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LAWLESS MOB LYNCHED THREE MURDERERS.

Heedlessly Heard Court Officers Appeal for Law and Order.

WORK OF FRENZIED MOB AT SALISBUSY MONDAY NIGHT.

Crowd of Over Two Thousand Men Attacked Rowan's Jail, During the Progress of the Trial of the Lyerly Murders, Against Whom True Bills Had Been Returned by the Grand Jury, and Avenge the Murder by Putting Three to Death. Judge Long, Sheriff Julian, Senator Overman, Solicitor Hammer, and Many Prominent Citizens Hold the Crowd at Bay Until Near Midnight. One Arrest Made Tuesday.

North Carolina was again humiliated Monday night when a mob of lawless men attacked the Rowan county jail at Salisbury and despite the efforts of Judge Long, Mayor Boyder, Sheriff Julian and Solicitor Hammer in the interest of order, took four persons from their cells and lynched three of them. Geo. Ervin, the fourth, was returned to his cell after being closely questioned by the leaders of the mob.

The victims of the mob w re the alleged perpetrators of the horrible Lyerly family murder at Barber's Junction July 13th.

The three negroes lynched were Nease and John Gillespie and Jack Dillingham.

Della Dillingham, being a woman, but against whom the grand jury returned a true bill, and Henry Lee, who is believed innocent, were left in their cells.

The trial at a special term began Monday morning attended by a large and threatening crowd, but as the day wore away, and Judge Long delivered his charge to the grand jury in which he referred strongly to the anti-lynch law, the crowd became calmer when court adjourned. But there was a strong undercurrent of determination visible in the crowd as the night grew darker. The jail was heavily guarded and the court officers were busy addressing the ever increasing crowd At 9 o'clock it seemed that the mob would overpower the guards, three of their leaders being taken by the officers, but it became quiet when they were released.

About this time the Rowan Rifles arrived on the scene by orders of Judge Long and this again infurated the mob who faced the fire of the militia with clenched teeth, pressing hard toward the jail. At 10 o'clock the Rifles, having no authority to fire to kill retreated, leaving the jail and prisoners at the mercy of the mob. The leaders entered the jail and soon returned with their victims.

So soon as the procession marched into Main street and turned toward the country, the town took on a calmer aspect. Many men, sick at heart went to their homes and their beds. The officers did all they could except shoot to death the members of the mob.

Just at midnight the mob halted beneath a large oak tree at Henderson baseball ground near the home of the Hon. John S. Henderson. Instead of killing the men at once the leaders tried to make the prisoners confess to the murder. One of the lynchers, had climbed a big tree and was sitting on a limb smoking a cigarette, waiting for a rope. The negroes were obstinate.

Each negro's feet were tied to his head and he was drawn up to the timber and riddled with bullets.

Salisbury, August 8, 2 a. m.—Two military companies—infantry and artillery, both from Charlotte—are guarding the jail and preserving order; but according to appearances throughout the night their presence is not needed.

Acting upon orders from Governor Glenn, telegraphed from Raleigh, Judge Long today began an investigation of the lynching Monday night. Although there were not less than two thousand people in the mob, and although a considerable number of men broke into the jail and had a hand in taking the prisoners out, there has been but one person identified. George Hall was arrested today as the alleged leader of the lynching party and was confined in jail.

Hall has a bad record. He has served a term in the penitentiary. The court will investigate thoroughly his connection with the lynching and will make every effort within the limits of the law to learn what other persons took part in the lynching and place the criminal responsibility upon them.

While it is generally believed that the mob spirit was appeased by hanging the three negroes Monday night it was deemed prudent to remove the other three who were indicted for the Lyerly murder to a place of safety. Accordingly they were taken to Charlotte, where they are now confined in Mecklenburg jail. When they will be brought back for trial is not known, but it will probably be at the next regular term of the Superior court.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Met in Monthly Session at the Courthouse Monday.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular monthly session at the courthouse Monday. Present: H. T. Caveness, chairman; H. G. Lassiter and A. N. Hills.

