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George Murphy Lived Here

WAS A STATESVILLE BARBER.

Had a Hearing Yesterday at Salisbury and Was Sent to Jail in Default of \$1000 Bail—Frank Woodard, the Detective Who Worked up the Case, Testifies.

Much interest has been manifested in this city over the case of Geo. Murphy, who was jailed at Salisbury on Tuesday, charged with conspiracy to blow open and rob the Wachovia Loan and Trust Company bank at Spencer.

Murphy formerly lived in this city. He is a barber by trade and about two and a half, or three years ago, was employed by Mr. W. F. Howard who now conducts the barbershop he recently opened in the basement of the Statesville Loan and Trust Company building.

Murphy is well remembered by many people here. He had a wife and she is said to have been a most estimable lady. The same statement is made regarding the man's mother, who also at one time resided in this city but now lives at Salisbury.

No one can be found here who will say a good word for Murphy, unless it is that he was a fairly decent sort of a barber.

The following account of the man's trial before Mayor Boyden at Salisbury has been received at this office:

"Charged with conspiring to blow open and rob the Wachovia bank at Spencer with the assistance of a gang of yeggmen, George Murphy, a well-known young white man of Salisbury, was given a preliminary hearing before Mayor A. H. Boyden here yesterday and bound over to Rowan superior court. In default of a \$1,000 bond he went to jail.

Detective Frank Woodard, of the United States secret service department, who worked up the case, notified the officers and warned the bank officials, was the only witness examined. He testified that ten days ago Murphy proposed to him to rob the bank, saying he would get the necessary help if Woodard would help. Five other unknown men were taken into the confidence between the robbers, but when the night for attack came one man failed.

Woodard testified that Murphy refused first the purchase of nityroglycerine as being no good. Murphy waived examination in one case, but pleaded not guilty to the charge of conspiracy. The case was so clear, however, that Mayor Boyden bound him over.

The tools and other material captured on the night of the arrest of Murphy were exhibited in the court and created much interest.

Is Now an Elder.

Mr. J. A. Houpe, one of the prosperous farmers who lives out on the Buffalo Shoals road has received a copy of the *Magnum Sun-Monitor*, published at Magnun, Greer county, Oklahoma.

Among other items of news the paper contains the following:

"At the Presbyterian church last Sunday the following deacons and elders were installed: Deacons—Wm. Burgess, Seth Mabry, Mark Pace, M. L. Sims. The Elders are G. W. Sims, J. J. Burgess, A. W. Duff and J. C. Houpe."

The Mr. J. C. Houpe referred to as having been elected one of the elders is a son of the Mr. Houpe mentioned above. He was raised in this locality and has many friends and acquaintances here.

Gem Will Open Tonight.

Manager Gregory of the Gem theater announced this afternoon that the amateur performance scheduled for tonight has been postponed owing to the illness of one of the performers. The program of moving pictures for tonight is an especially elaborate one and includes "Against the Law" and "Catch the Kid" together with illustrated songs.

Dr. Scott to Preach.

Dr. J. A. Scott will preach at the Front Street Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 11:15 o'clock.

There will be no service at night.

A Lecturer May Come

AND TALK TO US ON FORESTRY.

Eclectic Book Club Holds First Regular Meeting of the Year 1908-1909—New President Wields the Gavel and a Delightful Program is Most Thoroughly Enjoyed.

The Eclectic Book Club held its first regular meeting of the year 1908-'09 yesterday afternoon at the handsome residence of Mrs. Oscar Steele on South Mulberry street.

As the guests arrived Mrs. Steele served very refreshing fruit punch. The new president, Mrs. Dorman Thompson called the meeting to order and presided with her usual grace and dignity.

The club was delighted to welcome Mrs. Costin Wood as a new member. With her beautiful voice and charming personality she is a valuable addition to any social or literary circle.

A letter from Mrs. Cooke, chairman of the Forestry committee of Federation of Clubs was read by the secretary, offering the club the privilege of securing a lecturer on Forestry sent out by the government, provided the club entertain him and interest others in the lecture.

The president appointed a committee to work up sufficient interest in the subject to justify the club securing the lecturer. It is an important question and should interest every one.

After disposing of the business following interesting program was rendered:

History of France from beginning to the reign Charlemagne, Mrs. M. R. Adams.

People of France, Mrs. W. A. Thomas.

Streets of Paris, Miss Hall.

Mrs. Wood sang as a first selection "Sunbeams," then a beautiful little Scotch-like air "Violette."

Mrs. Thompson entertained the club with several selections, "The Sweetest Flower," "A Resolve" and "Roll."

