

## Albert Young Well Advanced in Years Must Go on Roads

### Convicted Under Common Law of Assault on Woman

(Staff Correspondent of the Gazette) Wentworth, Jan. 31.—Superior Court yesterday devoted much time investigating the case of the State vs. Albert Young, charged with the crime of rape. Young, who is a married man, 50 or 60 years of age, lives in the country beyond Draper. His wife, who looks older than Young, sat beside him in court, making a sad spectacle, indeed. Nor does the sadness of this affair end with the Youngs.

The girl in this case is at least weak-minded and is what was termed an imbecile, Fanny Slayton, fleshy and unattractive daughter of a family of Slaytons living nearby the Youngs. It was this deplorable situation that Judge T. D. Bryson had before him. Mrs. Slayton, the mother, went upon the stand and told her story of the daughters' lack of mental faculties and the finding of Fanny and Young near some pines. She described what she saw and satisfied the court that a crime had been committed.

As rape is punishable by death and conviction under the indictment in this case might, if the girl was normal, call for the electric chair, the court excused the jury from the jury box. When the jury retired, Judge Bryson called the attention of attorneys to the peculiar condition confronting them. He called attention to the law and the absence of any statute in this State applicable in this case, other than the Common Law, under which he would be obliged to impose sentence, if found guilty, and he was satisfied that Young was guilty of assault on a female by a male over the age of 18, as the common law defines it.

Assuming all responsibility for what he was about to do, Judge Bryson asked the attorneys for the State and for the defendant to agree, to a sentence of two years for assault on a female by a male over 2 years of age.

Solicitor S. P. Graves very reluctantly, because of the repugnance of the case, granted the Court's request. Mr. Gilwell, attorney for the defendant, gave his consent and the Court gave Young two years on the roads without stripes.

### ROTARY CLUB TO HAVE DR. W. S. HALL HERE

The Leaksville-Spray Rotary Club held a very inspiring meeting on Tuesday when with a large group present, including several out-of-town visitors, it put on a fundamental Rotary program.

The program was in charge of Louis W. Clark, as senior member, and Samuel H. Marshall, as junior member of the committee. They have as helpers Edward E. Emerson, T. Hayes Barker and T. Litt Gardner.

Papers were read on certain phases of business ethics and modern business relationships and practices, and the whole matter was summed up very effectively by Rotarian Clark by quoting a paragraph from past International Rotary President Raymond Havens.

A new member, Rufus P. Ray, representing the classification of dry goods merchant, was received into the club.

Dr. Winfield Scott Hall, a noted lecturer, will be the guest at the club luncheon next Tuesday and will make several talks in the community under the auspices of the local club and the Central Y. M. C. A.

Miss Lucile Reid, of Salem College, is at home to spend the week-end.

## Senate Leaders From Both Parties Confer With the President

(By Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 31.—Both Democratic and Republican leaders of the Senate were consulted by President Coolidge just before debate on the Welsh oil lease annulment resolution was resumed. After ranking Senators in the Republican senate organization had paid an early call at the White House, the President summoned Welsh, Democrat, Montana, who has had a dominant part in the inquiry and, Nelson, Arkansas, Democratic floor leader and author of the resolution calling for the resignation of Secretary Denby.

### EAST PRUSSIA TO ENACT LAWS TO PROTECT AMBER INDUSTRY

(By Associated Press) Koenigsberg, Jan. 31.—New laws are being formulated that will give East Prussia complete control of the amber output within its borders. The laws, designed to protect the amber industry, will deny to tourists the privileges they have enjoyed for many years of hunting for amber along the Baltic beaches. All nearby countries bordering on the Baltic sea have laws protecting the amber industry.

### RUMANIAN HOSTAGES TO BE FREED

(By Associated Press) Bucharest, Jan. 31.—Strange as it may seem, Hungary is still holding certain Rumanian subjects as hostages of war. But they soon will be released, for the foreign minister has recently concluded an arrangement with Hungary by which these unfortunates are to be sent home at once.

