

A BLIND TIGER CAGED.

TWO WERE FOUND LAST NIGHT.

Bulky Packages Are Receipts for Much Boose, and the Owners Are Hauled to the Jail—The Conditions Under Which the Tigers Were Released—How the Arrests Were Made.

Last night a hack driver reported to the police that two negroes, driving a broom-sedge mule to an old piano-box buggy, had tried to lift his lap robe. The police told him to lead on, and he did.

At the new Fourth street crossing they came upon the quarry, or at least a part of it. There, with legs crossed and his supporting foot fixed upon the dashboard, lolled John Jackson in the piano-box buggy. The broom-sedge mule stood with his ears hung down. John had on a suit of overalls lined with rubber as his outer garment, and for underclothes he wore another pair of overalls.

"I can't see man you is er-tryin' to do," John advised Officers Summerrow and Hargett. "You gemmans is lost. You is on de wrong road."

But the hack driver insisted that this was his man.

The cops spied a big valise in the buggy, and seized it. John was mighty nervous. "Boss," he begged, "please, sah, don't go into my things lak dat. You don't want to mess wid my ole nigger shirt in sich lak."

The cops did not feel like conversation, and in silence opened the valise. It was made in two compartments. On one side of the partition there appeared this inventory: Twenty-four pints of whiskey; on the other side 11 pints and one quart. In a little new telescopic 11 pints. Loss in the footboard, for home consumption, one pint of real white corn, half a pint of case goods, one quart of case goods, three bottles of beer, one gallon jug of whiskey, three half-gallon jugs of whiskey.

"Boss, dat-eh-eh mine," John disclaimed, when the cop came out from under the seat with an old, long, rusty .32 pistol. "Some enemy er mine put dat gun dar. Boss, I swar I never seed dat gun befo'."

"Who is the other fellow?" the cop asked, innocently.

"Wut feller you mean? Will Houston?" John didn't know he had taken the bait.

One officer stayed with John and the other told the hack driver once more to lead on. They walked a little way to a corner grocery, and coming therefrom they met a middle-aged, stout, ginger-colored negro, wearing a moustache and clothed like John.

"Dis is yo' man," announced the hack driver.

Will-for Will it was—looked at the brass buttons aghast.

"You don't want me, cap'n," he echoed John. "I can't do nothin'. You mistaken yo' man."

But they carried him on, and when he saw the situation at the buggy he explained that one gallon was "Harve Jones," another gallon Jim Byrd's, another gallon John Starns, another gallon Harve Massey's, and so on.

It developed that they were en route to the Howie Mine, where they were to deliver the goods to the afore-said John and Will were both taken to the police station where they were incarcerated, on several different charges, larceny, carrying concealed weapon, etc.

It was a bad night for blind tigers and Houston. While the reporter was investigating the case just mentioned, he came across another. At the Southern station last night Patrolman Sikes noticed one Bradshaw Houston carrying a load—in fact, two loads, for in his hand he carried a large grip which evidently contained a quantity of goods. Being too drunk to navigate, he was carried to the station and locked up.

The large, heavy grip was then opened by the inquisitive reporter. On top was a big, thick overcoat, neatly folded and very innocent in appearance. However, large though the coat was, it did not explain the great weight of the grip. A further investigation was made. Under the coat was a layer of newspapers, then more newspaper in small rolls. Finally the bottom was reached where, wound round and round with papers, were three jugs, two gallons and one half gallon, all full to the cork, and all neatly concealed in defiance of the anti-jug law. A bad night for the tiger.

PERSONALS.

The Movements of a Number of People, Visitors and Others.

Mr. B. Frank Rogers, of Concord, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. F. H. Hoke.

Mr. D. M. Baker, a well-known King's Mountain mill man, was a visitor in town yesterday.

A party composed of the following named ladies, spent yesterday in the city on a shopping expedition: Mrs. D. A. Lowe, of Lowesville; Mrs. D. B. Coltrane, of Concord; Mrs. H. N. Miller, of A. G. Garrison and Miss Jessie Black, of Bessemer City, and Miss Juanita Thom, of Neesho, Mo.

Mr. F. H. Lemly, of the United States navy, who has been spending a few days in the city, left yesterday for Winston Salem, where he will spend a few days with relatives before returning to Norfolk, Va.

Mr. J. F. Barron, of Columbia, S. C., attorney for the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

Judge Armistead Burwell returned from Concord yesterday afternoon, where he went on legal business.

