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SIXTY FIVE MILE POSTS WITH MARY A MATRIMONIAL WRECK

Sheriff J. F. Lucas Celebrates His 65th Birthday Right Royal Assemblage His Guest Last Evening. Cat Returns to Honor Distinguished Acquaintances

After having travelled through the state of North Carolina for 65 years without evening's shadow's rest, a birthday halo over the head of the day, Sheriff J. F. Lucas celebrated most quietly the forerunner of yesterday, preparatory to the festive entertainment that lay in store for him last evening, when he was the host to a most distinguished assemblage of Beaufort county's notables in her Home of Detention.

So it said of Mr. Lucas that the sun of matrimony has cast no victims upon his shores; the walks that lead through paths that are dark, and strewn with tacks and crabs, and cradles, and eventuate at the paragonic chest are as foreign to him as the mystery of mysteries; the sensibilities of the easy glide of cold feet huddling around his warm pedal extremities he knoweth not; the soft, gentle, cooling call of a Stren's voice from out the snug envelopment of an oldswoman; "John for the Lord's sake get up and make a fire," has not fallen upon his untrained ear—it has been a life of single blessedness.

LIQUOR DEALERS HILARIOUS OVER IN NEW HANOVER

NOL CONTENDERE FLERA IS ACCEPTED BY THE SOLICITOR AND PROSECUTION SENTENCE IN SIX CASES

JUDGE LECTURES DEFENDANTS

PRIVATE ATTORNEYS APPEARING IN THE CASE CRITICISE SOLICITOR HENRY E. SHAW OF KINSTON—CARD SIGNED BY CITY ATTORNEY AND MAYOR OF WILMINGTON

Wilmington, Jan. 23.—The movement to secure better regard for law had create in Wilmington a more wholesome atmosphere is thought to have been given a decided setback in superior court today, when the plea of nolo contendere was accepted by the solicitor in the large batch of whiskey cases, sixty odd in number; and when, upon the recommendation of the solicitor, Henry E. Shaw of Kinston, the judgment of the court was that the defendants give bonds ranging from \$100 to \$500, according to their financial ability, for appearance at the January term, 1913, to show that they have been of good behavior and have not engaged in the sale of liquor.

This disposition of the case does not meet with the approval of the three private attorneys appearing for the prosecution, who are out in a card explaining their position and declaring that the solicitor had violated an agreement by bringing up the cases without further conference with them. The card is signed by Assistant City Attorney George L. Jeschau and ex-Mayor A. G. Ricard.

Judge Ferguson, who is presiding at this term, had all the defendants stand up and he made them a brief lecture and incidentally stated that conditions here certainly need improvement, the number of defendants for retailing indicating as much.

Solicitor Shaw gave two reasons for accepting a nolo contendere. One was that he doubted being able to convict of this offense in New Hanover and the other was to give the defendants an opportunity to reform, which they had said they wanted to do.

The defendants and their friends are hilarious. However, this may be short lived, because the private prosecution has already begun plans by which it is hoped by them to have the defendants or some of them, in court again soon, in the event they violate the law.

U. S. COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION



That the boy of today will make a better man than was his grandfather is the belief of Philander Priestly Claxton, the new United States commissioner of education. Dr. Claxton is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and became the best known educator in the south. After traveling in Europe to perfect himself in educational methods, he returned and devoted himself to the training of teachers.

SPECIAL PRIZE TO CONTESTANTS HAS AROUSED MUCH ENTHUSIASM

Already Some are up and Doing. Are You a Wise Virgin in the Race?

The announcement in yesterday's News of the Parasel to be given as a special prize to Contestants, has created lots of interest. Already a new spirit prevails and the kegh, friendly rivalry that always exists in a campaign of this kind is burbling.

The Contest owl says someone is sure to win, but Who—Who, he cannot say.

Wake up citizens, readers, and be a live wire in helping some of the workers. Tell them you want to help them. Then do it.

For each twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) remitted for Subscriptions between the 15th and 30th of January, a Bonus of thirty-five thousand votes will be given.

"HELP! HELP ME SPEND \$250,000 IN CHARITY"

So Cries a Chicagoan Who Confesses the Job is Too Big for Him.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 24.—How to spend \$250,000 in charity is a problem that is too much for Charles A. Purcell. He is a malt dealer and executor of the will of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary B. Purcell. She died in Los Angeles in 1911, leaving \$250,000 to relatives and \$250,000 to charity.

