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AGED SWINDLER REVIEWS RECORD AFTER MAKING FINAL SURRENDER

Was Victim of an Irrepressible Mania to Defraud. Thirty of Last Forty-Three Years Spent in Prison—At Age of 87 Negotiated a Swindle for $2,125 in Which He Trapped Himself

New York, Jan. 30.—A man bent with age, shabbily dressed and carrying a suitcase, shuffled into the Detective Bureau at Police headquarters last night. A rusty black derby gently concealed shaggy white hair. He trembled with palsy. As he put down the suitcase in front of the desk, tilted his hat back and stroked a cleanly shaven face with shaking hand, he gazed whimsically at Lieut. Manion.

"I am Charles Bartlett," began the man.

"Ha, Charlie the forger!" exclaimed Manion.

"The same," replied the man.

"The last time I saw you you looked pretty good, but you are mighty seedy now, Charlie," said Manion, and where is your banker's beard?"

"It's gone, like everything else I had. I'm all in and have come to give myself up. If I had been successful in my game I'd be wealthy. Now I have a 10-cent piece and a penny. The penny is to buy a morning paper and see what you boys are go wrin about me," he said, turning to the reporters.

Then he gave his "pedigree" as Charles Bartlett, 87 years old, publisher, single, no home. His omitted mentioned his many aliases. He has a record that reaches half across the United States; has been in Sing Sing several times. He is known as a swindler as well as a forger; he has spent thirty of the last forty-three years in jail. He was asked last night why he wanted to give himself up. He chuckled as he answered:

"Yesterday afternoon I went to W. & J. Sloane's, Broadway and Nineteenth street, and ordered two rugs, one worth $1,250 the other $875, and gave them a check for $2125. I figured on getting enough change for a couple of drinks and maybe a sandwich, but I didn't calculate close enough. The check was for the exact amount of the purchase. I was sure stung good."

As Paul Brigham, Bartlett victimized various firms in this city. He got thousands of dollars, it is said.

In the day of his greatest activities the police regarded Bartlett as one of the most dangerous swindlers in the country. He was so clever and slippery that most of his efforts met with success. "But," he said last night. "I never took a cent from a man who couldn't afford to lose it. And I always took it right in front of him. I never stuck an Irishman or a Dutchman; their pride makes them too vindictive.

"I always lived well. Until a year ago there never was a time I could not draw my check for $10,000. But I went broke then and I've been going down hill ever since. Now, Lieutenant, I don't want to go to the poor house, I want to go to jail. There's no one to care. My wife died years ago, I lost my only son in 1908, and my daughter is married. She let me go to the coop. I've been a gambler and drinker. Now I'm a wreck, like the rest of them."

He was locked up in the Mulberry street station as a suspicious person.

HAWKINS SCHOOL HOUSE.

Rev. H. H. Ambrose of Roper, N. C., filled his appointment at the Hawkins School House on Thursday night. He expects to conduct services monthly on Thursday before [illegible]

Mr. [illegible] who has spent the past several months attending Meredith college at Richmond has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. I. Wallace, formerly of this place, now of Martin county, were in our midst a few days last week.

Mrs. Mary C. Bazzar and daughter, Miss Gene, visited Mrs. Dave Tetterton at Allgood Station on last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hawkins spent Monday night with their son, Samuel Hawkins and family, at Duck Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Sparrow and children were guests of Mr. Sparrow's parents at Hall Swamp on last Saturday night and Sunday.

J. B. Wallace was a Washington visitor Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Miss H. T. Hawkins spent Tuesday in your city shopping.

Miss Maybell Mitchell of Jessama was the guest of Miss Millie Lee on Thursday night.

Some of our people attended church at Asbury, Sunday.

Mrs. S. D. Swain and children spent Sunday with Mrs. John Hawkins.

There will be prayer meeting at Hawkins school house Wednesday night.

