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USHER BOUND OVER TO COURT,

8, 1914.

Aged Citizen of Lilesville Will Have to Plead to the Charge of Arson at the Next Term of Anson Criminal Court—His Bond Placed at \$750.

Thursday Capt. Samuel T. Usher, an aged citizen of Lilesville, had a preliminary hearing before Esqs. J. H. Benton and J. A. Little on the charge of burning a dwelling in Lilesville township which belonged to him. The burned dwelling was known as the "White House" and was located six miles from Wadesboro on the Stanback ferry road. The house was burned Tuesday afternoon, August 6th. The house was occupied by Mr. E. R. Liles and family. Mr. Liles was working for Capt. Usher as a wage hand. Mr. Jas. Thompson, a brother-in-law of Capt. Usher, roomed in the house. Mr. Liles was not at home when the fire occurred, he and his wife having gone to Rockingham the Friday before to visit relatives.

On account of the age and prominence of Capt. Usher the hearing attracted a good deal of attention. Mr. E. R. Liles was the first witness examined, and it was brought out that the house had caught fire twice a short time before the fire which destroyed it. The first fire was early in July, Mr. Liles said. He and Capt. Usher and Mr. Thompson were sitting on the front porch when Mr. Thompson went to the well and discovered that the house was on fire and gave the alarm. All three of the men rushed up stairs, Liles and Thompson carrying water. The fire was found to be in the attic. Mr. Liles said he threw his water on the fire and pitched the empty bucket to Capt. Usher and asked him to get more water. The captain, the witness stated, turned away and made no effort to get the water. After the fire was extinguished a quantity of ashes that resembled ashes from bottle wrappers were found on a plate of the house which supports the roof. The ashes were in reaching distance of a scuttle hole in the ceiling which was reached by a ladder. The witness stated that Captain Usher had been upstairs during the morning before the fire.

The second fire Mr. Liles testified occurred about the last of July. Capt. Usher was at Mr. Liles' and went up the stairs to the second story several times during the day. About the middle of the afternoon Captain Usher said he believed he would go home and hitched up. Mr. Liles says he then went in the garden to get the Captain some vegetables and that the Captain said he would go up stairs and get Thompson's lantern. He came down with the lantern and drove off. About the time Capt. Usher got out of sight Mr. Liles noticed smoke settling down in the yard and ran up stairs and found the house on fire between the ceiling and weatherboarding. There was a hole in the weatherboarding and he got a bar and prized the ceiling off and put out the fire before any damage had resulted. Cotton and paper had been packed for a distance of three or four feet between the ceiling and weatherboarding and the fire was in this mass.

Next day, Mr. Liles said, Captain Usher came over again and told him that it looked like the house was going to burn down and advised him to insure his furniture. Mr. Liles replied that he was not able to pay for insurance, whereupon Capt. Usher told him he would pay his first premium, but not to tell any one.

Mrs. Liles' testimony was about the same as that of her husband except that she said Captain Usher went up and down the stairs at least a dozen times on the day of the second fire.

Capt. J. C. Marshall, of the insurance firm of Marshall & Little, testified that his concern issued a policy on the burned house for \$600 during March, 1911. Later his firm received the following letter from Captain Usher:

"Lilesville, N. C., Dec. 13, 1911."
"Messrs. Marshall & Little,
"Wadesboro, N. C.

"Dear Sirs: I have had my two-story building all fitted up nicely at my Jack Smith or White House place. My mechanic says it is now worth over \$2,000. I would like an additional amount of \$400.00 insurance to expire with the other, March

Very truly yours,
"S. T. USHER."

In response to this letter an additional policy for \$400 was sent Captain Usher, making the total insurance on the house \$1,000.

Messrs. E. P. Liles and J. J. Lindsey testified that they knew the house that it was about 75 years old and very dilapidated. They estimated that the house was worth from \$300 to \$350.

Mr. J. J. Allen, the mechanic who repaired the house estimated that the work and material used in its repair would come to about \$40. Mr. Allen gave it as his opinion that the house was worth about \$300. He denied telling Capt. Usher that the house was worth over \$2,000.

Mr. B. R. Wall, of Lilesville, testified that Capt. Usher spoke to him about insuring Mr. Liles' furniture. On Saturday before the fire Mr. Wall says he told Captain Usher that the insurance companies would not take the risk.

