

WHIPPING BOSS OF CONVICT CAMP HELD ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Walter Higginbotham Charged With Murder of Martin Tabert, a Convict Whom He Whipped.

GRAND JURY ACTS ON MURDER CHARGE

And Orders the "Boss" Held on Three Counts.—Civil Action Expected by Relatives of Tabert.

(By the Associated Press.) Madison, Fla., April 12.—At liberty here today on bail of \$10,000, Walter Higginbotham, convict camp "whipping boss," is awaiting trial for first degree murder in connection with the death of Martin Tabert, of North Dakota, who, witnesses said, was beaten to death by Higginbotham.

Late yesterday the Madison County grand jury in session here for the investigation of Tabert's death, indicted Higginbotham on three counts charging first degree murder. The trial may come up at a special term of court on May 15, at Cross City, Fla., the county seat of Dixie County, where the alleged beating took place in February of 1922.

Counsel for Higginbotham said they would admit the use of the lash, but would attempt to show that Tabert's punishment was not so severe that it would cause his death. County officials maintain that Tabert died of natural causes.

After the indictment was returned, counsel for Tabert's family in North Dakota announced that as soon as the trial is called a suit will be filed in the United States District Court in Florida or Wisconsin against the Putnam Lumber Co. for \$70,000 damages. Higginbotham was employed by this company at the time of Tabert's whipping, and it also is pointed out an agreement existed between the county authorities and the company whereby the latter secured sole lease of the prisoners.

VEGETARIANS POSTPONE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It is Reported That the Klan Has Become Factor in Confederate Reunion.

(By the Associated Press.) New Orleans, April 12.—Amid shouts of "don't ration" the election crew against the rules" the election of officers for the Sons of Confederate Veterans scheduled for this morning was postponed until the afternoon session. The delegates were reported sharply divided over the Ku Klux Klan issue, which was said to have been injected into the convention. The Klan and anti-Klan factions each were reported sponsoring tickets.

Sturdy Briton, Young at 93, Objects to Being Called "Old."

London, April 12.—Joseph Sutton, 93 years old and still an active member of a London manufacturing firm, writes to The Daily Telegraph protesting, more in sorrow than in anger, at the paper's recent reference to his attendance at a public meeting. The reporter who wrote the story described him as "an old gentleman." Mr. Sutton rises to remark that he is not old so long as he is able to work. He says he is at his desk every morning before 8 o'clock—and four earlier than the so-called young members of his staff—and has maintained this practice for fifty-six years. "There is nothing like work to secure a happy and contented life," his letter concludes.

Condition of Col. Bradshaw is Reported as More Serious.

Friends of Col. G. Sam Bradshaw will be distressed to learn that his condition, which has not been good for some time, has been serious since last Saturday. His condition is such as to cause his family and friends to feel alarm.

SECRETARY HOOVER ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

A Community Must Pay For the Cost of Training or a Greater Cost of Inefficiency.

Washington, April 12 (By the Associated Press).—A community must pay either for the cost of training labor or for the much greater cost of inefficiency of labor, and inefficiency of labor means inevitably general industrial and commercial inefficiency. Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce, declares in a letter to the Federal Board of Vocational Education, a copy of which was received today by T. E. Browne, state director. Mr. Hoover calls attention to the fact that last year expenditures in the states under the Federal vocational act amounted to less than \$15,000,000, or approximately 15 cents per capita. Of this amount, states and local communities contributed about \$11,000,000 and the government \$4,000,000.

"If vocational education is worth while, certainly as a nation we can afford the price of such education," he says. "Our only concern is to know that it is worth while. If it is expenditure on account of such education is in the nature of an investment which will yield large dividends from year to year through the progressive increase of labor skill and industrial efficiency.

"The essential purpose of this act is to extend public school education to provide for the needs of our youth who do not enter our higher technical and professional educational institutions.

"We in this country believe that education in general pays for itself and is worth while, and if this is true of any sort of education it is certainly true of vocational education—that it pays for itself. That is the acid test, particularly of vocational education—that it shall pay for itself. If it does not, it is not vocational education at all.

