

BOOTH'S CRIME RECALLED BY AN EYE-WITNESS

Man Who Played in the Orchestra at Ford's Theatre the Night Lincoln Was Shot Tells of That Awful Tragedy

In the village of Wakefield, N. Y., there is an old man to whom the shooting of President McKinley comes home with especial force. He is William Withers, and he was once the leader of the orchestra in Ford's theatre, Washington, and while there he was an eyewitness of the shooting of President Lincoln on the night of April 14, 1865.

"I am going to see Mr. Wright," I rejoined, "get out." "The fellow moved away, and before he had time to return to the box the whistle blew and he had to make the changes for the next scene. "I talked with Wright and left him in disgust, as the best he could do was to promise that, if possible, the song would be sung after the closing act, when I knew well that no one would stay to listen to it. I had stepped down one step of the stairs on my way back to the orchestra when suddenly a pistol shot rang out. I stopped, wheeled about and saw the dark figure of a man flying through the air from the president's box to the stage. Half way his foot caught in the flag and he fell to the floor. He was up again in an instant and rushing in my direction. He held a dagger in his right hand.

DRANK WITH BOOTH.

"Before the overture Wilkes Booth and I had a drink together, and now that the president was seated, I saw him moving down the passageway leading to the box. He seemed to be intently watching the play. "What has come over Booth tonight, I wonder, that he follows the play so closely? I remarked to a member of the orchestra. "This was near the conclusion of the first act. Just as the curtain was about to be rung down, J. B. Wright, the prompter, sent word to me that it would be impossible to produce my song that night, because Miss Keene was nervous over the unexpected arrival of the president, and was fearful lest something would occur to mar the play. I was angry at this, as Miss Keene had given me a positive promise, and had said, moreover, that she would aid me as much as she could. I was naturally eager to see how the song would take as I was somewhat proud of it. I made up my mind, therefore, to go to the rear of the stage and remonstrate with Wright. "Just inside the door leading to the point I wished to reach, the box containing the governor which controlled the gas jets of the entire building was placed. Leaning over this box sat Spangler, a scene shifter, apparently watching the play. "Get out of my way," I exclaimed. "What business have you here?" he demanded.

"As he approached to my horror I recognized Wilkes Booth. His face was a terrible sight. It was drawn and white and his black eyes blazed like fire and seemed to protrude from his head. His long, black hair seemed to stand on end. "Let me pass! Let me pass!" he said. "I stood stupidly staring at him and said not a word. All at once he crouched low and sprang at me, lunging with the dagger as he came. It cut through my dress coat, waistcoat and two shirts, but did not graze the skin. He sprang again, this time high in the air and struck me from above downward. The point of the weapon buried itself in the back of my neck after passing through the coat just below the collar and I fell to the floor with my face to the rear door. Booth leaped over me, swung the door wide and dashed through, slaming it behind him. As the shaft of light from the stage pierced the gloom outside I had a momentary view of the picture framed by the darkness. I recognized the head and hand of "Peanut" John, and the heads of the two horses he was holding. I did not know at that time that Booth had broken his ankle when he fell. He moved with remarkable agility. "I was dragged to my feet by a detective whose name I no longer remember, and led to the front of the stage. There was great confusion and the stage was crowded with people who shouted for vengeance, screaming, 'Shoot him! Kill him!'"

RECOGNIZES BOOTH.

"What is it?" I asked. "THE STRICKEN PRESIDENT. "Look," replied the detective, pointing to the president's box. I did look and saw the president's head hanging over the rail. His face was very white. Mrs. Lincoln was wiping his forehead with a handkerchief, while Laura Keene stood beside her holding a pitcher of water. "Has Mr. Lincoln been shot?" I inquired. "He has," replied the detective, "and you are under arrest."

"I was taken to the police station. There I told my story and assured the authorities that it was Wilkes Booth who had escaped. I was wounded and when the dagger was found an hour later in front of the patent office I was discharged. Spangler subsequently confessed to his share in the plot. At the sound of the pistol shot he was to turn out the lights. Had it not been for me, he declared, no one could ever have identified the assassin, as he would have escaped in the darkness. "Mr. Withers has been to Europe twice under Sotherr and was leader in a San Francisco orchestra for five years. His last engagement was under Daly, as late as when "The Geisha" was produced. Since then Mr. Withers has suffered from an abscess of the ear and on that account has been compelled to retire. He looks much younger than 65.