The Eclectic is fortunate in having three such fine musicians among its membership as Mesdames Steele, Wood and Thompson.

After the program was finished the hostess served delicious cream, cake, grapes and bonbons.

The guests of the afternoon were Mesdames J. C. and C. M. Steele.

DEPUTY SHERIFF ROBBED.

J. H. Carter, of Reidsville, was Held up at Wilmington, Del., and \$51 Taken, all the Money he Had.

Wilmington, Del., Sept. 23.—That officers of the law are not immune in Wilmington from the attacks of hold-up men was demonstrated early yesterday morning when J. H. Carter, a deputy sheriff of Reidsville N. C., was waylaid and relieved of \$51.

He had to telegraph to the sheriff at Reidsville for money to take him back home.

Carter was approached by a man who asked him the time. While Carter was trying to see the face of the watch in the glare of an arc light the man caught his arm and held it fast while with the other hand he delved into Carter's pockets and made off with the \$51 in cash.

Fair People are Wiser Now.

That a county fair depending upon public patronage can not afford to do without newspaper support has been demonstrated at Anderson, Ind., where the Madison county fair attracted less than one-third the number of people who attended the fair on Thursday, one year ago. At that time the fair association depended almost wholly on the newspapers for advertising, and the local papers and other papers of Madison county boosted the fair in every way possible.

This year one of the directors of the fair association, who had charge of the advertising, concluded that advertising does not pay. Being permitted to execute his own ideas, he chose to have a few banners painted and posted. The newspapers, therefore, ignored the fair association and said nothing about the fair, the exhibit, races or anything pertaining to it. As a result the attendance has been the smallest in years.

Bold Deed of Unmasked Men

HELD UP, ROBBED AND SHOT.

C. E. Mangum, a Durham Liveryman and Horse-Trader, Held up Last Night Near East Durham by Three White Men and, Besides Being Robbed, is Shot Twice—\$3,700 Secured.

Durham, Sept. 23.—At 11 o'clock tonight C. E. Mangum, a liveryman and horse-trader of this city, drove to police headquarters with two pistol balls through his left arm and a hole through his trousers, made, he said, in a fight for his purse, of which he was robbed and with it \$3,700. Mangum had been to Raleigh trading horses, collecting money and foreclosing mortgages. The trip through the country was made in a single buggy and he was leading four horses. Near East Durham, under a tree three unmasked men ran out and seizing him by the throat, took his pistol from his belt, while he squaled so as to alarm the neighborhood. The robbers tore his clothes nearly off and, securing his purse, jerked him out of the buggy. They opened fire on him and of the ten remembered shots he says he was touched three times. The men ran and were not identified.

Mangum came first to Squire Morton in East Durham, about 10:30 and gave the alarm. Sheriff Harward and all officers were notified and began a search. He is inclined to hot air, but the officers say they have seen him recently disporting unusual amounts of money and one policeman vouches for the amount alleged to have been lost tonight.

He presented a rather battered appearance tonight and Dr. Felts attended him. The powder burns do not appear to have been self-inflicted and the officers believe the story genuine. Mangum describes the men as being all white, one stockily built and the others slender. His large pistol, he thinks, was turned upon him, but their guns were not placed in his face at first.

All the officers are working upon the case tonight and they are of the opinion that they have a spot in town that will develop the criminals.

COTTON MARKET. Local Market.

Prices at wagon:
Strict Good middling.....9
Good middling.....87/8
Middling.....81 1/2
Stains and Tinges.....58 1/2

The market was steady.

New York Market.

The New York market showed but little change.
Spots closed at 9.40.
Futures closed as follows:
October.....8.94
December.....8.75
January.....8.64
March.....8.65

The Gazette says:
"Cotton Weigher Wilson weighed 66 bales of cotton Friday and 46 Saturday. More than 46 bales were ginned in Gastonia on Saturday but quite a number were either taken back home by the owners or were sold elsewhere in the county.

Gastonia prices since the opening of the new season have not been quite up to the prices offered at some other points in the county. For instance, so The Gazette hears from reliable sources, while the price here for some days has been 9 cents, Bessemer City has been paying 9.12 1-2 and McAdenville 9.25."

China Grove Mill Starts Up.
China Grove, Sept. 23.—Only five or six bales of new cotton have been ginned here and very little sold. The farmers claim the price is less than cost of production and with only about half a crop in sight less than 10 cents will hurt them badly. The heavy rains in August caused all the young bolls to shed off and nothing but the July crop is left on the stalk.

