

SENTENCED TO HANG.

Jury in Massey Case Find the Defendant Guilty of Rape.

The case of the negro, Sam Massey, charged with the crime of rape upon the person of a negro woman named Lucy Houser, was concluded last Thursday evening, the jury bringing in a verdict of guilty.

On Friday afternoon Massey was brought before the bar and was sentenced by Judge Webb to be hanged on November 13th between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.

Massey was very ably defended by a trio of lawyers, Messrs. R. Lee Wright, T. G. Furr and M. F. Hatcher. The prisoner contended that he never saw the Houser woman until confronted by her at the city hall after his arrest. The State, however, made out a case against him and the evidence was satisfactory to the jury. The prosecuting witness is a negress of quiet, unassuming demeanor is very intelligent and told her story in detail in a convincing way which tore all the marks of plain truth. According to her testimony the crime was a most brutal one, and if Massey is really the guilty man, as the jury has pronounced it to be, he richly deserves the rope. The prisoner has figured somewhat extensively in the police records here, but this is the first time he has been charged with anything of a very serious nature.

It is said that he is not at all bright, while entirely responsible for his actions. It is rumored that an effort may be made to have his sentence commuted to imprisonment for life.

EELS GOT THE MILK.

Interesting Yarn Told at a Recent Gathering of North Carolina Farmers.

The Raleigh Times of late date contained the following story, which may be accepted by our readers as true—or otherwise:

Col. H. C. Dockery, of Rockingham, who is here attending the Farmers' Convention, broke up the meeting yesterday afternoon with one of his Münchhausen narratives.

Col. Dockery started off by asking how many of the farmers present had ever had black snakes to relieve their cows of the milk. On receiving several answers to his question, he related his peculiar experience. He had noticed his cows coming in every afternoon without any milk. This mysterious disappearance of the milk continued for several days and no explanation could be given by the boy attending the cows. The boy was given a shotgun and told to shoot the first man or beast that even looked cross-eyed at his cattle. But that afternoon the cows came in dry as on previous afternoons.

Mr. Dockery became alarmed by the state of affairs and determined to find for himself the cause of the lack of milk. In accordance with his determination, he himself went to the pasture stayed with the cows all day and nothing happened to arouse his suspicion until the cows went into the river to take their afternoon draught. When they went into the water their bags were full, and when they came out the milk had disappeared. He remembered seeing quite a rattle in the water when the cows waded in, so he had an idea what was happening.

Next day he hung some fish hooks to each of the cow's bags and sat down by the river to await results. The cows waded in, the usual rattle accompanying their entrance, and when they had finished drinking it was with great difficulty that they came out of the water. To the surprise of everybody around, about a dozen huge eels were hanging to each cow. The convention stampeded and a motion to adjourn was passed by acclamation.

Sick Child Helped by Prayer.

In West Hickory a child had spasms, several days. The doctors could not understand it exactly and could not give immediate relief. The parents sent for some praying people who believe God is able to relieve the sick. They went and prayed over it. The parents gave themselves over to the Lord and the child has been growing better ever since.—Hickory, N. C., Mercury.

ROWAN'S WEALTH.

Some Interesting Figures From Tax Books of the County.

THE WATCHMAN stated last week that the tax books for 1908 had been turned over to the sheriff and the township tax collector. The tax books, with their array of figures, tell some interesting things and things most citizens and tax payers would like to know something about. The books show the assessed valuation of real and personal property in the county to be \$9,955,422; \$5,020,836 of which is credited to Salisbury township. The total taxes assessed against this valuation is \$127,468.08. Salisbury pays \$72,841.68 of this sum.

The county contains 4,807 white polls and 1,118 colored, making a total of 5,925.

There are 814,075 acres of land with a valuation of \$2,590,094 and 572 acres of timber and mineral land assessed at \$8,900.

There are 7,518 town lots in the county, 6,800 of them being in Salisbury township. 4,429 houses have been listed at \$255,022.

78 dogs are valued at \$8,062, Salisbury township having 21 of these animals listed at \$100 each. Only 700 sheep at \$846, while 78 goats are placed at \$244, 9,294 hogs are supposed to be worth \$35,174 and 9,509 head of cattle at \$118,084. The mule population is given as 2,599 at a valuation of \$152,989. This is something over \$51.00 each, which will strike one as quite a low price for a good mule, and something like this ratio of valuation will no doubt be found to generally prevail, if any of our readers choose to figure it out.