### HOW TO FREE WIRES FROM ICE

(By Associated Press) Bloomsburg, Pa., Jan. 31.—A new means of ridding electric power wires of accumulations of sleet and snow has been tried out successfully by a power company operating in this section.

A scheme of charging the wires and making them hot enough to melt the ice and snow was worked out, and whenever the sleet forms on the wires a message is broadcast from the headquarters of the company to all managers of sub-stations telling them to charge the wires. Radio equipment has been installed in all the sub-stations so that the company can get all stations at once.

### LATE ITEMS RIGHT OFF THE WIRES

(By Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 31.—A move to attach the Robinson resolution calling for the resignation of Denby to the Welsh oil lease annulment measure was made by Senator Trammell, of Florida. Immediate opposition was voiced by Lodge, Republican leader, who said there was only one way by which the legislative branch could remove a cabinet officer and that was by impeachment.

(By Associated Press) New York, Jan. 31.—Readjustment of kerosene prices was announced by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. The new tank wagon prices in North and South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia, being 14 1/2 cents.

(By Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 31.—Denby "initiated" the transfer of California and Wyoming naval oil reserves to the interior department, Rear Admiral Latimer, judge advocate general of the navy told the House naval committee, the admiral said Denby had told him he had "initiated the transfer after investigating the question and consulting with various experts."

(By Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 31.—Henry Ford's offer for Muscle Shoals would be placed under a federal waterpower act with the exception that the league would run for a hundred years instead of fifty, under an agreement made to the McKenzie bill at the executive session of the House military committee.

W. Lewis, of Greensboro, has accepted a position at the carpet mills.

## Weather

Fair and mild today and Friday; gentle winds.

## Davis Speaking to Miners Is Greeted by Howls and Jeers

(By Associated Press) Indianapolis, Jan. 31.—Howls and boos greeted James Davis, secretary of labor, when he was introduced by President Lewis to the biennial convention of the United Mine Workers. Lewis had asked for a respectful hearing for a "member of the president's cabinet." While the tumult proceeded Lewis again took the floor and shouted: "The honor of your organization is at stake. You are on trial before the country. Exercise self-restraint that our organization be not publicly shamed." He requested that those unwilling to hear Davis should leave the hall. After prolonged handclapping, Davis began to speak.

### LEAKSVILLE NEW FORD CAR STOLEN IN DANVILLE

Our good friend, A. M. Bilson, foreman of the Sanitary Plumbing Company, had unusual bad luck last evening in Danville, Va. He motored to our neighboring city in a new Ford roaster and left it parked around thirty minutes on Union Street, near the Masonic Temple. When he returned, his car was gone.

Mr. Bilson bought his car from the Jones Motor Company on January 21st, and not received his State license tag.

The motor number is 8665240. The car has Goodyear All-Weather Cords all around, and Hassel Shock Absorbers.

Any information regarding the car will be appreciated.

Mrs. M. H. B. Johnston and Mrs. N. H. McCollum were in Gibsonville yesterday to see Mrs. W. G. Boone, who is sick with pneumonia.

### LITTLE MYRON

(By Wickes Wamboldt) They had known little Myron when he was 5 years old. He was a pink-cheeked, blue-eyed, curly-headed little boy and everybody loved him. But they had not seen him for years and now he was coming to make them a visit. The day before he was to arrive they received news that made it imperative that they be away from home for several days.

So they gave the cook instructions to put little Myron into the spare room and to take good care of him and to see that the hired man kept him entertained until they returned. They left a nice note for little Myron telling him how sorry they were to be away when he arrived but to have a good time and they would be back soon.

When they prepared to return, an aunt decided to come with them. They told her little Myron was at the house. She was delighted. She too had known little Myron when he was 5 years old, with his pink cheeks, blue eyes and curly hair.

Where would he sleep? Why, right in her room of course on a lounge. She wouldn't mind a bit. She always had loved little Myron.

