

AFTER HOUSE BURNERS.

Much Excitement Over Numerous Burnings Near Parkville S. C. - Narrow Escape of a Girl from Lynching.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 26.—The News and Courier's Parkville, S. C., special says: About a week ago Mr. Birt Cheatham's store house and contents were burned while Mr. Cheatham was at supper. Mr. Tom Brunson who was visiting Cheatham, saw a negro run off. It was discovered later that the wall of the building had been kerosened.

On last Wednesday night Mr. Nick Brown's dwelling was robbed and fired in the neighborhood of Plumb Branch and the parties were arrested. One of them, a negro girl, confessed, implicating several other negroes. The girl was brought here yesterday and made the statement before Trial Justice Brunson, who committed the girl to jail. Judge Brunson sent the girl back to Plumb Branch, but some of the more law abiding citizens hearing that masked white men were congregating, sent the girl in charge of Mr. Will Wells to Parkville, to keep her from being lynched. Armed men were scouring the country from the creek to the river, and the hands of thirty or forty armed men, but dodged them and lay out with his prisoner all night and soon this morning delivered her to Justice Brunson, who hurried her off to Edgefield jail.

A ripple of excitement was created in the town last night. Two young men had been out calling and they were coming back when they met a crowd of armed men who were blackened, and not suspecting their purpose, and thinking them negroes, aroused the citizens and the members of the Capers Light Infantry, who hurried to their armory for the arms force, while not disclosing his identity, told the young men that the people in Rehoboth and Plumb Branch neighborhood had been so thoroughly aroused on account of these recent burnings that they were determined to break it up by dealing summarily with those who had confessed their guilt. Fortunately for the girl the young men in charge of her evaded the would-be lynchers and started her on her way to the Edgefield jail.

TO SEND CORN TO NEBRASKA

The South to Send a Train of Corn and Meat to the Needy Nebraska Farmers.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—The suggestion sent out Monday evening by the Manufacturers' Record, that in view of the great suffering reported in Nebraska because of the short corn crop, the South, which has such an abundant corn crop this year, should send a solid train of corn and meat to Nebraska for distribution, has met with very cordial reception. Mr. W. H. Baldwin, vice president of the Southern Railway, telegraphs the Manufacturers' Record:

"I note with deep interest your plan to send corn to Western Nebraska to save the destitute people of that State. I have been privately informed that the condition existing is very bad. I am confident that all railroads in the South will arrange to collect all shipments and forward them free."

President H. H. Van of the Seaboard Air Line, authorizes the Manufacturers' Record to say that his road will be glad to receive all contributions made from any point on its line or from any connecting lines and arrange for free shipment to the West.

The Charges Against Hon. John E. Massey.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 26.—Attorney General R. Taylor Scott, arrived in the city to-night and proceeded at once to the Executive mansion, where he held a long conference with the Governor, touching the charges made by the Norfolk Pilot that Hon. John E. Massey, a member of the State board of education, had been bribed to put the books of the American Book Company upon the public school list, and that the other members of the board had been guilty of neglect of duty in permitting a corrupt contract to be renewed. The Governor when seen to-night said he had nothing further to give out at present regarding the matter.

THE STATE GUARD.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

He Recommends a Permanent Encampment.—James H. Yarboro Found Dead in His Bed—Christmas at the Soldiers' Home—A Sad Accident—A Christmas Treat for the Insane.

MESSINGER BUREAU, RALEIGH, Dec. 24.

The annual report of the railway commission appeared to-day. It is a big volume—442 pages—and is excellently prepared. Your correspondent has from time to time given you most of its salient features, including the letter of the commissioners to the Governor, the earnings of the railways, etc. The report as to steamers shows that there are eighteen plying in the waters of this State; also some canal steamers. There are twelve telegraph companies, exclusive of the Western Union and the Postal. These are the Carthage, Pittsboro, Louisville, Norfolk and Southern, United, Cleveland Springs, Carolina Postal, Oak Ridge and Stokesdale, Elizabeth City and Norfolk, Lenoir and Blowing Rock, Swenson Mills and Atlantic.

