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Man of Aliases Restored to Bragg

Patterson-Thomas-Powers Left Trail in Robeson and Lumberton Police Chief Caught Him Near Hope Mills—Left Stolen Car at Fairmont—Escaped Fort Bragg in Pajamas.

William Patterson, alias J. C. Thomas, alias J. W. Powers, aged 25 and giving his home as Smithfield, was arrested by Chief of Police Barker Friday afternoon near Hope Mills, on information from Fairmont authorities that he was wanted in Kernersville on the charge of stealing a Ford roadster. When arrested, Patterson denied the theft of the car but admitted that he "went over the hill" at Fort Bragg three weeks ago and was wanted there on charges of being absent without leave, and breaking confinement. This information being confirmed by Fort Bragg officials, Officer Barker took his prisoner to the stockade in Fort Bragg, where he was placed in the custody of the military officers.

Patterson claimed to have seen six years of service in the U. S. army and further admitted that he had escaped from the army while stationed at Fort Howard, Maryland, several months ago. Acting on the influence and wishes of his mother, he said, he went to Fort Bragg and gave up, and was "doing time" there when he escaped on the night of January 26th. This escape he made while a patient in the hospital, leaving while the guard was eating supper in the same room with him. He wore nothing but a suit of pajamas and shoes while escaping and was compelled to run a distance of five miles to a little store, where he purchased overalls. The next morning he caught a train for Greensboro and a few days later stole the Ford roadster in Kernersville.

Tried to Cash Check
This man of aliases drove the stolen car to Lumberton and spent Tuesday night here. Wednesday morning he went to Rowland, where he stayed only a few minutes, going from there to Fairmont. Upon arriving at Fairmont he went to a boarding house conducted by Mrs. Ricks, spent the night and ate breakfast. About ten o'clock he slipped the car out of the garage next to the Ricks home, going down town to get a check cashed. Mrs. Ricks, believing that he was trying to escape without paying his board and lodging, phoned Chief of Police Lawson to arrest him on charges of jumping a board bill. The officer soon had him under arrest. He told the officer that he would pay the bill just as soon as he could get the bank to cash his check. He went to the First National Bank and asked that they cash the check, which was made in favor of J. C. Thomas for \$50 on the Citizen's National Bank of Henderson, and signed by a fictitious name. Both of the Fairmont banks refused to pay the check. The Henderson bank was called over 'phone and stated that they knew no such man. William B. Shockette came up on the scene and told Thomas that he would help him get out of trouble and would advance him \$15 to pay Mrs. Ricks if he would leave the Ford in his possession until he paid the \$15 back. This suited "Thomas" fine and he paid the officer the board bill and the costs in the case.

As soon as he could possibly do so without creating any more excitement, "Thomas" left Fairmont with a traveling man for Lumberton.
Stolen Car Reclaimed
The question arose at Fairmont as to the ownership of the car, and a of State in Raleigh asking who owned a car with license numbers 6545 telegram was sent to the Secretary. The reply from the Secretary's office was that the car belonged to Mr. Jack Watkins of Kernersville, and was a stolen car. The Kernersville authorities soon got in touch with Fairmont stating that a \$25 reward was offered for the car, and Deputy sheriff R. L. Flint of Kernersville went to Fairmont Friday and returned with the car, paying the reward to the officer at Fairmont.

Chase and Capture
Officers of the county were notified to arrest a man going under the name of J. C. Young. Chief Barker, being on the alert Friday, found that the man had left with a man in a car headed in the direction of St. Paul. They did not go to St. Paul, however; Young stopped at Powersville, and caught the V. & C. S. train just before Barker arrived there. He rode this train as far as Roelin, where he got off and caught another ride in a car as far as the concrete bridge over Rockfish creek in Cumberland county. The officer was close behind him here, but Young hid in a house at the bridge until Barker passed on his way to Fayetteville. (Continued on page four.)

Worldly Versus Religious Choice

Dr. Durham Begins Series of Sermons at First Baptist Church on "The Antitheses of Character"—Character is More Powerful Than Knowledge—Worldly Choice of Lot and Religious Choice of Moses Contrasted.

