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HAS A HARD TIME NEGRO FINALLY LODGED IN THE STATE PENITENTIARY

William Furby Placed in State Penitentiary After Long Chase—Was First Negro to Be Lodged in the State Penitentiary

Mondayville, W. Va., Dec. 28.—Furby, the negro accused of attacking Flora Anglin at Weston, was finally lodged in the state penitentiary here today.

The flight of Furby and his companions from Weston to Clarksville and thence to this city forms one of the most thrilling stories of efforts of West Virginia authorities to uphold the law.

Despairing of saving the prisoner's life if he were kept in the Clarksville jail even with soldiers on guard it was decided to rush him to the shelter of the state prison.

The mob in its anger then attacked the soldiers and in the ensuing fight several citizens and soldiers were hurt.

Lieutenant Colonel R. L. Osborn, the soldiers' commander was struck on the head with a heavy club and badly hurt.

Private Arthur Yarnott was hit with a brick and taken dying to the hospital.

Several others were also taken to hospitals suffering from severe injuries.

QUIET MARRIAGE LAST NIGHT

Mrs. Virginia George of Norfolk, Va., and Mr. A. R. Brothers, of Portsmouth, Va., were happily married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. C. G. Coppidge, on West Second St., last evening at 8 o'clock.

Immediately after the ceremony and amid the congratulations of their many friends they left on the midnight Norfolk Southern train for their future home in Portsmouth, Va.

A PROBLEM NOT SOLVED

Again it becomes necessary to direct the attention of parents to use of the sidewalks of the city by their children with roller skates.

Why parents will educate their children to do a thing when they know it is a violation of the law is a problem we have never been able to solve.

The city officials say you need not be surprised should you be notified some day that your boy or girl is at the city hall, awaiting trial for the violation of a law, which you could have prevented.

On last Sunday evening at the Episcopal church, the offering taken amounting to over \$20 was sent to the Thompson Orphanage.

Calvin Tetterton and Kalite Woolard got into a difficulty at Runyan last Sunday and the result was that Woolard received a knife wound.

When the train arrived Furby was dragged into a closing carriage and the horses dashed towards the lock-up at a gallop.

WASHINGTON AN EASY TOWN

It seems that Washington is fast becoming a fairly town. There have been more takings permitted to use its streets (to rob the unsuspecting public) during the past six months than ever before within ten years.

Without any obstruction the streets of Washington are not wide enough to accommodate its traffic and then to force its citizens to give way to a thing which drains the town of money which should go to our merchants is an injustice which should not be tolerated by our officials.

HOME WEDDING AT BELHAVEN

Miss Lella Sprull one of Belhaven's most attractive and popular young ladies, was married, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Sprull, in that town early yesterday morning to Mr. Henry Datus formerly of Edward, N. C., now of New Bern.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. C. Bowen, pastor of the Christian church.

For the past week Mr. M. M. Jones a local contractor, has been making soundings for the foundation of the proposed public building at the corner of Market and Second streets.

CARGO OF SNAKES FROM THE ORIENT

New York, Dec. 27.—Snakes by the dozen, none of them under 20 feet in length; red-faced apes, huge lizards, a 36 inch elephant and a record for having saved 21 persons from suicide, arrived here last Friday on the British freighter Muncaster Castle, from the Orient.

The rescue occurred just before the Muncaster Castle left the waters of the far east, three months ago, when 20 men and a girl were taken from a damaged vessel that had been helplessly adrift for 17 days, for six of which none on board the derelict had anything to eat or drink.

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SECRETARY OF STATE GRIMES TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS

His Forthcoming Report to the Legislature Awaited With Interest—Some of His Suggestions Follow

Enrollment of Bills. In reference to the enrollment of bills, I will quote from my report in 1908: "The present method of the enrollment of bills is a great improvement over the old system. They are now typewritten and a carbon copy made at the same time for the printers."

Heretofore more copies of the Public Laws have been printed than were necessary as the number of justices of the peace have been very much reduced. This has caused an accumulation of old laws. The number printed should be very materially reduced.

The General Assembly of 1909 provided that hereafter the laws shall be divided into three classes—"public, public local and private laws."

In the General Assembly of 1909, as incredible as it may seem, the records show that more than 56 per cent of the laws of the session were enrolled and ratified in the last ten days of the session.

As I said in my last report, if the Engraving Departments of the House and Senate were combined and made into one department, and the copying therein done with typewriters, it would be in the interest of accuracy and economy.

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and many failed to pass. All should be chronologically arranged and indexed as they shed much light on public questions and give much information as to the legislative history of the state.

These scattered papers are known as "The Document Library," and are in the custody of the state librarian, who is legislative document librarian.

The pay of jurors, county treasurers, the pay and number of county commissioners, standard keepers, cotton weighers, etc., should be provided for under general laws.

Drainage should be provided for under general laws. It would somewhat restrain the flood of private laws passed at the close of the session if the mandate of the Constitution (Article II section 12) was enforced, requiring that the thirty days' notice of application to pass such a law shall have been given.

The chartering of corporations with special privileges is contrary to the spirit of our Constitution, and should be jealously watched by the General Assembly.

Municipal corporations should not be created by special laws, but the Legislature by general laws, should provide for the incorporation and organization of cities and towns and the classification of same in proportion to population.

Several of Washington's young people including visitors from other cities will leave on the Norfolk Southern train this afternoon for Greenville to attend a german tonight. They will return on the midnight train.

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