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PROMINENT DRUGGIST OF HAMLET KILLED

AUTOMOBILE OF EARL MORROW OVERTURNED KILLING MR. MORROW.

Hamlet, Dec. 10.—Earl Morrow, a prominent druggist of Hamlet, was instantly killed and Wilson Page, a lumberman, his brother-in-law, seriously injured, when Mr. Morrow's automobile turned turtle about 4 o'clock today near West End. They had left about noon for a hunting trip and information of the accident was phoned here soon after the accident. Both parties are prominent business men. Mr. Morrow leaves a widow, a baby about three years old, father, mother and one sister. Mr. Page is unmarried. Mr. Morrow was a prominent Mason and Elk and took a leading part in business affairs of the town. His body will reach Hamlet Thursday morning and the funeral will be conducted Friday morning under Masonic auspices. The injuries to Mr. Page are said to be serious.

DENIES ASSERTIONS WHICH HAVE RECENTLY BEEN MADE HERE.

Since the beginning of the muddle in the New Bern postoffice began, there has been a persistent rumor to the effect that George Howard, whom J. S. Basnight placed in the position of dispatching clerk after the resignation of Clarence Crapon, was a Republican.

Mr. Howard does not like to be called a Republican and has asked the Journal to set the public aright on this matter. He says that all of his ancestors have marched beneath the flag of the Democratic party and that he is also a follower of Woodrow Wilson.

Just how the report got out that Howard was a Republican is not known, but it is supposed that it started with the many other rumors which have recently been rambling around New Bern.

BALTIMORE SHIP AS CONVOY

Catches Wireless At Night And Hurries To The Rescue.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 9.—One hundred and ninety-seven passengers were taken off the Rio Grande at sea Sunday morning while the big ship was on fire and thought to be in danger.

The rescue was made by the Merchants' and Miners' Transportation Company's steamer Swanee, plying between Baltimore and Savannah which caught the Rio Grande's call for assistance about 2 o'clock and went immediately to the rescue. The Swanee was almost along side the burning vessel two hours later and in response to signals from the Rio Grande lowered lifeboats and sent them to the burning ship.

The Rio Grande also had her lifeboats hanging in davits loaded with passengers when the Swanee came up.

The rescue was made 205 miles northwest of Diamond Shoals during a severe southwest blow. There was a high sea, but such perfect discipline prevailed among the crews of both steamers that not a boat was jammed against the sides of either ship.

The crew on the Rio Grande were almost exhausted by their fight with the fire when help came.

The passengers did not know that the ship was on fire until Saturday night, it is said, although some of them had spoken of the decks being hot and commented on the presence of most of the crew below decks. No passengers were permitted to go below, women and children being ordered to their staterooms.

Wireless reports, while meagre, state that after the Swanee had taken all the passengers on board the crew helped to fight the fire on the Rio Grande.

The rescue, made before daylight far out at sea, marine men say, was one of the most thrilling recorded. The fact that not a boat was swamped and not a single life lost is considered, under the circumstances, almost miraculous.

One report from the burning ship says that after the fire was gotten under control the passengers were transferred from the Swanee back to the Rio Grande. Another account states that some of the passengers are still on the Swanee.

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NEW BERN ELKS HONOR THE DEAD

Pay Loving Tribute To Their Members Who Have Passed Away.

EX-JUDGE GUION THE SPEAKER

Hon. Charles R. Thomas Delivered Impressive Eulogy.

It is probable that no more impressive service has ever been held in New Bern than the annual Lodge of Sorrow of the New Bern Lodge of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, which was held in the Athens theatre Sunday afternoon and at which one of the largest audiences ever gathered in that building was present.

The stage had been appropriately decorated for the occasion. Most prominent was an electric arch in the centre, on which was written the creed of the Elks: "The faults of our brothers we write upon the sands; their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory." Arranged around this were twenty-one vacant chairs, symbolical of the twenty-one members who have gone to that bourne from which no traveller returns. Farther out on the stage was a table draped with the national flag, and on this was several of the emblems of the order.

