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BURGLARS OR PEEPERS, WHICH? TWO SUCH SATURDAY NIGHT

Two Homes Visited Saturday Night by Negroes—Both Discovered Peering in Windows Causing Ladies Great Excitement—Both Escaped and No Trace of Guilty Parties Found—Close Watches Being Kept.

Not for a long time has Laurinburg suffered a burglar scare, this particular kind of devilment being so serious of punishment in North Carolina that but little of it has been practiced in this section, particularly in Laurinburg.

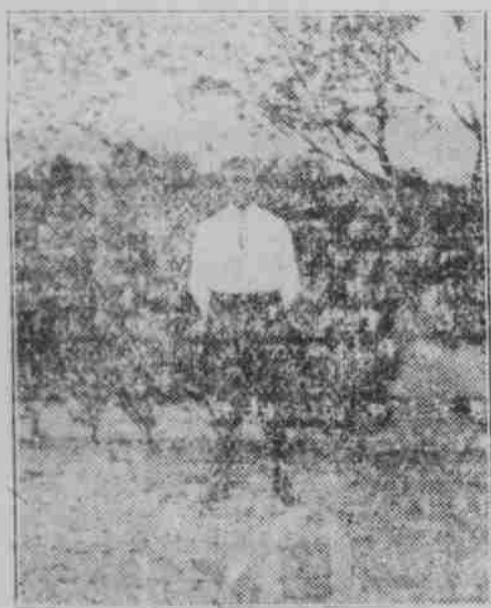
Two occurrences took place right in the heart of the city Saturday night that were in all probability intended to be burglaries but were frustrated by ladies in both instances. The first happening occurred at the home of Mr. J. C. Morgan on Main street. The hour was about 11 o'clock, Mr. Morgan having retired. Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. A. D. Currie were in the kitchen making preparation for their Sunday meals. Mrs. Morgan happened to look out the kitchen window and discovered a tall, yellow negro peering at them through the window. Mrs. Morgan called to him to leave and instantly called Mr. Morgan. The negro immediately ran and was nowhere to be found when Mr. Morgan had responded.

An hour later Mrs. Joseph Epstein who was making preparation to retire heard what she thought to be someone at her window and went to the window to investigate. She, as did Mrs. Morgan, found that a negro man was standing close to the window. She immediately called Mr. Epstein, who was in the bath room, and watched the culprit. As soon as Mrs. Epstein screamed, the unwelcome stranger crouched and appeared as if he expected to slip under the house, but instead ran and escaped.

In both cases the officers were called and immediately responded, but were not able to find any clue of the guilty parties.

The description given by Mrs. Epstein of the man she saw at her window differs from the one Mrs. Morgan described, which proves that they were two different persons.

These happenings have caused the citizens of the town to maintain a close and careful watch throughout the town, and it is sure that if the devilment is not stopped, some of the culprits will be captured.



Master Dannie Parrish.

The 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Parrish, of Williams township, who was the successful contestant in the spelling match held during the county school commencement.

The young man represented Rockdale school and was one of forty contestants.

In winning this honor he won for the school he represented a silver loving cup. He personally received a handsome dictionary, the gift of Mr. M. L. John.

SURGEON-GENERAL BLUE HONORED.

Former Scotland Citizen Elected President of American Medical Association.

It will be of great interest and much pleasure to the Scotland friends of Dr. Rupert Blue, surgeon-general of the United States Public Health Service, to know he has recently been elected president of the American Medical Association.

The following regarding his election is taken from the Asheville-Gazette-Times:

"The following article from the Hospital Bulletin of the University of Maryland will be of interest to the friends and relatives in this state of Dr. Rupert Blue, surgeon-general of the United States Public Health Service, who has recently been elected president of the American Medical Association. The Bulletin stated that Dr. Blue was a native of South Carolina but by birth he is a North Carolinian. The Bulletin says in part:

By election as president of the American Medical Association the greatest compliment in the hands of the American medical profession, has been accorded Surgeon-General Rupert Blue, class of 1892. Undoubtedly Surgeon-General Blue by his new honor becomes the most distinguished living alumnus of the University of Maryland.

