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CRIPPLE CREEK AGAIN.

THIS TIME IT MAY BE A CASE OF MURDER.

Wm. Britt, White, Shot by a Colored Man, Thought to be Henry Hudson—Two Different Stories Told—One of the Suspects Said to Have Left Town.

Cripple Creek, that hotbed of crime and vice, that everlasting menace to the peace of Asheville, was the scene of a shooting last night that may cause the death of one man and hang another for murder.

Between 10 and 11 o'clock the restaurant and dance house kept by James Pollard and Henry Hudson, both colored, near the street car turnout, was running in full blast.

The usual crowd which attends these nightly carousals was there congregated, and drunken songs, laughter and curses long and loud could be heard by passengers on the cars, who have to pass within twenty feet of the den.

A DANCE IN PROGRESS.

About 10 o'clock a party composed of Wm. Britt and Ed Davis, white, and Ed Brown and Hilary Hudgins, colored, left the square and started towards the depot, going by way of Cripple creek. Arriving there, according to Hudgins' statement, they went into the restaurant, where a dance was in progress. The party had been drinking, and Britt acted as though he would attempt to join in the dance. Hudson, one of the proprietors, ordered him out, and some words passed between them when Britt and his crowd started out, seeing a pistol in Hudson's hands.

Brown and Davis ran in one direction and Britt and Hudgins ran down the car track in the direction of the depot. They were followed by Hudson, so Hudgins says positively, and Hudson fired on them as they ran.

Five shots were fired, two of which struck Hudgins, one cutting the flesh on his elbow and another grazing the side of his head. Two shots struck Britt in the back, on either side, almost opposite each other. The other bullet did not strike either of them. The firing was done while within about ten feet of the parties.

BRITT FALLS.

Hudgins and Britt ran about 150 yards futher, when Britt fell. His father was at once notified of the affair, and as soon as possible he was taken in a wagon to his home just across the French Broad river, near the Ducktown trestle.

It was nearly an hour later when the police went to the scene of the shooting, and on Hudgins' evidence Henry Hudson was arrested. A 38-caliber Smith & Wesson pistol was found on his person, and every chamber of it was loaded. He denied having anything to do with the shooting. Hudson was placed in jail.

Drs. J. A. Watson and M. H. Fletcher were called to render assistance to young Britt. The bullets were probed for and one was located and taken out just below the right nipple. The ball on the left side was not found.

SAYS HE WILL GET WELL.

Justice C. W. Malone went to the house about 10 o'clock to-day to take the ante-mortem statement of Britt, but notwithstanding the doubts expressed by the physicians, the young man declared he would recover and his statement was not taken. Another consultation will be held this afternoon, at 5 o'clock, when his condition can be more definitely determined.

ANOTHER VERSION.

The story told by Pollard, Hudson's partner, is very different from that of Hudgins. He says Hudson had no pistol on his person, because it was in another part of the restaurant lying on a shelf, and claims that he has numerous witnesses to prove that another man did the shooting. Hudson's case is in the hands of Messrs. T. A. Jones and J. G. Merrimon.

The man charged with the crime by Pollard is "Dock" Blanton, colored, well known in police circles. He is connected in some way with every case that comes up from that shady precinct where the shooting occurred. Blanton is said to have left town, and a warrant has been sworn out for his arrest.

Britt is about 21 years of age, and has a wife and one child. He lives near the house of his father, Elihu Britt, near the trestle on the Murphy branch of the W. N. C. road.

THE COLORED PEOPLE.

They Want a Place by Themselves at the Fair.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Mr. Chandler, of Massachusetts, to-day introduced in the house, by request, a bill providing that in the building to be erected by the government for its exhibit at the World's Columbian Exposition, space shall be allowed to the colored people of the United States for an exhibit purchased or owned by colored people. The space so allotted and the exhibits therein shall be under the direction and control of the board of directors of the Colored World's Fair Association of America, an institution incorporated under the laws of the states of Alabama and Georgia. A sum not exceeding $200,000 is appropriated, for the purpose of paying the expenses of transportation, care and custody of exhibits made by the colored people, and the return of the same, and for the expenses of the board of directors of the Colored World's fair association.

CALLED TO STRIKE.

The Stevedores of London, 5,000 Men, Still go Out.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—A manifest issued by the council of stevedores calls upon the members of their association numbering about 5,000 men to go out on a strike to-morrow. It is believed at union head quarters thht this action is taken in order to force the hands of other unions.

Cardinal Gibbons Not Called.

ROME, Feb. 24.—In the vatican circles to-day the statement made by Italie to the effect that the pope had summoned Cardinal Gibbons to the vatican for a conference on church questions in the United States is denied.

A Gagged Press.

BUENOS AYRES, Feb. 24.—The elections for members of the chamber of deputies passed off quietly and the result shows that the government has gained several seats. Four opposition newspapers have been suppressed.

THE NEW HOTEL.

The Plank System Wants to Build and Lease It.

Work on the big hotel of the Asheville park and hotel company will begin soon.

