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A DEPLORABLE AFFAIR.

Politics in No. 11 Township Reaches the Shooting Stage.

A very deplorable affair occurred at the Plunkett school house, in No. 11 township, last Saturday night, and it shows to what lengths some people will go in their political frenzy. Messrs. A. W. Bost and Henry Dees, two citizens of No. 11, came to our office yesterday and gave us the particulars of this affair as follows: It had been circulated in the neighborhood that Mr. H. S. Williams, republican candidate for the legislature, would speak at the Plunkett school house last Saturday night. At the school house that night there were present 16 republicans and 4 Democrats, the Democrats being A. W. Bost, Henry Dees, Will Dees and Jesse Faggart. The Democrats said that some of the Republicans said to them that the school house was their place of business and that the Democrats had no business there. During the word-banding Jesse Faggart said: "Why don't E. H. Morris build us a brick school house, as he said the Republicans would do?" and Will Dees added: "No, they won't do nothing but build a road to Burrage's farm."

The three boys then left (Mr. Bost had left before this) and went to the home of Mr. M. Luther Bost. Later they went back by the school house and saw about half a bushel of rocks on the side of the road which had been gathered and piled up. The three boys went into the school house where they say they were accosted by their political opponents, and the Democratic party roundly abused. One man was seen to slip a pistol from out of his pocket and give it to another man. The boys then left, and when they had gone about 25 yards some one said: "If they don't run, d--n 'em, shoot 'em." Upon this 15 or 20 shots were fired, and one bullet hit a tree not more than two feet from Henry Dees.

The Republicans then went to Nelson Carrigan's shop, and shot at one of their own men who came out of Mr. Luther Bost's house, thinking it was one of the Democrats. It is said that on Saturday one Republican asked another if he was going to the speaking that night, when the latter replied: "No, there's going to be shooting there."

Mr. Williams, it is said, had no appointment to speak at the Plunkett school house last Saturday night.

Sherman Did Not Call on Taft.

Vice-President James S. Sherman arrived in Washington Tuesday from his home in Utica, N. Y., and left that night for North Carolina, where he makes a speaking campaign that will take him across the State. Although he spent the day in Washington Mr. Sherman did not call on President Taft. He was at the State, War and Navy building, which is directly across the street from the White House, and the fact that he failed to stop and pay his respects to the President attracted no little attention in Washington. Mr. Sherman has not seen the President since the letter was given out at Beverly by Mr. Taft, asserting that he had not committed himself to Mr. Sherman for temporary chairman of the New York Republican State convention. In that instance the charge of deception and double dealing was laid at the door of the Vice President of the United States. Up to the time the letter was written, Mr. Taft and Mr. Sherman had been the most cordial of friends.

Mr. Cook Resigns.

Mr. Jno. W. Cook, superintendent of the farm at the Jackson Training School, has resigned his position there to be effective Dec. 1st. Mr. Cook finds that his business at Cook's crossing necessitates his devoting his entire time to it, he having a store and farm at that place. Mr. Cook is one of the democratic candidates for county commissioner, and a man who enjoys the full confidence of the people of this county and who will very likely poll a very flattering vote on election day.

Death of Mr. Arthur Little.

Mr. Arthur Little, whose home was near the Gibson Mill, died Tuesday night at 10 o'clock after a few days' illness of pneumonia. He was 28 years of age, and leaves his wife and three children. He moved here several years ago from Mooresville, and had been working at the Gibson Mill. He was a good man, and a member of the J. O. U. A. M. The funeral service will be held Thursday afternoon, and the interment made at the cemetery.

Mrs. H. C. Ivey has returned to her home in New London, after visiting her sons, Messrs. C. M. and Leroy Ivey for several days.

THE MURDER CASE.

State Rests and Defense Begins—Testimony of Arthur Flowe, Husband of the Dead Woman.

