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HICKORY, N. C., THURSDAY JUNE 20, 1907.

DR. ROWLAND AND WIFE COMMITTED TO WAKE CO. JAIL

Coroner's Jury found Strange Came to Death by Unnatural Cause. Following Finding the Accused are Incarcerated.

Were not Allowed Bail. Mrs. Rowland Wept as She Went to Cell. Case Set For July Term. Gist of Evidence.

Raleigh, N. C., June 18.—At 1 o'clock last evening the coroner's jury returned a verdict that "Taking into consideration all the evidence introduced before us, we are of the opinion that Charles B. Strange came to his death from an unnatural cause to the jury unknown. Therefore we recommend that Dr. D. S. Rowland and Mrs. Little M. Rowland be held to answer before the grand jury at the July term of the Wake superior court."

Both incarcerated. On the strength of this finding Justice Sparks issued a commitment for both Dr. Rowland and Mrs. Rowland for them to be held without bail in the county jail until the July term. Dr. Rowland was already in jail and officers were sent to arrest Mrs. Rowland, who has been on \$2,000 bail until now. She spent the night in jail.

As she passed into her cell she wept bitterly, declaring she could not spend the night there.

Counsel for the prisoners said last night that they are undecided whether or not to sue out a writ of habeas corpus. They may just let their clients await the July term and fight out the cases then.

Gist of Evidence. The gist of the evidence on which the verdict of the jury was rendered was as follows: Dr. Symms, chemist, testified that while no poison was found in the stomach of C. B. Strange, acetonitril diethyls could have been injected hypodermically, and could not be traced by analysis.

Hypodermic injections by Dr. Rowland were proven by W. E. Earp, who also swore that while aiding Dr. Rowland and with the treatment of Strange, Rowland asked who the Stranges were. Thought he knew all railroad people but these were new ones on him.

Conductor H. J. Stewart told of aiding in arrangements for the funeral. Found Dr. Rowland at the house sitting by Mrs. Rowland, holding her hand. Later in the afternoon he and others became convinced that Dr. Rowland was drunk and were preparing to put him out when he left. That night they examined the body of Strange and became doubtful of his being dead. He had been laid out 12 hours in a cold draft and his body was limp, the flesh pliable, lips blue, and nails natural. They called three physicians over the telephone. They could not come, but said that if the same conditions existed in the morning to call them again. Next morning there was no doubt of death.

Rycker Testified. Dr. W. I. Rycker, medical expert, testified that, as to the effect of poison by acetonitril on the human system, this description corresponding closely with the description of the condition of the body of Strange, as told by Conductor Stewart.

Engineer Mike Tighi told of having seen Dr. Rowland and Mrs. Strange together several times prior to the death of Strange, and having watched Mrs. Strange slip up to the office of Dr. Rowland after night.

Other witnesses testified to the same effect. Conductor W. E. Morris swore to having seen Dr. Rowland and Mrs. Strange at the Atlantic hotel, Norfolk, registered as E. L. Stevenson and wife of Penn. car No. C. and of calling Mr. Strange up in her room as Mrs. Stevenson, this being six weeks after the death of Strange, when they were married in Portsmouth by their real names.

Mr. C. A. Turner, Constable Dymun and other witnesses testified to Mrs. Strange having declared she never saw Dr. Rowland until he was called in for her husband. That she called for him to his office and called Dr. Rowland and direct, telling him that her husband was slightly sick.

The fly was out with the case about a hour.

Riper on Stand Holmes Trial

New York Broker Continued Testimony. Tells Amount of Profits Derived From Advance Information.

Washington, D. C., June 18.—L. C. Van Riper, the New York broker, continued his testimony when the trial of Edwin S. Holmes, Jr., charged with divulging cotton crop reports was resumed today.

Being questioned concerning the division of profits realized on the cotton ginners' report for December, 1904, Van Riper said there was \$143,671 to be distributed and that this sum was divided into four parts.

This division had taken place Dec. 29, 1904, in New York, where he and Peckham had gone to meet Holmes and Haas.

Haas' share of the amount was \$10,767 but he had been given \$10,800 because they could not make the change.

In response to questions the witness said Holmes had talked with him concerning his mines in Idaho. He had first spoken of them in St. Louis, but later Haas had come into his office, saying to him he had a contract for him to sign that might show as an explanation as to where he had gotten so much money.

He said Holmes had told him nothing could happen to him as he had had legal advice and knew there was no law covering the case.

