best line of advertising for our friends who help us, as the fair will be visited by thousands of our representative citizens from the town and country."

Refreshments will be served daily and there will be musical entertainments during the week. An effort will be made to secure several attractive lecturers and their names will be announced later.

Those who would help along this good work should see or write to Mrs. H. S. Ripple, president of the Ladies Aid Society, at all invoice and shipments should be made to Rev. John T. Jenkins, pastor of the church.

The following are the committees in charge of the various departments: Domestic Committee—Miss Eliza Hill, Mrs. P. S. Vann, Mrs. B. F. Lee, Mrs. D. L. Owen, Mrs. Minnie Sink.

Hardware Committee—Mrs. J. K. Hankins, Mrs. Mary Yarbro, Miss A. L. Owen, Miss Alline Trice, Miss Nora Hendon.

Furniture Committee—Mrs. L. F. Barr, Mrs. D. F. Conrad, Mrs. W. J. Lancaster, Miss Mabel Tucker.

THE CONTEST IS UNDER WAY.

Most Progressive Farmers of the County Are in the Men's Corn Contest for 1911.

The men's corn contest is starting off well. The number of entries this year exceeds that of last year and the interest is greater, especially in Lexington, Silver Hill, Tyrone and Emmons townships. The prize list is also growing very rapidly and will be even more attractive than last year. Another feature of the contest that will please everybody is the announcement that there will be a more equal distribution of the prizes this year and more people will have chances at prizes. Last year too much was offered to the man who led the county. This year the man who stands second, third, fourth and so on down the line, will stand a show to win something worth while.

The following is a complete list of the entries to date:

Lexington Township—Lawrence A. Everhart, R. 1; W. T. Everhart, R. 2; Isaac G. Yarbrough, R. 6; S. F. Clodfelter, R. 3; J. S. Sink, R. 1; A. L. Yarbrough, R. 6; F. A. Wilson, R. 4; C. C. Tussey, R. 4; P. D. Finch; C. A. Leonard, R. 1; John Ham Leonard, R. 4; A. Yarbrough, R. 6; J. C. Leonard, R. 1.

Silver Hill Township—M. W. Tyndler, R. 3; J. H. Beck, R. 6; J. H. Beck, R. 2; J. D. Beck, R. 2; W. J. Beck, R. 6; Crawford Lee Swing, R. 6; G. C. Palmer, Silver Hill R. 1.

Tyrone Township—James A. Myers, Lexington, R. 3; H. L. Leonard, R. 3; Arthur L. Leonard, R. 3.

Emmons Township—Edgar R. Garner, Denton; John Sken, Denton; W. Cockraham, Cid; J. W. Frank, Denton, R. 1; J. R. Crouse, Cid; D. A. Leach, Denton, R. 1; E. G. Leach, Denton, R. 1.

Yadkin College Township—C. A. Waiser, Lexington, R. 3; J. W. Waiser, R. 2; J. E. Snider, R. 3.

Thomasville Township—J. E. Meredith, Thomasville, R. 2; H. J. Conrad, R. 1; Crawford Conrad, R. 1.

Conrad Hill Township—W. A. Beck, Lexington, R. 2; C. A. Swing, R. 2; M. M. Swing, R. 2.

Cotton Grove Township—Marcellus Gallimore, Lexington, R. 6.

Arcadia Township—L. E. Ripple, Lexington, R. 4.

FARMERS UNION IN SESSION.

Endorses Demonstration Work—Names Delegates to the State Meeting in Salisbury.

The Davidson County Farmers' Union met Saturday at 10 o'clock in the county court house and held an important session. The Union went on record as favoring the demonstration work that has been done in the county during the past year under the supervision of Mr. W. C. Wilson, county demonstrator, and asked that it be continued. The union passed unanimously the following resolution:

"Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Davidson County Farmers' Union that the Demonstration work that is now being conducted in this county in co-operation with the United States Agricultural Department is of great benefit to our agricultural classes, which is the foundation of all our prosperity."

"We hereby urge our Honorable Board of County Commissioners to continue the appropriation for this great educational work in Davidson county."

The work has met with favor in Davidson county and has already been worth thousands of dollars to the farmers. What it will do in the future can only be guessed at. To keep it up it will be necessary for our great county commissioners to appropriate \$40 per month to pay half of the salary of the demonstrator.

A number of important matters were taken up, discussed and acted on, one of them being the question of establishing a cooperative store somewhere in the county. A number have subscribed for stock in the enterprise and all who are interested are asked to meet in Lexington July 22 to take final action of the matter. Only members of the union will be allowed to take stock.

The following gentlemen were elected delegates to the state meeting of the union at Salisbury, which is to be held July 26 and 27: Messrs. C. C. Weaver, of Arcadia; J. M. Easter, of Liberty; M. M. Swing, of Holly Grove; J. E. Meredith, of Thomasville.

More Pay for Rural Carriers.
The 40,000,000 rural free delivery carriers in the United States are to receive salary increases as a result of an order issued Saturday by Postmaster General Hitchcock. The order provides for the disbursement during the current fiscal year of \$4,000,000, which means an average of \$100 over the present salary of \$900 for all carriers on standard routes, with proportionate increases in shorter routes.

Congress provided last session for the expenditure of this extra \$4,000,000 but left it to the discretion of the Postmaster General as to how much of it should be expended. Mr. Hitchcock decided to authorize the expenditure of the full amount.

