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ALLEGED CRIME KIDNAPING

THE TRIAL OF HARRISON BEGUN

Case of Man Charged With Kidnaping and Murdering Kenneth Beasley the 9-Year-Old Son of Former State Senator Beasley, of Currituck County, Comes Up For Trial in the Superior Court of Pasquotank County — Two Former Governors Representing the Defendant—State Shows Motive in Bad Feeling of Harrison For the Lad's Father—The Jury Quickly Secured—Only Three Witnesses Heard and Many Others Called to Testify—Great Interest in the Trial.

Special to The Observer.

Elizabeth City, March 14. — The trial of Joshua Harrison, charged with kidnaping and murdering Kenneth, the 9-year-old son of former State Senator S. H. Beasley, of Currituck county, was begun in Pasquotank Superior Court this morning, the case having been removed from Currituck county, it being alleged that Harrison could not secure justice in that county.

Solicitor H. S. Ward is conducting the case for the State, while former Governors Aycock and Jarvis represent the defendant.

The court room was packed when court opened, most of the spectators and witnesses coming from Currituck county. Formber Governor Aycock immediately asked for a postponement of two hours to permit counsel for the defense to interview their witnesses. This was granted. Court was again convened at noon and immediately postponed until 3:30 this afternoon.

FATHER FIRST WITNESS.

The work of securing a jury was effected in short order. Mr. Beasley, father of the missing boy, was the first witness called by the State. He rehearsed in an affecting manner the mysterious disapperance of his boy two years ago and the futile search that followed. To a question by the solicitor Mr. Beasley stated that there was bad feeling between he and Harrison owing to certain liquor legislation with which Mr. Beasley had had to do, and he related a conversation with Harrison, a year or more prior to the kidnaping, in which Harrison made threats that some one should suffer on account of the unwholesome legislation.

Professor Jennings, principal of the Poplar Branch High School at the time of the boy's disappearance, was the next witness. He related the incidents which transpired in connection with the lad's disappearance and described the search, which continued for weeks, practically as the father had done.

Mr. Woodhouse was the third witness and his testimony treated of the geography of the country in and around the scene of the boy's disappearance.

The State is laying a broad foundation to prove the kidnaping theory: More than hundred witnesses have been subpoenaed and the trial gives promise of lasting many days.

A STRANGE CASE.

The strange case of Kenneth Beasley is still fresh in the public mind though it has been two years since the lad, on his way home from school, disappeared as completely as if the earth had swallowed him up. Search was immediately begun and continued for many weeks, without yielding any trace of the missing boy. Mr. Beasley employed skilled detectives, but they met with no better success than the faithful friends and neighbors who scoured the currounding woods and dragged neighboring streams for many weary days and nights. Mr. Beasley was prostrated by the tragedy and for weeks hovered between life and death. The case has excited as much interest in this section as did the famous Cropsey case, and the developments are expectantly awaited.

NEXT MEETING AT ATLANTA.

Annual Session of Woodmen of the World at Jacksonville Closes With Election of Officers.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 14.—Head Camp "T" Woodmen of the World, with delegates from Georgia and Florida, closed its annual session here today and decided to meet next year in Atlanta. Officers were elected as follows:

Head counsel, C. W. Campbell, of Macon, Ga., head adviser, R. T. Booser, Lake City, Fla., head clerk, W. C. Bennett, Atlanta; head banker, F. H. Hanne, Jacksonville; head escort, W. H. Fifer, Savannah; head watchman, J. Brooks, Gainsville, Fla.; head secretary, A. W. Shattuck, New Smyrna; managers for Georgia division, R. Martin, Dawson Ga., Geo. T. Chidsey, Rome, Ga., managers Florida division, R. G. Calhoun, Sanford, W. H. M. Bachning, Tampa, W. H. Langford, Pensacola; representatives to sovereign camp, which meets in Norfolk, head representative, C. D. Mills, Jacksonville, delegates-at-large, J. M. Dillom, Thomasville, Ga., alternates, C. H. Dame, Ocala, Fla., R. M. Stewart, Dawson, Ga.

TO BE REFUSED ADMITTANCE.

President Issues Order in Fulfillment of His Promise to Mayor Schmitz and Associates.

Washington, March 14.—Complying with the provisions of the immigration act approved February 22nd last, President Roosevelt to-day issued an executive order that such citizens of Japan or Korea to wit: Japanese or Korean laborers, skilled and unskilled, who have received passports to go to Mexico, Canada, or Hawaii and come therefrom, be refused permission to enter the continental territory of the United States.