So they wired the cook to fix little Myron up on a couch in one end of the spare room and they reached home late in the night after little Myron, worn out with a strenuous day, had retired to his couch and was dead to the world.

After they had gone to their rooms and the aunt had locked her door, she remembered little Myron. Dear little Myron with his pink cheeks, blue eyes and curly hair! She would kiss him in his sleep. So she tiptoed over to his couch and gazed down.

A moment later there was an agitated knock at the door of the niece and the nephew and when the niece responded she was pulled into the hall by the aunt who inquired excitedly if she knew that little Myron had whiskers and was six feet long. The niece was dumfounded. She could hardly believe it.

Together they sneaked in and took a look at little Myron. Then they sneaked out. Then nephew was pulled from his bed and asked if he knew these things about little Myron. He too stole in for a peep and was forced to admit as he glanced at the blonde moustache, saw his length of limb and heard him snore, that he didn't much resemble a cherub.

So they routed little Myron out, put his couch in the library, and the household settled into quietude.

The next morning they all met at breakfast, but things did not seem just right. Somehow it seemed as though little Myron had deceived them though they could not tell exactly how. The aunt tried to ease the situation by explaining volubly that none of them had realized that little Myron had grown up. And everybody laughed constrainedly. And little Myron looked as happy as though his mother was showing the minister's daughter his baby undergarment.

And little Myron went home that day and hasn't been back since and this is the first time the affair has been mentioned in seventeen years.

## Reports That Two Cabinet Members Resigned Untrue

(By Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 31.—Reports that two cabinet members had submitted their resignations several days ago and that President Coolidge had refused to accept them were disseminated widely today but at once were branded as "absolutely untrue" by Bascom Slemp, secretary to the President.

### DANE TO SELL COIN COLLECTION

(By Associated Press) London, Jan. 31.—The world famous coin collection of the Danish merchant, M. Bruuns, is to be broken up and offered for sale. The English and Irish collection which contain many coins manufactured by the Danish Vikings in England have been acquired for the Royal Coin and Medal collection.

The other sections, it is understood, will be offered for sale at public auction.

Read Your County's Daily Paper First.

## Would Apply New Income Tax Schedule on Taxes for 1923

(By Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 31.—Secretary Mellon regards as practical and feasible the plan of Republican members of the House ways and means committee to make the proposed income tax reduction effective on the 1923 payments, which taxpayers will remit to the government beginning March 15th. He believes the step would entail no difficulties on the treasury.

### BRITISH PRISONERS PUT ON HONOR

(By Associated Press) London, Jan. 31.—Prisoners are being put on their honor in various forms to a greater extent than formerly and it is found that this confidence is not abused to any extent. The plan is to form "honor parties" of prisoners who are trusted to work without continuous supervision.

Mrs. C. J. Darlington, on Patrick Street, will entertain the "Idlewild" club tomorrow afternoon, at 8 o'clock.

## Madison Man Pleads to Put Down Strife

Dear Sirs: I would like to say a few words to the public in the interest of the people of Rockingham County. I have lived in this good old county for something over eighty-five years. I have seen several efforts made to try to divide this grand old county. I have always opposed a division. I have favored a strong and progressive county, one that was able to build good roads, bridges and good school-houses. I am glad that I have lived to see very near all of this accomplished. I know our taxes are high; people are feeling the burdens of taxation; but remember that this debt was brought about before the present board of commissioners was sworn in.

I happened to be at Wentworth last July when this county held a mass-meeting and I sure was surprised to see prominent men making such inflammatory speeches to a mass of people. I thought surely we would

be going into bolshevism soon. I think these meetings are very dangerous and uncalled for among a civilized and intelligent people. And we have a call for another mass-meeting soon and there is not a living man who can tell what the result may be. I have always tried to abide by the laws that be. I hope the people will consider what they are doing. What would the bridge across Dan river be to this grand old county? Stop, take a view of Mexico and see where we are drifting. We might do something that would cost us more than all of our bridges, besides our good name, which I think is worth more than a bridge.

