

TWO CONVICTED IN RECORDER'S COURT FOR PISTOL DUEL

Bad Aim Forestalls a Killing at Local Station

Only bad marksmanship prevented Lexington from being the scene of a killing Sunday night. It was disclosed yesterday in recorder's court, when Edgar Williams, colored, of this city, and Robert Nesbitt, also colored, of Thomasville, were tried on charges growing out of an alleged pistol duel in front of the Southern passenger station.

Williams was found guilty of an assault with a pistol on Nesbitt, with carrying a concealed weapon, with striking Joe Thomas, colored, with a deadly weapon and with discharging firearms in the city. He was fined \$50 and costs in each of the first two cases and judgment suspended upon payment of costs in the other two. He appealed and bond was fixed in the sum of \$500. Nesbitt was found guilty of shooting at Williams and was fined \$20 and costs. He paid the place here had its beginning at Thomasville earlier in the night, when Williams was at the home of Nesbitt, who admitted giving him a drink of liquor. Nesbitt claimed that while Williams was accepting his hospitality he was also stealing his pistol. Nesbitt hired Julius Green, white jitney driver, and came towards Lexington to overtake Williams. They secured a place and then Nesbitt insisted that Williams should pay the auto fare. Williams agreed, said Nesbitt, on condition that no warrant be brought charging him with theft but said he would have to come home for the money.

According to the State's testimony Nesbitt and friend, Joe Thomas, and Green, the driver, drove to the auto and then Nesbitt said he was going for money. These testified he returned shortly with several companions, began cursing, knocked Thomas down with the butt of his pistol and started to shoot in the direction of Nesbitt and Green. At the same time, this testimony alleged, Williams' friends started to jump on the man who had been knocked down. Nesbitt said these assailants shot at him and he shot twice at Williams, who he said, had already shot at least once and still had the pistol pointed toward him and the white man. Upon the firing of these shots the crowd scattered, Green hiding behind some trunks. The State's testimony was to the effect that there was a firing from two pistols. Williams in his own defense offered several witnesses who swore that he did not shoot, one of these being a white man who volunteered his testimony. The story of this witness, however, seemed to lack the proper beginning as he just happened to see Nesbitt start shooting but seemed to know nothing about the admitted knockdown of the negro Thomas. Other witnesses swore they heard only two shots.

TROMASVILLE IS ROUGH ON EDGAR WILLIAMS

Edgar Williams, a well known Lexington negro—especially well known in police circles—found the going mighty rough when he faced the recorder at Thomasville on charges of carrying a pistol, of stealing Nesbitt's pistol and a lesser offense. There he was sentenced to twelve months on the chain gang and fined \$10 and costs. He also appealed in that instance.

A BIG MUSICAL CONCERT AT REEDS SCHOOL TONIGHT

Members of Reeds high school and pupils of Charles Oscar Sink, assisted by several artists from Lexington and the Lexington Male Chorus, will give a big musical concert at the Reeds high school auditorium tonight at 7:30. A comprehensive program has been arranged and announced by Prof. Sink, under whose direction the festival event will be given. Among those from Lexington assisting in the concert will be the Male Chorus, Miss Elizabeth Brown, reader, Miss Elizabeth Barnes, accompanist, E. L. LeFevre and Tracy McMillan, violinists, and the Brinsinger Band. Among the soloists who appear on the program are Henry Craver, Miss Annie Lee Leonard, Charles Oscar Sink, Edwin Hunt, Miss Virginia Byers, Miss Elizabeth Myers and others. Miss Brown will give two selected readings.

Man Who Founded Department Store In America Dead

John Wanamaker died at his home in Philadelphia Tuesday. John Wanamaker led in the creation of the department store as an institution in American life. At the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861 when he began business for himself in a humble way in Philadelphia, retail merchandising in this country was in a disorganized state, and in the opinion of the far-sighted young merchant, it was suffering a rapid decline through practices that were then general. Aside from his ambition to make money, "my paramount purpose," said Mr. Wanamaker, "was to help save the mercantile profession from lowering its flag before other professions and occupations." There was in those days no fixed selling price for goods. Business there was made a thirteen-hour day from all its employees. Customers spent hours price-haggling with salesmen. Mr. Wanamaker was impressed with this waste of time and to eliminate it he became a pioneer in fixing a selling price for goods. It was one of the beginnings of mercantile reforms which today are so generally followed. The far-sighted generation can scarcely find anywhere a trace of the old practices.

