

USED A SHOT GUN ON HIM.

Wes Shelton, Colored, Becomes Enraged at His Stepfather Lewis Moore and Shoots Him.

A shooting affray that happened on Wednesday night has just come to light. At the home of Lewis Moore, colored, in Rabbit Town, a colored suburb southeast of the city, on the night mentioned, Wes Shelton became enraged suddenly, and grabbed up a shot gun, and emptied the entire load into Moore's forehead, inflicting a very painful wound. Moore is the stepfather of Shelton. For some reason the affair has been unusually quiet, none of the neighbors, and only a few negroes passing of the shooting. A white man who lives south of the city, related the affair to Sheriff Ward this morning, and a search was immediately begun for Shelton. After a long search he was finally found in the parrot of a house occupied by Henry Nicholson, colored, southeast of town. He was brought to the city and lodged in jail, to await a preliminary hearing on next Monday before Judge King.

Why the affair has been kept so quiet is a mystery to the officers. The general opinion however, is that the falling out was caused either over a "crap game" or whiskey, or both.

Last fall some time, Shelton went to Mr. Oscar Carlson with a pitiful tale that his wife was badly sick, and he needed two dollars and if Mr. Carlson would let him have it he would work for it the next week. Mr. Carlson accommodated him to the two dollars, and Shelton failed to show up and do the work to repay the two dollars. An investigation showed that he had no wife, and a warrant was sworn out for him, on charges of false pretense and this is the first time the officers have had a chance to get him.

Later, Since the above article was set up, Deputy J. W. Ward informs us that he visited the home of Moore this afternoon and that Moore says Shelton did not shoot him in the head, but hit him with a stick, and then shot at his with the shot gun, but did not hit him. The preliminary hearing is set for Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

An Orphan Girl's First New Dress.

What would you think of a big girl high up in her teens, who had never had a brand new dress within her recollection? That situation developed at the orphanage recently when one of the "big girls," said of a new dress that was made for her that it was the first one she ever remembered to have had. It is this way. She came to the orphanage when a tiny little girl and each year has inherited clothes from a girl a little bigger than herself. While she has looked neat enough she has not until now had anything that was made for her very self. She did not get it until she got too big to inherit from any older sister. There is no discredit in this arrangement, surely, for while it reveals a strict effort for economy, it is also a fact, we venture to say, that this young miss appreciated her pretty new dress a thousand times more than the girl who has all her life surfeited by having as many as she wanted. Being deprived of a blessing causes us to appreciate it all the more keenly when it is given.

150 Negroes Were Arrested.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 11.—In a raid today the police of Brownsville, Pa., arrested 150 negroes who have been loafing about the coke ovens.

All were discharged as the hearing later and ordered to leave town, except six, who are being held pending an investigation of their records in Pittsburg, Cleveland, Ohio, and other places.

According to the Brownsville authorities most of the negroes are from Pittsburg, which place they left when the police made wholesale arrests of negroes on account of the many assaults against white women.

A School Entertainment.

The Mascot is requested to announce that an entertainment will be given at the Oak Grove school house near Bloomfield on Friday evening the 15th. The entertainment will consist of songs and plays and the admission will be 15 cents. Proceeds to be used to beautifying the school room.

HENRY SHARPE A SUICIDE.

Goes Out to Cut Wood and Cuts Throat With Razor.

A telephone message to The Mascot, late yesterday afternoon, from Harmony, stated that Mr. Henry Sharpe, a well known white man of Eagle Mills township had been found with his throat cut, a razor, supposed to have been the instrument of destruction was found beside the body.

It was stated that Mr. Sharpe went into the woods yesterday morning with his axe to chop wood. Some one who went into the woods about noon, was horrified to find Mr. Sharpe laying on the ground in a large pool of blood with his throat slashed from ear to ear. Nearby was found the razor, which his son had bought only a few weeks ago.

