

HOLD UP FAST MAIL IN GEORGIA

Express Safe Was Dynamited and \$700.00 Secured---Passengers Were Not Molested---Robbers Escape In Automobile

Gainesville, Ga., Feb. 18.—Southern Railway train No. 36, the United States fast mail, bound from New Orleans to New York, was held up by five masked men at White Sulphur Springs, Georgia, before day last Saturday morning. The express car's safe was dynamited and the contents stolen. First reports said more than \$100,000 was taken, but Southern railway officials declare the amount was \$700. None of the passengers were molested.

The robbers escaped in an automobile. The robbers broke down the doors of the railroad station at White Sulphur, bound the night agent and set the signal for the train to stop. As the locomotive slowed up, one of the men entered the cab and ordered the engineer to proceed to Lula, a small station several miles away. After a stop was made, members of the gang entered the express car and, while one held the conductor and express messenger at the point of a gun, the others blew open the door of the safe, obtaining the money Agent Terrill, of the Southern Express Company, of the United States Marshal Landers, Detective House, of the Southern Railway, and Deputy Sheriff Little are with the posse with blood hounds in pursuit.

Thought It a Joke

"I thought the whole affair was a practical joke," exclaimed Conductor Mauney, who was in charge of the Southern's fast mail No. 36. "When I felt the train coming to a stop near White Sulphur I knew something was wrong and seizing my lantern, I alighted and started for the engine. Just as I felt the coach a masked man thrust a pistol in my face and ordered me to throw up my hands. I knew some of the fellows were in a funny frame of mind, and I knocked the gun aside, exclaiming, 'Cut out this foolishness, I've got to look after my train.' The stranger pushed the gun closer to my face and with a string of oaths, said: 'You d--- fool, get back into that car, or I will blow your head off.' Still unconvinced, I asked the man with the gun what he was trying to do, and he answered: 'We are holding up the train and are after what is in the safe in the baggage car. Get back in that car d---n quick.' The train was stopped in a deep cut, and all I could do was to comply with the demand. A moment later I heard two terrific explosions in quick succession. A number of passengers started to rush out before I could restrain them. Only two got off the train and they were quickly hustled back by the robbers. One of them, John Bruce, of New Orleans, was shot at, the bullet passing close to his face. We saw the man disappear into the woods after the second explosion."

Express Messenger Talks

The express car robbed was in charge of Special Messenger William B. Miller. In talking of the affair he said: "The first intimation of the hold-up was the signal of a bad rail ahead. The engineer immediately choked down the train and all of us looked out the door to see what the trouble was. As the train came to a standstill, shots were fired. All express car doors, except one, were slammed shut. This door was left open in the excitement and it was through it that the robbers entered the car. They placed a gun at my head and told me to get out. I waited a second or two and when I heard shots being fired on the outside, I then left the car. On the outside I was held up. My hands were in the air. I heard two explosions. The first was not so loud. The

Seed Corn Days

A fair good crowd of farmers assembled at Randleman last Monday for seed corn day. Mr. S. E. Coble, of Randolph, Mr. E. S. Millaps, of Iredell county, and Mr. Melver, of Moore county, conducted the program. Prizes were awarded for prolific and for old fashioned corn called one and two year corn. Prizes for one and two year as follows: First prize, \$2.00, Troy Redding. Second prize, \$1.00, Clarence Adams. Third prize, \$1.00, John F. Beeson. Prizes for prolific corn: First prize, \$2.00, Percy Farlow. Second prize, \$1.00, Wm. Beeson. Third prize, \$1.00, Troy Redding. On Tuesday of this week Messrs. Millaps and Melver went to Farmer where they and Mr. J. H. Kearns addressed the farmers and had a seed corn test. Many farmers were present and the day was profitable to all who were present.

Frazier Park.

Mr. E. W. Frazier, of Troy, was here Tuesday in connection with the transfer of Frazier Park to the town. The Ladies' Improvement Association is behind this and the improvement will be made by these ladies. They are doing it by private subscription and they will appreciate any contribution. They have secured an expert landscape gardener and are going at it in the right kind of way. They deserve your encouragement and support. Let every citizen contribute something. Those who cannot give money let them contribute a day or two in work in cleaning off the grounds, etc.

second was tremendous. I thought the whole car had been shattered. Six of the windows were torn to pieces. The passengers rushed to the windows and doors, but seeing armed men, huddled together inside the car. There were seven in the band.