Mr. Wanamaker was 24 years old when he entered upon his career, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Nathan Brown, on a joint capital of \$3,500, in a clothing business at Philadelphia. He had been born in that city, July 11, 1838. His father and his father's father had been brick makers and John Wanamaker's first work was "turning bricks." He was the oldest of seven children and early in his childhood he was obliged to give up schooling and earn his own way. His first wages were \$1.25 a week as an errand boy in a Philadelphia book store, and then as a young man he was employed for a time at Tower Hall, a famous old Philadelphia clothing house, where his personality and business ability were developed for his venture in business for himself. The Brown & Wanamaker store began business with a first day's sales account of \$24, and ended its first year with a record of \$24,900 business. Mr. Wanamaker and his brother-in-law were, during their first few months of business, unable to afford a horse and wagon for delivery, and Mr. Wanamaker himself pushed a two-wheeled cart to deliver his goods. His partner's health failing, most of the details of the business fell upon Mr. Wanamaker.

Aside from establishing his one-price policy and making a shorter business day, Mr. Wanamaker established in the new store two systems, one of sales and the other of organization. The former was to have the manufacture some classes of goods than to buy from manufacturers and he became one of the first retailers to do this. He found it difficult to get employees who were properly instructed in their duties and he organized a training school where his workers were taught the "Wanamaker system."

Mr. Wanamaker interested himself in many civic activities. He was the first secretary in America of the Young Men's Christian Association, in 1858; one of the founders of the Christian Commission during the Civil War, and one of the organizers of the Centennial Exposition in 1876. In the latter year he began the development of his department store, establishing the house of John Wanamaker & Company on Chestnut St., Philadelphia, and twenty years later established a similar business in New York as successor to A. T. Stewart. It is estimated that during his entire business career Mr. Wanamaker had distributed into American homes merchandise reaching nearly a billion dollars in value.

He was known as a great believer in advertising in newspaper advertising about all other varieties. He spent millions of dollars in it. One of the features of his advertising campaign was his development of the "Store News Page" which he led with an editorial over his own signature, invariably written by himself, to keep the public in touch with the policies of his business. His friends often saw him writing such an editorial on his way to the store in the morning, scribbling it on the back of an envelope or any old scrap of paper he had in his pocket.

NEW BERN RELIEF FUNDS ARE BEING RAISED HERE

Several funds for the relief of the homeless in New Bern, which was visited by the worst fire in the history of the state, are being formed here. The Bazaar class of First Baptist church took action Sunday morning toward raising such a fund and appointed a committee to call the matter to the attention of the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club so that efforts might be centered. Funds and clothing are being received at the Conrad Hardware Co. Mr. Conrad stated yesterday that several bundles of clothing and checks had already been voluntarily brought to the store. It is requested that people who desire to help suffering not wait for someone to call upon them but bring contributions at once. The members of the Lexington fire department have also appointed a committee to cooperate in securing funds and clothing to be sent to the New Bern sufferers. More than a thousand members destroyed by the fire, together with the furnishings of most of them. Many of these homes were occupied by poor people. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Miller, a daughter.

THE AUDITORIUM FOR HIGH SCHOOL SEEMS PROBABLE

Board Will Consider As Soon as Present Work Is Completed

Not until all work has been completed on the high school building will the district board begin to seriously plan for the construction of a proposed auditorium and gymnasium. It is indicated unofficially by some of the members of the board. When the last workman has left the school building and it stands completed then the board will know exactly how many dollars and cents it will have left in the treasury. Then will be time, it is held, to cast about for plans and specifications for the proposed addition.

Members of the board are of the opinion that there should be an auditorium and certainly a gymnasium connected with the present building at the rear. In fact, the present building was planned and erected with a view to attaching the auditorium. Doors were provided on the ground floor and from the top floor so as to afford entrances from the main building into the auditorium and gymnasium in accordance with whatever plans might be later decided upon. It is understood that all contracts have been awarded and all materials necessary for the completion of the building in every detail have been purchased or provided for. There will remain some payrolls until work is completed and some small odds and ends that may be found necessary. Allowing for all these, it is expected that the board will have between \$60,000 and \$65,000 left.