"I'm absolutely at sea as to what I should do with the money," sighed Purcell. "I never hesitated at a duty as I do at this one. I wish I could get out of handling the money. My sister-in-law herself was at a loss as to how best to spend it. She desired to aid charity, but didn't know where to begin. It's a bigger task than I care to assume, but I must."

"I tried handing out money to the poor on Christmas, but got rid of only \$6,000. At that I worked hard for a month. I guess I'll have to build a home for abandoned infants. That looks as if I might get rid of \$100,000. It all means hard work that must be done outside my business."

PASQUOTANK BUDGET OF GENERAL NEWS

Being a Sparkling Review of Current News From the City of Bety.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Jan. 24.—Burglars entered the hardware store of D. M. Jones Co., and stole a number of pistols, cartridges and \$3 in cash from a small cash drawer. The burglars entered through a man-hole in the roof and evidently were looking only for firearms and cash, both very powerful weapons in fighting one's way through life.

Christ Episcopal church has begun a novel plan for increasing the efficiency of its choir and at the same time for training and assisting the young men of the city. Recently this church employed Prof. Shepard W. Wells to take charge of the choir and to devote his entire time to its training and improvement. In addition to teaching the present vested choir, Prof. Wells and the Rev. Claudius F. Smith, rector of the church, called a meeting of the men and boys. At this meeting a large number of boys and young men appeared and agreed to take a course of instruction in sight reading and voice culture. The class will be trained in music in order to fit themselves for positions in the choir of Christ church, and there will be no charge.

The Chamber of Commerce will meet in regular monthly session on Friday evening in its rooms in the Kramer building. This will be an unusually important meeting, as there are a number of important matters to come before the body. Among other things the need of and the ways and means of acquiring a hospital for Elizabeth City will be discussed and the outlook for a new depot will receive attention.

A meeting of importance and great interest to the agriculturists of Pasquotank and Camden counties will be held in this city Thursday, Feb. 1st, when the subject of strawberry growing will be discussed. The meeting will be held at 11 o'clock in the county court house and all farmers interested in agriculture are urged to attend.

Talks will be made by leading state authorities and prominent local citizens upon the advantages of straw-

MURDERER RICHESON DYING, SAYS SHERIFF

Statement Made by Fellow Clergyman, but Condemned Man Appears Very Ill

Roseton, Jan. 24.—Although Sheriff John Quinn told the city council committee on prisons today that the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, confessed murderer of Avia Linnell, is dying in his cell in Charles Street jail, the statement was emphatically denied today by a prominent Boston clergyman whom the confessed murderer called to his cell.

"Richeson is not dying; in fact, his condition is no worse than on the day he last appeared in court and withdrew his plea of not guilty to plead guilty," said the Rev. Herbert S. Johnson, pastor of the Walnut Avenue Baptist church. Mr. Johnson spent nearly the whole afternoon in Richeson's cell, the prisoner having asked that he come to console him.

Richeson has been condemned to die in the electric chair in the week of May 19. When the five members of the City Council committee went to the jail today Quinn the new sheriff, said to them:

"I am glad to have you see Mr. Richeson, of course, but I hope that you will do nothing to excite him. I consider that he is a dying man. I don't really believe that he will live to the day set for his electrocution. Richeson is in very poor physical condition as you will see when you look at him."

Emaciated, gaunt and with a deathly pallor, the condemned man manifested no interest in his visitors. Told to make any complaint he might wish, he said in a low voice that was almost lifeless: "I have no complaint to make, gentlemen; I am being used all right here."

\$10,000 DOLLARS IN DEBT FOURTEEN YEARS AGO ONE MILLION TO THE GOOD IN 1912

Governor Black Will Retire From Active Life Next Year With the Above Remarkable Record of 14 Years Upbuilding.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 24.—Former Governor Black, who was arguing a case in the Court of Appeals today, said that the story that he was to retire from the practice of law this year was not altogether true. He said all his friends were aware of the fact that when he reached the age of sixty which will be in May, 1913, he was going to retire to his farm.

When Gov. Black turned over the reins of State government to his successor, Theodore Roosevelt, in 1898, he quit Albany \$10,000 in debt. He went to New York City, where he soon acquired a prominent position as a practicing attorney. His friends estimate that he has amassed a fortune of \$1,000,000 during his metropolitan career as a lawyer.

