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Creedmore Under \$1,000 Bond

THE NEGRO GAITHER IS DEAD.

Guard Creedmore Waives Examination and Gives a \$1,000 Bond for Shooting Andy Gaither, Who Died Late Yesterday Afternoon—Creedmore's Story.

Anderson Gaither, who was shot in the heel last Saturday night by Guard Creedmore, while after Tom Moore, an escape convict, died late yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Creedmore was immediately arrested, here, being tried before Justice King last night about 8 o'clock.

Mr. Creedmore waived examination, and gave a bond in the sum of \$1,000 for his appearance at the next term of court.

Mr. Creedmore stated that he missed Tom Moore from his bunk on Saturday night, and went immediately to the home of the Gaither negro, and arriving there he heard Moore cutting the shackles from his legs.

He knocked on the door and asked Gaither who was in the house. Gaither told him that there was no one but he and his wife. But Creedmore knew better and demanded entrance, and was finally admitted, finding Moore in the house.

He called upon Moore to surrender, but he made a break for the door, Gaither opening it so he could escape. As he ran out of the door, Creedmore shot at him, but hit Gaither in mistake, inflicting a wound in his heel.

Mr. Creedmore was hit on the face by some one while he was in the house but does not know who did it, or what he was hit with.

Mr. Creedmore returned to the convict camp last night, and resumed his work there until court. He was for some years a guard at the state penitentiary at Raleigh.

Stockholders Meet.

At the meeting of the stockholders of the Dixie Club Grocery Company on last Monday night the following officers and directors were elected:

President—C. S. Holland.
Vice President—W. W. Cooper.
Manager and Secretary—J. E. Thadpe.
Temporary Treasurer—C. S. Holland.

Directors—C. S. Holland, J. E. Tharpe, J. M. Ramsey, J. M. Adams, J. C. Henley, R. F. Henry, C. H. Turner.

Mr. Tharpe will return about the 7th of next month and take up his position as manager of the new company.

Their store, which will be headquarters for drugs and groceries, will be opened in the annex to the Hotel Iredell and will be opened about the middle of January. Mr. Tharpe will have active management.

Greensboro to Have Wireless Station
Greensboro, Dec. 30.—The Eastern Operating Department of the United Wireless Telegraph Company announces the placing of an order with the company's manufacturing department, for 250 complete sets of wireless instruments, all of which are soon to be installed at stations to be established in cities east of the Mississippi river.

One of these stations will be located in Greensboro. Other cities in North Carolina where stations will be established are Elizabeth City, Cape Hatteras, Beaufort, Newbern, Raleigh, Wilmington, Charlotte, Asheville, Henderson and Winston-Salem.

Mr. McLain Resigns.

Mr. A. S. McLain who has been with the Lawrence Brothers Company for a long while, has resigned his position.

Mr. McLain is a fine drygoods salesman and the Lawrence Company was sorry to give him up.

He and Mr. W. W. Foushee went to Wilkesboro yesterday, where possibly Mr. McLain will engage in business.

Mothers how can you take chances—keep a bottle of Mothers Joy in your house. You need Mothers Joy every day.

About Sherman Moose.

Some days ago this paper published an article about the jail and the prisoners, dealing on the sanitary condition of the place a little.

One of the prisoners held in jail, who was talked about was Sherman Moose, who is very insane at times. Today Sheriff Deaton received a letter from Mr. J. T. Moose of Fisher Switch, Ind., a brother of Sherman Moose, inquiring into the condition of Sherman and his surroundings.

Mr. Moose had read the article concerning his brother Sherman in the Mascot, which paper he takes. Of course he was interested in the condition of Sherman, as any brother would be.

In the letter Mr. Moose earnestly requested Mr. Deaton to take some steps to get Sherman into an insane asylum some place. Mr. Deaton announces that he will put the matter before the county commissioners at their next meeting on next Monday.

Sherman has been liberated once, and a friend of him started home with him, but he took a sudden notion that he would rather be in jail than any place else and returned there.

As to the sanitary condition of the jail, Mr. Deaton says it is very bad, but he has issued orders that each prisoner shall be made to take a bath twice a week and endeavor otherwise to keep things clean around them.

The grand jurors of the court, for the past three or four terms have recommended a new jail and doubtless some steps would have been taken at the last meeting of the commissioners if a quorum had been present.

Men to Use Side Saddles.

For some months in the past large numbers of ladies have been seen riding horseback astride. That is a custom that is all right, and the Mascot is in favor of it, as it is much easier than riding on a side saddle.

