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CASHIER OF TARBORO BANK KILLS HIMSELF

As A Result of Wrong Doing And Short in His Accounts

THE COMMUNITY IS SHOCKED

MOTIVE FOR DESPERATE ACT FOUND TO HAVE BEEN THE DISCOVERY THAT CASHIER'S ACCOUNTS HAD BEEN FOUND SHORT BY STATE BANK EXAMINER

Tarboro, June 15.—A more stunned or shocked community would be hard to find than Tarboro about two o'clock yesterday afternoon. Report came down the street that Luther Hart had shot himself.

At one o'clock Mr. Hart was seemingly in his usual good humor, even told a man that he would see him after dinner, to which he was on his way.

Soon after reaching home his wife who was in a room superintending the serving of dinner when in a room above she heard a pistol shot. A hurried visit up there disclosed her unconscious husband lying prone with a wound through his head. The ball had entered just above the temple and came out just back of the ear on the other side. Physicians were sent for but they could do nothing.

For years he has been the accommodating cashier of the Bank of Tarboro.

The motive for the suicide became known about four o'clock just about the time Mr. Hart died.

As Frank Examiner Doughton delved into the books, he began to find entries that needed explanation. Of this he asked Branton Hussey, the assistant cashier, who after being quizzed with questions, broke down and admitted that the stealing had been going on for several years and that he was glad that it was all over, that he knew the crash would come and that he was glad the suspense was over.

Solicitor Allbrook, apprised of this confession, sworn out a warrant for Mr. Hussey and had him bound over to court.

At this writing he has not given bond.

There are all kinds of speculations about the extent of the shortage. Mr. Hussey says he received \$12,570, but no one believes that this will begin to cover the amount of the shortage. Mr. Hussey's bond is fixed at \$15,000.

Mr. Hussey not only made a confession, but he also conveyed to the bank every item of property that he had.

WILSON WAS IN A WALKOVER

Wilson won in a walk-over game yesterday from Washington by the score of 15 to 1. For a while it looked as though it might be a shut out game, but Litchfield succeeded in making the only score for Washington in the sixth inning.

The Wilson boys outclassed the local team in batting and all round playing, and at no time was there any danger of the home boys trying the score.

The Wilson boys played a good game, hitting the ball whenever they wanted to. They played a clean game, and if the locals could have made it interesting for them no doubt they would have played a better game.

For some reason Washington was not up to her standard of playing, this being the second game they have lost this season. It is to be hoped that they will be in better trim for the next game.

Washington vs Tarboro.

The Wilson baseball club has arrived in the city and are playing the local team at Fleming Park this afternoon. No doubt it will be a good game. Washington has lost only two games this season, and if possible will win this afternoon's game.

HOPE ONE IS PLUCKED FROM OCEAN

For An Hour Spencer Bennett Battled For Life After His Barge Swamped

RESCUER WAS FLUNG OVERBOARD

FOR AN HOUR SPENCER BENNETT BATTLED FOR LIFE AFTER HIS FRAIL BARGE WAS SWAMPED. ONE FALLS OVERBOARD AND IS INJURED.

New York June 14.—Spencer Bennett, a young carman of note, appeared at the Sheepshead Bay Rowing Club on Emmons avenue, Sheepshead Bay about 6 o'clock last night and announced that he was going on a practice spin. Trainer Dunn and several other members cautioned the youth not to venture out in the rough water.

But Bennett who is entered in the Junior singles of the Long Island dowsing regatta to be held at Long Branch, N. J., July 15, laughed at their fears and soon he was skimming over the waters of the bay in a light barge which is not much more substantial than a shell. Just before Bennett entered the frail craft Dunn warned him again not to make the attempt, but if he was determined to disregard the warnings at least not to venture outside the inlet, as there was a big sea rolling. Bennett simply smiled.

For two hours the ambitious young man swept up and down in front of the club house. Then he suddenly vanished. A score of club members waited for him to return, thinking he had gone to the inlet, found the water too rough and they had difficulty in getting back to smooth water. But when 8:30 o'clock came there was no sign of the missing carman. A party of members started out to search for him in a big yawl while another party entered a sloop launch which carried a searchlight.

When the yawl got to the inlet such a sea was breaking that she had to put back. The launch went toward Plum Beach working the searchlight, while several men fired revolvers. As the launch put about off Plum Beach she was almost swamped by a huge comb. It was decided that if Bennett had ventured out there he must have been drowned.

As the launch headed back for the inlet she spoke a fishing schooner. The fishermen said that about eight o'clock when they were headed to the east, they had seen a man in a large making for the open sea. Despite their own part the clubmen decided to head for the ocean and continue the hunt. For an hour they swept the sea with the searchlight and fired revolvers.