I have written this in hopes of bringing about a better feeling in this glorious old county. With good wishes for the county. Respectfully, A. F. NEAL, Madison, N. C.

### What Is the Remedy?

If it is a wise policy to throw our support to an out-of-State newspaper, we should do it, and do it vigorously. Whatever is worth doing, is worth doing well. Let's be for home business, or against home trading. There is no middle ground. If our stores and our newspapers are not large enough to suit you, would you destroy them entirely or would you support them until they reached your notion of a store or a newspaper?

Do you care anything for your community? Would you go out of your State because an article is priced at \$1.98 and sold at home for the regular price, \$2.00? Do you, Mr. Merchant, feel proud of the fact that four days after your advertisement appeared in an out-of-State paper, the same paper carried a double page advertisement for people "fifty miles around" to leave their home stores and buy shoes, etc., in an out-of-State city?

Will you, Mr. Merchant, co-operate with your home paper in a sane and patriotic campaign, to ascertain the extent and cause or causes why so many of our people leave our county and State to do their shopping? Are you, Mr. Merchant, going to contribute to the support of an out-of-State newspaper promoted by merchants and interests entirely hostile to your business prosperity, because they want to take away from you the business that rightfully belongs to you, right at your door?

Are you, Mr. Merchant, and Mr. Reader, willing to take a hand in remedying this undesirable situation? Then if you are, let us move in that direction. Merchants should be the first to move. Other business men should join in. Property holders should cheerfully give their support. All taxpayers should line up solid because local prosperity is their only hope for reducing tax burdens. The Gazette is ready to carry the message of the above named interests to all the homes of our community. We ask the buying public to support this movement.

Tomorrow's Topic: "What Shall We Do?"

## Hilton Sears Orphan Boy Goes on Trial to Face Murder Charge

### CHARACTER OF EARLY WEST RIDES TO HIS LAST ROUND-UP

(By Associated Press) Sheridan, Wyo., Jan. 31.—With the death at Buffalo, Wyo., recently of J. C. (Hardwinter) Davis, passed the man at whose invitation Owen Wister came to Wyoming and wrote "The Virginian." Davis rode the ranges of Wyoming and Montana with Theodore Roosevelt and later visited him in the White House. "Hardwinter" also built the Sahara irrigation project in northern Wyoming, and was the first man to prospect for oil in the now famous Salt Creek field.

### BULGARIAN WOMEN MAKE DEMANDS

(By Associated Press) Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan. 31.—The women of Bulgaria have asked parliament for general suffrage, complete equality with men before the law, and the right to practice before the courts.

The premier is in favor of their voting for school-boards and in municipal elections, but the minister of the interior is inclined to give the women all they seek.

The women are determined to take a more active part in the political life of the country.

### FIELD MICE IGNORE RULES AND RUIN FIELDS OF WHEAT

(By Associated Press) Varna, Bulgaria, Jan. 31.—Temperatures of September prevailed in this latitude up to the end of December and as a result field mice kept on foraging for food long after they normally quit and dig in for their winter's sleep. Being hungry, the little rodents have eaten up so much of the seed in the areas given over to late wheat that farmers declare the spring crop has been ruined.

### USE WASTE PAPER PROFITABLY IN CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES

(By Associated Press) Stockholm, Jan. 31.—A new building material made from waste paper and designed for ceilings and wall linings has been perfected by a Swedish engineer, and production on a large scale soon will be undertaken. The raw materials are ordinary waste paper such as accumulates in cities, clay and sulphate lye, the cheapness of which warrants an inexpensive finished product. The covering is said to be fireproof and durable; can be applied by unskilled labor, will take paper, paint or stain, and can even be polished. It is a good non-conductor, and does not respond to changes in temperature.

### VIENNA DOUBLES ITS DOGS

(By Associated Press) Vienna, Jan. 31.—A dog census of this city discloses the curious fact that Vienna today yshelters about twice as many of these animals as before the war, or 91,000 against 49,000 in 1912.

