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RITEHIE-HAMILTON CASE TRIED TODAY

HEARD BEFORE RECORDER PURYEAR AT THE COURT HOUSE.

Testimony of the Witnesses, and Also of the Principals.—Messrs. Maness and Means Represent Mr. Hamilton, Messrs. Crowell and Cansler Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hartsell the State. Trial of Case Will Consume All Day.

The case of the State vs M. A. Hamilton and M. R. Ritchie, charged with an affray, was tried this morning before Recorder Puryear. The trial was held at the court house, the change being made on account of the large crowd in attendance. Senator L. T. Hartsell represented the State and Messrs. T. D. Maness and W. G. Means Mr. Hamilton and Messrs J. L. Crowell and E. T. Cansler, of Charlotte, Mr. Ritchie. Miss Bessie Blackwelder, cashier at Efrid's, where the shooting occurred, was the first witness called. Miss Blackwelder testified that she saw the start of the trouble between Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hamilton. She stated that she saw Mr. Ritchie when he came in the store and handed Mr. Hamilton a bill and that she saw Mr. Hamilton go and write a check. The witness stated that when Mr. Hamilton handed the check to Mr. Ritchie the latter said that anybody that would do like you have done would be and steal. When he said that he went around behind the counter where Mr. Hamilton was and hit him. When the first shot was fired I went out.

The witness was examined by Mr. Cansler. She said that she did not hear what Mr. Ritchie said when he came in and after being questioned at length as to where the two men were standing the location of the counters, etc., the witness was turned over to Mr. Hamilton's counsel. The examination was conducted by Mr. Means. After a brief examination she was excused.

Mr. John Hopkins, a clerk at Ritchie Hardware Company, testified that when he ran into Efrid's store he saw Ritchie have Hamilton by the hand in which he was holding a pistol. Mr. Moore went out with him and he heard Mr. Ritchie say: "I am shot." Mr. Hopkins also testified that he grabbed Hamilton and while he was holding him he turned and snatched the pistol at Mr. Ritchie. Dr. Young, who treated Mr. Ritchie, was examined. Dr. Young stated that Mr. Ritchie had two wounds, one in the breast caused by a bullet and one on the hip, probably caused by a lick. He testified that the bullet would have healed but that the other one had not and that he was still treating him for it. Dr. Young testified further that Mr. Ritchie's life hung in the balance as a result of injury.

Senator Hartsell then rested for the State. Mr. M. F. Ritchie was then called. Mr. Ritchie testified that he took the bill to Mr. Hamilton on Monday evening. I said: "Mr. Hamilton here is your bill, deduct what you want to; we've had enough trouble about this matter. I was standing at corner of the counter figuring when he gave me the check."

"I said Hamilton, I have been doing business with a lot of people but this is the meanest treatment I ever received and don't you ever darken the door of the Hardware store again. He said I am as good as you or any other man. I started to him and he pulled his gun and shot me. After Moore caught me Hamilton pointed the pistol at me and snapped it." Mr. Ritchie said that he was in the hospital a month and the wound in his breast was healed but that his shoulder and other wound caused him pain and he did not dare to life anything. On cross examination Mr. Ritchie said that he saw Mr. Efrid that morning and that they had a talk about the bill and that he asked Mr. Efrid what time the store closed, he wanted to go over there and compromise the matter and tell Hamilton what he thought of him. He said that he had no idea of fighting him and that he had kept Mr. Hopkins from whipping him the Friday before when Hamilton was in the store and had done some tall cussing. Mr. Ritchie then gave the history of the buggy transaction stating that he had exchanged the buggy several times in order to make it satisfactory with Mr. Hamilton.

Mr. B. A. Moore corroborated Mr. Hopkins' testimony. Mr. Jim Barrier, who was in the hardware store on Friday and heard the conversation

corroborated Mr. Ritchie as to what was said.

Mr. Hamilton was then called to the stand. He identified the pistol and stated that he bought it at Ritchie Hardware Company. When asked what occurred on the afternoon of the difficulty Mr. Hamilton said Mr. Ritchie came into the store and said "here is the statement, take off what you want to." I said "Mump." He said, "Shut up." I said he ought to take off \$5 overcharge. When I gave it to him he said anybody that would do that way would lie and steal. I started to say something and he said: "shut up, if you don't I will kill you," and started toward me. He caught me by the coat and had me over the counter knocking me when I shot.