At the First Baptist church last evening the pastor, Dr. C. H. Durham, preached the first of a series of seven sermons which he will preach at Sunday evening services on "The Antitheses of Character." In each of these sermons two Bible characters will be used in contrast. The subject last night was "Lot, a Worldly Choice; Moses, a Religious Choice."

The Scripture reading was from the 13th chapter of Genesis: "And Lot lifted up his eyes and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere, before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt as thou comest unto Zoar. Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east. . . . and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom; and Hebrews 11th chapter 24th and 25th verses: "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season."

Character Defined

Before addressing himself to the antitheses as shown in Lot and Moses, Dr. Durham laid the broad foundation for the series—which he said he hoped would result in increased attendance upon the evening services and be helpful to all who engaged with him in the study of this important subject—by defining character. "Character," he said, "is the combination of qualities that distinguish a person. It is power—a greater power than knowledge; for one may have a great store of knowledge and yet manifest no heart power and have no character. You must not only do justly but must love justice. Some people do justly because of the fear of external force, but to have character you must love justice and righteousness. And it is yours to choose. There is a difference between choice and desire. You may desire from now until doomsday, but you will accomplish nothing until you make a choice."

Choices Made by Lot and Moses

Dr. Durham made to stand out in sharp contrast the choices made by Lot and Moses. Lot preferred one thing, Moses chose another. Lot's choice was in the direction of Sodom. He probably had no intention at first of going to that city that he knew was reeking with filth and abominable sin, but his choice was in that direction. His choice was worldly. Moses was heir to a throne; he was living on the fat of the land, had wealth, power and safety, with every prospect of greater power and wealth; but his people were afflicted, and he turned his back upon wealth and power and ease, while Lot turned his face toward these things.

The man who made the worldly choice found, instead of pleasure, wealth and power, degradation, ruin, sin and death, while Moses turned his back upon earthly power and walked into greater earthly power than he would have had if he had sat upon the throne of the Pharaohs, greater power and honor than any earthly king ever had, and spiritual power that has outlasted the ages.

You Must Choose

It is always so, said Dr. Durham in closing; if your choice is worldly you will find weakness instead of power, ruin and death instead of wealth, degradation instead of pleasure; while if you choose Christ he will not let you lose anything by the choice. And you must choose.

An enjoyable feature of the music at this service was a selection by a quartet composed of Messrs. Frank Gough, E. B. Freeman, C. B. Skipper and J. P. Stephens.

Fairmont U. D. C. Will Have Special Meeting Friday Night in Legion Hall.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.
Fairmont, Feb. 19.—The United Daughters of the Confederacy will hold a special meeting in the American Legion Hall next Friday night. A special program is being prepared and essays from the pupils of the Fairmont school will be read. The writer of the best essay will be awarded a medal at this meeting.

Mr. J. V. Faulk of McDonald is a business visitor here today.

Don't fail to see "A Fashion Review Down Petticoat Lane" at the school auditorium Thursday night. Adm. 50 and 25 cents.—Adv.

Farmers Meeting Here Tuesday

Monthly Co-operative Marketing Meeting Will be Held in Court House Here Tomorrow.

As stated in Thursday's Robesonian, the regular monthly co-operative marketing meeting for Robeson county will be held at the court house in Lumberton Tuesday, February 20, beginning at 11 a. m. At other Robeson county farm leaders, this meeting delegates from the co-operative locals of the county, and will assemble for the purpose of discussing common farm problems and making plans for an increased co-operative marketing sign-up for both cotton and tobacco.

Mr. W. E. Lea of Florence, S. C., a tobacco expert of long experience, will address the meeting. Mr. Lea, who addressed the meeting held in Lumberton on the third Tuesday in January, is returning by special invitation of the growers. He has had a large part in the development of the tobacco industry in South Carolina, and has been active in co-operative marketing since its inception. He was in the sign-up campaign even before the splendid organizations that have since been perfected seemed possible. Mr. Lea at the meeting Tuesday will discuss the possibilities of over-production this year and how it can be handled.

These monthly meetings are of great educational value and it is hoped that every farmer who can do so will avail himself of the advantages afforded by them.

