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## PRISONER GAINS LIBERTY WITH KNIFE FROM STATION HOUSE

### John Lewis, of Chocowinity, Placed in Lockup on Yesterday Makes His Escape During the Night — It Was a Most Clever Feat.

Yesterday afternoon into Police-george Morgan pinned under arrest one John Lewis, a white man, coming from Chocowinity for being under the influence of whiskey. Falling to this bond for his appearance before the recorder today the officer placed him in the lockup for safe keeping.

Early this morning when the police station at the City Hall made his rounds he found a hole cut through the locking machinery done with a pocket knife and the prisoner Lewis gone.

The hole was about eight inches

across and between fifteen and eighteen inches long.

The lockup is a cell made out with three quarter inch plank but this did not keep Lewis from gaining his liberty. What time during the night he made his escape is not known—all the officers know is that he has left for parts unknown. The hole was certainly a clever one from what is known. It must have taken him several hours to do the trick, but he did it so well that all who have seen it pronounce it a first class job.

Since early morning the hole has been closed by a large number of officers.

### MAKES ESCAPE

#### Andrew Elliott Colored Escapes From the County Jail.

Andrew Elliott, colored, who was charged with entering the hardware store of the Harris Hardware Co. several weeks ago made his escape from the county jail day before yesterday. Rumor has it that Elliott was in one of the cells and when the time came for supper to be served Jailer J. F. Lucas thoughtlessly left the jail door unlocked, and while he was serving supper to the other prisoners Elliott took advantage of the open door and made good his escape. When Jailer Lucas returned he found that Elliott had departed for parts unknown.

The News reporter endeavored to secure all the facts in the case but the sheriff and his deputy refused positively to give out any information.

## HOSE COMPANY'S FINE TURN OUT

### Handsome Horse Exhibited on Streets Yesterday Afternoon by Hose Team.

#### WAS VERY MUCH ADMIRER

Have Erected Home for Apparatus, Horse, etc. on West Third Street—Need Chairs, Ladders, Axes, Etc. Organization Credit to the City.

The West End Hose Company were showing their fine horse on the streets yesterday afternoon for the first time and all who saw the animal pronounced it a magnificent specimen of horse flesh.

The horse will weigh 1250 pounds and is four and one half years old. The company have had the horse for about a week and are very proud of their purchase. The animal was secured for the company by Mr. Howard Winfield of this city at a purchase price of \$250.00. Of this amount Mr. Winfield advanced the sum of \$15.00, reducing the cost to the company to \$235.00. The harness, blankets and saddle cost \$24.00.

The horse was secured from the West End Fire Company. Before the horse was sent to the city of this company it was thoroughly overhauled, repaired, etc. It was brought through the Congressional road of Captain George F. Lamb, one of the city's leading firemen. The West End Hose Company were secured an attractive home for a horse and wagon on the ground of Mr. E. N. Leggett on West Third Street. Mr. Leggett has leased the property to the city for a period of six years with an option to purchase if desired. This privilege

### DEBATE TONIGHT

At Public School Building — The Public Invited.

There will be a debate at the Public School Auditorium tonight by the John H. Small Debating Society.

Resolved, That Senator Lorimer Shall Lose his Seat in the U. S. Senate.

The public is invited to be present. Several boys will debate and declamations by other boys.

### To Move Bakery

Mr. C. M. Willis is moving his baking establishment to the corner of Third and Market streets.

## MR. BRIDGMAN TAKES VACATION

### Retired in the Head of Bank of Washington Temporarily

#### FADING HEALTH IS THE CAUSE

Has Been President for 16 years and During that Time the Bank has Enjoyed a Most Healthy Growth. Mr. Bridgman went to Ocracoke Today.

After a most useful business career as president of the Bank of Washington since February 1, 1892 at the meeting of the stock holders of yesterday, its honored president, Mr. Seth Bridgman, tendered his resignation to take effect at once.

The determination of Mr. Bridgman to retire from the institution he has done so much to build up and carry forward was received with genuine regret by every member of the stockholders present.

Mr. Bridgman was requested to remain as head of the banking house and the stockholders would vote him as long vacation as he desired; this he refused giving as his reason that he desired to be free with no business cares on his mind. After the determination of Mr. Bridgman to retire was final the board accepted same and elected Mr. Jonathan Havens in his stead.