He also said Holmes told him he had gone to the president when there had been leaks in the report and assured him the system was perfect, and received the president's congratulations on its excellence.

Told How it Was Done. Continuing a witness said he told him he had access to the reports of the special and state agents and that he had no difficulty in getting at the results.

Business Changes At Salisbury

Salisbury, N. C., June 18.—Two important business changes have been made in this city. Mr. W. H. Wallace, one of the largest retail grocers in the city, has sold his stock to Mr. L. R. Winecoff, who will continue the business at the same stand on South Main street. Mr. Winecoff was formerly an engineer. Mr. Wallace will continue in business here and will conduct a wholesale grocery house.

McCall & Stewart have sold their saloon on East Council street to Mr. M. H. Coble, of Greensboro. Mr. S. Y. McCall, of the old firm, came to Salisbury from Charlotte. He will likely engage in business in Richmond, Va.

Mr. H. M. Wright is preparing to move his stock of groceries from the frame building, corner Liberty and Main streets to the room just across the street. A modern business block is to be erected on the site of the store now occupied by Mr. Wright's store.

Defunct Towaway Co. in Receiver's Hands

Asheville, June 17.—On application of Attorney J. C. Martin, representing numerous creditors, Judge Fred Moore yesterday placed the defunct Towaway Hotel Company, a Georgia corporation, which formerly leased and operated the string of hotels owned by the Towaway Company, in the Sapphirine country, in the hands of a receiver. Geo. H. Wright of this city, being appointed receiver. Mr. Wright will go to Lake Towaway today to take charge of any visible assets.

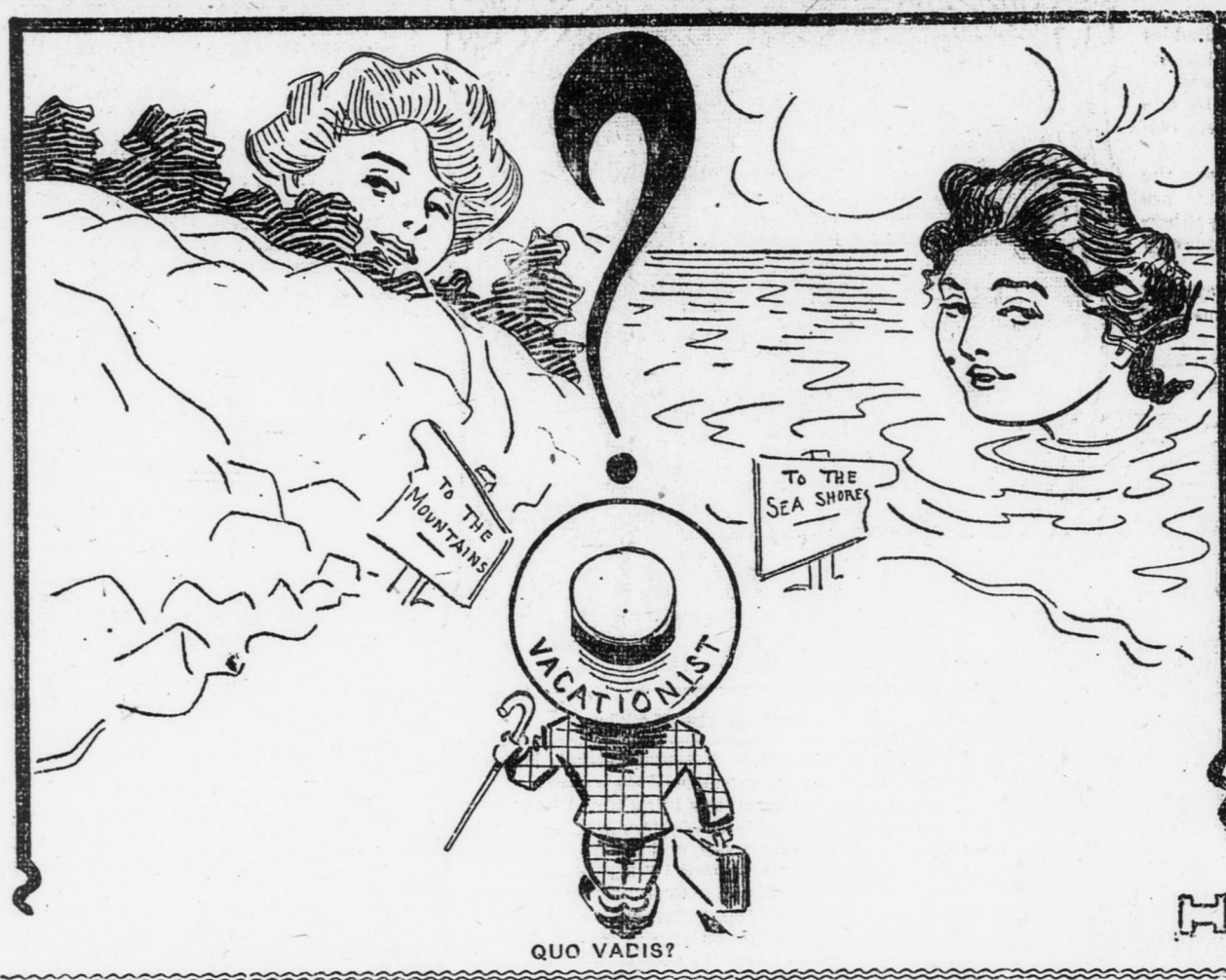
This step was taken by the creditors as a result of the failure of the parties who were on the bond of the hotel company to come to its assistance. The liabilities amount to about \$12,000 and the assets consist of stores at Lake Towaway and Sapphirine, a considerable number of cattle and a number of open accounts. These were some time ago sold to a man named Jacobs, but it was demonstrated to Judge Moore that the sale was a collusive one and that the purchaser held for the hotel company.