MOVEMENT TO ESTABLISH A LODGE OF ELKS IN RALEIGH

Durham Lodge Passes on 27 Charter Members for the Capital City Lodge—District Deputy Takes Them in Hand

The movement for the organization of a lodge of Elks in this city is now well under way. A list of 27 charter members has been passed upon by the lodge of Elks at Durham and forwarded to District Deputy H. J. Gerkin at Wilmington, by whom the lodge must be instituted. The reason the charter members were passed upon by the Durham lodge is that in forming a new lodge it is necessary for the lodge nearest the town where the new lodge is to be established to pass upon each charter member proposed. This is because it is supposed that the Elks nearest the home of the applicants would be in the better position to pass upon their fitness for membership. It is impossible as yet to make public the names of the 27 gentlemen who are to constitute the Raleigh lodge owing to

the fact that the list has yet to be passed upon by two or more Elk authorities and until this gauntlet is run it is subject to change. However it is not probable that there will be any changes made as the personnel is as good as could be well gotten together in Raleigh. The lodge will probably be instituted within the next 30 days and the ceremonies attendant thereon will attract many visiting Elks and will be the occasion for an elaborate social program including a sumptuous banquet with its mystic 11 o'clock toast to "the absent brother." The movement for the organization has been worked up by several young men of the city who are members of lodges elsewhere, among them being Mr. T. J. Pence, Mr. R. C. Rivers, Mr. Alex. Andrews, Jr., Mr. John H. Andrews and Mr. R. L. Stevens.

PUT IT ON THE TURKS

Macedonia Committee Enters Indignant Denial

Vienna, Oct. 8.—A telegram addressed to General Zontschef, president of the Macedonia committee, has drawn forth an emphatic denial that the committee was in any way connected with the abduction of Miss Stone. General Zontschef declares that it is self-evident that the committee, which wishes to secure the support of the civilized world for the Macedonian cause, would not do anything so foolish. Turks did the deed, he added, and Turkey alone is responsible. The Bulgarian foreign minister is quoted here as indignantly denying the suggestion that Bulgaria is not doing her utmost to rescue Miss Stone. He says that three thousand troops are searching for her.

Another Combine Formed

Glasgow, Oct. 8.—Another combination to combat the invasion of Great Britain by the American Tobacco Com-

pany is under discussion. The scheme as unfolded at a meeting here convened by the Tobacco Dealers Alliance, includes the undertaking by a big firm of price cutting retailers to manufacture for other retailers and to raise their own retail prices to the alliance's minimum schedule. It is expected that from three thousand to four thousand retailers will join the movement.

TELEGRAPH TERSITIES

Brussels, Oct. 8.—The public prosecutor has applied to the chamber for leave to prosecute Deputy Smoots for a socialistic speech which he made to the colliers of Seraing, which is regarded as subversive of good order.

Glasgow, Oct. 8.—Five thousand Scotchmen will apply to the trustees of the Carnegie fund for the benefits of free education at the universities during the first year.

Paris, Oct. 8.—A dispatch from St. Nazaire says the French bark Duplex, OLD HENRY WHISKEY is so popular, because so good. Take no substitute.

Captain Haruga, which sailed from San Francisco May 1 for Queenstown, reports that she was in collision off Cape Horn with a four-masted schooner. The schooner was sunk and her crew drowned.

Berlin, Oct. 8.—Emperor William has conferred the German Chinese war medal on all the rulers whose troops participated in the operations in China. Among the number is President Loubet of France.

Colon, Colombia, Oct. 8.—Senor Martinez, the Chilean minister and delegate to the Pan-American Congress, leaves today by the steamer Texan for Mexico.

Hong Kong, Oct. 8.—Chinese troops have defeated the rebels in the Kai-Ying-Chow district. Twenty of the rebels who were captured were beheaded. Three missing German missionaries were found by the troops.

San Francisco, Oct. 8.—The mansion of the late Collis P. Huntington, at California and Taylor streets, will never be used again as a residence, according to an announcement made by the widow of the railroad magnate. Mrs. Huntington intends to give the splendid structure with its fine grounds to some charity, probably a hospital.

