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#### MRS. NOELL'S CASE TODAY.

She is to have hearing in Salisbury—Attorneys Agree to Removal of the Case.

Mrs. Charles Noell, formerly Jamie Wolf, is to be tried today in Salisbury for the abduction of Clara Belle Gibbes, the crime for which her husband, Charles Noell, was tried and convicted and sentenced to fifteen years in the state prison at hard labor.

The woman was arrested in Spartanburg, S. C., last week and Deputy Sheriff Fred C. Slink went to that city for her Tuesday of last week. She did not object to coming with the officer and made no fight. They arrived here Wednesday at noon and when court convened at 2:00 o'clock she was arraigned before Judge Daniel.

Apparently, she was in the best of health and spirits, and she has as much nerve as ever. General Waiser, her attorney, at once asked for a continuance, on the grounds that the people of the county were very much roused and that she could not get a fair trial here at this time. He mentioned the fact that The Dispatch had just gone out to every part of the county, carrying full details of the crime and editorial condemnation of the criminals and that he did not believe that it would be possible to find a competent jury in the county that could give the woman a fair trial. He spoke of the extraordinary circulation of The Dispatch, saying that it was unequalled by any paper of its class in the United States. He told the judge that there was hardly a family in the county that does not read The Dispatch, a statement that is evidently pleased Judge Daniels. The judge remarked that that was a fine record for Davidson county.

Capt. Wade H. Phillips, who with his partner, Mr. John C. Bower, aided Solicitor Hammer in the prosecution of the woman's male partner in crime, protested against continuance and asked that the case be set for last Friday. He said that he did not believe that it would be impossible to get a fair trial in Davidson county even though the people had read The Dispatch. He gave a number of reasons why the woman should be brought to trial, saying that the welfare of the public demanded action.

General Waiser came back with the plea that the woman was entitled to a fair trial and the best services of her lawyers and that he would not be in shape to give the case the attention it should have, owing to the fact that he would be engaged in court every day of last week. Judge Daniels said that he thought more of that plea than of the other, as he did not believe for a minute that the citizens of Davidson county could not give the woman a fair trial. He said that she was entitled to the best efforts of her lawyers and that it might not be fair to force her attorneys to trial on such short notice. Captain Phillips suggested that the case be removed to Rowan county and set for Wednesday of the first week of court, thus giving General Waiser time to prepare her defense, and this met with favor. Judge Daniels set the case for today, in Rowan county, and prisoner, attorneys and witnesses went over to Salisbury this morning for the trial.

#### Tate Held on Other Charges.

Rev. D. P. Tate, who was bound over to court on several charges some time ago, was given a hearing on other charges Saturday, according to the following dispatch from Danville, Va.: Rev. D. P. Tate, the former member of the Western North Carolina conference, real estate and insurance man, arrested recently in Knoxville, Tenn., on several charges of forgery, was given a preliminary hearing before the mayor today. In one case he was bound over to Corporation court. This is a case of alleged forgery in a real estate transaction with Mittle Holland, a negro woman, involving property on Dexter street, estimated to be worth \$750. Tate is alleged to have got the money on a note for \$1,150. The woman claimed that she did not sign the deed or note. Of the nine charges against Tate, he has been bound over to court on two different cases. Representing the defendant today were Judge Shaw, of Greensboro and R. W. Peatross.

#### An Appreciation by the Ladies Aid Society.

We are pleased to announce that by the hearty support and patronage of our many friends, we realized about seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750) from our fair. It was a great success in every way and we are sincerely grateful for the many favors shown us.

To the merchants, manufacturers, other business men and private citizens, we extend our hearty appreciation.

To The Dispatch, we beg to say that our vocabulary is inadequate to express our gratitude. Without its columns we could not possibly have had such success.

The public will be interested to learn that the object of our fair was to raise funds to purchase a carpet for our handsome church, now almost completed and we are pleased beyond expression that we can soon have the carpet on the floor and the church ready for services.

#### LADIES' AID SOCIETY, First Baptist Church.

Internal revenue officers in search of illicit distillers have discovered that a new weapon is being used to discourage their investigations. It was admitted last week by two revenue officers that they had just missed stepping into a large steel trap presumably set for them by "moonshiners" in Iredell county. The officers had destroyed an illicit still recently and were pursuing their investigations Thursday night in the same neighborhood when one of them happened to see the trap just in time to avoid their being caught in it.