Mr. Hamilton then told of being injured on the face, neck and back. He stated that he brought the pistol to the store that morning, after hearing that Mr. Ritchie had said he would "fix" him. The witness was rigidly cross examined by Mr. Cansler but stuck to his original statement.

The court adjourned to meet again at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

FIRE TUESDAY NIGHT.

Shed Over Boiler Room at Sills Lumber Yard Destroyed.—Loss About \$300.

The fire alarm was sent in Tuesday night at 9:40 o'clock from the Sills Lumber Company. The blaze started in the boiler room and was discovered by Mr. Linn Dry, who was passing there on his way home from a neighbor's house. The firemen made a quick response and soon had the blaze under control. The shed over the boiler room and a number of fixtures were destroyed, the damage being estimated at \$300. The fire is thought to have started by shavings catching from furnace. But for the efficient work of the firemen it is likely that the entire plant would have been destroyed. The boiler room is just a few feet from the wood working plant and if this had caught there is little doubt but that the blaze would have extended to the lumber piles.

Electoral Vote in County Convention.

Gabarrus' vote in the various conventions is based on the vote for Governor in the last gubernatorial race. The vote in the State convention was increased from 10 to 11. The vote in the Congressional convention is 32 and in the county convention 64, divided as follows:

Township No. 1	3
Township No. 2	3
Township No. 3	2
Township No. 4	4
Township No. 5	2
Township No. 6	3
Township No. 7	1
Township No. 8	7
Township No. 9	4
Township No. 10	4
Township No. 11	4
Ward 1	12
Ward 2	8
Ward 3	2
Ward 4	5
Total	64

Capt. H. B. Parks Surprised.

A most pleasant surprise party was given Monday at his home complimentary to the 66th birthday of Capt. H. B. Parks. The genial Captain knew nothing of the matter and was quietly retiring when up walked G. T. Crowell, then Esquire Hill, Jas. F. Dayvault and others. Mr. Parks could not at first understand the matter until he was presented with several mementoes of affection by his friends. Mrs. Parks treated the company to a very excellent supper, which was highly enjoyed. The company enjoyed themselves telling of sights and scenes of other days. All departed hoping the genial Captain would live another 66 years to the pleasure of his many friends. K.

Freight Train Wrecked Tuesday.

Northbound freight train No. 71 was wrecked Tuesday afternoon about 2 o'clock at the bridge near the L. M. Morrison place. The draw-head gave way and two cars jumped the track. The train was delayed several hours. The work of clearing the track was greatly expedited by Engineer "Bob" Corzine, of the local freight yard who took his trusty engine and went to the scene. The derailed cars were empty and after the track was cleared they were set on fire and destroyed.

Train No. 7 arrived here at 3:35 and was held at the station until 6. No. 46 passed the wreck about 6 o'clock.

The White-Morrison Flowe Co. has just received a car load of mammoth yellow soja beans, select seed which they are selling at \$1.05 a bushel See ad. in both The Times and The Tribune today.

EFIRDS TO HAVE BIG STORE IN WINSTON-SALEM.

The Fourth of Their Big Department Stores to Be Established in the Twin City.

The people of this section will learn with interest that the Efrid Bros. Co. will open a new store at Winston-Salem. The company is composed of the Efrid brothers, headed by Messrs. J. B. and E. L. Efrid, mercantile geniuses, and under their guidance the firm has grown into a mammoth mercantile enterprise, operating stores in Concord, Charlotte and Gastonia. The new store will be opened as soon as the building, which is now being remodeled, is completed.

Mr. E. L. Efrid went to Winston-Salem yesterday afternoon on business connected with the opening. In conversation with him a short time before he left Mr. Efrid stated that they had not decided who would go to Winston-Salem and take charge of the business there. It is practically certain though that it will be one of the Messrs. Efrid. The following concerning the new store is from the Winston-Salem Journal:

Efrid Bros. Company, one of the largest firms of Charlotte, has leased from Judge H. R. Starbuck for a term of years the large building on the corner of Fourth and Trade streets, and will establish a giant department store in the Twin-City. It is announced that the new firm will probably open for business about September 1.

Ex-Judge Starbuck announces that the work of repairing the large building which was partially destroyed by fire some time ago, will be commenced at an early date. Contrary to a former announcement, an additional story will not be added, but the building will be left as at present—two stories in height. However, vast improvements will be made in the structure. Especially will these improvements be noticeable in the interior and in the front of the building. No expense will be spared in making the building one of the most suitable for department store purposes to be found in the two Carolinas.

