

W. Pad Plyler Charges Minister With Circulating False Reports

PROSPECT MAN EXHIBITS EMOTION ON THE STAND

He Vehemently Denies Rumor That His Child Died From the Effects of a Whipping.

UNIQUE SCENE IN FLOW'S COURT

Tears trickled down the cheeks of Mr. W. P. Plyler, 64-year-old Prospect merchant, and his body shook with emotion in Esq. Flow's court Wednesday when he denied the report that his daughter had died from the effects of a whipping, that he had given her, a report that he claimed to have been circulated by Rev. Mr. Brady, pastor of the Prospect church. Rev. Mr. Brady was one of the prosecuting witnesses against him on the charge of letting his stock run at large and of using profane language in a public place.

"It's not so," he shouted vehemently. "The last whipping I gave my daughter," he continued, "was about two weeks before she became fatally ill. I'm a poor man but I love my children, and when my daughter became ill I had two local doctors and a specialist from Rock Hill with her. There wasn't a mark on her body." The child died several years ago.

Rev. Mr. Brady had also circulated the report, said Mr. Plyler, that he had been making and selling liquor. "I'll give a month's labor," he shouted from his seat on the witness stand, "to any man in Union county or in South Carolina who will stand up and say that I have ever sold him a drop of liquor."

The Prospect minister, however, had denied on cross-examination by Mr. Plyler, who conducted his own defense, that he had circulated either report, but he did admit being a member of the party that searched the well-known merchant's premises for liquor.

"I hate liquor," said Mr. Plyler, "and will do anything to drive out the traffic. No man can say I have sold any."

Answering the charge that he kept his store open on Sunday, Mr. Plyler said that he was unaware of it being a violation of the law. He had seen stores open in Monroe, Charlotte and other places for the sale of cold drinks and cigars, the chief commodities that he said he sold on Sunday.

"Why," he remarked, pointing to the jury box where several of the state witnesses sat, "those gentlemen have bought drinks, cigars and ice from me on Sundays."

His stock, he admitted, had run at large on several occasions. "I'm away from home a good deal at the time," he declared, "and it is hard for me to keep my cows and horses shut up. When they do damage the crops of my neighbors I have always made a settlement."

The first witness in the case was Rev. Mr. Brady. He told of his corn and potato patches being invaded by Mr. Plyler's stock; of his efforts to induce the defendant to take measures to prevent further depredations, and of four of his hogs eating up his roasting ear patch on Sunday. "I went to Mr. Plyler's that time," he said, "to get him to shut up his pigs but he said he couldn't do it because it was Sunday." The Prospect minister sought to show that Mr. Plyler had made life unbearable for the Methodist preachers of that community. "Rev. Mr. Johnson," he said, "who was my predecessor, was forced to leave on account of Mr. Plyler's letting his stock run at large."

"He keeps his store open on Sundays and several members of my congregation have asked me if I couldn't do something to keep their boys away from his place during Sunday school and church hours."

Mr. S. A. Lathan, lay leader for the charge, declared that he was acting in an official position. He told of raids made on the parsonage grounds by Mr. Plyler's stock. "His hogs," he said, "rooted up all of the potatoes in the preacher's patch except one and it was under a stump." He had made several protests to Mr. Plyler. "He always said he would keep his stock shut up but he apparently never did anything." Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lathan stated, liked the Prospect people but said that he wouldn't stay near Mr. Plyler. He had also given one of the schoolteachers some trouble, according to Mr. Lathan.

Carl Belk, Clyde Belk and Hartis Lathan testified as to hearing Mr. Plyler use strong language in referring to Mr. Brady. It was while a big meeting was going on in August that Clyde Belk said he heard Mr. Plyler make the following remark: "I guess I ought to go hear the d—scoundrel, but the ——— has charged me with selling liquor."

Mr. J. S. Broom, one of the trustees, said that Mr. Plyler had the reputation of annoying the preach-

ers. He also testified as to the damage done by the defendant's stock to crops on the farms of neighbors, but admitted that reparation had been made. The community, he said, had made up its mind to stop such conduct that worried the preachers. On cross-examination he acknowledged having heard Mr. Plyler say that Rev. Mr. Johnson was a fine man but that his wife "was a devilish woman."

Rev. M. A. Osborne, former pastor of the Prospect church, came all the way from Alexander county to testify in the case. He declared that he had been troubled with Mr. Plyler's stock when he lived in the community and that his store was kept open on Sundays.

