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MERIMAN YOUNG SHOT TO DEATH IN THE HURRICANE

Justice Glaude Allen Records the Statement of the Dying Man, Who Charges Ben Teasley With the Crime.

A crowd of negroes last Monday night assembled at the home of Ody Jenkins, one mile below Wilton, about the same distance from Brassfield church, and proceeded to make things lively. All of the gentlemen present had guns or wore side arms, and there was just enough moonshine liquor in the crowd to insure the death of one negro, and that man was Meriman Young.

Sheriff Dee Hunt, put Deputy A. E. Lyon, of Brassfield, on the job, and in less than a day he had the gang rounded up. On the death of Young Tuesday evening, the deputy arrested Ben Teasley and Will Hurt charged with the murder of one Meriman Young.

Coroner's Investigation.
Dr. Nelson Thomas, coroner of Granville county, conducted an investigation in the Court House Wednesday afternoon. The six men occupying the jury box were: Messrs. E. M. Bragg, C. M. Lawrence, John Whitfield, Joe Gooch, J. M. Turner, and Ben Thorpe.

Large Number of Witnesses.
There were more than a dozen witnesses summoned and Dr. Thomas took the precaution to send them to a back room and call them as needed.

All of the witnesses testified that they gathered at Ody Jenkins' for the purpose of picking cotton and having a little dance. Those who had guns stated that they took them along so that they could hunt on their way back home.

Beginning of the Row.
From the testimony of several witnesses it would seem that they took up a collection to defray the expense of the dance. Two or three witnesses testified that Meriman Young accused Ben Teasley of dropping only one cent in the contribution box; Ben called Young a liar. At this juncture, Will Hurt, a small black negro was accused of firing a pistol in the direction of the fireplace. Pandemonium ensued and the crowd scattered. One girl, the belle of the evening stood her ground, and she testified that she saw Ben Teasley squat down and fire a double barreled shot gun, the contents of which entered the left side of Meriman Young.

Dying Man's Statement.
Justice Allen reached the bedside of the dying man in time to secure the following statement:

"I, Meriman Young, do make this my dying statement and I swear to the same, that I and Ben Teasley had some words over a one cent piece put in a guitar and that the lie was passed between us and that Ben Teasley shot me with a short gun. He was only a few steps from me when he shot."

The above was signed by Meriman Young and was subscribed and sworn to before Justice Allen on Tuesday, a few hours before Young died in full possession of his faculties.

Teasley and Hurt In Jail.
Dr. Thomas is a shrewd investigator, and he had a sharp crowd of negroes to deal with. He is in possession of an empty shell that was supposed to have contained the powder and shot that killed Meriman Young. He asked each and every witness what became of the gun that was in the hands of Ben Teasley. All of them testified that they saw him with a gun, but no one seemed to know what became of it.

The Verdict.
The coroner's jury recommended that Ben Teasley and Will Hurt be held for the February term of court. They were turned over to Deputy Conrad Walters for safekeeping.

PROF. M. H. STACY DEAD

One of State's Gifted Scholars and Teachers.

Prof. Marvin Hendrix Stacy, dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the University of North Carolina for the past five years and chairman of the University faculty, with full powers and duties of president since the death of the late President Edward K. Graham last October, died at his home in Chapel Hill Tuesday from influenza and complications.

Keep History Straight.
In the announcement of the high averages at the Farmers' warehouse published in the last issue of the paper, the name of Comer Burchett should have been Cannady & Burchett, who received \$1,117.39, and A. L. Clayton, one load \$1,625.00.

FAREWELL TO THE GRANVILLE COUNTY FAIR

Holder of Bonds Authorized to Sell Grounds and Buildings.

In pursuant to a call, a number of stockholders of the Granville county fair association met in Prof. J. F. Webb's office Wednesday. Mr. B. F. Taylor was called to the chair and stated the object of the meeting.

It was stated that there is an indebtedness of \$2,200. There are three thousand shares at \$1.00 each, which is put down as the original cost. The proceeds of the fair to the amount of \$2,000 has been spent upon improvements of grounds and buildings.