Mr. Sharpe was about 55 years old and is survived by a wife and five children. He was a well-to-do man, and stood high in the community and the church. No cause is assigned for his act, as there was no mental trouble, and his financial affairs would not cause it. His family states that for some time he has been talking of suicide of homicide and a great deal of uneasiness was felt for him.

Mr. Sharpe was a cousin of Mr. Chas. Wadsworth, of Charlotte, who committed suicide in Greensboro, some days ago.

Work on the Doolie Road Completed

The work of grading a part of the new road from Mooresville to the river which the Doolie section obligated to do has been finished and one mile and a half of good road has been made by the people of this section. This part of the road will connect with the part being graded by the county and which has been contracted with Mr. James Brown. Mr. Brown will begin shortly finishing up his part of it to make this connection and when this is completed there will yet remain about two miles of the road that has not yet been contracted for but there is no doubt but that some suitable arrangement will soon be made whereby this can be completed. As stated before the county is now advertising for bids to do the macadam on this road which will extend about four miles from Mooresville and with a well made road to the river Mooresville will be able to offer good inducements to the residents of Catawba and Lincoln counties to come to Mooresville.—Mooresville Enterprise.

To the Public.

The Postal Telegraph Company which now has an office in this city wishes to call the attention of the public to the fact that their tariff book for 1909 contains 80 more pages, and shows the names of 4,249 more places, than the 1908 book. It also shows that the "Postal" and its connections maintain exclusive offices at 2,310 places not reached by any other telegraph company. The "Postal" system handles business for 29,756 places. The "Postal" continues "Active and Progressive," and deserves the support of every person who believes in competition.

Reception Last Evening.

At the beautiful home of Mrs. P. B. Key, on Sharpe street last night, a reception was given in honor of Mr and Mrs. G. E. French, at which about 200 guests attended.

The home of Mrs. Key was beautifully decorated and the affair was a grand success and enjoyed by every one fortunate enough to be present.

Many handsome gifts, given to Mr. and Mrs. French, were displayed in the sitting room. The gift of Mrs. Key to the bridal couple, was a beautiful silver service.

New Barber Here.

Mr. R. L. Earnhardt of the Hotel Iredell Barber shop has succeeded in getting Mr. R. S. Wilson, a barber of 16 years experience, of Augusta, Ga., to take a chair in the above mentioned shop. The public is invited to call and get work done as there will be no waiting.

Married Yesterday.

Mr. Julius Le Sharpe of Olin township, and Miss Mary Anderson of Wilkes county were married yesterday afternoon at the residence of Rev. J. G. Weatherman, in North Iredell, Mr. Weatherman performing the ceremony.

MURPHY FOUND GUILTY.

Spencer Safe Blower Gets One Year at Hard Labor.

Geo. Murphy, the white man who once did the "chin scraping" stunt in the barber shop of W. F. Howard, in this city was yesterday afternoon in the Rowan superior court convicted of conspiracy to blow open the safe of the Wachovia Loan and Trust Co., at Spencer last September.

The following dispatch from Salisbury gives the sentence he received.

Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 11.—Convicted in Rowan superior court here today of conspiring to blow open and rob the Wachovia Loan and Trust Company at Spencer last September, George Murphy, well known in Salisbury, was this afternoon sentenced by Judge E. B. Jones, to one year at hard labor in the state penitentiary.

The evidence in the case was completed this morning and the case given the jury at noon. Three hours later a verdict of guilty was returned. The defense worked hard for the freedom of Murphy, and Solicitor Hammer made a strong fight for conviction.

Murphy was immediately tried for seriously cutting M. S. Bennett here five years ago and convicted. Four other cases against him were not pressed.

In Commemoration of Lincoln.

Postmaster J. W. C. Long received yesterday a large lot of postage stamps, to be placed on sale only today in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln, which is today. The stamps bear a splendid engraving of the martyr president and makes a beautiful design. The day will be celebrated pretty well throughout the entire country, especially in the north and some parts of the west. Many of the city and country schools, producing appropriate exercises.