SOLICITOR WOULD COLLECT PEGRAM AND RABE BONDS

Motion of Solicitor J. C. Bower for an execution ordering the payment of the bond of J. B. Pegram and L. R. Rabe, indicted for selling worthless stock in and around High Point in the High Point Springsville Shade company, will be heard by Judge W. F. Harding in superior court at Greensboro next Tuesday morning. The motion was called last Tuesday morning. The hearing detail have been behind the trustees are expected to begin the erection of a group of buildings at an early date. The convention will continue through today. About seven hundred delegates or messengers are in attendance.

HIGH POINT MAN WANTED IN THIS COUNTY

Pink Beck, a young white man well known in High Point, who has had charges brought against him for larceny in four counties, for assault on an officer of the High Point police with intent to kill and for various other offenses, was arrested in Winston-Salem late Monday and brought to High Point Tuesday afternoon. Beck, it is alleged, attempted to drive an automobile into Patrolman Stout at High Point Sunday night when the officer was arresting him. Warrants have been sworn out for Beck for assault on an officer with intent to kill, for speeding and for the larceny of the Ford coupe of T. F. Wrenn. He is wanted in Thomasville for the larceny of an automobile, in Davie county for the larceny of a quantity of tobacco, and in Randolph county for the larceny of tobacco. High Point authorities stated there were also other warrants out for Beck.

IF YOU COOK A RABBIT DON'T BE TOO SELFISH

If you live in a tent don't cook a rabbit and eat it all up before your turn mate comes for supper. He may turn the trick, and then hit you in the head with a hammer for interest. At least that is what seemed to happen at a construction camp near the city, where John Leslie and Rufus Parker, both colored, occupied bunks in the same tent. On a Saturday night Leslie came in and found that Rufus and another had cooked a rabbit and eaten it all. John had to get his own supper—rabbits. A few nights later John came in early, cooking his supper and ate it and Rufus, hungry, faced the task of getting his own supper. Rufus didn't like the situation and said so. There were loud and vile words and the two went outside the tent and scuffled awhile. Rufus came back and started to cook his supper. John came in and watched him. When Rufus stopped down to get some flour John tapped him on the side of the head with a hammer. Rufus fell against the stove and upset a kettle of boiling water, which ran over the side of his face and neck while he was unconscious from the hammer blow.

GERMANS LOSE BY MARK BUT GAIN BY DOLLAR

Although Germany's floating debt increased from 166 billions of paper marks last April to \$39 billions today, it actually decreased seven-eighths, expressed in dollars. In April the dollar was worth 200 marks. Today it is worth 8,500 of them. So Germany's debt in April amounted to \$19,950,000, against \$194,875,000 today. A Correction. Editor of The Dispatch:—Ordinary I find The Dispatch quite accurate in all things. In your issue of the 11th instant however I find a statement which I desire to correct. You make the paper say that Treasury Savings Certificates are issued in denominations of \$50 and \$100 and upward, whereas they are only issued in denominations of \$25.00, \$100.00 and \$1000.00. S. W. FINCH, P.M.

CAROLINA AND YADKIN RIVER SALE ON JANUARY 16

Commissioner L. H. Hole, Jr., announces that the auction sale of the Carolina and Yadkin River railroad, pursuant to an order made in Guilford superior court by Judge W. F. Harding, will be held on January 16. The sale will take place in front of the postoffice at High Point, and bids will begin at 10 o'clock. The \$200,000, the minimum figure fixed by Judge Harding at which the property may be disposed of under the order. The successful bidder will be required to pay \$25,000, the balance to be arranged with the commissioner. The auction will include all physical property of the road, running between High Point and High Rock.

Dr. Poteat Wins Great Victory At Baptist Meeting

Despite the fact that several Baptist associations in the State had passed resolutions condemning the science of evolution as taught at Wake Forest College by President W. L. Poteat and that a fight for its prohibition, now in session at Winston-Salem, was widely heralded, Wake Forest and Dr. Poteat swept the convention last night. Dr. Poteat opened the discussion on Wake Forest, and he closed it. Or, rather the convention closed it by rising and singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." The logic of Christianity of Dr. Poteat had swept all before it. He declared resolutely against the convention, and left the Baptist hosts of the State as represented by their delegates standing solidly behind their college for men and its administration.