### BERLIN, DOUBTING ITS BLIND MEN, BEGINS TESTING SUSPICIOUS ONES

(By Associated Press) Berlin, Jan. 31.—Blind men have become so numerous in the streets that the public has begun to doubt their affliction and is putting them to a test. One "blind man" recently was mobbed in the west end of the city. The man was labelled with signs saying he was "entirely blind as the result of war wounds."

### UNMASKED BANDITS ROB BANK OF \$10,000

(By Associated Press) Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 30.—Two unmasked bandits held up the Farmers Bank, at Jasper, and stole \$10,000 in currency. A posse overtook and captured the men at Whitwell.

### NINE STUDENTS INJURED IN DORMITORY FIRE

(By Associated Press) Springfield, Ohio, Jan. 31.—Nine students were injured, two probably fatally, in escaping from a dormitory during a fire at Wilberforce University, near Xenia. The fire is said to have been of incendiary origin.

### Charged With the Death of Mrs. D. E. Purcell, Last Year

(Staff Correspondent of the Gazette) Wentworth, Jan. 31.—Hilton Sears went on trial yesterday for his life, charged with the murder of Mrs. D. E. Purcell, wife of a former county commissioner and well known farmer, into whose home Sears was placed by the County Welfare Officer a short time before.

Hilton is a fine looking boy of about 15 or 16 years of age. He does not look like a boy that would commit such an offence.

He is being defended by attorneys J. E. Joyce, A. D. Ivis, B. C. Trotter and Major Smith.

P. W. Glidewell is assisting Solicitor S. P. Graves, for the State.

Considerable time was consumed in selecting a jury, but as court adjourned for the night the necessary twelve had been secured.

The jury: T. W. Woods, L. W. Martin, W. B. Overby, W. J. Dix, N. A. Amos, S. H. Gammon, J. H. French, T. V. Sparkie, R. F. Joyce, Alex. Vernon, W. J. Todd and J. P. Jones.

The jury, while selected, were not impanelled last night, but were placed in charge of an officer with instruction to see to their comfort, and to spare no pains in giving them the best that could be had, for "Men who serve their State are entitled to the best," Judge Bryson declared.

The Court instructed the jury that they were not to discuss the case, nor hear it discussed, nor read newspapers that might contain reports of the case.

The case was resumed first thing this morning and after the jury was impanelled, the introduction of testimony began, and it is not improbably that it will take all day to conclude it.

### Other Cases Tried

Jess Galloway was convicted on two charges of assault. Jess is a colored man, who lives near the forks of the Guarant Springs and Reidsville roads. It was in evidence that he pulled a gun on Hugh Scott and E. C. Gibson, two white men residing in that neighborhood. The men testified that Galloway fired on them, but this he denied. The jury, however, returned a verdict of guilty. Galloway will be sentenced later.

The Washburn, Washburn and Simpson case was continued to the May term of court.

### VISITOR FINDS NO VIRTUE IN MANY STORIES BUILDINGS

London, Jan. 31.—Raymond Unwin, expert on city planning to the British health ministry, finds much to condemn in American skyscrapers. He acquired his impressions during a recent tour of the United States.

The day population of London is 614 to the acre, according to Mr. Unwin, and that of the loop area of Chicago 2,880 to the acre.

### QUEBEC READY FOR WINTER SPORTS

(By Associated Press) Quebec, Jan. 31.—International competition in ski-jumping, snow-shoeing, speed and figure skating, ice hockey, curling and the annual dog sled derby, will feature the Quebec winter carnival, which opens February 20th.

A contest for women ski jumpers in which Miss Margaret Towne of Berlin, N. H., will meet the leading women jumpers of Canada, is a new feature on the list of events.

### LISBON LIVES IN FEAR OF OUTRAGE AND VIOLENCE

Lisbon, Jan. 31.—Lisbon faces a stormy future, in the opinion of a civil governor of the municipality who has just resigned. Unless proper protective measures are taken, the city may wake up some morning "in a frightful sea of exploding dynamite."

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