

## Bad Negro Confesses.

### HOW HE PLANNED CRIME.

Gives Shocking Details of Assault on Mrs. Powell—Was Identified by Aged Victim and by James Pope, Who Saw Him Leave House.

Norfolk, Va., August 16.—Developments yesterday in connection with the assault on aged Mrs. Catherine Powell and the murder of Policeman Winningder both of which crimes occurred in Portsmouth last Tuesday, was the identification of Oscar Perry by Mrs. Powell and James Pope as Mrs. Powell's assailant.

Perry is the man arrested Wednesday night at Yadkin, near Deep Creek, in Norfolk county, by Special Officer Culpepper. Pope is the grocer's delivery man who saw Perry run from Mrs. Powell's home, exclaiming as he went, "I have killed the d—d woman."

Both Mrs. Powell and Pope picked Perry from among other negroes without difficulty. The negro had nothing to say when identified. "You brute, you came to my house," exclaimed Mrs. Powell when she laid eyes on the man.

Perry last night made a complete written confession of his assault on Mrs. Powell. He went into the shocking details, telling how he planned and executed his crime. The police are keeping the confession secret for fear that the citizens of Portsmouth will again make a determined effort to take the negro from jail and lynch him.

It was at first decided to bring the negro to the Norfolk jail for safekeeping, but it was feared that this move would be discovered and an effort made to take the negro from officers in the street. The safer course, it was later decided, would be to keep the negro in the Portsmouth jail and his confession a secret. The three companies of state militia in Portsmouth are in readiness for immediate call to duty in case their services should be needed.

### Another Auto for Statesville.

Mr. O. W. Slane went over to High Point last week with the view of buying an automobile.

While there he closed a trade and started for this place yesterday morning with it.

He is expected here this afternoon, having spent last night in Salisbury. It is said he has purchased a handsome touring car of the latest type. This makes the automobile population of the city number eight machines as follows: Steeles, 4; W. W. Cooper, 1; Will Frye, 1; W. E. Sloan, and O. W. Slane 1.

Several other gentlemen of the city are thinking of buying at an early date.

### To Go North.

Messrs. J. L. Sloan and Chas. E. Mills will leave tomorrow for the northern markets for their respective firms.

They will take advantage of the Norfolk excursion, in going, spending some time on the coast near Washington before returning here. They expect to be gone about ten days.

### Home Missionary Meeting.

Rev. George Atkinson of Monroe, will address a meeting of the Home Missionary Society tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church.

## PERSONAL NOTES.

Some Happenings Among Those People You Know and Others You Don't Know.

Miss Clara Mills of Mooresville, arrived in town Saturday night to visit relatives.

Deputy Collector J. L. Council returned today from Davis Springs where he went for the week end.

Mr. J. L. Arthurs of Troutman's was in town this morning on business.

Miss Jenie Bradley has returned to her home in Charlotte after a visit with friends in the city.

The North Wilkesboro Hustler says: "Congressman and Mrs. R. N. Hackett and little daughter are boarding at the home of Mr. C. F. Morrison in Wilkesboro.

Messrs. John A. Parker and Samuel R. Parker of the Statesville Realty and Investment Co., left this morning for a drive through the mountains. While on the trip they will incidentally do some advertising for Firemen's week.

Deputy Collector C. B. Moore has returned from a visit to his home near Asheville. He brought a young son who will spend some days here.

Mrs. Sallie F. Watson who was formerly Mrs. Lanier of this city, is spending a few days in the city. Mrs. Watson is now living in Hickory, where she has been engaged in newspaper work, being connected with the Hickory Democrat.

Billy Woodall.



The above is a very good likeness of Billy Woodall, the black face comedian that has pleased hundreds of thousands of theatergoers in all the big northern and western cities.

This young entertainer must be seen to be appreciated. His record of "long runs" in other cities is a guarantee of his ability as a fun maker.

Manager Gregory has secured young Woodall for this week's special attraction at the Gem theater and the patrons of his popular place of amusement can consider themselves in luck.

In addition to this star attraction there will be the usual number of moving pictures and illustrated songs.

### Odd Items From Everywhere.

All the boys in Australia are drilled and the elder boys belong to the cadet corps. Nearly every school has its corps and the boys are uniformed in khaki and carry light rifles. Every year the schools have shooting matches and some very creditable scores are made.

An apple tree, 150 years old, on the premises of Jeremiah Case, near Bally, Penn., is bearing a good crop of felle-walter apples.

The "farm" of Don Luis Terrazas, in the state of Chihuahua, comprises 8,000,000 acres, 150 miles east to west and 200 miles north to south. It contains 1,000,000 head of cattle, 700,000 sheep and 100,000 horses. There are 200 horsemen, cow punchers, etc., employed on the place.

## James Pool Sent to Jail.

### TO FACE SERIOUS CHARGE.

Damaging Evidence That he Assaulted Mrs. Will Smith Was Brought Out in Trial Before Magistrate Jones Who Holds Him Without Bail.

