

LOADED DOWN WITH MONEY

POLICEMEN'S STRANGE MAUL

White Woman by Name of Bessie Wilson Arrested for Begging and Abusing Mrs. Clinton Bell. Found to Have \$250 or More Concealed on Her Person—Roll of Greenbacks Found Rustle, While Bags of Silver are Attached to Limbs.

It was a dramatic scene which greeted the eyes of a reporter as he walked into the police station yesterday afternoon. In answer to a kindly telephone call, Bessie Wilson, the white woman, was brought to the table in the center of great piles of shining silver lay in gleaming heaps. Before it sat Desk Sergeant Duke and at the right side Officer Porter raking in handful after handful of the lucre, keeping record on a handy sheet of paper in a column of figures whose total amounted bigger and higher as the Lamenta passed. A half dozen others looked on longed and wondered. The reason for all this was soon explained.

Back in the prison, occupying one of the cells, was a woman, Bessie Wilson by name, arrested for begging from house to house and cursing at least one who gave her pay for an answer. The incident which resulted in her arrest took place at the home of Officer Bell. Miss Wilson (a bank book issued by a Columbia institution in which she has \$50 shows that she is unmarried) went to the home of Officer Bell and asked Mrs. Bell for money with which to pay her way to her folks in the country near Rock Hill. This was declined, whereupon she proceeded to abuse Mrs. Bell. Officer Black, who chanced to be passing, was notified, and through him, police headquarters. Armed with a description, Officers Bell and Porter sauntered forth and found the woman as she was leaving the residence of Dr. Crowell. She was escorted to the police station, where she was offered her release should she cough up \$10 bond. The woman reached down to her stocking and lo and behold a bag of silver was attached thereto, such as one would scarcely expect to find on one who asked for alms. Search revealed that she was a veritable mint in human guise. For concealed beneath her dress, tied about either limb and acting as a bustle were a store of rags containing wealth. In one roll of bills there was five, tens and twenties, which amounted to \$169. A bushel more or less of nickels, dimes, quarters and pennies brought the whole up to more than \$320. "Just say \$320 and a quart of pennies," said one of the officers, as he raked a pile of the latter into a bag without counting them. The entire lot weighed 14 1/2 pounds and now an ordinary frail woman could have walked thus impeded to a mystery.

She was turned over to Mrs. J. M. Cross at the Charlotte Hotel for further search, but no more money was found. Mrs. Cross says that she knows the woman; that she has stopped at the hotel a number of times, and is accustomed to cure people out of their don't give her what she asks for.

The Wilson woman, who is about 35 or 40 years old, is not bright, though she talks freely.

"When did you come into town?" she was asked.

"I came in right before last," she said. "I was on my way to my sister's in South Carolina, down in the country near Rock Hill."

"Where did you get all that money and in that shape?"

"I saved it," the woman answered plumply. "I've had a hard time and this money represents what I've saved. It's all I've got to keep me from going to the poor house. You are not going to take my money away from me are you?"

She was assured that nobody was going to keep her money.

"I'll go away from Charlotte and never come back again. I'll never ask another soul for money. If you'll let me go and give me my money back—all except the fine," she said. "I'm sorry I ever came here at all."

Later in the afternoon she was weeping bitterly in her cell.

BIG JUICY NUTS TO CRACK

QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTERS

Messrs. McRae and Hathcock Ask the City Democratic Executive Committee to Pass on Certain Matters That the People Want to Know About Before the Day of the Primary—The Poll Tax Qualification Needs Explanation—where a Man Must Live to Vote in a Certain Ward—A Number of Important Questions Asked.

There has been considerable talk about the requirements for the qualification for the coming Democratic primary here in the city. The city Democratic executive committee will say who shall or shall not be entitled to vote. In order to arrive at an understanding about the matter Messrs. W. C. Hathcock, chairman of the Working Men's Civic League, and John A. McRae, chairman of the committee of the Business Men's Municipal League, have addressed the following questions to the chairman of the city Democratic executive committee:

"March 28, 1907.

"Hon. W. C. Dowd, Chairman of the City Democratic Executive Committee, Charlotte, N. C.

"Dear Sir:—

"The Business Men's Municipal League and the Working Men's Civic League, feeling that a clear understanding, touching the qualifications, required of voters in the city Democratic primaries to be held on April 14, 1907, and the subsequent Democratic primaries during the spring of 1907, if any subsequent primaries should be necessary, would avoid friction and conduce to harmony, respectfully ask for an official ruling in writing by your committee on certain questions which may arise in regard to the qualifications of voters in said primaries. The committee will appreciate an official expression of your committee on the questions given below at the committee's very earliest convenience.

"The questions follow:

"(1) Will the payment of poll tax either county and State or city poll tax for the year 1906 or any other year be required as a qualification for voting in said primaries; and, if so, for what year and by what date must the poll tax be paid to give a person the right to vote in said primaries?"

"(2) If a person did reside for a period of four months in a new ward in territory not embraced in the limits of the city of Charlotte prior to the 7th day of May, 1907, but such person, within less than four months prior to the 7th day of May, 1907, the date of the coming municipal election, removed directly into a new ward in territory not embraced within the limits of the city of Charlotte prior to the date of the coming municipal election, will such person be entitled to register and vote in said primaries; and if so in what ward, the one from which he removed or to which he removed?"