The commissioners ordered the following bills paid:

For outside poor	$81 00
Bridge and Ferry.	
J. F. Hamilton, lumber	2 30
A. N. Fuller, lumber	3 43
J. M. Floyd, repairing bridges	39 50
Wall and Sowers, lumber	6 10
Farlow Brothers, lumber	6 47
W. N. Elder, repairing bridges	2 00
S. E. Allen, work on bridges	11 43
H. T. Caveness, examining bridges	6 00
J. A. Routh, mdse.	12 90
Wilkerson & Underwood, mdse.	31 25
P. P. Jones, feed	2 50
H. H. Kennedy, supt. road force	17 00
N. C. Cranford, asst. supt.	25 00
B. B. Hill, guard	18 00
J. C. Farlow "	15 00
W. L. Coltrane "	16 20
A. C. Jackson "	9 00
G. M. Redding, lumber; road force	58 47
Thos. Nixon, corn	17 00
H. H. Kennedy, insignia etc.	6 88
Asheboro Roller Mills, mdse.	12 83
McCrary-Dowling H'dw. Co. mdse	88 57
Asheboro Hardware Co. mdse.	34 33
E. C. Brown, timber for public road	1 25
N. B. Morris, timber for public road	20 00
B. Craven, feed	5 00
David Thomas, corn, road force at Uwharrie River	10 50
H. L. Miller, timber for public road	7 16
W. J. Miller, do do	24 25
County Home.	
A. W. Fuller, mdse.	30 10
E. N. Farlow, pies	1 50
J. F. Jarrell & Co. mdse	12 00
W. F. McCrary, mdse.	30 75
Mental Asylum.	
A. M. Bulla, supt. health for July	12 50
Eliza Smith, support	2 00
Eli Hancock, "	1 50
J. M. Way, two days serving with sheriff	1 00
S. C. Cranford, court crier	12 00
J. T. Busick, last taker 1906	35 00
John Rich, clearing courthouse	1 00
W. T. Andrews, 5 days officer grand jury	7 50
W. H. Glascow, conveying prisoner to jail	3 00
E. S. Gray, shoeing jenny	2 00
A. J. Rush, deputy at July term	12 00
Asheboro Electric Co. lights in jail	75
W. J. Miller, mdse for jail	2 00
W. C. Hammond, recording jurors July term	3 10
Clerk of Court, stationery	3 15
J. M. Luther, deputy at July term	6 00
J. M. Leven'en, work on courthouse	80
J. M. Lewallen, janitor	1 50
C. H. Lucas, services as deputy, July term	6 00
T. J. Finch, summons jury	15 00
Oliver Bowden and wife, support	2 00
Register of deeds, issuing orders	14 50
T. W. Miller, conveying prisoner to jail	3 00
W. B. Owen, conveying prisoner to jail	3 00
H. G. Lassiter, commission and mileage	3 80
A. N. Bulla commission and mileage	2 80
H. T. Caveness, commission	2 00
J. P. Boroughs, clerk to board	2 00

An order was issued by the board that Mrs. Frances Dees be admitted to the county home.

Preparing for the Reunion.

The ladies of Asheboro have begun preparation for the Confederate Reunion to be held here September 1st. A meeting of those eligible to membership in the proposed chapter of Daughters of Confederacy are requested to meet at the home of Mrs. C. C. McAlister tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 5 o'clock. Matters of importance to the reunion will be presented.

Democratic Primary.

The Democratic Primary for Asheboro township will be held Saturday, August 11th at 5 p. m. at the courthouse. Democratic voters are urged to attend and vote for their preference for candidate for the county officers.

ARTHUR ROSS
Chm. Township Com.

TRIP TO BOSTON.

Things of Interest to Visitors to "The Hub"

TOUR OF MEMBERS OF THE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

A Day and two Nights on Land and Sea Landed the Party on Historic Soil—Luncheons, Drives, Theatre Parties, etc., Add to the Pleasure of Visitors.

As related in an article in The COURIER of two weeks ago The Virginia and North Carolina Press Association met in joint session at the Mecklenburg Hotel, Chase City, Va., July 13-14.

Of the pleasure and profit derived from the meeting of these two great bodies of editors, a faint idea has already been given the COURIER readers, hence this article shall be devoted wholly to the sights and pleasures enjoyed by those who were brave enough to face the dangers of "the mighty deep," and take the trip to Boston and other historic points in Massachusetts.