The annual meeting of the directors of the company was held in Superintendent McBee's office yesterday afternoon. The old officers of the company were re-elected as follows:

President—V. E. McBee.

Vice-President and general manager—S. Westray Battle.

Treasurer—D. C. Waddell.

Secretary—T. C. McNeely.

The directors are—V. E McBee, S. Westray Battle, A. B. Andrews, J. G. Martin, C. D. Blanton, Wm. M. Hazzard, W. B. Gwyn, M. J. Fagg, A. J. Lyman, W. T. Penniman.

The meeting considered several propositions from prominent contractors for the erection of the hotel, among them one from John O. Plank, of the John O. Plank hotel system company, of Chicago. Mr. Plank left Asheville Sunday, after spending several days here. His proposition is in substance that his concern will build the hotel and then lease it from the hotel company, will pay the interest on the bonded indebtedness of the company, guaranteed by a cash deposit in the National bank of Asheville, and give the company a liberal percentage of the profits of the hotel after it is opened.

Mr. Plank's proposition was more favorably considered than those of the other parties.

A small amount of the stock of the hotel company remains yet to be taken, and as soon as this has been done, one of the propositions submitted will be decided on, and active work will be begun, and the big hotel pushed to a speedy completion. Mr. Plank's proposal will in all probability be accepted.

Mr. Plank's system is one of the largest companies in the country. It now has a contract for the erection of a $100,000 hotel at Panacea Springs, this state, and is also establishing a bank at Littleton, N. C.

It is thought that within two or three weeks everything will be definitely arranged and the magnificent hotel proposed by the company will be begun.

TWO ROBBERIES.

Clothing and Whiskey Tempt Thieves in Asheville.

Store thieves got in another bit of their work in Asheville last night.

The clothing and funishing store of M. Swartzberg, on North Main street, suffered to the extent of about $200.

The thieves entered through a window in a room back of the store, smashed a glass in the transon, crawled through and opened the door on the inside. They were very select in choosing the goods they wanted, for everything was tumbled over the counter and the floor and the best were the only goods troubled. There were two or more in the gang, for two half smoked cigars were found lying on the counter this morning. In leaving the store, a rear door was torn off the hinges. In that condition the store was found when opened this morning.

A. J. Ricker, who lives over the store, heard a noise in the building and leaning out of the rear window saw a man hurrying away. No clue further than this has been found.

The Eagle saloon of G. A. Sorrells on South Main street was also entered during last night. Entrance was effected by removing brick from the rear corner of the building, making an opening into the cellar. A trap door in the front of the bar was then lifted and the thieves took what they wanted, and when they left went out through the cellar, leaving the door open behind them.

Mr. Sorrells' loss is only about $10 or $15. About $5 in change in the money drawer was taken, and a lot of his best whiskey, put up in half pint and pint bottles. The thief, whoever he was, was acquainted with the surroundings for the poorer whiskey, in a shelf adjoining, was untouched.

THE DIRECT TAX BILL.

It Is Taken Up in the House To-day—No Obstruction.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—In the house to-day the journal was approved without delay or obstruction.

Mr. McKinley, from the committee on rules, reported a resolution for immediate consideration of the direct tax bill, the previous question to be considered as ordered at 2 o'clock or as soon thereafter as this resolution may go into effect. Mr. Mills raised the question of consideration, and the house determined—yeas, 130; nays, 80—to consider the resolution. Then Mr. Dingley offered an amendment providing that after the disposal of the direct tax bill, the house shall proceed to consideration of the shipping bill, the previous question to be considered as ordered after six hours of debate.

Mr. Blount, of Georgia, raised the point of order that the amendment was not germane and Mr. Bland suggested that if it were held to be germane he would like to offer an amendment relating to the silver bill. The speaker sustained the point of order and Mr. Dingley's amendment was ruled out and the previous question on the resolution ordered.

The resolution was adopted and the direct tax bill taken up.

EDITORS SHOOT.

The Trouble Grew Out of Sensational Articles.

COLUMBUS, Feb. 24.—A horrible tragedy occurred here yesterday afternoon.

W. J. Elliott, of the Sunday Capital, and A. C. Osborne, of the Sunday World, did most of the shooting. A bystander named Hughes was shot through the head and died almost instantly. The street was crowded by people. The trouble grew out of an exchange of newspaper articles of a sensational character in which the men slandered each other and their families.

Osborne was shot through the heart and has since died. Elliott brothers are under arrest at the police station, and threats are openly made against W. J. Elliott. His brother was shot in one arm and in the back. Stories of the shooting are conflicting. W. J. Elliott claims that Osborne fired the first shot which killed Hughes

Must Come Home.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—The Estafette announces that the recall of Count d'Aubigny, French minister at Cairo, is absolute.

IT WILL NOT BE NEEDED.

REED PROBABLY THE LAST OF THE CZAR SPEAKERS.