This order was issued by the President in fulfillment of his promise to Mayor Schmitz and his associates from California when the negotiations regarding the Japanese school question were had in Washington.

Straus to Appoint Georgian.

Washington, March 14.—It practically has been decided by Secretary Straus to appoint J. L. Benton, a well-known young business man of Monticello, Ga., as a special agent of the Department to go abroad and investigate the market for cotton seed products.

BANKS TO RETAIN $46,000,000.

Treasurer Cortelyou Announces That Additional Circulation May be Retained on Due Notification to Comptroller Without Change of Security Until Further Notice.

Washington, March 14.—Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou to-day made the following announcement:

"The Secretary of the Treasury has this day announced that any bank which increased its circulation under the terms of the Department's announcement of October 22, 1906, and was required thereby to retire the same during the months of March and August, may retain said additional circulation upon due notification to the Comptroller of the Currency of its desire so to do, without change as to security for public deposits until further notice. But those banks desiring to retire their additional circulation obtained in this way will be required to withdraw the State, municipal and railroad bonds now lodged with the Treasurer of the United States as security for public deposits and substitute the bonds released by reason of the retirement of their additional circulation.

"The amendment to section 5153 of the Revised Statutes by the act approved March 4, 1907, eliminated the words 'except receipts from customs,' and the Secretary of the Treasury is now instructing collectors of customs, at places where it is found to be desirable to deposit their receipts with national bank depositaries already established in same cities as the custom houses.

"The Secretary of the Treasury has also issued a circular announcing that he will redeem, with interest to July 1st, the date of their maturity, any registered and coupon bonds of the 4 per cent. funded loan of 1897 to an amount not exceeding $25,000,000. The bonds may be presented at once for redemption and registered bonds should be duly assigned to the Secretary of the Treasury. A copy of this circular will be mailed to each owner of registered bonds.

"The circular of February 11, 1907, providing for the purchase of these bonds at 101 1-2 flat, has been rescinded."

Under these announcements and that which was made yesterday, about $46,000,000 will be allowed to remain in circulation that otherwise would have been called into the Treasury. Of this amount $30,000,000 represents public deposits temporarily placed in the banks last fall under agreement that they should be returned to the Treasury subsequent to February 1, 1907, and $16,000,000 relates to additional circulation engaged for retirement. These amounts, together with the $25,000,000 United States 4 per cent. bonds, which the Secretary to-day offered to redeem, make a total of $71,000,000 either left with the banks or offered to be placed with them as the result of the redemption of the 4 per cent. bonds.

RAILROAD CONTRACT LET.

It Will Penetrate the Mountains of Haywood County and Yandle Bros. Are the Successful Bidders—The Railroad Cheaper Than the Flume, Which Was First Projected.

Special to The Observer.

Asheville, March 14.—It was learned here to-day that the contract for building the railroad from Canton to Sunburst, a distance of 16 miles into the mountains of Haywood county has been awarded to Yandle Bros., now engaged in double-tracking the lines of the Southern Railway from Asheville to Morristown as sub-contractors for W. J. Oliver & Co. The amount of the bid submitted by Yandle Bros. is not stated although it is understood that the construction of the road will cost somewhere in the neighborhood of $8,000 to $9,000 per mile. The survey for the Sunburst road was completed several weeks ago and bids asked for the construction of the line. The road will be owned by the Champion Fibre Company, builders of the big pulp mill at Canton. It is understood that Yandle Bros. is preparing to immediately send a large force of men and much equipment to Canton for the Commencement of work. Probably 350 to 400 mules will be worked on the construction of the road while towo or three camps will be established.

It was the original intention of the Champion Fibre Company to construct a great flume from Sunburst to Canton, following the course of the Pigeon river. It is known that surveys for this flume had been made and accepted and that much of the material had been ordered when it was found that estimates submitted were far too low and that the building and operation of a railroad would cost not a great deal more than the flume. The original estimates for the flume placed the cost at $800 per mile. Later estimates were made by a corps of skilled engineers when it was found that the cost would approximate $4,000 per mile for the flume with an additional $3,000 per mile to macadamize the dirt road from Canton to Sunburst. The engineers estimated that the cost of constructing a railroad would be about $8,000 per mile. With the return of Peter G. Thompson to Canton last winter the flume proposition was speedily abandoned and a charter obtained from the Secretary of State for a railroad. This railroad will traverse a rich farming section of Haywood county and will result in great benefit to the farmers of that section. It is expected that several stations will be established along the route of the railroad an dthat both passengers and freight will be hauled.

AN OFFICIAL DENIAL MADE.