Charlie Dunlap, a colored man who lived near the burned building, testified that he saw Captain Usher about the house at 1 o'clock and a little after 2 o'clock the day it was burned.

James Scarborough, a white boy, said he passed the burned house about 3 o'clock the afternoon of the fire. He saw Mr. Thompson at the well, but did not see anything at all of Captain Usher. Young Scarborough also said he noticed smoke about the rear of the house. An hour later he came back the same road and the house was burned down.

Captain Usher did not introduce any evidence.

Robinson & Caudle represented the State at the hearing, and McLendon & Thomas appeared for the defendant.

The Justices decided there was probable cause and Capt. Usher was bound over to the Superior Court. The bond was placed at \$750.

The bond was signed by Messrs. T. F. Stanback, R. T. Bennett, Jr., H. W. Little and G. M. Stanback.

Polkton High School to Open.
The Polkton State High School opens Monday, Sept. 2nd.

Young people far enough advanced to enter the 8th grade, or 1st year of high school, have a right and are invited to enter without paying tuition if their homes are in Anson county. Pupils below the 8th grade who reside in the Polkton high school district can enter also without paying tuition. Any who are over 21 years of age or any who reside outside of the district below 8th grade must pay tuition, except public school teachers, who also can attend without paying tuition, from any part of Anson county.

We will be glad to have any attend who desire a thorough high school education or who desire to enter college.

The principal has a number of years' experience in preparing young people for college and life.

E. P. MENDENHALL, Prin.

Boy Falls 2,000 Feet.
Flint, Mich., Aug. 30.—In the presence of hundreds of persons 14-year-old Chester Betts, son of Bert N. Betts, of Flint, was accidentally caught by the guy rope of a balloon today and carried about 2,000 feet in the air before the rope untangled and hurled him to his death.

He crashed against the roof of a barn and was still alive when spectators reached him, but he soon died.

The tragedy occurred at a county fair and when the balloon and aeronaut shot upward many persons thought the youth dangling at the end of a rope was a dummy. The heroic efforts of the balloonist to rescue the boy soon disclosed the truth to the crowd below.

As the big gas bag went higher and higher the aeronaut, in peril of his own life, could be seen working desperately to pull the lad to the trapeze.

Finally the rope swirled away from the boy and the tiny form dropped like a stone.

Economy.
"There's an economical girl for you."
"As to how?"
"Eats a 5-cent lunch every day."
"Yes; she's trying to save \$330 to buy a willow plume."—Boston Record.

CRIMINAL COURT NEXT WEEK.

Five Murder Cases and a Number of Other Important Cases on the Docket.

Anson Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases will be convened next Monday. Judge Peebles will preside and Solicitor Stack will represent the State. There are five murder cases on the docket, as follows:

Harlee Melton for killing Milas Little.

Mamie Warfield for killing Ed. Toney.

Arch Davis for killing Henry Wall.

Lucy Smith for killing Mamie Little.

Charlie Shaw for causing death of child of Wash Flake.

The parties to all these homicides are colored.

Perhaps the most interesting case that will be for trial will be that of the State against Captain S. T. Usher for burning a dwelling in Lilesville township, which belonged to him.

There are quite a number of other cases to be tried of more or less interest, but the ones named above are the most important.

racy Negro Preacher Dead.
John Fisher, the crazy colored preacher, of Morven, who was placed in jail here the first of last week for safe keeping, died Saturday night about 9 o'clock. During the time of his confinement he refused utterly to take food, drink or medicine, and each day his ravings grew weaker and weaker, till at last he died of exhaustion. It is said that there was no place in the asylum for him, and he probably received the best treatment possible, under the circumstances. For weeks before his attack of insanity he had been holding protracted meetings, and during his ravings, he preached, prayed, cursed and talked of fat hens and "red meat watermelons," mixing the different subjects in a pitiful manner.

Mrs. Thomas Visits the Southern Industrial Institute.
Mrs. Ethel Thomas returned last night from Charlotte, where she had been to place her son, Master Bennie, in the Southern Industrial Institute. Rev. J. A. Baldwin is President of the school, and in the great work which he has undertaken, in order that boys and girls of moderate means might obtain an education, he is to be heartily commended. In connection with the school, a large truck farm is being run, and students who cannot afford to pay their way are allowed to work their way—working so many hours per day, or so many days per month, thus getting physical as well as mental training, which serves to develop brawn and muscle, and to keep the student strong and vigorous.

