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## PITCHED OFFICER INTO POOL OF STILL SLOP

Deputies Kirkpatrick and Easley Have Unusual and Unpleasant Experience.

Greensboro News 26th.

Deputy Collectors S. Kirkpatrick and Price Easley returned yesterday from a raid in Rockingham county and according to Mr. Kirkpatrick his brother officer had a "nasty" if not a humorous and rather perilous experience in attempting to land a "moonshine" son of Rockingham.

The officers went out from Reidsville in the early morning, having information that two young fellows were running full blast about six miles from town. Their names were given as Rucker and King and from information in hand the officers knew that to locate them meant the destruction of a big illicit plant. By various detours and tricks known only to Uncle Sam's raiders they reached the locality and Mr. Kirkpatrick said the very air told him that they were close to a blockade plant. "It was like being close to a man who has just broke a bottle in his hip pocket," said Mr. Kirkpatrick, and then he described in detail how he and Mr. Easley worked up to a point where they could look upon the work of Messrs. Rucker and King.

At Mr. Kirkpatrick's suggestion he concealed himself in a ravine leading from the still and Easley agreed to make a detour and come upon the operators from the opposite direction, the object being to flush the two men, if they would flush, in the direction of Mr. Kirkpatrick. Mr. Easley carried out a part of his assignment, but to his surprise and the surprise of the men in the two blockaders did not flush, Easley came upon them with a loud command to surrender, thinking that they would break and run directly into the net planned by his superior officer. Instead of this one of the men, a stucky sort of fellow, took issue and by a splendid dive seized the officer by the leg, lifted him and with small effort tossed him into a pool filled with still slop. With the officer floundering helplessly in the slop the two men took their departure, going just the other way from the spot where Mr. Kirkpatrick had planned himself.

With Mr. Easley in such a predicament the first duty of Deputy Kirkpatrick was plain, and it was with great effort he managed to fish him from his unpleasant position. "He was the most God forsaken looking object I ever saw when I fished him out," declared Mr. Kirkpatrick, "and it took two hours washing and scraping with sticks to get him in shape to face his wife and family." Mr. Easley admits that he pulled his gun and shot when the blockader grabbed him, but he is equally frank in admitting that he doesn't know whether the bullet went into the air or into the ground. He only knows that it had the opposite rather than the desired effect.

Before leaving the officers chopped up the still and they expect to play a return engagement with the hope of landing their men during the coming week. The evidence against the operators is positive and Easley hopes to laugh last when Rucker and King sit before Judge Boyd and receive passports to Atlanta.

## Hour Roll of Antioch School For Month Ending Jan. 26th.

Second grade.—Rush Johnson, Ben McCreary.  
Third grade.—Raymond Allred, George Younger, Benton Seal.  
Fourth grade.—Margarie Johnson, Frank Johnson, Anna Allred, Alice Allred.  
Fifth grade.—Mary Seal, Ben McCreary.  
Sixth grade.—Foy Johnson, Caleb Allred, Tom East.  
N. S. Draughn and Mary B. East, teachers.



A Showing of How the Ladies Cross the Streets in Mount Airy When It Rains.

## Noted Speakers to be at Laymen's Convention.

The various committees appointed in connection with the Laymen's Missionary Movement convention, which is to be held here next month, are now making preparations for the meeting. This will be one of the most important religious meetings held in Winston-Salem in many years. It will be held February 12th and 13th.

Mr. J. Cameron White, general secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and Mr. W. E. Doughty, educational secretary, both of New York City, who are at the head of this great movement, are gentlemen widely known by people of all denominations. They will doubtless be greeted by large audiences in Winston-Salem on the above dates.

Not only will they be greeted by members of all denominations in Winston-Salem, but also by prominent workers from adjoining towns. The convention is inter-denominational and all churches in the city are co-operating in making the convention a great success.

Preliminary meetings will be held on Sunday, February 11th, when seven or eight prominent workers in the movement from out of town will occupy the pulpits of the leading churches of the various denominations in the city.

There will be a general mass meeting on one day of the convention; an overflow meeting will be held; and special meetings will be held in churches and in other buildings in order to enable everyone in the city to get in touch with this great movement.

The convention will be held in one of the larger churches. The Laymen's Missionary Movement, inaugurated several years ago, has reached wide proportions. Messrs. White and Doughty are splendid speakers and the people of Winston-Salem are anticipating their addresses with a marked degree of pleasure.—Winston Journal.