Two-Year Term for Mayor and \$60 Year for Commissioners

Bill Offered by Senator Varner to Increase Pay of Lumberton Town Commissioners and Term of Office of Mayor.

A bill was introduced in the Senate last Friday by Senator L. R. Varner to so amend the charter of the town of Lumberton that the town commissioners would receive as compensation for their services the amount of \$60 per annum. The bill also provides for the mayor of the town to hold office for two years, elections being bi-annual.

The town commissioners now receive \$18 annually for their services. At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce more than two years ago, that organization went on record as approving the measure set forth in the above bill.

If the bill is passed it will take effect after Mayor E. M. Johnson's term of one year has expired.

Comes High for North Carolina

Varner Says Present Provisions of State Constitution Have Cost North Carolina More Than Million Dollars in Interest on Highway Bonds Alone.

News and Observer, 17th.
Present provision of the State Constitution have cost North Carolina more than a million dollars in interest on highway bonds alone, Senator L. R. Varner, chairman of the finance committee, told the Senate yesterday in support of the Sams bill submitting a constitutional amendment which would limit the bonded indebtedness of the State to five per cent of the taxable valuation of property in the State.

This measure, together with the other Sams bill, submitting a constitutional amendment to prevent diversion of sinking funds, passed the Senate on second readings yesterday. Final action was deferred out of an "abundance of caution," upon suggestion that the bills might require reading on separate days. The bills will probably come up again Monday night as the indications are that the Senate will be without a quorum this morning.

Senator Varner asserted that the financial position of the State of Maine is almost identical with that of North Carolina, both the amount of taxable property and the amount of outstanding indebtedness being approximately the same in each case. According to the Senator from Robeson, however, Maine was enabled to sell its bonds at 3.90 while North Carolina was paying 4.40.

Messrs. A. Weinstein and Oscar M. Israel left Friday night for New York and other eastern markets where they will spend two weeks buying spring goods for their store here.

St. Paul News

Changes on Police Force—American Legion is Preparing for a Minstrel—Woman's Club Has Interesting Meeting—Small Fire Extinguished.

By Bessie G. Johnson
St. Paul, Feb. 16.—Sunshine and wind! Cold, yes! The freezing wave which struck Chicago Tuesday night must have been pretty severe from indications experienced by we folks since.

Mr. L. F. Nance and little son, Walter, left last Saturday for Sumter, S. C., where they were to visit relatives, returning to St. Paul Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Newton recently moved to a farm near town, while Miss Addie Blue and father are now residing in the dwelling next to Mr. Opie Odom's residence, formerly owned by the late Mrs. Baggett.

Mr. A. R. McEachern is out again following his recent attack of influenza.

At a meeting of the town board Wednesday night Mr. R. L. Rivers was appointed chief of police, to succeed Mr. Wm. Lindsay. Mr. F. K. Townsend will serve as night policeman, succeeding Mr. R. L. Rivers, who formerly held this office. A funny little remark was made by one of the small grandsons of Mr. Rivers, expressing his delight at the change. When asked why he remarked that now he could get to play all he wanted to. You see, the little fellows had to keep quiet and let "grandpa" sleep in the day. That's a pretty hard job for "grown-ups", much less for kids, and especially for four little chaps.

The American Legion is getting up a minstrel which will be given in the near future, possibly on the 27th. We'll try, however, to give exact date, as it will doubtless be "something worth while."

Mrs. L. T. Britt and children are expected to come over Sunday from Wendell for a visit to home folks. Mrs. Britt is pleasantly remembered in our "city" as Miss Ella Caudell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Caudell. The Britt family recently moved to Wendell, where Mr. Britt is in the grocery business.

"A dear little dumpling darling" baby daughter has arrived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neill McCormac to make glad their hearts. Mrs. McCormac was Miss Annie Newton prior to her marriage. Her mother, from near Fayetteville, is spending a while in the McCormac home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Odom and the latter's little sister, Mildred Prevatt, of Raft Swamp, were Sunday afternoon visitors at the home of Mr. Opie Odom and family.

A very delightful meeting of the Woman's club was held yesterday afternoon in the club room. In the absence of the president, Mrs. E. C. Murray, who has been somewhat under the weather this week, Mrs. A. E. Howard presided. Miss Flax Andrews, demonstrator, was present, giving the ladies a most interesting demonstration on flower-making, which was very much enjoyed.