Blind Tigers in the "Brick Row."
Saturday afternoon Constable Autrey and Policemen Lineberry and Dees searched the home of Rachael Ramsey, in the "Brick Row," and found a gallon and a quart of booze. Rachael claimed that she did not know anything about the "stuff" nor how it got into her house. The woman's daughter, however, said that Blind Giles Cooley left it there. The constable and policemen then proceeded to search all the houses in the "Row," expecting to arrest Rachael when they finished, but when they went back after her both she and her daughter had departed for other scenes.

Wadesboro Young Ladies Entertained in Cheraw.
Miss Mary Stricklin entertained last evening in honor of her guests, Misses Minnie and Maggie Jones, of Wadesboro, N. C. In a contest which was participated in by all present, Miss Lillian Tracy and Mr. William Stricklin won first prize, and Miss Pearl Coward and Mr. Frank Davidson were the recipients of the booby prize. Ice cream and cake, was served and at 12 o'clock the guests departed for their respective homes. — Cheraw Chronicle, 29th.

"WE ARE LABORERS."

Strong Sermon Preached Yesterday by Rev. G. D. Herman on Above Subject—Happiness Dependent Upon Labor—Civilization Dependent Upon Labor—Labor Most Honorable.

"For we are laborers together with God"—I. Cor. 3:9.

Yesterday morning Rev. Geo. D. Herman delivered the first of three sermons on labor. The second was preached Sunday evening, and the third will be delivered at 8 o'clock this evening. Yesterday morning Mr. Herman said in part:

There are three closely related and highly important thoughts contained in the text. I state them in their natural order:

1. We are laborers.
2. We are laborers together.
3. We are laborers together with God.

I must limit the discussion at this hour to the first proposition—We are laborers.

The able-bodied man who will not work deserves to be kicked out of town. Paul says if a man will not work, he ought to be starved.

The servant girl who can cook a meal so as to prevent the dyspeptic from seeing ghosts in his dreams is of more value to our race than a thousand satin-robed idlers whose chief accomplishments are cards, dancing, and gossip.

A first class shoemaker is better than an idle king; and the faithful old colored man who shovels dirt six days in the week deserves more respect than the young man whose only ambition is to spend his father's hard earned dollars.

Most of the world's trouble comes from idlers, and that class who are trying to live without honest work. The idle rich and the idle poor are of the same stripe—they live off of some body else's sweat, and make trouble for the honest, hard-working part of mankind. Crime is the child of idleness. We need a law to put all able-bodied idlers and loafers and spongers, both rich and poor, white and black, on the chain gang to make good roads for honest men to ride on. The able-bodied man or woman who eats bread, but earns none, is a rascal.

The world's progress is the result of labor—hard, every day, common-place, labor. All real progress must be paid for in much toil, sweat, and weariness.

The world's happiness is largely the product of labor—hard, honest, constant labor. If all labor should be suspended for five days, the want and misery which would ensue would be appalling. I would rather be a faithful washer-woman at the judgment seat of Christ than the millionaire who lives in idleness.

The world's wealth is the product of labor; and any system which robs labor of its just share of the world's wealth is under the blasting curse of a righteous God, who will finally render unto every man according to his works. That system which is not founded on equal justice to all cannot stand the tests of the future.

The most contemptible humbug on earth is the inflated snob, who by chance has come into the possession of wealth without sweat on his part, then turns up his nose in scorn at the honest poor, who eat bread by honest toil.

The condition of society called civilization is the product of infinite toil. The difference between civilization and savagery is determined by intelligent labor. It is intelligent labor which changes the face of nature, and converts the barren desert into the fruitful field. Every honest day's work makes this world a better place in which to live.

Labor is honorable. It is God-like to labor. God is the infinite worker. To make the universe what it is, God has been at work millions of ages. The universe as known to astronomers is made up of two immeasurable streams of stars moving in opposite directions. How long it took God to make this amazing universe I do not know. But this I do know, when Jesus was among men to teach us about God, and show us how we ought to live, He was a great and constant worker. Before He entered upon His public ministry, He worked at the carpenter's trade. He has thereby forever dignified honest toil. After He entered upon His public ministry, He went about doing good.

"Whatever good thing any man doeth," God will reward him. There is nothing more honorable than doing the thing that needs to be done, and doing it well. Shoddy work means a shoddy worker. It is as honorable to dig potatoes as to dig the Panama Canal, provided you do it well. Every thing God does He does well; and, if we would please Him, we must do our work well. Everybody honors a genius; but genius is nothing more than the capacity to do more and better work than others do.