The location of Meredith College brought more of the semblance of a contest, but after about an hour of debate yesterday afternoon it was voted unanimously to stand behind the trustees in the selection of the new site near Method, just west of Raleigh. It was explained that this site is not near the penitentiary or the negro training school and was considerably distant from the State Prison Farm stockade. It contains over a hundred acres and is said to be ideally adapted as a location for a great college plant. Behind the trustees are expected to begin the erection of a group of buildings at an early date. The convention will continue through today. About seven hundred delegates or messengers are in attendance.

HIGH POINT HAS FLOCK OF AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS

Ten automobile accidents resulting in the serious injury of at least two persons, occurred in High Point during the 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock Sunday night, according to information gathered Monday by the police department. Four persons were injured as a result of the wrecks, but only two of them are believed to have been seriously hurt. John Woodell was the most seriously injured. It is now being treated in a severe scalp wound when struck by an automobile on the Archdale road. The police reported today that seven automobile accidents occurred within an hour and a half Saturday night. Several of the wrecks which occurred near the scene of a fire, are attributed by firemen to failure of automobile drivers to observe the signals of fire trucks answering alarms. The first accident occurred Saturday night when an automobile driven by an unknown party ran into John Woodell about 6 o'clock while he was walking along the Archdale road near Blair's dairy farm. Woodell was thrown to the ground and knocked unconscious. The person operating the car did not stop to see how badly the pedestrian was hurt or to give assistance, it is said. Persons passing along the road shortly after the accident found Mr. Woodell lying on the ground unconscious, his scalp badly wounded and a shoulder, leg and arm injured. Dr. W. L. Jackson was called to render medical attention, and said the man was seriously injured. A similar accident occurred about 7 o'clock near the end of the English street car line Eva Williams, negro, and her two grown daughters were walking along the road just beyond the end of the car line. They saw a car approaching back of them and stepped to the side of the road, but their precaution did little good. The car swept down upon them and they were knocked down. Eva Williams sustained a broken collar bone and bruises about her body. Her two daughters were also injured, but not seriously. It is alleged that the driver of the automobile turned out the lights and made his get-away as quickly as possible without even stopping to see if anyone was injured.

FIRE INSPECTIONS HERE WILL BE MADE MONTHLY

Fire inspections in the business district of Lexington, heretofore made only every three months, will now be made monthly, it is announced by Fire Chief A. E. Brannock. Chief Brannock has appointed a committee composed of two men from each of the two companies who will make these monthly inspections. It is the purpose of these more frequent inspections to minimize the collections of trash, boxes and other litter at the rear of stores and other business houses in the city and thus lessen the liability of fires.

TRANSPORTATION IS SUBJECT FOR EARLY MEETINGS

River Bridge, Railroads and Industries Will Get Attention

Close cooperation of highway and railroad officials in the plans for the further upbuilding of Lexington is being sought by the Chamber of Commerce, under plans recently adopted by the board of directors. One of the results hoped to be attained is the building of a free bridge across the Yadkin River between Davidson and Davie. Another is the cooperation of the railroads in securing enterprises desired for Lexington. It has been voted to invite and urge Chairman Frank Page of the State Highway Commission to come here and attend a joint meeting to be arranged in behalf of the proposed bridge to Davie. In case the attendance of Chairman Page can be secured it is planned to have present a number of leading citizens of Davie county to join with Davidson in urging that the bridge be given an advanced place on the program of the State Highway Commission for 1923. Data will be collected showing the advantage that might accrue to several communities as a result of such a bridge. It is possible also that Thomasville and High Point may be asked to send representatives as it is believed that bridge would be of benefit also to both of those communities.

Another meeting is being planned for a later date, at which it is expected to have officials of the Winston-Salem Southbound and the Norfolk & Western railway companies. The purpose of this meeting would be to arouse interest on the part of both these railroad companies in the growth of Lexington by demonstrating to them that it is to their advantage that Lexington become a still greater industrial center.

One of the things that the chamber of commerce expects to devote attention during the coming year is the location here of a great plant that would employ many artisans and would turn out a large bulk of products, thus greatly increasing the importance of Lexington as a railroad center. It is believed that both railroads would be glad to extend their cooperation in such matters.

