

TROOPS ARRIVE TOO LATE TO PREVENT NEGRO'S LYNCHING

Raleigh, Jan. 27.—Speeding eighteen miles across country in automobiles this afternoon under urgent orders from Governor Craig to avert a threatened lynching, Assistant Adjutant-General Gordon Smith and Captain W. F. Moody, commanding a squad of forty men of Company B, Third regiment North Carolina national guard, reached their destination just beyond Wendell across the county line in Johnson county, only to find the body of the negro they were attempting to save riddled with bullets and his head literally beaten into a pulp. A mob of infuriated citizens had taken him from Sheriff Grimes, of Johnson county, and his deputies and wreaked their vengeance on him for his confessed crime, of murdering Mrs. William Lynch on Saturday evening. The victim of the lynching was Jim Wilson, who was arrested as a suspect at Warsaw last night, later confessed the crime, and claimed that there were four or five accomplices whose names he gave.

CALL UP GOVERNOR.

It was about 11 o'clock when Moses Winston, for Sheriff Grimes, called up Governor Craig on long distance and told him a mob had entered Selma and was threatening to deal summary justice to the negro. He thought however that they were inclined to not lynch Wilson because of his attitude as state's witness against other negroes he accused. Winston told the Governor that the mob had already surrounded the town lock-up in which the negro was confined and would not even let the sheriff take the prisoner out; that they insisted that they would only consent for him to be taken to the scene of the crime, there to have a complete investigation. If this was done, Mr. Winston told the governor, he (Mr. Winston) had the word of these people that the negro should not be harmed, but that they would protect him against attack from any other source. In the midst of his conversation with the governor, Mr. Winston asked the governor to wait a minute as the mob was then breaking open the lock-up to get the negro. He returned quickly to say that they had him but were pledged to allow the sheriff to convey him to the scene of the murder for investigation.

PROMISES TROOPS.

In the light of these conditions the governor instructed Mr. Winston and Sheriff Grimes to convey the negro to the scene of the crime as proposed and spare no effort to protect the prisoner from violence, and that he would send troops from Raleigh to help them out. Within an hour troops were on the way.

The lynching took place about fifteen minutes before the troops arrived. The mob had learned of the approach of the troops, and its members made short work of shooting the negro to pieces. There was a small cotton rope about his neck but this had evidently been too weak for the purposes of lynching.—Citizen.

IMMORALITY IN WASHINGTON CITY

Washington, Jan. 26.—The so-called red light bill, already passed by the Senate and proposing to eliminate the segregated district in the

Capital, was passed by the House today without amendment or opposition.

The bill, framed by Senator Kenyon and modeled after an Iowa law, provides that the use of any property in the District of Columbia for immoral purposes may be enjoined.

"You may not do away with concubines and libertines," declared Representative Prouty, of Iowa, in urging the bill, "but you can prevent vice flaunting itself in the face of every man who walks down the streets of a city. We hope to do away with the temptations continually in the way of both men and women."

Republican Leader Mann and others joined in favor of the bill, which now goes to the President for his signature.—News and Observer.

SPEEDWELL.

As a farmer, I wish to give my endorsement to the proposition to establish a farm school in Webster. It is my understanding that if the people will raise \$2500, then the State will supplement this sum, making \$5000 to start with. I am in favor of the county using the court house and jail for this purpose. We are in better position to establish a farm life in Jackson county than any other county in the Western part of the state, from the fact that we have \$25000 worth of building to start with. We have a system of water works at Webster, also a farm worth \$5000 or more. I think the 15 townships of Jackson county should take stock in a farm life at Webster in proportion to their wealth and convenience.

Sylva as a business center with the summer camp school and law school; Cullowhee with the Normal training school for teachers, etc and Webster with a farm life school for farmer boys and girls, together with the other good schools of the county, all connected by a system of good roads, would make old Jackson the Eden of Western North Carolina. I am 50 years old and would sure like to see old Jackson come into her own in my day and generation, and place my children on the threshold of a great and glorious future.

