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Stole Dog Sold Whiskey

CLAY WASSON IN THE TOILS

Stole Friends' Dog and Swapped it for Whiskey, and Then Would Not Sell the Friend Whiskey on Credit—As a Result he Was Arrested and Put Under a \$100 Bond.

It is strange how some men will do their friends. For instance, some days ago, two colored boys of the Belmont section, Hallie Bennett and Clay Wasson stole a leather strop with a hound dog attached to it, from one Nelson Simonton, colored, also of Belmont.

Not being pleased with this, they took Nelson's dog and strop to Salisbury and swapped it for some "white lightning from one of the saloon men of that place.

Coming back to Statesville they proceeded to dispose of it to their customers. John Allison and several other negroes succeeded in getting hold of the ardent.

But when Nelson Simonton, the friend from whom the boys had stolen the strop and dog came up and wanted some but he did not have the price.

He was informed that he could not have any of it unless the long green came across with the order.

Now this made Nelson angry, so he commenced investigating the affair and found that his own property had been traded by the boys for the whiskey, and he immediately swore out warrants against them before Judge Sloan for larceny of a strop with a dog hitched to it and selling whiskey.

The Wasson negro was arrested but the Bennett negro has not yet been apprehended. In Judge Sloan's court this morning, Wasson was tried for both charges, the principal witnesses being Nelson Simonton and John Allison.

After hearing the evidence, Judge Sloan found probable cause and bound him over to court in the sum of \$100, each case requiring a \$50 justifiable bond.

As yet he has not given bond.

In Need of Funds.

The Benevolent and Relief Association are now canvassing the city for donations to get everything in shape for the winter that is before us. This association has done a good work since its organization, and every person in the city should do all they can in carrying forward the good work.

Mrs. A. L. Coble who has the mascot in charge, has asked the appeal to all our citizens to contribute anything they have in the way of old clothes and bedding also the cash to help in this work.

As the indications all point, we will have a severe winter and all the wood that can be secured will be greatly appreciated. It is the purpose of these good ladies having the matter in charge to get all the wood they can and have it stored so as to be in readiness for the calls from the poor and needy.

Once more let The Mascot insist on our citizens that they help the good ladies in their work in every way they can.

All contributions of any kind should be sent to Mrs. A. L. Coble, who will give them out to those who are needy in our city.

Mr. J. W. Pharr of Charlotte, is in the city today.

Army Moving Against Capital

A BATTLE IS EXPECTED

The Island of Hayti Presents a Despairing State of Political Chaos—Engagement Looked for at Any Time—President Alexis Determined to Fight to the End and Either Suffer a Crushing Defeat or Crush the Opposing Army—The Cabinet Completely Disorganized French and American Gunboats in the Harbor Prepared to Protect Foreign Property.

Port au Prince, Tuesday, 1.—With the people in a frenzy, the revolutionary government disrupted and the revolutionary army moving against the capital, the Island of Hayti today presents a despairing state of political chaos. A battle between the government forces and the revolutionists is momentarily expected at Leszone. President Alexis is stubbornly determined to battle to the end and either suffer a crushing defeat or crush the opposing army. The French and American gunboats are in the harbor ready to protect all foreign property.

PERSONAL NOTES.

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

Mr. A. Rich of Baltimore is registered at the Iredell.

Mr. L. D. Lipscomb of Baltimore is in the city on business.

Mr. J. F. Bromlitt of Atlanta is in the city.

Mr. V. J. McDanis of Atlanta, is in the city on business.

Mr. H. C. Mullett of Salisbury, is in the city on business connected with the local sales department of the Singer Sewing Machine Co.

Miss Mano Bogle returned to her home at Taylorsville this morning.

Mr. Hugh Miller, advance agent of the Demorest Comedy Co., went to Mt. Airy today, where the company will play next week.

Mr. J. M. Connelly went to Taylorsville today on professional business.

Mr. A. J. Evans went to Stony Point today on business.

Mr. Jno McLean went to Mooresville this morning on business.

Mrs. W. B. Matheson passed through the city this morning en route from Mooresville to her home at Taylorsville.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Grier went to Charlotte this morning.

Mr. S. R. Brown went to Greensboro this morning.

Mr. W. A. Bristol was a Charlotte visitor yesterday.

Mesdames M. S. Waddill and Robertson, of Rocky Mount, Va., left for their home this morning, after spending a few days with Mrs. L. R. Connelly.

Messrs. M. P. Alexander and C. M. Steele went to Charlotte today on business.

Miss Fannie Long, of Elmwood, is visiting Miss Anna Click on Davie avenue.

Mr. W. P. Maher, the local agent for the Southern railway is in South Carolina this week as a witness in a suit against his road.