WOODROW WILSON RETIRES FROM LAW PARTNERSHIP

Bainbridge Colby, Secretary of State in President Wilson's cabinet, announced Tuesday that his partnership with the former President would terminate January 1, at the expiration of their co-partnership agreement. The announcement was made from the New York offices of Wilson and Colby. Beyond saying that the former President "is turning his energies once more to subjects which have long interested him," Mr. Colby made no statement as to Mr. Wilson's plans for the future. It was announced that Mr. Colby would continue the practice of law. Bainbridge Colby's announcement of the termination of his law partnership with Woodrow Wilson is not a surprise to Washington and is regarded as an added evidence that the former President is again turning his attention to politics, particularly the fortunes of the Democratic party in 1924. What degree of leadership Mr. Wilson may expect to assume in his party is probably known only to himself at this time and it is doubtful if even the few who are numbered among his confidants can venture to speak with any authority on the subject.

4,000 MEN ATTEND MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

A world record in attendance upon a Bible class is claimed by the Men's Bible class of the First Baptist Church, Kansas City, following the presence of 3,732 men upon the session of that class Sunday, November 22, at the Ivanhoe Masonic Temple. The record was made in a contest with the Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, to which President Harding belongs. N. W. Dible is president of the class and Dr. D. J. Evans, pastor, is the teacher.

Three Millions For State Roads In Special Taxes

With approximately 182,000 motor vehicles now registered, North Carolina's revenue from this source amounts to \$2,826,975.26 for the fiscal year period July 1, to December 1, an increase of \$625,709.18 over the entire amount for 1921, according to an announcement by the secretary of state Tuesday.

The gasoline tax from July 1 to December 1 added to the revenue from motor vehicles brings the total collections to about \$3,000,000, which indicates, according to Joe Sawyer, motor supervisor of the department who prepared the statement, that the income from these sources will show a record increase for the fiscal year. For the fiscal year ending November 30, 1921, the total collections made by the state for registrations and transfers of motor vehicles reached \$1,181. Large increases have been recorded each succeeding year. The number of cars jumped from 1,686 in 1911 to 147,909 in 1921.

"Since 1913," reads Mr. Sawyer's report, "an annual registration has been made by the registration year ending June 30, as follows: June 30, 1914—Motor Vehicles, 11,389; Motorcycles, 1,146; Dealers, 160. June 30, 1915—Motor Vehicles, 16,305; Motorcycles, 1,426; Dealers, 251. June 30, 1916—Motor Vehicles, 24,363; Motorcycles, 1,647; Dealers, 346. June 30, 1917—Motor Vehicles, 33,809; Motorcycles, 1,401; Dealers, 497. June 30, 1918—Motor Vehicles, 62,072; Motorcycles, 1,432; Dealers, 601. June 30, 1919—Motor Vehicles, 73,576; Motorcycles, 1,487; Dealers, 683. June 30, 1920—Motor Vehicles, 123,019; Motorcycles, 1,726; Dealers, 1,148. June 30, 1921—Motor Vehicles, 147,909; Motorcycles, 1,534; Dealers, 1,115. June 30, 1922—Motor Vehicles, 163,962; Motorcycles, 1,445; Dealers, 961. The amounts collected for registrations, transfers, etc., have been as follows: Fiscal year ending November 30, 1921, \$1,181,000; November 30, 1922, \$1,462,000; November 30, 1923, \$65,901.00; November 30, 1924, \$98,046.32; November 30, 1925, \$127,078.05; November 30, 1926, \$204,191.57; November 30, 1927, \$312,776.03; November 30, 1928, \$422,709.76; November 30, 1929, \$1,276,169.33; November 30, 1930, \$1,777,176.08; November 30, 1931, \$2,380,266.08; November 1, 1922 to June 30, 1922, \$122,568.92. Total auto collections to June 30, 1923, \$9,745,525.72. Amount collected for present fiscal year from July 1, 1922 to December 1, 1922, \$2,702,516.24. Total auto collections to December 1, 1922, \$9,443,042.06.

GASOLINE TAX

May 1, 1921, \$16,465.23; June 1, \$68,546.75; July 1, \$58,473.37; August 1, \$57,677.91; September 1, \$57,521.95; October 1, \$36,246.22; November 1, \$50,775.78; December 1, \$70,251.38; January 1, 1922, \$56,438.87; February 1, \$57,521.96; March 1, \$44,537.86; April 1, \$43,800.90; May 1, \$55,554.65; June 1, \$68,422.51; July 1, \$64,880.03; August 1, \$66,295.21; September 1, \$77,761.69; October 1, \$78,402.47; November 1, \$81,847.78; December 1, \$84,380.58. Total, \$1,228,412.30. Total collection, autos and gasoline, \$10,977,454.36.