Seven years ago the former Governor retired from active politics, turning over the management of the Rensselaer County Republican organization, of which he was leader, to a committee of seven. Mr. Black has often told his friends that when a man gets to be sixty he ought to quit business and enjoy the remainder of his life in comparative ease.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW COMING AND GOING

Mr. C. A. Campbell is in the city shaking hands with his numerous friends. He has been in Canada on business for several months, but has now been returned to North Carolina and his headquarters will be in Greensboro.

Cherlie Dally, little son of Mr. J. W. Dally, who has been very sick for several weeks, is much better and is able to be out again.

Miss Annie Thompson of Pantego is the guest of Miss Golda Ricks, on East Second street.

Birthday Party.

Miss Blanche Ricks, daughter of Sheriff Blanche, celebrated her 11th birthday yesterday afternoon from 4 to 6 P. M. Delicate refreshments were served. Those present were: Lila Hoper, Mary, Alice and Martha Hardy, Ruby and Bonner Swindall, Ruth, Lucy and Elizabeth Mayo, Mabel Phipps, William and Marguerite Phipps, Blanche Allgood, Viola Freeman, Sarah Arehbell, Annie Harris, Gussie Wilkins, Nettie Lee, Edna Russ, Thelma and Alton Baker, Lillie and Mary Thomas Stewart, Mary Bridgeman Little, Zula Cowell, Earl Freeman, Walter Randolph, Mabel and Ola Floyd.

JOLLY AND SPRY AT 96 HE JOINS DANCERS

When Entertainment in His Honor is Over, Mr. Moersch Goes Home Alone.

New York, Jan. 24.—Members of the Tenthon Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, No. 617, gave a banquet and dance last night to John Moersch, in honor of his 96th birthday.

Unaccompanied, Mr. Moersch left his home at No. 96 Bay Thirty-second street, Bensonhurst, and arrived at Masonic Temple, No. 220 East Fifth street, Manhattan, at 8 o'clock.

"Well, boys," he laughed, "you see I'm not afraid to be out in the dark. 'Ever dance any these days?' he was asked when the band struck up.

"Do it," he answered. "You watch me. I'm strong on dances, but not new fangled kinds. That 'turkey trot' is not on my program. It's immortal. The old-fashioned dances are the only ones for young and old."

To prove that he was still spry Mr. Moersch went on the dancing floor.

"Well, I must get home early," he said after a time. "They might hold me if I stay out late. Good night, everybody, and a safe time."

He headed for the elevated station at Fourteenth street and Third avenue.

Just before leaving the hall Mr. Moersch gave a large cash subscription for the German Masonic Home at Tappan, N. Y.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 23.—Governor Math has signed the bill prohibiting from date the shooting of partridges or quail in any part of the state, either by owners of land or by hunters with permission of owners.

VIRGINIA HAS SHOCKING TRAGEDY SCHOOL TEACHER SHOT TO DEATH

Joshua Raines, Near Lockett's Store, in Roanoke County, Shoots to Death Miss Eva Chambers Because of a Suit for Slander Against His Wife Brought by Miss Chambers—Shoots and Wounds a Neighbor Later and Surrenders Himself

Salem, Va., Jan. 24.—Miss Eva Chambers, a young school teacher, was shot and killed near her school at Lockett's store, in Roanoke county today, by Joshua Raines.

Later he shot and wounded Chas. Day, one of his neighbors. Raines then surrendered himself to the police authorities here.

The murder is said to have been the result of a suit for slander against Mrs. Raines filed several days ago by Miss Chambers.

CONVICT FORCE ARE GUEST OF COUNTY JAIL

Mr. Henry Hodges Stops Over in the City with 48 Members of the Convict Force—Familiar Faces Among Them.

Superintendent Henry Hodges of the county road force, stopped over here last night and had his charges confined in the county jail. There were forty-two in the party, the greater number of them having been sent up from this Recorder's court. There were some very familiar faces in the party.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Following are the arrivals:

Schooner Lorena D., Capt. Andrew Day; from Portsmouth. Cargo, oysters.

Schooner Ella Gray, Capt. Mason Hamilton; from Atlanta. Cargo, oysters.