Dr. Blue was born in North Carolina in 1868. He was graduated from University of Maryland in 1892, and became an interne in the Marine hospital service the same year.

He was commissioned Surgeon-General by President Taft January 13, 1912, which appointment was won by noteworthy and meritorious service, especially evidenced in the suppression and eradication of bubonic plague in San Francisco in 1907, which work brought him instantly into such prominence that his fitness for the position of Surgeon-General could not but be recognized. A few years ago Dr. Blue spent some time in Europe studying preventive medicine, as practiced there, and in 1910 graduated from the London School of Tropical Medicine.

In May of the same year he was detailed to represent the P. H. and M. H. S. at the international congress on Medicine and Hygiene at Buenos Aires and while there took advantage of the opportunity to study possible routes by which plague and yellow fever might be brought into the United States from South America.

Surgeon-General Blue hopes to be in Hot Springs, North Carolina, in August to visit his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Nicholson at their summer home, Sunnybank."

Jumped Gamblers.

Saturday afternoon Officers D. B. Brown, L. P. and Frank Smith flushed a bunch of fifteen or more colored gamblers in the woods beyond the town limits north of the Laurinburg and Southern tracks.

The gamblers saw the approaching officers in time to make a break for safer territory, and all but three made a success in their get-away scheme. They were Mingo McKay, Cash McKay and Henry Smith. They were declared guilty in the Recorder's court Tuesday and fined \$10 each and the costs.

There may be nothing in a name, but Cash McKay was the only one of the trio to cash up and go free.

THINGS PERTAINING TO LIFE DR. W. C. CALDWELL LOSES

By Harry M. North.

THE FAR-REACHING POWER OF PERSONAL INFLUENCE

Men fancy that they can live wrapped up in themselves and not affect those around them. Occasionally we hear one say, "It is nothing to others what I do." But it is something to them for a man's attitude has its influence upon all who see him. His very silence may reveal what he is and has done. The city set upon a hill cannot be hid. The oak tree stands all its days without the power to speak or to walk, yet it casts a shadow in which the weary may rest; and so whether we wish it or not there goes out from us an influence to bless or to curse.

What we are determines what our influence will be. With no thought or intention to do so we are forever telling the world what we are. Because the sun is a great, burning body its heat comes swiftly to the earth; it cannot hold its heat and light if it would. If men are light they will be certain to shine; if they are salt they will save. If one has laid up in his character stores of truth and honor and fidelity, these are the very things which will come forth as he passes along the way. It is surely true that one can not take from his life what has never been in it.

We are letters known and read of all men. Have you ever thought how you read the faces of the people whom you meet in the street each day? Have you ever somebody speaking to you and you know how soon your face changes to suit his. But you are with the bright happy face and your light up too and you have the heart to beat faster and your personal appearance, conversation and habits are all having their daily influence over us either for good or for evil. I wonder what sort of letters the folks are reading in our faces and carriage. Would we blush to have them read aloud?

The influence of a life lasts for a long time; in fact I think it immortal in some cases. It has been many centuries since Abel walked the earth and the suffering death at the hands of his brother, still it is said of him that he being dead yet speaketh. This is all the more remarkable since we have no account of any single word he spoke while he lived. His character was so excellent that it still has its power over the lives of men, as the light of a star keeps on shining long after the star itself is blotted out. Possibly your father and mother have been gone these many years, yet their influence is now strong upon your life so that their presence is almost felt.