"Men of affairs of the country over are being impressed with the fact that the cost of training labor on the job is one of the great industrial costs, but they know that the cost of inefficiency and lack of training is much greater, and that labor must be trained whatever the cost. If they or the community do not provide such training, the nation competes with the foreign producer whose labor is vocationally trained at public expense, nor can we as a nation adequately supply our own needs for the product of labor, if we neglect to provide for the training of labor.

"The cost of providing this training is just as properly a charge upon the public revenue as any other form of education. In the interests of labor itself such training cannot be developed upon the employer. Organizing vocational education shall be under public supervision and control, so that the interest and welfare of the worker as well as of the employer will be taken fairly into account.

"The cost of such training certainly should not be put upon the individual worker unless we are prepared to abandon our traditional policy of providing free education and equality of opportunity for our youth. We cannot in fairness continue to provide specialized education free to the few who propose to enter the professions, while denying education to the many for the commoner vocations.

"Further it may be noted that in so far as the products of American labor come into competition with the products of foreign labor, either in our own domestic market or in foreign markets, unemployment for American labor is bound to develop in proportion as foreign labor is better trained and more efficient. No American employer can hold his markets and continue to employ labor, if his labor is relatively unskilled or if his costs for training labor greatly exceed those of his foreign competitors.

Every important foreign country, European and American, is providing for the vocational training of its citizens. Having taken the lead in vocational education, we certainly shall not now permit ourselves to slip back because of a notion of false economy." Secretary Hoover is a member of the Federal Board for Vocational Education and for the past two years has been in close touch with those administering the act.

Other Important Arrests Reported.

London, April 12 (By the Associated Press).—It is reported that Miss Plunkett, Countess Markievicz, Miss Mary MacSwiney and the late Liam Lynch's brother were captured by Irish National troops in Tipperary today, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Dublin.

DISAPPEARANCE OF WILLIAM CASON NO LONGER A MYSTERY

D. Coburn Taylor Arrested Charged With Killing Cason.—Taylor is Said to Have Made Confession.

SAYS CASON TRIED TO KILL DAUGHTER

Bunyan McDonald and Willie Baker Also Arrested, and Are Held as Accessories to the Crime.

(By the Associated Press.) Camden, S. C., April 12.—The mystery of the disappearance on December 22 of William Cason, a Bethune blacksmith, today had been cleared up, according to W. W. Rodgers, one of Governor Thomas G. McLeod's special constables who late yesterday brought D. Coburn Taylor, Bunyan McDonald and Willie Baker here and placed them in jail. Taylor, according to the constable, confessed that he shot and killed Cason to prevent him from killing a child, with the other men are held as accessories.

Taylor, according to the story told the officer, said that Cason, who is said to have come from Alabama with his wife and child, spent the night of December 21 at the Taylor home. Cason the next morning took his child and went into the woods with the avowed intention, according to the story, of killing it. Taylor said that he shot Cason to prevent the death of the child.

After Cason was dead, Taylor is alleged to have called up Will Reeves, a negro, to aid in disposing of the body, but the negro refused to help. Bunyan McDonald then was summoned and then, it is alleged, he and Taylor placed the body in a bog. Six weeks later reports were heard that officers intended to search the swamp for Cason's body and Taylor is alleged to have advised of this to McDonald and Baker. Taylor and Cason were married sisters.

THE COTTON MARKET

Yesterday's Decline Followed by Firm or Tone at Today's Trading.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, April 12.—Yesterday's declines were followed by a decidedly firmer tone in the cotton market today's trading. Liverpool was again firm, while heavy rains in the central and western belt sections threatened further delays to the new crop start, and the market here opened firm at an advance of 14 to 36 points on coverage, trade buying and a fairly active commission house demand. There was some selling for Liverpool and Japanese account, on the opening advance to 28.68 for July, and 25.94 for October, but during the early trading prices held to about 28 to 38 points above yesterday's closing figures. Cotton futures opened firm: May 29.25; July 28.85; October 25.90; December 25.40; January 24.95.

FIVE RAILROADS IN WEST CONSOLIDATED.

Change Made Under Direction of Sweringer Interest, of Cleveland.

(By the Associated Press.) Columbus, O., April 12.—Consolidation of five middle western railroads under the direction of the Van Sweringer interests of Cleveland, was officially consummated here today when incorporation papers for the consolidated road, which will be known as the New York, Chicago & St. Louis, were filed with the Secretary of State.