The fiscal year period was changed in 1921 to date from July 1, to July 1 each year and in order to reach a correct figure for the present fiscal year, Mr. Sawyer added the \$122,568.92 collected from automobiles registered and transfers granted to the amount collected for the present fiscal year, shown on the statement, from July 1, 1922 to December 1, 1922.

ERLANGER TEAM DEFEATS MOUNT PLEASANT FIVE

Erlanger had little trouble in defeating the Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute basketball team at Milton Hall, 23 to 17. Erlanger took a strong lead early in the contest and maintained the distance throughout, although the visitors put up a snappy contest. Erlanger has promise of a strong aggregation this season. Line-up: C. Leonard, F. Vestal, Koons, F. Smith, G. Goodman, H. Hames, C. Roberts, E. C. Hames, G. Roberts, B. Blumerson, G. Seelzer. Mount Pleasant meeting the Churchland five on the Churchland court tonight.

PREPARING FOR TWINS

The grand duchy of Luxembourg has not one piece of artillery to support its army of 250 men, says a dispatch to the Mails from Metz. No guns were available even for the firing of a salute in honor of the expected approach of Grand Duchess Charlotte the ruler. The governor telephoned the ministry of war at Paris for the loan of a gun. A French "15" in charge of an officer and gun crew, was dispatched. With the gun came double the required amount of ammunition in case there should be twins.

5,000 PEOPLE HEAD THE DISPATCH WHY NOT YOU?

Just look what the immigration laws dragged in— or worse to that effect quoth one of the attorneys appearing in the so-called "gypsy case" before Recorder Olive Monday morning. Rather it should be termed the parable of the "blessing of the money." Five women and about twice as many children lined up before the court and interrupted its orderly proceedings by sundry noises until they could be attended to. Two farmers and a merchant from out in the county sat nearby ready to tell the court how the blessing of their rolls resulted in the disappearance of a total of seventy dollars in sums of forty, thirty and twenty each. Harrison Black and G. W. Lowder, of the western edge of this township, and Marie Hegde, merchant of Reedy Creek, were the losers. The five women were in the band that got the money. The chief of the tribe of wanderers agreed to return each his money and pay the costs if the court would let the women folks go. There were the five women prisoners who had spent the week end in jail and there was a whole tribe of children, who had done similar spending. Nearly stood a very much worried jailer, who frankly didn't want to entertain five families—and five very noisy ones at that—until another term of superior court, and then perhaps have to keep them longer. The court has final jurisdiction in forcible trespass cases in the township and in simple trespass cases outside. It has only binding jurisdiction in robbery from person cases. The only way to settle the case Monday was to accept pleas of forcible trespass in the cases of the four women charged in the Black and Lowder cases and of simple trespass in the Hegde case. In addition to paying back the money and about a hundred dollars in costs, including week end board, the defendants each received sentences of six months, with judgment suspended for forty-eight hours but sentences to issue should the women again be caught in the county. "Chief, the defendants are in your custody until they have paid the costs," said the recorder. "They are my prisoners," softly murmured the chief, giving a meaningful look to Jailer Loftin, who turned his head the other way. Mr. Black told how they got his money. They stopped at his house near Arnold and borrowed from a member of his family a bucket to fill their automobile radiator. He was working nearby in his shirt sleeves, a folding pocketbook showing from his hip pocket. One of the women approached, got possession of his money and said she would bless it and give him good luck. He reached for his money and thought he got it back. The woman hurried to their car and left quickly. Mr. Black counted the money and found two five-dollar bills and a ten-dollar bill were missing. Mr. Lowder, who is about eighty years old and Mr. Hegde did not take the stand, but it was learned that deft fingers worked similar magic in their cases. Three of the women gave the American name of Mitchell, another called herself Bullock, while the fifth answered to the surname of John, which might be gypsy or Indian. The chief said that the whole bunch came from Brazil and were not gypsies, although travelling in gypsy style. They were on their way from Ulica, New York, to Florida, he told counsel representing the accused. The moral of the whole case was not to let members of roving bands see your money or get their hands on it. They don't seem to be able to prevent some of it sticking to them.

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