Labor conquers difficulties. It makes hard things easy. It conquers indifference and unbelief—man's two worst enemies. It begets admiration and enthusiasm among those who oppose us. The world will always give the right-of-way to those who are doing something, and doing it with an energy and joy born of enthusiasm. To please God you must put heart and brain and conscience into your work. But it is religious work which counts for most. It is better to save souls than to save dollars. If you have saved dollars, use them to bless men and God will bless you. As church members we must labor to save the world from ignorance, unbelief, and sin. This is the work which will abide.

God saves men through the agency of other men. No man can do your work. If you fail your work must remain undone, it may be forever. Work with your hands, with your head, and with your money. Be a man on whom God can depend for good work whatever may be your lot in life.

Work today.
Work in faith.
Work for the glory of God.

Letter to Pee Dee Association. Co-workers of the Pee Dee Association:

September is here and with it a number of tasks loom up before us. It is difficult to know which to mention first. It is nice to begin with praise, so before I go further let us stop a moment and thank our kind Heavenly Father that he has called another North Carolina girl to devote her life to the betterment of humanity. Aug. 19th, Miss Valeria Green left Ridgecrest for her far away post of duty at Canton, China. Miss Green was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Geo. W. Green, who for many years has had charge of our girls mission school in Canton.

Now our duties seem more helpful, and so we will begin more cheerfully.

First, the last quarter has closed and the hard question confronts us, have we reached our aim? Twenty-five blanks have been arranged by your faithful secretary, Miss Lillie McRae, which will show you your aim and help you to see yourselves as others see you. These blanks will leave my desk Monday, and as soon as you can, fill and return to me.

At our association in Laurinburg, Oct. 3rd and 4th, we are arranging for a new member campaign. Every society that has gained in membership will be entitled to wear our state mission colors, white and gold.

We now begin our efforts to develop our own beloved North Carolina. September is our regular state mission month. I trust every society will write to Miss Blanche Burrus, Raleigh, N. C., and get the excellent program prepared for the observance of this special offering.

The Wadesboro W. M. S. will meet Sept. 9th, with Mrs. W. J. McLendon. Mrs. Coit Redfern is the capable leader of this meeting, and I am sure she will give us much information on the work of state missions.

Miss Cora Atkinson, of Hamlet, has sent in her report of her Sunbeam Society, \$3.00.

Mrs. J. A. Burns, of Peachland, has sent her report, \$3.25.

A number of requests have come to me for report blanks. These are to be obtained from our state secretary, Miss B. Burrus, of Raleigh. When you write ask for a year's supply.

Egin now to push, plan and pray for the annual meeting at Laurinburg.

Your Vice President,
MRS. LILA L. HENRY.

Remarkable Georgia Chickens.
Editor of The M. & I:

In your issue of 26th inst., I notice a local telling of the cleverness of a pullet, the property of our good friend, Mr. Seaborn A. Benton. This was a very energetic bird, but our Atlanta chickens have set a record surpassing that of Mr. Benton's.

During the last week of November, last, I had a brood of chickens hatched. Five of them were a cross between White Leghorn and White Rock, a cockerel and four pullets. The pullets began to lay during March of this year and one of them had hatched a brood of chickens before the middle of April.

This is remarkable, in that my poultry yard is the back of a small city lot situated on Peachtree St., in the center of the city. I do not use any of the newfangled methods, but stick to the country style of mothering my chickens with hens.

Yours very truly,
J. E. McLAUCHLIN.

Craig Wednesday Night.
Hon. Locke Craig, Democratic nominee for Governor, will address the voters of the county in the court house Wednesday night. Always a powerful orator, it is said he is surpassing himself in his canvass this year.

FOR SALE—Any one wishing to buy a nice dwelling house, nine rooms conveniently arranged, and four acre lot, good well of water, in town of Peachland convenient to three churches and good school, see J. B. Covington, Peachland, N. C.

Bring it to the M. & I. office and receive reward. Elegant four bladed Green Cutter Knife. Was lost or mislaid last Tuesday morning.

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And money spent for insurance is not wasted if you have no fire any more than the watchman's wages are wasted if no burglary is attempted on your property. For in the first place you are paying for PROTECTION, the same as you are in the last.

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