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## TWO NEGROES ARE KILLED

William Pigford Struck by Passenger Train of O. & C.

## FALLING TIMBER KILLS BILL HOGAN

Pigford Was a Deaf-Mute, Engine Hurl-ed Him High Up in the Air—Hogan Meets Death While at Work.

Thursday afternoon at about 6 o'clock, when the O. & C. passenger train was pulling into the Union Station, William Pigford, a young deaf-mute negro well known in Durham, was instantly killed.

The young fellow was in company with another colored man just before the accident, and they were walking very close to the track. The engineer blew several times for them to step aside, but instead of getting out of danger Pigford walked still nearer the track, and was hurled high up in the air by the engine. His companion had leaped to the ground below the embankment, and thus escaped injury.

The young deaf man did not live more than two minutes after being struck, and passed away without knowing hardly what had struck him. The dead boy was taken to the baggage room until preparations could be made to carry him to an undertaker. Coroner J. Frank Maddry appeared as early as possible, and conducted an examination, declaring the dead man had been killed by a passenger train operated by the Southern railway. The dead man leaves a father and other relatives who took charge of the body for burial.

## CRUSHED BY FALLING TIMBER.

Bill Hogan, an aged colored man, was killed today by being caught under falling timbers while repairs were being made on the old house W. R. Herndon stable building between Rigsbee avenue and Orange street. He lived little more than an hour after the accident and died at the Lincoln hospital.

The main part of the building is being lowered to street level and repairs made. The shed portion, formerly used as a blacksmith shop, was cut loose from the main building and propped up. While the men were at work on the building there was a crash and general alarm sounded by the men. Old man Hogan ran the wrong way and was mashed to the newly paved street. His left leg was broken and he was hurt about the head and internally.

The work was being done by Mr. R. H. Rigsbee, one of the trustees for the Rigsbee estate. Bill Hogan had been working for the Rigsbee people for years. He was 65 or 67 years of age.

## Aldermen Transact Much Business.

Thursday night the city aldermen met and transacted some very important business. The light question came up, and the Traction company won in the deal, a contract for five years at \$85 per light being made. This has been a long contest between the city and the Traction company, and it is a relief to us that they are now at peace over the matter.

After this the board took up the taxation question, and the tax rate was raised from \$1.00 to \$1.14, the poll tax being allowed to remain at \$3.00.

## A BIG DECREASE IN DRUNKS.

City Record Shows 11 Arrests in July and 28 in June.

To-day is the last day of July, and the record of the police court shows that there has been a decided decrease in the number of those arrested for being drunk the past month. It is not known whether the action of the aldermen in driving out the prescription thirst has anything to do with this or not, but things look somewhat suspicious. Any way it is a matter of fact that drunks have greatly decreased, the number arrested for this offense during July being only a fraction more than one third the number of those taken in during the month of June which contained even one day less than July.

The June record showed twenty of its drunks to be just an every day sort of affair, while the remaining eight were up for regular Sunday jubilees. The record for this month shows that out of the eleven, only two were up for the Sunday spree, and the balance of nine were of the usual kind.

Although these kept by the police are not exactly all of those who have been arrested for their drunkenness, they constitute practically all, for the number handled by the different magistrates is never exceedingly large. They, however, perhaps have a few that should be added to the above list, but hardly enough to swell it to any extent.

This is the smallest number of such offenses that has adorned the book kept by Capt. W. F. Freeland in some time, and it is gratifying to know that our town is so near free from "that yellow stuff."

## DEATH OF CHILD NEAR ROXBORO.

A Loving Tribute to the Memory of the Little One by Two Friends.

On Saturday of last week the Heavenly Father, who ruleth over and provides for all his creatures saw fit to enter the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Long, who live near Roxboro, and removed from them their one year old daughter. Below we publish a tribute to the memory of this little one, written by two friends:

"Orie Jane, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Long, who live near Roxboro, died Saturday evening at about 5 o'clock. She was a bright child, and all who had known her loved the little girl dearly.

"Weep not, dear parents, your darling is at rest.

Another little lamb has gone to dwell with Him who gave.

Another little darling girl is sheltered in the grave.

God needed one more angel child amidst his shining hand,

And so he bent with loving smiles and clasped her little hand.

Many hearts are sad at thy leaving, many tears are shed for thee."

"Besides both her parents, the little one leaves a brother and sister, and many other relatives and friends."

—L. N. P and E. B. P.

Miss Susie Linthicum, who received her diploma from the Southern Conservatory of Music last June, has been called to the musical department of the Littleton Female College to teach vocal, and she has accepted the position. Miss Linthicum enters upon her new work some time in September.