Let me tell you of two men who lived in Laurinburg a long time ago. One of them exerted a bad influence over his associates, and the sad part is that this influence did not end when the man died, it is still felt for evil in the year nineteen fifteen. He taught several others to drink and swear and to be impure, so that their lives were cursed because he lived. But the matter did not stop here for their lives in turn influenced a multitude of others to do wrong. These in their day are defiling and cursing every one who touches them, and they will pass it on thus from generation to generation like an endless chain letter. Who can measure the ruin that the influence of just one bad person works upon the earth?

The other man was good and exerted a fine influence over all

who knew him. He started many young men on the right course in life and after his death they kept on that way. These in turn led others to the right, and so it has come down in unbroken succession until more than one hundred and twenty people have been blessed because this man lived well in his time. What prophet can say that his influence will ever have an end as long as the race is on the earth? Like compound interest the effect for good increases from life to life gathering power as the years go by.

It is a solemn thing to understand that you are unable to recall all the bad influence when once it is started. A certain infidel had published many books against the Christ, and they had a wide circulation. It came to pass later that the man was converted to a belief in Christ, and he wept much because he could not gather in all the books he had sent out and stop their effect for evil. Even if he had been able to buy them all and burn them still the poison had gone into the minds of men beyond the seas whom he could never find. What a terrible thing is personal influence; how jealous we should be for its use.

HELD UP AND ROBBED.

Young White Man Knocked Down and Relieved of Money.

Early Sunday morning, about 1 o'clock as Mr. Walter Cole was going from up town to his home in East Laurinburg and was passing on McKay street, he was suddenly assaulted, knocked down and robbed.

According to Mr. Cole's statement, he was attacked by two negro men who sat on an embankment on the right side of the walk. Before he realized what was happening he was struck down and his pockets rifled and the highwaymen were gone. They secured \$12.40 in cash.

The matter was immediately reported to the officers, but up to this time no trace of the robbers has been discovered. Two arrests were made Sunday afternoon, but Mr. Cole stated that they were not the guilty parties and they were released.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

For Both Races Opened Monday—Negroes Show Best Attendance.

The Scotland County Teachers' Institute, for both the white and colored races, opened Monday.

The department for the white race is being conducted at the city graded school building and is under the direction of Prof. Barron P. Caldwell, superintendent of the schools of Kinston. Prof. Caldwell is ably assisted by Mrs. L. J. Stevens, of Southport.

The department for colored people is being conducted at the Laurinburg Normal and Industrial Institute (colored) and is under the direction of Prof. Levester (colored), of Shaw University, Raleigh.

Of the white teachers registered there are 26, and of negroes 32.

The greater number of negroes than whites in the county institute is accounted for in the fact that a great many of the white teachers have attended summer schools elsewhere.

The county institute will continue for two weeks.

Capsize Launch Carries to Death Four Men, Two of Which Were

Brothers of Dr. Wilton C. Caldwell, of Laurinburg—Tragedy Happened Early Sunday Morning, When Party of Five Attempted to Cross River.

The Laurinburg friends of Dr. Wilton C. Caldwell, of this city, sincerely sympathize with him in the sad bereavement which has been visited upon him in the sudden and tragic death of two of his brothers, who, together with two other men, lost their lives in the Cape Fear river at Wilmington last Sunday morning when a launch in which they were attempting to cross the river capsized.

The party consisted of his two brothers, Dr. Morris and Mr. Clell S. Caldwell, Dr. J. Henry Bornemann and Chief Engineer Warvell, of the German steamer Nicaragua, and Chief Engineer Reimers. The party met at the dock after having spent a pleasant evening at Elks Club, and boarding a boat belonging to Engineer Reimers started across the river. When a part of the distance had been covered some member of the party stood up in the boat, causing it to dip and fill with water. In a moment the whole party were plunged into the stream and only one escaped death, this being Engineer Reimer, who, with great difficulty, managed to reach the shore toward which they had started.

Mr. Clell Caldwell, together with his family, had been at Wrightsville Beach for the week past and had come up to Wilmington on their return to their home, near Concord, and stopped over to spend the night with Dr. Caldwell and family.