Profitable Praying

New York, April 12.—Because a tombstone fell on him while he was praying at the grave of his father-in-law, Samuel Foth, of Brooklyn, won a verdict of \$5,000 against the United Hebrew Cemetery, on Staten Island, tonight, in the Richmond County Superior Court. Roth claimed that he was praying on the grave of his father-in-law, Moses Cohen, with his wife kneeling on one side of him and his daughter on the other, when the tombstone toppled over and broke his knee. One leg, he said, is shorter than the other, as a result of the injury, and he had to be in a hospital for 19 weeks. He asked for \$25,000.

Sale of Fine Wearing Apparel at Eldr's.

Friday morning at 8:45 o'clock Eldr's will begin a sale of silk dresses, alpaca sweaters, French voile Shirazettes and Blouses. The dresses are divided into three groups at \$8.50, \$14.50 and \$18.50. In the sweaters you may take your choice at \$1.00. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the ladies of this city and section. See page ad. today.

The Ford Weekly Purchase Plan.

Only \$5.00 deposited in any bank in Concord will enroll you in the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan. Then you select the type of Ford you want and arrange to make weekly deposits, which will bear an interest at the regular savings rate. Go to any of the banks or to the Cabarrus Motor Co. and they will explain everything fully to you.

Announces Prizes to Be Awarded to Students at County Commencement

With the final examinations in the county schools to be held next week and the announcement from Prof. J. R. Robertson, superintendent of the county schools, that among interesting prizes, medals and certificates are to be awarded this year, interest in County Commencement, to be held this year on April 28, is increasing daily.

The following prizes will be awarded this year: The C. B. Wagoner gold medals in recitation and declamation; Cash prizes of \$50.00 and \$20.00 by the Citizens Bank and Trust Company in spelling contests; Cash prizes of \$5.00 and \$2.50 by Prof. Robertson for the best and second best compositions on "What a School and Community Can Do to Improve Country Living Conditions"; D. A. R. medal given by Mrs. J. F. Reed to that pupil in any grade in the rural schools who writes the best composition on some local Revolutionary history. Certificates will be awarded for attendance, library reading, proficiency in spelling, and graduation. The rules governing the awarding of the prizes and certificates are in the hands of the teachers. A number of the schools in the county already have held preliminary contests to determine which students will represent the schools in the recitation and declamation contests, events that always cause the greatest interest on commencement day. From present indications and reports that have reached Prof. Robertson, the commencement attendance record probably will be broken this year. From every part of the county come reports of increasing interest in the event and Prof. Robertson and other persons who are assisting him will plan for commencement as determined to make the day an eventful one for those who attend the exercises, to be held as usual in Central graded school here.

Contract Let Wednesday For New Bank Building

Work on New Home For Cabarrus Savings Bank Will Start Monday, Contract For \$250,000 Building Having Been Given to Charlotte Contractors.

Work on the new bank and office building to be erected here by the Cabarrus Savings Bank will begin Monday morning, Mr. C. W. Swink, cashier of the bank, announced yesterday afternoon following a meeting of the bank officials who met to award the contract for the modern structure. The building will be erected by T. C. Thompson and Bros., contractors, of Charlotte. The new building will be erected on the property now occupied by C. Pitt Covington's store, the Singer Sewing Machine Company's office, the office of K. L. Craven & Son and the Central cafe. It faces on Union Street with an extension on Means street.

"We are going to erect a modern building," Mr. Swink said after the meeting. "The ground floor will be constructed in a manner to give us a modern banking home, and the other four stories will be constructed so they can be used by individuals, business concerns or organizations of different kinds.

"Work of tearing down the buildings that now stand on our property will be started Monday morning. The contractors plan to rush the work with all practical speed, and as soon as the present buildings have been razed, excavation work for the new structure will be started."

The building will be five stories in height, will cost about \$250,000, and will be the largest building in Concord. It will add much to the appearance of the business section, as the stores on the property to be occupied by the new structure are among the oldest and most obsolete in the business district.

Many of the office rooms which the building will offer already have been rented, Mr. Swink stated, and officials of the bank express the opinion that the new building will be very popular with business and professional men.

