

POLICE SEEKING NEGRO WHO EARLY YESTERDAY SHOT AND KILLED WIFE

Thomas Smith, Negro, Fires 5 Shots At Wife, 2 Taking Effect and Causing Death

Thomas Smith, negro, is alleged to have shot and killed his wife, Leta Smith, yesterday morning at about 3 o'clock in Nixon alley, between Fifth and Sixth, Walnut and Red Cross streets. He made his escape, and up to last night the police had not succeeded in apprehending the murderer.

The coroner's jury was composed of George S. Nevens, foreman; Norman E. Davis, secretary; Anscombe W. D. Boylan, Adrain B. Rhodes, E. H. Whitaker.

Five shots were fired, but only two took effect. The woman's mother, the only eye witness to the murder, is reported to have intervened, causing the other shots from the revolver to go wild.

Smith was tried by Recorder George Harris November 29, 1915, on the charge of assault on a female and the recorder sentenced him to 60 days on the county roads. He just recently completed this sentence. The charge and conviction grew out of an alleged attack made by the negro on his wife.

HOSPITAL FUND DRIVE TO START BRIGHT AND EARLY ON WEDNESDAY

Final Meeting of Team Captains and Workers Tonight to Perfect Final Plans

Tomorrow morning, bright and early, according to custom of things busy and determined, the \$100,000 hospital drive will be launched. In final preparation for the inauguration all the workers, including executive committees, division leaders, team captains and team workers, will gather tonight in a conference, preceded by a supper, to further discuss details and to form a feeling that everything is in readiness for the drive.

The meeting tonight, like the midday luncheon, will be held in the party lunch room, on Market street, near Second, and it promises to be not only a largely attended affair but one of unbounded enthusiasm. Yesterday was spent by the team captains in getting in touch with their men and seeing that everything is in readiness for the drive.

As has previously been stated, \$30,000 is necessary to wipe out a debt incurred in order to make repairs and improvements that are essential and \$70,000 is necessary for the erection of a nurses' home, which will permit not only the housing of the nurses like quarters in the main building and thereby give additional capacity, which the hospital now needs in order to serve the community.

Work of remodeling the Hanson property, corner Front and Grace streets, until very recently the offices of Alexander Sprunt and Son, incorporated, was begun yesterday morning. When alterations are completed, the building will be occupied by the Y. W. C. A. cafeteria and it will be one of the most modern establishments of the kind in the south.

Launched Wilson on Political Career, Claims Ex-Sen. Martine

Former New Jersey Senator, in City Monday, Talks of Start of Political Career of President Wilson—Ex-Solon and Estranged on Party Matters—Visited Wilmington Last in 1869

Enjoying two marked distinctions, that of being the man to first introduce Woodrow Wilson at a political meeting when the boom to make him governor of New Jersey was launched, and of being the first senator to be elected by the voters of the Mississippi river, ex-Senator James E. Martine, of New Jersey, yesterday talked interestingly of his political career.

At the time of Woodrow Wilson's debut into New Jersey politics, Mr. Martine was president of an almost-defunct Democratic club at Plainfield, N. J., his home. Things had gone from bad to worse with that organization and some members were avowedly in favor of a Democrat, but Martine suggested that they get a speaker of prominence and have a public rally.

"I promptly wrote President Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton university, about 30 miles from Plainfield, whom I had never met, and asked him if he would deliver a Democratic address. Quickly came the response, 'I will. What shall the subject be?' I answered that he could choose his own subject, and he came back with: 'How would Democratic Opportunities do? Great God, that's what we've looked for for 40 years,' I answered him.

"We advertised the meeting for three weeks before Mr. Wilson was to speak and the night of the speaking we had a number of newspaper men from points all over New Jersey well man from the big New York city papers. I introduced the college president, saying: 'My fellow citizens, I have the honor to present to you the president of one of the foremost, if not the foremost, colleges in America. President Wilson, of Princeton, and I hope he may be our next governor.'

"The next morning the New York newspapers carried big headlines: 'Martine Boosts Wilson for Governor' and the political career of the now president of the United States was launched."

Deserved Wallowing

"I'm a radical Democrat by inclination, habit and practice in that I be-

lieve in America first, last and always. That's why I opposed the league of nations, particularly article 10, on which the President wanted a solemn referendum. Like Washington and Jefferson I believe in avoiding entangling alliances with foreign nations. As I said, I'm a radical Democrat and don't believe in the nostrums our party has been teaching. We deserve a d— good drubbing and we got it."

The senator opposed the confirmation of Dr. Cary Grayson as a rear admiral, stating that he was unalterably opposed to promoting him over the heads of men who had served many years and that the promotion wasn't good for only a few years but for life at \$5,000 per annum.

In 1907 Mr. Martine worked for the measure that would submit to the qualified voters the selection of a United States senator. Woodrow Wilson aided him when he carried the fight to the legislature and after stiff opposition from various sources, the fight was won. The matter was submitted to the people and by a majority of 49,800 they showed they wished to vote directly on their representatives in the upper house of congress.