High Point, August 16.—Jim Pool, a plumber, charged with assault on the person of Mrs. Will Smith, a mill operative, was tried before Magistrate W. E. Jones, Sr., and sent to jail without bond to await court, which convenes in Greensboro September 21st.

The woman says the assault was committed Friday afternoon while her husband was away and that she struggled to prevent the foul deed. T. J. Gold represented the defendant and C. C. Barnhardt was counsel for the prosecutrix.

The trial was held behind closed doors and developed damaging evidence against the defendant. Mrs. Smith lives with her husband on the outskirts of the city and was alone with her infant when Pool, who she says committed the crime, came to the well while she was engaged in washing some clothes. He inquired about a girl, the sister of Mrs. Smith's husband, whom he called to see in times past. After hanging around for some time upon the porch and when Mrs. Smith went into a room where her baby was Pool followed and there assaulted her after a struggle.

Mrs. Smith appears to be rather an ignorant kind of person—in fact the witnesses who testified to her good character said as much, and, therefore, she did not make a good witness altogether. She was excited but apparently told a straight story of the affair. Dr. Duncan was called in for private examination and his testimony before the court was damaging to the defendant, and was one of the strong points in sending Pool to jail, as the magistrate remarked. The trial lasted until after 11 o'clock and excited no little local interest.

### Missed His Vacation.

The face of Lawyer L. C. Caldwell, usually wreathed in smiles, wore a sad and disgusted expression this morning.

Mr. Caldwell had planned to leave this city today for a well earned vacation, and greatly needed rest, it having been several years since this able exponent of Blackstone has enjoyed such luxuries.

When he reached his office, however, he discovered that the proposed holiday must be postponed. There was a call there for his immediate presence in Taylorsville on important legal business and he left at once for that place.

### Opens the Campaign.

By the invitation of a large number of residents Mr. R. V. Tharpe went to Catawba county last Saturday where he opened the campaign for the republicans.

Mr. Tharpe is reported to have made an eloquent appeal to a large audience which gave him its undivided attention.

### Mr. Long Detained.

Hon. Z. V. Long was to have addressed a Union Sunday school picnic last Saturday at Leonard's school house.

Just as he was about to leave for that place an important matter of legal business came up and he was unavoidably detained in the city much against his wishes.

## TWO RUNAWAYS.

Horses of Dr. Albert Burns and Mr. Louis Anderson Run Away Injuring Both Men—Miss Lizzie Foster Has a Narrow Escape as Horse Falls at Stable Door.

Mr. Louis Anderson better known as "George," was slightly injured in a runaway late Saturday afternoon.

He had been to the country, doing some advertising work for Mr. C. I. Murdock, who has taken over the stock of T. M. Mills Co. It seems that as he was coming into the southern portion of the city the shafts on the buggy came loose and fell to the ground, causing the horse to take fright.

As the horse started to run Mr. Anderson pulled very hard on the lines and the shafts being loose from the buggy, he was thrown over the dash board, landing in a mud hole.

He was cut slightly on the head and leg, and his side was bruised. He was covered with mud from head to foot, nearly ruining his suit of clothes.

He has plenty of grit in his craw, however, and quickly picking himself up he came on to town on foot with his whip in his hand and blood running down his face. He was not seriously injured and he is able to be about as usual today.

The horse continued to run leaving the shafts on the street and in time reaching the stables. As it turned to enter the stable, it stepped on the concrete walk causing it to fall very heavily. When the animal fell Miss Lizzie Foster who was standing by the stable door had a narrow escape from being hit by it.

The team belonged to Moore Bros., and they report that no damage was done excepting to the shafts and harness.

### New Doctor Injured.

Dr. Albert Burns was injured in a runaway Saturday night at about 8:30 o'clock.

As he was returning to the city, some one passed him on a bicycle causing his horse to take fright and run.

Dr. Burns was thrown from the buggy and received a very bad sprained arm.

Dr. Hill was immediately summoned and gave the injured member proper attention and at last reports Dr. Burns was resting as well as could be expected, although he is suffering considerable pain.

Dr. Burns has recently located in this city, coming here from Atlanta. His offices are with Dr. A. Houcke on Broad street.

He is a young man and very popular in his profession.

### Valuable Property Sold.

At noon today at the court house, Mr. J. E. Westmoreland as commissioner and McLoughlin and Nicholson as attorneys, sold the Margaret Mills tract of land in Barringer township.

It comprises 200 acres and was sold to C. F. Mills for \$4,500.

### At Davis Springs.

Among those from this city to register at Hiddenite during the past week were the following:

H. T. Steele, Mrs. D. J. Kimball and daughter, Master Leonard White, Jr., A. A. Colvert, W. E. Webb, C. R. Johnson Miss Viola Young Mrs. C. R. Gaither, Mrs. J. E. McLaughlin and daughters and E. E. Gilmer.

### Graveyard Cleaning.

All the residents and others interested are requested to meet at Lory on Thursday next to clean up the Concord graveyard.