Rev. W. A. Murray, who has been under treatment at the Presbyterian Hospital, will return to-day to his home in Lincoln.

Mr. S. W. Kubus has returned from a long visit in Pennsylvania on business.

Miss Ruth Bennett, of Clio, S. C., arrived in the city last night and is at the Buford.

Rev. D. L. Reid, of Baltimore, the new pastor of Canary Methodist church, arrived in the city last night.

Judge Walter H. Neal spent last night in the city, returning from Yancey county, where he held court, to his home in Laurinburg.

Fire Destroys Two Cottages. Two adjoining cottages at the corner of Brevard and Eighth streets were practically destroyed by fire yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. On account of the distance, the fire was out of the range of the fire department, and the blaze was fought by hand, with assistance from a hose from the nearby compress. The contents of the houses were almost totally destroyed, though part of the furniture was saved in the second house before it caught fire. The houses were owned by Mr. W. E. Wilson and were insured for \$750.

SOCIAL.

The Friday Afternoon Book Club will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock with Mrs. E. T. Casler, on East avenue.

An interesting programme of clippings from the recent issues of various magazines has been arranged for discussion.

Last evening Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Neal entertained a few of their friends at their home on East seventh street. The house was tastefully decorated with potted plants and cut-flowers, the color scheme being white and yellow.

The prize in an observation contest was won by Miss Mary Earnhardt. Delicious refreshments were served. Those present were the Misses Ada Neal, Pauline Orr, Texie Gryder, Mary Neal, Woodside, Jessie Shaw, Mary Earnhardt, Nell Orr, the Messrs. G. W. Young, Ralph Purviance, Bryce Willis, Cliff Neal, R. W. Hunter, D. W. Byerly, Rob Neal, J. L. Byrd; Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Neal and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Neal.

Mrs. Charles A. Turner and brother, Dr. Henry Clay Cowles, Jr., returned to Statesville last night, after attending the Caldwell-Taliferro marriage.

Miss May Murphy, who has been visiting Miss Lottie Caldwell, will leave to-day for Clinton, S. C., to visit friends there for a short time.

Invitations have been sent out for the marriage of Miss Adah Ottiger, former of Asheville, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ottiger, to Mr. Wayne Longmire, a lawyer of Andersonville, Tenn. The ceremony will take place Wednesday evening, December 28th, at 7 o'clock, at St. Mark's Lutheran church.

Mr. J. D. McCall entertained Judge W. R. Allen and a few Charlotte friends at a sumptuous supper last night.

Miss Louie Morehead Jones entertained a few friends last evening at an informal musicale. Miss May Boyden, of Salisbury, and Miss May Courtenay Oates sang beautifully.

Mrs. Elam Caldwell and daughter, Miss Rena Caldwell, of Cabarrus, are counting, have arrived in the city and will spend the winter with Mrs. Robert Erwin.

The Beesse Dewey Club will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock with Mrs. J. L. Chambers, corner of Tenth avenue and Church street.

Mrs. J. B. Sherrill, of Concord, arrived in the city yesterday to be the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. C. Register, at the Central hotel.

Miss Julia E. Smith left yesterday for Lexington to visit her sister, Mrs. R. C. Springs.

Mrs. Theodore Klutz, Miss Jeanie Klutz and Mr. Whitehead, Klutz returned yesterday to their home at Salisbury.

BRIEFS.

Minor Happenings in and About the City—Events of a Day.

The St. Agnes' Guild will hold an important meeting this morning at 10:30 o'clock in St. Peter's Episcopal church.

The new hall being erected at Clarendon is now rapidly going up and will be ready for occupancy about the middle of January.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Young Women's Christian Association will meet this afternoon in the association parlors at 4 o'clock. Members and friends are invited to be present.

Mr. D. J. Homby, who has been conducting a brick manufacturing establishment at Indian Trail, has decided to come to Charlotte and will move into the city with his family January 1st.

All boys from 15 to 17 years old who are not members of other Sunday schools are invited to an oyster supper at the Tryon Street Baptist Sunday school room to-night at 8 o'clock.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. G. I. McKinney, of No. 304 North Smith street, died at an early hour yesterday morning. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. T. F. Marr at the home at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The Charlotte Artillery at a recent meeting decided to attend the inauguration of Governor R. B. Glenn at Raleigh, January 4th. The members will furnish their own transportation and will probably be entertained at Raleigh by the State.