The body of Rev. W. R. Bryson was taken through Speedwell to its last resting place in the Wike cemetery near East La Porte.

Prof. Reynolds, of the Cullowhee Normal and Industrial school spent a few hours in Speedwell Monday afternoon.

Rev. J. B. Stallcup preached here Saturday and Sunday to very good congregations.

Rev. John Green of Glenville spent Monday night in Speedwell.

The body of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Buchanan's 12 year old son was buried at Mountain Grove Sunday afternoon. Rev. J. B. Stallcup conducting the funeral. X. Y. Z.

WOMEN VOTE IN LINCOLN.

Lincoln County is the first in the state to grant votes to women. A drainage commission for the Indian Creek Drainage District is to be elected today under rules prescribed by Mr. A. Nixon, Clerk of the Superior court. Judge Nixon properly ruled that the women landowners are eligible to vote. They should vote on all matter. No person should be taxed without a voice in creating the taxing power. At least that is the doctrine on which our free republic was founded. It is sound doctrine, too.—The Lincoln Times.

STUDENTS FAVOR REMOVAL OF LAW SCHOOL TO SYLVA

Mr. C. C. Buchanan, Secretary of the Board of Trade has in his possession a petition directed to the Trustees of Wake Forest College in which every member of the Law class favors the removal of the law school from Wake Forest to Sylva, during the summer months.

The fact that those most directly interested are in favor of Sylva's proposition will no doubt have great weight with the Board of Trustees many of whom have already expressed themselves as being favorable to the removal.

The movement has the endorsement of The Greater Western North Carolina Association. The people of Western North Carolina The Board of Trade of Asheville, the leading members of the Bar Dr. A. E. Brown Superintendent of the Secondary Baptist Schools of the mountain district, and is being urged by the people of Sylva and Jackson County.

HIWASSEE VALLEY RAILWAY COMPANY

The injunction against the County Commissioners of Clay County taken out by W. T. Bumgarner and others, came on for a hearing before his Hon. Judge Frank Carter last week at Murphy on a motion by the defendants to have the restraining order dissolved.

After reading the affidavits, Judge Carter suspended the hearing to give an opportunity for the Valley-town subscription to be made.

The representatives of Valley-town Township Mess. W. P. Welker, Dr. H. N. Wells and N. H. Abernethy thereupon met, and made a subscription of \$10,000. for the present and agreed to subscribe the remainder when necessary, and when this subscription was shown to Judge Carter (The Clay subscription having already been signed up) he dissolved the injunction and told the Railway Company to get busy and build the road.

It has been objected that \$150,000. was not enough to lay the steel, but the Judge remarked that with this amount to start on, it would be no trouble to get enough more, if needed, to finish the road.

The decree of the Court in this case settles a number of other disputed points.

Nothing remains now except for the officers and directors to get busy and build the road either by contract or otherwise.

The prospects of having this done has already put new life into our people, and every where you see renewed hope and bright smiles of anticipation where formerly gloom only prevailed.

Let every body get together now and encourage the Railway Company in every way possible.—Andrews Sun.

TO TEST WIKE LAW.

(Special to the News and Observer.)

Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 23.—In order to circumvent a North Carolina statute, which prevents the shipment of liquor into the counties of Mitchell, Avery, Rutherford, Cherokee, Macon and Jackson and the towns of High Point, Morehead City, Trinity, Jamestown, Guilford College, Friendship and Chapel Hill, an effort was

made in chambers here this afternoon to secure from Judge McDowell, of the Federal District Court, a mandatory injunction requiring the Southern Express Company to receive at Bristol, Va. liquors intended for personal use in these communities.

Judge McDowell, however, held his court lacked jurisdiction and the application was denied.

LIQUOR SHIPMENT DECLINED BY EXPRESS COMPANY.

Since December first, the express company has been declining shipments because of the North Carolina statute, in connection with the Webb Federal law. It is claimed that the shipment in the case was not in violation of the Federal law and for that reason North Carolina can not prevent a shipment that is not prohibited by the Federal statute.

CASE MAY GO FROM MUNICIPAL TO SUPREME COURT UNITED STATES.