Some little excitement was witnessed yesterday p. m. about 3 o'clock when the brave little fire whistle began to cry "fire! fire!" which started the cars "rolling," followed by fire wagons, hose, etc., making their way to Mrs. J. D. Johnson's residence, where the kitchen overheating was on fire. Lucky for the family, it was discovered while 'twas day, as some real damage might have been done. Cause of the fire seems a puzzle, as it was in overheating about the center of the room some distance from chimney or flue. The willing-hearted crowd who gathered at the scene of excitement attested in a small way what could be accomplished following the new arrangements.

Mrs. Johnson is having her residence on Armfield street repainted the dwelling now occupied by Mr. D. C. Cox and family, the color chosen being grey with green trimming. Mr. Carl Johnson has the job and as a most dexterous painter he is going to show St. Pauls how he really can paint.

While covering a barn Mr. Bailey Prevatt suffered a fall Tuesday a. m., breaking a nose, spraining both wrists and in fact was pretty badly bruised. He is getting on very nicely now, though, his friends will be glad to note. He is a brother to the one who recently suffered a crushed hand while unhooking a grain elevator.

Mr. Bob Teel is making preparations to move his family to Rocky Mount in the near future, his work being there.

Miss Lena Sykes of Laurinburg came over Tuesday night from Fayetteville for a short visit to home folks, her mother going over with her for a few days.

Mr. W. I. Linkhaw spent a few days in Raleigh last week on business.

Only 2 More Weeks of Legislature

Twelve More Legislative Days and Day and Night Sessions Will be the Order—New Bill Proposes Change in Primary Law.

By the Associated Press
The regular Saturday quorum situation in both branches of the general assembly was cared for when no question was raised in either house although a roll call, members said, might have embarrassed the legislators.

Representative Townsend, of Harnett county, introduced a bill in the lower branch to provide for printing of reports of the state superintendent of public instruction, and Connor, of Wilson, introduced a bill to provide for the appointment of trustees for cemeteries in cities and towns throughout the state.

Amendment to the primary laws was asked by Senator Parker, of Wayne, in a bill introduced in the senate, to provide that 50 constituents of a candidate file papers guaranteeing that candidate will abide by the decision of the primary.

The upper house stood ready to receive the mass of legislation which will come out of the house from the long sessions held lately by that body. Representative Bowie, of Ashe county, served notice that he would press consideration of his railroad bill for the "lost provinces" on Monday night when it is due to come up for consideration under special order.

Raleigh, Feb. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Two weeks, consisting of 12 legislative days, with every indication pointing to day and night sessions, yet remain tonight for the general assembly, while members are taking advantage of what will probably be their last opportunity of the session to spend the week-end at home.

Both houses today attempted to get through as much of the calendar as possible, and while the senate cleared up a considerable number of bills, the house was the body which accomplished the most, despite a dull and listless session of nearly three hours duration.

The upper branch got through with all the local measures on the calendar and received some new legislation, including a bill introduced by Senator Parker, of Wayne, to amend the primary law to allow "50 or more qualified voters" of a candidate's constituency to file the pledge that the candidate would abide by the results of the primary instead of the present requirement that the candidate pledge himself.

The house took a number of minor bills down off the public calendar and passed a measure which would amend the election laws to make machinery for the protection of the ballot where a candidate died within five days of the election to be held. The bill would provide that no election was held and a vacancy would be declared subject to filling in the manner of other such candidates.

Another bill passing the house was aimed at "peeping Toms"—a penalty being provided for peering into a room occupied by a woman.

The house members prepared to get the general revenue act ready for action by next Tuesday and immediately following that the general educational measure is expected to be ready.

MORE THAN HALF A MILLION PAID OUT TO TOBACCO GROWERS

Richmond, Va., Feb. 16.—Checks totalling \$634,000 for distribution tomorrow to South Carolina members of the Tri-State Tobacco Growers' Co-operative association and some members in North Carolina were mailed from the headquarters of the organization here today. It is the third payment of the season to the South Carolina group.

