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## CITY ALDERMEN MEET.

**Want Better Sidewalks on Possum Walk.—Board Refuses to Elect Two More Policemen.—J. M. Simpson Succeeds J. S. Braswell.—Widening Academy Street.—Other Matters.**

The Board of Aldermen held their regular monthly meeting at the city hall last night. Mayor Wagoner presided and Aldermen Cannon, Brown, King, Bruton, Barrier and Propst answered the roll call.

Attorney M. B. Stickle appeared before the board as attorney for Mr. Z. A. Morris and asked that certain bills the city owed Mr. Morris be paid. After going thoroughly over the accounts of Mr. Morris against the city and the city against Mr. Morris a full settlement was made.

Mr. John Howard presented a petition from the citizens on Duval street, commonly known as Possum Walk, asking that the sidewalk be repaired. The matter was referred to the street committee.

The resignation of Mr. J. S. Braswell as a member of the police force was formally accepted. The board then went into the election of his successor.

Alderman Barrier moved that two men be elected, saying that he understood Mr. Beger said that it would require two men to have an adequate force.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Bruton, who said that there was part of the city that had no protection whatever. Alderman King said that the finances of the city were at a low ebb and he thought money could be saved by employing an extra man instead of a regular man. Mr. Barrier said that only twenty-five cents a day would be saved in an extra man and regular and that a policeman could do better work as a regular member of the force. Alderman Brown said that he was in favor of making the ones the city now has move around a little more. Mayor Wagoner stated that on account of the wide area the city covered it would take twenty-five policemen to properly police it.

The question was put to a vote and the motion was lost. It was supported by Alderman Barrier and Bruton and opposed by Aldermen King, Brown, Cannon and Propst.

The following applications were received for the position: J. M. Simpson, Berry Endy, L. A. Hinson, L. P. Davis, Tom Braswell and R. W. Fink. The vote was by ballot, the first ballot resulting as follows:

Hinson, 1; Braswell, 2 and Simpson, 3. It being necessary for a majority to elect, another ballot was ordered. On this ballot Mr. Simpson received four votes and Mr. Braswell two, Mr. Simpson being declared a regularly elected member of the police force.

Dr. R. M. King recommended the re-election of Mr. C. W. Sides as cemetery keeper. He was nominated and received the unanimous vote of the board.

In the matter of building the sidewalk on Academy street the committee reported that Mrs. Troutman had served formal notice on the board that the report of the committee of freeholders appointed to assess damages on her property should the city take four feet of it for a sidewalk would not be satisfactory to her. The committee assessed the damages at \$50 and special benefits at \$50. After discussing the matter it was agreed that the condemnation proceedings be continued and the sidewalk constructed. In the discussion it developed that Mrs. Troutman owned only a life time interest in the property and Dr. King stated that if she entered suit she would only sue for damages for a life time interest in the property.

The question of repairing the alleyway between the Archey building and the Reed property opposite the postoffice afforded considerable discussion. It was brought out that this was a right of way owned by the county, the Reed heirs and Mr. J. P. Allison and was recently made there as the result of a trade between Dr. Archey and the county for a like right of way on the other side of the building. The sentiment of the board appeared to be that they were willing to put the cement down straight but not willing to go to the expense of building a crossing with several steps there.

At one time it looked as if the board was going to pass an order to put the cement down straight across the alley when the question arose that it might not suit the county and if the city put it down would the county have the right to tear it up.

The question was also brought up: Can the city collect for part of cement across a right of way? It was the contention of several that it could not for if the owner of the right of way refused to pay you could not force him to by adding the expense to taxes and selling the property as

in other cases of putting down curbing and cement for there would be no property to sell.

The matter was referred to City Attorney Hartwell and he was requested to take it up with the county commissioners.

It is likely that the crossing will be repaired but the modus operandi has not yet been determined upon. In the meantime sand will be put down.

## Southern Railway to Enlarge Shops at Spencer.

Spencer, Dec. 15.—President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway Company, is authority for the announcement that the increase in volume of business handled at Spencer is of such as to make necessary improvements at this place, including the immediate construction of an oil house, wash and locker rooms new cinder pits, a new coal plant and the construction of new and enlarged stock pens. In connection with these improvements grading will be done for the erection of a new-house and a 27-stall roundhouse. These improvements mean much for Spencer in that the Southern Railway will greatly enlarge its entire plant here. The payroll roll of this point is now considered the largest on the system, now 1-15 than \$165,000 being required here for the pay checks to be delivered on the twentieth of each month.

## Rowan and Davie Counties Build Joint Bridge.

Salisbury, Dec. 15.—A joint committee of representative members of the boards of county commissioners of Rowan and Davie counties met at South River, on the line between the two counties, today and selected a site for a large free steel and concrete bridge which is to be erected joining the two counties by bonds of steel. The structure will span the South Yadkin river immediately below the main building of the South River Milling Company and work is to begin at once. The plans are being drawn by C. M. Miller, county surveyor for Rowan.