The entire morning session of the court today was taken up in examining witnesses for the State in the Dry-Blake case. The State rested at the noon recess, and at the beginning of the afternoon session the examination of the witnesses for the defense began. Arthur Flowe, husband of the murdered woman, was the most important State witness. He testified in substance that he and his wife were sitting in the front room of their house on the night of the killing and that someone came up to the house and told him to open the door. He said that he told them to come on in the door was not locked and after waiting a short time he got up and went to the door and looked out to see who it was, and that as soon as he opened the door someone pointed a gun at him and fired. "I fell back and the load of shot passed my face, the powder burning my face in several places and struck my wife. She fell over and said, 'Pink Dry has shot me,'" said Flowe. Flowe was subjected to a most rigid cross examination by Attorney Means, but he never changed any statement that would be of any material evidence in the case. He made a strong witness against the defendants. The other witnesses for the State were examined this morning, but their testimony will play only a minor part in the case compared with that of the Flowe negro. The attorneys are fighting every inch of ground and it was necessary for the jury to retire on several occasions this morning.

The following is a list of the jury-men selected: W. E. Moore, J. K. Cruse, M. F. Barrier, J. A. Prather, Chas. C. Patterson, W. B. Morrison, R. F. Honeycutt, S. H. Fisher, D. S. Jenkins, C. R. Cook, C. M. Rinehardt and Watt Calloway. The following other cases have been disposed of: State vs. Jim Holdbrooks, robbery, defendant discharged. State vs. Amzi King and Andy King, larceny; Andy King guilty, 10 months on chain gang; Amzi King not guilty. State vs. Tice Bost, e. c. w., pleads guilty; judgment suspended upon payment of cost. State vs. Jim Key, injury to personal property, pleads guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of cost. State vs. Walter McLain, affray, pleads guilty, fine \$5.00 and cost. State vs. C. E. Love, a. d. w., defendant waives finding of bill, pleads guilty, and is fined \$5.00 and costs.

Death of Gillie Whitley.

Master Gillie Whitley died Tuesday at 12:12 o'clock at the home of his brother, Mr. Henry Whitley, on North Spring street, after a long illness of consumption. His brother, Mr. Leonard Whitley died of the same disease about two years ago. Gillie was in his 16th year, and was an excellent young man. He leaves one sister, Miss Carrie, and three brothers, Messrs. Henry, John and Owen Whitley. Everything that loving hands could do was done to alleviate his suffering and cheer him as the fatal disease brought him nearer and nearer to the grave. The funeral service was held from the home Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Simpson, and the interment was made at Back Creek church, in Mecklenburg county, beside the bodies of loved ones who have gone before.

Death of Mrs. G. C. Petrea.

Mrs. Eliza Jane Petrea, wife of Mr. Geo. C. Petrea, of Cannonville, died Monday night at 8 o'clock. Her infant, which was only a few hours old, died on the same day at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Petrea before marriage was a Miss Craven. Her age was 35 years, 9 months and five children. The funeral was conducted at St. Andrews Lutheran church Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. C. R. Pless, and the interment was made at Mt. Pleasant, her former home.

Mr. C. A. Reynolds, postmaster at Winston-Salem, and a prominent republican politician of the State, addressed a large crowd of voters at the court house last night, most of whom were of the republican persuasion. The enthusiasm that usually greets a republican spellbinder in this city was somewhat lacking last night, although his speech seemed to have a fairly pleasing effect on those of his political faith.

Rev. D. A. Braswell will preach at Fair View Methodist Protestant church on next Sunday at 11 o'clock, a. m., at 3 o'clock and at night.

SAY CHAIN GANG WORKED ROAD

AFFIDAVITS TO THAT EFFECT FROM FOUR CITIZENS OF GOOD CHARACTER.

Mr. Hartsell Produces Affidavits to Sustain His Statement that the County Convicts Were Worked on Road Leading to Mr. Burrage's Farm.—Republicans Issued Notes for \$16,460.32, and Paid Only \$3,274.40.