## Locke Craig Declines It.

### WHEN OFFERED JUDGESHIP.

Found it Impossible for Him to Accept Vacancy on the Bench Caused by Death of Judge Moore and so Wires Governor Glenn—Funeral of Dead Justice.

Asheville, August 16.—Mr. Locke Craig, of Asheville, has declined the judgeship on the superior court bench to fill out the unexpired term, rather until the next general election, of the late Judge Fred Moore.

Mr. Craig was tendered the vacancy by Governor Glenn, but today wired the governor that it would be impossible for him to accept.

### Funeral of Dead Judge.

Asheville, August 17.—The body of the late Judge Frederick Moore was laid to rest yesterday afternoon on the summit of a green hill overlooking Webster, with all the solemn rites of the Masonic order.

The last rites were preceded by funeral services in the Dillsboro church, four miles away. The Rev. Dr. Rowe, pastor of the Central Methodist church, preached the funeral sermon. He paid glowing tributes to the memory of the deceased, whose life, he said, would live as a shining example to young manhood. North Carolina, said Dr. Rowe, had sustained a loss which his would be well nigh impossible to replace.

A majority of the membership of the Asheville bar attended the funeral. Following were the pallbearers:

Honorary—Judges G. W. Ward, Judge J. C. Pritchard, Judge J. H. Merrimon, Col. V. S. Lusk, Kope Elias, Judge G. A. Shuford, J. S. Adams, Locke Craig and W. M. Gudger, Jr.

Active—Marcus Erwin, Mark W. Brown, Frank Carter, R. M. Wells, W. E. Shuford, T. S. Rollins, L. M. Bourne and Judge H. B. Carter.

### In the Mayor's Court.

Jenevive Hart and Ella Knox, two colored damsels who have long been "on the outs" over a man, engaged in a hand to hand encounter at the colored rink last Saturday night.

Friends parted them but after a while they "got together" again. There was wool pulling, scratching and kicking.

A big crowd was present and some yelled, "part 'em, oh! part 'em," while others shouted "let 'em have it out."

Both women were in the mayor's court this morning and both plead guilty. They were assessed \$2.50 and one half the costs each.

There is another case to be heard against the Hart woman and that was continued till next Thursday.

At that time she will be tried on a warrant that charges her with assaulting the Knox woman with a knife last Christmas.

### Teachers' Examination.

An examination for a high school teacher's certificate will be held at the court house by Supt. White on the 11th and 12th of September.

Applications should be made directly to the state superintendent of public instruction, and notice of same given to the county superintendent.

## COTTON MARKET.

### Local Market.

Prices at wagon:  
Strict good middling.....11  
Good middling.....10½  
Middling.....10¼  
Stains and Tinges.....8@9

### The market was steady.

### New York Market.

The New York market continues about the same.  
Spots closed at 10.50.  
Futures closed as follows:  
August.....10.10  
October.....9.42  
December.....9.13  
January.....9.10

### The Late Israel Waterhouse.

The Quincey, Massachusetts, Patriot says:

"News comes from Statesville, N. C., of the death of Mr. Israel Waterhouse, formerly a prominent resident of Wollaston, who died on Sunday, in his 76th year. He had been a great sufferer for four years past, and had been confined to his bed for a year. His son, Frank P. Waterhouse, of Wollaston, was with him when the end came, and made arrangements for the shipment of the body to his old home in the North.

"Mr. Waterhouse was one of the earliest residents of Wollaston, dating back to 1873, over 35 years. He was a prominent market man of Boston for years, and at the age of 17 was one of the "Forty-niners" who sought riches in California."

### Judge Sloan Ill.

Magistrate W. R. Sloan is confined to his house on East Front street with a bad cold. He is also suffering from a bad attack of catarrh.

### Miss Ball Continues to Improve.

The condition of Miss Mary Ball, shot by Freeland Tharpe, continues to improve. She was removed to her home at Elkin last week and suffered no ill effects from the trip.

### Funeral of Mrs. Troutman.

The funeral of Mrs. H. L. Troutman who died Saturday morning at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. H. B. Woodward was held at 5 o'clock from the First Baptist church.

Rev. Mr. Jenkins, the pastor officiating and Mr. G. C. Critcher was funeral director.

A large number of relatives and friends gathered to pay their last sad respects to the deceased and follow the remains to their last resting place at Oakwood cemetery.

There were many floral offerings and these were very handsome.

Mrs. Troutman was a woman of many noble qualities of heart and mind and was held in deserved esteem by a wide circle of friends.

She was 63 years old and had been sick with typhoid fever and troublesome complications since July 8.

Her maiden name was Rhoda A. Leonard and she was born in Fallstown township. Besides a number of other relatives the deceased is survived by three brothers as follows: Mr. Joseph S. Leonard of this city, Mr. Robert R. Leonard of Barium Springs and Taylor Leonard of Texas.

The pall bearers were as follows: Messrs. Lee Lazenby, J. H. Wilson, W. W. Turner, E. D. Shepperd, J. C. Foard and T. H. Redmond.

### With the Sick.

Mrs. J. D. Cox's condition changed for the worse a little today.