

Mint Street From Fourth To First Bought By Murphy

Aggregate Value of Property, Upon Which Interurban Depots Are to Be Built, Will Be More Than \$200,000.

Deeds Recorded Are Silent Witnesses to Large Transactions Recently — Power Company Said to Be Moving Spirit.

Property valued in the aggregate at more than \$200,000, and lying in Mint street between Fourth and First streets, and at the corners of the interurban thoroughfares, has been transferred to the real estate firm of J. E. Murphy & Company, a glance at the books in the office of the register of deeds showing this and being sufficient evidence to warrant the belief that all of this property is to be the site of some manufacturing or building.

There is a doubt but that the Southern Power Company is behind the many deals, and that upon the deal between the two cross streets Fourth and First, the two depots freight and passenger, are to be erected before the interurban line between Charlotte and Kings Mountain is completed. Every house on the north side of Mint street from Fourth down to First was purchased by Murphy & Company, with the exception of the Crowley place at the intersection of Fourth and Mint and overlooking Vance Court, which was purchased by F. C. Abbott & Company, the price paid being \$12,000.

Cash Paid For All. In securing options on all the property was the Crowley place, Murphy & Company went to the register of deeds and secured for real estate transactions within the month, an aggregate value of four sites purchased by Mr. Abbott, (who acted as agent for W. S. Lee and Z. V. Taylor, it is understood) was but \$120,000, while it is known from conversation with some of those who had homes in Mint street, that the aggregate of all this will be slightly over \$200,000. This was certainly true in several instances, and it was said that the person who sold and who has since purchased in another part of the city, that no deals were made on paper.

In the office of the register of deeds at the court house, however, it is somewhat startling to read that there is no way to determine what each piece of property brought in from those who did sell several pieces were ascertained and by comparison it was easy to arrive at an aggregate value of more than \$200,000.

Real estate men are clamlike when approached upon the subject of what will be done with the property it is hard for them to deny that they are buying for the Power Company, as they take the easy route and decline to talk of the future. Thus far none of the property has been transferred from Murphy to its future holders. But even when it is transferred, there will be no way of finding out how much money was paid, except by seeing all of those who sold.

List of Property. Here is a list of the property which has been filed in the court books: Peter McLaughlin, house and lot, Third and Mint streets; Julia M. and J. B. Andrews, property at Poplar and Third streets; Hatlie L. and C. E. Bailey, Mint street between Second and Third streets; W. B. Kild and wife, Second and Mint streets; George M. Meyer and wife, Church and Stone wall streets; H. C. Irwin and wife, at Mint between First and Second streets; M. A. and S. H. Hilton, Second street between Graham and Mint streets; E. B. Fresham and wife, Mint street near Second; Z. T. Smith and wife, Mint between Third and Fourth streets, house and lot; A. and B. H. Hill, Mint and Third streets; W. D. Alexander, Mint between Third and Fourth streets; T. M. Shelton and wife, Poplar street between Third and Fourth streets; A. H. Ryan, Third between Church and Poplar, Mint houses and several lots.

Working is left Mr. Murphy had secured options on all the property save the Crowley place and Mr. Abbott purchased this last week. It means that from Fourth to First streets on Mint street the Southern Power Company—it is an almost recognized fact that the company bought the property, the real estate man acting only as agents—owns every house and every lot. It is also known that the interurban line between Charlotte and Kings Mountain will come into the city at the Mint street. And it is also a fact beyond any question that two depots will have to be erected at the terminal of the line—one large freight depot and one equally as large, if not larger, passenger depot. All of the space on either side of the street will be utilized for these structures. They will be modern in every way and will serve to great extent in bringing

PRESIDENT TO INVESTIGATE MAIL RATINGS

Augusta, Ga., March 18.—President Taft will, it is stated here tonight, appoint President Abbott Lawrence Lowell, of Harvard University, a member of the commission to investigate the second-class mail rates and recommend a price at which magazines should be mailed.

The two members of this commission already appointed are Mr. Justice Hughes, of New York; and former Solicitor General Lawrence Maxwell, of Cincinnati. While the president has not definitely decided to name Mr. Lowell, it is practically certain that he will do so as soon as he returns to Washington.