Out the stage with Exalted Ruler W. W. Griffin were the speakers of the afternoon and several officers of the local lodge. The exercises were opened by a selection by Mrs. Benton, Mrs. M. R. Griffin, C. T. Pamphrey, Roberts and Willis. Following this Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, pastor of the Presbyterian church, delivered the invocation. Following a short talk by Exalted Ruler W. W. Griffin and several selections by the singers who added so materially to the program of the evening, the memorial address was made by Ex-Judge O. H. Guion, of the New Bern bar.

Ex-Judge Guion is one of the State's most brilliant men, and his address was beautiful and impressive. To those who listened with rapt attention to the remarks of the speaker who told of the object of the Elks Lodge and its principles, of the innumerable good deeds performed throughout the world each day by this order, and of the founding of the Lodge of Sorrow, was intensified by the spirit of the occasion and there was not a one in the large audience who was not visibly affected. For more than an hour Ex-Judge Guion held his audience spellbound and at the close there was evident by that hush which shows unmistakably that the speaker has made a profound impression.

At the conclusion of the Memorial Address, Mrs. M. R. Griffin rendered effectively that beautiful song: "I come to Thee." During the past year the lodge has lost one member, the late David R. Davis. In his beautiful eulogy to Mr. Davis, Hon. Charles R. Thomas said:

"As the years pass like summer clouds, one after another of those whom we have known and esteemed, enters the 'dark valley of the shadow,' and departs to that 'undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns.'"

"During the past year this lodge has been called to mourn the death of one of its members—David R. Davis. 'Coming in and going out among us, full of life, hope and happiness; looking forward eagerly, cheerfully, joyfully into the future; seeing there no shadows, only the bright sunlight of peace and success, and in the vista of the years only still wider avenues of business enterprises, still greater joy in living; in apparent good health, our friend met with an untimely end, closing his life work in his young manhood. 'Why was he so stricken down? By what theory, what philosophy, what reason, do you explain the sudden termination of a bright, happy, useful life? 'These are questions constantly recurring, questions as old as the everlasting hills, as old as human life itself, yet ever new and recurring. Whatever may be the solution of this great mystery, and answer to these questions, we can find no consolation when one whom we love and esteem meets an untimely end, except in the thought that God, Who controls the universe, Who holds in the hollow of His hand the oceans, Who counts the sands upon

"And yet, how few of us ever expect the coming of this greatest of all changes in our human lives, the final separation from the bright scenes, the joys, the sorrows, the activities, the ambitions of the world, and out transition to another sphere of existence, borne upon and across the he washes and numbers the stars of even, and yet who marks the fall of a sparrow, knows what is best and best and though His divine decrees are immutable and mysterious, yet they affect men and nations alike and re the decrees of a loving Father. wide and fathomless ocean of eternity. 'Whither we go we know not. We only know heathen, as well as Christian philosophers, since the days of Socrates and Plato, have taught we are immortal, and we can only look up and beyond the mists and shadows which surround the dark valley into the sunshine which rests above and beyond with confident faith in the divine Master. 'The poet, Whittier, in that grand poem, 'The Eternal Goodness,' imagines some beautiful islands of the sea, unreal and far distant, which are full of beautiful flowers and rare exotics, and joy and peace and sunshine, where it would be ecstasy to exist. 'Realizing the sin, the suffering, passions, changes and chances of this mortal life, he longs for these beautiful islands of rest. 'He cannot discover them, and so he patiently waits by the shore and listens for the sound of the muffled oar of the boat which is to bear him across the ocean's billows. 'And when that hour comes to us, may we exclaim with Tennyson: 'Sunset and evening star, And one clear call for me; And may there be no moaning of the bar When I put out to sea. 'But such a tide as, moving, seems asleep, Too full for sound or foam, When that which drew from out the boundless deep Turns again home. 'Twilight and evening bell, And after that, the dark! And may there be no sadness of farewell, When I embark. 'For though from out our bourne of Time and Place, The flood may bear me far, I hope to see my Pilot, face to face 'When I have crossed the bar.' 'Those who love and serve their fellow men may pass from the stage of action, but they still live in the affection and memory of their friends and fellow citizens; and so, I am sure if loyalty to conviction and duty, fidelity, charity and brotherly love if Christian manhood can, as it does prepare a man or transition to a higher and nobler existence and cause him memory to survive, David R. Davis still lives in his life and work. 'He has only passed from earth to some happier existence, and we believe that 'in the silence of the receding world he heard the great waves breaking upon the farther shore and felt upon his brow the breath of Heaven's eternal morning.' 'There is no death! What seems so is transition. This life of mortal breath is but an entrance to the home Elysian, The portal we call death. 'There is no death! The stars go down To rise upon some other shore. And bright in Heaven's jeweled crow They shine for evermore. 'There is no death! The leaves may fall, The flowers may fade and pass away They only wait through wintry hours The warm, sweet breath of May.' To Mrs. Benton and Miss Mary Willis and Mrs. M. R. Willis and C. T. Pamphrey, George Stratton, David Willis and T. J. Roberts are the Elks indebted for the vocal and instrumental selections furnished for the occasion.