"(3) If a person did reside for four months or more in one of the new wards in territory not embraced in the limits of the city prior to the said city charter and within less than four months prior to the 7th day of May, 1907, into any one of the four old wards in the city, will he be entitled to register and vote, and, if so, in which of the wards, the new ward from which he removed or the old ward into which he removed?"

"(4) If any person, four months or more prior to the 7th day of May, 1907, removed from any township in Mecklenburg county into territory embraced within the present limits of the city of Charlotte and there resided for two months and then removed from that territory into a different ward of the city of Charlotte and there will have resided for at least two months prior to the 7th day of May, 1907, will he be entitled to participate in said primaries; and if so in what ward, the one to which he first removed or the one into which he last removed?"

"(5) If any person cast his ballot for a Republican candidate for the Legislature in the general election of 1906, will he be entitled to participate in said primaries; and if so in what ward, the one to which he first removed or the one into which he last removed?"

(Signed) W. C. HATHCOCK, Chmn. of the Working Men's Civic League.

JOHN A. M'RAE, Chmn. of Committee of Business Men's Municipal League.

EASTER EXERCISES

Programme of Special Services Which Will be Rendered at First Baptist Sunday School Sunday Afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Special Easter services will be held at the First Baptist Sunday school Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The following programme will be followed: Music by orchestra. Song and devotional service. Appropriate responses, including, in which all of the class will take part. Invocation. Singing by school. "Death Could Not Hold Him." Prayer, Mrs. Brown. Solo by Miss Grace Edlins. Singing by school—"Easter Song." Selection by orchestra. Song by singing class, "Glory, Glory, He is Born." Solo by Miss Ote Irvine. Singing by school. Cornet solo by Mr. Dresson. Announcements. Lesson Study. Singing by school. Reports of classes. Selection by organ band. Responsive reading. Easter song by seven little girls in the primary class. Benediction.

FRANC JONES NOT DEAD.

False Rumor on Streets Yesterday Morning the Defaulting Teller Had Committed Suicide in Virginia—Dead Man a Virginian.

That Frank H. Jones, the defaulting teller of the Charlotte National Bank had attempted suicide in Virginia by cutting his throat, having been recognized by several persons was the substance of a rumor which was current on the streets yesterday morning, but which subsequent investigation has proved to be false. The report reached here by way of the crew and passengers of No. 35 and caused considerable comment. The man, it was learned, was taken to a hospital in Danville.

A telegram of inquiry sent to Danville established the fact that the man who attempted suicide was Stuart F. Bradburn, of Bridgewater, Va.

The News—No Sure Drug Cough Cure Laws would be needed, if all Cough Cures were like Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure—and has been for 20 years. The National Law now requires that if any poisonous enter into a cough mixture, it must be printed on the label or package. For this reason, having, Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure, No poisonous enter into it. Shoop's labels and name in the medicine, else it must be law on the label. And it's not only safe, but it is to be by those that know it best, a truly remarkable cough remedy. Take no chance, particularly with your children, in using any other cough medicine. Compare carefully the Dr. Shoop package with others and see. No poison enters into it. Shoop's Cough Cure is the safe side by demanding Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure. Simply refuse to accept any other. Sold by Burwell-Dunn Retail Store.

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\$1,145 MORE FOR Y. W. C. A. FUND.

Report at Meeting of Ladies Shows That More Than \$8,000 Has Already Been Secured for Proposed Young Women's Christian Association Building—Work in Other States.

The report of the campaign in the interest of the Young Women's Christian Association building, which was submitted at the meeting of the association yesterday afternoon, showed that \$11,445 have been secured on the building fund since the meeting of the Monday afternoon. This makes a total of more than \$8,000 secured in the one week the ladies have been getting subscriptions to the building fund. The ladies are thoroughly in earnest, are actively at work, and are putting into their work that determination which means success.

The ladies realize the need of just such a building as that which they are trying to get. Their enthusiasm is touching many of those to whom they appeal, making them to realize the worthiness of the cause. The meeting yesterday was an enthusiastic one. Another will be held in a few days. At this another report on the building fund will be submitted.

The campaign spirit is not confined to Charlotte by any means. In many cities the same enterprise is being carried on successfully by the ladies of the Y. W. C. A. The encouraging news from other places is a stimulus to the earnest workers in that interest here.

Recently a very welcome surprise came to the Y. W. C. A. of Aurora, Ill., in the form of \$25,000. This fund was quickly made up by some friends of the Y. W. C. A. A rapid campaign in the interest of the Y. W. C. A. building fund had just closed successfully, and these friends, in an effort to express their appreciation of the work of the Y. W. C. A. in the city, gave this \$25,000 as the beginning of the fund for their building.

Just at this time the Y. W. C. A. of Portland, Maine, is carrying on a campaign that is well organized, and one that promises to be very successful. The campaign committee has issued attractive printed matter, in the form of blotters. On these appear an array of figures showing what is being done in the three different locations in the city where the committee has offices. This is done so that the business men of the city can see exactly what is being done, this being one means adopted for securing from them more generous gifts of money.

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