Schooner Nellie, Capt. G. S. Williams; from Onancock. Cargo, oysters.

Schooner Ella, Capt. Foy Hopkins; from Onancock. Cargo, oysters.

Barge Albarmar, Capt. Joseph Lloyd; from Norfolk. Cargo for Wm. Bragaw & Co.

Schooner South Lake Capt. H. W. Williams; from Slidesville. Cargo, oysters.

Schooner Cecil, Capt. J. H. Howerton; from Lowland. Cargo, general.

Following are departures:

Schooner Lorena, Capt. Wm. Goodwin; for Lupton.

Schooner Minnie Gertrude, Capt. W. S. Rice; for Leechville.

BRIEF NOTES OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

Rev. H. B. Searight will conduct devotional exercises at the Mission chapel in Nicholsonville this evening at 7:30.

Church notices to receive classification for our Saturday's issue must be handed in not later than Friday afternoon.

A good big well-displayed ad in Friday's issue brings good results in Saturday's sales. Mr. Grocerman try it by selecting some specialties, suggestive of a Sunday menu.

Horse sales stables, implement and fertilizer dealers can employ their time no better now than taking an hour or two off and preparing a good seasonable, attractive ad, and then call up THE DAILY NEWS ad man and talk it over with him.

"Whaccher going to do about the union passenger station project?"

The next move for an associated charities should be among the colored people. An association of their own as an auxiliary to the white association would greatly facilitate the work of the latter.

A move has been started by the colored ministers and educators of the city to organize an associated charities of their race. It is expected that a preliminary meeting will be held on Monday night next, with this object in view.

MRS. COLLIN HARDING ENTERTAINS AT BRIDGE

In Honor of Her Guest, Mrs. Kenneth G. Henry, of Chapel Hill—Delicate Luncheon Was Served.

In honor of her guest, Mrs. Kenneth G. Henry, of Chapel Hill, Mrs. Collin H. Harding was the charming hostess yesterday afternoon to a select bevy of Washington's social set. Six tables were arranged for the players and much interest was taken in the game. Among those playing were Messdames Kenneth G. Henry of Chapel Hill, H. G. Moore, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Small, D. T. Taylor, W. C. Rodman, Fredk. D. Pratt, G. H. Richardson, E. L. Stewart, J. D. Grimes, W. L. Vaughan, Norwood L. Simmons, H. W. Carter, W. D. Grimes, H. M. Bonner, C. B. Bell, J. C. Rodman and Misses Marcia Myers, Mary Wright, Josephina Whitney, D. Harding, Julia and Mabel Von Eberstein and Phoebe Harding. After the game Mrs. Harding, in her usual graceful manner presided at a refined luncheon.

WED THIS MORNING

Married at 7:30 this morning by Rev. Robert V. Hope, pastor of the Disciple church, at the residence of the bride's mother in West Third street, Mr. Hugh A. Watson to Miss Nora Dudley, immediately after which they left for Richmond, Va.

The wedding was a very quiet one and was solemnized in the presence of only a few intimate friends. The wedding march was sweetly rendered by Miss Myrtle Ecklin.

MILLIONAIRE SENTENCED

Republican Leader of Atlantic City Gets One Year.

May's Landing, N. J., Jan. 24.—Louis Kuehnle, Republican leader of Atlantic City, who was recently convicted of unlawfully participating in the awarding of a contract to a company in which he was interested while he was a member of the Atlantic City water commission, was today sentenced to one year's imprisonment at hard labor and to pay a fine of \$1,000. He was released on bail, pending an appeal for a new trial. The sentence was pronounced by Supreme Court Justice Kallie.

Mr. Kuehnle is reputed to be a millionaire and has for years held undisputed sway as the Republican "boss" of Atlantic City and county. He is the president of one of the largest banks in the city.

RIVER BRIDGE COLLAPSED

Negro Driver and Two Mules Are Drowned Near Ivanhoe, N. C.

Clinton, N. C., Jan. 24.—A telegram received here this morning by Chairman J. R. Peterson, of the Board of County Commissioners, conveyed the intelligence that Union Bridge, across Black river, near Ivanhoe, had collapsed while a team was passing over it. Two of the mules and the colored driver were drowned. The team and boiler belonged to Wm. Moore, a saw mill man of Ivanhoe. Chairman Peterson has gone to the scene of the wreck to investigate it.