President Has Not Requested Governors of States to White House to Confer on Railroad Legislation.

Washington, March 14.—Official denial was given at the White House to-day to the intimations that the President had requested the Governors of the States, before whose Legislatures railroad legislation is pending, to come to Washington for consultation with him as to uniformity on that question. The name of Governor Deneen, of Illinois, has been mentioned in that connection, but it was stated that he is coming here Saturday morning at the President's request on an entirely different mission.

No time has yet been fixed for the conference of the four railroad presidents named by J. Pierpont Morgan upon the occasion of his visit to Washington Monday night last.

CHARGED WITH REBATING

STATE OIL CONCERNS INVOLVED

The Inter-State Commerce Commission Hears Charges Against the Laurinburg Oil Company and the Lumberton Oil & Refining Co.—The Findings of the Commission to be Given to District Attorney Skinner For Prosecution—Alleged to Have Given False Weights on Cotton Seed—Superintendent Creates Sensation by His Testimony—The Popular Cartoons at the Capital—News of the Capital in Brief.

BY ZACK M'GEE.

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Washington, March 14.

The Laurinburg Oil Company and The Lumberton Oil & Ginning Company have been charged with a form of rebating, and their case heard to-day before the inter-State commerce commission developed something in the nature of a sensation. The findings of the commission will be placed in the hands of Harry Skinner, district attorney of the eastern district of North Carolina and the penalty, if a conviction is found, will be very severe.

The two companies have been charged with giving false weights of cotton seed and the superintendent of the Laurinburg Oil Company testified that he had been keeping two sets of books, under instructions from the president of the company, Mr. James B. Johns.

MADE STRONG CASE.

Charges were preferred against these two companies some weeks ago, and the commission sent one of its special agents, Mr. S. H. Smith, into North Carolina to investigate. Mr. Smith paid three distinct visits to Laurinburg, and Lumberton, after which he made a report which represented such a strong case against the two oil companies that the inter-State commerce commission ordered the hearing to-day, subpoenaeing as witnesses L. B. Johnson, of Charlotte, district manager of the Southern weighing and inspection bureau; W. S. Coburn, Seaboard Air Line agent at Laurinburg and Superintendent Lyth, of the Laurinburg Oil Company. James A. Jones, president of the Laurinburg Oil Company, and Major John D. Shaw, attorney, wer both in Washington, but did not attend the hearing. Ex-Representative G. B. Patterson attended the hearing to represent some individuals he said.

The sensational testimony of M. Lyth, that under instructions he had been keeping two sets of books, was the feature of the day. In consequence of Mr. Lyth's testimony, although he was an unwilling witness, being subponeaed, he was given what is known as an "immunity bath," by the commission, which means that if prosecutions are instigated there will be no case against Mr. Lyth.

THE FAVORITE CARTOON.

The favorite cartoon of the hour in these parts is a picture of a large well-fed, prosperous, and triumphant looking man, with silk-corded eyeglasses and white teeth protruding beyond the lips, standing in the door of the White House, while a small shabbily dressed, much bewounded man, with coat plasters stuck over his wounds and his arm in a sling beseeching the big man with the silk-corded eye-glases and the teeth for the favor of a brief interview. The big man in the door is easily recognized; the little man is one of the great railroad magnates, Harriman or Hill or Mellen or McCrea; and one of the papers of to-day is even so disrespectful as to print the picture of the figure of J. Pierpont Morgan himself humbling himself before such an insignificant personage as the President of the United States. Think o that, if you can.

Within the past year two-cent fare laws have been enacted by the Legislautres of Nebraska, Ohio, Missouri, and West Virginia. North Carolina has ordered a 2 1-4 cent passenger rate on all roads over sixty miles in length; South Dakota has enacted a law requiring a two and a half cent fare, with 1,000 mile books at the rate of 2 cents a mile. Two-cent fare bills are pending in the Legislatures of Minnesota and Texas. Maryland has enacted a law to the effect that any railroad in that State charging a fare of more than two cents a mile shall sell 1,000 mile tickets at the rate of 2 cents a mile. A 2-cent fare bill has passed one of the houses of the Illinois Legislature. A three cent fare bill has passed one house in New Mexico and a 4 cent fare bill is pending in the Legislature of Arizona.

Railroad control bills have been numerous in other States, especially in New York, New Jersey, Masachusetts and Connecticut, but in these States the railroads generally find a way to check any hostile legislation. They have generally found ways of checking hostile legislation in other States and in the Congress of the United States. But they are losing their grip in nearly every State, and to an alarming extent in the Congress of the United States, and they are losing some of their grip it seems on the Executive himself.