Fair Play in Sports.

I believe in work, and I do not believe in sacrificing work to play; but I most emphatically believe also in play. A bay or girl who has a healthy body will be all the better fit for serious work, and if the health comes through vigorous sports pursued in an honorable, straightforward manner not only the mind but the character, is benefited.

To the boys I wish to say a special word. I emphatically believe in manliness, in courage, in physical address, but I believe quite as much in good comradeship and a spirit of fair play. I hope that whenever you enter a contest you will do all that is in you to win, and yet you will remember that it is far better to fail than to win by unfairness, by any underhand trickery. Keep in mind that it is only by persistent effort in the face of discouragement that any of us ever does anything that is really worth while doing.

The fellow who gives up when he is once beaten is made of mighty poor stuff, and if he does give up as soon as he is beaten in a sport he does not stand much chance of success in the serious conflicts of after life. The true spirit, the spirit which wins victories in after life, is the spirit which fights hard to succeed, but which takes defeat in good nature and with a resolute determination to try again.

It is a good beginning for this serious work of after life if on the play-grounds you learn how to cooperate with your fellows and to do your best to win while at the same time erating your own interests with fairness and courtesy.—Theodore Roosevelt.

Ministers Endorse the Minstrel.

The Benevolent and Relief Association of Statesville, Mrs. A. L. Coble president, has been caring for the poor and suffering of our city with such Christian care and oversight since the organization of this arm of charity, that the churches and individuals of the city have gladly helped to furnish the necessary funds for the prosecution of the work. Miss Martha Moore has undertaken to raise funds for this work of charity and will give a play at the opera house tonight for this purpose. The Pastorial Association endorses this effort of Miss Moore, and hereby urges the people of the city to liberally patronize this play and thereby relieve the congregations from any special effort to supplement this fund. W. A. LUTZ, Pres. Statesville Ministerial Ass'n.

REV. MITCHNER IN HAMLET.

He is Considering a Call to That Field.

The following dispatch from Hamlet, concerning Rev. John F. Mitchner of this city will be of interest to many of Statesville's citizens:

Hamlet, N. C., Feb. 11.—Rev. J. F. Mitchner, of Statesville, came to Hamlet this morning to look over the field and consider a call as pastor of the Baptist church, the former pastor having resigned several weeks ago. Rev. Mr. Mitchner will hold a service in the church tonight, after which the board of deacons will probably extend him a call.

LIBERTY BELL PARTY WANTS CUT RATE.

Those Who Will Take Relic Across Continent do not Care to Pay Full Fare.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Josiah Collins, representing the Alaska, Yukon and Pacific Exposition called at the White House this morning to enlist the president's aid in getting the Interstate Commerce Commission to agree to a reduction in railway rates for the Liberty Bell across the continent.

Mr. Collins was presented by Representative Humphries, of Washington. The Philadelphia authorities have agreed to lend the historic bell to the exposition, but there has been a hitch in the arrangements for transporting it to Seattle because of the interstate commerce ruling against reduced rates under the conditions which the bell will be removed.

Mr. Collins extended invitations to Vice President-elect Sherman and Speaker Cannon to speak at the opening of the exposition June 1st.

PRESIDENT MEASURED FOR HUNTING SHOES.

Bootmaker Takes Precedence Over the Lawmakers.

Washington, Feb. 11.—One of the first callers at the White House yesterday was the president's shoemaker. Neither senators, representatives nor cabinet officers preceded him.

The president was measured for a pair of heavy hunting shoes for his African trip. They will be of thick leather and hobnailed.

Apple Wine.

There is a new industry which promises to figure in apple sections of this section. Mr. H. C. Walker, of the Brushles, has a process by which he manufactures pure apple wine and those who are judges say that it is fine wine, equal to the best supperpong. It is a secret process and if put in use, the apple wine industry will be a big thing. With the wine and cider made of apples in this section, the west can't argue that the east is favored by the prohibition law Wilkesboro Chronicle.