AMENDMENT WAS LOST

Dramatic Surprise in the Episcopal Convention

San Francisco, Oct. 8.—The main feature of the Episcopal Convention today was the dramatic surprise which awaited the members when they discovered that, owing to the faulty acoustics of Trinity Church or some other cause yesterday the vote on the Huntington amendment was recorded improperly and that the amendment, for which Dr. Huntington, of Grace church, New York, has been working for years, was killed by a single vote instead of triumphantly adopted. The error was brought to the attention of the House by Rev. Dr. Williams, of Omaha. After some discussion Dr. Huntington came in and when he learned the facts he at once called for a correction of the roll, although it proved fatal to his measure.

Later an effort was made to reconsider the vote on the amendment, but it was defeated again, more decisively than before. Dr. Huntington, therefore, must begin all over again and submit the proposed amendment anew to the convention, which can not act finally for three years. The killing of this amendment was deplored by many delegates, especially among the laymen, as it had for its object the broadening of the scope of the church's work.

Funeral of Mr. J. S. Bryan

The funeral of the late John S. Bryan, whose remains were brought here from Salisbury for interment, was conducted from Trinity Church yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. There was a large gathering of relatives and friends and the service was conducted by Rev. John Huske. There were many floral tributes. The interment was in the family plot in the city cemetery. The following gentlemen served as pallbearers: C. W. J. Saunders, Mr. N. V. West, Dr. P. J. Haywood, Mr. Charles McKimmon, Mr. Armistead Jones, Mr. P. H. Andrews, Mr. Ed Chambers Smith, Mr. E. C. Crow.

For Rural Graded Schools

It was learned last night that Wilson's Mill school district, in Johnston county, held an election yesterday and voted to levy a special tax for the purpose of establishing graded schools. This is a long stride in the right direction and it is hoped that other Mill is setting an example which other districts throughout the State may well emulate.

Republicans Carry Indianapolis

Indianapolis, Oct. 8.—The election for mayor, clerk, police judge and members of the city council resulted today in a substantial victory for the Republicans, their entire ticket being elected by about 1,200 majority. It was the first time the party has carried the election for six years.

A frightful Blunder

Will often cause a horrible burn, Scald, Cut or Bruise, Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world, will kill the pain and promptly heal it. Cures Old Sores, Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Felons, Corns, all Skin Eruptions. Best of the cure for the earth. Only 25c a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by all druggists.

The World's Richest Town

(From the Boston Herald.) Brookline, the richest town in the world, is more than \$5,000,000 this year than last, according to the computation of the town's wealth, which was given out yesterday by the assessors. The rate of taxation is lower. There is a gain in the valuation of personal estate of more than \$3,000,000, and more than \$2,000,000 in realty. There are more inhabitants and a gain in the number of assessed polls.

The total valuations this year is \$82,180,700, against \$77,952,900 last year. The personal estate is valued at \$23,87,000, against \$23,499,000 in 1900. This very large gain is attributed to the fact that Brookline has such exceptional attractions for residential purposes that a natural gain is bound to be found in each year over the figures of the preceding year, and that many new residents have established themselves in Brookline. The past year has, according to the assessors, been one in which Brookline has been particularly favored in this respect.

The real estate is valued at \$56,309,000, as against \$54,435,100, the figures last year. The gain in realties is largely on land values, chiefly because of the many recent improvements and the extension of railway facilities. Buildings in the town are valued at \$23,203,600, against \$22,441,500 last year, and the land valuation is put at \$33,106,100, last year's figures being \$32,011,000.

The number of polls is 5,773, against 5,630 assessed last year. The town's direct income from sources outside of direct taxation is \$325,000. The state tax this year is estimated to be about \$47,617.50; county tax, \$58,129.39; metropolitan sewer tax, 428,786.63; parks, maximum amount, \$35,000.

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MILLINERY OPENING

Boylan, Pearce & Co.'s Store Crowded With Shoppers

Exquisite Display of Pattern Hats and Millinery Materials—Some of the Noticeable Hats—Opening Continues Today

The mammoth store of Messrs. Boylan, Pearce & Co., on Fayetteville street was crowded with ladies all day yesterday. They flocked there from all parts of the city and from the country around about to see the newest and prettiest things in millinery—for it was Fall opening day in this department of the great store, and as an evidence of the success scored by this enterprising firm the ladies, one and all, accorded the highest praise to the display.

