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BODY OF CAPT. E. F. GIBBS FOUND

The Body of Capt. E. F. Gibbs, Who Disappeared Feb. 17. Found in Pasquotank River

Mr. E. F. Gibbs the Pasquotank farmer who so mysteriously disappeared on the morning of February 17th was found Wednesday of this week

His body was found by Mr. J. A. Byrum a prominent farmer who saw it laying on the river shore near where the chain gang camped last summer. The body was laying face down between two Cypress trees that stood out in the water a short distance from the shore. The strong North wind which had blown the water out to a very low tide and left the body exposed.

Mr. Byrum said he recognized Mr. Gibbs by his features and clothing

and when the body was striped it was found that the initials E. F. G. were plainly stamped on his arm and on the forehead was found a deep gash about 1 1/2 inches long and other marks of violence were found upon the body which proves conclusively that Mr. Gibbs met with foul play.

Up to this hour no clue or suspicion rest upon any one for this mysterious murder which has cast a gloom of fear over this community and it is hard to believe that such a desperado lives in this section.

The body was taken to Powells Point yesterday for burial.

LEGISLATURE

New Bills Introduced

McDonald: Regulate the number of pages assistants to sergeants-at-arms, stationary clerks and sweepers of the general assembly.

Barnes: Incorporate the Virginia and East Carolina Railroad.

Sikes: Amend the game law of Wake county.

Coxe: Validate the election of officers of Webster.

Long: Authorize the North Carolina and Virginia Railroad of North Carolina to sell its property to the North Carolina and Virginia Railroad of Virginia.

Ratified Bills

Eighty bills were ratified up to No. 1,114 nearly all of them pure local acts.

Notable among the bills ratified are:

Relative to building and loan associations.

Extend time for completion of Wilmington Brunswick and Southern Railway.

Amend section 4738 of the Revised of 2905 relative to insurance.

Relative to salary of law clerk of attorney-general.

Enlarge Harnett county out of Cumberland county.

Safeguard state's interest in turnpikes and other enterprises.

Provide additional clerical assistance to the governor.

Relative to analysis of fertilizers.

Relative to disbursement of school funds of Wake county.

Divide North Carolina into ten congressional districts.

Regulate primary elections in Wake county.

IN THE HOUSE

Passed Final Reading

To extend the corporate limits of Murphy. Concurrence in senate amendment.

To amend the Charter of Spencer (Concurrence in senate amendment)

To allow Wake county to pay and fund the debt of the board of education. (Concurrence in Senate amendment)

To allow board of education of Guilford county to pay for certain services. (Concurrence in senate amendment)

To provide for the building of an annual machinery building at the A. and M. College. (Concurrence in senate amendment)

To require the drainage commissioners of Hyde County Matamoras drainage district to designate a depository for drainage funds. (By amendment Bear Swamp drainage district of Chowan county was added.

To allow Goldsboro to issue bonds.

To provide for a primary election law for Pamlico Dare and Northampton counties.

To amend the law relating to the salary of the commissioner of labor and printing

To provide additional compensation for the doorkeepers of the senate and house.

To amend the law relating to fishing in the Cape Fear River.

To fix the time of holding courts in Pender Brunswick and New Hanover counties.

To amend the law of 1909 relating to classes of insurance.

To amend the Charter of the Grand Lodge K. of P.

To amend the law relating to the packing and sale of salt fish.

To allow Forsyth county to purchase a drainage dredger.

To amend the law relating to license for non-residents for Northampton and Caswell counties.

To provide for economy in the clerical and engraving force of the house and senate and to provide for drawing seats.

To repeal the act of 1907 regulating the hours of employment of railroad employees substituting therefor the federal statute.

To strike Currituck county from the list of counties having a primary law.

Bills Tabled or Defeated

To amend the revision so as to make a violation of the Sunday law a misdemeanor instead of a fine of one dollar.

To amend the divorce law.

To prohibit marriage between first cousins.

To do something about dividends to stockholders.

To provide for an appeal by insurance companies to the council of the state.

To place solicitors of the State on salary.

To provide for lien on calves colts and pigs.

To make officers of wholesale produce dealing corporations responsible to owner of shipper of produce in case of involuntary of corporation.

To protect fishing in the waters of North Carolina.

To amend the law of 1907 and 1909 relating to the corporation commission.

To allow county commissioners to make appropriations for ratification work.

To provide a primary election law for Cumberland county.

To regulate the shipment of live stock into North Carolina.

To amend the law relative to pandering.

To allow married women to contract as feme soles and to make conveyances by complying with section 3 of the constitution.

To require prompt service on the part of telegraph companies.