It is probable that the distributing company, the complainant in the case, will seek relief in the Bristol Corporation Court and appeal from there to the State Supreme Court and then to the Federal Supreme Court in order to have that tribunal rule on the constitutionality of the North Carolina statute.

CITY LOCALS

Mrs. J. L. Broyles, of Webster spent Thursday with Mrs. D. D. Hooper of this place.

Mrs. Eugenia Allison of Webster was in town Thursday.

Geo. M. Cole of Cashiers was in the city this week.

Frank Cole of Cashiers spent Wednesday night with his sister Mrs. A. S. Nichols of this city.

My Old Kentucky Home Friday night Feb. 6th at the auditorium.

Coleman Hall of Green's Creek who fell while working on the court house some few weeks ago was in the city this week. Mr. Hall has improved greatly but is not entirely well yet.

Mrs. Carrie McKee spent the day Thursday in Webster.

There is a large force of workmen on the Court House and the work will be completed as soon as possible.

Roy Cowan of the Hooper Drug Co. spent a part of last week with home folks at Webster.

Hayes Hooper of Glenville was in the city Thursday and called in and advanced his subscription another year.

Owing to lack of space we are unable to publish the obituary of Miss Susie Kitchen this week. It will appear next week.

"My Old Kentucky Home" at the Auditorium Friday February 6

Chester Ensley returned from Charlotte this week.

H. H. Bennett of Cullowhee was in the city this week.

Don't fail to see "My Old Kentucky Home" at the Auditorium Friday February 6th.

Willis Monteith of Cullowhee was in Bryson city this week.

Mrs. C. F. Rhinehardt and children left Tuesday for their future home in Clyde.

GIGANTIC PLAN FOR DEVELOPEMENT IN WESTERN N. C.

Asheville Citizen Jan. 27.

Developments of far-reaching importance to Western North Carolina are presaged by the reorganization, yesterday morning, of the Toxaway Power company, a corporation chartered about a year ago with an authorized capital stock of \$1,500,000. The reorganization of the company took place at the law offices of Martin, Rollins and Wright, in the Legal building.

When the Toxaway Power company was chartered, the incorporators were H. S. Mitchell and W. E. Moore, of Pittsburgh, Pa. and George H. Wright, of Asheville. At that time, the company intended doing extensive electrical development along the various rivers in Western North Carolina, but the projects hung fire for a time, and were finally apparently abandoned. NEW CAPITAL INTERESTED.

Recently the corporation was secured by New York and Southern capitalists, who decided to reorganize, in order to take full control of all the assets of the former corporation. This reorganization was effected yesterday morning, but until more details are arranged, the directors of the company refuse to make public the names of officers, proposed developments and other matters which might defeat the purposes of the new organization.

Members of the new company own or control extensive water rights and property in Western North Carolina, and they proposed to develop water power projects along the Toxaway river in Transylvania county and along the Green river and other streams on the south side of the Blue Ridge. All rights, properties, options and agreements held by the former incorporators have been transferred to the new company.

GREAT FIELD.

Western North Carolina is one of the greatest fields in the country for the development of water power. Nearly all the streams have swift current, and great volume of water, containing thousands and thousands of undeveloped horsepower. Many of these streams flow through property owned or controlled by the members of the new company which will give the organization a ready field on which to begin work.

The ideas of the Toxaway Power company do not stop at the harnessing of water power. it is intimated. With all the surplus electrical energy now going to waste down the various streams, properly harnessed and ready to be put to work, there will be an abundance of cheap power, which will tend to induce manufacturers in search of a new location, to consider Western North Carolina in a favorable light. The company will control a number of splendid manufacturing sites, and may build some large manufacturing plants to take care of the surplus power.

The new Toxaway Power company starts with ample capital to handle most and sized deal. The New York element in the company has heavy financial backing from several New York banks, while the southern men in the company, in addition to possessing much valuable property and water rights in this section, also have ample financial backing from southern banks.

Within a very short time, details will be completed, options on other property secured, and the company will make a definite announcement of its plans.