

Thousands Storm Jail and Lynch Prisoners

Salisbury Sees Guards Flung Aside, Prison Doors Forced,
and the Murderers of the Lyerlys Dragged to
the Gallows of Judge Lynch.

Salisbury, N. C., August 6.—A mob of three thousand determined men shortly before 11 o'clock tonight forcibly entered Rowan county jail at Salisbury, removed therefrom three of the six negroes charged with the murder of the Lyerly family at Barber's Junction July 13, and lynched them. Nease and John Gillespie, and Jack Dillingham, supposed to be the principals in that crime, were the victims of mob vengeance.

The remaining negroes, Henry Lee, George Ervin and Bella Dillingham were not molested, and later tonight officers hurried them off to Greensboro. The mob began gathering at sundown. Mayor Boyden promptly ordered the saloons closed and with other prominent citizens, including U. S. Senator Overman, Judge Long, who was holding the special term of court to try the negroes, and Solicitor Hammer, gathered on the jail steps and addressed the crowd, which at that time numbered two thousand. There were howls and cat-calls from the mob but for a time there was no move—the mob lacked a leader.

While citizens were appealing to the mob, two men slipped through the crowd and were entering the jail with hammers. They were discovered and arrested. The mob continued yelling but there was still no concerted move. At about nine o'clock Mayor Boyden called upon the local military company, the Rowan Rifles, for aid. They assembled quickly but were supplied only with blank cartridges, having no orders to shoot to kill.

Fireman McLendon, of Charlotte, a Southern railway employe, was shot in the stomach, said to have been fired by a member of the mob. He was fatally wounded. Will Troutman, a negro drayman, was also seriously shot at about the same time.

Both are said to have been accidental, occasioned by shots fired by members of the mob with the evident intention of frightening citizens.

At 10 o'clock there was a stir in the mob—it was augmented by fully 500 men, who came, it is said, from Whitney, where the Whitney Reduction Company is developing the Yadkin water power. It was soon after that a crowd of fifty, forming a sort of flying wedge, made a break for the jail doors, overpowered the officers and effected an entrance. The great crowd outside surged in behind the leaders and in a few moments more the leaders emerged from the door with their victims.

Sheriff Julian and his assistants plead earnestly with the mob to allow the law to have its course, but to no avail.

The blow to the community is keenly felt though the officers are not blamed. When the crisis came Sheriff Julian exclaimed, "They have got the prisoners and you men of property in Salisbury will suffer for it."

The officers made a brave and noble effort, but were outnumbered by the angry crowd. Time after time the mob surged and yelled till the doors flew open.

Then came shriek after shriek from the inmates of the prison. "They have got them," came in response from one in the entrance to the prison, and the infuriated mass of humanity seemed pleased and satisfied.

The officers could have killed many, but there seems to have been no authority for such a course.

The negroes were quietly marched northward towards Spencer, but a halt was made at Henderson's ball grounds, at the edge of the town. There the negroes were given time to confess the crime. They refused to either deny or confess, and were so thoroughly frightened as almost to have lost the power of speech. John Gillespie wept piteously and begged for his life.

On the way to the scene of the lynching, it is stated that the negroes were horribly mutilated by knives in the hands of some of the mob. Reaching the spot selected, the prisoners were given an opportunity to confess.

One of the Gillespies thereupon admitted that he had assisted in the murder of the Lyerly family. This done, one of the doomed men, a rope having been adjusted about his neck, shot up into the air. Snap! went the rope, and the victim fell to the earth in a convulsed heap. Instantly he was seized and again strung up. This time the cord stood the strain and the negro hung from the gallows of Judge Lynch, struggling a moment, then slowly growing still.

A second and a third man then darted into the air and hung by the side of the first, turning with a slow and horrible movement in the calm air of the night.

A crash of guns rang out, followed by another and another. The mob were pouring volley after volley into the dangling bodies. Then the firing ceased. The work of blood was done.

By 12:30 nothing remained of the immense throng that had packed the streets, but a few groups of men discussing the lynching. George Irvine was taken from the jail with his associates and closely guarded. Then he was led back to his cell. Nease Gillespie maintained his innocence to the end. Ed Barber, a relative of the murdered man, followed the mob with the prisoners to the scene of the lynching and pleaded with them to return the negroes to the jail and let the law take its course, but the mob heeded him not.