Was Here in 1869

"The last time I was in Wilmington was in 1869. I came down the river from Fayetteville and met the same trip again, but they told me the boat wasn't running. I remember George Peck, who used to run a hardware store here, and a few others, but no one I have met seems to recall the Wilmington has made marvelous progress, especially in the residential section. I don't think I ever saw prettier homes and streets than Wilmington boasts."

Definite Action on Movable Jetties Will Protect Beach Fully

Captain of Dredge, After Inspection of Wrightsville Beach, Gives Opinion

After surveying Wrightsville Beach yesterday afternoon, Captain W. D. Manson, of the steamer Wilmington, informed Raymond D. Hunt, general manager of the Tidewater Power company, who accompanied Captain Manson on the tour of inspection, that there is little cause for worry over the condition at the beach. He advised Mr. Hunt that movable jetties, reinforced by bags filled with sand, could be placed at different points of shore, and that, as the sand filled in, these jetties could be moved farther out, and the beach, in this manner, would soon be filled in.

Those who have already interested themselves in the formation here of a unit are particularly enthusiastic over the prospects of having allocated to them, as soon as they are organized, a ship of some sort which will be theirs for all cruises, including weekly end annual gun and foot drills, and for general army use. The men have been assured that they may use their ship for pleasure purposes, such as dances and river trips in the afternoon during the summer months.

Repairs to Schooner to Be Made in Wilmington

Instead of having to go to some northern port for a general overhauling as it was first believed that the disabled four-masted schooner Nissequogue would have to do so, it is now expected that the vessel will be repaired at home.

EIGHT PER CENT RATE FOR LOANS TO COME UP BEFORE LOCAL CHAMBER

Business Men of City to Discuss Proposed Banking Law At Chamber of Commerce

That the chamber of commerce might take some action regarding the proposed change by legislative enactment of the legal bank rate of interest by contract from 6 per cent to 8 per cent, President Herbert E. Boney of the chamber yesterday called a special meeting of this organization for Wednesday at noon. The bill regarding the interest rate afforded by North Carolina banks, which it is understood, is to be introduced into the general assembly shortly, is creating considerable interest throughout the state.

As any change in the legal interest rate as would be caused by a successful passage through the state legislature of a bill regarding this matter would greatly affect the banks of Wilmington, unusual interest is being manifested here in the matter and it is expected that there will be a large number of the members of the chamber of commerce present at the meeting tomorrow at noon.

W. A. Hunt, of Henderson, president of the North Carolina Bankers' association, has been quoted as considering the proposed 8 per cent interest law as an economic necessity to conform to the law of supply and demand and declared that there was no effort being made for the change of the legal rate from 6 per cent but that it is only desired to allow 8 per cent by contract only. Mr. Hunt thinks this will prevent the rapid withdrawing of money from North Carolina into other states which pay 8 per cent and more.

Mr. Hunt is further quoted as saying that he knew a prominent state official who had told him that in his judgment a hundred million dollars was a low estimate for the amount that has gone out of North Carolina banks to other states for the higher rate of interest in the past six months, and that as much more had gone out from estates and individuals, a condition which, it was declared, is effecting adversely all business and manufacturing interests in the state and seriously hampering the farmer and small business man in getting funds with which to carry on his business.

SELL BASEBALL STOCK IN WILMINGTON TODAY

Fate of Professional Baseball for City Depends on Receipts From Stock Sale Today

Today is the day to buy stock in the Wilmington baseball club. This morning the teams of baseball fans are to go to a house to house visit through the business, manufacturing and wholesale districts of the city in an effort to place the remainder of the \$10,000 issue of stock that will insure professional baseball in Wilmington during the coming summer. About 125 or 135 shares must be sold to get the total desired. It was stated by workers last night that the sale of the stock will be the final one of the baseball financial campaign. If sufficient stock is not sold, then the success and means committee, appointed at the first meeting of the club last month, is fully empowered to "call off the dogs" and drop the entire matter. If, however, the money is raised, a representative will immediately be appointed to go to the meeting of club officials that will formally organize the Eastern Carolina league.

The purchase of one or more shares should not be considered a donation. With even a fair break of fortune, the Wilmington club should make money. Clubs in Class D leagues in smaller cities by far than Wilmington cleaned up thousands last year and baseball should be even better patronized in 1921 than it was in 1920. Under the circumstances, the purchase of stock in the local operating company would appear to be nearer an investment than a donation.

The southern Methodist Episcopal church has sent out 285 missionaries, of whom 226 were trained in their denominational colleges. A further need of 5,000 young men and young women to fill the demands of home and foreign fields was stressed by the speaker and by the motion picture. After the showing of the picture in the main auditorium of the church, a short meeting of the alumni and alumnae of colleges of the southern M. E. churches represented in Wilmington, was held but no definite plan of furthering the educational campaign developed.