Hence this beseeching of the President by big railroad magnates for an interview. When Harriman came down here to show his 10-year-old son, Roland, the sights of the capital including the bear dens and the animal heads on the White House walls, that set the tongue of the nation to wagging and the pen of the world to scratching. But Harriman was hardly out of town before here comes along J. Pierpont Morgan, and if there is one man in the United States as powerful as Harriman it is J. Pierpont. Well J. P. goes up to the White House in the still watches of the night, after most honest folks in this land have gone to bed, and along with them a good many dishonest ones. He talks a long talk with T. R., and he begs T. R. to permit several other big railroad presidents to come down in a bunch and talk with him about the situation. T. R. said all right. He likes big men, does this T. R., and he is not averse to having them come up and talk to him. These big fellows never condescended to do such a thing before. They have never minded taking a President around on their railroads, free of charge, champagne and all, but as to coming to the President in a suppliant mood, with the whole world looking on and knowing that they are suppliants and not masters as they used to be when they rode the President around in their private cars.

RAILROADS ON THE BOTTOM.

A change seems to have come over things, and the railroads instead of being on top, as they have been for these many years, are on the bottom. And if this T. R. is not the big man on top, he thinks he is, the country generally thinks he is, and even these great dukes like Morgan and Harriman and Mellen and the others are beginning to think so.

Of course, having contributed so largely to elect this Roosevelt they may think that they own him. He may not be doing to suit them, although to speak the very truth he isn't really doing anything to help them, and he might write a million messages and make twice that many speeches he could not check this sentiment among the people of this country for governmental control of railroads. He did not create that sentiment and he cannot check it. Still they may think he can, for the very truth is they hardly know where they are just at this time.

The President granted the conference to the railroad presidents, which Mr. Morgan asked. Beyond that he refuses to say what he and the great money king talked about. They may have talked about that $54,000 Mr. Morgan's partner, Geo. W. Perkins, has just paid back to the New York Life, for all that is known here to-day. That certainly would have been a pertinent subject. Mr. T. R. and his whole G. O. P. crowd profited by that money which the New York Life gave the Republican campaign committee, and Perkins thought he was doing the right thing when he gave it, or at least he says so.

Changing his mind now, Mr. Perkins returns the money. But the G. O. P. keeps it. T. R. and his crowd ought certainly to repay Mr Perkins. Perhaps Mr. Perkin's partner, Mr. J. Pierpont, came down here and asked the President if it would not be proper for him and the G. O. P. to be as honest as Mr. Perkins and return the graft money to Mr. Perkins. But then nobody knows about that. The President will not talk about it. A number of newspaper men tried to get to see him to-day to ask him about what he and Morgan did talk about but to all alike came the answer that the President would talk to nobody about that.

But there's something doing.

CASE WORKERS HEARD.

The North Carolina Case Workers had a hearing before the inter-State commerce cimmission to-day, being represented by W. G. Bradshaw, president; C. J. Field, secretary; and Fred N. Tate, of High Point, N. C. and E. A. Smith of Mount Airy, all prominent furniture manufacturers.

Their complaint is, in substance, against the rates on 36 foot cars furnished them by the Southern Railroad and the railroads of the West. The railroads say they have not the 40 foot cars to furnish, but they have the 36 foot cars. Since they charge as much for 36 foot cars as they do for 40 foot cars, and of course the 40 foot cars will carry more, this is not satisfactory.

LYNCHERS SHOW THEIR HANDS

They Come Too Late—Board of Aldermen Liberal to Police — Telephone Franchise Refused—News in Brief.

Special to The Observer.

Fayetteville, March 14.—As will be wired to The Observer to-night, a body of South Carolinians did come up, after all. Early yesterday afternoon it was known that they had applied to the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad for an extra train, which, by advice over the wires of the road's counsel in this city, Hon G. M. Rose, was refused. During the afternoon they sent frequent telegrams asking if the negro was here, and avowing that they were coming up. These telegrams, of course became know, exciting this community, and it was mainly on account of the would-be lynchers "Showing their hands," that the sheriff saw that it was time for the negro to move on, and he was carried to Raleigh. The body of men last night, from what the correspondent can learn, was a cooler, more thoughtful sort, who were not bent on violence. Although in office only a little over three months, Sheriff Watson has been up against two or three serious crises, and has always been equal to the emergency—brave, cool, self-reliant, quick to conceive and execute.

The city government has voted to pay all the hospital expenses of Chief Chason and Officer Buckingham, and continue the salaries of these two and Officer Lockamy to May 8th, when their terms expire. It has also raised the salaries of the police force all around.