Don't Fail to Go.

Go where? Why to the White ace Minstrel tonight and hear the joke hits of the day. Every arrangement has been completed, and this promises to be one of the best amateur shows ever given in the city of Statesville. Any church member can go, for the ministers of the city have endorsed it, saying it is all right, and given for a good purpose. The curtain will raise promptly at 8:35, and no one will be seated while any song is being sung, so you had better go early.

Home Coming of Big Fleet.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11.—In point of public interest the home-coming of the great battleship fleet promises to exceed the notable departure of the same vessels. Forty-eight men have died on the fleet since it left Hampton Roads in December, 1907, up to the time the fleet left Gibraltar, according to the department figures. The ratio to deaths to 15,000 men, composing crews and officers of the fleet is probably lower than in the ordinary walks of life.

Searched With a Hot Iron.

ro scalded by overturned kettle—cut with a knife—bruised by slammed door—injured by gun or in any other way—the thing needed at once is Eicklen's Arnica Salve to subdue inflammation and kill the pain. It's earth supreme healer. Infalible for Boils, Ulcers, Fever sores, Eczema and Piles. Price 25c. Sold and guaranteed by Statesville Drug Co

THE RIGHT MAN ARRESTED?

Jack Wade in Florida Jail Charged With Attempted Criminal Assault Upon Miss Irma Newell—Another Negro Nearly Lynched for the Crime.

Gainsville, Fla., Feb. 11.—Sheriff Ramsey today arrested Jack Wade, colored, charged with attempting criminal assault upon Miss Irma Newell, near Lakeand, Fla., Tuesday morning while she was on her way to school. Officers in the section have been hunting for Wade for the past three days, word having been received here Tuesday that he was suspected of being the guilty party. The negro will be taken to Lakeland tonight.

Charley Crumley, colored, who was arrested Tuesday night suspected of the crime, and who is now in jail at Lakeland, had a narrow escape from mob violence Wednesday morning when he was taken from the Lakeland jail and bound to a stake, oil poured upon his body and everything in readiness for applying the match when he was rescued by the sheriff and others who begged the infuriated citizens to give Crumley an opportunity of establishing his innocence, as he asserted he could do.

Two companies of state troops were sent from Tampa to Lakeland last night to protect Crumley against further efforts of the mob to lynch him.

Starts Tomorrow.

The big sacrifice sale of Mr. C. S. Brawley's enormous stock of clothing, shoes and gent's furnishings will start to-morrow, and continue until March 15th. The stock is all new and of the latest style, and Mr. Brawley will conduct the sale himself, no one being imported here from "furrin" parts to conduct it. See the big ad on the third page of this paper and act accordingly.

A "Mickel" Mine.

The following notice has been sent this paper for publication from near Taylorsville:

A Word from Larkie Joiner and nickie Meredith—we have found five Mickel mines in wilkes, one in alexandra near taylorsville. hit is the fines Mickel glass we ever saw. We ar going to work in the taylorsville Mine in the morning. we want this in the statesville paper.

this from Larkie Joiner and nick Meredith to—

Maybe the Taylorsville Scout can tell us about this "Mickel Mine."

A Convict Sick.

Milas Lawrence, a convict on the county roads, was brought to the jail this afternoon for treatment. He has contracted pneumonia, and county physician, Dr. M. R. Adams, says he is in a very bad condition, as the attack may be acute. Milas was sent to the roads at the last term of court for abandoning his wife, the judge giving him six months.

Sheriff Deaton Gone to Washington.

Sheriff Deaton left last night on No. 12 for Washington, D. C., to bring to this city, Ernest Wallace, Sheriff Deaton, as stated in yesterday's paper, received a message that Wallace had been caught, and he was requested to secure requisition papers and come for Wallace at once.

Later, however, Mr. Deaton received a telegram stating that Wallace would come without requisition papers.

A Common Cold.