The president's vacation comes to an end tomorrow. He will leave at 3 o'clock in the afternoon over the Southern Railway for Washington, expecting to arrive there at 9 o'clock. He looks better than he has for months. He has acquired a respectable tan and has lost the worried look that marked his countenance during the closing days of congress.

While he was in the city he succeeded admirably in "just loafing" as he himself puts it. When he arrived he said that he did not propose to do one more bit of business than he was compelled to do and he has not. He brought the Charles W. Morse and John D. Walsh pardon papers with him and after opening them he bundled them up again for inspection after he gets home.

While he received reports daily from the state, war, and navy departments as to the changes in the Mexican situation but he initiated no new moves in that direction, preferring to wait until he reaches Washington to prosecute that matter further.

One or two business engagements were made by the executive while here, but they were of minor importance. He simply gave himself over to golf, motoring and loafing, knowing full well that he will have plenty to do when he again reaches the White House.

This morning the president played his last game of golf and won. This afternoon he drove to a fishing club near here.

TRINITY DEFEATS ELON COLLEGE IN SLOW GAME.

Durham, N. C., March 18.—In a very slow game of baseball Trinity defeated Elon College here this afternoon by the score of 7 to 2.

The batteries for Trinity were Sam Gant and Maddox; for Elon, Pearson and Dickie. Trinity made 11 hits and 4 errors, and Elon made 2 hits and 5 errors. Trinity scored 3 runs in the first inning, 1 in the second, and 3 in the seventh. Elon's only 2 runs were scored in the seventh.

CONCLUDING ARGUMENTS IN THE WALKER DIVORCE CASE.

Newport, R. L., March 18.—The concluding arguments were presented this afternoon in the divorce proceedings which Mrs. James W. Grimes Walker brought against her husband, the well known civil engineer, for the custody of their children, but decision was reserved by Judge Darius Baker until lawyers for both sides have done their utmost to effect a reconciliation. Judge Baker said he had talked to the children relative to their parents and their attitude had impelled him to take this course.

THIRTY DEAD FEDERALS ARE FOUND BY CORRESPONDENT.

El Paso, Tex., March 18.—A newspaper correspondent, writing from Casas Grandes, says the insurgents have disappeared to the south, evidently in the direction of Chihuahua. He says fifty soldiers recently sent out from Casas Grandes failed to return and a great flock of buzzards and on investigation found thirty dead federals.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN IS 51 YEARS OF AGE TODAY.

Lincoln, Neb., March 18.—William Jennings Bryan will be 51 years old tomorrow and the anniversary of his birth will be celebrated elaborately at Fairview by democrats of the Bryan belief who will assemble from all parts of the country.

"Three Cent Mayor" is ill. Cleveland, O., March 18.—It is said today that Tom L. Johnson, the financier and politician, is critically ill and that his physicians have little hope for his recovery. Mr. Johnson is the famous "three cent mayor" of Cleveland.

THE WEATHER

Washington, March 18.—Forecast for Sunday and Monday: North Carolina and South Carolina, unsettled with probably rain Sunday; Monday unsettled.



SINCE HE HEARD ABOUT THE VERMIN IN THE VATS, HE PREFERS TO TAKE HIS DOPE EXTERNALLY



ATTRACTING ATTENTION?



AN ACTIVE VOLCANO?



THEY'LL SOON BE HERE!

CARTOONLETS ON CURRENT TOPICS.

The Mexican Situation Fully Reviewed

(By OTHEMAN STEVENS.)

El Paso, Texas, March 18.—A bit of war machinery from the time of Maximilian is likely to play hot shot on the Federals and has the possibility of becoming a matter for grave deliberation by the state department. For last night, some one, presumably an insurrecto colonel, swiped a 4-pounder cannon which was an ornament to the El Paso city hall. It was a piece which Maximilian had purchased over 50 years ago in this country and which the government then confiscated, and finally fell into the hands of a McQuinn club and was used for punctuation to political harangues.

One day it was fired and an excessive charge of powder shattered the window glass for some blocks, for which the club was called on to pay. It was then presented to the city and threshed by chains in front of the council chamber. This morning at half past three the old piece was seen chugging its way down Myrtle avenue, hitched behind an automobile, rambling like a steam roller.