## Almost Lost His Life.

S. A. Sud, of Mason, Mich., will never forget his terrible exposure to a merciless storm. "It gave me a dreadful cold," he writes, "that caused severe pains in my chest, so it was hard for me to breathe. A neighbor gave me several doses of Dr. King's New Discovery which brought great relief. The doctor said I was on the verge of pneumonia, but to continue with the Discovery. I did so and two bottles completely cured me." Use only this quick, safe, reliable medicine for coughs, colds, or any throat or lung trouble. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by E. H. Monks Drug Co.

## To Save the Chestnut.

Philadelphia, Jan. 28.—Because of the spread of the chestnut tree blight, Governor Tener has called a convention of the States at Harrisburg on February 20, to consider the fungus disease which already has caused millions of dollars worth of damage. Pennsylvania chestnut tree blight commission which is fighting the scourge announces that the convention has been called in order that the other States not yet touched by the blight, but in its line of advance, may be aroused to action and be ready to meet the invasion at their border.

Pennsylvania's problem, "the commission states, "is now or soon will become the problem of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan."

## Cameron Hotel at Denton Destroyed.

Lexington, Jan. 25.—Earl Varner, of Denton, arrived in the city this morning with the story of the burning of Cameron hotel at Denton early yesterday morning. He said that the blaze started from the hotel office and is believed to have come from a live coal rolling out of the fireplace. When discovered the fire was beyond control and the building was doomed. The damage exceeds \$5,000 and is only partly covered by insurance. The hotel was owned by the firm of Jones, Shaw and Cameron and was run by a Mrs. Lewis, formerly of Ashboro. It was a good house and popular with the trade.

At the time of the fire there were perhaps a dozen guests in the hotel. Several of these had a very narrow escape from death. Mr. Ormond, a traveling salesman from Ashboro, and several others jumped from a second story window and suffered severe injuries. Mr. Ormond was very badly hurt and may die. His condition yesterday afternoon was not at all favorable. G. Dan Morgan, a prominent citizen of Denton, received a bad cut on the leg. All of the traveling men lost their sample cases and other baggage.

For a sprain you will find Chamberlain's Liniment excellent. It lets the pain, removes the soreness, and soon restores the parts to a healthy condition. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by all dealers.

## An Unusual Suit.

Asheville, Jan. 25.—An interesting and unusual case was heard today in superior court in which Mrs. R. M. Thomasson of Bushnell brought suit for damages in the sum of \$1,000 against the Hackney & Moale Company. She presented photographic negatives of her little daughter, who died soon after the negatives were made.

The complaint recites that the parents had an infant about 3 years old in the year 1906; that they recognized that the child was not likely to live and had about twelve photographic negatives made; that these were given to the Hackney & Moale Co. for development after the child had died and the company had failed to account for them, and the plaintiff believes that they were lost or destroyed. The defendant company contended that it never received the negatives. The jury awarded the plaintiff \$400.

## Elceps at Eighty-Six; Bride Only Forty.

Baltimore, Jan. 25.—The elopement of Thomas James McGill, 86 years old, to Easton, Md., where he married Miss Bertha Roberts, 40 years old, of that city, late in September, has just been learned. Mr. McGill's eight children, 24 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren were not much surprised over the marriage, as it was anticipated. George W. McGill, 44 years old, the youngest child, said this morning that he had heard from his father and that he is now enjoying married life once again at the home of his bride, on Goldsborough street, Easton.

## Six Years' Sentence For Stealing Engine.

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 24.—Six years in the reformatory is the price paid by Ralph I. Jardine, seventeen years old, for a half hour's use of a New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad locomotive which he borrowed without permission on the night of January 3. The sentence was imposed by Judge Hall in the superior court here after Jardine had pleaded guilty to stealing the locomotive.

Jardine had been drinking on the night of his escapade. He boarded a locomotive in South Worcester and operated the engine to Webster at a speed varying from thirty to eighty miles an hour. He ran the engine into a passenger train at Webster Junction, causing slight injuries to twenty persons.

## ARRESTED FOR THEFT OF \$2,000.

Robt. L. Southern Confesses to Systematic Robbery From Spach Bros.

Winston Journal.