Dr. Morris Caldwell was well known here by a large number of young business and professional men, having been a classmate both at Davidson college and at the Jefferson Medical College with several of them.

Both the Messrs. Caldwell were young men, successful in their chosen professions, and their tragic death, together with their unfortunate companions, has cast a great grief over all the State, and especially is the tragedy deplored here because of the sorrow it brings to one of Laurinburg's prominent young professional men.

Referring to the sad tragedy, the Wilmington Star and Charlotte Observer contained the following editorial expressions:

No more striking illustration of the uncertainty of death could be made to any community than the sad tragedy of the drowning of the four young men in the Cape Fear river at an early hour yesterday morning. Verily, in the midst of life we are in death and no one can tell what a day may bring forth. Representing the flower of Wilmington's young manhood, two of the victims of the tragedy bring to a close careers that gave bright promise and much good to the community in which they lived. In the case of the two other victims, strangers within our gates for the time being, their deaths are even more sad because of the absence of those nearest and dearest to them. The Wilmington community has scarcely ever been shocked or saddened more acutely than in the deplorable affair of yesterday morning.—Wilmington Star.

The drowning of the two brothers in the Cape Fear river at Wilmington was a circumstance of more than ordinarily distressing features. They were young men of excellent citizenship, thoroughly representative of the most useful element in the professional and civic life in North Carolina. The loss of either would have been cause for deep regret; the taking of both

invested the affair with the elements of a calamity. Under the double blow visited upon him, the father of the young men would not be human were he not staggered, even in the sustaining knowledge that the heart of the entire State is moved with sympathy with him.—Charlotte Observer.

Dr. W. G. Caldwell left Laurinburg Saturday morning to visit his parents near Concord, and was there when the distressing news of the terrible tragedy was received.

The bodies of the unfortunate young men were recovered Monday about noon, and, together with several members of the stricken families and a number of sorrowing friends, passed here Tuesday morning en route to Concord, near which place the bodies were buried Tuesday afternoon.

Scotlander in Bladen.

Mr. W. A. McCormick, of Route 3, was a Journal caller last week. Mr. McCormick, who is farming for Mr. A. P. Gibson near Elizabethtown, says he has the finest crop he has had in some time. He has about 100 acres in corn, 200 in cotton and 60 in oats.—Bladen Journal

Candidates for Different Jobs.

We were startled at the headlines of an item in The Laurinburg Exchange last week which read "Joe Little in Trouble." The article did not refer, however, to Hon. Joseph W. Little, of Wilmington, who is becoming so popular as a congressional candidate.—Bladen Journal.

J. E. Matkins of Greenville was arrested at Rocky Mount the other day under a charge of assaulting the fire department. The firemen were fighting a fire and the young man persisted in getting too close to the fighting apparatus, whereupon the firemen turned the water on him. He backed off to a pile of brick and proceeded to fight the department by throwing bricks at them. The city court separated him from \$14.75.

Mrs. Mary Huntley of Anson county has just passed her 93rd birthday.

Gaston county has just voted \$150,000 for good roads.

The Moore County News says—"Sheriff Blue is able to be out again after his automobile accident and says that it is foolish to run so fast unless you are in a hurry."

Twenty-eight candy manufacturing concerns in California paid \$1,191,000 in wages alone for candy made for distribution in the State.

The Germans have invented a wholesome meal, selling for a penny, which will satisfy the most ravenous appetite, according to recent reports. Food experts in Berlin and Wurttemberg have furnished the recipe for the new mixture, which consists of maize, flour, dried vegetables, dried meat and macaroni, all flavored with meat extracts.

Guy Loehr, Dennis Erice, John DuFrain and Clyde Eckerman, who escaped recently from the Buena Vista reformatory, near Cripple Creek, Col., robbed a road gang of \$300, raided a ranch and committed other crimes before they were rounded up and returned to prison.