To incorporate the Raleigh Charlotte and Southern Railway Company.

To amend the law and increase the time allowed state prisoners for good behavior.

To provide additional compensation to A. E. Olmstead.

To give livery stable keepers a lien on animals and vehicles cared for.

To amend the revision relative to ten years separation of parties not having children.

To authorize payment of state reward for the capture of Louis West

To amend the revision relating to attachments.

To increase the salary of the adjutant general to \$2000.

To amend the law relating to the sale of packages of meal and flour.

To prohibit the sale of liquor in clubs. (Concurrence in senate substitute.

To provide for state travelling auditor.

Another anti-trust bill.

To make it a felony for a corporation to furnish money to a candidate for a political office.

MRS CHAPLIN SERIOUSLY ILL

Last Saturday our Mr. Chaplin was called to the bedside of his mother who is seriously ill at her home near Columbia N. C. A letter from our associate on Tuesday stated that his mother is no better. Our friend is assured that he has the sympathy of his neighbors and friends in this community.

TACKY PARTY

On Friday evening March 10th circle No. one of the Ladies Aid Society of Blackwell Memorial Church will give a tacky party at the home of Mrs. J. U. Lambert 305, E. Fearing St. Refreshments will be served. The Amateur Orchestra will render music under the directions of Larry E. Skinner, the public are cordially invited.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEET

In a Special Session The Board Of Alderman Awarded Contract To Pave In Brick

Our city Aldermen met in extra session last Tuesday evening to receive the bids for street paving. It has been understood that at this meeting some definite action would be taken to settle the street paving question. In consequence of such an important meeting the City Hall was packed to overflowing by our interested citizens. Bids were offered for consideration. After hearing the bids read Mayor Fearing announced that the meeting stood adjourned until Wednesday evening. On the next evening long before the hour for meeting the citizens began to gather and when the meeting opened for business, Alderman T. P. Nash moved that the bidders be requested to retire and be called in when their bids were up for consideration this Mr. E. F. Aydlott a private citizen entered protest, and said that the people wanted an open meeting and he thought those bidders should be present to hear what each other said. Mr. Nash withdrew his motion, the mayor requested the city engineer, Mr. Caldwell to read the bids in order as they were arranged. As the bids were called its representative was requested to speak and further explain his bid (speeches were limited to five minutes duration when the last bidder was heard the Mayor called on the citizens to give their views, when this opportunity was granted many responded. Mr. J. T. McCabe said that the citizens on Main street held a meeting for the purpose to see what kind of paving they wanted and that a majority of the Main street people wanted Bitulidite (a soft material) Mr. E. F. Aydlott replied in a most vigorous speech in which he entered protest saying that it was unfair for Main street residents to ask for special favors that it was not right for other sections of the town to pay for the extra cost of paving Main street that the only fair and satis-

factory way was to pave all streets alike and with the same material. Then Mr. Aydlott went on to generally lay things bare. He spoke of the disentions among the citizens and the causes. He ventilated the change in the city charter that the fight against seven wards in favor of four wards was due to the Main St. faction who he said had been opposing the street paving all along because these people wanted something extra on Main street.

Messrs McCabe and Flora Main Street residents and members Board of Control answered Mr. Aydlott and fully explained their position to the satisfaction of those present Dr. McMullan was next heard from it did not take many words for him to state his position from first to last he has advocated brick for paving. Mr. Scott chairman county board made a few remarks.

Mayor Fearing then called for the vote on Mr. Nash's motion to pave the streets with Baltimore brick. Nash, Sawyer, Wright, Parker, Anderson and Bradford voted for brick Mr. D. M. Jones after explaining the vote nay the contract was awarded to Mr. F. J. McGuire of Norfolk for brick paving. The contract was ordered by the Board of Control by 2 o'clock P. M. Thursday evening March 9th. This joint meeting of citizens and city officials was the best and most business like we have attended in a long time. A free and open discussion was what the occasion demanded. It would be well if meetings of this character were more frequent. It now seems to be the impression that the delay was the best thing the people have had time for reflection. This paving proposition is too big a thing for a small town like ours to act hastily so now the prospects are that we will have paved streets before the next muddy season.

MR E H STEPTOE A SUICIDE

Richmond Virginia March 7th. Edmund H. Steptoe a linotype operator for the Evening Journal here, aged 32, and married, but without children, went to the composing room of his paper Sunday, turned on the gas connected with his machine, placed the tube in his mouth and died as a result of the inhalation.

He worked as usual Saturday and one of his fellow workmen found him dead at his machine Sunday No. cause for his suicide can be imagined as he left no explanation.