PROHIBITION AGENTS REPORT FOR MARCH

Report Shows Agents Were Very Busy in This State During Last Month.

(By the Associated Press.) Salisbury, April 12.—One hundred and seventy illicit distilleries and 128,925 gallons of spirits and malt liquors were captured by prohibition agents in the state during March, it was announced today by A. B. Coltrane, prohibition director at state headquarters in this city. Sixteen automobiles were seized. Ninety-one persons were arrested for violations of the dry law, and property valued at \$55,231 seized and destroyed.

GENERAL ALLEN TO HOLD HIS LAST "REVIEW" TODAY

Commander of American Troops on the Rhine Goes on Retired List Tomorrow.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, April 12.—Major General Henry T. Allen, former commander of the American Army of Occupation in Germany, held his last "review" today. Tomorrow he concludes 45 years of active service, reaches the age of 64 and is automatically retired. All troops stationed in Washington were called out for the review today.

Tornado Causes Damage.

(By the Associated Press.) Alexandria, La., April 12.—Several persons were injured, 15 houses were wrecked, and other damage was done when a tornado struck Meridian, La., a sawmill town 30 miles south of here early today, according to meager reports reaching here.

LAST TIME TODAY

"Night Life in Hollywood"

The Picture Sensation of the Year

PIEDMONT THEATRE

Come Early and Maybe You Can Get In.

There are nearly 250 clocks in Windsor Castle and more than 160 in Buckingham Palace.

EDUCATION A MATTER OF CONCERN TO LAW

Emphasis Placed Upon Compulsion of Proper Schools.

Washington, Apr. 12. (Capital Service).—More and more are coming under the mandate of voters, and less and less are educational matters being left to the vagaries of irresponsible boards and committees.

Two laws just enacted by the Kansas Legislature provide, (1) an eight-months minimum term, which provides state aid for weak school districts, so that every school, city and rural, will have not less than eight months of school work every year. This becomes effective with the opening of the new school year in September; (2) that children can not work in any sort of gainful occupation until they are 14 at least, and must have completed the eighth grade of the school. The age limit was increased to 16 years unless the pupil finish the eighth grade of school.

The Roman Catholic Encyclopedia will be taken out of the public schools of Belleville, New York, and placed in the public library, as a result of an action of the local board of education. Representatives of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Royal Riders of the 48th Rebe, the Ladies of the Invisible Empire, the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and other organizations protested against the action of the board in accepting the book for use in the Belleville public schools. The Oregon public school compulsory attendance law, enacted by the voters under the initiative last November, has not yet been attacked in the courts, notwithstanding announcement made before and after the election by opponents of the measure that such an attack would be made.

AEROPLANE PHOTOGRAPHY

As an Aid and Check in Estimating Cotton Acreage.

Raleigh, N. C., April 11.—Aeroplane photography as an aid and check in estimating cotton acreage is to be tried this year by the United States Department of Agriculture, according to information received by Frank Parker, statistician of the federal and state departments of agriculture, here. Photographs of land in cotton and other crops will be made over selected areas by war department aeroplanes lent to the agricultural department for poison dusting operations.

The novel plan of estimating acreages and forecasting crops by aeroplane photography this year is an experiment, it was stated, and will supersede the "time" tried method regularly used by crop estimating forces.

The new arrangement, however, is seen to offer interesting possibilities, it was added. Large areas of land can be photographed in relatively short time and the entire cotton belt pictured in about 2000 hours, according to information given the statistician.

UNION STATION FOR SELMA COURT ORDER

Southern and A. C. L. Expected to Make Plans at Once for Erection of New Station.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, April 12.—The North Carolina Corporation Commission today was expecting the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and the Southern Railroad to take steps in compliance with its order to build a union station at Selma following the Supreme Court's decision yesterday, upholding the Commission's action. The court affirmed Judge Crammer in Wake County Superior Court, who, at the instance of the Corporation Commission directed the railroads to build the station, and at the same time denied the motion for reformation made by counsel for the companies for the purpose of bringing the action in Superior Court for review.

With Our Advertisers.