The announcement that Efrid Bros. Company is coming to Winston-Salem will be read with much pleasure by those who have the Twin-City spirit of progress. It means another great enterprise, added to the long list that could now be named.

Efrid Bros. Company already operates department stores, both wholesale and retail, in Charlotte, Gastonia and Concord. All of these will be continued, it is understood—the intention of the company being to add a fourth great store to its chain.

Wilson's Press Bureau Claims North Carolina.

Washington, May 20.—Gov. Wilson's Washington press bureau issued the following tonight: "Gov. Woodrow Wilson ran ahead of all other candidates in the primaries and conventions that were held in 42 of the 96 counties in North Carolina Saturday last. A telegram from National Committeeman Daniels states that the New Jersey Governor was given instruction in 9 counties, while he divided with Chairman Underwood in three counties.

"Mr. Underwood also obtained instructions in three counties. Speaker Clark split even with Governor Wilson in Dare, the smallest county in the State.

To Celebrate Fifth Year of Mr. Watson's Pastorale.

The fifth anniversary of the pastorale of Rev. S. N. Watson, pastor of First Baptist church, will be celebrated June 2. Mr. Watson came to Concord from Heath Springs, S. C., June 2, 1907, and on that date this year he will have served five years. Appropriate exercises will be held and a most interesting programme, including special musical selections, a sermon by the pastor and an address by Mr. B. C. Ashcraft, editor of the Monroe Enquirer.

Mr. A. A. Cline will move his family next Monday to Norfolk, Va., where he will have a position with a guano company. On next Saturday, beginning at 12 o'clock, he will sell to the highest bidder for cash at his residence, corner Church and Corbin streets all his household and kitchen furniture.

Salisbury Post, 22nd: Misses Ollie and Sadie Castor, of Cabarrus county, spent this morning in the city, returning from Albemarle where they attended the commencement exercises of the A. N. and I. Institute. Miss Sadie Castor was a student of the institute the past session.

Today's Charlotte Observer: Mrs. Frank Rogers, of Galveston, Tex., arrived in the city yesterday afternoon from Concord and is the guest of Mrs. John F. Yorke in Dilworth. Dr. Rogers will join Mrs. Rogers today.

STRIKE OF HANDS ON THE GAS LINE

TWENTY-FIVE GO OUT YESTERDAY—FOUR REMAIN AT WORK.

Wanted Wages Increased from 14 to 15 Cents an Hour.—Recruits Secured and the Good Work Goes Merrily On.—Many Worthless and Idle Negroes on the Streets.—A Complaint About the Nuisance at the Lutheran Church Corner.

Flinging their picks to earth and gathering up their dinner pails twenty-five negroes went on a strike on North Union street yesterday afternoon while working for the construction force putting in the gas pipes. From what can be learned the strike was a premeditated, carefully planned move on the part of the negroes. They were receiving 14 cents an hour and demanded 15 cents. The foreman refused the demand and they walked away from their work. Four of the number remained and the work continued. Other hands were soon secured, and the work went on as usual this morning. None of the striking hands ever received over \$1.00 a day for their work before.

There is little surprise that a band of Concord negroes will strike. They had a perfect right to do so if they thought they were not receiving sufficient remuneration for their work, but to anyone familiar with the conditions here there is no doubt but that the strike was the outcome of their method of living. If a negro is allowed to stand on the street corner here and become worthless and insolent, as they do here on practically every street corner, it is no wonder that they strike. It is only reasonable that a negro is not going to work any more than is necessary to get a few morsels of bread when they are allowed to stand on the street corner and hold a high carnival all during the day and night. They not only monopolize the street corners but let something akin to even a dog fight take place and they will raise a shout and hubbub that would disgrace a mining camp.

"I went to fourteen negroes standing on the square the other day and offered them all good wages," said a foreman of a construction company yesterday, "and not one of them would work."

It is a frequent occurrence for white ladies to be forced to walk in the streets on account of the crowd that gathers on the corners. Take the Lutheran church corner and it is usually lined with them. They gather there in droves all during the day and night and it is frequently difficult for a pedestrian to pass en route to the postoffice, and it is not proper that this corner could be used as a rendezvous for negroes. On the other corner it is equally as bad. It is not at all uncommon for guests at the St. Cloud Hotel to be awakened by their loud shouts. There is a remedy. If the vagrancy law will be enforced it will be highly effective.