Mr. Steptoe was our personal friend he was a resident of Elizabeth City during the years 1903-04 as linotype operator in the Tar Heel office. Mr. Steptoe was a high-toned honorable gentleman far above the average printer.

Only a few days ago we were in correspondence with him in regard to securing for us an operator. Some days after we received a telegram from Mrs. Steptoe asking if her husband had arrived in Elizabeth City. A few days later we received a let-

ter from Mr. Steptoe, explaining why his wife sent the telegram and at the same time stated that he was out of employment and if we had no operator that he would come and work with us. We answered him at once and not hearing from him we wired for a reply but never heard from him again.

The tone of Mrs. Steptoe's telegram and his actions later caused us to think his actions strange.

Buffington-Acker

Mr. William Elmer Buffington and Miss Mathilda Francis Acker were married on Wednesday February 23 at Washington D. C. by the Rev. Dr. J. J. Muir. The above marriage will be read with interest as Miss Acker has visited our town of ten and made many friends here.

While a steel band may be stronger than a brass band the latter is more successful in holding a crowd. -Chicago News

AN INVITATION TO THE UNITED STATES

The Central Building of the University of London will witness this July (28-29) one of the most inspiring sights of history. Representatives of all the races in the world will meet as equals and in council to discuss how prejudices may be removed and friendlier relations established between the Western nations and other people of the earth. Never before has a meeting of this kind taken place and it is to be hoped that it will be only the first of a series of such gatherings.

The First Universal Races Congress will be truly inter-racial; for India, China, Japan, Turkey, Persia, and Egypt will be represented by writers of their own kith and kin, in addition to British writers such as Sir Sydney Oliver, K. C. M. G., Sir Charles Bruce, G. C. M. G., and Sir Harry Johnson, G. C. M. G. The United States contributors are among others Professor Felix Adler late Theodore Roosevelt Professor in Berlin; Professor P. S. Reinsch for the coming Theodore Roosevelt Professor in Berlin; Professor Franc Boas of Columbia University; Professor W. Jett Lauck and Frederick C. Croxton of the United States Immigration Commission; and Mr. Edwin D. Mead of Boston. Dr. Charles A. Eastman (Ojibwa) has prepared a paper on "The American Indian."

and Dr. DuBois on "The Negro in America" on which subject the Committee also expects a paper from Dr. Booker Washington or some one he will nominate. Both Dr. Washington and Dr. DuBois have promised to give every assistance to the congress. Other papers bearing on the Negro question in America will be by General Legitime of Hayti and Dr. Lacerda of Rio de Janeiro.

Among the Hon. Vice-Presidents of the Congress are the Hon. Joseph H. Choate the Hon. George B. Davis the Hon. John W. Griggs, the Hon. Horace Porter and the Hon. Uriah M. Rose all of them U. S. Delegates to the Second Hague Conference or U. S. Members of the Hague Court whilst among the U. S. Members of the Hon. General Committee of the Congress are some 200 University Professors and others of distinction. Finally it should be mentioned that the very idea of holding such a Congress emanated from the

United States.

The Congress Executive issues herewith a hearty invitation to all friends of the cause of inter-racial friendship in the United States to make a special effort to attend the Congress and convert it into an important demonstration in favour of good will between the peoples of European and those of Asiatic African and Australian descent. The Executive feels that the American race problems would be easiest solved if discussed in a friendly way from the point of view of doing justice to all races regardless of adventitious circumstances. The Committee hopes that the Coronation of the King and the festivities and Exhibitions connected therewith will act as an additional incentive to American sympathisers of the great Cause to undertake the long journey. It feels sure that those who attend will carry away with them precious memories valuable knowledge and a new hope for the near future.

Full details concerning the Congress may be obtained free of charge from the undersigned, 63 South Hill Park, Hampstead, London, or from the American Co-Secretaries, Rev. Frederick Lynch, B. A., B. D., 13 East 124th street New York and Dr. W. E. B. DuBois 29 Vesey Street New York.

CONGRESSMAN SMALL IS

STRUCK BY TROLLEY CAR

Dragged About Fifteen Feet on Fender of a Trenton N. J. Trolley Car Injuries Slight.

Congressman John A. Small who spoke at a dinner in Trenton on Tuesday March 7th in the Chamber of Commerce was struck by a trolley car while alighting from an automobile. He was dragged about 15 feet on the fender of the car but when examined by a physician was thought not to be seriously injured. The Congressman in alighting from the automobile which brought him from the railroad station to the Chamber of Commerce building got out of the wrong side and did not notice the approaching trolley car.

Add a large onion to a pot of cooking cabbage. It will take away the gas and any ill effects of the cabbage.