The plant of the Patterson Manufacturing Company is on full time this week and the operatives hope they will not close down any more this year. For several months the mills have been running only one-half time and the help is becoming restless on account of the loss of time.

Wife Was About To Leave Him

HUSBAND THEN KILLS HIMSELF.

He Had Been Eight Times Mayor of Tampa, Fla., and Shoots Himself in His Wife's Presence—He Had Made Other Attempts at Self Destruction.

Tampa, Fla., Sept. 24.—In the presence of his wife, who had just told him good-bye, intending to begin proceedings for divorce, Francisco Milian, of West Tampa, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by discharging two bullets through his brain.

His wife had decided to leave him, and when she said farewell Milian replied: "It is best to end everything now," and killed himself.

Milian had served eight times as mayor of West Tampa and enjoyed the respect of all citizens. He was a Cuban by birth. Louis Milian, a son, states that he had made two attempts to commit suicide recently.

GREENSBORO BABY AFFAIR. Who is J. Walter Smith?—Where is the Warrant—Is Law to Punish Poor People Only, Asks a Hickory Paper?

A great deal has been said about that "six-weeks-old baby" that was left with the old colored woman, Mary Tatum, at Greensboro the nineteenth of last month. It was news, and news which would have interested the people of Catawba county. But, strange to say, while the two newspapers at Newton very frequently boast that they always give up-to-date news, they have not had one word to say about this matter. And what about the law? It is said that one of the officers at Newton received a warrant to serve on one or both of the guilty parties, but that warrant has never been served. Is the law a respecter of persons? Where is the warrant?

Who are the guilty parties? It is not necessary to inquire about the woman in the case. Her name is known. She had returned home, but it seems she decided that she was only adding wrong to wrong by leaving her babe with the old negro woman; she has gone back to claim her little one. Her whereabouts at present are said to be some point in South Carolina. We shall prove that it was planned by the man in the case that this woman should commit the additional wrong of attempting to desert her child.

The mother, a pretty and educated young woman, is a member of a highly respected family of Catawba county. The father, a well-known young lawyer and a former member of the North Carolina legislature. Out of regard for their families, the names of the guilty couple have not been divulged.

The question now is "Who is J. Walter Smith?" Does he live in Newton or Hickory, or elsewhere? It is said that Mr. W. B. Streeter, superintendent of the North Carolina Children's Home Society was in Newton a short time ago to see one of the distinguished citizens there. Who is the man who posed as the husband of Emma? Again we ask why have not the papers at Newton printed this news? Is it right, that because of the fact that a man is prominent, a lawyer, and a former member of a state legislature, that his name should be withheld? Had this man been some poor dog his name would have been on every lip, and the newspapers at Newton would not have hesitated to have given the matter in detail to the public.

Again we ask where is the warrant? Why was it held up? Was it intended that the law should apply to poor people only?

Claremont, N. C., Sept. 16.

The Mercury publishes the above because it contains news its readers are entitled to and demand. We do not know who J. Walter Smith is. But from the evidence so far obtained, he must be a prominent young lawyer of Catawba county. We are glad to say, however, that he does not live in Hickory. Our lawyers would have given her better legal advice.

As soon as the news reached Newton that we were going to give the news about the affair, we got twenty new subscribers.—Hickory Mercury.

Widow Was 70; Man's Age 26

SENSATION IN A N. Y. VILLAGE.

She Was Mrs. De Peyster, is Rich and Has had Two Husbands—Her Income is \$10,000 or More a Year and is Held in Trust for Her.

Johnstown, N. Y., Sept. 23.—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bolton, the 26-year-old groom and 70-year-old bride, who were married at Sunnyside, Mrs. Bolton's country place here, spent the first day of their honeymoon on a long auto spin.

The village and country folks are taking the liveliest interest in the newly wedded couple, for Mrs. Bolton, as Mrs. Anna G. Ross de Peyster, has been prominent here for generations.

The marriage was a great surprise to Mrs. de Peyster's friends. Rev. W. W. Elsworth, pastor of St. John's Protestant Episcopal church of Johnstown, officiated, and the bride was given away by a cousin, William Herring, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. de Peyster's maiden name was Anna G. Campbell. She was the widow of Mr. Ross when she married the late Col. Beekman de Peyster. By the terms of her first husband's will she receives an income of \$10,000 a year in trust.

WEEKLY COTTON LETTER.

Col. Gregory Discusses Crop Prospects, Bureau Report, Prices and the Depredations of the Night Riders.

The cotton situation since my last letter has assumed several different phases.

The European strike being the principal factor no doubt in causing a break in the market.