Messrs L. T. Hartsell, T. D. Maness and Heriot Clarkson addressed a large and enthusiastic crowd of voters at the pump station Tuesday night. Mr. Hartsell confined his remarks to mostly local issues. He said in part: "I have been accused of besmirching the character of officials and citizens of this county. I have never besmirched the name of an official or any other citizen, but I claim the right to show the record of any official. I reiterate the statement that Mr. Burrage worked the convicts on the road leading to his farm and if he did not do so why don't he produce an affidavit from Mr. Blackwelder, the man who has charge of the chain gang? I offer a reward of \$10.00 to any man who will get an affidavit from Mr. Blackwelder saying that the chain gang or some part of it did not work on the road leading to Mr. Burrage's farm."

To substantiate his charge Mr. Hartsell produced the following affidavits; two of the men live on the road and the other two are well known citizens of Concord: R. A. Dees and J. R. J. Cochrane, each being duly sworn, says: That he lives on the road leading from R. A. Dees' to J. M. Burrage's farm; that he saw the chain gang grading said road; that said chain gang got water at his (Cochrane's) well and they were there for a number of days; this was on or about the 15th day of February, 1910.

Geo. L. Fisher being duly sworn, says: That on last fall or early this spring, 1910, he saw the chain gang working on the road leading from R. A. Dees' to J. M. Burrage's farm; that he drove along said road and the men had on stripes and chains and were grading said road. J. R. J. COCHRANE. R. A. DEES. Sworn and subscribed to before me this 25th day of October, 1910. C. A. ISENHOUR, Notary Public.

W. M. Corzine, being duly sworn, says: That sometime in the spring of 1910, he saw the chain gang working on the road leading from R. A. Dees' to J. M. Burrage's farm; that there were a number of mules hitched to a plow and several teams hitched to scrapers, and they were grading said road; that he saw them on two or three occasions doing this work. W. M. CORZINE. Sworn and subscribed before me, this 25th day of October, 1910, C. A. ISENHOUR, Notary Public.

"Mr. Burrage attempts to justify his building of the road by his farm on the ground that a half million feet of lumber has been hauled over this road, and that thousands of cords of wood were to be hauled over it. When the people of Cabarrus county know that this lumber he speaks of belongs in part to one of the county commissioners, Mr. G. S. Klutz, they can well ask the question, why is Mr. Burrage building a road for himself and one of the commissioners when there are man throughfares in Cabarrus county that are out of repair and almost impassable?"

"It is true that the chain gang did not work on this road while Mr. Carroll was putting gravel on it, but he had at that time two teams belonging to the chain gang and the records show that Mr. Carroll was paid out of the county treasury about \$300. "In the past two years," said Mr. Hartsell, "not more than three miles of road have been graded by the chain gang and no macadam laid, yet it is due Mr. Blackwelder to state that in my opinion if he had absolute control and had not been under the supervision of and handicapped by J. M. Burrage, a great deal better record would have been made."

Said Mr. Hartsell further: "Mr. Williams claims that the Republicans have issued notes for about \$7,000. I hereby produce a list of the notes issued and not paid during the Republican administration of affairs in this county; also the date of the meetings they were issued, as copied from their records. Two notes issued to the Car-

ing, 1909, may possibly be the same note given July 4th, 1910, to the Carolina Engineering Co. If they are the same their records are wrong. These notes are in addition to the amount of debt existing when they took charge.

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The Vice-President's Visit.

Hon. James S. Sherman, Vice-President of the United States, will make a fifteen minutes speech here from the platform of his special train this afternoon at 5:10 o'clock. He will be the guest of Charlotte this evening and tonight. The Vice President will make a speech at the Charlotte auditorium tonight, where he will be heard by probably two or three thousand people. The Vice President will be met at Greensboro by the Republican campaign committee and upon his arrival at Charlotte at 6:30 o'clock will be met at the station by a large non-partisan committee and escorted to the Southern Manufacturer's Club, where he will be a guest during his stay there and where a reception will be tendered him this evening.