Three of the train escorts were killed and one was severely wounded.

The Bazaar For Tomorrow

FOR A VERY WORTHY CAUSE

Will Have Everything for Sale You Need—An Urgent Appeal From Mrs. A. J. Evans, the Manager, Asking Every One to Come and Trade, Also Telling What Will be There to Sell.

Mrs. A. J. Evans who has the management of the Billingsley hospital bazaar to be given tomorrow, in the Gem theatre beginning at 12:30 p. m., has asked the Mascot to make the following announcement:

All persons who will contribute anything to this purpose are requested to send them in early tomorrow morning so as to be able to get everything in shape by 12:30, when it will open.

At 12:30 the dinner, lunch and refreshment department will be ready for the public, and all the business men and others are requested to take dinner, lunches or refreshments with these ladies, and contribute that much to the worthy cause. This department will be in charge of Mrs. E. G. Gilmer, assisted by a large corps of other ladies, and every one will be wanted upon in a prompt manner.

The Japanese booth will be in charge of Mrs. Wm. Wallace and an assistant, where all the nice articles you are looking for can be had.

The candy booth, where you can secure all kinds of nice candies, will be in charge of Miss Rose Stephany and assistants.

The fancy work booth will be in charge of Mrs. B. F. Long and assistants. All the pretty articles you can think of will be on display in this booth.

Now if you are looking for a Xmas present to give to your mother, wife, sister, sweetheart or friend, this is the time to get it. The season for Xmas presents as we all realize is not far distant and why not patronize this worthy cause and buy the present.

The prices on all things will be reasonable and within reach of every one.

Again we insist that every one attend, the larger the crowd the merrier.

Notice of Services.

We are requested to make the following announcement:

The Rev. E. A. Osborne will conduct services, preaching and administer the Holy communion at the St. James Episcopal church, this county, next Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. Sunday afternoon or night according to arrangements he will preach at Mooresville.

Massey Gets Commutation.

Raleigh, Nov. 30—Governor Glenn commutes the sentence of Sam Massey, colored who was to be hanged this week at Salisbury, to life penitentiary. Massey was convicted of feloniously assaulting a negro woman, but there was some doubt to the truthfulness of her evidence and besides this Massey is a very low type of intellect and has no idea that he has been guilty out any crime because he does not know right from wrong. The judge solicitor and many citizens recommended the clemency. The woman had him arrested three times and only indentified him the last time.

Death List Grows Larger

BODIES OF 136 NOW FOUND.

Believed That Final Removal of Debris in Mine Will Reveal More—Many of the Bodies Have Been Claimed by Friends. Officials Began Their Inspection Today to Ascertain Cause and Fix Responsibility for the Disaster.

Pittsburg, Dec. 1.—State officials, mine owners and rescuers, when darkness fell to-night, believed that all but two victims of the explosion in the Marianna mines of the Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal Company last Sunday had been recovered. At that time 136 bodies had been hoisted from the bottom of the 200 feet shaft, and turned over to undertakers at work in improvised morgues near the mine. Many of the bodies have been claimed by friends, and a large majority of the others have been identified by acquaintances or through timekeeper's checks. Twelve bodies were brought to the surface. These were found in various places of the mine, many of them under falls of roof and the debris. It is not believed the final removal of the debris will reveal additional bodies.

Search for the two bodies believed to be in the mine continues tonight.

Officials of the state mining department, began their inspection today in efforts to ascertain the cause and fix responsibility for disaster. Coroner Sipe has set December 10, for the taking of testimony for allowing an all night struggle against possible, have indicated by chalk marks just where bodies were found as an aid to the final inspectors.

Many of the bruised, burned and mangled bodies rescued from the depths of the Marianna mines of the Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal Company were about 140 lives were snuffed out by an explosion last Saturday, narrowly escaped complete incineration tonight when fire broke out in the improvised morgue, a partially completed three-story structure located at West Zollarsville, near the mining town. The fire was extinguished before any of the bodies were reached.

The charge is made tonight that bogus identifications of bodies are being made for profit.

At the Opera House.

The "Midnight Elopement" played by the Demorest Comedy company at the opera house last night, was witnessed by a large and enthusiastic audience.

The play was full of comedy and was for laughing purposes only, and was hugely enjoyed by all present.

Robert Demorest, as Solomon Short the country boy, who was the man of all work at the village tavern, was full of fun and wit.

Miss Bettie McCrany as Jane Pennywise, the landlady of the tavern was indeed wise as to the pennies for she charged extra for everything.

Tonight the company will produce the Ku-Klux-Klan, which promises to be a strong play.

Notice to Methodist Ladies.

The ladies of the Methodist church are requested to meet at the parsonage Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Change In Postal Laws

TO HAVE REVISION OF LAW.