MEXICAN BANDIT NOT KILLED YET

Bingham, Dec. 9.—Posses continued their search today in Utah Apex mine for Ralph Lopez. The discovery of his blankets and his tracks yesterday indicated that he had not succumbed to poisonous gases forced into the mine last week to asphyxiate him. Armed with shot guns, deputies exploring the workings were prepared for another underground battle, such as occurred November 29 when two of their number were killed.

CURRENCY BILL DEBATE BEGUN

President Wilson Confident Of Its Passing Before Christmas.

SENATE MAKES NO CHANGES

Believe That Bill Will Be Passed By December The Twentieth.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Senate changes in the administration currency bill, so far, will not cause any protracted discussion when it goes to conference with the House, in the opinion of President Wilson. With administration leaders: he hopes for passage by December 20th and smooth action in conference that will permit the full Christmas vacation for Congress.

Senator Swanson, one of the administration supporters on the Banking committee, defended the administration bill in the debate today, generally analyzing the measure, which he declared was the best remedy under present conditions. He urged prompt action and praised the President highly for insisting upon currency reform.

Senator Swanson attacked the condition of the New York banks during the 1907 panic and drew a vigorous protest from Senator O'Gorman, who quoted from the hearings before the Banking committee to show that country banks had no trouble in getting funds from New York during the panic.

A general debate over vital features of the proposed revision developed during the speech of Senator Nelson, one of the Republican committee members who helped in the preparation of the bill submitted by the Hitchcock faction of the Senate committee. Democratic Senators forgot party divisions and drifted over into Republican chairs and throughout the afternoon the debate resembled a committee conference. Senator Nelson advocated the adoption of many of the important features of the Hitchcock bill and declared the Owen draft and the Glass bill which passed the House, were defective.

REV. E. H. M'WHORTER COMES TO CENTENARY

REV. J. B. HURLEY, FORMER PASTOR, GOES TO ROCKINGHAM.

(Special to the Journal.) Oxford, Dec. 8.—The following appointments were today made by the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South: New Bern district, Presiding Elder, J. E. Underwood; Atlantic, S. B. Royall, Supply; Beaufort, T. A. Sikes; Bridgeton Circuit, R. E. Pitman; Carteret Circuit, F. T. Fulcher; Dover Circuit, L. B. Pattishall, Supply; Elm street and East Kinston, J. M. Wright; Goldsboro, St. John, B. C. Thompson; St. Paul, N. H. D. Wilson; Goldsboro Circuit, C. O. Dyrant; Grifton Circuit, E. D. Dodd; Hookerton Circuit, J. W. Bradley; Jones Circuit, C. E. Kincaid; Kinston, H. A. Humble; Lenoir Circuit, J. M. Carraway; Supply; orehead Clay, D. N. Caviness; Mt. Olive and Faison, J. H. Friselle; Mrs. Olive Circuit, W. A. Pilans; New Bern, Centenary, E. H. McWhorter; Riverside, W. A. Cade, Junior Preacher; Ocracoke and Portsmouth, E. T. Ipeck, Supply; Oriental Circuit, E. C. Glenn; Pamlico Circuit, C. H. Caviness; Evans Springs Circuit, E. T. Hill, Supply; Snow Hill Circuit, F. B. McCall; Struts Circuit, W. B. Humble; J. B. Hurley goes to Rockingham; Rev. J. C. Wooten goes to Edenton street, Raleigh; Rev. Harry M. North, formerly pastor Edenton street is made residing elder Durham district.