Consolation for the Cubs.

The only consolation Manager Chance and his players of the local National League got out of the world's series was in the division of the receipts, which occurred Monday afternoon. Each of the players carried away a check for \$1,315. Secretary Williams and Trainer Simons were voted in for full shares of the "melon." A fine of \$50, assessed against Chance for disputing a decision, was found to have been added to his expulsion from the grounds during Thursday's game. This was paid from the loser's share before the split up of the money.

RECEPTION TUESDAY EVENING.

Mrs. L. D. Coltrane Entertains Delightfully in Honor of Her Niece, Miss Young.

No place in Concord this season has been the scene of a more enjoyable social affair than the handsome home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Coltrane, on South Union street, Tuesday night, the occasion being a reception in honor of Miss Louise Young, of Dunn, who has been Mrs. Coltrane's guest for the past fortnight.

The home was beautifully decorated throughout, the hall, parlor and dining room being thrown open to the young people. The colors of yellow, pink and red prevailed respectively in each, and in each of these there were chrysanthemums, ferns and cut flowers, being lighted with the mellow rays of candles, whose color was in keeping with the color scheme; and the radiant glow of the electric bulbs from the chandeliers, decorated with festoon of beautiful flowers, made a scene of rare beauty and loveliness.

Hearts Die was the game of the evening and after a seemingly short while it was found that Miss Marguerite Brown was the lucky one. Mr. Ralph M. Odell then, in a few appropriate remarks, made in his usual happy manner, presented to Miss Brown the prize, a handsome hat pin. The guest of honor prize, a huge bunch of pink carnations, was presented to Miss Young. After this a delightful salad course was served. Then the guests were given one of the rarest treats of the evening, vocal solos by Miss Janie Alexander Patterson and Miss Young, with piano accompaniments by Miss Lucy Lore. Naturally endowed with a clear and charming soprano voice, which has been trained by a number of the world's master vocalists, the grace and ease with which Miss Young rendered her selections added an unusual charm to the pleasure of the evening. Those who have heard Miss Patterson sing need not be told that her selections were excellently rendered. The reception given by Mrs. Coltrane can easily be classed as one of the most enjoyable social events ever given in Concord.

Mrs. Coltrane's guests were; Misses Janie and Grace Patterson, Miriam Dumville, Shirley Montgomery, Miss Fry, Anna Douglass Sherrill, Grace Brown, Louise Means, Wilma Correll, Myrtle Pemberton, Elizabeth and Ellen Gibson, Mary King, Marguerite and Lucy Brown, Mabel Means, Louise Means, Margaret Lentz, Lucy Lore and Jenn Coltrane. Messrs. A. R. Howard, R. M. and A. G. Odell, N. A. Arehibold, Cy White, Luther Brown, F. L. Smith, Maury Richmond, Joe Hill, Allan Gibson, C. B. Wagoner, R. M. King, Frank Morrison, T. W. Smith, Jr., and J. M. Oglesby.

A Timely Protest.

Mr. Editor:—Court week always brings a number of horse traders, usually a very large number, with a great drove of trade stock. Many of the people of the county must attend court, the week bringing many of the people to Concord. There is room for all in a "fre country," but the people of Concord, especially the merchants and owners of lots and hitching room, are interested in the care and comfort of the people from the county in for the day and do not like to see all the hitching lots monopolized by the passing traders, as is the case so frequently. The large number of farmers coming to Concord frequently find hitching room scarce by reason of the fact that "traders" have them crowded out. I write, Mr. Editor, hoping that some arrangement may be made for caring for our friends from the country, that they may be assured suitable space. I have no fight to make on the traders; let them be cared for, but not at the expense of the people of the county who must come here frequently. ONLOOKER.

A Reply to Onlooker.

Mr. Editor: I beg to say that a few business men of the city got together and have opened up a back lot for the public in rear of cotton platform, containing about two acres, thereby furnishing ample room for all the horse traders, and leaving the few stalls that are now in rear of the stores for the ladies that come to the city in their buggies. A big sign is now being painted, DRIVE IN! PUBLIC HITCHING GROUND and will be placed as soon as finished. ENTERPRISE.