The board of audit and finance has returned to the city government the franchise of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, with its veto. The board insists that the Fayetteville exchange furnish cabled and metallic circuits at the present rate with long distance connection at an additional cost of not over 50 cents per month.

At the decision of the coroner, and at the request of Solicitor Sinclear, the body of Policeman Lockamy has been exhumed and an autopsy made, with the extraction of a 32-calibre ball, as carried in the pistol of the negro Walker.

At a special meeting yesterday of the county commissioners a contract was given to the Owego Bridge Company for a steel bridge across Little river at Lenoir for $4,500, the cost to be divided between Harnett and Cumberland.

In a few days the old Hay Street Methodist church, at the junction of Hay and Old streets, will be torn down, to make room for a new building at a cost of $25,000.

SPENCE GETS POSTOFFICE.

Receives Appointment of Post-Masters Made at White House.

Washington, March 14.—The following recess appointments of postmasters were made at the White House to-day:

Florida—George F. Fornald, Tarpon Springs.

Georgia—Wm. E. Durham, Cochran; Augusta Glover, Monticello; Mary C. Heinsohn, Sylvester.

Tennessee—Leonidas T. Reager, Shelbyville.

North Carolina—Robert D. Douglass, Greensboro; J. R. Joyce, Reidsville; John D. Spence, Charlotte; Wm. J. Leary, Sr., Edenton; Thos. H. Dickens, Enfield; Willis Percival Edwards, Franklinton; S. M. Hambrick, Hickory; W. Eugene Miller, Lenoir; Frank Roberts, Marshall; John R. Mobley, Williamston.

West Virginia—S. S. Buzzard, Berkeley Springs; Geo. T. Goshorn, Piedmont; Thos. E. Pownall, Remnoy.

Former Actor A Suicide.

Washington, March 14.—Frederick M. Dilger, a former actor, to-day committed suicide by hanging. He was 30 years of age and was a native of Alexandria, Va. Ill health is given as the cause of the act.

STATE'S FIRST EXPERT UP

THAW KNEW ACT WAS WRONG.

Dr. Flint Declares in Answer to Defense Hypothetical Question That in His Opinion Thaw Was Not Insane When He Shot White— Delmas Announces That He Will Question State Experts Searchingly—Jerome Gets From Hummel Statement That Evelyn Nesbit Told Him That She Told Thaw in Paris in 1903 That White Potitively Had Not Drugged or Betrayed Her—District Attorney May be Called to Stand in Sur-Rebuttal.

New York, March 14.—Answering precisely the same hypothetical question in response to which the alienists of the defense declared that Harry K. Thaw was suffering from unsound mind and did not know the nature or quality of his act when he shot and killed Stanford White, Dr. Austin Flint, the first expert called to-day by District Attorney Jerome in rebuttal, declared it to be his opinion that Thaw positively did know the nature and quality of his act and knew that the act was wrong. When court adjourned for the day Mr. Delmas had not begun his cross-examination of Dr. Flint, who is the first of six alienists to be called by Mr. Jerome.

After repeating to Dr. Flint the same question which Mr. Delmas put to the experts for the defense and having him declare that Thaw was sane on the assumption of the facts stated therein, Mr. Jerome had read to the witness the prosecution's hypothetical question which contained some 15,000 words and which required one hour and 18 minutes in the reading. Dr. Flint again said without qualification that Thaw knew his act was wrong, and is therefore liable for the murder in the first degree under the statutes of the State of New York.

Mr. Delmas indicated that he would cross-examine each expert searchingly.

Mr. Jerome's sanguine prophecy that the taking of testimony would be concluded by to-morrow night has been abandoned and those concerned in the case again look to April 1 as the earliest moment of closing the the long drawn-out trial.

HUMMEL AGAIN ON STAND.

Abraham Hummel was on the stand again to-day and before Mr. Delmas could object to a question put to him by Mr. Jerome the prosecution had got into the record the statement that Evelyn Nesbit told him that she told Harry Thaw in Paris in 1903 that Stanford White positively had not drugged or betrayed her. Mr. Delmas moved to have the question and answer stricken from the record, but as the district attorney seemed about to consent to this plea, Mr. Delmas insisted that the answer stand.

Hummel's further testimony was halted until Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw again takes the stand to testify as to whether Hummel was acting as her attorney when she made the statements to him which were afterwards embodied in an affidavit.

Both Mr. Jerome and Mr. Delmas were irritable to-day and had frequent clashes.

