

HE MURDERED THE BLOODHOUNDS

Bob Alexander, known to have been a member of the Bloodhounds...

Lost and very much wanted at McLaughlin's convict camp is Bob Alexander, a well-known negro of the section with a bad reputation...

Everybody in Mecklenburg county with any knowledge of criminals knows Bob Alexander. Time after time he has been in the local and county courts...

Yesterday morning about 4 o'clock Alexander, after having presumably cut away the chains which bound his ankles with a file, tied the pieces about his leg, beneath his trousers, and ambled away...

And that is the last that has been seen of them. One place the pursuing party found where the tracks of the hounds and the negro mingled. It is believed that the man was overtaken by them seized the dilemma manfully by both horns, made friends with the dogs and persuaded them to accompany him, sharing with him his fortunes, good or ill...

Two other negroes escaped the night before from McLaughlin's camp. One is Will Byers, a chicken thief, and the other John Barnett, alias Glendon.

DEATH OF IREDELL NATIVE

Mr. James J. McNeely Passes Away at the Presbyterian Hospital After an Operation For Appendicitis.

After suffering for some time with a malignant form of appendicitis, and undergoing an operation at the Presbyterian Hospital which proved to be too late to check the ravages of the disease, which has attended it in its fatal work, Mr. James J. McNeely, of Mooresville, died yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at the hospital where he had been placed under treatment...

VALUATION OF PEANUT OIL

Mr. L. B. Poole Compiles Some Interesting Figures as to the Value of Peanut Oil.

Mr. L. B. Poole, of the Southern Cotton Oil Company, has been making some investigation of peanuts as an oil-producing crop. Mr. Poole finds the following percentages and other data about peanuts:

2,000 pounds of peanuts washed: Hulls 29.23 per cent; meats 70.77 per cent. Water in meal 6.53 per cent; oil 25.40 per cent; ammonia 5.20 per cent; protein 26.70 per cent; water in hulls 11.85 per cent.

Water free, whole seed: oil 19.51 per cent; ammonia 4.00 per cent; protein 25.40 per cent; water 7.26 per cent; meal: 981.3 per cent; hulls, total 1,988.9.

The price of peanut oil is about 75 cents a gallon, but an oil can be made from the cotton seed that will very closely serve every purpose that peanut oil could serve. Therefore, it would seem that no profitable business could be done in peanut oil in competition with cotton seed oil.

WILL PAY OUT SPLENDID SUM

Mechanics' Perpetual Building and Loan Association to Distribute Approximately \$100,000 Next Month.

The Mechanics' Perpetual Building and Loan Association, upon the maturity of its 39th series of stock, will pay to its stockholders about the middle of next month the handsome sum of approximately \$100,000, the major part being in cash while the remainder will be for the cancellation of mortgages.

An idea of the value of building and loan associations to a community may be gained by the reiteration of Charlotte's experience. The statistics of the three local associations show that approximately 4,000 homes have been either bought or built through the instrumentality of the building and loan associations.

Assuming that there is an average of five members to the family, there are 20,000 people, almost one-half the city's population, who are beneficiaries of these associations. Unquestionably the present growth of the city is due in large measure to the assistance and encouragement given its citizens to build and own comfortable homes.

Installation of Officers Thursday Night

The installation of officers of the three Charlotte Masonic lodges, Phalanx, No. 31; Excelsior, No. 361; and Joppa, No. 521, will take place in the Masonic Temple, Piedmont Building, Thursday night at 8 o'clock. The event of the evening will be the address by Rev. J. B. Mack, of Atlanta, Ga. The installation ceremonies will be in charge of Grand Master S. M. Gattis, of Hillsboro. All Masons of the city are urged to be present.

Local Concern Highly Praised

The current issue of Printers' Ink, a well-known New York publication devoted especially to the interests of advertisers, contains a splendid story of how the Charlotte Steam Laundry, through the agency of the local advertising columns, has built up a fine business in cleaning and dyeing clothing as a side line to its regular work. The article covers two full pages, is illustrated and well worth reading.

AN ELECTRIC CITY

Many of the lights on the streets were turned on last night—will be worth seeing when all are on.

Charlotte was a blaze last night with illuminative electricity, affording a fair indication of what the city will look like during the night sessions of the Democratic State convention, in whose honor such festive array has been put on by the metropolis of North Carolina, which plays the role of hostess on this occasion to the greatest gathering of freemen ever assembled in one place in North Carolina to record and register the will of the rank and file of the Democratic party. That is a long sentence, but no more than the situation deserves.

It is difficult to say where is to be found the most attractive of the many electric signs which adorn the Charlotte business places. The city hall front is literally festooned with long streamers of lights which wind and coil their way upward to the tower in serpentine beauty, round on round. Probably half a thousand or more are in this. The front of the Observer Building was alight last night with colored shifting lights in varying designs, one of which expresses in dignified but explicit style, "Welcome N. C. E. D. C." Then there is the Shelor sign, the McCausland display, and that of the fireman around at the Fifth street station. Besides these last night there were signs by Woodall & Shepard, Gilmer-Moore Company, Garibaldi, Bruns & Dixon, J. P. Stone & Co. and others. Along the sidewalks about half of the thousands of incandescents were turned on. The rest will be on to-night, when the spectacle will be well worth seeing. Even last night the streets were as bright as day and hundreds of people strolled up and down seeing the sights.

CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION

Ninth District Convention Meets Here To-Day to Re-Nominate Hon. E. Yates Webb—Other Congressional Conventions.

In addition to those who have already been named as delegates to the congressional convention which meets to-day to re-nominate Hon. E. Yates Webb from the ninth district, the following named were added yesterday: Messrs. J. H. Weddington, S. H. Hill, C. C. Bates, J. W. Zimmerman, A. C. Hutchison, H. C. Irwin, P. S. McLaughlin, J. B. Hawkins, William Anderson and Joe Klouse from the city, and Messrs. W. S. Pharr, Walter Kirkpatrick and J. C. Reid from Sharon township.

The local committee on arrangements has announced the following meeting places for the committees of the various congressional districts. The time of the several meetings will be fixed by the committees themselves:

- First—Assembly room, Southern Manufacturers' Club, South Tryon street. Second—Superior Court room, county court house, South Tryon street. Third—Recorder's court room, city hall, North Tryon street. Fourth—Assembly room, Colonial Club, North Tryon street. Fifth—Alderman's chamber, city hall, North Tryon street. Sixth—Storeroom under Auditorium. Seventh—Elk's Hall, South Tryon street. Eighth—Criminal Court room, county court house, South Tryon street. Ninth—Storeroom in West Fifth street. Tenth—Reading room, Selwyn Hotel, West Trade street.

Credentialed platform and permanent organization committees and any special sub-committees will meet in the city hall.

Hard Yarn Spinners To-Day

The Southern Hard Yarn Spinners' Association will convene to-day at 1:30 o'clock in the parlors of the Southern Manufacturers' Club. The purpose of this conference is to discuss the subject of continued and further curtailment as has been practiced by the mills of the South for several months. Secretary T. W. Crews is looking for a good delegation and the meeting promises to be interesting as well as helpful.

Does This Suit You?

English-McLarty Co., the enterprising druggists of Charlotte, are having such a large run on "HINDI-PO," the new Kidney Cure and Nerve Tonic, and hear it so highly praised that they now offer to guarantee it in every case to cure all forms of Kidney Troubles and Nervous Disorders.

Sent Up on Three Charges

A triple charge is on the docket of the solicitor, or will be, against Marie Murrell, colored, whose disposition appears hardly so noetic as her name. To be more specific, she is charged with retailing twice over and then to make her work complete, smashing Ernest Beik, colored, over the head with a wooden implement. It is said that Beik was a prospective purchaser, but the woman became enraged at him and let fly. Her bonds were \$100, \$100 and \$50.

Sam Clark was fined \$10 and costs on charge of an affray. He appealed, giving a \$50 bond.

Attention Veterans

An invitation is extended Mecklenburg Camp, 382 Confederate Veterans, by Colonel Peters' Stock Company, at Latta Park, to attend a military play free on Wednesday night, the 24th inst. All veterans will assemble at city hall promptly at 7:30 p. m. and go down in a body. By order of W. M. SMITH, Commander.

H. D. DUCKWORTH, Adjutant.

Highway For Morally Stunted Tax Heels

Danville, Va., Register. Congressman Small, of North Carolina, advocates a State highway from Virginia to South Carolina. This is presumably desired to enable thirsty North Carolinians to reach oases in Virginia and South Carolina.

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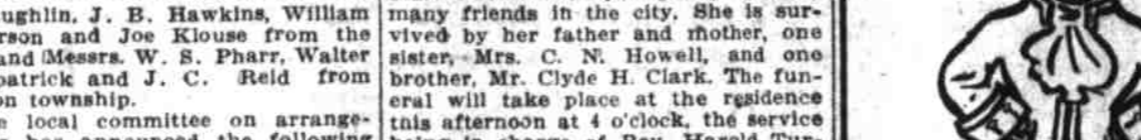
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DEATH OF YOUNG LADY

Miss Wilma Clark Succumbs to Typhoid Fever—Funeral This Afternoon.

Miss Wilma Clark, the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Clark, died at the home of her parents, No. 707 North Davidson street, yesterday afternoon at 6:15 o'clock after an illness of two weeks. Some time ago Miss Clark was operated on for appendicitis. She rallied well and was on the road to recovery when she was taken with typhoid fever, which, in her weakened condition, proved fatal. Miss Clark was a lovable young lady and had many friends in the city. She is survived by her father and mother, one sister, Mrs. C. N. Howell, and one brother, Mr. Clyde H. Clark. The funeral will take place at the residence this afternoon at 4 o'clock, the services being in charge of Rev. Harold Turner, pastor of the Brevard Street Methodist church. The interment will be at Elmwood Cemetery.

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