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PURSE SNATCHERS BUSY.

Several Crimes of this Nature Reported Lately.

There was a bold crime committed in broad day light and on Main street Friday soon after the noon hour. This was the robbery of Miss Martha Henshaw, an aged maiden lady and one in almost destitute circumstances, whose purse was snatched by a negro man.

The purse was taken from the Whitmore bakery store. Miss Henshaw was there doing some shopping and for a few moments laid the purse, that she carried about her wrist, on the counter. A few moments later it was grabbed by a negro man who made off towards Hayti with a package of bread under his arm. In the purse was but a very small amount, less than a dollar so reported, yet it represented all this good maiden lady had at the time and the negro who grabbed the purse did not know what amount it contained.

For several weeks his class of criminals had been getting bold in the city and there have been hold-ups, robberies, grabbing of cash drawers and the like until people are getting to feel that it is not safe to show any money or to look like any money is carried about the person.

One day last week there was in the police court a man by the name of Jack Crabtree. He was charged with drunkenness, for which he was fined. Beyond simply reporting the fact he did not make any disturbance over being robbed. Yet there is no doubt but what he was robbed by some of the "skin" element that hang about and try to bleed the public in order to get a living. It is a matter of fact that on the day Crabtree was arrested he sold tobacco at one of the warehouses for which he was paid \$93.80. When arrested he had \$5.93 in cash and one dollar in script, making a total of \$6.93. He showed that he had spent less than ten dollars that day. The other of that day's sales were gone.

In speaking of the matter Crabtree said that he remembered being at a warehouse and drinking with some young fellow. Then he remembered that more whiskey was wanted and they went to another part of the city. Then it was all hazy and he did not remember so well. But he did find that when he came to himself that his money was gone.

This is not an infrequent occurrence about some dives and dens about the city. Men are doped and robbed almost daily and not one half of the cases are ever known by the public. Yet 'tis a fact.

In addition to these sneak robberies there have been many purse snatchings here of late and cases where people who chance to be on the street late at night are held up. This Friday—where a purse was taken from a place of business in broad day light and then the thief makes good his escape—only tends to show how bold this class of thieves is getting to be.

Recently one of our correspondents wrote that E. M. Carpenter had been removed from the post-office at Lillian and some one else appointed. We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. Carpenter stating that such a statement was false, and we take pleasure in giving what he says about the matter.

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INDECENT EXPOSURE CHARGED.

Young Married Man Arrested Friday and Bonded in Sum of \$100.

W. A. Tindall, a white man, who is making a reputation in this section that is not one to be coveted by any one, was arrested Friday afternoon on a charge that may yet be serious for him. He is now charged with indecent exposure and is out under bond of \$100.

The facts, so far as can be learned, seem to be as follows: Two ladies, who are now named as witnesses in the case, were approached by this man Friday, this in the neighborhood of Lakewood park, and the insult tendered was such as to cause the ladies to give the alarm. Then it was that the man who tendered the insult made off and disappeared in the woods not far away. Sheriff Harward was soon on the trail of the man and the police department was notified with the result that Sergeant Pendergraph was also very soon on the trail of the criminal. Later in the day the man was arrested by Sergeant Pendergraph, this being in the lower part of Edgemont. The man arrested was W. A. Tindall and it is understood that he has been identified by the ladies, or one of them, that he insulted. For a while he was locked up but later his bond was arranged and he was ordered released until trial Saturday morning.

This is not the first time that this man Tindall, who is a young man, being not more than 25 years of age, and who is married, has been in the hands of the officers for insulting ladies. He has been arrested either three or four times for the same violation. Up to this time he has been escaping lightly—that is with the payment of a fine and the costs in the cases.

Friday there was some considerable excitement occasioned when the alarm was given that he had insulted two good women out in the neighborhood of Lakewood park. One man armed himself with a shot gun and went looking for him and it is probably fortunate that Tindall was taken by an officer rather than that he was taken by those of the citizens who were mad over the matter.

There has been no suggestion that Tindall is crazy. If so he should be confined so as not to insult people as he did Friday.

Saturday morning when the case against Tindall was called, the defendant waived examination and the mayor placed him under a \$100 bond, which he gave and was released.

Death of a Child.

Little Margaret Rigsbee, the daughter of Albert Rigsbee, died at her home not far from the city on the Rigsbee road, Sunday morning at 3:15 o'clock. A throat trouble and pneumonia attack was the cause of her death.

The child was three years and seven months of age and was a very bright little girl, so it is stated by those who knew her. She was taken ill some days ago and for sometime had been very ill and her death did not come as a surprise. The funeral and burial took place Monday afternoon, the funeral being conducted from the home by Rev. P. H. Massey and the interment was in the family burying ground on the home place.

The little girl left father and mother, two sisters and two brothers.

ELK MEMORIAL SERVICE SUNDAY.

Large Attendance at Academy of Music to Hear the Annual Address.

Last Sunday afternoon at the Academy of Music quite a crowd of people gathered to be present at the annual memorial service of the Durham Lodge of Elks.