El Paso police force and the deputy United States marshals did not hear the creaking of the gun carriage and today no sign of the gun exists.

The junta of this city disclaims all knowledge of the affair. Colonel Mason, the veteran of many Central American wars, was naturally suspected. When he came from his hotel this morning he was asked if he had the cannon.

Colonel Mason smiled amiably and turned his pockets inside out as proof that he was innocent and even offered to allow his suit case to be searched. Later he seemed to have disappeared, for a search for him by the correspondents failed to find him.

Low Dockstader came to town and mourned the fact that Colonel Mason or any one else had captured the cannon.

"As soon as I found it was a smooth bore," said Dockstader, "I wanted to use it on pass seekers. They would make smooth bore ammunition."

Sensational Statement That Japan Is Preparing For Great War With U. S.

Washington, March 18.—Most remarkable confirmation of the hostile attitude of Japan toward the United States came today from J. de Savornin Lohman, a citizen of Holland, who has arrived in Washington direct from the Japanese Empire.

Following is Mr. Lohman's startling statement: "Since my arrival in this country, I have been surprised at the indifference of the American people toward the attitude of Japan. I mingled with all classes of people in the different cities of the Japanese Empire and everywhere I went it was the main topic of conversation that Japan hates American and Americans. They do not conceal this hatred. They are possessed of a supreme confidence that they can crush this nation."

Japanese army officers and army officers of foreign nations stationed in Japan are of one opinion—that in a war with the United States Japan would win. The Japanese have their eyes first on the Philippines, then on Guam, Samoa and Hawaii. Why? Because the Japanese are indignant, incensed that this country should have placed a ban on Japanese immigration. That there is going to be trouble with the people of the Asiatic countries I fully believe.

"There is no doubt in the mind of any one who has recently visited Japan that the country is a bee hive of industry in preparation for war. There is only one thought, that this war must be directed against the United States."

The gentleman who sounds this warning is not an alarmist. On the contrary, he is a staid conservative but observant Hollander, son, it is to be noted, of A. H. Lehman.

Says Man She Ran Away With Has Wife In Goldsboro --Shot Him Five Times

Shreveport, La., March 18.—C. G. Kornegay, a railroad rate clerk employed by the Vicksburg, Shreveport & Pacific Railway, was shot five times and died almost instantly here today.

A Mrs. Hayne who says she formerly lived at Greenville, Miss., surrendered to the authorities. The woman called at the railroad office and asked to see Kornegay. He went from his desk to a window at the pay counter when she

Young Lady Reneged On Physical Examination

Omaha, Neb., March 18.—Had it not been for the inflexible rule that Uncle Sam has laid down that every applicant to the navy must submit to a physical examination, Miss Helen Akers, as she gave her name, might be on the high seas, scrubbing decks on some warship along the Mexican coast, or taking part in the manoeuvres.

Miss Akers, wearing mine's clothes and giving the name, Henry Akers, applied at the local navy recruiting station for enlistment. The applicant had all qualifications as to height, weight and wind. "Now strip and we will finish with you," commanded Lieutenant Downs, as he recorded on the application the observations he had made. Here "Henry" balked, saying, "I guess I don't want to go to war."

"But you have enlisted now, and you have got to go, no getting out of it." Here the applicant broke down and confessed "she" was a girl, that she was 22 years of age; that she ran away from home in New York four years ago, taking an assumed name, and had since passed as a man, doing nearly every kind of work that would be expected of a man and that her latest ambition was to become a marine. She said her parents were well-to-do people but that she had not heard from them for more than three years.

Noted Railroad Builder Dead

New York, March 18.—David H. Moffat, the multi-millionaire financier and railroad builder, died today in his apartments at the Hotel Belmont, after only a few hours' illness. Although he died at 10:40 o'clock, the news did not become public until late in the afternoon. Physicians said heart disease was the cause of death.

It was said by one of his business associates that Mr. Moffat was conscious up to the last moment, and that he gave final instructions for the handling of his vast estate.

Every License Knocked Out.