It was reported to-night that District Attorney Jerome may be called to the witness stand in sur-rebuttal by the defense. The purpose, it is said, was to question Mr. Jerome as to certain actions against Abraham Hummel, who was a witness to-day. This move was taken as a reason for the defense allowing much of the Hummel testimony to stand to-day.

19 OF 24 TO BE DEPORTED.

On Findings of Special Board of Inquiry Secretary Straus Directs Importation of North Carolina Immigrants.

Washington, March, 14.—Secretary Straus on the findings of a special board of inquiry of the immigration service, held in Baltimore yesterday, has directed the deportation of 19 of the 24 persons taken from North Carolina to Baltimore for examination. The people to be deported are 17 women and two men, all of whom are anxious to return to their homes. The board found that they wele likely to become public charges if they should remain in this country and recommended their deportation. The other five, two women and three men, have secured remnuerative employment in this country and wil be permitted to remain.

The case originally involved nearly a hundred persons who were induced to come to this country by Thomas Costello to take employment in North Carolina cotton mills. A prosecution was instituted of the mill officials for violation of the alien contract labor law, but the case a few days ago, was practically thrown out of court, it being shown that Costello had exceeded his authority in making representations to the immigrants With the exception of the 19 to be deported the immigrants are all well employed in this country.

CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT.

Secretary and Treasurer of Georgia Redemption & Loan Company Held Under Bond of $2,000.

Atlanta, Ga., March 14. —M. M. Turner, former city councilman and secretary and treasurer of the Georgia Redemption & Loan Company, was arrested here late to-day on a warrant charging embezzlement. This charge grows out of the appointment of Eugene R. Black as temporary receiver of the company a few weeks ago. The receivers investigation, it is said, showed a balance in bank of only $82. The books of the company, according to Receiver Black's report, show a total of $95,2.., having been paid into the treasury, and $52,441 drawn out, but no record as to whom the latter sum was paid or for what purpose.

Turner says that the money was used to retire certificates and to pay expenses. Turner was released on $2,000 bond.

CLEVELAND ENJOYING OUTING

Weather Most Too Warm, But Many Ducks are Being Bagged.

Georgétown, S. C., March 14.—Commodore E. C. Benedict, came to the city to-day from Gen. Alexander's shooting preserves at Forbes Point and reported that former President Cleveland is enjoying thoroughly his outing here, that he is in good health and the best of spirits. The weather is too warm for good duck shooting, but Mr. Cleveland and Admiral Lamberton bag quite a number each day. The party will visit the club house and preserves of the Santee Gun Club during the next few days.

YOUNG MAN'S TRAGIC DEATH.

J. W. Holder's Neck Broken in an Unusual Manner—The Don Richardson Trio at Lumberton — Fire Burns a Barn—Bishop Strange to Preach To-Day.

Special to The Observer.

Lumberton, March 14.—Mr. J. L. Rackley, of Lumber Bridge, is in town to-day, and told your correspondent of the tragic death of Mr. J. W. Holder, aged about 23 years. He was loading a log on a cart when in some manner the tongue flew up and struck him about the head, breaking his neck and causing instant death. Young Mr. Holder was from Harnett county, but had lived with Mr. Rackley for the past four years.

The Don Richardson Trio gave a concert at the opera house here last night to a fair-sized audience. A programme of high class music was rendered and the people here almost unanimously comment on the entertainment, as grand. They will be at Burgaw to-night.

Mrs. E. A. White was at home to friends yesterday afternoon in honor of her guest, Miss Elna Covington, of Rockingham. A contest was a part of the amusement afforded and the prize for the successful contestant was awarded Miss Jessie Fuller. The booby prize to Miss Vivian Townsend. Misses Townsend and Davis contributed to the delight of the occasion by instrumental music. Misses Epsie Fuller and Vashti White, two pretty little girls, served refreshments. Those present were: Misses Covington, Anna McLeod, Virginia Whitfield, Claudia Davis, Elberta Winburne, Vivian Townsend, Jessie Fuller and Alma Rancke, and Mrs. I. B. Townsend.

Fire, thought to be of incendiary origin, destroyed the barn, shelters, some gorage buggy, cart and a lot of tools for Mr. R. A. Rozier, on R. F. D. No. 1.

The Rt. Rev. Robert Strange, bishop of the Episccopar Church of the Eastern Diocese of North Carolina, will preach in the Presbyterian church Friday evening, the 22nd

The 8-months'-old daughter fo Mr. and Mrs. L. Parker, died last night at their home near here, from pneumonia.