On account of the close confinement in the bank Mr. Bridgman feels that he must have more open air and so this afternoon he left for Ocracoke to spend several months recuperating. This fall if his health permits, it is his determination to return to the bank and assume his accustomed duties.

In the business world no man in Washington today enjoys a wider circle.

For the past 13 years he has been the moving spirit in the Bank of Washington, being its first and only president. Since the organization of this well known banking institution,

## BANK OF WASHINGTON STOCK-HOLDERS HAVE ANNUAL MEETING

### Mr. Seth Bridgman Retires as President Temporarily and Mr. Jonathan Havens Elected to Succeed Him—Affairs of Bank Most Satisfactory

The stockholders of the Bank of Washington held their annual meeting at their banking house in this city yesterday, May 4th.

Owing to temporary physical disability of Mr. Seth Bridgman, he stepped from the presidency of the bank until his health is restored, and Mr. Jonathan Havens was elected president, and Mr. Seth Bridgman, vice-president.

The following gentlemen were elected heads of directors for the ensuing year: E. W. Ayers, Judge Geo. H. Brown, Dr. Wm. A. Gillett, William Briggs, Hon. John H. Small, T. Harvey Street,

### BUSINESS ENLARGING

The Harris Hardware Company Secures a Large Contract at Moorehead City.

The Harris Hardware Company of this city, has secured the contract to install a system of waterworks at Moorehead City. The contract was awarded this energetic firm on April 24th against about twenty bidders from such cities as Pittsburg, Des Moines, New York, Atlanta, Charlotte and other points. The contract will amount to about fifteen thousand dollars and is to be completed by August 1 of this year. About three miles of mains are to be laid, being of six, eight and ten inch pipe. This shows enterprise for this large and hustling local firm. The business of the Harris Hardware Company is extending over more territory all the while and now that they are entering in the contract business they will in the future enjoy a much larger patronage. Washington needs more enterprises of this character.

### Died Yesterday

The six-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hodges, who reside at the corner of Sixth and Market streets died yesterday at the Fowle Memorial Hospital. The funeral took place today from the residence at 12 O'clock conducted by Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of the First Baptist church. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery.

### Meeting of Bar

There was a meeting of the Washington bar held in the law offices of Rodman & Rodman yesterday afternoon to fix the calendar for the May term of Beaufort county superior court. A majority of the lawyers were present.

### Choir to Meet

All members of the Episcopal church choir are requested to meet at the church this evening at the usual hour for the purpose of practice. A full attendance is desired.

### THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Saturday. Moderate to brisk and northeast winds.

sixty-two thousand dollars in cash has been paid in dividends and the bank enjoys a surplus and undivided profits of \$88,800.

Prior to assuming the presidency of the Bank of Washington Mr. Bridgman was one of the city's largest merchants for twenty-two years.

He is a native of the county of Hyde and since his long residence here he has enjoyed the esteem, the confidence and good will of every citizen. In the business world he occupies an enviable position and every patron of the bank, every citizen of Washington, wishes him a speedy recovery to his once good health and that right soon he will be seen back to his old position in the institution he has done so much to carry forward. His retirement even temporarily is deprecated by all.

## GOVERNMENT AND INSURRECTO REPRESENTATIVES WILL MEET

### For the Purpose of Arranging Final Conference Looking Towards the Establishment of Peace. The Mexicans Have Clashed Hands.

El Paso, Tex., May 4.—Shaded from the sun's heat by a cottonwood grove at the foot of the barren hill over which the insurrecto army not long ago had threatened to make its way into the city of Juarez, Francisco I. Madero, Jr., the revolutionist leader, clasped hands today with Judge Francisco Carbajal, official peace envoy of the Mexican government, thus inaugurating formal peace negotiations between the warring factions of the republic.

As Judge Carbajal's credentials had instructed him to deal with Francisco I. Madero, Jr., as leader of the revolution, the two men met on neutral ground and talked alone for nearly an hour. They arranged the preliminary details of the first conference, which will begin at 9 o'clock tomorrow.