A large section of floor space in the rear of the store is devoted to the millinery and for several days past Miss Louise Edwards, the accomplished head milliner from New York, and the Misses Bessons of this city, favorably known as popular and tasteful milliners, assisted by a number of competent young ladies, have been hard at work opening up and displaying the stock. They were successful to an eminent degree. Indeed, the display was a work of art. There is a profusion of millinery materials and many exceptionally handsome pattern hats, of the newest and richest designs. These are arrayed on tables which are prettily trimmed and adorned with growing plants, palms, ferns, etc., the whole blending in a scene especially pleasing to behold, the color scheme of the decorations being red and green.

It would be an endless task to describe even half the exquisite creations in hats which constitute this display. But reference must be made to some of them. There is a swell hat in black and white with black sheared velvet trimming and ostrich plumes. Another hat is of a pretty green pattern. It is of fur and fringe on dark green with felt of a lighter green. It is one of Madam Poyanne's most artistic designs.

One of the most unique designs of all is a black Florodora that which there seems to be no more popular and fashionable this season. Among the children's hats there is an exquisite violet of dark and light shades of green with pink and green steel ornaments.

All these and many others too numerous to mention must be seen to be appreciated and the Post is glad to announce that the opening will continue today and everybody is cordially invited to call and the young ladies in attendance will gladly show them over the display.

POSTSCRIPTS

Mr. L. W. Boney, of Wallace, was here yesterday.

Mr. John Broughton, of McCuller, was in the city yesterday.

Miss Rosa Simmerman of Greensboro, is registered at the Yarbrough.

Any one wanting programs of the shoot at the Twentieth Century Fair can get them by applying in person or by postal to Mr. J. F. Ferrall.

Master Robert Leach, the thirteen-year-old son of Mr. J. M. Leach, was painfully hurt yesterday on north Blount street by being run over by a dray loaded with sand.

Four Surprised Sisters

(From the Cincinnati Enquirer.) Four sisters, ranging in age from 60 to 74 years, and living respectively in Massachusetts, Florida, Kentucky and Ohio, met the past week under unusual circumstances. Simultaneously from their far apart homes three of the sisters arrived to visit the fourth in Dayton, O. Neither of them knew that the others were coming. Each lady had made up her mind so suddenly for the visit that there had been no time for mail communication by any member of the families. There was no birthday occasion, no illness, no known cause whatever that might explain how the three ladies at the same time conceived the idea of visiting their Ohio sister.

Having decided very hastily on coming, each lady started at once, and had

in view the extra pleasure of giving the sister in Dayton a pleasant surprise. There was an unexpected general surprise. Just as the Kentucky lady walked into her relative's home the Massachusetts sister arrived. Astonishment was at a great height. War greetings were not yet over, bonnets had not yet been removed, when in walked the sister from Florida.

The four sisters are Mrs. Elizabeth B. Bradford, of Pensacola, Fla.; Mrs. Dr. Annie B. Campbell, of Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Jennie Butterfield Smith, of Cynthiana, Ky., and the oldest, Mrs. Willey, aged 74 years, of Dayton, O. The four sisters had not met since they were called together 10 years ago at the death bed of their father. The quartet were daughters of the late Hon. S. A. Butterfield, Sr., who was a prominent figure in the Miami Valley's early Democratic politics.

From Mr. Aydlett

(Fisherman and Farmer.) We take the liberty to present the following letter to the public: Elizabeth City, Sept. 28. Editor Fisherman and Farmer: Dear Sir: I was surprised to see in the last issue of your paper your mention of my name for the Supreme Court. While a number of my friends have been to see me, urging me to become a candidate for the position, I told them all that I was not a candidate. I had no idea it would be mentioned in any of the papers.

I wish, however, to express to you my appreciation of your kind expressions regarding me. I appreciate the expressions of my friends and their confidence in me, and if at any time I am intrusted with any position I hope to fill it in such a way as not to disappoint them. Yours very truly, E. F. AYDLETT.

Mr. Aydlett has not sought the office, but his friends recognizing his great ability and high character—qualities which eminently fit him for the high position of an associate justice of the Supreme Court—present his name as

their candidate before the State convention. Throughout this whole section Mr. Aydlett stands at the head of the legal profession, although a young man, and no man in the State would carry to the office more ability or character than this representative eastern man from a portion of the State which should gain recognition through its favorite son.

Mr. A. M. Rucker, of Greensboro, was here yesterday.

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