The December issue of The Southern Furniture Journal contains a page written up of the record-breaking trip that Mr. Osmond L. Barringer made from Greensboro to Charlotte in an Oldsmobile, mentioned in The Observer of the 21st.

A new tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men will be instituted in Gastonia tomorrow. Great Sachem A. Bunn will go there with a team from Pochabontas and Catawba, to do the driving work. A good representation of Gastonia citizens will be taken in.

Dr. Jas. A. B. Shearer, president of Newberry College, who so delightfully entertained the audience last Sunday in his addresses to the convention of the Y. W. C. A., held in this city, will be here next Sunday and will occupy the pulpit of St. Mark's Lutheran church both morning and evening.

Judge W. R. Allen and Solicitor Heriot Clarkson have arranged a "leave" docket, on which are placed cases continued and in which capias are issued, thus saving the county the costs of \$1 for each capias and 30 cents for continuation, since under the old way they were placed on the regular docket, causing time and trouble.

NEW GASTONIA BANK.

Charlotte People Interested—Will Have Capital Stock of \$50,000—Charter to be Applied for.

Mr. J. A. Glenn, of Gastonia, was in the city last night taking the preliminary steps looking to the organization of a new national bank at Gastonia. The new bank is to be known as the Citizens' National Bank and will have a capital stock of \$50,000.

Practically all of the amount has been subscribed by Charlotte and Gastonia parties. Among the Charlotte people interested are: Messrs. W. H. Belk, O. P. Heath, J. H. Wear, C. N. Evans, A. S. Cheek, W. R. Foreman, J. H. McCaden, A. G. Myers and L. E. Covington. There are many prominent Gastonia people interested, and among the Gastonia subscribers, in addition to Mr. Glenn, are: Messrs. R. P. Rankin, Ed. Kendrick, Geo. W. Wilson and Geo. A. Gray.

The necessary papers have been prepared and the bank will be ready to begin business as soon as a charter can be obtained.

With such prominent business men and substantial citizens among its subscribers, the new Gastonia bank will start out with every prospect of success. Charlotte people will be much interested in the new enterprise on account of the number of its best citizens interested and the closeness of the relations between the two towns. An additional interest attaches to the new bank on account of the recent failure of the Gastonia Banking Company.

REPORT THE RECORDER.

A Unique Session—No Cases, No Defendants and No Spectators.

The proceedings of the recorder's session yesterday afternoon were unique in that not a single defendant appeared for trial. An additional interesting feature was the entire absence of spectators. One or two dropped in later and took their seats in leisurely fashion, expecting the usual feast for curiosity.

Chief Irwin mounted the stand and called in stentorian tones: "J. P. Martin," but J. P. answered not, and thereby forfeited a bond of \$3 for being drunk.

The names of Judge Hunter and Johnnie Webber were then called, to answer as to an affray, but there was no answer and their case was continued until to-day. Johnnie Webber, whose sausage has made Johnnie famous, had a little difficulty in a restaurant, and the spat ended up in Hunter getting knocked flat by the small, but redoubtable, Webber.

After a few more fruitless calls, Chief Irwin announced "court adjourned," and the two spectators departed with disappointment writ large upon their faces.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS use Pils' Cure to strengthen the voice and prevent hoarseness.

It's a compliment to one's friends to buy Christmas presents early.

Buying early is also wise, for stocks are always more or less depleted later and the great rush prevents discriminate choice.

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Oak Grove Camp Election.

Oak Grove Camp No. 17, Woodmen of the World, at Chadwick, has elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Council Commander, H. H. Boyd; Advisory Lieutenant, E. M. McGee; Banker, T. W. Ingle; Clerk, Thomas Thompson; Physician, Dr. Leighton W. Hovis; Escort, F. L. Goldsmith; Sentry, J. M. Richardson; Watchman, W. A. Elliott.

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Dolls of every description, both great and small, dressed and undressed, china and kid, jointed and plain.

Express Wagons, all sizes.

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Rocky Horses.

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Doll Carriages.

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Drums, all sizes.

Musical Toys.

Balls of every description. Rubber Toys—all kinds. Assorted Bellows Toys.

Tool Chests.

Doll Trunks, all sizes.

Toy Pianos.

Roving Toys.

Mechanical Toys, all kinds. Real Toy Steam engines. Doll Furnish Engines. Trains. Doll Furniture, all kinds.

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Big Assortment of Other Holiday Novelties.

Our assortment of Xmas novelties has never been so large. Pretty useful articles that will appeal to the grown-up folks:

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Several kinds pretty Picture Frames.

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