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company will cash your Victory Bonds maturing May 20th. Now is the time to get your garden plows, garden tools, lawn hose, etc. A large shipment just received by the Ritz-Huntway Co. Fisher's millinery presents a glorious collection, and the prices are moderate. The Central Filling Station offers you free parking ground—no use to violate the law by leaving your car on the street. "Sons and Specials" at Patt Corington's will interest you. You can bank by mail with the Citizens Bank and Trust Co.

Mr. N. J. Sherrill, of Charlotte, was in Concord today on business.

NEBRASKA VOTERS

TO BE CANDIDATE

Sixteen Hundred Sign Petition Asking That Ford's Name Be Placed on Ballots in 1924.

FORD POPULAR IN IDAHO, ALSO

And a Similar Petition Will Be Filed in That State.—Believe Mr. Ford Will Be a Candidate.

(By the Associated Press.) Omaha, April 12.—Petitions bearing more than 1,600 names requesting that the name of Henry Ford be placed on the Nebraska primary ballot next year as the Progressive party candidate for President of the United States were filed with the Secretary of State late yesterday.

Similar petitions, it was announced, will be filed in Idaho Saturday and others are being circulated in Kansas, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, South Dakota, Colorado, and other states.

Roy M. Harrop, president of the American Economic League, chartered at Hartford, Conn., which is circulating the Ford petition, said the League had not consulted Mr. Ford, but had "drafted" him.

"We have had no communication with him, no connection, yet I am satisfied that when Mr. Ford realizes how the American people need him and him he will not decline the candidacy," Mr. Harrop said.

MADE MONEY IN OIL

At Least That's What One Texas Fellow Claims.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, April 12.—Read this: "Yes, I've made some money in oil and I'm going to make some more money and furthermore than that."

"I went through Charlotte when I was as poor as the proverbial church mouse."

"I slaked around at one thing and another and besides, nearly working myself to death, I stayed just within fifteen minutes from the poor house all the time."

"Then one day I made up my mind I was coming here and make some money in oil or starve to death or go to the poor house to boot."

"I'm no millionaire yet—but I'm on my way and if I live long enough, I'm coming back over there some day and lay the 'Sedwyn' and have a big blow-out for all the boys and girls."

"Now listen! How would you like to come in with a few of us on a proposition where a little money is almost certain to return you an income for life and may make you a fortune in a short time?"

"It's a speculation and a good one and if you're not too rich already, too busy, too tired or too old, send me the enclosed card and I'll send some more to you. I'll be glad to get."

"I've got blood in my eye and mean business. If you are from Missouri—let me show you. Mail the card today—I won't make this offer again."

"This is what the citizens of Charlotte are reading now, through the kindness of a Texas oil promoter, who signs himself as being 'yours to make a fortune'—and need you and yours in Charlotte." The letter is just a sample of the many being placed in the hands of Stacey Wade, insurance commissioner, each day, for investigation.

BUSHELS OF WEEVILS ARE WASHED ASHORE

Reports From Lower Brunswick County Describe Unusual Phenomena.

Southport, April 11.—A report from the lower ocean shore of the county tell of there being washed up on the beaches hundreds of bushels of cotton's enemy, the boll weevil. Just where this destructive pest has come from in such quantities or why in this particular locality, cannot be learned. Some say that the weevils were swept by winds from the land, though there has been no amount of cotton planted in that vicinity in some time—a year or two. Those who have examined this mass of insects say that there are to be found many live ones in the mass.

CITIZENS BANK & TRUST COMPANY VICTORY BONDS We will be pleased to cash your Victory Bonds maturing May the 20th, Series G. H. I, J, K and L, paying you par and accrued interest.

THE KEY OF YOUR OWN HOME! Is waiting for you—It is hanging in the office of this Old Reliable Building and Loan Association. Come—Claim It! You merely have to determine that you will save regularly each week or month and save for that home. Let us show you the simplest and best plans that will finance the buying or building of a modest cottage of your own. OTHERS HAVE DONE IT! YOU CAN! Come in today and let us explain it to you, and start Now by Taking Some Shares in Series No. 51 now open. All Stock is Non-Taxable. We pay the Tax. START RIGHT —AND— START NOW Cabarrus County Building Loan and Savings Association OFFICE IN CONCORD NATIONAL BANK.