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EVIDENCE IN LYLERLY MURDER.

Ten Year Old Negro Boy Tells Straight Story.

Charlotte News.

Salisbury, N. C.—The most sensational feature in preliminary hearing of the evidence in the Lyerly murder case today was the testimony of a little negro boy, ten years old, Henry Gillespie by name.

This wee bit of a child told a story of brutality that would have done credit to one of his coir of twice the age. He recited in a straightforward and convincing manner the horrible plot that was made in Nease Gillespie's house the night of the murder.

In beginning his story the boy says that John Irvin, alias John Gillespie, and his father, Nease Gillespie, met at the latter's house at 9 o'clock the night of the murders. They talked of the matter (that is the killing of the Lyerly's) and shortly after nine o'clock Nease Gillespie and John Gillespie left. They returned at 11 o'clock and while sitting in the house went over the details as to how the four Lyerly's were killed.

The boy states that his father on entering the house remarked: "By God, we have killed old man like Lyerly and his children."

Gillespie, who was talking to his wife said: "We met Jack Dillingham and his wife at the branch. We went on up to like Lyerly's house. I killed old man Lyerly and his wife, with my axe, and Jack Dillingham killed Alex and John with old like Lyerly's axe. Jack Dillingham's wife held the lamp while we were making way with the old man Lyerly and his children."

In explaining what kind of a lamp Jack Dillingham's wife held while the horrible deeds were being committed little Henry Gillespie said that it was one of these church lamps that hangs on the wall. Continuing, his story, the boy said:

"Papa said that after they had killed the Lyerly's they threw Mr. Lyerly's axe in the branch and washed it off and that they also washed the blood off papa's axe."

Before leaving the house Henry Gillespie said that his father said while talking that night that after killing Mr. Lyerly and his wife and children, they set Mr. Lyerly's bed on fire with a match.

Nease Gillespie told his wife that he was damned glad they had killed them and that they did it because old man like Lyerly had not toted fair with them about that wheat deal.

Continuing Henry Gillespie said that all the time Nease Gillespie was relating the incident in connection with the murders John Gillespie was in the house and heard all that was said. The next morning Nease Gillespie piled all of his clothes on one side of a path leading from the house and throwing straw over them, set fire to them and burned them up. Jack Dillingham's clothes were piled on the other side of the path and with the aid of some straw from a pillow case they were also burned.

The boy says that the next morning bright and early he went to the home of Mr. Manlius Walker, who lives some distance from the Lyerly home and there related to him the details of the crime as told by the father the night before. He says he told Mr. Walker the same story that he told today. He says there is still blood on Mr. Lyerly's axe that they have failed to wash it off so that it cannot be seen. He also says that he saw the blood on the bosoms of the shirts worn by Nease Gillespie and Jack Dillingham the night of the murders.

The hearing this morning began at 11 o'clock in the office of Prof. Kizer, Superintendent of

the County Board of Education of Rowan county. The preliminary examination was conducted by Solicitor Hammer assisted by Hon. Theodore Klutz and Mr. T. C. Linn. In addition to a number of immaterial witnesses the three surviving members of the Lyerly family, Misses Mary Adelle and Janie were present. Each of these young ladies were examined and their story was the same as has been published before. They recited the incidents, horrible as they were, the night of the murders and there is substantially no change in their evidence.

Mat. Webb and Mr. J. G. Lyerly were also examined but no material points were brought out in their evidence.

The hearing today was for the most part behind closed doors. Only about 20 people were admitted to the room during the progress of the examination of witnesses.

Drunken Rowdies Arrested.

From the Wilmington Star.

Passengers on the returning trains from up the Carolina Central Railroad yesterday told of sensational disorders committed by two prominent young men from Atlanta, returning from Wrightsville Beach on the afternoon train Thursday. One of the young men was said to have been a son of Senator Clay, of Georgia, and the other a son of a wealthy merchant of Atlanta, named Chamberlain.

A large party of Atlanta and Winters, Ga., people had been at the beach since Sunday, and were occupying a special car back on the Carolina Central train Thursday afternoon. The two young men were among the number and came from the beach pretty well in liquor. Soon after the train left Wilmington, Capt. W. B. Williams in charge, the young men began to make themselves offensive to a large number of ladies in the party and were reprimanded by Capt. Williams. One of them had a bottle of liquor in one hand and it is reported, would proffer the other hand to a strange, lady whom he would express a desire to meet. The other is reported to have had a murderous looking revolver, which he boasted had done service in the Spanish American war.

Capt. Williams tried persuasive methods at first, and finally got the young men into a rear car. There it seems they fell out with one another and a fight ensued. Several of the large plate glass windows in the parlor car were broken on, and other depredations committed.

Capt. Williams is not a man to stand back on technicalities when such conduct is going on aboard his train, and at Lumberton, first station reached where there were officers with the proper authority, he had policemen to meet the train and the Atlanta sports were forcibly taken from the cars and detained there until the train had passed.