Confession by Darrow Likely, Ending Trial.

Special to New York World. Los Angeles, May 21.—Negotiations for Clarence S. Darrow to enter a plea of guilty and escape a penitentiary sentence on the charge of bribing a juror in the McNamara trial have been under way for several weeks. The World correspondent makes this statement on authority that is unimpeachable. The trial of the famous labor lawyer is likely on any day to be terminated as abruptly and sensationally as was that of his clients, John J. and James B. McNamara, dynamiters of the Los Angeles Times plant, who pleaded guilty last December and are now in San Quentin Prison.

Momentous consequences hang on Darrow's decision whether to continue the legal battle or surrender. The State, it is well understood by those within its secrets, is willing to grant Darrow immunity from prison sentence, but only on condition that he divulge everything he knows of the acts of himself and his clients.

Taft, Roosevelt and La Follette in New Jersey.

Trenton, N. J., May 23.—Taft and Roosevelt transferred their activities to New Jersey today and from now until Tuesday they will declare to the voters why each is the only person who should be nominated at Chicago. La Follette opened his campaign in Jersey City last night. The Taft and Roosevelt fight will be bitter, each having arranged to covery every section of the State.

MEDALS AND DIPLOMAS ARE PRESENTED

Seven Graduates of the Seminary and Five of the Collegiate Institute.—Extensive Improvements to Be Made at the Institute.—Both Schools to Open September 17.

Mt. Pleasant, May 22.—The exercises this morning consisted of awarding diplomas, presentation of medals and announcements. After prayer by Rev. J. L. Morgan, of Raleigh, the medals were presented. There are now five gold medals given at the Institute, the fifth having been endowed by Rev. J. J. Long—the medal for proficiency in Greek. This medal was won by Mr. F. L. Harkey and was presented in a lappy address by Mr. Long. In a brief address, fitting the occasion, Prof. G. F. McAllister presented the orator's medal to Mr. J. I. Yost; the debater's medal to Mr. C. B. King; the declaimer's medal to Mr. F. L. Broad, and the Ludwig Scholarship medal to Master C. Garver Jones, one of the smallest and youngest students in the Institute.

President J. H. C. Fisher presented the diplomas to the members of the graduating class of Mont Amoenia Seminary, Misses Ethel Setzler, Helen Misener, Vivian Misener, Ruth Frey, Lettie Roody, Edna Brown and Mary Joyner are the class of 1912. President Fisher's remarks on these occasions are ever timely and interesting, but never have they been more pertinent and proper than this morning.

Prof. McAllister presented the diplomas to the five young men, composing the graduating class of the Institute. They are Messrs. C. H. Crane, H. M. Faggart, H. E. Isenhour, J. L. Yost and F. L. Harkey. Prof. McAllister's parting words to the class this morning will no doubt be long remembered by them, and will be treasured up as one of the bright hours of their lives.

In behalf of Mont Amoenia Seminary, Prof. Fisher announced that the next session would begin September 17 in the new building, is possible, but if not in the new home, then in such quarters as may be provided. The architect will be here in a few days, and it is likely that the building committee will accept the plans which have been on exhibition in Cook & Foll's window this week. A few changes may take place in the faculty of the institution which will be given out at a later date.

Speaking for the Collegiate Institute, Prof. McAllister had some things to say with regard to the future. The board of trustees met yesterday, and made provision for extensive improvements to be made on the buildings and grounds during vacation. The decision to rebuild the Seminary here has put new life into the Collegiate Institute and is now expected to push forward more rapidly than it has yet been able to do. It is only a question of a short time until a new building will be erected on the campus to take the place of the one destroyed by fire a few years ago, and like the Seminary it will be far more imposing than the old one. The unsettled state of affairs existing for some time has retarded these advance steps, but the institutions are now fixed, and both are going to be gainers through fire. It is perhaps not going out of the way to state just here the opinions we have heard expressed this week on the part of both ministers and laymen that the North Carolina Lutheran Synod is more united in the work of her educational institutions today than ever before, that there is a better understanding existing among all parties, which must result in great good for the schools.

The next session of the Institute will open September 17th. No changes of special importance will take place in the faculty, with the single exception of the commandant to succeed Capt. Cripps, resigned. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. L. Morgan and the commencement of 1912 was history.

Our Atlas Offer to Be Withdrawn in a Few Days.