Congress Approves British Debt-Funding Settlement.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Congressional approval of the British debt funding settlement virtually was completed tonight when the senate passed the house funding bill. The vote was 70 to 13.

The bill was returned to the house for adjustment of amendments not relating to the plan for funding the British debt of \$4,604,000,000 over a term of 62 years at reduced interest, but providing that settlements with other debtor nations must have the approval of Congress instead of the President.

Mrs. J. Q. Beckwith spent Saturday in Fayetteville.

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Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 28 cents per pound.

Items of Local News

—Mr. Fred Barber of Dunn has accepted a position with Grantham Brothers, druggists. Mr. Barber began work last week.

—Mr. Alfred Hardin of Lumberton, Route 1, killed a hog last week that netted him 423 pounds of meat and 150 pounds of lard.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Mr. William Powell Spears of Rocky Mount and Miss Grace Truman Wilkes of Maxton.

—Mr. J. M. McCallum who for some time had been taking treatment at a Charlotte sanatorium, returned to his home here last Wednesday very much improved.

—Mr. Neill Freeman who has been ill for the past few days, suffered a slight fainting spell this morning on 3rd street. Medical attention was given him and he was carried to his home.

—Paving on Fifth street has been completed and on Cedar between Second and Fifth. These streets will be opened to traffic Tuesday morning, which will be gladly welcomed by the public.

—Mr. McKay Byrd of R. 5 was a Lumberton visitor Saturday and stated that he had just heard a farmer tell that he grew watermelons one year, and from one vine he sent a one-horse wagon load of melons to town and had ninety melons left on the vine. And that's that.

—Raleigh News and Observer, 17th: Senator L. R. Varner, teacher of a big Baraca class at his home in Lumberton, will teach the Baraca class of the Southside Baptist church Sunday morning and later will speak to the Sunday school.

—A fresh coat of paint is being put on the building occupied before the fire on the morning of December 21, last, by the McLellan 5-10 and 25 cents store. Practically all repairs have been made and as soon as this is completed this firm will re-open for business.

—Mr. N. S. Powell, who for the past two months had been associated with Mr. H. M. Fillyaw as book-keeper, left Thursday for his home in Whiteville. Mr. Fillyaw has discontinued his charge business, converting it into a "cash and carry" meat market and grocery.

—Mr. J. M. Huggins received a message this morning advising him of the death early this morning of his sister, Mrs. C. F. Thomas, at her home at Canton, N. Y. Mrs. Thomas spent a month here last summer at the home of her brother and was taken ill while here, her health becoming worse from that time.

—Mr. W. H. Horn of Dillon county, S. C., brother of Mr. Metco Horn, who was killed by Brack Purdie, colored, last Tuesday, was a Lumberton visitor Friday. He came to his brother's home in Saddle Tree township soon after his death, and attended the funeral near Fairmont Wednesday.

—"A Fashion Review Down Petticoat Lane" will be given in the high school auditorium Thursday night, February 22nd, under the auspices of the Business and Professional Woman's club. Eighty people will participate in this review and a charge of 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children will be made.

—Two men with monkeys and organs invaded Lumberton Saturday about noon, causing many people to congregate and watch the actions of the monkeys. A very enthusiastic crowd watched the one "parked" near the corner of Fourth and Elm and a still larger crowd gathered at Third and Elm to see that one perform.

—United States revenue agents or deputy collectors will be on hand in Lumberton, at the court house, on February 23 and 24 to assist in making Federal income tax returns. They will be in other places throughout the county before March 15th. They are booked for Fairmont March 6 and 7, Maxton, February 26 and 27, Parkton, March 3, Red Springs March 2, Saint Paul, March 5.

Rowland Hotel Corporation Chartered
Among the corporations chartered Friday by the Secretary of State at Raleigh was the Rowland Hotel corporation of Rowland, with \$50,000 authorized capital and \$20,000 subscribed by W. H. McLellan, B. A. Edens, and John W. Ward, all of Rowland.

Mr. H. B. Craig of Charlotte spent Thursday in Lumberton on business.

You Haven't Seen Love in its Ideal Setting until You've Seen, When Knighthood Was in Flower. Watch for Date.—(Adv.)