## Half Million Dollar Mill For Charlotte.

Charlotte, Dec. 15.—A new cotton mill to make fine specialty cloth is definitely assured for Charlotte, work to be started soon after the first of the new year. The site has not been determined upon, but several under consideration, and it is understood that a charter will be applied for in a few days. This will consist of 25,000 spindles and 500 looms, and will be capitalized at \$500,000. The men behind this enterprise are all experienced business men, and sufficient capital to make this project a certainty has already been subscribed.

## Anti-Foreign Feeling Growing in China.

Amoy, China, Dec. 15.—Extreme anti-foreign feelings are prevailing at Amoy where the English and Roman Catholic mission buildings were burned in February, 1906, by a Boxer mob. A large number of placards threatening foreigners have been posted all over the town.

Yuan Hung Kwach, the military governor of Southern Fokien, has sent a request to the foreign consuls to recall all the missionaries in the province of Amoy, as the authorities cannot assume any responsibility for the lives of those missionaries in the interior.

## Wid Excitement in London on Report of King's Assassination.

London, Dec. 15.—A vague rumor that King George had been assassinated at Delhi, India, spread like wild fire through London this morning. Nobody knew where it originated but it created immense excitement in the city and West End.

This was only allayed when a dispatch from Delhi timed 11:45 midday, was received, simply announcing the carrying out the royal program and not mentioning any untoward incident.

## Laughed Himself to Death.

New York, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Anna Sperber laughed herself to death while calling on her friend, Mrs. Catherine Phillips.

The two women had been telling funny stories last night and Mrs. Sperber had been laughing loudly at her friend's jokes, when suddenly she sank back unconscious.

Mrs. Phillips ran downstairs to the street and found Patrolman Conlon, who sent for an ambulance, but when a physician from Bellevue Hospital arrived Mrs. Sperber was dead.

## Norfolk Southern Declares Dividend.

New York, Dec. 15.—Directors of the Norfolk Southern declared a regular quarterly dividend of one-half of one per cent today.

Go to the Theater today and see the international automobile race.

## BLOWS HIS HEAD OFF WITH A PISTOL.

**Eighteen Year Old Negro in Mount Pleasant Shows Several Smaller Negroes How to Commit Suicide With a Pistol, and the Act Proved Fatally Real.**

Add another fatality to the long list caused by an empty (!) pistol in the hands of an irresponsible person. While giving an exhibition of how to handle a pistol for the benefit and amusement of several smaller negroes Doc Freeman, an 18-year-old colored boy, shot himself in the mouth with a .32 calibre pistol last night about 10 o'clock at the home of a neighbor in Mount Pleasant.

Freeman was at the home of Emma Cook, a colored woman who lived only a short distance from his home, and was with several other negroes, all of whom were younger than he was. While there the boy secured a pistol and was exploiting it about. He broke the gun back and took out several cartridges. Thinking that he had taken all the cartridges out the negro began giving an exhibition of how people commit suicide with a pistol. He snapped the gun against his head a couple of times and then stuck it in his mouth to show his audience how the suicides went out by the shooting-down-the-mouth route. When he pulled the trigger the pistol fired. The ball penetrated the roof of his mouth and lodged in his head. The negro ran several yards towards his home and fell. He spoke only a few words and said that he did the shooting himself and had no one to blame. The body was taken from where he fell to the home of his parents and prepared for burial.

## TAKEN TO CHARLOTTE TO PREVENT LYNCHING.

**Three Negroes Held Charged With Murder of Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Near Shelby.**

Charlotte, Dec. 15.—Charged with the murder of Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon, a prominent and wealthy young couple, of Cleveland county, Wednesday morning, John and Hack Ross, brothers, and Will Ross, their cousin, all negroes, were committed by the coroner's jury this morning and tonight were hurried here to prevent lynching, which has been imminent all day. Hundreds of quiet but determined farmers flocked to Shelby, the county seat, this morning to attend the inquest. After some delay it became whispered about that the hearing had been postponed and the impatient citizens began to wend their way toward the jail. Realizing the gravity of the situation, the sheriff rang the courthouse bell and the crowd retraced its steps. These Judge Webb, the solicitor of the district, and others addressed them, pleading for law and order. The coroner, who had been conducting a star chamber inquest in the meantime, then appeared and read the report of his jury, assuring the spectators that the right men were in custody and would have a speedy trial. Governor Kitchin had been apprised of the seriousness of the situation and early this morning wired the county authorities to remove the prisoners to the Charlotte jail, stating also that he would call a special term of Cleveland court to try them. The negroes were spirited away under the covering of dusk and landed in jail here tonight. The murder of the Dixons was one of the most atrocious in the State's annals. He was called from his bed Wednesday night and knocked in the head with an axe, and with the same weapon the murderers slew his wife, who lay asleep by the side of her tiny infant. One of the negroes has made confession to the sheriff, giving as the motive for the double crime the fact that Dixon held a mortgage on his mule. Dixon was 30 and his wife 23 years of age.