The receivership does not affect the hotels owned by the Towaway Company, which have been leased to, and are being operated by other parties.

Statesville Air Line R. R. Co. Met and Elected Officers

Special to The News. Statesville, N. C., June 18.—The directors of the Statesville Air Line Railroad Co. met in Statesville Saturday and elected ex-Lieutenant Governor W. D. Turner, president; Wm. Wallace, vice-president; D. M. Auley, treasurer; Capt. P. C. Carlton, secretary.

It is the purpose of the company to begin the survey of the road between Statesville to Mt. Airy immediately and it is probable that work on the road will begin in a few months.



Will Continue His Blockading King of Moonshiners

Went to Atlanta on the Same Train with Frank Jones. Prison Will Reform Him.

From The Charlotte News 18th.

Accompanying United States Deputy Marshal John A. Sims to Atlanta Ga., this morning was, besides Frank H. Jones, the "King of Moonshiners." This interesting person is Alfred Stewart, 48 years old, of the King's mountain blockading district, who was convicted at the present term of federal court and sentenced by Judge Boyd to serve 15 months in the penitentiary. But this sentence will not reform the "King" for he has openly declared that as soon as his term he will continue his evil doings. He claims to have relatives living in the vicinity of Atlanta and instead of operating at King's Mountain he will start a business of illicit distilling in the "Cracker" state where he hopes to prosper and evade the law as successfully as he has done in this state for a greater part of his life.

Stewart talks interestingly of his past life, and since his apprehension by Mr. Sims some months ago he has supplied the officers, and others who have asked him, with an abundance of information concerning himself and his mode of distilling. His capture was unique. Mr. Sims, repeating himself as an insurance agent, though he had not less than half a dozen warrants for blockaders in his coat pocket, met Stewart one evening riding a horse. He did not know him, but being seized with a premonition that this man was one of the six he was after, halted him as Mr. Stewart. Instead of stopping Stewart gauged his horse in the flanks with his feet, and when Mr. Sims commanded him to halt the second time the rider galloped off up the road. A pistol shot fired into the air brought him to the ground, but not faltering he made for the woods nearby, where he was caught a few minutes later by Mr. Sims' feet-footed driver, who was deputized to follow him.

Stewart afterwards explained that he jumped from his horse because "the horse was as much of a fool about a pistol as I was. That horse would have carried me into the woods and killed before you could have done it with that pistol."

He told Mr. Sims that at one time there were no less than 38 indictments for blockading in one form or another against him, "but I out-ran them all."

JUDGE MEET'S RULING. Interesting Decision Handed Down in Case of U. S. vs. E. S. Thayer.

Dallas, Texas, June 18.—In the case of the United States vs. E. S. Thayer, Judge Meet held that soliciting by mail campaign funds when the soliciting is done by persons not in the employ of the government and not on any building where persons soliciting are at work, is no violation of the civil service law, even though the persons solicited are employed by the government.