Charged with the larceny of more than \$2,000 from Spach Brothers, wagon manufacturers, roller mills and store proprietors of Southside, and confessing that he has conducted a systematic robbery of the office safe for a period covering several months, Robert L. Southern, until yesterday a highly respected employee of the company from which thefts were made, is now in the county jail. He was arrested upon strong suspicion yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock by Sheriff George W. Flynt and Jailer J. J. Adams, and upon being questioned closely by the sheriff broke down and admitted his guilt.

At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon he was carried before Justice of the Peace J. P. Charles in Southside and given a hearing. He pleaded guilty and was sent on to jail to await the formality of a trial in the superior court.

## Breaks Down and Admits.

When confronted with the charge by the Sheriff and the jailer in the office of Spach Brothers yesterday Southern at first laughed and appeared to take the matter as a good joke. But when Sheriff Flynt remarked to him that he "had the goods" and related briefly a portion of the circumstantial evidence against him the man broke down and confessed.

## Finds Part of the Money.

Thereupon he carried the officers into his living room, which adjoins the office and is in the same building with the store room of Spach Brothers. Here he wore a pair of blue trousers, some shoes and a hat, and was wearing about \$120 in silver and greenback. In another part of the room about a gallon of pennies was found. Southern admitted that all of this money had been taken from the office safe in the last few days, with the exception of the pennies, which he had been stealing all along.

In another part of the room a small pocket account book was found by Sheriff Flynt. This book contained an itemized account, so Southern declared of all the money he had ever stolen from the company. The amounts were entered almost daily since the first week in May. At the end of the week a total was made, a line drawn and under this a new week commenced. Some days no items were entered. Southern explained this by saying that he had gone home or was not in town on these days. But immediately following these blank days larger amounts were taken, presumably to make up for lost time.

## Been Stealing 33 Weeks.

The weekly totals show that the thefts have covered a period of 33 weeks. The largest amount stolen during the single week was \$213 and the smallest \$24. When a grand total was made it was seen that according to his own set of books Southern had stolen \$2,471.

Until Wednesday of this week no one suspected Southern of being the thief although the company had been missing money from the safe for several months. And had the man stopped with the theft of \$63 which he admits he made Tuesday night of this week, without a doubt he never would have been suspected. But when he walked into the trap set for him Wednesday night and took, as he declares, \$450 he left such strong evidence of his guilt behind him that his arrest and confession followed.

## How He Managed It.

Because of the confidence reposed in him by Spach Bros. Southern was so situated that it was a comparatively easy thing for him to rob the safe whenever he chose. His sleeping room was in the same building with the store and office and immediately adjoining the store-

room. A door led from Southern's apartments to the store, but this door was barred on the side next to the store. Southern had arranged to remove the iron bar, then to open the door, enter the shop, and go through the store into the office, where the safe was. The safe was never locked, and the man took a small amount of money each night, occasionally going over the \$50 mark.

But when the \$63 Southern had taken Tuesday night was missed by the company Wednesday morning and from all appearances no one had opened the door of the office into the building in any manner, Southern was first suspected.

## A Trap Set For the Thief.

So a trap was set for the thief. Small strips of paper were pasted across the door leading from the man's room to the store and a stick was laid against the door. The door could not be opened without tearing the slips of paper and moving the stick.

When the proprietors returned to the store and office yesterday morning the papers were torn and the stick had been knocked down. Also \$450 had been taken from the safe. Southern had gone to his work in the factory. Sheriff Flynt was notified and accompanied by Jailer Adams, went to Southside and made the arrest.

## Southern Was a Good Hand.

The whole affair came as a great surprise to Spach Bros., who had reposed great confidence in Southern. The man had been working as an apparently faithful employee of the company for years. He is a man about 35 years old and does not look like a "crook." He always did his work faithfully and was a capital hand. His daily wage was \$1.50.

## Has Spent It All.

Private coffers for months, Southern has spent it all. He appears to be a spendthrift, and has been living pretty high since last May. Christmas he had a great time, and he marked up on his account book, devoting a whole page to this item alone, "Christmas \$118." This meant that he had stolen that amount the day before Christmas to have a good time on the next week. He admitted that with part of the stolen money he had bought a barrel of beer.

It is notable that for the six days of the new year, 1912, there is not an item of stolen money marked on the book. It was thought that this probably resulted from a New Year resolution on the part of Southern. But it was found later that the man was not at work during that week.

## Will Not Affect Company.

Spach Bros. do a tremendous business and the thefts will not affect their operations in the least. Indeed they had no idea that over \$400 had been taken, all told.

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