They were again about to give up the search when they saw what looked like a small log a mile away, and made for it. That was about ten o'clock. Fifteen minutes later they came upon young Bennett clinging to the overturned barge. As the launch ran alongside the young man's grip on the craft broke. But Fred Anderson, vice president of the club reached out and caught him. A heavy sea flung Anderson into the water.

Frank Surey made a grab for Anderson as he came up, and he, too, went overboard. When he came to the surface he struck the side of the boat and was rendered unconscious. After great difficulty the three were hauled aboard. Bennett was exhausted. He said he had been swept out to sea about 8:30 and had abandoned hope of rescue when he heard the revolver shots and saw the searchlight. He declared that he could not have held out a minute longer.

Was in the City.

Mrs. L. A. McCotter of Vandemere N. C. arrived in the city this morning for the purpose of examining the organ used by the M. E. church prior to the installation of their pipe organ with a view of purchase. The Methodists are now engaged in erecting a creditable church at Vandemere and Mrs. McCotter is one of the moving spirits. She is doing a fine work for this cause in her home town.

OLD OFFENDER NOW CHARGED WITH BIGAMY

Graham Oakley Escaped Convict Held In South Carolina For Another Crime

SERVED ON THE WAKE ROADS

FUQUAY SPRINGS MAN, REGARD-ED AS A MEAN CRIMINAL, UNDER ARREST IN CHESTERFIELD COUNTY—HIS BROTHER ALSO A BAD MAN.

Raleigh, N. C., June 14.—Regarded as the meanest and ugliest criminal in three counties, so disagreeable in fact that five safe-crackers four years ago threatened to break jail unless separated from him, Graham Oakley, an escaped convict, is under arrest at Chesterfield, S. C., on the charge of bigamy. If Oakley is not convicted in South Carolina he will be returned to the Wake county jail to complete a five year sentence for housebreaking.

Graham Oakley and his brother, Ira Oakley also an escaped convict were a terror to the Fuquay Springs community, and it was difficult, Sheriff Beers said today, to find a deputy or constable who was willing to effect an arrest on account of the danger of an ambush later. The Oakleys were originally from Granville, Durham and Wake counties.

Graham Oakley was arrested in Barton's Creek township four years ago on the charge of breaking into the home of Mr. Ora Cash, a white man. Oakley was subsequently tried, convicted and sentenced to five years on the roads, but he escaped within a year. He was arrested in Barton's Creek township by Deputy Sheriff Joe Weaver, a fearless man, but before Mr. Weaver succeeded in getting away with his prisoner he was severely dealt with. Though handcuffed, Oakley managed to grab hold of his captor, throw him to ground and almost smother him before aid came to the deputy.

Oakley's height is six feet and two inches, his bones are as large as a bull's and he is able to handle two ordinary men in an encounter.

Oakley carried on the Wake county roads about a year. The convict guard shot Oakley as he made a break for freedom, but the wounded man evaded his pursuers. A letter from Chesterfield county, S. C., today says that Oakley has been arrested there on the charge of bigamy.

Deputy Sheriff O. L. Parham recalled today the fact that the five yeagmen lodged in the Wake county jail four years ago protested against being confined with Oakley, who, they declared, was the "meanest critter" they ever saw. They threatened to attempt to break jail unless separated. The yeagmen were subsequently convicted in the United States court of robbing postoffices and sentenced to five years in the Atlanta penitentiary.

Ira Oakley, a brother to Graham, is also said to be at large. He was given a term on the roads, later escaped, was captured, escaped again and broke jail at Petersburg, Va., before an officer from Raleigh could reach him.

MR. G. B. HARDY PASSES AWAY

MR. GUY HARDY PASSED AWAY AT OCHOCOONE YESTERDAY MORNING.

The remains of the late Mr. Guy Hardy were brought to this city last night about 11:30 o'clock on the schooner Relief from Ocracoke, N. C., where he has been in the hope of regaining his health. Mr. Hardy died yesterday morning between 8 and 9 o'clock at the hotel of Mrs. Ann Bragg. At the time of his death he was in his thirty-sixth year. He was born and reared in LaGrange, N. C. and had been a resident of Washington for the past ten years. From the esteem and friendship of all our people and his passing has cast a gloom over the entire city. About two years ago he was happily married to Miss Lizzie Campbell Stewart, daughter of Ex-Mayor Edward T. Stewart. Their life was all sunshine and happiness. As a result of this union a little girl blessed their home for a short while but God in His providence took unto Himself her several months ago to sweeten the battles of heaven.