Left \$65,000 In Large Safe

There were two safes of large size in my express car. The larger safe contained \$65,000. The smaller safe, the one blown open, contained \$1,000. I think that was all. Every cent of the money in it was taken. "It was a terrible experience, although not a man was injured. The robbers didn't strike a blow. At first we thought the men were inexperienced, but two were recognized and I could identify them if seen again."

Guns Were Much In Evidence

"While I was being held up at the point of the pistol, the flagman and engineer were experiencing the same sensations. As soon as the money from the smaller safe was secured, the two men, who were working inside the car came to the door and jumped. All of us were ordered to get back on the train. The pistols were still on us. We were ordered to move. As soon as the train started the men darted down the embankment and were lost in the heavy woods."

Later information to the effect that one of the packages taken from the express car safe contained \$14,000 has been received. In addition to this, a quantity of foreign money, the amount of which is not stated, also is missing. Several foreign silver pieces were found on the ground shortly after the robbery and these are believed to have been in the missing package.

The searching parties with the blood hounds have returned to Gainesville without finding any clue to the whereabouts of the robbers.

Letter To Corn Club Contestants

The following letter was sent from the office of the county superintendent a few days ago to every teacher in the county:

Dear Teacher: Enclosed you will find a blank form for the purpose of enrolling the boys and girls of the county in the County Agricultural Contests. I am anxious to get every boy who has a spot of land available, and who is of the proper age, to join the Corn Club contest this year.

Of course the corn contest will be the leader among the boys, but we want contests in other things such as the potato, onion, cucumber for pickling purposes, etc., for these things can certainly be grown with profit in Randolph county. There is the live stock side to it; the raising of thorough bred calves for future milkers, thorough bred sheep, and thorough bred swine. There is money raising pigs and pork at the prices if done scientifically.

Nothing pays better on the farm for the amount of money expended than thorough bred poultry. It costs only four and one-half cents per pound to raise one for market even where the food has to be bought; and a two to three pound broiler will bring the producer a net profit of twenty-five to sixty cents. At the present time eggs are selling at a low figure due to the flooding of the markets with cold storage eggs, but by another season eggs will be higher priced for the demand is greater than the supply.

Money can be made on all these products, if gone at in a scientific manner and managed as a business proposition; as the banker manages his business or any other progressive business man.

A great field for the girls is the canning of nearly every farm product: cabbage, tomatoes, beans, corn, and fruits of every kind. We shall offer prizes for the best in every contest of all the above farm products.

I am dividing the different contests into three groups, viz: First, Field Contests which include the best and greatest amount of stuff grown directly from the soil, as corn, potatoes, onions, etc. Second, Live Stock Contests, such as cattle, sheep, poultry, and swine. Third, Canning Contests which includes the canning of nearly every farm product.

I am again making an appeal to the teachers who have been so prompt in answering my calls, for it is by their help that I am able to reach the boys and girls of the county; and if success should attend our efforts it will be due in a large measure to the willingness they have manifested.

I shall be glad if you could spend some time in trying to get the boys and girls of your school who are eligible to join one or more of these groups of contests. I am sure your extra labor will be greatly rewarded in the added interest in your school. Nothing pleases a boy better than to be doing something in which he is interested; it makes him take greater delight in other work.

I am enclosing blanks for a dozen names, and any boy or girl between the ages of twelve and seventeen may enroll in one or more of these groups. We are making arrangements for an Industrial Fair to be held in Asheboro sometime in the fall, and prizes will be given for the best and greatest yields of all the above with many other prizes for things not mentioned.

The prizes for the best and largest yields in the above three groups will be announced sometime during the month of March. We will have to have some time to complete arrangements. What we want now is to begin our enrollment and make it the largest possible.

I want the name of every boy who is going to enter in either the State or county contest. I am sure the county will not offer less than a \$25.00 prize to the boy making the largest yield, and the same to the boy making the greatest profit on an acre. On other prizes of at least \$15.00 and \$10.00 will also be given as second and third prizes in the above contests.