MT PLEASANT NEWS.

Overcoat Presented to Mr. Richardson—Next Lyceum Number—Personal Notes.

The next attraction in the Lyceum course will be by the celebrated lecturer, Ex-Governor Manship. The regular evening service at the Lutheran church were dispensed with Sunday and a song service given instead. The service was both inspiring and profitable.

The last quarterly meeting of the Mt. Pleasant Circuit was held at Friendship church Saturday, Rev. Dr. Rowe presiding. As an appreciation of the high esteem in which they hold their pastor, Rev. N. E. Richardson, a number of his members presented him with a nice overcoat last week.

It was a pleasure which is always enjoyed to hear Rev. Dr. Rowe at the Methodist church Saturday night. Mr. J. S. Kindley and father, Mr. W. R. Kindley, returned yesterday from a visit to Rowan. Miss Ora Fisher and Mr. J. Y. McEacher spent Sunday in China Grove.

Mr. Carl Cook, of Winston, returned yesterday, after a short visit to his father. Mrs. Herman Eldred, of China Grove, is visiting Mrs. Schulenberg, who is right sick. Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Long, of Concord, spent Sunday here.

Miss Leon Barrier spent last week at Spencer. Miss Ethel Corzine spent a few days in Concord last week with her father, Mr. Dav Corzine. Mrs. J. P. Miller and daughter, Miss Grace, visited friends in China Grove last week. Mr. W. S. Hartsell has returned from a weeks' visit to Salisbury. Mrs. C. A. Heilig, of Salisbury, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lefler.

Mr. DeWitt Barrier spent Sunday with home folks. Mrs. L. J. Foil and Miss Elma Welsh go to Charlotte today to attend the fair. Mt. Pleasant, October 25. AUTOMOBILE WRECKED.

Gear of Buick Car Breaks on Kannapolis Road, and is Demolished—Two Men Hurt.

A long caravan of automobiles passed through the city Wednesday en route from Winston-Salem to Charlotte in the Winston-Salem to Charlotte tour. Here were forty cars merry crowd of tourists. EAOINNN in the tour and each one bedecked with pennants and flags, occupied with a merry crowd of tourists. The Buick car, No. 10, was wrecked about two miles above Kannapolis. The car was owned by Mr. C. A. Sapp, and occupied by Mr. Rodger and Fisher who were driving. Speeding along at an exceedingly fast rate the steering gear broke and the car dashed against a tree on the side of the road. Mr. Rodger was hurled through the wind shield, receiving several bad cuts on his face and a number of bruises. Mr. Fisher was thrown about ten feet out in a corn field, being slightly stunned by the fall. The car was practically demolished and was left on the roadside, while the injured tourists were taken on to Charlotte. The machine struck the tree, which is about six inches in diameter, with such force that it was completely up-rooted.

Mr. Frank Honeycutt drove Mr. J. F. Cannon's new Mitchell roadster in the tour here and came through with a perfect score. President Taft Appoints Negro as Assistant Attorney General.

Announcement was made at the White House Wednesday that President Taft has decided upon the appointment of William H. Lewis, a negro, at present assistant district attorney at Boston, to be an Assistant Attorney General of the United States.

The appointment of Lewis is in line with President Taft's policy of recognizing colored men in the government service, but making these appointments as far as possible out of the Southern States, where friction has been caused in the past by colored officeholders. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gibson, of MeColl, S. C.; Mr. H. M. Lytch and Mrs. Annie M. Smith, of Laurinburg, who have been visiting at the home of Mr. R. A. Brower, returned this morning to their respective homes. Mr. A. D. Watts, of Statesville, author of the Watts' act and secretary to Senator Simmons, spent last night in the city. Senator Simmons arrived on No. 7. Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Dayvault are spending the day in Charlotte.