P. O. INSPECTOR IN THE CITY

G. G. Hemilwright Investigating Charges Against The Night Clerk.

MORE SENSATIONS EXPECTED

Friends Of John Thomas Leave Tonight For Washington, D. C.

While there is an air of quietness around the New Bern postoffice which is quite a relief after the strenuous happenings of the past few weeks, those who are keeping up with affairs there realize that something else is scheduled to happen during the next few days and they are awaiting this with much anticipation.

The Journal told yesterday morning of the reinstating of R. E. Smith, the night clerk whom Postmaster Basnight dismissed from office just a week before he received a dismissal from the Postoffice Department. In a previous article the Journal told of the charges which had been preferred against night clerk Smith and after the recent sensational developments, it was supposed that these charges would be dropped.

However, there's no such luck for the night clerk. Postoffice Inspector G. G. Hemilwright was in the city yesterday making a quiet investigation of these charges and there is no doubt about the fact that every effort is going to be made to put an end to the night clerk's connection with the postoffice.

The charges made against him are said to be trivial and the night clerk has denied each and every one of them and tells his friends that he can prove conclusively that there is no foundation to any one of them. That he will be given an opportunity of doing this is believed by those who are familiar with existing conditions. However, he remains at his post of duty in the office.

Interest in the probable selection of a postmaster to fill the place of Mr. Basnight, has not in the least abated and, in fact, seems to increase as the days go by. A delegation of the friend of L. G. Daniels, one of the candidates for the office, spent Monday in Washington conferring with Senator F. M. Simmons urging him to appoint Mr. Daniels.

Tonight a Pullman car-load of John C. Thomas' friends will leave for the capital city to hold a conference with Senator Simmons, and it is said that they are "loaded to the brim" with reasons why their favorite should have the place.

According to Senator Simmons' statement to a newspaper man Monday night, he will recommend one of the candidates during the next few days and until this has been done, local interest in the affair will not decrease in the least.

ONCE AGAIN THE HARRY THAW CASE

Supreme Court May Rule On This Well Known Wrangle.

THE JUDGES DO NOT AGREE

One Says Questions Are Too Much For The Lower Courts.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 10.—Judge Edward Aldrich rules today that the mental condition of Harry K. Thaw must be determined in the Federal courts. The court's announcement was made at the hearing on Thaw's petition for bail.

Attorneys for Thaw, who are attempting to prevent the extradition of their client through habeas corpus proceedings in the United States District Court, and counsel for New York State had agreed that the charge of conspiracy to escape from the insane asylum at Mattewan, N. Y., was a bailable offense when the question of whether the prisoner, if admitted to bail, would be a menace to the community was raised by William T. Jerome, special deputy attorney general for New York.

"We have very radical objections to turning Thaw on the community to which he would be a peril," said Jerome. Judge Aldrich held that before the question of bail was decided it would be necessary to determine the prisoner's mental condition to the satisfaction of the United States District Court.

"The constitutional question involved in this case," he added, "are of such importance that I shall not pass upon them myself, but shall forward them as promptly as possible to the Supreme Court of the United States." The constitutional questions are concerned with Thaw's extradition, his status in New York, and his status in New Hampshire.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Judge Aldrich's statement today that he would not pass upon the constitutional questions involved in the Thaw case, but would forward them promptly to the Supreme Court of the United States, was not taken in Supreme Court circles as meaning that the case would come to the highest court without at least the form of a decision by Judge Aldrich on the pending habeas corpus application.

Only the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, it was pointed out, may certify questions of law to the Supreme Court for answer before they have acted themselves and this can be done only in cases where the decisions of the circuit courts of appeals are final. The only way in which the Thaw case may come from the District Court to the Supreme Court is said to be by way of appeal from a decision rendered by Judge Aldrich. In several cases in recent years, however, where district judges considered the cases before them of such importance that the Supreme Court would be asked to review the matter, the Judges have not considered at length and passed upon the intricate points raised, but have promptly handed down decisions from which appeals might be taken.

As recognized constitutional questions are involved in the Thaw proceedings an appeal from the District Court may go directly to the Supreme Court instead of first going to the Circuit Court of Appeals.

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