There was only about one-half of the shares represented at this meeting, and the proposition to sell the grounds and buildings and wipe out the indebtedness was unanimous. The bond-holders were empowered to advertise the property and sell to the highest bidder.

Commissioner Wyatt Cannady was present at the meeting and stated that the county would bid upon the property when it was exposed for sale.

It was estimated that the total cost of the fair to date is \$5,200. The stockholders have a claim of \$3,000 and there is an indebtedness of \$2,200. It is thought that the property will sell for more than the cost and the indebtedness.

THE INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC IS STEADILY FADING OUT

The Quarantine Is a Deterrent, (But Not a Cure, (Charlotte Observer.)

The current report by the State board of health brings the encouraging news that the influenza is steadily but surely on the decrease in North Carolina, this in spite of the recurrence of the disease in certain sections. One must come to the conclusion, from an investigation of the facts submitted by the board, that while outbreaks continue in different localities, the disease is wearing itself out in the State and that some communities have perhaps seen the last of it in any sort of a serious way. The board finds that during the month of November there were many deaths fewer in the State than were of record in October, which appears to have been a particularly deadly month, scoring 6,056 fatalities among the North Carolina population. The exact nature of the decrease is indicated in the record of 2,133 deaths in November, against the more than 6,000 in October. The board accounts for the improved and improving condition largely on the fact that the people are educating themselves to the ways and means through which the disease is spread and have been exercising personal precautions.

FIFTH VICTORY LOAN TO BE THE LAST ONE

To Be Floated Probably Last Three Weeks in April; Amount Not Over Six Billions.

(Washington Special.)
Only one more big war loan is planned by the treasury department. This will be the Victory loan to be floated probably the last three weeks in April. The amount will not be more than \$6,000,000,000 and may be \$5,000,000,000.

"I expect the Victory Liberty loan to be the last intensive campaign for the sale of government bonds," said Mr. Glass. "Reports that there would be two more bond issues this year aggregating \$12,000,000,000, are entirely without foundation not only as to amount, but also as regards the number of campaigns."

KRUPP PLANT WORKING FOR U. S. GOVERNMENT

Making Parts For 72 Incomplete Cannon Rejected By Americans.

Coblentz, Jan. 23.—The Krupp plant at Essen began working for the United States government Tuesday. The task undertaken by the Krupp consists of making parts, for seventy-two incomplete cannon, rejected by the Americans as part of the war material offered by the Germans under the terms of the armistice.

GERMAN MINE SWEEPERS WANT HIGHER WAGES

Will Not Work For Less Than \$23 Per Day.

The crews of the German mine sweepers, according to the Cologne Volkszeitung, are refusing to serve unless they receive increased pay and a new schedule calling for sums as high as 100 marks (nominally \$23) daily, exclusive of the insurance guarantee. The increase would amount to \$92,000,000.

LITTLETON COLLEGE IS SWEEPED BY FIRE

Every Wooden Building Burned and Walls of Brick Buildings Left Standing.

(Special to The Public Ledger)

Only the brick walls of two or three buildings are left standing at Littleton College which was swept by fire Wednesday morning between 2 and 3 o'clock, and the lives of between two and three hundred young ladies were saved only by heroic work, many of them having narrow escapes.

The fire was of unknown origin, and is believed to have caught in the dining room as the blaze burst out from that building first. Being so early in the morning when probably all those who were in the building were asleep, the blaze was not discovered until it had made such alarming headway that there was no time to save anything, and every effort was directed to rescuing the lives of the young women who were sleeping in the burning buildings, and this even was first believed to be hopeless.

Many of them escaped from their windows with none of their belongings except the sheer clothing which they had on.

The roll was called twice to see if every pupil had been gotten out of the burning buildings before any attention could be given to fighting the fire.

It is understood that the insurance was a little less than ten thousand dollars, and probably a thousand dollars was carried on the furniture, the loss is by no means covered.

The loss is estimated at something like \$150,000 and Rev. J. M. Rhodes, president of the college, is the principal owner. Two of the buildings were just completed, and the entire college property was the reward of some thirty-five or more years' work.