There were 76 ladies and gentlemen wearing the blue ribton badges of the Press Association, who left Chase City July 16th on a special car for Norfolk, where they boarded "The Howard," one of the largest and handsomest ships of the Merchants and Miners Transportation Co. and were safely landed at Providence, R. I., about 4 o'clock Wednesday morning; after breakfast was served on the boat the train was taken for Boston, arriving there at 10:30 o'clock.

Right here words fail in an attempt to describe the genuine hearty greeting extended each member of our party by Messrs. George C. Fairbanks, President of the Massachusetts Press Association; Thomas Lavitt and Albert Vittum. The very clasp of the hand seemed to bespeak the warmest welcome—indeed we soon felt that Boston and all Massachusetts soil was ours

After being pleasantly located at the United States Hotel—where they certainly know how to take care of editors—we started out to see Boston and her suburban cities. First, we viewed the beauties of the public gardens and the famous Boston Common, the latter being a gift to the city and covering 48 acres. These were fitting introductions to Boston's attractions. Then an hour was profitably spent within the historic walls of the magnificent State House, built at the cost of $5,000,000. The building occupies the site of John Hancock's cow pasture, which the town bought and gave to the State. The corner stone was laid by Paul Revere in 1795. Here there were many things to interest us, such as handsome paintings, the tattered flags which once waved in the wars of our country, and the original "log of the Mayflower."

In the afternoon, after a hurried lunch, we were taken in carriages for a drive through some of the beautiful parks, and to many points of interest throughout the city, stopping to view the Art Museum, the public library which was founded in 1852 and is the largest free library in America, having over 550,000 volumes and 350,000 pamphlets. Stops were also made at the Christian Science Temple, Trinity Church, Mrs. Jack Gardners' palace and many other places of interest which might be mentioned if space permitted. We returned to the Hotel about 7:30 o'clock and after supper were given a theatre party by the American Type Founders Company, chaperoned by Messrs. Thompson and Hill, the clever local representatives of the company. They were ably assisted by Mr. E. C. Pelonze, manager of the Richmond-branch.

Thus ended the first day in Boston!—a day that shall ever be marked with a bright spot in the calendar of memory.

On Thursday morning the party was taken in special cars for a trip over the "Route of the Minute Men", of which you shall hear in next weeks issue.

M. L. D.

Announcement.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Randolph county, subject to the action of the Democratic County Convention, August 18th, 1906.

B. F. NEWBY.

MR. CORWITH IS SECRETARY.

Elected to Position by Greater Charlotte Club—Will Travel the West.

Mr. W. T. Corwith, well known in Asheboro, has been elected to the position of Secretary of the Greater Charlotte Club.

Mr. Corwith was recently a guest of Messrs. Will A. Coffin and J. N. Robbins in Asheboro and upon his return to Charlotte last week he entered upon his duties.

He will leave within a few days for the Middle West and the West, where he will spend three or four weeks studying the methods used by the Industrial clubs of the cities in that section of the country.

Mr. Corwith formerly lived at Asheboro and has many strong friends in the county who are glad to learn of his appointment. His tact, energy and integrity guarantee his success.

$25,000 FIRE.

Cramer Furniture Company of Thomasville Destroyed Friday.

Friday morning fire was discovered in the factory of the Cramer Furniture Company at Thomasville, causing a loss of $25,000 divided as follows:

15,000 machinery, estimated at $20,000; building, $5,000, making a total of $25,000 loss. The insurance was $8,500.

The fire originated from an unknown cause in the finishing department.

Will Hold train.

E. Moffitt, Secretary of the Randolph county Executive Committee, has been officially notified that both the Southern and the A. &A. railroads will arrange a special schedule of trains on Saturday, August 15th, for the convenience of delegates attending the County Democratic Convention.

The train scheduled to leave at 4:30 over the Southern for High Point will be held until 5:30 p. m.

Monday Mr. Moffitt received a letter from J. R. Page, Superintendent of the Aberdeen and Asheboro railroad, in which he announced that he would hold the local train going South on that date until 5:30 o'clock. The executive committee thoroughly appreciates these courtesies.

Wheat at Why Not.