New Castle, Pa., March 18.—The temperance forces won in Lawrence county when Judge William Porter refused every applicant for a liquor license, including those filed by the local breweries. It was one of the most bitter fights ever waged in this county, and the temperance forces are jubilant.

Following the revival held last September by "Billy" Sunday the Ministerial Association began an active campaign, hired detectives and obtained evidence, which was presented in court, showing that saloons had violated the law.

Verdict Against Standard Oil

Bis marck, N. D., March 18.—The jury in the case of Anna and Daniel Nickish vs. Standard Oil Company brought in a verdict for the plaintiffs for \$12,000 for the former and \$3,000 for the latter. Last summer the plaintiffs were seriously injured by the explosion of a lamp. It was discovered later that the supposed kerosene which had been purchased from the Standard Oil Company contained a large amount of gasoline, which was responsible for the explosion. The plaintiffs each sued for \$60,000. The two cases were heard simultaneously, the jury returning separate verdicts.

Coast Artillery Arrives.

Galveston, Tex., March 18.—The transports McClellan, Sumner and Kilpatrick, arrived here this afternoon from Hampton Roads with troops of the coast artillery who are to form two provisional infantry regiments of the brigade assembling at Fort Crockett.

Big Bid for Food Supplies.

San Antonio, Texas, March 18.—The United States commissary department today asked for bids from local jobbers for \$250,000 worth of food supplies for the mobilized army. This is in addition to the recent bids for \$200,000 asked for and is taken as significant of the possible prolonging of the encampment here.

Bride Of A Month Attempts Suicide In Greensboro Hotel

ROBIN DODGES BEHIND BACK OF SECRETARY

New York, March 18.—In a statement which Joseph G. Robin dictated today to his lawyer, Samuel J. Goldsmith, he tried to shift all the blame for the shady transactions that went on in the Robin enterprises upon Frederick K. Morris, who was Robin's confidential man and James T. Wood, who held positions in many of the Robin companies. Both Morris and Wood have been indicted by the grand jury and Morris has turned a state's witness and told District Attorney Whitman some things that have been of considerable avail to him in the investigation into the Carnegie Trust scandal.

Morris has asserted that it was Robin who was responsible for all that occurred in the Robin companies; but Robin maintains that Morris, Wood and the others associated with them are in a conspiracy to make him the scape goat.

Robin is also engaged in a desperate effort to keep William Travers Jerome, his former counsel, from proving him actually insane. Jerome, who stepped out of the Robin case after Judge Swick had declared Robin sane, has persisted in having the discredited financier sent to an asylum. What the motives of Jerome are in his attempt to have Robin sent to an asylum are not known.

Charles H. Hyde, Mayor Gaynor's city chamberlain, has offered to go before the grand jury and tell what he knows about Carnegie trust company. The offer has not been accepted.

To Sell Neuse River Mills

Special to The Sunday News. Raleigh, N. C., March 18.—Proceedings were instituted in Federal court to procure the immediate appointment of a commissioner to sell under foreclosure the Neuse River Cotton Mills, six miles from Raleigh to satisfy a \$75,000 bond issue held by the trust company of America, the mill having defaulted this January in interest. Mr. A. A. Thompson is president.

MILLION BUNCHES OF FIRECRACKERS CAUSE DISTURBANCE

Muscataine, Iowa, March 18.—One million bunches of firecrackers en route to the east from the Orient figured in a sensational freight wreck on the Milwaukee line here this afternoon. Twenty-nine cars loaded with fireworks leaped the track and rolled down a high embankment. A fire broke out and the train was stopped. The fire near the wreck, prevented an explosion. Firecrackers are piled a foot deep about the wreck.

IS RACE HORSE LEG WORTH \$40,000 IN REAL MONEY?

St. Paul, Minn., March 18.—Is the tendon in the leg of a racing mare worth \$40,000? M. W. Savage today filed suit in the Federal court for the above amount against the American Express Company for an alleged injury to a tendon in the leg of Rena Patch, daughter of the famous Dan Patch, said to have been received while the animal was en route from Chicago to Grand Rapids.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT OPENS GREAT DAM IN ARIZONA.