SENATE DEBATES SUFFRAGE

Question Is "Will Women Vote at Primaries?"

The bill to give the women of the state the right to vote in the legalized primaries of the state under the state-wide primary law, as agreed upon by the conference of North Carolina suffragist leaders in conference two weeks ago, went to the senate Tuesday, being introduced by Senator Scales of Guilford. It provides for an amendment to chapter 101, laws of 1915, to confer this voting privilege in selecting party nominees on the women. The suffragists agreed at the recent conference that this was all that would be asked of this legislature.

HENRY A. GRADY IS GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF STATE

Is a Prominent Lawyer in the Eastern Part of the State.

Hon. Henry A. Grady, of Clinton, was elected Grand Master of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons at the closing session of the 132nd Communication in Raleigh this week.

The new Grand Master, who succeeds Past Grand Master George S. Norfleet, is a prominent lawyer in the eastern part of the State and has long been active in Masonic circles, having held every elective office in the Grand Lodge.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF S. A. L. TRAINS AT OXFORD

Schedules Effective On and After Sunday, January 19, 1919.

Main Line Trains.

On the main line the shoo-fly is extended on to Weldon, as announced several weeks ago, and will arrive at Henderson in the morning on its way south two hours later than at the present time. In the evening it will return, passing Henderson about ten minutes later than at the present time.

Oxford Trains.

For Henderson—7:55 a. m.; 12:20 p. m.; 5:15 p. m.

From Henderson—10:10 a. m.; 3:40 p. m.; 8:15 p. m.

For Durham—7:55 a. m.—change at Dickerson; 3:00 p. m.

From Durham—1 p. m.; 8:15 p. m.—change at Dickerson.

FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND ISSUE FOR OXFORD

Bill To Be Introduced in the Legislature.

The proposition to float bonds to the amount of \$50,000 to equip a modern school building in Oxford is heartily endorsed by a number of our leading citizens. A bill asking the privilege of voting bonds to the amount of \$50,000 has been drawn and it will be introduced in the legislature.

THE THIRTIETH DIVISION INSTRUCTED TO PREPARE FOR DEPARTURE FOR HOME

Mayor Mitchell Is Preparing to Receive the "Wild Cats" in Good Style.

(Washington Special.)

The war department says that the homeward flow of American fighting units which had the opportunity to distinguish themselves in action will soon begin. The 27th, 30th and 37th divisions, including all attached organizations, have been instructed to prepare for embarkation for home May 24 some weeks yet.

There was no information as to when the divisions would start from French ports, but heretofore, it has required several weeks for units to embark after being assigned to early conveyance.

Divisions having a distinguished fighting record and others having a distinctively local identity in the United States will be kept together after their return from France until they can be paraded at home and receive the welcome that the people are anxious to bestow.

30th To Southern Camp.

The Thirtieth Division will go to a southern camp where it can be reviewed by the people of North and South Carolina and Tennessee, from which States came its original personnel.

The Twenty-seventh and the Thirtieth Divisions were commended by Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, the British commander-in-chief, whose official report at the close of the war gave to these American troops, then serving with the British fourth army, credit for breaking the Hindenburg line in Flanders.

Mayor Mitchell has taken the proper steps to receive the home company in good style. He has appointed a strong committee to map out a program and get everything in readiness to entertain the boys on their arrival.

The Mayor names for this work the following gentlemen: Messrs. J. Robert Wood, Chairman; A. A. Hicks, A. H. Powell, J. W. Rogers, R. H. Lewis. This committee will name other committees to assist in the work.

GET RID OF RATS AND MICE

They Destroy All That Man Has And Mutilate His Mortal Remains.

The rat is the apostle of pestilence the creator of famine, the messenger of death. It fattens off the health and wealth and labor of the human race. With silent and venomous persistence it follows mankind from the cradle to the grave, attacking the infant in its sleep, the helpless sick on the bed of pain, the aged and infirm.

It devours with ravenous greed every nature of food for man or beast. It destroys our poultry, annoys and injures our domestic animals, devastates our growing grain, destroys our harvest. It infests our ships, sets fire to our homes, carries fatal disease broadcast through the land.

