

Cooper's Are Found Guilty

VERDICT OF MANSLAUGHTER.

The Jury After Deliberating all Morning Return a Verdict of guilty as to Duncan B. and Robin Cooper—Judge Hart Gives Them a sentence of 20 Years Each in the Penitentiary.

At 10:30 o'clock, March 20.—The jury returned a verdict of guilty of manslaughter against Duncan B. and Robin Cooper at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Judge Hart immediately passed a sentence of 20 years each in the penitentiary on them. If an appeal is taken a bond of \$25,000 is required.

TAFT RELOGIZES CLEVELAND.

Taft Reviews Late Ex-President's Life, Showing Why He Climbed.

New York, March 18.—President Taft came to New York today to make an address at the Cleveland memorial meeting held in Carnegie hall this afternoon. His trip from Washington in a private car attached to a regular train, was uneventful.

Justice George Gray, of Delaware, was a fellow passenger with the president from Wilmington to Jersey City. President Taft was met by a large throng at the Jersey City station and was escorted by a cordon of police to waiting automobiles, in which the trip was made by the Twenty-third street ferry to the home of his brother, Henry W. Taft, in West Twenty-fourth street. It was Mr. Taft's first trip as president, and there was considerable curiosity as to whether or not he would shake hands with the engineer. He did not. The president will attend a second Cleveland meeting tonight, but will not speak. Tomorrow he goes to New Haven.

President Taft was the speaker at the exercises. He said:

"Groyer Cleveland was as completely American in his character as Lincoln. Without a college education, he prepared himself for the bar. His life was confined to western New York. His vision of government and of society was not widened by foreign travel. He was a pure product of the village and town life of the middle states, affected by New England ancestry and the atmosphere of a clergyman's home. His chief characteristics were simplicity and honesty, courage of his convictions, with a sense of public duty that has been exceeded by no statesman within my knowledge. It was so strong in him that he rarely wrote anything, whether in the form of a private or public communication, that the obligation of all men to observe the public interest was not his chief theme.

"His career was a remarkable one. By his administration of the affairs of his city as its mayor he showed his power of resistance to, and of overcoming, the influences that made for corruption and negligence in city government, both in his own party and in the party of his opponents. His reputation in this regard spread over his native state of New York at a time, when such an attitude of his seemed exceptional, and his standing before the community became a political asset for the democratic party that even those who had but little sympathy with his principles were glad to seize upon as a means of getting into power. Accordingly he was nominated for the governorship and was elected by the votes not only of his own party but of hundreds of thousands of the republican party.

"The discharge of his duties as governor confirmed and strengthened the reputation that he had acquired as a mayor. Before he had ceased his office as governor he had been elected president of the United States.

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MRS. J. F. SHERRILL DEAD.

Death Caused by Inflammatory Rheumatism—Remains Shipped to Lincoln for Burial.

Mrs. J. F. Sherrill, wife of Mr. J. F. Sherrill, an employee of the Plafigan-Harness Co., died at her home on Stockton street last night at 10:30 o'clock, death being caused by inflammatory rheumatism, of which Mrs. Sherrill has been a sufferer for several years. The remains were shipped to Lincoln this morning, where they will be interred this afternoon at 5 o'clock, the services to be conducted by the Presbyterian minister of that city, Rev. Mr. Minter.

Mrs. Sherrill was a native of Lincoln, and was in her 56th year. Mrs. Sherrill has twice been married, her first husband being a Foard, by whom five children survive, three sons and two daughters, as follows: Mr. B. S. Foard of this city, Messrs. Robert L. and F. B. Foard of Lincoln, and Mrs. J. M. Gaston and Miss Minnie Foard of Lowell. Three sisters, Messdams Etta Carroll, J. F. Gheen and Mary Doty also survive. All the children and sisters named above were present when the end came. Mrs. Sherrill married Mr. Sherrill about 26 years ago, but no children survive from this marriage.