EXTORTION IN WEIGHING EXPRESS PARCELS

Washington, Jan. 30.—Data collected by the Interstate Commerce Commission, which will resume its investigation here Wednesday shows that the rates on express packages weighing four pounds and less are much lower proportionately than on packages weighing between four and one hundred pounds. Packages weighing four pounds can be mailed for sixteen cents.

Express rates are figured on the hundred pound basis, but the companies do not allow the correct proportion on packages weighing less than 100 pounds. If a rate is $2 a hundred pounds, the charges on a 50 pound package would be $1, if the [illegible] But this is never done. When the parcels weigh more than 100 pounds the rates are not so high in proportion as when they are below that weight.

FEMALES CHIEF SUFFERERS FROM DREADED PELLAGRA

Census Bureau Report Also Shows Tremendous Growth of Disease in Recent Years.

Washington, Jan. 30—The Census Bureau has collected interesting facts on pellagra, the dread disease which caused 368 deaths in 1910, 71.5 per cent. of the victims being females.

For 1909 only 116 deaths from pellagra were reported and for 1908 only 23, declares a Census Bureau bulletin just issued, while the only deaths reported for previous years were two in 1900, two in 1903 and one in 1904.

A large part of the territory in which the disease is prevalent is not included in the bureau's registration area, and 368 deaths represent probably only a small part of the total number in the United States.

Pellagra is a loathsome disease. It makes persons want to commit suicide by drowning. This feeling, it is said is caused by the itching sensation that comes with a breaking out on the body and a feverish stomach.

AT 71 TWINS LOOK ALIKE.

Maine's Aged Pair, Hale and Hearty Often Mistaken for Each Other.

KITTERY, Me., Jan. 29—Nathaniel Milliken, of this place and James H. Milliken of Saco, who claim to be the second oldest twins in Maine celebrated their seventy-first birthday this week.

They were born in Buxton and remained on their father's farm until 1860, when Nathaniel went to Southboro, Mass., and remained in Massachusetts for many years. James learned the machinist's trade and for 32 years worked at it. He is now in the piping business.

Both enjoy good health. They look so much alike they are often mistaken for each other by even their most intimate acquaintances.

VIRGINIA'S FREE BOOK BILL WILL PASS.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 30.—The bill giving counties and cities the right to issue free books to school children [illegible] which was favorably reported to the House, was immediately placed upon the calendar and will, it is stated, be finally passed tomorrow, seventy-five votes having been pledged to the measure.

THE ELLWOOD REALTY TO BOOST WASHINGTON

Secure Ledger Patent to Develop Grist Property—Mr. Joseph Staton, of Williamston and Dr. Jones and Mr. Joseph Taylor Officers.

The Elmwood Realty Co., was incorporated last week with Mr. Joseph Staton, of Williamston, as president; Dr. Joshua Taylor, vice president and Mr. Joseph F. Taylor secretary and Mr. C. H. Goodwin, of Williamston as treasurer. The principal office of the company will be in this city, and it is understood will have for its object the development of the Grist property, recently acquired by this corporation. The property extends from Main street on the south to the Greenville road on the north and contains about 80 acres, and is considered the most valuable property adjacent to the city. It is the purpose of the promoters to donate to the city sufficient ground for the extension of Main and Second streets to the city limits; and the remainder will be cut up in city lots of desirable size for building purposes, placing upon the market some of the most desirable property within range of the city. The company is capitalized at $100,000 with $50,000 paid in.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Following is a list of letters remaining uncalled for in the Washington post office for the week ending Jan. 27, 1912:

Gentlemen—Samuel Baxter, Mark Cammel, T. H. Coroll, Columbert Cotton, Julius F. Hilliard, Illegible, E. F. Jenkins, Erninn M. Kinnor, N. Alice Newton, Harvey Perry, Roger B. Smith, Roswell Topping, Willie William.