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

Yanny Carrick, Colored, Gets \$1,500 From Southern Power Company—Other Cases.

After the completion of the criminal docket the civil issue docket was taken up and things moved slowly. Very few cases were tried, though a number of cases went off the docket by the non suit and compromise routes. A surprise of the week was the verdict in favor of Yanny Carrick, colored, against the Southern Power Company, for \$1,200 for personal injuries. Carrick was represented by Phillips & Bower and McCrary & McCrary, and the Southern Power Company was represented by Waiser & Waiser and Judge F. A. Osborn, of Charlotte. The case was hard-fought and took up the better part of two days in the trial. Carrick was badly injured by falling into a hole in the edge of the sidewalk on Salisbury street, which the Southern Power Company had left unguarded and unmarked. There was not even a red light over it, and Carrick tumbled into it unawares. He was bruised and crippled and injured internally.

Dave Peterson, colored, who sued the town of Lexington for the loss of his hand at the electric light plant, got nothing. The jury's verdict was in favor of the town. It was shown that Dave had no business there and that it was no part of his duties to be meddling with the machinery of the plant.

Other cases were disposed of as follows:

Hedrick vs. Berrier, et al., non suit.  
Wilson vs. D. C. Cox, judgment for the plaintiff.  
Henry Headen vs. Southern Railway, non suit. This was one of the cases that was moved from Rowan county to trial.

Amanda Ingram vs. L. F. Smith, judgment for the defendant. This was a case that was carried up from the court of a justice of the peace on appeal and the amount involved was \$25.

Charles Young vs. J. B. Palmer, mistrial. It was reported that the jury stood seven for the plaintiff and five for the defendant.

Laura Lookabill, administratrix, vs. Southern Railway, non suit.  
Coppie vs. Piedmont Railway Company, judgment for the plaintiff.

R. B. McCrary vs. Western Union Telegraph Company, judgment for the plaintiff.

F. J. Cook, administratrix, vs. N. C. Railroad, judgment for the plaintiff.

F. P. Myers, administratrix, vs. N. C. Railroad, judgment for the plaintiff.

Patterson vs. Southern Railway, judgment for the plaintiff.

Amos Miller vs. Town of Lexington, an action for damages to property, judgment for the plaintiff for \$25.

A score or more of cases of minor importance were continued and the court adjourned at a late hour Saturday afternoon.

#### Ran to Fire and Fell Dead.

The Statesville Landmark says: Hyman Harrison, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Harrison, became overheated running to the fire of the Statesville Lumber Company Saturday and died from the effects.

Young Harrison was up town when the fire alarm was turned in about 11 o'clock. He ran all the way to the depot, a little over a half mile. A little boy saw Harrison run into the freight depot and fall. The boy called Dr. J. F. Carlton, who was passing. Dr. Carlton saw at once that Harrison was in a critical condition from being overheated and began trying to revive him. Other doctors were summoned and reached there in a few minutes. For nearly an hour all worked hard and fast but nothing could be done to save the boy. The opinion prevails that he was dead a few minutes after he fell and that nothing could have saved him.

#### Man Who Shot Officer Henry Has Bank Account Attached.

The money of Code Lane, who is charged with the shooting of Revenue Officer Henry and generally believed to be the man, was attached in the bank of North Wilkesboro a few days ago by J. D. Hall, Iredell, for the shooting of two horses. The Hunter says:

Code Lane sent a check to town from the mountains, but failed to change the name of the blank check of a Statesville bank to that of the North Wilkesboro bank, and hence it was sent back. Before the check was returned the second time Mr. Hall had attached the account. He had an account of several hundred dollars in the bank on returning from the West, it is said. He and his brother came in on the night train several weeks ago and stopped in Wilkesboro that night, calling on a party or parties for some information about a warrant that might be out for them. They did not get the desired information and sent to town for it after getting out on the mountain—*Twin City Sentinel.*

#### Site for New University Building.

The building committee, which went down to Chapel Hill from Durham Friday to select a site for the erection of the new educational building at the University, completed the preliminary work and returned to Durham Friday afternoon. The site selected is what is known as the Gore lot, situated near the west entrance to the campus. This lot is occupied by the residence of Professor Patterson at the present time.