Nease and John Gillespie, charged with the murder of the Lyerly family, on the night of July 13, had been put on trial in Rowan county Superior Court at Salisbury today. Judge Long presiding at this special term, devoted most of his charge to the subject of lynching, declaring that the prisoners would be protected at all hazards and that any interference with such intent would be summarily punished.

At the close of today's sitting the prisoners were taken back to jail. At this time no apprehension of mob violence was feared by the authorities.

The crime with which the negroes were charged was the murder on the night of July 13th at Barber Junction of Isaac Lyerly, his wife and two children. Feeling ran high at the time and an effort was made to lynch the negroes. They were hurried away and brought to Charlotte, where they remained until Sunday night, when they were taken to Salisbury for trial.

The lynching tonight terminates the trial begun today, but it is not known what steps will be taken by Judge Long and Solicitor Hammer, now on the ground, as to the prosecution of the members of the mob.

WOMAN ADOPTS LAD

SHE WANTED TO WED

Des Moines, Iowa, August 6.—Chas. Lockhart, of Fonda, Iowa, 19 years old, came to Des Moines today leading by the hand blushing Mrs. Jennie Gregson, who has not quite reached her 59th birthday. A marriage license was sought and obtained.

To the office of Judge Zell G. Roe the couple then wended their way. When apprised of the mission of his visitors the Judge started in amazement. Recovering himself, the magistrate looked Mrs. Gregson in the face and said: "Woman, it's not a marriage license you need, but papers permitting you to adopt the lad."

After listening to a solemn dissertation on the evil of misnaming, the woman took the Judge's advice and said she would adopt Charles and see that he got a finished education to give him a good start in life.

Sealed Proposals.

Office of the Custodian, U. S. Postoffice, Goldsboro, N. C., August, 4th, 1906.

Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 6 o'clock p. m. on the 30 day of August, 1906, and then opened, for the interior painting, repairs, etc., in this building, in accordance with specification, copies of which may be obtained upon application at this office.

LOUIS N. GRANT,
Custodian.

EMBEZZLED \$125,000.

Teller and Bookkeeper of Pittsburg Bank Conspired and Speculated on Large Scale—Matter Had Been Kept Secret. One Man in Jail.

Pittsburg, Pa., August 4.—Official knowledge of the embezzlement of \$125,000 from the Union Trust Company several days ago, was disseminated today in a statement issued by H. C. McEldowney, president of the Trust Company. This statement was delivered to all the newspapers, and was published today. This is the first that has been printed in local papers, so effectively had the matter been suppressed. The statement says:

"On Wednesday August 1, while a bookkeeper, C. S. Hixson, was on his vacation, a discrepancy was found in his books in the Union Trust Company. Hixson was immediately arrested and made a complete confession. In his confession he stated that acting jointly with C. B. W. Ray, a teller, they had stolen \$125,000, dividing the money equally, with Ray, the teller, taking the money off the counter while Hixson the bookkeeper, falsified the books. The money was all lost in speculation. Auditors have verified the confession of Hixson to a cent, namely, \$125,000. Hixson is now lodged in the Allegheny county jail and the Union Trust Company will do all that is necessary to arrest C. B. W. Ray, who has escaped, and see that he is punished to the full extent of the law. The Union Trust Company on Friday, August 3, charged to profit and loss account \$125,000, the full amount of its loss.

(Signed) "H. C. McELDOWNEY,
President."

MADE SMITH & WESSON PISTOLS.

Death of D. B. Wesson—He Left \$50,000,000.

Springfield, Mass., Aug. 4.—After an illness of almost 4 years, Daniel Baird Wesson, the revolver manufacturer, died here today.

Death resulted from heart failure superinduced by neuritis. Mr. Wesson was the founder of the firm of Smith & Wesson, and has been the manufacturer of guns and revolvers the greater part of his life. He was born in Worcester in 1825 and came to Springfield in 1857, when, with Horace Smith, he started the manufacture of guns. His wealth is estimated at 50,000,000. He is survived by two sons, a daughter and 13 grandchildren.

REFORM IN IOWA.

The "Iowa idea" ran away with the Iowa republican convention, and Governor Cummins easily won a nomination to a third term, although precedent in Iowa forbids third terms. Not only was he nominated on the first ballot, but he dictated the platform, and that platform demands "such reasonable and timely changes as will keep the tariff in harmony with our industrial and commercial progress."