Ladies—Mrs. D. L. Arwill, Mrs. R. H. Allgood, Sarah Broom, Miss Hattie Beaman, Miss Canie Blunt, Miss Stella Dixon, Mrs. Mary J. Holiday, Illegible, Sadie Johnson, Miss Marley Nelson, Mrs. Mary C. Parsons, Miss Lucele Russell, Mrs. Moselle Randall, Miss Ielie Staton, Miss Mary Warde, Miss R. J. Woodruff, Miss Magrahan Whittiamy, Mrs. Rista Yech.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office February 12, 1912, if not delivered before. In calling for the above, please say, "advertised" giving date of list. Hugh Paul, P. M.

RIVER ROAD STATION.

Rev. J. B. Bridges of Bath, conducted services at Asbury church on Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Whitley, of Washington, was a guest of L. M. Sheppard one day recently.

We regret to announce that Mr. R. L. Woolard's broken arm improves very slowly.

Miss M. M. Cherry has been quite ill for the last two weeks.

E. N. Sheppard and family, formerly of this place, have moved to Jessama.

Mrs. L. M. Sheppard and children spent one day last week with friends in Washington.

We are glad to see Mrs. Sallie Allgood at home again after a visit in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell, of Washington, were guests of her parents on River Shore, Sunday.

We truly sympathize with W. D. Thorn of Bunyon in regard to his recent loss by fire, also with all who lost their cotton at the same time.

The convicts are working on the Bath road near Bunyon.

We have had an unusual long spell of cold weather, and a few of us are sighing for the summer's heat.

MESSAGE BILL.

Passed on in South Carolina Legislature to Have It Pulled on Trains

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 29.—A bill of great interest in this state, especially among the traveling men, is the so-called "mileage" bill, which would require railway companies selling mileage books to "pull" the mileage on the trains instead of having it exchanged for coupons as is the case now. The hardest fight of the session in the General Assembly was caused by this bill last year, days being occupied with consideration of alleged merits and demerits. It was finally left at adjourned debate when the session was over, the senate being adjourned until Feb. 1, 1912. It is now on the calendar for that date. Advocates for the bill and its opponents are equally determined and the stormy battle of last year bids fair to be renewed.

UNCLE SAM'S WASTE BASKET SEARCHER

Mrs. Warren (on right) United States treasury waste basket searcher, at one time found $10,000 in a basket. She has been in the employ of the treasury forty years. Her assistant, Miss Kate Shea (on left), has been employed in the same capacity ten years. These two women have saved the government many thousands of dollars which would otherwise have been carted away as waste.

FEET FROZEN TO ICE WILD GEESE HUNKED

Superintendent of Yacht Club Makes Effort to Reach Them, but Could Not—Blue Laws Prevented Their Being Shot.

New York, Jan. 29.—Edward Cook, superintendent of the Tower Ridge Yacht Club at Hastings-on-the-Hudson, was awakened early yesterday morning by strange cries coming from the river. He dressed and went to the veranda of the club house, from which he saw eight wild geese trying to free themselves from the ice to which their feet were frozen.

They flapped their wings in their efforts to liberate themselves, but the ice held them fast. Cook and Edward W. Henry got a boat and started for the geese, but could not get them. It was out of the question to use firearms, for the carrying of weapons and shooting on Sunday are forbidden by two of Hasting's strictest laws.

A few hours later sun melted the ice and released the geese.

Mr. Cook on Saturday saw a fight between an eagle and a fishhawk for the possession of a fish which the fishhawk had hooked with its claws. At length, after a terrible battle, the fishhawk dropped the fish and permitted, none too graciously, the eagle to sail off with the prize.

The above story is not unlike the narrative that took the grand prize at the Annual Liars' Fest of Beaufort County's Ananias Club last Christmas, when a member submitted a similar story, except it added that the geese flew away carrying that part of the Pamlico river in which they were camping for the night.

TO SAVE THE CHESTNUT.

Gov. Tener Calls States to Discuss Spread of Blight.