It is useless for any opinion to be expressed through the columns of any paper as to the prices to be named in the near future. Taking our mills report that still they hold on hands goods that can not be sold except at a loss and an improvement in prices even at the reduced price of cotton they cannot turn. The whole thing depends upon the political issues (summed up) as it is universally concluded that if the money power moves things may get back to where they originally stood.

It is unfortunate to chronicle the acts of lawless men who call themselves night riders and invade our state with an idea that they can control the price of cotton by their lawlessness.

There can be much harm come out of these acts of violations of law as capital seeking investment will never come our way as they will think it will be a revival of the Ku-Klux. Our farmers and their several organizations for the protection of their products are not surely endorsing the actions of a few crazy men and all their efforts combined can never be able to dictate the price of raw material to be manufactured by the bravest men on earth who have stood by and watched the loom and spindles turn.

It is conceded that the market in the near future will be governed by the bureau report for October which from present indication looks bullish.

Very Respectfully,
W. H. H. GREGORY.

Over Twenty Conversions.

It was stated this morning that since the revival meetings now in progress at the Rose Hill Methodist church were commenced there have been over twenty conversions.

The meetings are being conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Wagg and he is being most ably assisted by Rev. Yates, a young man recently admitted to the ministry.

Mr. E. O. Shaver has charge of the singing.

If the interest in these meetings continues to increase at the present rate they will be held for several days to come.

"Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil is the best remedy for that often fatal disease—croup. Has been used with success in our family for eight years."

—Mrs. L. Whiteacre, Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. Thos. J. Conger has purchased the Julius Gallaher home place in Barringer township.

Bryan Mule Kicks The Law

WHAT IS VALUE OF THE BEAST?

The Colonel May Have Inadvertently Made an Offer That in Strick Accordance With Theory and Law Cannot be Carried Out—Whole Thing is Probably a Joke.

New York, Sept. 23.—If Mr. Bryan's mule "Minnamascot" should be held by competent authority to be a "valuable thing," his offer of the animal as a prize to the election district or precinct which makes the best showing for the Democratic ticket in the coming presidential election would appear to be an infraction of the Corrupt Practices act of the state of New York. Perhaps similar acts of other states also will apply to the offer.

This was the bombshell that Herbert Parsons hurled into the political melange today. It was conceded later at Democratic national headquarters that it was eminently fair of Mr. Parsons to bring this matter to the attention of the public at the present time, and not keep the Democratic nominee in ignorance of the perilous position in which he had placed himself in the eyes of the New York law, until it was too late to apply the remedy.

So Mr. Bryan is likely to withdraw his offer altogether or limit it to such states as have no corrupt practices acts. There would, of course, be no objection to his presenting the mule as a reward, after the counting of all the votes, but his act in offering it as an incentive to a big democratic vote is branded as plainly illegal.

According to Mr. Parsons, who looked up the legal authorities this morning, Subdivision 3 of Section 41-O of the Penal Code is violated.

This section provides that any person who "gives, offers or promises any office, place, employment or valuable or other person to procure or aid in procuring either a large or a small vote, plurality or majority in any election district or other political division of the state, for a candidate or candidates to be voted for at an election; or to cause a larger or smaller vote, plurality or majority to be cast or given for any candidate or candidates in such district or political division. . . . is guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment for not more than five years, and in addition forfeits any office to which he may be elected at the election with reference to which such offense was committed."

"Apparently," commented Parsons, "it all depends on the value of that mule."

A Pretty Home Wedding.

The home of Dr. R. A. Bass on Broad street was the scene of a pretty home wedding last night.

The event was the marriage of the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Bass, Mrs. Annie Arnold to Mr. Kelly Litaker, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Dr. J. H. Pressley.

The happy couple were made one at shortly after 7 o'clock and then followed a wedding supper. Only a few of the immediate friends and relatives of the two families were present.

Mr. Ltaker is a prosperous farmer at Barium Springs and on his farm the bride and groom will make their future home.

Veteran's Day at Greensboro.

Colonel W. H. H. Gregory and a number of other Confederate Veterans have received invitations to be present at the Veteran Day celebration in Greensboro during that town's Home Coming Week.

The invitations come from the Gullford County Veteran Association and state that Gen. C. A. Evans is expected to be present.

The invitations are signed by Gen. J. S. Carr of Durham. Several from here will probably attend. The event occurs on October 16.

Will Return Saturday.

A card received from Rev. J. Meek White who has been spending his vacation at Sharon, S. C., states that he will return Saturday and that he will preach at New Sterling at 11 a. m., on Sunday.

The card says: "All well and enjoying our rest."