## Baby's Heart Outside Body.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 15.—A remarkable freak of nature is to be seen in the children's hospital.

A tiny baby girl, two days old, lies in a cot with its heart beating like any ordinary child, but with this difference, that the heart is outside of the body instead of inside. There is neither skin nor bone to protect the vital organ, which is hanging out on the chest wall. By the aid of an ingenious mechanism its beat was registered and showed about 100 beats a minute and quite strong ones. The child appears quite healthy.

## Only Child Now Taken.

Statesville, Dec. 15.—The death angel again visited the family of Rev. C. E. Raynal yesterday afternoon and claimed his only surviving child, an infant son, one of the twin sons born to Mr. and Mrs. Raynal about three weeks ago. The other little baby died last Friday and its mother died Sunday, making a series of three distressing deaths within a week. The death of wife and babies is heart rending to the bereaved husband and father and he has the heartfelt sympathy of the community.

## 'Man of Mystery' Not Expected to Recover.

Marion, Ind., Dec. 15.—George A. Kimmel, of Niles, Michigan, the "man of mystery" in an insurance case, who was injured in a C. & O. passenger train wreck near Converse, Indiana, last night developed paralysis of the limbs and is not expected to recover.

Kimmel suffered two broken ribs and an injury to his spine.

The International automobile races are on the programme at the Theater today.

Many a man fails to recognize his mission in life, even when he's "up against it."

## TO BE TRIED FOR TRIPLE MURDER.

**Young Man Confesses to Killing His Father, Mother and Brother.**

Boonville, Ind., Dec. 16.—The people of this section of Indiana are looking forward with great interest to the opening on next Monday before Judge Roberts of the trial of William Lee, charged with the murder of his father, Richard Lee; his mother, Emilie Lee and his brother, Clarence Lee. It is stated upon reliable authorities that the prosecution as well as the defense are fully prepared for the trial and no postponement or other delay of the proceedings is expected.

The crime with which William Lee is charged, was unusually brutal and heinous. The murderer, who has fully confessed his deed, is a young man of twenty-one. His father was a fairly well-to-do farmer near Boonville. It is said that there were frequent quarrels over money matters between William Lee and his father and that the young man was considered the "black sheep" of the family. The young man was engaged to the daughter of a farmer in Newburg, not far from here, and was to be married on August 24, last. On the evening before the day set for his marriage William Lee returned from Newburg, where he had made preparations for the wedding, and came to see his father. It is believed that a quarrel arose over the amount of money which William Lee claimed as his share in the sale of certain property owned by the family.

What actually happened in the house that night can merely be conjectured. Whether William Lee committed the triple murder in a fit of rage or whether, as he claims, he merely acted in self defense, may or may not be definitely proved during the coming trial. The prisoner admits that he killed his parents and his younger brother by crushing their heads with a small hatchet. Then he saturated the bedding and the carpets with kerosene and applied a burning match. After the fire had gained a good start, William, fully dressed and with all the money he could find in the house safely in his pocket, left the house and gave the fire alarm. The firemen reached the scene of the fire sooner than William had expected and after they had put out the flames the unmistakable evidence of murder found by them led to the arrest of William.

At first he denied the deed and as there was a strong feeling against him he was taken to Evansville for safekeeping. Later William Lee confessed his deed, claiming however, that his father and the other members of his family had threatened to kill him and that he had merely acted in self-defense. Lee's parents and brother were insured for more than \$600 and as William, being the closest blood relative, was entitled to the insurance money, Judge Roberts refused to appoint counsel for the defendant.

## Conference on Interstate Liquor Transportation.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The National Conference on interstate liquor transportation, to which thirty governors were named as delegates, opened today. The conference's purpose is to draft a bill to be presented to Congress prohibiting liquor shipments from a met State into dry territory. The conference was planned by the Anti-Saloon League of America.

Never give up hope. Even a married man has a fighting chance.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

**Some of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come and Go.**

Miss Miriam Dumville is spending the day in ballotte.

Miss Clara Gillon is visiting friends in Charlotte.

Mr. W. H. Tomlin, of Statesville, is a Concord visitor today.

Mr. J. P. Cook is spending the day in Charlotte on business.

Miss Lelia White has gone to her home in Henderson to spend the holidays.