But what is disturbing some, especially two of our citizens is that men may have to adopt the side saddle habit. A few days ago one gentleman approached another of this city, asking him if he could not sell him a nice side saddle. The gentleman who had the side saddle for sale was informed by the other one that he did not need the saddle at present, but might be able to sell it in two or three years to some gentleman, as the masculine sex would be more than likely to adopt the side saddle, letting the ladies have the other kind.

We do not imagine that an awkward man would sit in a side saddle still as much grace as a lady can, but still if they want to try it, let them go their route.

Stag Supper Last Night.

Ex-Sheriff and Mrs. T. J. Allison gave a stag supper at their beautiful home on Davie avenue last night to their sons, Messrs. Raymond and Will Allison.

The home was beautifully decorated, and the dining table was loaded down with good things to eat too numerous to mention.

About a dozen gentlemen friends of the Messrs. Allison were present, and several of the gentlemen present, said it was one of the finest they had ever attended at any place.

Newspaper for Spring Hope.

Spring Hope, Dec. 30.—A weekly newspaper to be known as The Spring Hope Leader, will be started at Spring Hope next week. Robert E. Ranson, superintendent of the Spring Hope schools, will be the editor and business manager. Walter Buck, of Ayden, an experienced printer, will be in charge of the mechanical department of the paper. Both of these young fellows are young and enthusiastic and they expect to put forth every effort to effort to make a success of the newspaper at this place.

Delegation to Marion.

A delegation of gentlemen, of the local order of Odd Fellows, went to Marion yesterday afternoon, where they witnessed some first degree work, which was administered by the Blue Ridge order on some members of the Marion lodge.

The delegation was composed of Messrs. E. G. Gaither, A. E. Fry, J. S. Alexander, and R. P. Allison.

Mr. John A. Conner accompanied the delegation. They all report a fine time and good work.

Mr. Jas. E. Deaton and niece, Miss Sallie Smith, of Lynchburg, Va., are visiting relatives at Mooresville.

Death List Reaches 200,000

REGGIO TOTALLY DESTROYED.

Never in the History of Italy Has Such a Calamity Descended Upon the People—Every Hour Brings Fresh News of Devastation—Thousands of Tourists Are Believed to Have Been Killed—Believed Today That Not More Than a Half Dozen People Survived in Reggio, a City of 40,000 People.

Rome, Dec. 30.—Two hundred thousand human beings met death in the Italian earthquake. The toll of death from the destroying forces which swept Sicily and southern Italy on Monday is the heaviest from any calamity in the history of the nation.

Every effort is being made by the American ambassador and other influential foreign residents here to determine the safety of Consul Cheney and his assistants. The Continental and American press associations have given orders that this shall come first in the work of their correspondents.

The king and queen are at Messina. Both are so overcome that they were compelled to spend the greater part of the day in their apartments. Both have promised everything within the agency of the government for the relief and succor of the afflicted.

Refugees are now arriving hourly from Calabria. Stories told by these are too full of horror to be easily reproduced.

Not a building remains standing in Reggio. This information was brought here today by wanderers from the stricken sections.

Only a few scores escaped death. The sea rolled in with a mighty roar that was at first mistaken for the rumblings of the earthquake. The greater portion of the city's site is covered with water today.

Sympathy for Italy.

Washington, Dec. 30.—President Roosevelt sent a cable dispatch to King Victor Emanuel, of Italy, yesterday, expressing his sympathy and the sympathy of the American people with the earthquake sufferers.

The text of the message is as follows: "With all my countrymen I am appalled by the dreadful calamity which has befallen your country. I offer my sincere sympathy to you. American Red Cross has issued an appeal for contributions for the sufferers and notified me that they will immediately communicate with the Italian Red Cross."

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

Shot by a Woman.

Washington, N. C., Dec. 30.—Luther Stone died here this morning from wounds received last night at the hands of May Wilard in a house of ill fame. The woman then shot herself and it is believed will die. The killing seems to have been the outcome of jealousy. Stone had been intimate with the woman, but lately neglected her.

Jno. Templeton Caught.

Jno. Templeton, colored, wanted this county for an affray at Mooresville was arrested at Asheville, and will be brought here next week and put in jail if his bond is not raised. Frank Hollman, colored, who was arrested at Mooresville, on the charge of fighting Templeton, was put under a bond this morning and released.

Emma Keaton to Goldsboro.

Emma Keaton, the crazy colored woman who has been in jail for some time, will be taken to Goldsboro, and put in the colored insane asylum there next Tuesday. Application was made some days ago to have her admitted there. Sheriff Deaton will possibly take her there.

Adams Brought Here.

Gus Adams colored who was arrested at Winston on a capias issued by Sheriff Deaton, for retailing, was brought here this morning by the sheriff and lodged in jail.

Mother do you hear that rattling in your babies throat? Put a little Mothers' Joy on it and stop it at once.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Mr. J. T. Brantley of Salisbury, is in town today.