Parties offered bail in any amount if the young men would be allowed to continue their homeward journey, but these proffers of friends were refused and the young men were detained at Lumberton until yesterday morning, when it is reported they had sobered up and left quietly on the morning train.

Capt. Williams was strongly commended by the large number on the train for his action. The young men were reported to have amused themselves a part of the time by shooting at the chandeliers on the train and out the windows at objects being passed.

LOST—On Tuesday afternoon July 10, a society pin, triangular in shape, finished in blue and gold, monogram on front C. L. S., on back the name Emma Gill. Finder please return to T. J. Gill.

A MODEL NOMINATING SPEECH.

There is need of more men in public life like Robert N. Page and Archibald Johnson. As Congressman and editor, they occupy useful and responsible positions in the public eye. The general public regards the work of a Congressman as the highest, but many are coming to see that the editor of a widely circulated newspaper that stands for the right holds a position no less useful or honorable than the office of Governor or Senator. Such an editor is Mr. Archibald Johnson. He has not taken much public part in politics. Too many men of his type take a back seat and let office-seekers occupy the front seats, just as too many business men of the type of Mr. Page refrain from holding the public office when the true interest of the public demands more business men in official position.

But we did not start out to speak about the duty of the editor and the business man, but to call attention to the model speech made by Mr. Johnson when he placed Mr. Page in nomination for Congress. It is not like any other nominating speech you ever read, and is in a class to itself, and because it is so good we make room in full for it below. Mr. Johnson said: "Mr. Chairman, and gentlemen of the Convention:

"My pleasant duty can be performed in a very few minutes. Truth needs few words for its vindication: it is error that requires elaborate and artful defense. The sun, on a bright day, has no need to shout out that it is shining. Virtue, in the same manner, as you know, speaks for itself."

"I have honor to present at this convention a gentleman well known to you all, and one who grows in grace and favor with the people as he is better known. This is not always true. Sometimes the best impression men make is the great impression, but they dwindle into dwarfs as they are better known. Four years ago this man was a comparative stranger to the people of this district; today he is everybody's friend. There are two things I wish to say about the man whose name I will presently present. One is that he is as clean as a girl in his private life. This gentleman, is no small thing to be truthfully spoken of a man in public life. The time was when purity of a man's private life did not count for so much as it does today. It was believed that only the public record of a servant of the people came rightfully into the purview of public gaze, but of late years popular sentiment has undergone wonderful changes. It is now held that a man's public and private life cannot be separated; that they are one and the same, and that it is the business of the public to demand that they whom they trust with power shall be clean. The moral leper cannot be the strong and forceful factor in the life of the State that he could and would be if his hands and lips and life were clean. A stain on the private life of a public man weakens his moral power which after all is his real strength.

"The man for whom I shall shortly name for this high honor at your hands, it a high-bred Christian gentleman, who loves his State and worships God. His life is clear and white, and in his domestic relations, as in his public service, he is the same sincere and square and candid man, with no haunting fears of exposure to startle him in his dreams and no lie on his lips to cover the dark transaction of a moonless night.

"He comes of sturdy stock—prudent, honorable and strong. In his family book there are many leaves, and every page is

clean. In Washington he will remain the same sturdy, reliable, unpretentious and sober citizen that he was in pursuit of his business in the sandhills of Montgomery county.

"Happy the day for us as a people when all our public servants shall have clean hands and pure hearts.

"The other thing to which I wish to call your attention is the loyalty this man has always shown to his State and his people.

"First of all, he is a Democrat. Not a commercial Democrat, but a plain, old-fashioned, Thomas Jefferson Democrat without any frills. He believes that government does not mean bounty but protection to the citizen in his life, his liberty and his property. He is opposed to subsidies in every shape and form, and holds that they are governed best who are governed least. He is not swept off his feet by the wave of prosperity that is said to be the direct result of Republican legislation. He believes that the Almighty still has a hand in the regulation of this world's affairs; that he sends the sunshine and the rain upon the evil and the good and that at his divine command the changing seasons come and go upon the rock which Democracy is founded, and that has breasted the storms of the centuries, he takes the stand—equal rights to all—special privileges to none.

"Gentlemen, the time has come when we need in halls of legislation, in State and National men of profound and abiding convictions of truth and duty, men whom the lust of money cannot buy; men who stand unafraid in the midst of the 'legion of greed,' men who hear above the clamor of Mammon the clarion call of conscience, and who go right on in obedience to that imperial call. Of all the periods in our political history, this is the time when we need courageous and honest representatives. We are fallen upon evil times. It takes more manhood today to resist the power of money than ever before. Greed and greed are rampant. The signaling of the guinea helps the hurt that Honor feels. The very temples of liberty are invaded. The Senate of the United States, the ablest body that meets on the globe, is stained with treason and all through our civic life the spirit of graft is streaming, blighting and mellowing whatever it touches. In all our places of honor and trust we need men strong enough and brave enough to meet this swelling tide of evil and stand foursquare to every wind that blows.