The Frank P. Milburn Company, of Washington, was selected as architect for the building. The plans submitted by the Milburn company were more in accord with the ideas of the committee than any of the other plans submitted.

Work will be commenced on the new building as soon as possible and pushed to immediate completion—*Durham Sun.*

#### BANKS CONSOLIDATE.

The Bank of Davidson is Absorbed by the Commercial and Savings Bank.

A financial deal of much interest to the people of Lexington and Davidson county was consummated Friday when arrangements were completed for the combination of the Commercial & Savings Bank and the Bank of Davidson. The Commercial & Savings Bank takes over the smaller institution, thereby largely increasing its strength. There will be no change of name and the old officers will retain their places. They are: Mr. J. W. McCrary, president; Dr. E. J. Buchanan, vice president; Mr. J. F. Deaderick, cashier; Mr. E. B. Craven, manager Insurance Department.

The officers of the Bank of Davidson, which loses its identity in this deal, were: Mr. J. B. Smith, president; Messrs. J. L. Michael and C. L. Leonard, vice presidents; Mr. James Adderton, cashier; Waiser & Waiser, attorneys. Mr. Adderton becomes assistant cashier of the Commercial & Savings Bank, succeeding Mr. H. T. Link, who left seven days ago for New York to take a position in the auditing department of the City National Bank.

The Commercial & Savings Bank has been in business about five years and is a prosperous institution. It has a paid in capital stock of \$25,000. The Bank of Davidson has been in business for about two years and had a capital stock of \$10,000. Both banks were in very prosperous condition at the time of consolidation. The Commercial & Savings Bank in its five years of existence, has set aside about \$7,000 in the way of a surplus and the Bank of Davidson, on a much smaller capital had about \$1,000 in surplus.

#### Panic Brings Death to 26.

From Cannonburg, Pa., comes the following tragic story under date of August 27th:

Twenty-six died from suffocation, twenty-five seriously injured, thirty suffering from minor hurts, is the human toll exacted last night during an inexcusable panic at a moving picture show in the Cannonburg opera house. The moving picture machine developed a slight defect. A small boy shouted "Fire," at the same time starting for the narrow exit. Bolus Dubrowski, a foreign miner, one of the dead, a giant in proportions, jumped from his seat and ran wildly for the same exit. In a moment there was a fighting, struggling mass after him. At the head of a narrow stairway, which led to the street, the foreigner tripped. As he rolled down the stairs he swept others before him who were waiting their turn to enter the theater and soon there was an indescribable pile of human beings at the foot of the steps, battling like mad. With the exception of three persons all of the dead are local people.

It was all over within a short time. Volunteer firemen, several policemen and a few level-headed citizens undug the human mass. The unhurt and those slightly injured were pulled from the top of the pile. As they gained the street, they ran screaming like maniacs to all parts of the small town. Next came the more seriously injured, and these were sent home or taken to nearby houses, while a few were rushed, unconscious, to the hospitals.

Then the rescuers came to the silent forms of those who had reached the fatal stairway first. One after another, the victims, many of them women and small children, were carried to the sidewalk. All had been suffocated and the faces showed terror.

Coroner James Heffran has begun a rigid investigation. He arrived at the scene early today and within a short time had subjected to a post-mortem the moving picture machine operator who was about to conclude the first performance when a film parted. Some of the audience already had commenced to leave the building, and other persons were on the stairway coming up.

#### A Dangerous Sort of a Joke.

Thursday afternoon, just after the train had blown for Roaring River, Miss Roxie Ray, a growing young woman, stepped off of the train while it was running. She was to get off at Roaring River and when the porter called out the station, she got up, walked to the back door, and before any one realized what she was doing, she stepped off. She was thrown down and jostled pretty lively but not otherwise hurt. The conductor and a number of the passengers went back after her. She walked with them to the depot and seemed to enjoy the matter as a huge joke.—*Wilkesboro Chronicle.*