Judge Carbajal first called on General Navarro, the Federal commander of Juarez, Mex., accompanied by Senors Brant and Obregon, who have been go-betweens in the negotiations. They proceeded by automobile to the meeting place, where Judge Carbajal and Senor Obregon alighted.

A few minutes later Madero entered the automobile, followed by a troop of cavalry, who escorted him to

the meeting ground. Gen. Pascual Orozco and Col. Francisco Villar rode beside him.

On the meeting ground the entire escort dismounted. They fondled their rifles at a respectful distance while Judge Carbajal and General Madero sat in the automobile alone, arranging details of the conference that are to follow.

A squad of United States troopers basked in the sun near the water's edge across the international line and munched peanuts, idly observing the scene across the river.

It was arranged that the scene of the peace negotiations immediately should become sacred to the envoys, no one else being allowed to come within a radius of one hundred yards of the spot.

At the conclusion of today's meeting which lasted one hour, General Madero declared he had examined Judge Carbajal's credentials and found them satisfactory in every respect. He also said he had exchanged "general impressions" with Judge Carbajal as to the procedure to be followed by the peace commissioners.

Three days' prolongation of the armistice went into effect at noon today. It includes Ojinaga.

### WRITE LAWMAKERS

#### Show Interest in Cotton Goods Schedule

Washington, May 4.—Many North Carolina cotton manufacturers are writing Senators Simmons and Overman, and members of the Congressional delegation in anticipation of tariff legislation with respect to the cotton goods schedule. It is certain that the house will pass the bills revising both the woolen and cotton goods schedules and that there will be reductions of duties all along the line.

To what extent the cotton goods products will be affected in the reduction of duties is not even known by members of the Ways and means committee, who have not yet approached the subject and who will not do so for a week or such a matter.

Many of those who are writing here from North Carolina are laboring under the impression that any revision of the cotton schedules will work injury to them and their interests.

They represent an extreme element.

A member of the North Carolina delegation has been assured by one of the largest cotton manufacturers in that state that there ought to be a revision of the cotton schedule. This manufacturer pointed out that there are cotton products enjoying more than two hundred per cent protection under the Payne-Aldrich tariff law.

Several manufacturers have written here urging that cotton manufacturing machinery be placed upon the free list.

Such a concession, it is urged, will compensate for reductions that may be made in the duties on manufactured cotton goods.

### CLOSES TONIGHT

#### The Literary Campaign Will End This Evening Says Committee

The public library campaign will close this evening. Every member of the committee is urged to do their level best and all who are thinking of joining will please hand in their names by tonight.

### Choir Practice

All members of the M. E. Church choir are requested to meet at the church this evening at the usual hour for practice. Every member is urged to be present.

### BUILDING COMPLIMENTED

Since the interior of the Elks home has been repainted and new furniture added it is quite an attraction to members of this order from a distance. The local lodge here now has one of the most attractive homes in North Carolina. The Washington lodge is in a flourishing condition.

## BE ELECTROCUTED THIS MORNING

### Lewis West the Desperado to Go to the Electric Chair Today—From Wilson.

#### SAYS HE IS READY TO DIE

Was a leader of a gang of highwaymen—Is Ready to die in the Electric Chair—Twenty-four Persons From Wilson Expect to be Present at Execution.

Raleigh, May 4.—Warden T. P. Sale of the penitentiary, said today that all preparations had been made for the electrocution tomorrow of Lewis West, the convicted murderer of Deputy Sheriff Geo. Mumford, of Wilson county and leader of a gang of terrorists in that section. West seriously wounded Chief of Police A. O. Glover, of Wilson, on February 3. A number of negroes are serving terms in the penitentiary for participation in the crimes. The electrocution will take place at 10:30.

Warden Sale was besieged with requests for standing room in the death chamber. The place will contain only about seventy-five persons, but applications were received from two or three hundred. A delegation of twenty-four persons from Wilson is expected. The mayor was given six tickets, the chief of police of the city six and the sheriff of the county twenty-four.

West says he is ready to die. Rev. J. M. Smith, the colored Episcopal minister, has been in attendance on the condemned man. He will be the last to speak with West tomorrow. Rev. H. B. Dobson, of St. Agnes' School will also be present.

There is no prospect of interference and the electrocution will occur at 10:30 o'clock.