"In the man who has for two terms represented this district in the Congress of the United States we have exactly the public official I have described and it gives me great pleasure to present to this convention for nomination to the the house of representatives Hon. Robert N. Page, of the county of Montgomery.

"The above is one of the best five nominating speeches ever made in North Carolina. The other three were the speech of Hon. Thomas W. Mason, of Northampton, nominating Hon. R. B. Peebles for Attorney general nearly twenty years ago; the speech of V. S. Bryant, Esq., of Durham, nominating Judge Conner four years ago and the speech of Sheriff Ellington, of Johnson, second that nomination; and the speech of Hon. Claude Kitchen placing Chief Justice Clark in nomination.

CONDENSED NEWS FOR BUSY READERS

W. H. Williams, who was catching at a game of baseball at Dublin, Ga., Wednesday of last week, was hit by a pitched ball in the breast and instantly killed.

The cotton mill operatives of Hope Mill No. 2, went out on a strike and were followed by the operatives of the three other mills belonging to the same Corporation, Wednesday of last week. The trouble grew out of the fact, that some Italian laborers had been employed to work at the looms.

"What are the Irish coming for?" demanded the eminent lecturer. "Coming to Ameriky, moshit of 'em," answered a voice from the rear of the hall. "Ashtk us a hard wan."—Louisville courier Journal.

"What would you do if the people of your State were to clamor for your resignation?" "I'd profit by the hint" answered Senator Sorghum, "and keep a closer eye than ever on the Legislature."—Washington Star.

Ann—See what a lovely diamond engagement ring Henry gave me. Jane—Yes, it is. And it's genuine, too. Ann—Why, what do you mean? Jane—when Henry gave it to me I sent and had it tested.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Prudent Aunt—You should not be in too big a hurry selecting a husband, my dear. I don't think much of the young men of today. Ethel—Yes, but many a girl remains single all her life by waiting for the young men of tomorrow.—Chicago News.

"I noticed you started to smoke last night when Miss Lovey was entertaining Mr. Sloan," remarked the pianist, "I replied the parlor lamp was just waiting to burn me down."

"Wasn't a Missouri editor but a printer's devil who was going through his first experience on 'making up' forms. The paper was late and the boy got the galley mixed. The first part of the obituary notice of a citizen had been dumped in the forms and the next handful of type came off of a galley describing a recent fire. It read like this: 'The pallbearers lowered the body to the grave and as it was consigned to the flame there were few if any regrets, for the old wreck had been an eyesore to the town for years. Of course there was individual loss, but that was fully covered by insurance.' The widow thinks the editor wrote the obituary that way because the lamented partner of her joys and sorrows owed him five years subscription.—Selected.

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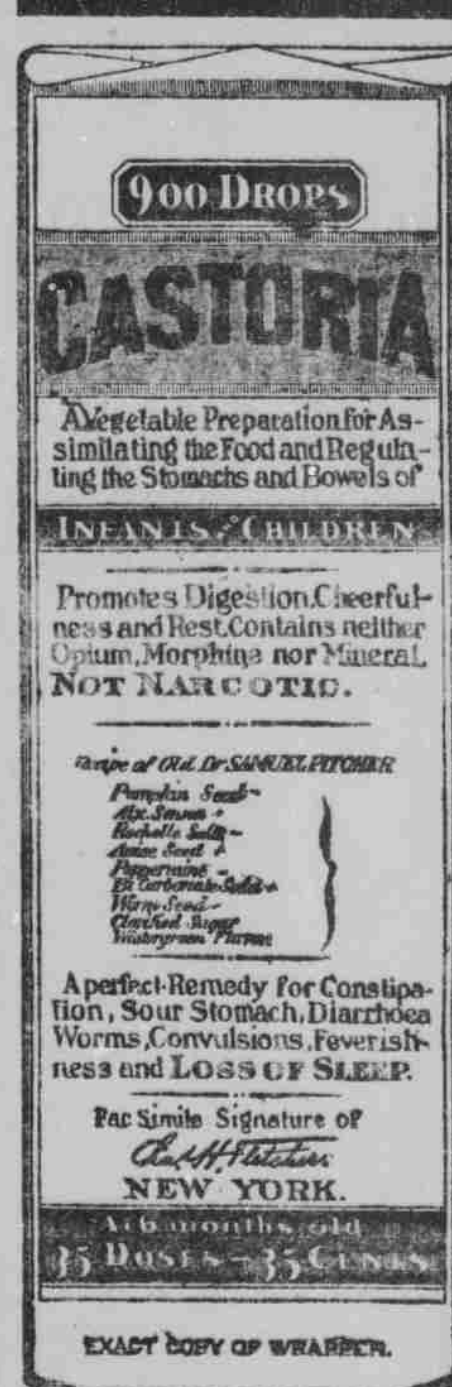
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