The Atlantic Coast Line railway has 752 miles, the Southern 1,063, the Seaboard Air Line 667, miscellaneous roads 1,139; total 3,581. The capital stock of the system of railways is as follows: Atlantic Coast Line \$4,559,735; Southern \$19,848,124; Seaboard Air Line \$4,814,880; miscellaneous roads \$10,228,459; total \$39,450,198. The funded debts are: Atlantic Coast Line \$9,020,378; Southern \$14,801,206; Seaboard Air Line \$8,498,060; miscellaneous \$9,181,236; total \$41,496,880. The capital stock per mile runs all the way from \$159 on the Roanoke and Tar River, to \$31,250 on the Piedmont. The funded debt varies from \$2,780 per mile on the Chester and Lenoir to \$38,014 on the Seaboard and Roanoke.

In the way of accidents 5 persons were killed and 33 injured on the Atlantic Coast Line system; 29 and 169 respectively on the Southern; 19 and 118 on the Seaboard Air Line and 6 and 8 on miscellaneous roads; making a total of 59 killed during the year. The North Carolina division of the Southern led, with 15 killed and 83 injured.

Col Thomas S. Kenan has been very sick for two or three days. To-day his condition is much improved. It is said that a strong company has bought 100,000 acres of land in Moore county and will improve it for two or three years. John C. Winder will be president of the company. Moore county is one of the healthiest regions in the world.

The next biennial sale of home bred trotting horses will be held here February 13th and 14th, and about 100 animals will be disposed of.

Your correspondent was out in the country yesterday and never saw so much grain and grass. All fresh and green and vigorous. Ground is yet being broken for sowing. Many persons are disposed to doubt whether the "elves of cotton," as most of the farmers are, will really reduce the acreage in cotton.

CONVICTS REVOLT.

A BLOODY RIOT IN THE OHIO PENITENTIARY.

One Prisoner is Killed, Another Wounded and a Guard Badly Injured—A Long Series of Insurrection Culminating in an Attack Upon a Guard for Reporting Violation of Rules.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 26.—The epidemic of assaults upon guards at the Ohio penitentiary which began about six months ago, culminated this morning in a bloody encounter, in which one prisoner was shot and instantly killed, another dangerously wounded with a pistol ball in his leg and a guard seriously injured by being beaten over the head with a bar of iron.

The shooting occurred in Reynolds's foundry, and only a few moments after the men had marched to the shops for the day's work. The convicts who participated in the affair were: Jos. O'Day, a Cuyahoga county prisoner, serving a two years' sentence for forgery; John Burk, a Lorain county prisoner, serving two years' for robbery; and John Bird, serving one year from Franklin county for shooting to wound.

The mounting room in the foundry had for some time been in a state of terror, or in other words, the prisoners have had full sway and were in the habit of doing as they pleased. The officials decided to put a stop to this, and on last Saturday Guard S. J. Temple, of Columbiana county, was placed on duty in that department. Several of the boldest prisoners in the shop began at once throwing out hints to the guard that if he wanted to retain his residence in Columbiana he had better not attempt to enforce the rules.

Edward Temple is rated as one of the bravest and most efficient guards at the penitentiary and, consequently, these little bluffs did not scare him in the least from performing his duty. He sized up the men he had to deal with, and saw at once that O'Day, the Cleveland prisoner, was the leader of the gang.

Monday morning Temple had occasion to report O'Day for violating the rules. O'Day and his pals at once threatened vengeance, and Christmas morning when the men were at breakfast, Temple was informed that a plot had been hatched to kill him, and he was advised by friends to arm himself and be prepared for the attack. Prior to this time Temple had never carried a weapon of any kind, but decided to act on the advice, and purchased a Smith and Wesson revolver of the best make.

Hardly expected that the men would carry out their threat and when he reported at the foundry for duty this morning, he had almost dismissed the subject from his mind. But the prisoners had not given the plot up by any means, but on the other hand, were more determined than ever of riding the shop of an official who dared to do his duty.