The Courier correspondent at Why Not has collected the following figures, showing the wheat yield within a radius of a mile of Why Not: W. L. Stutts, 134 bushels; Peter Bean, 37; J. M. Yow, 21; R. J. Lawrence, 228 1-2; Martin McNeil, 52 1-2; E. E. McNeil, 37; I. F. Craven, 70; W. T. Macon, 58; W. R. Graves, 167 1-2; J. A. Auman, 119 1-2; A. L. King, 178; J. A. King, 231 1-2; M. A. Cagle, 87; C. E Stuart, 79; J. B. Slack, 390 1-2; J. A. Monroe, 173; T. W. Lawrence, 199; J. S. Hancock, 128; Kelly Latham, 46; Henry Yow, 140 1-2; Fred Luck, 47 1-5; Mrs. Hannah Macon, 38. Total, 2670.

Lawn Party Near Trinity.

Last Saturdry night, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Briles, near Trinity, a delightful lawn party was given complimentary to their son, Lee A. Briles, of St. Catherine, Fla., who spent last week with relatives in Randolph. About a hundred and fifty from every part of the county attended, and the event was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Briles and his mother spent Monday in Asheboro, he leaving for Florida in the afternoon and Mrs. Briles returning to Trinity.

There has been placed in the Hall of History a bolt of heavy sheeting with quite a history. It was made in 1864 at the Rockfish Cotton Mills, near Fayetteville, and in 1865, upon the approach of the Federal troops, was hidden under one of the floors in the Devereux mansion there and was found when the building was demolished early in the present year. The cloth is perfectly preserved. It was a dividend from the mill in and there is also a bale of yarn from the same mill.

Announcement.

I take this method of announcing that I am a candidate for the office of surveyor of Randolph county subject to the Democratic primary.

H. A. ALBRIGHT,
Moffitt, N. C.

MAMMOTH SALE.

Hundreds of People Visit the Crushed Reduction Sale at Asheboro

As announced on the second page the Morris-Scarboro-Moffitt Co. began a mammoth reduction sale yesterday at 9 o'clock.

The store was closed Monday and Tuesday while the clerks were busy rearranging the stock and slaughtering prices.

At 9 o'clock a surging mass of bargain hunters invaded the store and when they left were carrying away armfulls of merchandise bought at bargain prices indeed. The crowd never numbered less than 200 during the day. Metropolitan stores of larger cities cannot boast of more successful special sale opening than that experienced by this enterprising firm yesterday.

The sale continues for 10 days and on the last day a handsome buggy will be given away by the firm.

Franklinville News.

The pulpit at the M. E. Church was filled Sunday morning and at night by Rev. C. A. Wood, who preached two of his best sermons.

W. C. Russell attended a meeting of the public road supervisors at Cedar Falls Saturday.

Hugh Parks, Sr. and Hugh Parks, Jr. spent Sunday with Mr. Tom Parks near Parks X Roads.

Prof. J. M. Weatherly, of Jamestown, visited Prof. D. M. Weatherly Sunday.

G. C. Trogdon has purchased the Luther farm near the eastern limits of the city where he will move his family in the near future and will engage in farming and stock raising on an extensive scale.

Miss Florence Tippett spent Saturday night and Sunday with Flosie Allred near Grays Chapel.

Preparations are being made to construct a sidewalk along Greensboro avenue leading from the R. R. near the cotton house of Franklinville Mfg. Company to the M. E. Church J. C. Maner has been employed as overseer and work will begin as soon as a sufficient force of workmen can be secured.

The fall term of Franklinville High School will open Monday August 12th.

M. G. Buie has sold his residence on Depot street to Mr. J. C. Kivett.

Mr. Joseph Buie has resigned his position as overseer of the boiling department of the Franklinville Manufacturing Company and has been succeeded by Will Marcble. Mr. Buie will enter the Franklinville High school.

J. B. Slack for Commissioner.

Cedar Falls, N. C.,
August 4th 1906.

EDITOR COURIER:

There is but little being said in this part of the county about the Board of County Commissioners, my experience enables me to know we should have good and competent men for Commissioners, our present Board has been conservative, rendering us good service and have given satisfaction in this section so far as I know, and I would be willing to support the entire Board for another term, but I am informed one of them will not be a candidate for re-election, and a new man will have to be put on the ticket.