While the Iowa republicans think Dingleyism has been carried too far, especially in the direction of "domestic monopoly," yet the Dix machine in Ohio says the tariff must not be touched because revision now would bring defeat in 1908. It would be bad political sense, says Mr. Dick of Ohio, and he claims to draw inspiration from Oyster Bay.

The Ohio idea and the Iowa idea will now proceed to thresh over the subject until the November election, and the voter will at any rate gain some political education. Governor Cummins is a fighter and he proposes to step from a third term to the Senate, where no doubt he would renew the demand for revision, much to the disgust of the standpatter of the Aldrich stamp and the machine in general.

But after all revision of even the Cummins sort would be halting and unsatisfactory. All big campaign subscribers would be protected, and all

the trusts would be represented when revision comes up "at the hands of its friends." Real revision cannot be had until the democrats regain control of Congress and of the executive office. A Cummins revision may be better than no revision at all, but a Cummins revision will not satisfy consumers who are the country. When Massachusetts and Iowa want revision it cannot be far off. The defeat of the Perkins-Blythe ring in Iowa by a decisive majority is significant even if it does not point to real revision of the tariff. It points at any rate to a state primary law, and the selection of United States Senators by direct popular vote. Secretary Shaw and the state machine were voted down, and the reformers swept the convention, and this should be considered an achievement in hide-bound Iowa.

FOR FRAUDING UNCLE SAM.

Member of Oregon Legislature and Lawyer Go to Penitentiary.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 4.—Willard N. Jones, member of the Oregon Legislature of 1903, a wealthy contractor and timber dealer, today was sentenced by Judge William H. Hunt, in the United States Circuit Court to serve one year's imprisonment in the Federal penitentiary on McNeill's Island, and to pay a fine of \$2,000. Jones was convicted of conspiracy to defraud the government. Thaddeus Stevens Potter, a well known Portland lawyer, who was tried and convicted jointly with Jones, was sentenced to serve six months in the Multnomah county jail and to pay a fine of \$500.

AN INDIAN TRAIN-WRECKER.

Allen Otter, a Cherokee, Fined and Imprisoned For Attempt To Wreck Southern Train in Indian Ridge Tunnel.

Asheville, Aug. 5.—Special Detective Frank M. Jordan, of the Southern Railway Company, has returned from Bryson City, where he attended the Swain county term of Superior Court. One of the most important cases disposed of during the term was that of State vs. Allen Otter, a Cherokee Indian. He was accused of attempting to wreck a train on the Murphy branch of the Southern Railway on the evening of May 10. The Indian, it was alleged, wrecked or attempted to wreck a train at Indian Ridge tunnel. The case was worked up by W. L. McCanness of Old Fort, an officer under Mr. Jordan and so strong was the evidence that little trouble was had in securing a conviction. Otter was sentenced to three years' imprisonment and also to pay a fine of \$200.

Mr. Jordan has been at work recently on a case involving the rocking of the train near Hendersonville some time ago and yesterday two men were arrested, charged with the offence, and held under bond at Hendersonville.

Rocky Mount Wants Freight Station Moved.

Rocky Mount, N. C., Aug. 4.—A. W. Anderson, general superintendent of the Atlantic Coast Line, spent the day here in conference with a committee of citizens relative to the moving of the freight office from the Main street of the city. Work had begun on a new \$14,000 building, and the citizens' request is that the railroad build elsewhere than Main street. Mr. Anderson made no statement as to whether the request would be granted.

Destroyed By Fire.

Thomasville, N. C., Aug. 3.—The warehouse and finishing department of the Cramer Furniture Co. was destroyed by fire. The loss was complete. The estimated damage is between \$20,000 and \$25,000 with \$8,000 insurance. The fire burned rapidly and as Thomasville has no fire department the flames made quick work of the building and its contents.

MASSACHUSETTS FOR BRYAN

Democratic State Committee Will Make Official Announcement.

Boston, Aug. 4.—The candidacy of Wm. J. Bryan for the Democratic nomination for President was the subject of a statement given out this afternoon by Former Mayor Quincy, chairman of the Democratic State Committee, who urges strongly the nomination of Mr. Bryan. He says: "So far as I have been able to ascertain, the sentiment of those who now make up the membership of the State and local Democratic organization in this commonwealth, is, at the present time, overwhelmingly in favor of the nomination of Mr. Bryan in 1908. I have no doubt that this feeling will find official expression at the proper time."