Temple marched his company in at 7:30 o'clock as usual and just as he stepped inside the building, O'Day, Burk and Bird grabbed him and proceeded to carry out their threat of "doing him up." Burk caught Temple by the throat, Bird held his hands and O'Day struck Temple on top of the head with an iron bar. Temple succeeded in getting his hand on his revolver, but the prisoners prevented him from taking it from his pocket. A desperate struggle then ensued between the prisoners and guard, each striving to secure possession of the weapon.

SEND TO STATE'S PRISON.

Ex-Police Capt. Stephenson Gets a Sentence of Three Years and Nine Months—The Lexow Investigation Near Its Close.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Ex-Police Capt. John T. Stephenson was sentenced to three years and nine months in the State's prison and to pay a fine of \$1,000 by Judge Ingraham this morning. A motion for a new trial was denied, but the matter will come up again on Monday next. Stephenson was convicted December 12th on the charge of bribery in receiving four baskets of peaches from Martin N. Edwards, a produce dealer at No. 153 Duane street, a partial consideration for allowing Edwards to violate the law by occupying the sidewalk to facilitate the transaction of his business.

Police-man Thorne was mentioned as the go-between for Stephenson, and was indicted. Subsequently Thorne made a confession in which he stated all he knew of police corruption and blackmail. At the trial of Stephenson before the board of police commissioners Thorne denied any part in the blackmailing transactions of Stephenson. In his confession, however, he said he had perjured himself before the board and declared that Stephenson had endeavored to make him re-perjure himself at the trial of Oyer and Terminer.

As the sentence was pronounced Stephenson shut his teeth hard together and leaped quickly from the bar to be led back to the Tombs. He was surrounded by his friends as he started from the court room and was shaken warmly by the hand. His brother whispered to him to keep up his courage; that there was yet hope of a better outcome. Stephenson remained silent. His eyes were cast down as he was taken to the Tombs.

The district attorney has practically dropped the cases against Capt. Creedon and Schmittberger. The two men are understood to have received assurances of a sufficiently definite character to warrant them in feeling easy as to criminal proceedings against them.

The latest development in the Lexow committee is the subpoenaing of three police inspectors and nine captains. There seems to be some doubt about the subpoenaing of the superintendent himself.

Dr. Parkhurst is very anxious to have Superintendent Byrnes handled without gloves, and objects very strongly to examining him as an expert witness on police.

Chairman Lexow gave it as his opinion to-day that the proceedings of the committee would wind up on Friday next.

A DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

To Consider the Currency Bill—The Treasury Balance—Official Notification of the Post's Action.

AND STILL ANOTHER

BANK OFFICER ARRESTED FOR STEALING.

The Transfer Clerk of the National Bank of Commerce Confesses to Robbing the Bank for Nearly Twenty Nine Years—His Stealings Amount to \$50,000—His Guilt Discovered by an Accident.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Another dishonest bank clerk fell into the hands of the police to-day. The prisoner is Edward R. Carter, 44 years old, of No. 346 Monroe street, Brooklyn, who has been employed for the past twenty-nine years as a transfer clerk in the National Bank of Commerce at No. 29 Nassau street, of which William W. Sherman is president. His stealings, according to his own calculation, aggregate \$50,000. He declines to tell how he spent the money.

President Sherman sent a messenger to police headquarters about 1 o'clock this afternoon to inform Inspector McLaughlin that there was a man in the employ of the bank who, they had ascertained, had been stealing money. The inspector sent a detective at once to the bank, where Carter was pointed out as the dishonest clerk. He accompanied the detective calmly to the police court, where he was brought before Justice Ryan and remanded until to-morrow for examination.

He was then taken to police headquarters where Inspector McLaughlin had a talk with him. He said that his pilfering began within a short time after he secured his position with the bank and continued up to the present time. His stealings, he said, were small at first, but increased, and, to use his own words, went from bad to worse. He did not tell in what manner he had got the money, nor explain in what manner or by what means he evaded detection for so many years. He became reticent so when questioned closely by the inspector and, after a short conversation, was taken down to his cell.