## MERCHANTS TAKE NEW STEP

Will Issue Pamphlet Telling of Durham as a Business Creator

## HAVE ADOPTED A SECRET DIRECTORY.

Directory Will Contain Separate Record of Every Customer—President Appoints Committee to Secure Foreign Trade.

On Tuesday night the Merchants' Association held a meeting, and much business of importance was transacted by the members. They decided to issue a pamphlet setting forth Durham as a trade market, which will be published in a very short time, and will be widely circulated. It will contain a thorough history of Durham, showing its growth and enterprise. The committee, to look after this matter, is composed of Messrs. T. M. Gorman, A. E. Lloyd, and T. J. Lambe.

The most interesting part of the business transacted by the association was possibly that of adopting a merchants' directory, in which every customer of the merchants will be given a private write-up free of charge. The plan of the book is something on the order of a real Bradstreets', and will contain a true record of the customer—his reputation for paying his debts. The book will be kept strictly a secret, that is among the merchants, and will serve as a guard against all dead-beats.

This is the first that the merchants have said about this little plan of theirs, and it will possibly surprise a few. They are determined to look out, and if possible get rid of all the dead-beats. This scheme will no doubt work wonderfully, and enable the merchants to collect the money owing them.

Another feature of the meeting, which is also of much importance, was the appointing of a committee by the President, giving them power to act and devise some plan, whereby foreign trade may be brought into the city. It will be remembered that last summer the merchants gave free railroad tickets to shoppers from other towns, provided they purchased enough to justify the merchants in issuing the tickets to them. A large number, especially all along the Durham & Southern road were attracted by this proposition, and consequently a large amount of business was transacted. It is for the purpose of getting up some new scheme, on the order of this one, for which the committee was appointed. The plan used last summer will hardly be tried again, and it is hoped that some other just as inviting can be thought of. The committee will go to work immediately, and get up some method by which they can secure a large amount of trade from those outside of the city.

## Fire in West Durham.

On Wednesday night at about 10 o'clock there was a small fire in West Durham, just below the Trinity Park School campus. The fire started in the kitchen of one of the new residences owned by Mr. D. A. Baker, the house being occupied by the family of Mr. Avent. The alarm was turned in, and very soon the house was overflowed with visitors, who, with the aid of buckets of water, very soon put out the fire. Little damage was done, nothing except some of the furniture being burned.

## CITY BRINGS SEVERAL SUITS.

Litigation to Collect Money Spent on Sidewalk Improvements.

The city is getting ready to bring suit against many people who have not yet paid for work done in improving sidewalks. At a recent meeting of the board of aldermen, they instructed the city attorney, R. O. Everett to collect the money by getting judgment, if necessary, and he is now preparing summons in many cases. Mr. Everett thinks that there will be forty or fifty cases, but several of these may possibly arrange their amounts before the suits are brought.

Under the city charter, and according to the law, the city pays for one half of the work done in improving the sidewalks, and the property owners have to pay the other half. Improvements of this kind are generally made upon the request of the citizens who live along the street where the work is desired to be done. The sidewalk is laid, and one half of the cost is charged to the property owners. Accounts are rendered, and in case they are not paid, the city brings suit against the property owner.

The judgments asked for by the city range from \$10 to \$200, and when collected will make a nice little sum for the coffers of the city's treasury. The city has decided to collect these amounts by law, since it is badly in need of the money already expended.

As said above, the amounts range from \$10 to \$200, but there are a few that amount to more. If suit is brought in these cases, it will have to be carried to superior court, as the magistrates do not have jurisdiction beyond \$200 accounts. Several of the property owners have refused to pay, stating that they will not do so until forced by the law. There will possibly be a lively time around the offices of the magistrates when these suits come up.

## For the Benefit of the Chimes.

The Edisona, the new electric theatre on East Main street next to Yearby's drug store, opened to-day, and to-morrow, Saturday, the proceeds of the business, from 9 a. m. until 11 p. m., fourteen hours, will go to Editor J. A. Robinson's chimes fund. Mr. Robinson's efforts to raise \$4,000 to dedicate to the new Episcopal church is known all over the country. He has made considerable progress raising that big amount, but it is a difficult task, and he is earnestly striving to secure that amount as early as possible.

The editor has given the columns of his newspaper, the Durham Daily Sun, to the plan, and has freely divided the profits with the church. The whole amount taken in to-morrow at the new theatre will go to the chimes. This is an excellent opportunity to see a good moving picture show, and at the same time be contributing to a worthy cause. Go out and help the Durham editor in his christian effort.

Miss Sarah Stephenson, of Cary, arrived in the city this morning, and is on a visit to the family of W. H. Pegram.

## FOR SALE!

White and Brown Leghorn Eggs \$1.00 for 15.

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