His desire to compensate the carriers for any additional burden which may be placed on them if the parcel post system is recommended for rural routes is approved by congress, was the important consideration, Mr. Hitchcock declared Saturday, which led him to make the authorization.

The rural delivery system was started fifteen years ago when 53 carriers were paid only \$200 a year. On July 1 there were now 41,562 carriers, their aggregate salaries being \$35,793,000.

Sawmill Destroyed by Fire.
Fayetteville dispatch 8.—The sawmill plant of the Racoarda Lumber company at Lane, 13 miles north of this city, was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. The plant is situated near the line of the Raleigh and Southport railway and the fire being discovered just after the passing of a southbound, Raleigh and Southport train the owners of the mill claim that sparks from the railway engine started the flames.

MATTERS OF LOCAL INTEREST.

Interesting Letter From Washington—The High Standing of Representative Page.

The Washington correspondent of the Greensboro News Friday sent his paper the following letter which will interest many in this section:

"When a delegation of Wilkes county citizens were in Washington last week they assured Representative R. N. Page that he would get the 32 votes which will be cast at the next convention. They told the popular North Carolinian that Wilkes would like to give him more, but as 32 was all that she was allowed by law they would have to be satisfied with that number."

Mr. Page is a mighty popular man with the democratic leaders of the house. There are few conferences of importance held in the house that Mr. Page is not invited to attend. His judgment goes a long way with Champ Clark, Oscar Underwood and the others who are foremost in important matters here.

When President Taft sent his receding party to the house during the sixty-first congress, when "Uncle Joe" Cannon was speaker and the republicans had a working majority in that body, Page was sitting next to Champ Clark.

"Champ, I think we had better vote for it; it's good democratic politics," said Representative Page. And Champ Clark agreed that it was and the democrats did vote for the measure in the house as also did 24 republicans.

Mr. Page believes that not only will the Canadian pact pass the senate, but that the free list bill, which President Taft will sign all of them.

Wade H. Phillips and bride, of Lexington, are spending their honeymoon in Washington and Mr. and Mrs. Phillips were visitors at the capital today and watched the proceedings of the house and senate from the private galleries.

Representative Charles M. Stedman spent the Fourth at Atlanta City with Mrs. Stedman and his daughter and little grandchild.

Herbert Sink, private secretary to Congressman Page, returned from his home at Lexington, today.

SIMMONS PLEASED WITH STATE'S PROGRESS.
The Charlotte Observer's Washington correspondent had the following story Friday:

Senator Simmons returned today from Winston-Salem, where he had addressed the convention of rural letter carriers and was paid the gratifying compliment of having his bill for federal aid in building good roads endorsed by the carriers by a rising vote.

"I was delighted at the meeting and the splendid reception given me," said. "Especially was I pleased with the endorsement given my bill."

The address of Senator Simmons was directed along the line of really opening the eyes of the people of the state to just how much they are receiving from the federal government in the shape of appropriations for waterway improvements, for promoting the navigability of streams and conserving the valuable water-power of the state, for the maintenance of the rural free delivery service and for the acquiring of forest reserves in the Appalachian range.

"We have had many handicaps to overcome" he said. "There was the handicap of emigration from the state, and after that was overcome, there was the handicap of neglect of the state, and after that was overcome, and after that, there was the handicap of the state, having removed these several handicaps, the state has moved forward more rapidly in the past ten years than ever before in her history."

The passage of the Weeks bill, making available \$5,000,000 to be expended in the next four years for the acquisition of land on the watersheds of streams, was adverted to by Senator Simmons as being coming much for the good of the state, for the acquisition of the rural free delivery service to the streams and as a pleasure ground for the people.

He referred to the enormous sums now being spent by the government to improve and develop the eastern waterway system.

Coming to the discussion of highway improvement, he said more has been spent by the state of North Carolina in the past seven years for good roads than in any score of years in her history. He insisted that the time had now come for the government to assist in the improvement and maintenance of the highways over which the rural delivery carrier must travel in carrying the United States mails.

Senator Simmons said he was enlisted in the last-named campaign with all the vigor that was in him and expected to stay in the fight until the crusade had been carried to success and until the federal government co-operates with the various states of the Union in helping to gridiron the nation with splendidly-paved highways.

Senators Will Hurry Up.

Washington, dispatch, 7th. A more general sentiment for expeditious action on Canadian reciprocity, wool revision and the free list senate is apparent in the superheated senate chamber. An informal discussion among the senators indicated that the senate may be brought to an end within ten days, and that when the reciprocity bill is passed that the democrats will be willing to vote on the wool and free list bills without an extended debate and will adjourn almost immediately.

The insurgent republicans are still holding the Washington system hostile for observation. Dr. D. Percy Hickling, chief consulting physician at the hospital, expressed the belief that most of the patients will recover.

W. G. Peery, the "One Price Store," offers this week some real bargains in men's pants. See his ad. His reduction sale is still on and money may be saved on a number of things you need.

There is a big ad on page three, telling of a land sale in Thomasville. The Chair City is growing by leaps and bounds now and money put in Thomasville dirt will pay big dividends.

A. H. Hinkle, the Shoe Man, has an unusual special offer in this issue. Hunt it up.

Shepard & Son make a reasonable announcement in their ad this week. Read what they have to say about summer comforts.

The J. P. Ward Company is offering their tremendous stock to the buying public at cut prices. They have on a big reduction sale.