Announcement Engagement. Chicago, Ill., June 18.—The Tribune received advices from London today, telling of the engagement of Mrs. Potter Palmer to Aubrey Fitz Clarence, Earl of Munster.

No Fraud Attempted. Washington, D. C., June 18.—The collector of customs at San Diego, Cal., reported to the Treasury Department today that no fraud had been attempted by the officers of the cruiser Charleston, in handling goods, and the goods were released.

A Misfit Bargain Isn't Fit for Any. Columbus, O., June 18.—The supreme court today affirmed the judgment of the Franklin county circuit court in the case of the New York judge of Masons vs. Rufus N. Weaver, trustee. This judgment means that so far as the court's opinion are concerned clandestine or cernau Masons will not be recognized.

MR. JAMES KENDALL DEAD

Was One of Gastonia's Most Popular Young Men. Gastonia, N. C., June 18.—Mr. James Kendall, who was numbered among the best and most popular young men of this place, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. R. A. Hambricht, last Saturday afternoon, at 6:30 o'clock, and was buried Sunday afternoon at the Lutheran Chapel, two and a half miles east of Gastonia. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. E. L. Bala, pastor of the Main Street Methodist Church.

Mr. Kendall was thirty-two years of age, and has been living in Gastonia for about ten years, having come to this place from Stanley county. He was at one time manager of the Avon Ice Factory, and has held responsible positions as machinist at this and other places.

The sisters and brother of the deceased are the following: Mrs. R. A. Hambricht, Gastonia; Mrs. Julia Wallace, Charlotte; Mrs. Avery Cobb, Dilan, S. C.; Mrs. Hattie Blalock, Stanley county; Mrs. S. A. Newton, Gastonia; Mrs. Sallie Stotts, Monroe; and Mr. D. B. Kendall of Asheboro.

Southern Power Co. Builds Sub Station at Gastonia

Gastonia, N. C., June 18.—Work has been started on the new transformer house which the Southern Power Company is to build at their sub-station in Gastonia. The structure will be of concrete foundation, brick walls, tiling roofs and tiling floors, steel-braced throughout and modern in every way. It is to be two stories high and its dimensions are 30x35 feet.

The huge water cooled transformers have arrived and are on in number. They come from the works of the Crocker-Wheeler Company and are the patent of Jan. 15, 1907. The transformers weigh fifteen tons each and have the capacity of 44,000 volts.

The contracting on the plant is being done by Mr. Robert F. Rankin, of Mt. Holly, who is assisted by Mr. W. C. Grigg. They hope to make a turnkey job in eight weeks' time.

Five of Eleven Lost With Launch Recovered

Norfolk, Va., June 18.—The body of Midshipman Walter Carl Ulrich, of Milwaukee, one of those who went down on the ill-fated launch of the battleship Minnesota, in Hampton Roads, was found late yesterday. This makes five bodies recovered thus far.

One More Body Found. The body of Seaman Hurly Loyall Vanderne, was found in Hampton Roads this morning. This makes six bodies recovered.

Statement to Metcalf. Gen. Uhler, supervising inspector general of the steam vessels, told Secretary Metcalf the inquiry had established the fact that not a single tug with tow had left Hampton Roads for sea on the night when the Minnesota's launch disappeared.

Improve A. C. L. Station. Raleigh, N. C., June 18.—Yesterday afternoon the corporation commission approved the revised plans for remodeling and enlarging the Atlantic Coast Line passenger station at Wilmington for a union station for the Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line. The revised plans are satisfactory to the chamber of commerce and other organizations and citizens who petitioned for a union station. It is understood that the work of remodeling and enlarging will begin within a few weeks.

Interesting to Masons. Columbus, O., June 18.—The supreme court today affirmed the judgment of the Franklin county circuit court in the case of the New York judge of Masons vs. Rufus N. Weaver, trustee. This judgment means that so far as the court's opinion are concerned clandestine or cernau Masons will not be recognized.

Brilliant Scene at Ascot Heath

Opening of Four Days Race Meeting was Most Brilliant For Years Society Turns Out en Masse.

Ascot, England, June 18.—The gathering at Ascot Heath for the opening of the great four days' race meeting was the most brilliant of recent years.

Houses in the vicinity for which fabulous rents are paid for the few days use, turned hundreds of society people on to the famous heath, while thousands of others motored from London.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra, with their guests, including the Prince and Princess of Wales and Prince and Princess Andrew of Greece, drove in state from Windsor. A large number of Americans were present.

OPTION ON RICH TRACT.