Mr. G. M. Young of Troutman, was in town this morning.

Mr. N. D. Tomlin, of North Irdeell is in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Holderr of Amity, are in the city today.

Congressman Charlie Cowles is in the city today on business.

Sheriff J. M. Deaton went to Asheville this afternoon to bring, Jno. Templeton here.

Mr. Hugh Allison, better known as "Billy Dock," of Richmond, Va., is visiting relatives in the city.

Mr. C. R. Hudson will go to Rowan county tonight where he will make addresses before farmers of that county tomorrow.

Mrs. J. H. Garrison of Charlotte, mother of Mr. Edgar Garrison of this city is visiting her sister Mrs. W. M. Cross in this city.

Mesdames Roscoe Kincaid and Locke Edmundson returned to their homes at Mooresville today, after visiting the family of Mr. S. R. Brown for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Holton returned from their bridal trip to Asheville Tuesday night. After visiting in this county for about a week, they will go to Mooresville, their future home.

Mrs. Millwee and two sons returned to their home this morning near Charlotte. Mrs. Millwee is a sister of Mrs. R. F. Henry, and has been visiting here with Mr. and Mrs. Henry since last Monday.

IS KING'S BAIL GOOD?

Assistant District Attorney Renews His Request for an Increase in the Bail Cardenio F. King, Convicted of the Larceny of \$25,000.

Boston Mass., Dec. 30.—Investigation of the security behind the original bail of Cardenio F. King, financial agent, who was convicted yesterday of the larceny of \$25,000 from customers, was ordered today by Judge Schofield, of the Superior court.

Assistant District Attorney Dwyer today renewed a request made last night, when the jury reported a verdict of guilty, for an increase in King's bail pending an appeal by the defense.

He informed the court today that he had reason to believe that sureties behind the original bail were worth only \$16,000 instead of \$25,000 as called for in the bond. He said that one of the sureties was J. A. Holmes, a clerk in King's office. An investigation was ordered. The matter will come up again tomorrow.

Early Refuses Medicine.

Washington, Dec. 29.—John Early, "Washington's leper," who hails from North Carolina, has refused for the last two months to take the medicine prescribed for him. Early is chafing under restraint. He claims there is doubt as to the nature of the disease from which he suffers, though many experts who inspected the case during the tuberculosis congress here recently, pronounce it undoubtedly one of leprosy.

The leper's latest proposition is to have Dr. John Hansen, a celebrated Swedish specialist, brought to the United States to pass upon his case. If Dr. Hansen pronounces his case one of leprosy, Early says he will accept the decision as final.

As the government will contribute nothing toward Dr. Hansen's expenses and Early cannot raise the money to pay for a visit himself, he will probably have to remain in his present quarters and under quarantine.

The city seems to be an easy snap for parties from "furrin" parts who wish to beg money. Only a few days ago there were two furriners here begging money, and today there is a couple more here for that purpose.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Mrs. H. Scott who has been critically ill for some days is resting a little easier.

License have been issued for the marriage of Mr. J. P. Waugh and Miss Adie Drum.

The Mascot is glad to publish all the short local notices and personals that the citizens will phone to us.

Mr. J. G. Gray who underwent an operation for appendicitis at Long's sanatorium on last Monday is resting better today.

A stockholders meeting of the New Commercial National Bank is being held this afternoon in the Loan and Trust building.

Chas. Warren was tried in Mayor Grier's court today for being drunk on the 24th of December. He was fined two dollars and costs, all amounting to five dollars.

Do not forget the reception to be given by the local chapter of the D. A. R. tonight at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Henkle, at 8 o'clock. You know it is to raise funds to mark the site of the historic Fort Dobbs, north of this city. A small silver offering will be received by the Daughters, but do not fail to go.

A Test of Good Methods and Good Seed Combined

Mr. J. M. Lippard, of Route 3, Statesville, N. C., is a farmer who is progressive enough to find out things which he wants to know.

Upon the advent of the Farmers Co-operative Demonstration work in North Carolina about a year ago, Mr. Lippard decided to thoroughly test the methods and also to test the question of good seed upon which the Demonstration agents put considerable stress. For this purpose he used some gray, gravelly, upland soil with clay sub-soil where he had been making 12 to 15 bushels of corn per acre previously. He did not break as early as was recommended, but broke it as soon as was convenient in January. He used a two-horse plow, following in the same furrow with a bulltongue scooter as a sub-soiler, and is sure that he broke the land 10 inches deep without inverting it. He "edged" or "ridged" up the land to expose as much of it as possible to the air and then harrowed twice and re-broke the land later. He planted level and used the weeder for the three first cultivations. He gave five other cultivations.