And not content to menace man's prosperity, health and welfare all the days of his life, it follows him into the grave to desecrate and mutilate his mortal remains.

They injure buildings by undermining foundations or causing the early decay of sills and timbers. They kill trees and shrubbery by gnawing off the roots; set fire to buildings by gnawing matches or stripping the insulation from electric wires; flood buildings with water or gas by gnawing through lead pipes; weaken dams and dikes, causing heavy losses.

In the United States rats and mice each year destroy crops and other property valued at over \$200,000,000.

According to the Department of Agriculture, Government officials declare it costs \$1.82 to keep a rat a year.

NEW RATES FOR TOLL AND LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE

The New Rate Is Slightly Higher Than the Old Rate.

New toll and long distance telephone rates approved by Postmaster General Burleson, went into effect here Sunday.

Under the new rates as announced by Mr. Burleson there will be basic charge of six and one-quarter mills a mile, air line mileage, with half the day rate for night service up to midnight and one-fourth of the day rate between that hour and 4:30 o'clock in the morning.

This does not change the rates or handling of calls within the local service area.

BILLY SUNDAY HITS THE NAIL ON THE HEAD

Tells the People of Richmond To Clean Out the Hell Holes.

What Billy Sunday, the great revivalist, is telling the people of Richmond about their sins and troubles is applicable to the people of other communities. Here is some of the hot-shot that he is bombarding the Virginia capital with:

Get Rid of Hell-Holes.

"Train up a child in the way that it should go and when it is old it will not depart from it, and if they are properly trained they will not often go astray.

"The normal way to get rid of drunkards is to get rid of the dirty, rotten, stinking, hell-holes that are making them drunkards. I don't know, it always makes my blood boil to see a cop walk up and pinch a drunkard and take him off to the police station, while they throw the protecting arm of the law around the dirty, stinking hell-hole that sold him the liquor. It gets my goat. It makes my blood boil, don't you know it. I can hardly wait to get at that dirty, stinking gang.

"So the normal way to get rid of thieves is to stop raising them and when I tell you that three-fourths of all the girls ruined in this country fell because of the influence of the dance then you know why I hit that so hard, as hard as I know how and I will give that institution all that is coming to it before I am through.

"I want you to know I am not a crank about anything, but I am the eternal, sworn, uncompromising, irrevocable enemy of anything and everything that is driving men and women to wreckage and making them a band of derelicts out upon the high seas of lust and passion. I am against it. I don't believe that is the way to be decent. That is all there is to it, I don't give three whoops how popular it may be with you. So that is the way to win out—get rid of the things that are producing it all in the world, and when the child leaves home it will be morally and socially and religiously according to the influence that surrounded it when in the formative period."

M. LANIER DIES AFTER A LONG ILLNESS

Remains Will Reach Oxford Today—Interment At Elmwood.

Herder M. Lanier, a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Charlotte, died Wednesday night at 8:30 o'clock at his home on Park drive after a long illness. The remains will reach Oxford at 1 o'clock today and will be conveyed to the residence of Mr. T. Lanier, brother of the deceased.

Mr. Lanier was born at Oxford and was about 70 years of age. For a long number of years he resided at Baltimore, traveling out from that city. He was a traveling man for the greater part of his life, and was widely known throughout the south and east by the traveling fraternity. He attended Horner Military institute when a youth, the institute then being located at Oxford. He served in the Confederate army.

Mr. Lanier was a man of wide reading and he possessed an unusually bright intellect. He was a cousin of the late Sidney Lanier, the southern poet. He was a man of deep religious convictions and was a member of the Presbyterian church.

The hour of the funeral has not been announced, but it will be held this afternoon from the residence of Mr. T. Lanier and the interment will be at Elmwood.

AN EYE FOR THE BEAUTIFUL

A Lady Admires Government Horses and Mules.

A well known lady who is fond of horses, stopped in front of the Public Ledger office today and watched with interest the unloading of fifty horses and mules from cars in the Seaboard freight yards. As the large fine animals were being led to Horner Bros. Company's stables the lady remarked that they were the finest lot of horses and mules she ever saw in the Southern States.