RECEIVERS AND SHIPPERS MEET

Gov. Hoke Smith, of Georgia, Urges Government Control of Railroads to Prevent Discrimination in Rates.

Cincinnati, O., March 14.—The danegr in unrestricted management of railroad properties and necessity for government control to prevent discrimination in rates were urged by Gov. Hoke Smith, of Georgia, in an address on "transportation" before the Cincinnati Receivers' and Shippers' Association to-night. Between 300 and 400 business men of Cincinnati and vicinity hear dthe address, which was delivered at the annual banquet of the organization.

Governor Smith spoke about transportation, saying there was no more important and difficult problem to be solved by the people of the United States.

"The interests controlling the railroads, as a rule," he said, "study the problem of making immense fortunes at once out of increased stock and bond issues. The right to earn a just income on the actual investment in the properties does not interest them. They are carless of the duties owed by the transportation companies to the public.

"The railroad properties of the United States are capitalized at over $13,000,000,000. Careful estimates of their actual values show them to be worth less than $6,000,000,000. The public, therefore, are being called on to pay excessive rates for transportation to make interests and dividends on $7,000,000,000 of watered stocks and bonds. These bonds and stocks rest like a permanent mortgage on the industries of those engaged in the various vocations of life.

"The transportation company is a public enterprise. The railroad is built by the use of the State's power of eminent domain. The public are entitled to a voice in the charges which are made by the railroad company for carrying passengers and freight. These charges must be reasonable and free from discriminations.

"The duties of a railroad company are dual: First, to the public; second, to its stockholders.

LANCE FOUND NOT GUILTY

Book Agent Who Shot Negro Named Ben Hood, of Waxhaw, Acquitted at Lancaster, S. C.—Lance Known in Charlotte.

A case of interest to Charlotte people was decided at Lancaster, S. C., Wednesday, when J. W. Lance, who travels for C. H. Robinson & Co., of this city, was acquitted of the murder of Ben Hood, a Waxhaw negro whom he slew a number of months ago. The case was tried in the court of general sessions.

Mr. Lance was shot in the arm in the encounter and was confined in the Presbyterian Hospital of this city for several weeks. He claimed that the negro made threatening advances toward him, firing first, whereupon he shot and killed him. Mr. T. A. Adams, of the local bar, was one of the attorneys for the defense.

QUARANTINE STATION SOLD.

Marine Hospital Service to Control Louisiana Quarantine.

New Orleans, March 14.—The sale of the Mississippi river quarantine station to the United States for $100,000 was announced to-day by the State board of health. With the sale of this station control of quarantine in this State passes to the marine hospital service.

The government in making this purchase has agreed to maintain four other quarantine stations on the Louisiana coast now kept by the States.

Abernethy-Hull, at Lincolnton.

Special to The Observer.

Lincolnton, March 14.—The marriage of Miss Louia Abernethy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Abernethy, of Lincolnton, and Mr. J Haywood Hull took place at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the Presbyterian church. Rev. R. Z. Johnston, assisted by Rev. Mr. Harman, of Shelby, performed the ceremony. Mr. L. M. Hull, brother of the groom, was best man, and Miss Helen Rhyne was maid of honor. Mr. Hull is one of Shelby's best known and most prosperous business men and Miss Abernethy is one of Lincoln's most accomplished daughters.

KRESS STORE IN SALISBURY

MILLIONAIRE BUYS LAND THERE

Will Establish His Sixty-Second Store at Rowan's Capital—Burglar Enters Hambley Home and Succeeds in Falling Down Flight of Stairs—Work Begins on the New Jail—The Dreher Will Probated—Donnell Manufacturing Company Opens a Branch Establishment.

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Salisbury, March 14.—The residence of Mrs. E. B. C. Hambley was entered last night by an unknown man, but nothing was missed. Mrs. Hambley, who lives in one of the handsomest mansions in the State, heard the robber on the stairs and stumping his toe, he fell headlong down the flight. He then attempted to enter the room of Mrs. Hambley, which was locked. She went out and shot, bringing neighbors and policemen, who searched without finding anybody. The entrance seems to have been made by a key which some one had stolen.

All Salisbury is especially gratified today by the tribute being paid to Hayden Clement, Esq., by the officers of State with whom he has been associated this spring. Mr. Clement without the suggestion of any of his friends here, is leading the race for the Assistant Attorney Generalship of North Carolina, a position created by the last General Assembly. The offer offer comes unsolicited on his own part because he has a way of doing no assiduous self boasting. A message was received from Governor Glenn this morning that he and his entire staff had recommended the appointment and the Attorney General himself is highly favorable to the modest young man, too modest for his merits. The place carries a good salary with it, is an honor to be sought and to date Mr. Clement is far ahead in a race for a worthy position. His work during the past session of the Legislature has been such as to endear him to those whom he daily met and they are his friends always.