For fertilizers he used 200 pounds of equal parts of cotton seed meal and 16 per cent acid broadcasted before planting. He used ten loads of stable manure broadcasted several weeks before planting. At time of planting he applied 100 pounds of 8-3-3 fertilizer. He hoed the corn once.

Cost.

Breaking the land.....\$4.00
Harrowings.....1.00
Weederings.....1.00
Planting......50
Cultivation.....5.00
Hoeling.....1.00
Gathering.....3.00
Hauling manure.....3.00
Pulling fodder and cutting tops 3.00
Ten loads lot manure.....10.00
300 lbs commercial fertilizer.. 3.65
Rental value of land.....5.00
Total cost.....\$40.15

Credits.

By fodder and tops.....\$14.50
Cost of producing the corn.. 25.65
Yield of corn per acre...90 bushels
Cost per bushel.....28 1-2 cets

On another acre of the same kind of soil with the same treatment, fertilizers, etc., Mr. Lippard made, with ordinary corn, only 60 bushels per acre, at a cost of 42 3-4 cents per bushel.

The above figures were based on labor at \$1.00 per day for a man and \$1.00 per day for a horse, and of course make the cost of the corn rather high. As a matter of fact, Mr. Lippard did his own work and by owning and feeding his own stock with home grown supplies he probably made the corn at a cost of about 20 cents per bushel.

On another acre, rich bottom land, Mr. Lippard made 64 bushels of corn per acre at a cost of 18 cents per bushel based on the same cost of labor, etc., as the above acres. This land, too, was broken 8 to 10 inches deep and thoroughly harrowed before planting. This latter acre shows how cheaply a farmer can make corn if he were to rotate his crops, plow the soil deeply and build it up as a farmer should do. The later corn probably cost Mr. Lippard not over 10 to 12 cents per bushel.

27 Bodies Are Recovered

ONLY TWO ARE RESCUED ALIVE

A Temporary Morgue is Established. Fifty May be Dead—Work of Exploring the Lick Branch Colliery Continues—No Trouble Experienced From the After Damp.

Bluefield, W. Va., Dec. 30.—The work of exploring the Lick Branch colliery, in which the disastrous explosion occurred yesterday, still continues and tonight a total of twenty-seven dead have been recovered.

Two of these were taken out alive and died from the effects of their injuries afterwards. The deaths in most of the cases were due to asphyxiation from afterdamp and smoke caused by the explosion, although the force of the death-dealing blast was terrific. Mine cars shattered to splinters, and other debris, was blown out of the entrances and a hundred feet away from the mine mouth into the open.

Eight crews of rescuers are at work and have been on duty continually all day exploring the mine passages in the search for bodies. afterdamp is peculiarly lacking and no inconvenience has been encountered by the rescuing parties from this source, which is very unusual.

In a large building near the mines a temporary morgue has been established and this, together with a large area about the mine mouth, has been roped off to keep back the curious, there are many pitiful scenes about the village and tonight watchers sit by the coffins of three in one home, and in three other homes there are two waiting for interment tomorrow.

There is an absence of the usual excitement in such accidents, but from many houses can be heard the moans of women as husband, father or brother is brought home dead.

It is now estimated that the death list will reach fifty.

DEATH FROM EATING OYSTERS.

Samuel C. Burnett, of Reidsville, Dead—Held Important Position.

Reidsville, N. C., Dec. 30.—Mr. Samuel C. Burnett died at his home this afternoon at 2 o'clock. His death was caused from eating a stew of stale oysters Monday at the cafe here.

Mr. Burnett was 35 years old. For many years he had held an important position with the F. R. Penn Tobacco Company. Several years ago he became a great sufferer from rheumatism, but since returning from Hot Springs, where he went for treatment, his health had been gradually improving. He is survived by his mother, one brother and six sisters.

Reflections of a Bachelor Girl.

By Helen Rowland.

Love, like a jar holds only so much honey, and the more you squeeze out of it the less is left in it.

That deadly reaction that comes after a man has gone too far in love or wine feels so much like real repentance that he is almost inclined to be conceited about it.

When a man pulls the leaves off a daisy he says not, "She loves me? She loves me not?" but "I love her? I love her not?" and he's just as much in doubt about the answer as though it were somebody else's puzzle.

The masculine idea of being perfectly "balanced" is to have two love affairs on hand—one for his lighter side and one for his darker side, one as a stimulant and one as a sedative.

since his home grown feed supplies made his labor cost him a good deal less than the market price of labor.

Compare these prices with the market price of corn the past season.

We omitted to state that the prolific corn used on one acre of the upland was Biggs' prolific. That on bottom was a large, two eared variety, called Virginia White. No manure or fertilizer of any kind was used on the bottom lands.