Mrs. Sherrill has been sick, as mentioned before, for several years at times her condition being improved and at other times very serious. On last Sunday she became much better and a great deal of hope was held for her, but on Tuesday she became much worse, and the end was not unexpected. She was a member of the Presbyterian church, a good Christian woman and despite her suffering she has kept faith and all feel that she has received her reward.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. Glenn Lazenby passed through the city today en route to his home near Cool Spring, from Atlanta, where he has been attending a dental school.

Mr. C. C. Taylor, agents' director of the Security Life and Annuity Co., of Greensboro, returned home this morning after spending several days here with Mr. W. E. Sloan district agent for the above company.

Mrs. C. N. Allison of Asheville is spending a few days at the home of her sister, Mrs. T. M. Dale, on Bell street, in this city.

Mrs. Ella Miller of Asheville was in the city a few hours yesterday. She was en route to her home at Asheville from Taylorsville, where she has been visiting relatives.

Mrs. D. C. Ellis and children who have been in the city several days as guests of Mrs. W. R. Sloan, returned to their home at Stony Point.

Mr. Earnest G. Gaffner is in Georgia on a business trip.

Mrs. J. B. Rogers of New York is visiting Miss Sarah Cowles at the latter's home on East Front street.

Miss Fannie C. Long, of Elmwood, spent last night in the city with friends, returning to her home at Elmwood today.

Editor J. B. Robinson of the Mooresville Enterprise, was in the city yesterday.

SCHOOL CLOSURES.

Small Child is Buried—A Sociable Given by the Young People—Other Items From Troutman No. 2.

Mr. James Sharpe of Harmony and Miss Lenora Wagoner of this place closed their school at Simpson's school house Monday the 16th, with an entertainment that was a great success, and greatly enjoyed by all present. The program consisted of dialogues, speeches, and songs, and also an excellent address by Rev. Edwards, which was very interesting. Mr. Sharpe has proved very successful during his four months here. There was also a game of ball played between Troutman and Simpson's the score resulting 7 to 3 in favor of Simpson.

Miss Ida Julian of Salisbury is visiting relatives near here.

Miss Cora Davis of near Salisbury is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. L. Houston, of this place.

Miss Alice Honnicutt is visiting her sister, M. A. Spears at this place. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Neill Eller was buried at Vanderburg cemetery Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coone of Sheperd's spent Saturday night at Mrs. J. S. Simpson's.

Mrs. Andrew Neill and children spent a few days with Mrs. F. K. Oswald.

Misses Minnie and Bertha Gant of Mooresville have been visiting relatives near Ostwalt.

Miss Emma Robbins of Statesville visited at Sheperd's last week.

A sociable was given at the home of Mr. Coma Arthur's Monday night. The affair was greatly enjoyed.

A. M. S.

May Stewart.

Just as we are going to press we are advised that Mr. Waiser, manager of the opera house has just signed contracts securing the distinguished young artist, May Stewart and her excellent company for an early date in an elaborate production of the laudable comedy "The Daughter's Dream" by W. P. Gilbert, author of the Comic Opera's Pinafore Mikado and others.

This will be Miss Stewart's first appearance in Statesville, but she comes heralded with an Eastern reputation and is playing to crowded houses everywhere.

In speaking of Miss Stewart's performance in Kansas City, The Kansas City Journal said: "No star in our theatrical firmament has shown with greater brilliancy than Miss Stewart after she had appeared perfectly in several scenes, her reception in the third act amounted to almost an ovation."

"DAVID GARRICK" GOOD.

A Good House Greets Mr. and Mrs. Edouard D'Oize and the Local Talent in "David Garrick."

A comfortably filled house greeted Mr. and Mrs. Edouard D'Oize and the local talent in the interesting comedy "David Garrick" presented at the opera house last evening. The curtain raised at 8:45 o'clock, and from that until the curtain fell at the close to the last act, the audience was kept in a continual uproar.