The music for the occasion was furnished by a select choir of Durham singers and the Durham Orchestra, and was of a high order. The selections rendered were highly appreciated by all present.

Hon Locke Craig, of Asheville lodge, delivered the annual address, was given close attention. A eulogy of the late Sheriff F. D. Markham was read by Victor S. Bryant of this city, which told of the many traits of character of the deceased that appealed to him and was the cause of his continued popularity with the people of the county. His remarks were timely and many things in the life of the deceased were brought out that would otherwise have been lost sight of.

The program was well arranged and presented nicely and contained all the information that the general public was interested in. The list of deaths was on the last page of the cover, and were as follows: Samuel Henderson, C. H. Norton, E. W. Ferrell, Robert L. Duke, E. C. Hackney, W. A. Slater, J. Ed. Pugh and F. D. Markham.

These annual exercises by the Elks are always interesting and large crowds always attend. Sunday afternoon was no exception and all felt better for having been present at their annual memorial service.

New Church Opened.

Sunday was a big day with members of St. Phillip's Episcopal church. The first service was held in their new building and appropriate exercises commemorated the occasion. The following report of the service is condensed from the Daily Sun:

The building and completion of the new St. Philip's church, on East Main street, is an interesting heart story—a story of devotion, faith, energy, and perseverance by a little band of parishioners. It is a handsome monument to their prayers and efforts. It is a handsome brown stone structure, of the English Gothic style, and will seat comfortably about 600. It is beautifully, yet simply furnished, and cost in the neighborhood of \$25,000. It was thrown open to the public yesterday for the first time, and happy were the hearts that worshipped there. Long cherished hopes were realized in praying and praising God in the edifice. The services yesterday were an inspiring hope.

The vested choir was introduced for the first time. They did well and gave the congregation, good, hearty music.

The visiting clergymen present on this occasion were Rt. Rev. J. B. Cheshire, Bishop; Rev. Dr. Meade, of Chapel Hill; Rev. A. B. Hunter, of Raleigh; Rev. E. A. Osborne, of Charlotte; Rev. F. W. Hillard, of Oxford; Rev. Samuel M. Hauff, of Duke.

The Rev. Thomas L. Trott was ordained to the priesthood, the Rev. Dr. F. J. Murdoch, of Salisbury, preaching the ordination sermon, the text of which was based upon the Divine call to go forth and preach the word and bear fruit. The ordination was a very solemn and impressive service.

Rev. Samuel M. Hauff, of Duke, preached at night a very comforting sermon on the Char-

SUPERIOR COURT AT WORK.

Judge Cooke is Presiding Criminal Docket Receives Attention.

Durham Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases convened Monday morning with Judge Cooke presiding. Immediately after the selection and charge to the grand jury the criminal docket, which consists of 249 cases, was taken up, beginning with such cases as will clean out the jail of all prisoners.

The grand jury was sworn in as follows: J. H. Southgate, foreman; Messrs. Walter Pritchard, A. G. Elliott, J. B. Stanley, C. A. Peay, J. L. Whitmore, L. M. Umstead, W. E. Hall, Sr., J. E. High, T. B. Fuller, Clarence Lashley, S. C. Weather- spoon, W. H. Durham, T. L. Bailey, Johnnie Shippe, E. L. Singleton and R. J. Pickett.

The swearing in of the grand jury followed by Judge Cooke's charge, which pointed out laws that were violated and explained the duty of the jury toward such offenders. The charge especially dwelt upon the sale of cigarettes and weapons to minors. Judge Cooke called special attention to daily violations of these laws, and calling upon the grand jury to indict all offenders in this class. Also the dope fiend came in for remarks from the bench and incidents of where havoc had been wrought on account of dope were recalled. As a whole the charge was well said and the grand jury only have to apply the instructions of the court to the knowledge before them to land such offenders where they will be more careful in the future.

After getting the grand jury to work the jail cases were begun, and are being disposed of as rapidly as possible.

Another Rural Tax Fight.

There is now on a lively campaign in the White's Cross Roads school district, this county. The campaign is for the purpose of imposing a special tax for school purposes in that district. The election will take place early this month, but the fight is now on in earnest.

Tomorrow there will be a speaking and rally at the White's Cross Roads school, this being in the western part of the county. Prof. C. W. Massey and Mr. J. S. Manning will speak at this gathering and it is hoped that Prof. J. Y. Joyner, state superintendent of education, can be here. He has been invited.

It is learned that there is a pretty hard fight on in this district. In the other school districts the fight has been a hard one on each occasion but it has carried as to the special tax. It is uncertain in the White's Cross Roads district and speakers are to go there and explain the matter as best as it can be explained to those who do not understand the workings of the law.

From this time on it is expected that the fight will be a very warm one and educators throughout the county are watching the fight with some interest.

Death of E. C. Hailey.

After suffering a stroke of paralysis last Sunday night, E. C. Hailey, a carpenter, who made his home in East Durham, breathed his last Monday morning at his home on Driver avenue.

Mr. Hailey was 74 years of age and had been in feeble health for some years. He leaves no family ties of close kin, but has many relatives in this section. The funeral and burial took place this afternoon.

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