Roosevelt, Arizona, March 18.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt formally opened Roosevelt dam here at 5:48 o'clock this afternoon.

The dam is situated seventy miles east of Phoenix and many citizens of Phoenix accompanied the party here.

For Direct Vote on Senators.

Sacramento, Cal. March 18.—Senator Sanford's joint resolution for the direct election of United States senators was unanimously passed by the senate today.

Lakes In Central Park Are Being Dragged For Body Of Miss Arnold

New York, March 18.—The lakes in Central Park were dragged today for the body of Miss Dorothy Arnold. Searchers working under orders of the park commissioner will keep up their efforts until every inch of water covered ground is combed.

Heretofore searchers in the park have been handicapped by ice. The recent thaw, however, has caused all this to disappear.

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Driven to Desperation Because She Says Her Husband Had Deserted Her, Mrs. Farrar Royster Shot Herself in Hotel Parlor.

Great Commotion Among Guests—She Had Left Note With Friend Explaining why She Attempted Rash Act—May Yet Survive.

Special to The News. Greensboro, March 18.—Mrs. Farrar Royster, who was Miss Sadie Mitchell, of Burlington, who was married a month ago to Farrar Royster, of Greensboro, shot herself in the parlor of the Guilford Hotel here at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Guests were panstricken, when upon the crack of a pistol, the handsome young woman swooned from her chair, and began writhing on the floor, crying for some one to kill her, that she was suffering so and wanted to die.

The ball entered just above the right breast and later at the hospital it was found it had punctured the right lung.

Physicians, however, say she has good chances to live.

After shooting herself, Mrs. Royster said to the physician of the hotel, who raised her up, that she had left a note with Sam Bradshaw which would explain fully the cause of her taking her life, declaring that her husband of a month had deserted her; that she could not find him; that she loved him to death, and hoped to have succeeded in taking her life at once. Calling for water and crying from pain in her side, she swooned into unconsciousness, recovering in the ambulance on the way to St. Leo's hospital.

The husband is the son of excellent and prominent people here, his father, George H. Royster, being widely known in Virginia and the Carolinas.

He is a native of Virginia. A month ago the marriage took place at the home of the woman's father, a respected contractor of Burlington, A. C. Mitchell. The two had been lovers for two years, and the young woman was much admired, being bright, pretty and intelligent. Two days after the marriage, which was not known until a week later, Mrs. Royster came to Greensboro in search of her husband, and she gave to his family their first knowledge of the alliance. Young Royster is reported to have gone to Texas. The wife has been making frantic efforts to locate him, repeatedly soliciting his known intimates to give her his address, that she might appeal to him to come back to her.

She arrived here from Burlington at 1 o'clock. Going to a drug store, she sent for Sam Bradshaw, a mutual friend, and asked him for Royster's address. Mr. Bradshaw told her he could not give it. She then handed him a sealed envelope, laughingly making him promise not to open it until he heard again from her.

The Guilford Hotel was directly across the street and in five minutes the commotion there caused Mr. Bradshaw to run over, when he discovered the attempted suicide was his laughing companion of a few moments before.

He had not broken the seal of the envelope, concluding if the woman survives to return it to her, and if she dies to deliver it unopened to her parents.

Great sympathy is felt for the young bride whose known desperate condition, betrayed and deserted, impelled the desperate deed. Equal sympathy is expressed for the excellent family of the young man, but for him maledictions are universal and unexpressed.

INSURRECTOS SHOOT TWO MEN AS SPIES AND RELEASE ONE

Mexicali, Mexico, March 18.—Felipe Rios, a Mexican saloon keeper and an unidentified man were shot as spies by the insurrectos in the bull pen here last night.

Frank Henera, who was also arrested, was found not guilty by the rebels and released.

Captain McDonald, of the United States Infantry, posted a guard to watch the house with orders to fire, if they started to cross the line.

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crews, each taking one of the three of the lower lakes. Nothing was found today that would warrant the belief that the body of the girl is in the water.

A report was circulated today that Miss Arnold was seen recently in Porto Rico, and this, linked with the fact that Lorenzo Armstrong, one of the Arnold attorneys, has gone there, caused considerable comment.

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