We claim that if catching cold could be avoided some of the most dangerous and fatal diseases would never be heard of. A cold often forms a culture bed for germs of infectious disease. Consumption, pneumonia, diphtheria and scarlet fever, four of the most dangerous and fatal diseases, are of this class. The culture bed formed by the cold favors the development of the germs of these diseases, that would not otherwise find lodgment. There is little danger, however, of any of these diseases being contracted when a good expectorant cough medicine like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is used. It cleans out these culture beds that favor the development of the germs of these diseases. That is why this remedy has proved so universally successful in preventing pneumonia. It not only cures your cold quickly, but minimizes the risk of contracting these dangerous diseases. For sale by all druggists.

REACHES HIS 62ND MILESTONE

Wizard of Electricity has Passed the Osler Limit—A Remarkable Career.

New York, Feb. 11.—Thomas A. Edison, the wizard of electricity, is 62 years old today. He was born in Ohio February 11, 1847, and became at the age of 12 a newsboy on the Grand Trunk Line running into Detroit. He soon developed studious habits, and began making chemical experiments while on the trains. Obtaining the sole right of vending newspapers on the road, he with four assistants set in type, printed and sold The Grand Trunk Herald, with his other papers. He became interested in the operation of the telegraph, and applying himself to its study, rose to a high rank as an operator. He invented an automatic repeater, capable of transferring messages from one wire to another without the aid of an operator, and in 1867 conceived the idea of a duplex telegraph, which he perfected in 1872, he accepted the superintendency of the Gold and Stock Company, inventing the printing telegraph for gold and stock quotations. He opened a large workshop in Newark, N. J., and devoting himself entirely to inventing.

BIGGERS MIND IS RETURNING.

Broke Into a Flood of Tears When Mounting the Jail Steps.

The first sign of any reason to the mind of Mr. Will S. Biggers was shown yesterday when he was taken to the jail. Biggers has shown great suspicion heretofore when anyone entered his cell in the police station toms. With the clicking of a lock or the first putting of a foot inside the cell, he would rouse up, glare, often leap to his feet, and sometimes reach into his pocket as feeling for a weapon.

Officer Elliott has been able to do a good deal with him. The officer spent half an hour with him in his cell yesterday trying to draw him out into conversation and getting into his good graces. Finally he said:

"Let's walk out and get a little fresh air."

The cell door had been left open and Biggers, accompanied by the officer, walked out. They were joined by Officers Black and Squires and taken in a conveyance to the jail. Biggers did not fight or resist and as he was mounting the steps of the jail he seemed to come to the first realization of his situation, and broke into a flood of tears, wailing out:

"I'll ever see my wife and children again"

This morning he became calmer and more tractable and recognized his brother for the first time since the tragedy.

There is no doubt that Biggers has suffered temporary aberration of mind. There could be no simulation in the fierce glare of the eye and the madman's grip of that single hand; the shaking, as a cat does a rat, of one of his friends who had ventured into his cell the first day of the killing. So said a physician who has examined Biggers.

Not until yesterday, it is said, did he ever make any inquiry about his wife and children.

It is learned that Mrs. Biggers had been up with Biggers for three nights previous to the tragedy, and her first outcry on hearing of the news of what her husband had done was to say, "Do not let him have any weapons. He may kill himself."—Charlotte News.

More Double Track Opened.

Twelve miles of new double track will be put in commission in a few days on the Southern railway between Clarion and Sycamore, Va. This will give the system about twenty-five miles of double-tracking between Lynchburg and Chatam, Va. For some time one of the tracks had been used and a few days ago the other was put in use, temporarily putting the other out of commission. As soon as the forces can make a few changes both of the tracks will be used, and this will give a new double track from Durmid to Sycamore, with the exception of a link of a few miles, which is still being worked upon.—Greensboro Record.

Stops earache in two minutes; in five minutes; hoarseness, one hour; muscleache, two hours; sore throat, twelve hours—Dr. Thomas Electric Oil, monarch over pain, toothache or pain of burn or scald