I want to present the name of Mr. J. B. Slack, of Why Not, as a suitable and competent man to fill the vacancy. He will make a good Commissioner; he is a Union township man, but lives at Why Not for the benefit of the school there; he is a good man, and everything considered has been successful. Put him on the ticket. Union and Richland townships will endorse the action of the County Convention, by increased Democratic majorities for the entire ticket in the coming election. Very Respectfully,

O. R. Cox.

Farmer's Mutual.

At a meeting of the executive committee and policy holders of the Farmers Mutual Fire Association of Randolph county, here last Thursday, a number of subjects of interest to the association were informally discussed. The association was found to be in good condition and an easy way was provided for former members to be reinstated to membership by applying to the agents of the association, provided such application is made before Jan. 1st 1907.

SOLDIERS RE-UNION.

Confederate Veterans to Be Entertained September 1.

RE-UNION AND PICNIC AT ASHBORO.

Camp for Randolph to Be Organized. Everybody is Invited to Attend and Do Honor to Those Who Suffered for the Cause of the South.

Announcement was made a few weeks ago in these columns that a re-union of Confederate veterans would be held this summer at Asheboro, for the purpose of organizing camps of veterans and their sons and a chapter of Daughters of the Confederacy.

We have been requested to make the following announcement:

The Confederate soldiers of Randolph county and their friends (which embraces everybody) are invited to a re-union and picnic, in Asheboro, on Saturday, September 1st, at which time and place camps of United Confederate Veterans and Sons of Confederate Veterans and a chapter of Daughters of Confederate Veterans, will be organized. Every family represented is requested to furnish a basket of provisions for dinner so that no one will go away hungry. In preparing the baskets don't forget that substantials will be acceptable as well as cakes, pies, fruits, etc. It is desirable that everybody present shall have a good dinner. The sons and daughters of Confederate soldiers without waiting to be individually addressed, are requested to solicit of their respective neighbors, contributions of edibles, and take charge of getting up and serving the dinner.

Towns having brass bands are requested to furnish music for the occasion.

Names of speakers and program will be published next week.

Federal soldiers present will be entertained as guests of the Confederacy.

Everybody take a holiday and join in honoring and making happy the few remaining Randolph soldiers of '61-5.

A. C. MCALISTER,
P. H. MORRIS,
W. P. WOOD,
JNO. W. JOLLY,
A. J. WOODELL,
Committee.

Asheboro, N. C., Aug. 7, 1906.

CORLETO ITEMS.

Hen's Nest Found with 56 Eggs—Revival Meetings.

Mr. A. J. Trotter found a hen's nest one day last week with 56 eggs in it. He does not know whether one hen laid all of the eggs are not but rather thinks so.

Mr. Milton Lackey is all smiles—it is a little boy.

Miss Effie Nance is visiting in this community.

Miss Kate Nance, of Farmer, visited at her grandparents last Saturday night.

The big meeting began at Mount Tabor the fifth Sunday in July.

A series of meetings will begin at Pleasant Union the first Sunday in August. M. E. R.

Fair View Items.

Mr. Arthur Ingram is all smiles—it's another big boy.

Mrs. Sarah Helpler has returned to Fair View after a week's visit to Mrs. Annie Lee, and others at High Point.

Mr. Lee Davis, of Asheboro, was a welcome visitor last Sunday night.

The little son of Mrs. Annie Ingram is very sick with malaria fever.

Misses Retta Blair and Miss Artie Cranford were guests of Mrs. Chas. Lee of High Point one day last week.

Little David Blair Modlin, of Thomasville, is visiting his grand parents.

Miss Eletha Elder and sister, Mrs. Minnie Elder spent a few days at Jackson Springs last week.

Miss Artie Cranford is spending the week at Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of Missouri are visiting their relatives and friends in this community.

Silver Wedding.

Rev. and Mrs. N. R. Richardson will be at home to friends Friday, August 17th, in honor of the 25th anniversary of their marriage. No cards will be issued, however. Mr. Richardson is pastor of the M. E. church, of Asheboro, and at Worthville and Central Falls. They have many friends whom The Courier joins in offering congratulations in advance.