President W. W. Sherman, of the bank, made the following statement late to-day: "The National Bank of Commerce has discovered a defalcation by its transfer and coupon clerk, Edward R. Carter, amounting to about \$50,000. Carter has been in the bank twenty-nine years, beginning as messenger boy and being promoted from time to time until he reached his present position. Among his other duties he was required to receive and pay coupons and re-stuffing of called bonds. On comparing a balance this morning the officers discovered a discrepancy of some \$25,000 which he accounted for by claiming to have paid in error that amount of bonds before their maturity. When asked to produce the bonds he was unable to do, and admitted his guilt. It is not learned that he speculated or indulged in any vices. He claims to have used the money in his living expenses. The loss, of course, is not a serious one for the bank, which has a capital of \$5,000,000 and a surplus and undivided profits of \$3,500,000 more; but the defalcation is none the less distressing, as Carter had the confidence of all who came in contact with him, and he has a wife and two children."

President Sherman said Carter concealed the defalcation by covering in to various accounts of railroad and corporations smaller sums which, of course, were not paid, but so cleverly hidden that it was only by accident that the defalcation was discovered. If it had not been for recent defalcations which put the bank officials on their guard, it is very probable that Carter's statement of the defect that he paid coupons ahead of time would have been accepted.

The defalcation can only be ascertained by an inspection of the books for a long period, but the amount is stated in Carter's confession.

REV. JOSIAH TYLER.

Shaw University Confers Upon Him the Degree of Doctor of Divinity. RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 26.—Yesterday, at the suggestion of President Nesbitt, Shaw university bestowed the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Rev. Josiah Tyler, of St. Johnsbury, Vt. Dr. Tyler comes of a distinguished family. His father was for some years president of Dartmouth college and for many years was one of the leading Congregational clergymen of New England. He is well known throughout the United States as the author of "Forty Years Among the Zulus." He is a returned missionary of rare culture and Christian graces, advanced in years and seeks relief from the severe weather of the North in the genial climate of the South. The bestowal of the degree is especially fitting from the fact that Shaw university is a mission institution. It is also unique and interesting, inasmuch as it is bestowed by a Baptist institution upon a prominent Congregationalist.

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MESSINGER BUREAU, RALEIGH, Dec. 24.

The Sun's Cotton Review.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The Sun's cotton review says: Cotton advanced 5 to 6 points, then reacted and closed steady at a net improvement of 3 to 4 points. Sales were 87,000 bales. There was holiday in Liverpool. Spot cotton here was dull and unchanged. Middling uplands was 5 1/16c, sales were 61 bales for spinning. Norfolk and St. Louis declined 1/16c. In New Orleans futures advanced 4 to 5 points. Port receipts on Monday were 74,593 bales, against 78,311 last year; on Tuesday 49,349 bales, against 62,614 and 34,263; to-day 25,677 bales, against 47,859 and 69,563. Augusta received for two days, 8,9 bales, against 1,427 this day last week and 1,069 last year; St. Louis for two days, 1,986, against 1,777 and 2,229. Houston, for two days, 3,335, against 10,914 and 17,666. New Orleans receipts to-morrow are estimated at 16,000 to 18,000 bales, against 14,739 this day last week and 12,532 last year.

Some increase in the receipts of Louisiana and the Carolinas, together with some demand to cover, covered the advance. In the absence of Liverpool advice, it was largely a half holiday market.

To Attach Receipts at Col. Breckinridge's Lectures.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.—An afternoon paper prints the following: It is said on good authority that the attorneys for Madeline Pollard contemplate following Congressman Breckinridge on his lecturing tour throughout the country in an effort to attach the receipts in payment of Miss Pollard's verdict for breach of promise. This will be done, it is said, by filing a transcript of the judgment had in Washington in each place the colonel lectures, and basing a creditors' bill upon that. The colonel lectures in this city to-morrow night, when the opening gun will probably be fired.

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