Every member acted their parts well, and every one went away feeling that they had received their money's worth. Mr. D'Oize as David Garrick did his part to perfection, especially in the drunken scene. Mr. Herbert Hoffman as Simon Ingot was fine, also were Mr. H. L. McCall, as Squire Richard Chivy, Claude Evans as Mr. Smith, Clyde Alexander as Mr. Brown, and Wallace Hoffman as Mr. Jones.

Miss Marie Long as Ada Ingot, acted her part wonderfully well, and many favorable comments have been passed about her. Mrs. D'Oize as Armita Brown and Mrs. E. S. Pegram as Mrs. Smith were also fine. Mrs. Pegram acting her part wonderfully. As a whole the play was interesting from start to finish, furnishing much amusement for the much amusement for the audience.

Mr. and Mrs. D'Oize will leave this evening for Dillon, S. C., where they are scheduled to put on the same play in that town.

Pat Surprised.

Pat Coleman, the umbrella "fixer" who is in town says he was surprised at the large number of persons who wore the green on St. Patrick's Day. Pat is one of the loyal sons of Erin, and says he could not celebrate the day in the proper spirit on account of some articles of drink which were lacking.

CHURCH TO BE FINISHED.

Work Will be Resumed on The Broad Street Methodist Church Next Week.

The building committee of the Broad street Methodist church have decided to resume work on the new Broad street Church, and next week a large force of carpenters will be put to work. Most of the exterior work has been finished, and the material for the interior finishing is ordered and already part of it has been received. The work will be pushed to a finish, as the members are very anxious to get into the new building.

This church is one of the finest in the Western North Carolina Conference, and indeed a credit to the Broad Street membership. Funds ran low about a year ago, and the period of hard times just passed through has made it impossible to work on the church, consequently it has stood unfinished for some months.

FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON

The Remains of Little James Knox Is Laid to Rest in Oakwood.

The remains of little James, the two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Knox of Waynesville, arrived in the city last evening accompanied by the parents, and were taken to the home of Mrs. Knox's sisters, Messdams W. F. and H. L. Kincaid on Davie Avenue.

At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon the burial took place in the Oakwood cemetery, the services at the grave being conducted by Revs. T. H. Spence of Cleveland and W. H. Wharey of this city.

No funeral services were conducted here, as they were held in Waynesville, before the remains were shipped here.

The grief stricken parents have the deepest sympathy of their many friends in this city in their great loss. Mr. and Mrs. Knox will remain in the city until next week.

ABOUT JOHN LUMSDEN.

A Comrade in the Spanish-American War Writes of the Young Man.

The Washington (N. C.) Messenger printed the following contributed article about John Lumsden:

John Lumsden, or "Fatty," as he was known by his comrades in the Spanish-American war, never did a wilful harm to anyone, and was beloved by all the boys. He was a great bass singer and often gave the nights in those dreary camps at Jacksonville, Fla., Savannah, Ga., and Havana, Cuba, been enlivened with his sweet voice in old familiar songs of home and long ago.

His old comrades of the First N. C. regiment all over the state, and many comrades from other regiments of other states will learn of his sad calamity with sorrow, for he was the life of the camp and often with other boys of the regiment who composed one of the finest quartets in the 7th army corps, sang for Gen. Fitzguth Lee, the commander-in-chief.

May his sorrows in that far away prison be enlivened by the thought that though gone from us for quite a while, he is not forgotten by his old comrades in arms who will ever pray for his deliverance.

TREASURES SEARCHED FOR.

H. L. Bowdoin Buys Rights of Oak Island, Nova Scotia.

New York, March 18.—"Ten feet below two million pounds lie buried," an inscription said to have been found years ago upon a stone dug from a depth of one hundred feet out of a hole on Oak Island in Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia, is the magnet that has attracted the attention of H. L. Bowdoin, of his city and caused him to sign a contract with the owners of the island, under which he will literally tear up the earth in quest of hidden fortune. He expects to begin his operations next May.