Philadelphia, Jan. 29—Because of the spread of the chestnut tree blight, Governor Tener has called a convention of the States at Harrisburg on February 20, to consider the fungus disease, which already has caused millions of dollars worth of damage to chestnut timber. The Pennsylvania chestnut tree blight commission which is fighting the scourage announces that the convention has been called in order that the other States not yet touched by the blight but in the line of advance, may be aroused to action and be ready to meet the invasion at their border.

Pennsylvania's problem, the commission states, "is now or soon will become the problem of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan.

COLORED PEOPLE HOLD PRELIMINARY MEETING

Temporary Steps Taken Last Night to Organize an Associated Charities of the Colored People.

About 65 colored persons gathered at the Disciple church (colored) last night to organize an association similar to the one just organized by the whites, that they may be better prepared to take care of their own people in times of distress than they have been in the past. Chairman, Mr. E. R. Mixon, of the Associated Charities of Washington, North Carolina, was present, also Messrs. N. L. Simmons, N. C. Newbold, Geo. T. Leach and F. C. Kugler, of the board of directors. Mr. Simmons briefly outlined the plan carried out by the Association of whites, in their organization and suggested to them, which suggestion was adopted, that they appoint a committee of four to canvass the colored people of the town, getting from the several churches a list of names suggested as capable men and women to constitute the official directorate of the board, and at some subsequent meeting submit the names for ratification and effect a permanent organization.

Mr. F. C. Kugler took occasion to remind them that such an organization of good colored citizens could do much work along lines of moral purification. He advised them to instill in the minds of their people that it was a disgrace to be shackled upon the county roads; a shame that husbands would remain in idleness while the wives are going out cooking and washing, and in many instances depending upon their bringing home food from the white man's kitchen. "Education along this line," the speaker declared, "was within the scope of the work of such an association, and would have a tendency to relieve much suffering if those able to work would be taught that idleness was a disgrace when labor was needed, and honorable employment could be found." Messrs. Leach and Newbold also addressed them along these lines.

"The South's Educational Recovery"

Washington, Jan. 29.—J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Education of North Carolina, has notified the Southern Commercial Congress that he will deliver before its fourth annual convention in Washington in April an address comparing, by public school statistics, the educational conditions in North Carolina in the years 1860 and 1910. He will also voice the aspirations and intentions of the progressive elements of North Carolina regarding the future of education in this state.

Mr. Joyner's speech fails into the plan of the congress to prove by a speech from each Southern State, the contrast between conditions now and fifty years ago; in other words, "The South's Educational Recovery."

THE BONUS AND PARASOL OFFERS CLOSE TODAY

Excitement is Increasing as the End is Near—Keep Up the Good Fight—Friends Come to the Aid of the Contestants

There's the courage that nerves you
in starting to climb
The mount of Success rising clear;
And when you've slipped back,
there's the courage sublime
That keeps you from shedding a
tear.

There's two kind of courage, I give
you my word,
Are worthy of tribute—but then,
You'll not reach the summit unless
you've the third—
The Courage to Try-It-Again!

Which courage have you, Contestants?

Doubtless all of you have experienced the first and second degrees during this contest, but now, today, is the time to apply the third.

You'll need it from now until the very last minute of the race—and you'll have to renew it every day.

The end is very near. The goal is in sight but how many, of you have stopped to wonder if the "other fellow" has done more work than saying She has—and it's up to you to get in on the last chariot of the race.

Don't let it whiz by you unawares. Try again. No one ever mounted the ladder of Success except by one rung at a time. So keep trying every day, and when you have started and feel that you have slipped back—don't be a quitter, but keep a-goin', try again.

The announcement of the winner of the Parasol will be made in the Thursday edition of the paper.

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.

BRIEF NOTES OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

The open season for shooting woodcock and deer closes tomorrow; on all other game on March 1.

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Ground Hog day comes on Friday next. If the little fellow should see his shadow, the wiseacres tell us we will have six more weeks of winter weather. On Friday night the moon shines all night, therefore the chances are very much against this prognosticator's handing out much of a good weather bulletin on this occasion.