Farming implements are placed at \$68,325 and mechanics' tools at \$12,778. Firearms, \$10,938; jewelry owned by citizens \$27,397; musical instruments \$75,018; liquors \$11,446; cotton \$52,690. Household and other furniture, \$238,286; provisions of all kinds \$86,355. The cash on hand in the county when the lists were made, was \$166,289 and the ridiculously small sum of \$4,022 of this amount has been listed in Salisbury township. This would show on its face that the town folks are much worse off than the country people in the matter of actual cash on hand.

In addition to the above the Southern Railway Company, North Carolina Midland, the Yackin, Southern Bell Telephone Company, Pullman Company, Southern Express Company, W. T. Telegraph and Postal companies, with other corporations, pay taxes on a large property valuation. We have not the figures at hand to give the increase in valuation over that of the previous year.

In Hard Luck.

W. J. Bumgarner, of Alexander county, seems to be a persecuted citizen. Recently he found it necessary to publish a card in the Taylorsville Scout denying a report that he had used missionary money to buy a cow. Last week he had a card in the Scout denying that he has mixed sugar with the honey he is selling. With reference to this last report Mr. Bumgarner says: "I call God to witness that it is an infamous and slanderous falsehood."—Statesville Landmark.

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to the most popular issue if as anticipated the Republicans of Nebraska also endorse it. He must accept the attitude of the nominee for President and the utterances of the national platform as authoritative on all matters touched upon by either.

In an article published in a prominent Republican paper of Chicago, the Record-Herald, Walter Wellman, a well known political writer, declares that in his judgment this issue of the guarantee of bank deposits is becoming the chief one of the campaign. Mr. Wellman is a political writer who so far as the natural tendency of every man to sympathize with one side or the other will permit, has been non-partisan in his work. And it is for this reason that we find it worth while to quote somewhat from his letter to the Record-Herald:

"In the West they tell me a great majority of farmers have money in bank. When the money panic started in New York last October and caused a wave of more or less needless alarm to run throughout the country, many farmers took their automobiles, their carriages or wagons, went to town, withdrew their money from the banks and hid it at home in stockings, or trunks, or between floors, or out in the barn. At any rate, farmers who did not do this, as well as farmers who did, were set thinking. And their thoughts, I am told by men who live among them, ran this way: "When the federal government deposits money in bank it demands security. States and cities do the same thing. Why shouldn't we have security too?"

"National banks are created and controlled by the government. So are the post-offices. If we go to the latter and buy a money order the government guarantees to pay the money to the holder in whose favor it is drawn or to return it to us. Why shouldn't we have the same guarantee from the national bank? As it is now, instead of depositing with the bank with a guarantee of return whenever wanted, our deposits are loans to the bank, which may or may not be returned on demand.

"If we ship money or jewelry or other valuables by an express company it is responsible to us. It guarantees the value. Even a railway company guarantees the value of goods entrusted to it. Why shouldn't a bank do the same thing?"

"Of course there are many other arguments which appeal to the farmer. He can see that with guarantee of deposits there will be more money in bank, which means in use in the channels of trade, and less in hiding in trunks and stockings. He can see for our average farmer of today is a reading, thinking, well-informed man—that with deposit guarantee, if a panic threatens, there will be far less fear, less alarm, less hysteria, less withdrawal of funds, fewer bank runs and failures. What might be called the broader aspects of the question are not lost upon him. But, like every one else, his clearest, most vivid view is of his personal relations to the bank—where his deposit in the bank at the county seat should be guaranteed by something better and stronger than the promise of that individual bank to repay."

Finally it is worth noting that in the enormous volume of mail which comes into the Democratic National Headquarters from farmers, editors of country newspapers, small store keepers and other residents of the small towns and villages, there is one note sounding throughout. All say that this issue of protecting the people's savings by a guarantee of bank deposits is in their judgment a political task ranking in importance with the reform of the tariff and exceeding in immediate value almost any other issue of this campaign.—Willis J. Abbott.

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Some of the Late Mr. Cleveland's Views on This Subject.

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