SETTLE OUT OF RACE.

The President Will Name Man in the District.

Washington, D. C., March 18.—The president made the statement this past week that he would not appoint as judge of the Eastern North Carolina district any one who does not reside in the district. This eliminates Thomas Settle, who is now in the city, and who had the back of Representative Morehead and others in the Western district.

Every one here is at sea so far as the President's intentions with reference to the judgeship, though the claim is made that he is going to nominate a lawyer of high standing at the bar. Whether a democrat will be considered has not yet been disclosed.

The report that the three republican congressmen endorsed Seawell well is a mistake. Representative Grant has never given his endorsement to any one save ex-Judge Adams. Mr. Morehead has confined his support to Settle.

Notice of Meeting.

The United Commercial Travelers will meet tonight in their room for the purpose of installing officers. Every member of this order is earnestly requested to attend as this is a very important meeting.

Your eye, ear, nose and throat should be kept in good order. See Dr. Wakefield's ad in want column.

MISS BOST TO COOLEEMEE

To Conduct a Millinery Establishment at That Place—Other Notes.

Miss Linwood Bost left this morning for Cooleemee where she will manage the millinery department which the O. C. Wall Company of that place have recently established in connection with their other business. This firm bought all their millinery stock from The R. M. Knox Company of this city, and Miss Bost has been here for several days trimming and getting things in shape. The R. M. Knox Co., who have recently added the wholesale millinery department to their large line of business state that they are having a splendid business.

Miss Mano Boyle of Taylorsville was in the city last evening between trains buying some supplies from the R. M. Knox Company for her millinery store at Taylorsville.

TEDDY SAYS TUT TUT

Will Come Back From Africa Safe in Spite of Dire Prediction.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., March 18.—Theodore Roosevelt this afternoon received at his home on Sagamore Hill, his neighbors of Nassau county, a delegation of 250 prominent men. To them from the veranda of his home he made his last public utterances prior to his departure for Africa. He assured them that he intends to disprove the gloomy forebodings of Professor Starr who declared that Mr. Roosevelt will not come out of Africa alive if he follows the itinerary he has mapped out. He promised those present, if he proved he is right, that in a year and a quarter they would celebrate together. From this remark it appears that Mr. Roosevelt will be absent from the United States no longer than fifteen months.

"I am now back with my friends and neighbors of Nassau county," Mr. Roosevelt said, "and I feel deeply by the way every body has greeted me. It is with the deepest pride that I feel you regard me as not having entirely unworthily represented you at the white house. I am now a private citizen of a very private kind, as private as these gentlemen (pointing to the newspaper men present) will allow me to be."

Three cheers were called for "our Teddy." Mr. Roosevelt said—"Now gentlemen, don't cheer for the lions."

PROVIDENTIAL BOWLEGS.

"Providence," said the deacon, "sho' do look after de cullud race."

WOLVES KILL LITTLE GIRLS.

Strange Tale of Tragedy is Sent From Canada.

Ottawa, Ont., March 18.—A Saswatoon dispatch says: "A weird tale as brought to Saswatoon from Moose Lake northwest of the Pass. A trapper had secured a number of young wolfs which he raised for driving, the animals having remarkable endurance and speed. After finishing up a hard day, in which the animals had no food, the driver and team approached the shanty that was their home. His little three-year-old child ran out to meet them.

"As the famished animals reached her they jumped on her, and she was dead before her father could raise a hand. Seizing a sharp axe the trapper went at the wild creatures and never stopped until he had killed the entire lot."

A Democrat for Judgeship.

Washington, March 19.—The air is full of rumors about the eastern judgeship. It is believed here that within the next week or ten days President Taft will appoint one of four well-known Democrats, three of whom are now on the state supreme court bench, the other one being Mr. James E. Shepherd. Thomas Settle who still has hopes, is in the city, and Judge E. W. Timberlake has returned. In fact of all the reports a well-known republican said tonight that Seawell would be appointed.