For months Mr. Hardy has been suffering from bright's disease. Every effort was made to stay the ravages of the disease both by the physician and loved ones but God willed otherwise and so on yesterday he slipped away to that undiscovered country. Besides a heartbroken widow he leaves a brother Dr. Ira M. Hardy of this city and two sisters who reside in Kinston, N. C.

Prior to his falling health the deceased was engaged in the bottling business in this city.

The funeral took place this afternoon at three o'clock from the Payne Memorial church, Nicholsonville, conducted by Rev. H. B. Searight, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. At the grave the services were presided over by the Benevolent order of Elks of which the deceased was an honored member. Mr. Hardy was also a member of the Charitable Brotherhood and the Woodmen of the World.

The sympathy of the entire city goes out to those bereft. They should remember that the wounded can also succor.

CONGRESSMAN MISSING BUT NO MYSTERY

The Representative Desires to Seek The Quietude of Private Life

HIS COLLEAGUES ARE WORRYING

MR. DIES WEDS SECRETARY AND TIMES OF PUBLIC LIFE—BOTH DRAW THEIR PAY FROM THE GOVERNMENT—LOST INTEREST IN CONGRESS.

Washington, June 14.—Representative Martin Dies of Texas apparently lost all interest in Congressional affairs about six weeks ago and has not been seen in the house or his office since. Recently his colleagues began to worry. The postmaster of the house, the disbursing officer and all the other officers who usually keep congressmen's addresses had no clue to his whereabouts. His mail and pay checks were sent to his office, and after accumulating for some time were removed.

A careful search of the capitol to-day uncovered one friend of the missing man who knew all about the strange disappearance. This is the story:

About the middle of April the congressman married his secretary, Miss Genevieve Miller, of this city. The marriage was not heralded. It took place in some quiet spot near Washington. Coincident with the nuptials Mr. Dies suffered stroke of ennu, and decided to quit public life and left Washington immediately. He rented a bungalow at Mount Rainier, a hamlet on the city's outskirts, and has not been in town since.

Once a week he sends in for his mail. Mrs. Dies continues to draw "Miss Miller's" salary as his secretary. Between them they handle the correspondence in their bungalow. Mr. Dies told a friend recently he was tired of public life and did not intend to run for re-election to congress.

This is his second term. He had been a district attorney and judge in Texas.

His father-in-law is a messenger today that "Old Man Miller," as he is known, is the messenger who for in the house postoffice. It developed afterwards the main and the pay checks to Mount Rainier.

GRAND LODGE OF YTHIANC AT ASHEVILLE

Now in Annual Session in the Land of the Sky With Large Representation

PRELIMINARIES LAST NIGHT

THE WELCOMING EXERCISES FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION AND BANQUET—THERE ARE OVER THREE HUNDRED DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE.

Asheville, June 14.—The spacious ballroom of the Battery Park hotel was taxed to its capacity tonight at the opening of the forty-first annual convention of North Carolina Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias. It was an animated scene at the hotel during the late afternoon and early evening, and while the hour for the opening session was fixed at eight o'clock, it was well after 9 o'clock before the doors were open to the public and the formal welcoming of representatives of the Grand Lodge and visiting Pythians in attendance, when Grand Chancellor A. E. McCausland of Charlotte called the meeting to order. Others came in later during the evening and still others will come tomorrow. Between fifty and one hundred Pythians took the grand lodge degree tonight while the work of checking the representatives and passing on credentials required considerable time, practically every lodge being represented.

The address of welcome was delivered on behalf of the Pythians of Asheville and the people of the city by Robert Hanson Williams, who won hearty and frequent applause by his matchless oratory and warm

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NO HOPE OF RECOVERY

The latest news from the bedside of Dr. J. B. Blount as we go to press is that there is no hope of recovery. His illness has been pronounced his illness and there are no hopes. This will be a sorrowful news to this highly esteemed citizen's friends throughout the city. Since yesterday his illness has been precarious. The end is expected at any moment.

Excursion to Norfolk

The excursion from Raleigh to Norfolk via the Norfolk Southern train passed through the city this morning. There were several cars filled to their utmost capacity.

Quite a number from this city and surrounding country took advantage of the low rates.

Creditable Pictures

The pictures at the Lyric Theatre last night were pronounced first class by all who witnessed them. Manager Sparrow is certainly giving full returns to his numerous patrons.

To Meet Today

There will be a meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union at the home of Mrs. O. B. Carmale on Reesess street this afternoon at 5 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

Is Convalescent

The many friends of Mr. N. L. Sawyer will be glad to learn that his condition is much improved, after several days of indisposition.