Buy a Red Cross Felt Mattress from Andrews & Waddell.

MADE \$75,000 PLAYING HYMNS.

"Rock of Ages" and "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," Were Money Getters.

New York, August 4.—It is estimated that Melcher Wideman, the blind organ grinder, who died yesterday in St. Joseph's hospital, worth at least \$50,000, must have ground out favorite hymns, "Rock of Ages," and "Jesus Lover of My Soul," more than a million times during the 28 years he played at the entrance to Glen Island, John H. Starlin's summer resort at New Rochelle.

Although Wideman was blind, he knew when a crowd was approaching him, and as each car and boat unloaded its passengers at Glen Island he started his wheezy old organ in motion, and the result was invariable a shower of coins. It is said that in the busy season the aged man averaged \$25 a day.

In late years he was assisted by his wife, who carried a large tin cup and collected the money. They worked together until two years ago, when Mrs. Wideman died.

Although the wealthiest organ grinder in the country, Wildeman feared he would spend his last days in the poor house, and this preyed on his mind. Two weeks ago he became seriously ill and was forced to lay aside his hand organ, and died yesterday at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Wideman had no relatives, and it is believed that he willed his hoard to the Catholic church. A priest took charge of the body, which will be buried in New Rochelle.

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Increase Pension of Old Soldiers.

Scotland Neck, N. C. Aug. 3.—The "Buck Kitchin" Camp of Confederate Veterans in regular meeting yesterday decided to make effort to have the next legislature pass an act to increase the state appropriation for pensions of Confederate soldiers by adding \$100,000 more. They will take up the matter with the various Confederate camps in the state and will ask the United Daughters of the Confederacy to operate in the movement.

Thirty Blown to Pieces.

London, Aug. 4.—A dispatch to the Evening Standard from Moscow says that a number of workmen there today had prepared to receive with bombs a detachment of troops sent against them when one of the bombs was prematurely exploded by accident and exploded other bombs, blowing thirty workmen to pieces and wounding many others. The soldiers were uninjured.

S. S. CONVENTION.

Nahunta Township S. S. Convention will be held in Yelverton's church, Faro, on the 10th day of August.

PROGRAM.

10 a. m. Song service, 1-70 and 2-168.
10 15 Devotional exercises, D. L. Earnhardt.
10 30 Address of welcome, S. S. Pupil.
Response, S. S. Pupil.
10 40 Address, Rev. Stewart.
10 50 Song service, 2-110.
11 00 Exercise by Yelverton's S. S.
11 15 Recitation, The Kingdom of Heaven, Sarah Exum.
11 30 Address, The Purpose of and Who Should Attend the S. S. Rev. Cunningham.
Song.
Instructions and illustrations in the Primary Department, by Mrs. Kendall.
Exercises by Eureka S. S. Dinner.

AFTERNOON.

1 30 Song service, 2-27.
1 40 Exercises by Watery Branch S S
2 00 Address by County President Song, 2-33
Exercise by Eureka S S
Exercise by F remont S S
Address, How to Increase and Hold the Attendance in S S by B A Est J
Song service, 2-267.
Election of officers, appointing committees and selecting time and place for holding next convention
Closing song, 2-164
Adjournment.
The songs on programme may be found in hymnal No. 2.
You are invited to come and bring your basket.

J. H. B.

DEATH OF DR. WALTER LANGDON.

Wilmington Star.
A telegram to his niece, Mrs. Thos. D. Meares, brought the intelligence of the death, on Sunday, at his home in California, of Dr. Walter R. Langdon.
Dr. Langdon was born and reared in this city, practiced medicine before the war in Philadelphia, returned home to enter the Confederate army, where he served prominently as a surgeon, and after the war, commenced practice in Wilmington. He moved to California in 1869, but retired from active work several years ago, with a competence. He is survived by a son, Dr. Samuel W. R. Langdon, of Stockton; a brother, Capt. Paul H. Langdon, of Augusta, Ga.; a nephew, Dr. Junius D. Young, of California, and a niece, Mrs. Meares, of this city.

Get Rid of Scrofula

Bunches, eruptions, inflammations, soreness of the eyelids and ears, diseases of the bones, rickets, dyspepsia, catarrh, wasting, are only some of the troubles it causes. It is a very active evil, making havoc of the whole system.

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