#### Church Row Ends in Death.

The following dispatch from Ashburn, Ga., dated August 26th, tells of the tragic ending of a church row: R. G. Whidden, a well-to-do farmer and a church deacon, living near Ashburn, today shot and killed J. M. Lawson, a neighbor and also a deacon, at a church on the Whidden farm, and then committed suicide. Whidden, it is stated, had quarreled with other members of the church and the pastor, the Rev. Duncan Massey, over a trivial matter, and had sworn that the pastor should not preach in the church again. Today was the regular day for services at the church. Whidden is said to have armed himself with a shotgun, proceeded to the church, where the Rev. Mr. Massey had not arrived. Seeing Lawson, Whidden opened fire on him, killing him instantly. Returning home he locked himself in a room and killed himself. Whidden was in Ashburn yesterday and bought a coffin. Several years ago he built a vault near his home to receive his body when he died.

#### INTERESTING CEREMONY.

Post Office Changes Hands and Postal Employees Give Three Hand-some Presents.

The work of checking up the retiring postmaster, Mr. J. G. Waiser, was completed Thursday and the office turned over to Mr. D. F. Conrad, Mr. J. W. Bullis, chief postoffice inspector for the southern states, officiated. As stated in The Dispatch last week Mr. Waiser has not yet decided what he will do. He says that he intends to continue a citizen of Lexington.



LEXINGTON'S NEW POSTMASTER, MR. D. F. CONRAD.

ton and it is probable that he will go into business of some sort, after he takes a short vacation. He has held the post office longer than any other man who has had the job since the civil war.

Just before the post office was turned over to Mr. D. F. Conrad there was an interesting little ceremony. When retiring postmaster Mr. J. G. Waiser arrived, he found every member of the postoffice force lined up to meet him and as he entered the room that he had been the "boss" of for ten years—clerks, carriers and all gathered around him and Mr. James H. Alexander, assistant postmaster, made a neat little speech, expressing the feelings of the boys toward the retiring postmaster and in their behalf presented a handsome gold-headed ebony cane, a fine Masonic ring and a beautiful stork pin—*The Evening Star.*

#### State Baraca-Philathes Convention in Salisbury.

The executive committee of the North Carolina Baraca Association and the State Philathes Union met in Greensboro Wednesday night, Dr. J. S. Betts, Baraca Chairman, presiding. After considering carefully and thoroughly the invitations of Durham, Asheville, Goldsboro and Salisbury, the committee unanimously voted to accept the invitation of Salisbury for the State Baraca-Philathes Convention of 1912. Salisbury is the home of the Baraca president, Mr. A. L. Snoot, who is teacher of one of the leading classes in the state—the First M. E. church—this class having organized, during the past few years, 43 other Philathes and Baraca classes.

The report of Miss Flossie A. Byrd, general secretary, showed the work to be moving forward in a very satisfactory manner. Since the convention in Greensboro last April, twenty-seven new classes (16 Philathes and 11 Baraca) have been reported to the secretary and there are no doubt others that have not reported. Everything indicates that the 1912 convention in Salisbury will be the greatest in Baraca-Philathes history.

#### Lady Asks for Law License.

Raleigh dispatch 26th: It is learned that there will be at least one lady who will present herself to the supreme court Monday to undertake the examination for license to practice law. She is Mrs. A. M. Fry of Swain county. She will be the second woman to ever apply to the North Carolina supreme court for license. The first was Miss Holton, sister of Mr. A. E. Holton, United States district attorney for the western North Carolina district. This was in 1878. It was at this time that the supreme court of the state decided that women have as much right to the license to practice law as men in this state. Miss Holton was licensed.

#### Rev. Dr. Cox Retires from Ministry.

Rev. Dr. George H. Cox, who for twenty-five years has served the different congregations of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod and the Holston synod, and is at present pastor of the St. Enoch and Trinity congregations in Rowan county, has tendered his resignation to take effect September 30. Dr. Cox will give up active ministerial work and will make his home with his son, Rev. C. Brown Cox, who was recently called and accepted the pastorate to the Burlington church to the First Lutheran church at Norfolk, Va. Dr. Cox has served several terms as president of the North Carolina Synod.—*Concord Tribune.*

#### Right Sort of Good Roads Man.

T. J. Byerly, cashier of the Bank of Davis, is a good roads advocate and says he will give \$100 a year for five years towards the building of good roads in Davie county.—*Mocksville Herald.*

#### WINSTON-SALEM NIGHT CONTROL.

Glidden Tourists May Spend Night in Twin City—Scout Car Expected This Week.