Mr. Commodore Hinson told of damage done to crops by the defendant's stock and said that his reputation as to this falling was bad. He too admitted that Mr. Plyler usually settled for damage done by his stock.

After testifying in his own behalf, Mr. Plyler said that he had no malice in his heart, that he was a hard-working man, and that he was willing to try to keep his stock penned up. This brought Messrs. Slack & Parker, who represented the prosecution to their feet. They announced the willingness of their clients to adjust the matter, but warned Mr. Plyler that unless he lived up to his promises that further action would be taken. The court then continued prayer for judgment for 12 months and Mr. Plyler was required to give a \$200 bond as evidence of good faith in carrying out his agreement to keep his stock shut up.

Following Esq. Flow's decision, Mr. S. A. Lathan jumped to his feet and asked all witnesses not to prove their attendance. They agreed not to do so, and the case had a happy ending.

WAR PRICES PREDICTED

Charlotte Cotton Buyer Declares No Telling Where Price May Go.

(From the Charlotte News.) "Cotton will soon be selling higher than during war times," declared a well known Charlotte buyer this morning as he came out of an office where the tickers were telling those interested in the sensational upturn in the cotton market that the advance Tuesday morning was nearly \$7 the bale.

The opinion of this gentleman was not generally shared by other buyers, but the general sentiment was to the effect that 20-cent cotton would be a reality before Saturday night and that, unless some unlooked for development turned up, 25-cent cotton would rule within the next two weeks. In fact, many buyers expressed some doubt as to where the price of cotton might go unless more favorable developments are speedily recorded.

The situation over the belt is reported over the wires and by local cotton factors as affording a possibility for 40-cent or 50-cent cotton, provided business shows any disposition to get normal at an early date, these men say.

The severe weather of the past week has had a marked effect of deterioration on the crop, buyers declare. The weather in this section where farmers are beginning to report the premature bursting open of cotton bolls, as well as shedding to a severe degree, is for the most part duplicated throughout the South. Mecklenburg farmers say that cotton is losing every day and that unless the blistering sunshine is mingled with showers, what ten days ago appeared to be prospects for a dull crop in this county will turn out to be less than half of a normal production.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank our neighbors and friends for the many acts of kindness and sympathy shown us during the sickness and death of our father, Mr. J. C. Simpson. — The family.

HAPPENINGS IN GOOSE CREEK

Gasoline Molasses Mill of Colored Farmer Turning Out Fine Product Indian Trail Route 1.—Mrs. L. N. Presson of Monroe recently delivered an inspiring and beautiful talk on the work of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Methodist church at the Union Grove Methodist church and as a result of her efforts an auxiliary chapter is in process of organization here.

Thieves have almost picked bare the fine watermelon and cantaloupe patches of Messrs. J. E. Broom, John Haigler, Joe Hill, Bill Rowell, D. L. Furr and Reece Simpson.

Miss Ellie Redfearn of Waxhaw was a recent guest of Miss Pearl Rowell.

Mr. John Byrd has returned from a trip to Lancaster.

Four Atlanta citizens were here the other day with their friend, Mr. Bob Smith, on a short vacation.

Mr. George Rowell is home from a pleasant visit to his son, Mr. Lee Rowell, of Ellerbe.

Messrs. Swindell Sams, Lewis Furr and Alexander Williams of Charlotte were here Sunday.

Mr. James T. Hill of Charlotte was among those who attended the meeting at Union Grove.

Cotton picking and "lasses making is the order of the day. Milton Byrum, a colored tenant on Mr. O. B. Haigler's farm, has bought a gasoline power molasses making plant and is now turning out a fine product at a speed four times faster than that of horse-power.

Union Grove Methodist church has paid \$19 cash on the Methodist centenary pledge, according to the report of Mr. R. M. Courtney, of Thomasville. Miss Estelle Rowell and Mrs. C. E. Freeman have been appointed a committee to impress the subscribers the necessity of meeting their pledges.

Mrs. Cyrus Williams is very ill. Plenty of muscadine grapes are ripe in this section.

While in swimming the other day Mr. Fairley Yandle cut a bad gash in his foot on a sharp rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Bland Robinson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Furr last week.

Noah's Bad Luck.

"Everybody drowned, you say?" demanded Noah of his wife. "Too bad, too bad. And just when I've got the greatest menagerie on earth and in a position to take in a million."



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Reference to said deed of trust Book AX, page 452, Registry of Union county.

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