There are only six more days in which you can secure a Tribune Atlas. Only one heading is needed. Cut out the heading from the first page of either The Tribune or The Times, and this entitles you to an Atlas when accompanied by 53 cents expense fee. Take advantage of this offer before it is too late. See big ad. on third page.

Death of Mrs. Robert Ritchie.

Mrs. Robt. L. Ritchie died Tuesday morning at 1 o'clock at her home on Kerr street. Mrs. Ritchie was 17 years of age and is survived by her husband, her only child, an infant, was held at the home that afternoon at 4 o'clock and was conducted by Rev. G. G. Harley. The interment was made at Oakwood cemetery.

The next convention of the P. O. S. of A. will be held in Salisbury in May, 1913.

TROLLEY CAR TO BE OPERATED SATURDAY.

Track Force Will Complete Its Work on the Line Tomorrow.—More Than One Car Needed.

City Engineer Smith today received a letter from Manager R. J. Holt of the North Carolina Public Service Company stating that he was making arrangements to ship a street car here to take the place of the storage battery car.

The track force will very likely complete their work tomorrow and it is the intention of the company to have the car in operation Saturday.

One car, ladies and gentlemen. That is certainly delightful news. Concord is going to have one (catch the number, please) street car. One street car is not enough to give the people here good service and anybody can see it if they know the situation. Concord needs two cars and the citizens here will never be satisfied until two are put on.

FORTY THOUSAND DOCK WORKERS STRIKE.

General Strike Order to Be Made to Tie Up 100,000 Men.—Wide Spread Suffering Expected.

London, May 23.—Forty thousand dock workers struck today in advance of a general strike order which will call out upwards of 100,000 men and absolutely tie up all commerce, causing wide spread suffering. The strikers demand standardization of wages, shorter hours and larger crews.

Another Club Chartered.

Charter has been filed at the clerk's office for the Farmers' Club and Restaurant Company. The new club will have quarters in the Correll building on West Depot street. W. A. Joyner and J. S. Draughan are the managers. The objects of the club, as set forth in the charter, are to "conduct a social club for the use, comfort and benefit of the members; to engage in athletic sports and pastimes; to conduct an eating house and do such other things as may be desirable and necessary to carry out the purposes of the organization."

The capital stock is authorized at \$5,000 with \$250 paid in. The following are the stockholders: A. Howitz, W. A. Joyner, J. S. Draughan, W. M. Smith and J. W. Stowe.

Major Hemphill to Leave Charlotte Observer.

Charlotte, May 23.—Major J. C. Hemphill, editor of the Charlotte Observer, has resigned that position, effective June 15, to accept a position on the staff of the New York Times. It is understood that his work on the New York paper will be as a member of the traveling staff and afford a wide and diversified field for his newspaper talents. Major Hemphill came here as editor-in-chief of the Observer about seven months ago from Richmond where he held a similar position on the Times-Dispatch for about a year. Prior to that time he was for about 20 years editor of the Charleston News and Courier.

Roosevelt Opens Up in New Jersey.

Patterson, N. J., May 23.—Declaring that he is fighting not for himself or party but for the people and that the fight is more important than any since the days of Lincoln, Roosevelt today opened his New Jersey campaign here. He said, "I believe in protective tariff but wish to see the benefit get into the pay envelope of the working man as well as appear in dividends. For this reason I advocate creating a national bureau to investigate the problem of industry and see that the problem does really benefit the working man."

Texas Expects Big Grain Crop.

Fort Worth, Texas, May 23.—Dumper grain crops are predicted for the Southwest this year by the Texas grain dealers, who assembled here in large number today for the fourteenth annual meeting of their State association. The convention will be in session three days, with James C. Hunt of Wichita Falls presiding.

At Efrid's you will find many extra specials that are worth your attention. They have a line of hampocks at from 74 cents to \$3.48 that are worth 25 per cent more. Children's soft sole shoes at 25 cents, Sea Island sheeting at 5 cents, silk hose at 12 1/2 cents, ladies' white shirt waists at 48 cents, are a few of the hundreds of specials they are offering.

Missouri Dedicates Model Road.

Farmington, Mo., May 23.—Exercises were here today in dedication of the model highway recently completed between St. Louis and the Arcadia Country Club at Arcadia, Mo. The road is more than 100 miles in length and was constructed at a cost of about \$85,000, which amount was raised by popular subscription.