The Democrats Will Have the Next House and There Will be no Use for Resolutions Like Those Introduced Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—In the house Representative Scott Wike, of Illinois, offered for reference to the committee on judiciary the following preamble and resolution:

"Wherens the frequent falsifications of the journal of the proceedings of the house of representatives of the fifty-first congress, the arbitrary action of the speaker and his unwarrantable action on the 2d day of February, instant, in the matter of the count of Messrs. Turner of Georgia, Clements, Crisp, Blanchard, Wilson of Missouri, Whitelaw, Fithian, Geary, Gates and others, members of the house, as present and not voting, for the purpose of making the record show an apparent quorum to do business, when in fact there was not a quorum and when in fact such members were not present nor within the hall of the house at the time; and,

"Whereas, In that connection the arbitrary and tyrannical action of the presiding officer of the house and his political associates on the floor, on the 21st day of the same month, in refusing to allow or entertain a motion for the purpose of correcting the falsification so made in the journal of the proceedings of the previous day, so as to make it conform to the facts in the premises as they were clearly established and made to appear; and,

"Whereas, These arbitrary, unlawful and unconstitutional acts were done in pursuance of a plan concocted by the leaders of the party just overthrown by an overwhelming majority of the people at the polls and in the closing hours of their power to install for life into new federal offices then and there being created for that purpose a member of repudiated and defeated candidates; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the committee on judiciary be, and it is hereby instructed to report to the house herewith the joint resolution for action of congress, submitting for ratification an amendment to the constitution providing a plan for the impeachment and removal from office with suitable penalties, or for trial, either upon indictment or information, in the courts of the District of Columbia, or supreme court of the United States, of the speaker or presiding officer of the house of representatives, or the president or presiding officer of the senate, who shall wilfully falsify or falsely make up, alter or change, or cause, or permit the same to be done by the clerk of the body over which the party offending may preside, or by any other person, journal of its proceedings, either by counting or entering therein as present or causing the same to be done, name or names of any member or members who shall not, in fact, be present at the time for the purpose of making a quorum for any other purpose whatsoever. Said amendment to the constitution shall provide that such offense shall be high crime or misdemeanor with such penalties by fine and imprisonment, removal from office and disqualification for holding office, as said committee shall deem commensurate with the character of the offense or crime indicated."

119 Dead.

SPRING HILL, N. S., Feb. 24.—The list of dead from the coal mine explosion now reaches 119, of whom fifty-four were married. Every effort is being made to relieve the distressed.

Stock Quotations.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Erie 19½; Lake Shore 106⅜; Chicago and Northwestern 111⅝; Norfolk and Western ——; Richmond and West Point Terminal 18¾; Western Union 81.

Baltimore Prices.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 24.—Flour—dull, Howard street and western, super, $3.10@3.50, extra, $3.70@4.50; family, $4.60@5.00; city mills, ro brands, extra, $5.10@5.37. Wheat—southern, firm; Fultz, $1.00@1.08; Longberry, $1.03@1.08; Western, dull and easy; No. 2 winter red, spot and February, $1.0⅞@1.02¼. Corn—Southern, firm; white and yellow, 61@62½; western, strong.

New York Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Stocks, dull and stagnant. Money, easy at 2@2½. Exchange, long, 4.86@4.87½; short, 4.87½@4.88; state bonds, neglected; government bonds, dull but steady. Cotton, quiet—sales, — bales; Uplands, 9c; Orleans, 9 7-16c; futures opened and closed steady; February, 8.71; March, 8.71; April, 8.80; May, 8.90; June, 8.99; July, 9.06. Flour—quiet but steady. Wheat—active but weak. Corn—quiet but firm. Pork—dull but steady, at $9.25@11.25. Lard—quiet but steady, at 6.00. Spirit Turpentine—dull and unchanged, at 40@40½c. Rosin—quiet but steady, at $1.42½@1.45. Freights—easy.

AFFAIRS OF CONSEQUENCE.

HOME.

Collections for New York's Washington memorial arch now foot up $93,118.

The census office has collected abstracts of nine million mortgages in the United States.

News of the death of the only child of Rider Haggard, the novelist, at the City of Mexico has reached San Antonio, Texas.

It is stated that on his return from Florida Senator Quay, will institute libel suits against the newspapers which originally published the charges against him.

The Southern Society held its fifth annual dinner Saturday night. It was a brilliant event, and drew out speeches from Messrs. Gordon, Wallace, Judge Roger A. Pryor, Hon. Thomas F. Bayard and the president of the society, Mr. Garden.

FOREIGN.

Emperor William's baby is ill in Berlin.

Queen Liliuokalani, the new monarch of Hawaii, is said to contemplate a home rule or native policy.

The steamship Queen of the North Sea was sunk and seven of her crew drowned in the English channel Saturday in a collision with a mail steamer of the Great Eastern railway line.

Herr Mudthorst, the clerical leader in the German Reichstag, believes that the United States is a model by the imitation of which Germany might insure the spread of happiness and liberty among her people.

The deaths of George Thomas Keppel, sixth earl of Albemarle, who fought at the battle of Waterloo; Count Bylandt-Rheydt, formerly Austro-Hungarian minister of war, and Signor Magliana, former Italian minister of finance, are reported.

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