Quinnivan Takes Over Dock Street Repair Shop

The blacksmithing business conducted at the Davis and Daniels old stand on Dock street has been taken over by Mr. Quinnivan, formerly of Quinnivan and Quinnivan, and will be continued as a first class blacksmith and repair shop. The firm name will be Quinnivan. During his connection with the Quinnivan and Quinnivan firm, the new owner has made many friends in the business life of Wilmington.

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NUMBER MENTIONED FOR FEDERAL POSTS

No Lack of Candidates, Active or Otherwise, for Berths Here

According to the best information available, there is no dearth of candidates, some of whom do not even sanction their candidacy, for the position of collector of customs of the port of Wilmington and for the job of postmaster. From various sources information is gained that a number of men now have petitions circulating for these positions which will be voted by the incumbents when their terms expire under the Harding administration.

In the list of these mentioned appear the names of some men whose friends are working in their behalf without any avowed sanction or approval from the possible holders of these federal offices. A leading Republican, one who has his fingers on the situation, is authority for that statement, and he aided materially in compiling the list, which may or may not be complete, of the possibilities for the Federal posts. That committee will make its influential recommendations when the time for appointment draws nearer.

As to state patronage, some of the local Republicans profess to believe that to make Green of Greensboro, G. O. P. war horse with many service, and some wound stripes, has the inside track to succeed Revenue Collector J. W. Bailey at Raleigh. In fact, it was stated yesterday by one Republican that Mr. Grissom was sure to land, and his desires would, in measure, influence the appointment of the collector of customs for the port of Wilmington.

Those who are being most prominently mentioned for customs collector here are, according to the same source of information, C. C. Chadbourne, Sam King, C. H. Heritage, R. C. Ruark, J. J. Lockfaw, T. Norment of Southport, W. E. Green and Mr. Tat. Certain it was made plain that some of these men are not making personal effort to land the office, but it was said that friends are bestirring themselves in behalf of their candidacies, which serves to make Green among those contesting or desiring the place.

It is not believed by local Republicans that there will be any shake-up in appointive positions at the custom house until July or later. Certain of the positions there require considerable training and while the Republicans anticipate a general house cleaning in favor of followers of the political party in the ascendancy, they would not be surprised if certain office specialists held over for some months after the change of higher officials, thus applying also to Collector Bailey's office.

The postoffice line-up is reported as lengthy as that for the collectorship. F. D. Tucker, secretary of the Harding club during the last campaign and now cashier at the Atlantic Coast Line here, is a postoffice aspirant, according to G. O. P. gossip, and G. E. Wilson, C. G. O. P. lobbyist and Warren Elliott are also mentioned, and it is declared that leading Republicans and many business interests have endorsed several men.

The lists, as given above, it was pointed out, may be added to or diminished before the time comes for the Republican state committee to get down to brass tacks and decide who has the inside track. The recommendations of this committee, or rather its endorsement, will carry considerable weight with the Harding administration, local Republicans contend, since John Motley Morehead, state leader, is a national committee man.

Iredell Meares, who has been expected to be a candidate for postmaster or collector of customs, and about whose supposed candidacy there has been some question, denied the report yesterday and declared that at present, at least, his hat was on his head and not in any ring; but he didn't say whether it would be hurried into the ring later.

PICTURES TELL WORK OF M. E. COLLEGES OF SOUTH

Their Work and Needs Shown At Grace Church Last Night

Only a medium sized audience gathered at Grace Methodist Episcopal church last evening to hear a lecture and witness a motion picture in interest of the educational campaign now being waged by the Methodist Episcopal church of the south. Those attending were alumni and alumnae of various Methodist educational institutions of the south, particularly Trinity college and Greensboro College for Women.

Out of the Christian College was the picture shown and it was accompanied by a lecture by Prof. A. G. Spence, of Trinity college. The purpose of the picture was to show the work the colleges are doing and their needs, also to demonstrate the efficiency of the colleges as to church and other leaders.

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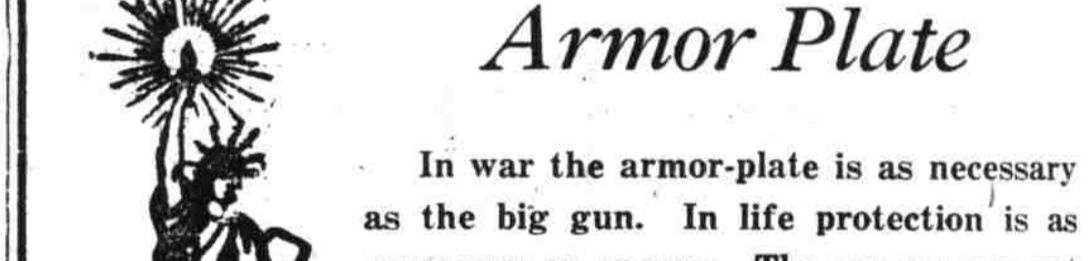
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