Answering a telegram from the secretary of the Winston-Salem Board of Trade in regard to making that city a "night control" for the big tour that is to be run over the National Highway, a high official of the American Automobile Association writes as follows: "Mr. Bateholder handed us for attention your telegram and letter to him of August 3rd and 4th to which we have been unable to reply sooner on account of the details in connection with the launching of the Glidden tour."

"We received yesterday your letter of the 19th and wish to express to you our appreciation of your kind invitation to make your good city a night control. We are fully aware of the excellent facilities afforded by Winston-Salem for accommodating the tourists, and note with interest your advice in reference to road conditions, and that you are going up in Franklin county in an endeavor to have a bridge built over the stream. "We enclose herewith tentative route the tour which you will note offers a choice of two routes between Madison and Lexington, and you must appreciate that until the official pathfinding car has been over the roads we cannot definitely select the noon or night controls. "The pathfinding car is expected to leave New York sometime next week in charge of Mr. A. L. Westgard, to whom we will turn over your letter, and who will get in touch with you upon his arrival at your good city."

The Board of Trade has also received a number of entry blanks which interested parties may secure. "THE ROUTE. The tour will start at New York City, on Saturday, October 14th, 1911, and finish at Jacksonville, on Wednesday, October 25, 1911. The daily mileage will be approximately, as follows: First day, 90; Second day, 116; Third day, 184; Fourth day, 148; Fifth day, 146; Sixth day, 156; Seventh day, 128; Eighth day, Saturday, Ninth day, Sunday, Tenth day, 117; Eleventh day, 150; Twelfth day, 142. Approximately, 1,369."

#### Homelede in Asheville—Uncle Kills Nephew.

Four pistol shots rang sharply on the midnight air, and a mother's wild shriek as she saw her first-born fall, pierced with four bullets, fired by her own brother's hand, presaged the death of Allen Trivett, familiarly known as "Buck" Trivett, last night at the home of his uncle, W. Pitt Ballew, who shot him at 12:30 this morning, at 174 Park avenue. Trivett died two hours later, while his slayer, a freight engineer on the Southern railway, was being taken to the police station by the police.

No tragedy in local history ever had a more dramatic setting. The shooting occurred in a sick room of the Ballew home, on the first floor, where lay Mrs. Martha Ballew, grandmother of the dead boy and mother of his slayer. Sitting in a rocking chair near the door was Mrs. Laura Trivett, while near the sick woman's bed stood Miss Sallie Stines, a nurse who had charge of Mrs. Ballew for several weeks. The principals in the midnight tragedy, Ballew and Trivett, the latter Mrs. Laura Trivett's son, were facing each other when the fatal shots, four in all, were fired. Ballew, it is said, was sitting, while Trivett was standing.

Young Trivett, who bore a bad reputation, persisted in staying at the Ballew home while his mother was there. Ballew had ordered him to stay away but he gave no heed to the order. Tuesday night when he appeared the two began quarreling, with the subject, Mrs. Laura Trivett, Ballew stated that Trivett had imposed on him and he could stand it no longer. Ballew was released on \$1,500 bond.—*Asheville Citizen.*

#### Raleigh Man Held for Murder.

Raleigh dispatch, 25th: L. J. Norris, charged with the murder of J. B. Bissett on the night of August 13, was bound over to court late this afternoon by Police Justice Walter E. Ward, following an all-day preliminary hearing. While the evidence was sufficient for a committing magistrate to hold the prisoner, many are of the opinion that the state will never secure a conviction by a jury on the evidence presented today.

Bissett was killed Saturday night, August 12, while he was in company with a disreputable white woman, Ada Verby, a mile and a half from the center of Raleigh. Suspicion at once pointed to Norris as the murderer, he was arrested and held for an examination. As a motive for the crime, it was alleged that Norris and Bissett were enamored of the same woman and that both men were drinking on the night of the tragedy. Norris rode with the couple to a point on Davis street, this city, and there left the carriage. From that time on there was no positive evidence that he was present at the killing.