Offices of Assistant Postmaster-General Will be Abolished and a Director of Posts Adopted, With Seven Assistants.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The four offices of assistant postmaster-general will be abolished, a director of posts, with seven assistants provided for, with the entire postal service of the United States divided into 15 separate districts, if the bill providing for the revision of the postal laws, which is being prepared by the joint postal investigation committee of congress, appointed two years ago, is passed by congress.

The commission, which is composed of three senators and three representatives, has been in session for the past week, and by holding daily meetings expects to complete the work of preparing the bill this week.

It is claimed that a director of posts appointed to hold office until removed for cause, and who shall receive a high salary, will tend to improve the service through a continuance of policies.

By providing for seven assistants the commission believes that the disadvantages due to frequent changes and the appointment of inexperienced men can be avoided. These assistant directors are, according to provisions of the law, to hold office during good behavior. The postmaster-general will continue as executive head of the department.

An important provision of the bill is the assignment of the duties now performed by the third assistant postmaster-general to a commission of appeals. This commission would issue all fraud orders and pass upon the admission to the mails of second-class matter.

In addition to these changes in the administration, many of which have been recommended by Postmaster General Meyer, numerous minor changes in the postal laws are included in the bill. The codification of the postal laws is also a part of the work required of the commission, which is composed of Senators Penrose, Pennsylvania, chairman; Dolliver, Iowa, and Clay, of Georgia, and Representatives Overstreet, Indiana; Gardner, New Jersey, and Moon, of Tennessee.

Tonight the people of Statesville will have the long looked for opportunity to see the great play the Ku-Klux-Klan. This is a companion play to "The Clansman," staged with beautiful special scenery and a company of players of sterling merit. Mr. Demorest guarantees this to be one of the best plays ever presented in Statesville regardless of price. Prices 15, 25, 35

COTTON MARKET.

Local Market.

Prices paid at wagon:
Strict Good middling.....8 7/8
Good middling.....8
Middling.....8 1/2 to 8 5/8
Stains and Tinges.....7 1/2 to 8
The market was quiet.

Marriage license have been issued to Wm. P. Drumwright and Gertrude Gilleland.

The new electric sign of the Masonic order, on the National bank building is very pretty and attracting a lot of attention.

Property Loss Is \$5,000,000

TRYING TO BUILD BARRIER.

After an All-Night Struggle Against Encroachments of Arkansas River, the Apparently Hopeless Struggle is Renewed—Fate of Property Aggregating Probably \$5,000,000 is in the Balance—Conditions Improving at Guthrie, Okla.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 1.—Flood conditions in this part of the state continue to improve and the Arkansas, Caney and Verdigris rivers were falling steadily today. So far two deaths have been reported. The dead are: John Sullivan, a section foreman, drowned in Black Bear creek, near Red Rock yesterday, body recovered; A. J. Whitney, secretary and treasurer of the Farmers' Union Oil Mill, in Guthrie, drowned while leaving the mill on a raft Sunday night; body not recovered.

As the result of a washout early today which caused a break in the natural gas supply Oklahoma City and Guthrie, both cities are out of fuel and practically all the factories are closed.

The Struggle at Pine Bluff.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 1.—Following an all night struggle against the encroachments of the Arkansas river, citizens of Pine Bluff renewed the apparently hopeless struggle today. The fate of property aggregating probably \$5,000,000 is in the balance. All teams that can be pressed into service are hurrying willow and pine branches to the river where hundreds of men are working hard waving mats and pushing these into the river hoping to form a temporary barrier against the flood.

A section of land north of the court house walls 10 feet wide and 100 feet long is moving slowly toward the river. The kitchen of the residence of C. G. Brockway slid into the river late last night.

The entire river front is cracked and unsafe even for pedestrians.

Citizens of Pine Bluff late today wired President Roosevelt to intercede in behalf of the city to get permission from the secretary of war to divert the channel of the Arkansas river here.

Among the Sick.

Mr. A. C. McHargue who has been sick for some days is a great deal better.

Mr. J. M. Mitchell who has been very ill for some time, is greatly improved.

Miss Eleanor Clarke, daughter of W. D. Clarke of this city, has had an operation for appendicitis and is very ill at Rutherfordton, where she has been employed some time as a trained nurse.

Mrs. Chal. Cornelius, who underwent an operation at Long's sanatorium Monday, is resting well.

The condition of Rev. R. C. Greene is not so encouraging today, as he is not resting well at all.

The condition of Mrs. Craig, mother of Mrs. C. W. Conner is not improved.

Mr. E. M. Brawley, who has pneumonia, is resting easy today.

Work is progressing nicely on the new district school, a few miles north of town, near Capt. Gregory's.