Fine Power Sites and Timber Tract Embraced in Piece of Land Just Secured. Statesville, N. C., June 18.—Mr. R. V. Brawley has secured an option on what is known as the Weaver Bend property, on the French Road river, near Paint Rock, just across the line in Tennessee.

The property consists of 1,100 acres of land and includes three shoals on the river, which are considered the finest and most valuable water-powers in that part of the country. There is also a fine lot of timber on the property and it is estimated that 2,000,000 feet of lumber can be cut from the forests.

Mr. Brawley looked over the property while spending several days in that section a few weeks ago and was so very favorably impressed with the value of the power at the shoals that he began negotiations at once to secure the option on the property.

Farmers Institutes For Mecklenburg County

Raleigh, N. C., June 18.—The itinerary for a long list of farmers' institutes, under the auspices of the state department of agriculture, was published today, to be held during July and August in practically every county, except a few on the north-eastern coast.

Mecklenburg institutes will be: July 25, at Huntersville; 29 at Piedmont Industrial School; 30 at Hickory Grove; 31 at Sardis.

There will be two institutes for women at Huntersville, Piedmont Industrial School and Hickory Grove.

The Victory Manufacturing Company Cotton Mills, of Fayetteville, filed a certificate to amend its charter, increasing its capital to \$225,000.

Plans of Mob of 50 Men Were Frustrated. Lynchburg, Va., June 18.—Early today an unorganized mob of about 50 men made an unsuccessful effort to take John Robinson, who is held for attempted criminal assault last Sunday, from the city jail, but the effort was frustrated by the city sergeant, who led the mob to believe the negro had been removed from the city.

Annual Meeting Retail Merchants Association Convened in Gate City

Effort Probably not be Made to Get Bail for Rowlands. Gate City Throws Wide Her Doors to Delegates to Big Convention. Large Number Were in Attendance at Opening.

Raleigh, N. C., June 18.—In the case of Dr. David S. Rowland and wife, who are held in jail without bail, to answer the charge of poisoning Engineer C. R. Strange, in accordance with the commitment by Coroner Sparks, issued last evening on the strength of the verdict of his jury, that Strange came to his death from unnatural causes and recommending that Dr. and Mrs. Rowland be held for the grand jury of the July term of Wake superior court.

It seems that no steps will be taken at least for the present to procure bail for either of them.

In fact there seems to be some disagreement among counsel for the prisoners as to whether there should be an application for a writ of habeas corpus at all.

The more conservative members of the counsel do not favor the effort for bail lest failure to secure it should further prejudice the case for the Rowlands when the trial is finally had.

Mrs. Rowland seems to be taking her imprisonment with more fortitude than she did last night.

She wept bitterly when she went into her cell, declaring she could not endure the night in jail.

Prominent Couple Wed. Cleveland, O., June 18.—The wedding of Miss Edith McGorray to Professor Schwab, of Notre Dame, brother of Charles M. Schwab, took place today at St. John's Cathedral.

Vanderbilt Gives \$100,000. Nashville, Tenn., June 18.—At the alumni dinner at Vanderbilt University last night, Chancellor Kirkland announced a contribution of \$100,000 from William K. Vanderbilt.

Proceedings In Haywood Trial

Boise, Idaho, June 18.—When the body of William D. Haywood, was re-examined by Dr. H. H. Orchard was examined for impeachment by Attorney Richardson.

Letter Identified. J. T. Nichols, who was deputy sheriff of Canyon county and in charge of the jail at Caldwell, identified a copy which he had made of a letter received by Orchard from Pettibone. The letter was not signed.

Orchard Made Denial. Orchard denied saying to Max Mallich that he (Orchard) was going to kill Steunenberg if he had to swing for it.

It became evident that the defence proposed to bring the witness to prove that Orchard nursed a vengeful spite against Steunenberg and had repeatedly made threats against him. Richardson said they would have Mallich here.

Orchard also denied that he had said Steunenberg was mean, and had it not been for him he (Orchard) would have been a millionaire and that Steunenberg had driven him out of the State. Orchard also denied having stated a number of others, whose names were given, that he was going to kill Steunenberg. Two letters which Orchard said were in Haywood's hand writing were introduced in the evidence. One of them was to Mrs. Orchard, at Cripple Creek.

Funeral of Mr. Wm. A. Eller. Salisbury, N. C., June 18.—The funeral of Mr. William A. Eller was held from Bethel M. E. Church yesterday afternoon. Mr. Eller was one of the county's most substantial farmers and was a Confederate soldier. Rev. R. W. Tucker conducted the burial services.