The shooting was done with a .32 caliber pistol but the weapon that Morris turned over to the officers was of 28 caliber, and here is another obstacle that the prosecution has been endeavoring to overcome. A score of witnesses, including the woman, were introduced by the prosecution, the defense declining to offer testimony. The defense is confident of an acquittal and the prosecution must know that the present case against Norris is not strong enough for a jury to convict him. Unless some new evidence is produced, it is believed that the state will "fall down."

City Attorney W. H. Pace, Solicitor Herbert E. Norris and Col. J. C. L. Harris appeared for the state and Bart M. Gatling and William C. Harris represented the defendant.

#### MANY DEAD IN WRECK.

Thirty-Seven Killed Outright and More Than Sixty Injured on Lehigh Valley Road.

Associated Press dispatches from Manchester, N. Y., tell of a terrible wreck on the Lehigh Valley road near that city Friday. The story is as follows:

Speeding eastward behind time, the Lehigh Valley passenger train No. 4 ran into spread rails on a trestle near here today and two coaches from the rear section of the train plunged downward a distance of forty feet. At least 37 persons tonight are believed to have been killed and 60 injured. Several of the injured will probably die. This wreck is the worst in the history of the Lehigh Valley line in this state.

The train had fourteen cars crowded with excursionists, many of whom were returning from an encampment at Rochester. Cars went down filled with passengers and in a few minutes lay a mass of crumbled wood, metal and glass, under which 100 men, women and children—many of whom were killed instantly—were buried.

Indescribable pandemonium followed. Passengers who were unhurt rushed to aid the victims. As the cars had not caught fire, axes were secured, the mass torn away and body after body removed and carried by rescuers, knee-deep in the river bed, to the bank on the west side of the trestle.

There the dead and injured were laid out and a field hospital established. Special trains from Geneva and Rochester brought physicians, nurses and medical supplies. Some of the dead were removed and brought to Shertsville at nine o'clock tonight, numbering 23. Two others died at Rochester from injuries.

A harrowing aftermath of the wreck is the scantiness of the means of identifying the victims. The rescuers in their haste to remove clothing from the victims neglected to keep the various articles near the bodies. Many of the dead were found laid out in the morgue, where careless visitors mixed-up the garments and things which might have served for identification. As a result in many cases identification will be difficult.

A number of miraculous escapes are reported. In one family just one member, a woman, was all that remained. Two men jumped through the window of their car and escaped with slight cuts.

#### Threw Sweetheart Into Lake.

Holland, Mich., dispatch, 25th: Angered, he says, because Grace Lyons, of Chicago, his sweetheart, broke her promise of marriage, Walter Hopper, of Chicago and Philadelphia, attacked her on board the steamer Puritan in mid-lake tonight, and tossed her overboard. Her body has not been recovered.

The steamer was about forty miles from Holland when the woman was thrown overboard. News of the murder was flashed here by wireless and officers were waiting for Hopper when the boat reached the dock. Several people witnessed his deed and he immediately made a full confession.

According to Hopper the couple had been living together for a short time as man and wife and were to have been married in a few weeks. Learning that Miss Lyons was leaving Chicago on the Puritan today, Hopper caught the boat and accosted her shortly afterwards. She claimed he had been drinking. A quarrel followed and then, Hopper claims she declared the marriage could not take place. They were seated on the deck of freight on the lower deck. Suddenly Hopper grabbed her in his arms and rushed to the side of the steamer and dropped her overboard. As he was taken in custody boats were lowered, but it is believed that the body was drawn down by the suction of wheel. Hopper is 31 years old and Miss Lyons was 26. The prisoner will be arraigned here on a murder charge Monday.

#### Auto Races Claim Two Victims.

Elgin, Ill., dispatch 26th: Elgin's 305-mile cup race today, which was won by Len Zengel in a National, with Harry Grant second and Hugh Hughes third, was not run without its toll of death and injuries.

"Dave Buck, the veteran Chicago auto racer, was within eleven laps of the finish, going 64 miles an hour, when the rim of one of the forward wheels threw a tire and the machine turned a somersault. Sam Jacobs, mechanic, was killed instantly, his neck being broken. Buck's back was broken and he died this evening.

At 11 o'clock this morning a section of seats in the grandstand gave way and four spectators were injured including the daughter of Senator Lorrimer, whose leg was broken.