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Don't forget the Farmers Institute here Friday. This institute is for the ladies as well as the men, and competent ladies will be present to talk to the ladies about bread making; beautifying the home grounds, cake making, and the various subjects of interest to home makers.

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In the Recorder's court Saturday one conviction for retailing was secured and the offender fined $50.00 and cost, which was promptly paid. That's getting the milk out of the cocoanut.

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The Daily News is anxious to have a letter from each public school in the county, weekly. One giving the news of the school, the neighborhood, telling of agricultural improvements, educational work, road improvements and sundry news items. We furnish stationery, stamps, instructions, paid subscription to The Daily News, besides paying you for special news items. Let us hear from you.

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This city was visited by a veritable deluge about midnight last night, which thoroughly cleaned our streets.

THE DEATH RATE IN THE CANAL ZONE.

So many records have been broken in the Canal Zone, since Uncle Sam undertook to dig the big ditch, that we have become used to the sensation and no longer expect anything but remarkable doings. Whether moving dirt, building dams, draining swamps or preventing disease, the Canal Commission seems to have no thought in view but to make each day's work better than that of the day before. So we arise merely to put on record that the report of the Department of Sanitation for November, just received, shows that during that month among 11,960 white men, women and children from the United States living in the Zone, there were two deaths from disease, one from malaria and one from cancer; there was also one premature birth. Including the latter, this is equal to an annual death rate of 3.02 per thousand. Would any of our most advanced cities care to compete for first honors, as a health resort, with this erstwhile "pest-hole of the tropics?" Most of our cities, says The Journal of the American Medical Association, consider themselves lucky if they can get their death rate below 15 per thousand.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW COMING AND GOING

Miss Ethel Houston, the charming manager of the Daily News contest, returned last evening after an absence of several days from the city.

Rev. J. A. Sullivan came in at noon today and conducted funeral services over the body of Mr. Walton Waters this afternoon.

The little seven-year-old son of photographer Baker, is critically ill at his home in East Second street.

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Miss Louise E. Knight, of Baltimore, reached the city this morning and will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hoyt on Second street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cartwright of Hyde county, who have been visiting friends and relatives in the city, left for Pantego yesterday. While here they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Pegram.

Master Norwood Mixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mixon of South Creek, is reported as being quite ill.

Mr. Grover C. Jarvis and Miss Julia Flowers were married at South Creek, Sunday last.

Miss Katherine Staples, of Harrisonburg, Va., is a guest of Miss Louise today.

Miss Sallie Spruill Baker of Palmyra, is in the city.

Mr. G. A. Connor, of Belhaven, is spending the day here.

PRETTY HOME WEDDING TAKES PLACE THIS MORNING.

At 7 o'clock this morning, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Weston, their daughter, Miss Ann Gray, became the bride of Mr. William W. Payne, of Middleton, Hyde county, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Nathaniel Harding, rector of St. Peters Episcopal church. Miss Mittie Mann, a cousin of the bride, and Mr. J. S. Payne, brother of the groom, were the only attendants.

The happy couple left immediately for their home in Hyde county.

The bride wore a becoming going away gown of dark blue. Last evening an elegant supper was served to the bridal party. The decorations were tasteful and pretty in white and green.

A display of beautiful presents attests the affectionate esteem in which they are held.

Her sweet and gentle manner have won for Miss Annie many true friends who are sorry to see her leave, and wish her all happiness.

The out of town guests were the bride's sister, Mrs. C. T. Midyette and little son; Miss Mittie Mann, Mr. J. S. Payne, Mr. W. J. Midyette, Mr. T. S. Payne and Mr. Sidney Gibbs.

Will Bury the Dead Cheaply.

Waco, Tex., Jan. 29—Competition among local undertakers to secure the contract for burying the paupers dead in McLennan county resulted yesterday in the acceptance of a bid from a local firm to inter indigents at one-half cent each.

It is figured the successful bidder will lose $8.49 1-2 on each pauper buried. The contract will be in force for a year.