PANIC REIGNS IN CHURCH FROM FIRE

One Thousand People in Edifice When Lighting Sends Steeple Toppling

THE LOSS IS ONE HALF MILLION

MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE IN SACRED EDIFICE WHEN BOLT OF LIGHTNING SENDS STEEPLE TOPPLING—FIRE STARTS.

Hightstown, N. J., June 13.—The first day of commencement at Peddie Institute a Baptist preparatory school here, came near ending tragically last night, when lightning struck the steeple of the Baptist church, where more than a thousand persons were crowded together to hear the annual orations of the graduating class.

Panic reigned when the bolt struck and shattered the 200 foot steeple and sent it crashing to the earth. Instantly every light in the building was extinguished and the upper part of the structure caught fire in a dozen places.

A panic which might have resulted in the death of many was averted by the cool-headed orchestra leader, who directed his men to strike up the "Star Spangled Banner" in the darkness.

The effect was magical and the out rush of the audience was stemmed. Fifty women fainted or collapsed before the ushers could get the crowd out of the building, however dozens were bruised and hurt in the jam through the exits.

By the time R. W. Swetland, principal of the institute, had assured himself that every one was out of the building the fire was beyond control and there was little to do but to attempt to prevent its spread to the surrounding structures. The loss will be about \$500,000.

Peddie Institute is an exclusive school and the audience in the church included prominent persons from Philadelphia, Pittsburg, New York, Baltimore and Boston. It was declared today that none of those hurt in the rush out of the church was in a serious condition.

Pleasant Outing

Messrs. R. D. Kear, David Fowle, William Knight and Charles Sterling have returned from Pamlico sound where they have been on a fishing trip. They report fine sport and that the angling was good.

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GREAT SUBJECT GOOD ROADS IN STATE

One Hundred And Fifty Delegates at The State Association

FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

WELCOME ADDRESS BY MAYOR DALTON AND RESPONSE BY J. A. WELTONS — CONGRESSMAN SMALL'S ADDRESS—PRESIDENT PATTON'S FINE ADDRESS.

Winston-Salem, N. C., June 13.—Annual meeting of North Carolina Good Roads Association convened here today, with 150 delegates. After a hearty address of welcome by Mayor Dalton and happy response by J. A. Welton, President J. L. Patterson of this city, made his address which was heartily received. He drew a vivid pen picture of sections permeated by good roads and those where they are unknown. He showed how good roads induce improvements of various kinds on farms and farm homes and buildings, and how absence of improvements is noticeable in sections where there are no improved highways.

The speaker longed for the time when the entire South will be linked by a system of well located and properly drained and surfaced roads. He spoke enthusiastically of the increasing sentiment in favor of good roads in this state, and thought that it should act as a spur to association to push the work in counties where road building has been neglected. During the present year many county good roads associations have been formed. Large numbers of bond issues for road work have been carried and a number of splendid intra-state and interstate highways have been discussed with enthusiasm. These things give some idea of the work the association is accomplishing. Mr. Patterson thought that that aid could have been secured for road work at the last session of the legislature if all state-wide legislation had been handled by the state association.

There were so many bills presented that it was difficult for the legislature to act on any of them. The speaker thought that the county associations should work together in securing legislation. In this way the good roads enthusiasts may focus their efforts more directly on the object in view. "Politics should be left out of road building," said the speaker. "It is purely an economic question. We should first educate the people to the benefits to be derived from good roads; then it is only a matter of securing the funds to build them."

Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, secretary of the association, made his report, reviewing the work of the association since its organization, ten years ago, and more especially its work during the past year. The attendance at the annual meetings has grown from 2 to 7 to from 75 to 300. He spoke especially of the great aid the North Carolina press has rendered in advancing the cause of good roads in the state and in educating public sentiment in favor of them. The sentiment is being increased all the time by good road speakers, by circulars sent out by the association and by the newspapers. Thirty-nine county good roads associations are also carrying on the work, as well as a number of township associations. He agreed with President Patterson relative to good roads matters presented to the legislature. The speaker thought that 90 per cent of the counties would have good roads associations before the present year is over.

J. B. Brown, of Raleigh, treasurer, was unable to be present, but his report was read by Dr. Pratt and adopted. It showed a balance on hand, January 1st of \$104; receipts during the year \$122; disbursements, \$125; balance on hand June 1, 1911, \$69.44.

Since the organization was formed the total receipts have aggregated, \$1,653, and the total disbursements aggregated \$241.16, leaving a balance