#### Atwood Completes Flight.

New York, dispatch 25th: Sailing serenely over New York's myriad water craft, its ferry boats and ocean liners, Harry N. Atwood, the Boston aviator, arrived in New York on his aeroplane today, the first man in history to travel as far as from St. Louis to New York by way of Chicago, in a heavier than air machine.

Atwood's safe landing on Governor's Island, after flying down from Nyack, N. Y., above the Hudson river, through a fog which made him only dimly visible to the million eyes that watched him, was a notable incident in the annals of aeronautics. He not only broke the world's record, covering 1,265 miles in an airline, or perhaps, 100 more miles with his detours, but he flew all the way in the same biplane and with no important mishaps.

Atwood's flight is comparable only to that made by fast trains, for he covered the distance in an actual flying time of twenty-eight hours and thirty-one minutes.

#### IN AND ABOUT LEXINGTON.

Personal Mention—Movements of the People—Small Items of Interest.

Miss May Kinney has returned home from a visit to relatives in Virginia.

Mr. Paul Snelz, of Hopedale, Ill., is in the city visiting his uncle, Mr. Lee V. Phillips.

Mr. A. E. Sheets returned yesterday from New York, where he went on a business trip.

Mrs. Wade H. Phillips has returned home, after spending two weeks with her parents in Albemarle.

Mr. John C. Bower left Sunday for Ashe county to spend two weeks resting and visiting old friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Deal, of Holly Grove left Monday for Stanley, Gaston county, to visit Mrs. Deal's relatives.

Miss Mamie Peterson, of Stanley, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. F. Deal, at Holly Grove, has returned home.

Misses Bertie and Alice Spruill, of Oriental, were here Friday and Saturday on a visit to their brother, Mr. J. F. Spruill.

Miss Zula Hedrick and Salisbury visitors are spending this week in Washington, Baltimore and other northern cities.

Mr. C. E. Foy, cashier of the National Bank of Lexington, has been on the sick list for several days, but is now on duty again at his bank.

Mrs. J. A. Tussey, of this township, was carried to High Point last week for an operation in the hospital there. She stood the operation well and is recovering rapidly.

Mrs. J. W. Lee, of Light, and Miss Thelma Lee, daughter of Mr. B. F. Lee, of Lexington, left Monday for Springfield, Mo., where they will visit relatives for several weeks.

Mrs. V. Y. Booser and Mrs. Charles Young went to St. John's, Cabarrus county, Sunday to attend the meeting of the woman's missionary society of the Lutheran church. They report a very interesting time.

Mr. Jim Thomason and daughter, Miss Addie, of Rosemont, Tenn., are here visiting Mr. Thomason's brothers, Messrs. G. A. and W. F. Thomason, and other relatives in the county.

Mr. H. S. Radcliffe, the insurance man, who has been confined to his room for several days on account of a fall, is out again. He had the misfortune to fall and seriously injure his knee about three weeks ago, just as he was moving into his new quarters in the Bank of Davidson Building.

In the city this week visiting relatives are Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Slink and Mrs. Ellen E. Flannigan, of Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Slink is a native of Davidson county, a brother of Mr. David Slink. He left the section in 1857 and has been back but one time—sixty years ago. Times has made many changes since he left and there are only four men living now in Lexington who were grown at the time Mr. Slink left. They are Messrs. F. C. Robbins, C. A. Hunt, Sr., W. B. Hamner and W. C. B. Leonard. Mr. Slink is a farmer and lives in Shelby county, Tenn., near Memphis.

#### Arson Trust Conspirators Arrested.

The discovery of an alleged arson ring whose incendiary work during the past year has caused a property loss of \$1,000,000 led to the arrest in Chicago Saturday of six men, while the arrest of a seventh man has been ordered. Three other men, including a former policeman, are being sought by the police in connection with the alleged conspiracy. The men under arrest are:

David Korshack, former saloon-keeper and leader of the alleged arson ring, who is said to have set fire to fifty buildings in Chicago within a year; recently brought back to Chicago from Vancouver, B. C.; Charles Bloom, a merchant; Max Fallickmatt, a fire insurance adjuster; Isaac Shaffner, a real estate dealer; Ellis Duberstein, a shirt waist manufacturer; and Lazard Dreyfus, wholesale clothing manufacturer.</