Aoki May Be Recalled. Tokio, June 18.—There are strong indications that Ambassador Aoki will be recalled.

Fear No Outbreak. St. Petersburg, June 18.—The return of the guard regiments to their summer camp at Krasnoy Selo indicates that the authorities have definitely ceased to reckon on an outbreak of the disorder at the capital following coup d'Etat.

Five Men Killed by Explosion

Williamsport, Pa., June 18.—Five men were killed in an explosion of gelatine in the department of the Sinnemahoning Powder Manufacturing Company, at Sinnemahoning, Pa., today.

Only fragments of the bodies were found. As all the men in building were killed it is not possible to ascertain the cause of the explosion. Two men at work nearby were injured.

The Duke Divorced. Trenton, N. J., June 18.—The court of errors and appeals yesterday affirmed the decree of the court of chancery granting a divorce to Jas. B. Duke, the tobacco magnate, from his wife, Lillian Duke.

Gate City Throws Wide Her Doors to Delegates to Big Convention. Large Number Were in Attendance at Opening.

Greensboro, N. C., June 18.—Everything was in readiness here for the annual meeting of the State Retail Merchants' Association, which began today and lasts until Thursday night.

Officers of Association. Several of the officers of the association arrived yesterday and are quartered at the Guilford-Denbow Hotel, the official headquarters of the convention.

The officers of the association are: Attorney General, Norman H. Johnson, Raleigh; president, Clarence Sawyer, Asheville; secretary, Archibald Nichols, Asheville; treasurer, J. W. Carter, Winston-Salem; board of directors, A. M. Field, chairman, Asheville, N. C., Henderson Cole, Wilmington, N. C., J. N. Sneed, Durham, N. C.

Vice-presidents from the congressional districts: First district, Willis Owens, Edenton; second district, A. L. Purrington, Scotland Neck; third district, J. D. Davis, Fremont; fourth district, Samuel Watkins, Henderson; fifth district, J. H. Scott, Winston-Salem; sixth district, R. H. McDuffie, Fayetteville; seventh district, A. T. Morris, Thomasville; ninth district, J. N. McCausland, Charlotte; eighth district, T. B. Brown, Salisbury; tenth district, H. Taylor Rogers, Asheville.

The local entertainment committee have had inserted in the official program the following, "fair warning" so that all may understand that the Greensboro retail merchants host is not unmindful of a sense of hospitality to guests:

Cordial Invitation. "The Greensboro Merchants' Association extends a very cordial invitation to the officers of the North Carolina Retail Merchants' Association, the delegates and all visiting merchants, to accompany them on a trolley ride, visiting all points of interest in the Gate City, and to attend a barbecue and races at the fair grounds Wednesday. All merchants are requested to meet at the court square at 11:30 where cars will be waiting."

Today's Program. The session this morning was largely attended, for an opening one. The following program being carried out: Convention called to order by President Clarence Sawyer, Asheville. Prayer offered, the Rev. Henry W. Battle, D. D., Greensboro.

Address of welcome, Hon. Leon J. Brandt, mayor of Greensboro; H. C. Huntey, president Greensboro Merchants' Association. Response, C. T. Pearson, Durham. Appointing committees on credentials, etc.

Read minutes of last meeting.

Big Four Flyer Was Wrecked

Passenger Train, Known as "Twentieth Century Limited" Ran into Open Switch. Passengers Piled in Heap.

Columbus, O., June 18.—The Big Four passenger train, No. 19, known as the "Twentieth Century Limited," one of the fastest trains on the New York Central ran into an open switch in the northern part of the city, while running 50 miles an hour.

The engine and every coach was thrown on its side and passengers were piled in heaps, a number being severely injured.

The engineer escaped injury but Fireman Mahaffey was injured, probably fatally.

It is not believed any of the injured, except the fireman will die.

Shullenberger—Barger. Salisbury, N. C., June 18.—Cards are out announcing the marriage on June 26th, of Miss Fannie Shullenberger to Mr. Paul Barger, both of Steele township, Rowan county.

The ceremony will be performed at the home of the bride's father, Mr. W. S. Shullenberger. No more popular couple live in Rowan and the announcement of their forthcoming marriage was received with interest by their scores of friends.

It is seldom difficult for a man to get rich after he has acquired the art of hypnotizing his conscience.