Please make every effort possible to enroll every boy and girl you can. There is scarcely a school in the county but should enroll one or more students in the contests. If there are boys in the neighborhood not in school please go after them. Please return the blanks with as

ACCIDENTAL DEATH

Double Funeral of Sons and Brothers at Elise

The two and a half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hunsucker was drowned in a branch near their home. Adding to the grief of the family came the news that the five-year-old son of Mr. Hunsucker's brother came to his death accidentally while playing with a shotgun. This occurred at Lindee.

The Boys Corn Clubs

There will be a Boys Corn Club in this county this year, and there will be other contests covering other lines of endeavor. Poultry associations should be formed in every community. More attention should be paid to live stock industry.

Died

Miss Viola Clark, of Back Creek Township, daughter of Robert Clark, aged about 17 years. The deceased was buried at Charlotte Church on February 14th.

Mrs. Eliza Chrisco, relic of Jacob Chrisco, died at her home about one and one-half miles from Asheboro, last Saturday night at 9 o'clock at the advanced age of 88 years. Until recently, while old and feeble, she was active. She was a good woman and the mother of seven children, five of whom survive her. She had been a member of Brower's chapel for many years. Her funeral will be preached at some future time.

At her home about one and one-half miles east of town, Mrs. W. D. Spoon, of consumption, aged 49 years. She was buried at Brower's, where she had for years been a consistent member of the church.

Mrs. Martha J. Farlow Dead

Mrs. Martha J. Farlow died at the home of her son, F. W. Farlow, in Greensboro, February 16th, 1911, aged 78 years. She is survived by three sons, Messrs. Lee Welborn, of High Point; J. H. and F. W. Farlow, of Greensboro; and one daughter, Mrs. Augusta Welborn, of High Point; three brothers, Messrs. W. L. and R. M. Welborn, of Randolph county and L. D. Welborn, of McDowell county and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Fentress and Mrs. Sarah Swain, of Randolph county. The funeral service was held at Old Union, where she had been a member many years.

Farmers' Union.

Mr. Editor: The Farmers' Union of Randolph will hold their next session in Asheboro on Saturday, the 25th instant. All locals send delegates. The session will be addressed by Dr. John M. Templeton, our State vice president. The address is for the public. Everybody invited.

With good wishes, I am
W. R. Julian, Co. Sec.

"It is necessary you should lend a helping hand to the negro right here at your own door," declared William H. Lewis, the colored man who is assistant United States district attorney of Boston and who was slated for the position of assistant United States attorney general, but who for some reason did not land the appointment. Lewis said that he had traveled some in the South and had seen here a complete revolution of sentiment toward the negro race, but he says the outlook in Boston is gloomy. He cited the case of several educated negroes, graduates of Tech and Harvard, who could not find positions in Boston, simply because they were negroes. Boston—oh, yes, Boston is the place where the agitation for abolition and emancipation began.—Greensboro Telegram.

Out of employment and disheartened because of separation from his wife, Herbert W. Cummings, Jr., of Kingston, N. C., committed suicide in Baltimore one day last week.

many names as possible sometime before your school is out.
Very truly yours,
S. T. Lanesiter,
Co. Supt. Schools.

MOSES SPEAKS STABS HIS WIFE

Seriously Cuts Son-in-Law---No Apparent Motive---Speaks Makes Good His Escape

What the General Assembly is Doing.

Night sessions as well as morning and afternoon sessions are being held during the remaining days of the general assembly in order that the important matters be disposed of within the sixty days. It looks as if the members are going to have to work a few days overtime, of course without compensation, in order to complete their work.

The Boyden Administration bill which has been reduced to \$300,000 has passed the third reading in the Senate and sent to the House.

The most important legislation is now undergoing some amendments in the House, that being the Revenue Bill and a Machinery Act. These will consume considerable portion of the time of the law makers from this on.

The bill forming the County of Avery passed third reading Tuesday night without opposition, but with the understanding that the county is named Avery in honor of Col. W. H. Avery of Revolutionary War fame. This makes the one hundred county in North Carolina and there are two more new county bills to be considered, Ransom and Jarvis.

A bill has passed the Senate to secure compulsory school attendance in Biscoe school district in Montgomery county.

A bill has been introduced by Representative Chas. Ross, of Harnett for the appropriation of one-half million dollars to be expended in permanent improvements at the University, the A. & M. College and State Normal.