OPENED BRANCH HOUSE.

The Donnell Manufacturing Company has opened its branch house here with Mr. Wade Barrier as manager. It deals in sundries, especially of grocers and druggists. Mr. Barrier has taken room No. 10 of the Bell Block from which place he will distribute the supplies until a larger house is found. This company hails from St. Louis, Missouri, and has the goods for everybody who wants to be shown.

The will of Dr. A. H. Dreher, who died Saturday in Philadelphia, was today probated and Mrs. Dreher is named as executrix. He leaves his entire estate to her, the comfortable accumulation of his 13 years of practice. Dr. Dreher stood at the top of his profession and his death resulting from the most mysterious auses, has reated widespread sorrow. No professional man who ever lived here, stood better.

Mrs. C. J. Sawyer and two children, who have lived 10 months here, left last night for Belcross, Dr. Sawyer's old home, where they will live in the future. They are joined to-morrow by Dr. Sawyer. The change is made for the sake of Dr. Sawyer's aged father, who was made a widower a few weeks ago and the family will again live together The family were among Salisbury's best people and their going away is regretted.

THE NEW JAIL.

Contractor Okra, of Virginia, who has the bid of the new jail, is here with a big squad of men and ready for immediate work. The jail question was a knotty one in county politics for a number of days and weeks during the last campaign, but it was settled finally by the decision to erect a new prison. This jail is to be a beauty. It replaces an ugly structure at which several mobs have shown peculiar spite. It seems especially designed to facilitate lynchings and has nothing of comfort about it. There will be nothing that is not modern about the new one. It is to be set in the rear of the old one.

At a meeting of the citizens last night it was determined with reference to the coming of the Southern Metal Company, that a committee be appointed to visit Lexington and go over the plant, looking into its stock and making an inventory of it. Then it will return here and report. There is little doubt that this business, which will bring about 35 operatives with it, is to come here.

The old freight shed used years ago as the freight depository, is being torn down and will be replaced by a warehouse. Vain theories that this is to be replaced by the new passenger station have been exploded and there is no certainty when the station will be begun. The time limit of the bids has expired, but the winner has not been announced.

L. H. Kress, a millionaire, of New York, has purchased the remainder of the Davis property on Main street, now owned by Messrs. W. S. Blackmer and M. S. Brown, and will erect a three-story 5 and 10-cent store, this making his sixty-second similar institution. This one will stand on a lot 58 by 126 feet and will be built of brick. It is to be one of the largest in the State. Mr. Kress owns much property, but this is the first piece that he has taken over in North Carolina. He will handle small goods altogether and will begin the store as soon as possible to clear everything for work. The consideration for the lot was $8,000.

FOR EFFECTIVE COAST GUARD.

Governors of Seaboard States Asked to Co-operate With War Department to This End.

Washington, March 14.—Letters were sent to-day by Assistant Secretary Oliver, of the War Department, to the Governors of all seaboard States asking their co-operation in the development of the War Department's plan for the training of an effective coast guard through the operation of the organized militia in connection with the regulars assigned to coast artilley service.

The letters were accompanied by circulars prepared by the chief of artilley setting forth his scheme to set aside a portion of the State troops in all of the coast States for artillery service, the State troops to have each year from seven to 10 days of training at an artillery post under the direction of the regulars. The chief of artillery also suggests designation of certain state troops to protect the land side of the coast artillery posts which plan entails no additional expense on the States.

Metcalf and Party at Charleston.

Charleston, S. C., March 14.—Secretary of the Navy Metcalf and party arrived here to-day to embark on the Dolphin for a visit to naval stations in the West Indies. The party was met by Mayor Rhett and others and taken to the navy yard here for an inspection.

The Secretary made an informal inspection of the navy yard, boarding the Dolphin about 3 o'clock and sailing for the West Indies. Secretary Metcalf came by rail with Senator Flint and Charles Glover, of Washington. Senators Hale, Penrose and Carter were on the Dolphin, which arrived here about noon.

The Next Meeting to be Held at Jamestown.

Norfolk, Va., March 14.—The executive committee of the supreme commandery of the Society of the Golden Cross has at the request of many delegates, changed the place of meeting of the next legislative session of the commandery from Nashville, Tenn., to the Jamestown Exposition on May 20, 21 and 22. Eight hundred delegates are expected to attend.