Hinton McLeod has gone to his home in Red Springs to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Fisher will spend tomorrow in Salisbury with friends.

Miss Shirley Montgomery has gone to Charlotte to visit her brother, Dr. J. C. Montgomery.

Mrs. E. J. Braswell is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Johnson, in Charlotte.

Mr. C. A. Cook is spending the day in Charlotte with Mrs. Cook, who is in a hospital there.

Rev. C. N. Waller, who has been visiting Rev. Dr. J. M. Grier, has returned to his home in Mt. Sidney, Va.

Engineer Gilbert C. White, of Durham, is here today on business connected with the new water plant.

Miss Pearl Fort, of Pikeville, and Miss Annie Parker, of New York, will arrive Wednesday to visit Mrs. J. F. Hurley.

Mrs. Richmond Reed is spending the day in Salisbury with Mrs. W. G. Caswell. Prof. Caswell is dangerously ill with pneumonia.

Mr. Gowan Dusenbury, Jr., arrived this morning from Sewanee University to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gowan Dusenbury.

Mr. Warren Moody arrived last night from A & M. College, Raleigh, to spend the holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Robinson.

Misses Adele Pemberton, Mary Lou and Margaret Morris, Laura Ridenhour and Mary Hartsell will return tonight from Salem Female Academy to spend the holiday with homefolks.

## Policeman Simpson Sworn In.

Mr. J. M. Simpson, who was selected a member of the police force last night, was sworn in as an officer today at noon in the office of the chief of police. The oath was administered by Mayor C. B. Wagoner. Policeman Simpson began his duties immediately and will serve for the present from 12 o'clock noon to 12 o'clock midnight.

Mr. Simpson has been a member of the clerical force at Craven Bros' furniture store for several years and is popular with a wide circle of friends. He is well qualified for a position on the police force and his friends predict that he will make an efficient official.

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## NEWS FORECAST FOR THE COMING WEEK.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—The near approach of Christmas will see the customary lull in political and public affairs. Little real work is expected of Congress, which will adjourn at the end of the week for the holiday recess.

President Taft will take advantage of the slowing down of the official machinery by running over to Brooklyn to deliver an address before the Young Republican Club of that city Tuesday night.

Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul, will celebrate the golden jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood on Thursday, and it is expected the anniversary will be made the occasion for a signal manifestation of the love and esteem in which the venerable prelate is held by Americans of all creeds and classes.

A notable wedding of the week will be that of Miss Edith Pulitzer, daughter of the late Joseph Pulitzer, and William S. Moore. The wedding will take place Thursday at the Pulitzer home in New York city, and it will be a very quiet affair on account of the recent death of the bride's father.

Unless the governor of Illinois grants a respite there will be a quadruple hanging in Chicago Friday, the first that has taken place in that city since the execution of the Haymarket anarchists. The prospective victims of the gallows are the four young men convicted of the murder last October of a truck farmer.

Of interest in naval circles will be the presentation on Monday of a magnificent silver service to the battleship Florida. The service is one of the finest ever presented to an American warship. Funds for its purchase were raised by popular subscription, aided by a generous appropriation from the State of Florida. The presentation will take place at Pensacola.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cannon and Miss Laura McGill Cannon have returned from New York, where they have been spending a fortnight.

## PLEASED WITH CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY.

**Committee From Valley Turnpike Company Extend Thanks to Concord's Executive for Courtesies Shown Them.**

Mayor Wagoner received the following letter from Secretary Carter of the Valley Turnpike Company, a good roads of Cabarrus county: Mr. Charles B. Wagoner, Concord, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wagoner: Allow me to express to you my gratification for the courtesies shown myself, as well as the rest of our committee, when we were in your attractive and progressive city. The writer knows only too well how much time it takes to care for and entertain visiting committees. The luncheon you gave us and the extreme politeness shown by all of your committee was more than we could possibly expect, and the writer will always bear in mind the "glad hand" extended by the Old North State. I hope that if you or any of your committee should chance to be in the Valley of Virginia, or Winchester, you will certainly make it a point to call on Mr. Byrd and myself, and we will try to show you what we have in our little burg.

Please present my cordial esteem to the other members of the committee. With best wishes, I am, Yours very truly, SHIRLEY CARTER.

## Boy Caught Robbing Safe.

Salisbury, Dec. 15.—Caught in the act of robbing a safe in the store of George H. Shaver, in Salisbury at midnight last night, Benny Hudson, a young white man was lodged in jail here today. He had been employed by a firm formerly occupying the store building, had a key to the door and knew the combination on the safe. Money had been missed frequently and Deputy James Krider stood watch, catching Hudson at the midnight hour. C. D. Watkins, member of the old firm in the store, was implicated in a confession by Hudson and was also arrested. Both men are held for trial.

## Christmas Gifts!

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