"Of course, the farmer will be interested in this fine lot of stock," said the lady, "but I feel that the ladies and the children would also enjoy a visit to the stalls and caress the noble animals."

These horses and mules were the property of the Government. No wonder the lady admired the noble creatures; they are big and strong and full of life and would not harm a hair of your head.

"Two dollars is the limit at Rose's store, but you should look at the announcement of Mr. Rose in this paper and see what all you can get for 5-10 and 25 cents, to say nothing about the two dollars.

THE BIG SNOW STORM SIXTY-TWO YEARS AGO

Does Any One In Oxford or Granville County Remember It?

Perhaps if Col. R. O. Gregory was at our elbow he could tell us something about the big snow storm here in 1857. Sixty-two years ago is a long time, but doubtless several people now living were youngsters in that day, and if there is anything in the world calculated to make an impression on the mind of a healthy boy it is a heavy snow storm.

The following from the Charlotte News will bring to mind the big snow storm sixty-two years ago. It says:

Once upon a time—January 18, 1857—there was a memorable snow storm in North Carolina. It was such a storm that it has passed into history and been recorded in the climatic and atmospheric annals of the State. The storm blockaded what little railroad travel there was; making progress by private conveyance an impossibility, and adding much to suffering amongst man and beast.

Of that day and storm but one man is living in Charlotte, and but few in the State who live to tell the tale.

Col. Charles Bradshaw is the Charlotte man. On that date a train left Charlotte for Raleigh over the North Carolina Railroad, which had only been completed a year. Col. Bradshaw was the conductor and the late Frank Snider baggage master.

The late Wm. J. Yates, father of Mrs. I. W. Faison, Mrs. E. L. Kessles and Mr. David Yates, was a passenger. He had been called to Fayetteville by the critical illness of his first wife—the mother of the late Mrs. T. S. Clarkston. "It was Sunday morning," said Col. Bradshaw, "the snow was blinding, but we managed to push along. One passenger got on at Thomasville—Mr. J. L. Scott of Graham, who had been to Thomasville on a visit and was going home. He was the last passenger we took up. The rury of the storm increased so that we could not move. There we stayed without fire or wood for a couple of days. We nearly froze. We were four days in getting to Raleigh. Mr. Yates left Raleigh for Fayetteville just as soon as he could get a driver to consent to carry him, but worse luck befell him. He was nine days in getting to Fayetteville. His wife had died and had been buried. Her remains had been kept awaiting his arrival. Nothing could be heard from him as there were no trains and no telegraph."

The North Carolina Railroad, Col. Bradshaw, recalls, was finished in 1856. The two ends met between Jamestown and Greensboro., work on the road having begun at Charlotte and Goldsboro., the two terminals. The meeting of the two ends of the road marked the epoch in the history of North Carolina.

Mr. Scott, the passenger who got on at Thomasville, is still living.

DR. MOREHEAD EMMITT ARRIVES FROM WAR ZONE

Was In Stone-Throw of Thirtieth Division But Did Not See The Home Boys.

Dr. Morehead Emmitt, a native of Oxford, but more recently a successful practicing physician in Richmond who has been with the McGuire unit in France, is spending a few days in Oxford with his mother, Mrs. Candace Brown.

Dr. Emmitt landed in France last September, immediately after one of the big drives. After a rest of only two hours in a base hospital he was pressed into service and began to administer to the dying and wounded boys. This was kept up for several days, until it was necessary for him to go to the south of France for a brief rest.

Dr. Emmitt traveled practically all over France and only saw one of the Oxford men—Capt. R. M. Colvert, formerly of the Oxford Water Company. He spent one night almost in speaking distance of the Thirtieth division, but was not aware of the fact until he returned to Paris on the following morning.

Dr. Emmitt is not favorably impressed with the sanitary conditions which have existed in the farming sections, towns and cities of France for many years, but he is of the opinion that the natives will adopt better methods after seeing how the Americans purified their surroundings.

Dr. Emmitt will return to New York today. He hopes to be mustered out at an early date. Possibly he will locate permanently in New York.