The Lobb Bill establishing Farm Life Schools has passed the Senate, which provides for the establishment of these schools (not to exceed 10 a year) in counties where \$2500 is raised and the amount is to be contributed by the States.

Delegations from Greensboro and Wilmington are urging the Legislature to investigate the sale of the old Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley railroad and to ask the Attorney General to set aside the sale saying that it was in violation of the agreements entered into when the bonds were sold.

The Sanford Express says: Cross ties are being placed on the right-of-way of the Sanford and Troy Railway preparatory to extending the road from Colon to Sanford. The company expects to soon begin grading for the extension. As there are no heavy grades between here and Colon, it will not take long to prepare the road bed and put down the track. We expect to hear the whistles of the Sanford and Troy trains in Sanford in the spring or early summer.

The fourteen year old boy of Mr. Bob Shepperd at Elon College was run over by a freight train Monday and sustained internal injuries together with an injury to his left arm and severing his left leg just below the knee.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor says there must soon be a new political party in the field unless the Democrats turn to the people to lead them out of bondage.

Miss Maude Muller Betts was married to Dr. Lyan Melver, of Sanford, N. C., in the Methodist church at Ramseur last Thursday at 11 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Donald Melver, brother of the groom. Palms and ferns were used in the decorations. Mrs. Elizabeth Wharton played the wedding march. The ring ceremony of the Methodist church was used. The bride is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Betts, of Ramseur, and is a sweet and popular young lady. Dr. Melver is a young physician of Sanford, and has a bright and promising future before him.

About 6 o'clock last Saturday morning at High Point Moses Speaks, a white man, stabbed his wife to death and so seriously cut his son in law that he died. The tragedy was enacted without apparent reason and without warning to anyone, and the murderer, who is known to be a man of irrational mind, is supposed to have been seized with a sudden desire for blood. He made good his escape throughout the entire day, despite the fact that a large posse searched surrounding territory for him.

The crime is one of the most heartless and brutal that has been committed in Guilford in several years. Mrs. Speaks and her husband had been up but a short while, and Mrs. Speaks was kindling a fire in the kitchen stove for the morning meal. Her husband went to her, took her by the left hand, raised her arm, and then drove a large knife through her heart. She died almost instantly, bleeding profusely. Speaks then went to the home of his son-in-law, Will Miller, and found him at the breakfast table, and began slashing at him with the knife. Severe cuts were made across the abdomen, and the young man on whom the attack had been made, also with out warning, was left writhing in agony. It is said by some that a butcher knife was used in both cases, and by others that a large Barlow knife was the weapon.

Speaks immediately after the double crime left for unknown parts. The tragedy was not known until an hour after its occurrence, when physicians and the police were informed and called to the scene. Search was immediately begun for the murderer, careful investigation being made throughout the suburbs of southern High Point, in which vicinity the acts were committed. People had seen Speaks after the tragedy, and before its commission had become known, walking away from the city with an umbrella in his hand, but paid no attention, noticing no peculiar actions on his part. When the time came for the search no one remembered any specific direction he had taken, rumors spreading that he had gone toward Greensboro and Winston.

Speaks became noted in Greensboro a year ago after being lodged in the jail for safe keeping, being considered insane and dangerous. At that time he made an attack on Jailer May with a chain, severely injuring him. He attempted also to injure Deputy Sheriff Crutchfield, who entered his cell at that time and quieted him. Speaks some two or three years ago escaped from an insane asylum and had never been replaced therein. He is said to have been brought to this state from Maryland several years ago as an undesirable citizen, being dropped off in this county.

Mr. Will Prevost Succumbs to Lung Trouble After Long Illness

Mr. Will Prevost, who has been in very ill health for a long time at his home on Laura Avenue, in the western part of the city, died recently. Mr. Prevost, who was for a long time a valued employee of the Public Service Company, was injured in an accident about a year ago and had never regained his full health since. The body was carried to the family's old home in Randolph county for interment.—Greensboro Daily Record.

Mr. T. O. Ward has opened up a branch office in Troy of the Toledo Computing Scales Company, and will sell to the eastern half of the state. Mr. H. L. Boring will have charge of the eastern part of the state. The scales are said to be the most complete, yet most simple on the market.