

KENNETH BEASLEY REPORTED SEEN

Boy Who Disappeared Eight Years Ago, Said To Be Alive.

HIS MOTHER IS SKEPTICAL

Mystery Which Stirred Eastern North Carolina Is Reviewed.

Is Kenneth Beasley alive? Has the boy whose strange disappearance eight years ago set all Currituck county, N. C., by the ears and caused the man accused and convicted of kidnapping him to commit suicide in an East Main street hotel, come back to unfold the mystery long ago given up.

Mrs. S. M. Beasley, the boy's mother when seen at her residence, 1722 Brown avenue last night by a Virginian-Pilot man, says her son is as unaccounted for as ever. But, from Elizabeth City, N. C., came reports yesterday that Kenneth Beasley has been seen in Currituck county. It was a series of reports that drifted into Elizabeth City, according to the Virginian-Pilot's correspondent there.

When he disappeared that February morning in 1905 Kenneth Beasley was a bright-faced lad of eight years, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Beasley, a prosperous and happy couple. If he were living now he would be 16 years old; but his widowed mother does not believe he is living. She still thinks he was killed in some manner by the man who was sentenced to life imprisonment and who took his own life when the Supreme Court of North Carolina refused to grant him a new trial.

One morning Kenneth Beasley went to school a short distance from his home. That day Joshua Harrison, a farmer neighbor of the Beasley's, whose daughter Nina was little Kenneth's teacher, called and took Kenneth away from the school house for a ride. That was the last seen of the lad, though Harrison claimed to have put the boy down in the road near his own home.

After many days of weary searching the boy was given up and Harrison indicted for kidnapping. No trace of the boy was ever found and after a hard fought trial Harrison was found guilty. He was given a life sentence in the penitentiary.

His attorneys appealed the case and while the appeal was before the Supreme Court Harrison was admitted to bail, which he put up himself by selling his farm and other property.

One day there flashed over the wires the news that the North Carolina Supreme Court had refused the appeal and there was nothing for Harrison to do but serve the sentence. When he heard it the convicted man was staying at a hotel on East Main street and rather than hear the prison doors clang behind him forever he blew his brains out.

Soon afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Beasley moved to Norfolk. Three years ago Mr. Beasley died in Norfolk and since then Mrs. Beasley and her 18-year-old daughter have been residing on Brown avenue. Mrs. Beasley has two brothers living in Currituck county, but she said last night they have informed her if there was any truth in the report about her long lost son returning.

SOMEONE TRIED IT AND THE RESULTS WERE DISASTROUS.

The explosion of a number of shot gun shells which had been placed in a gas oven to dry out, caused considerable excitement on lower Middle street yesterday morning and originated a blaze which required the attention of three fire companies.

The shells were the property of Pugh and Brooks, wholesale merchants, and had recently come in contact with water. The firm had rented the second floor of the building occupied by M. L. Jacob's commission house and it was there that the trouble occurred.

While no one can definitely state just what caused the shells to explode, it is believed that the young man who was attending to the "coasting" of the shells went off and left them in the oven and as soon as the heat reached a proper temperature things began to happen.

It is estimated that the damage will not exceed one hundred dollars.

THIS SALE WAS SUCCESSFUL.

Warren & Moore, the New Bern owners of the Rhodes Hill property in North Kinston, cleared a nice profit from the sale of the property Tuesday by Penny brothers, auctioneers. Divided into building lots which brought from \$150 to \$1,250 each, the aggregate sum realized was \$275,000. The property brought almost \$200,000 as much as was anticipated, and every one found a ready buyer.

ASHEVILLE DRUG-GIST IN COURT

Prosecution Wants D. M. McKay Sent To The County Roads.

ALLEGED LIQUOR DEALER

Judge Adams Is Reluctant In Complying With Request.

Asheville, Dec. 18.—Police Justice Junius C. Adams returned to the city last night from the east and when asked if he had any statement to make regarding the letter published a few days ago by P. H. Thrash, in which, among other things, it was charged that his firm had represented certain liquor houses in the collection of bills for liquor sold to the Battery Park hotel, he said that he had nothing whatever to say although he admitted that he had read the letter.

D. McN. McKay, one of the drug-gists who was a defendant before Judge Frank Carter in the liquor investigation held here recently, was called before Judge Adams in police court this morning on a capias, the charge against him being that he had broken faith with the agreement in which he had agreed to surrender his stock of liquor and his license to sell on prescription, pleading guilty to a charge of selling liquor illegally, prayer for judgment in which was continued for three years. Evidence was introduced from police officers showing that his business had shown a shortage of about 375 gallons between November 8 and December 4, two days after the judgment was entered. No evidence in explanation of the shortage was offered in rebuttal.

During the argument by the prosecution, J. W. Haynes, stated that he had asked for a search and seizure warrant for the place of the defendant about the time the capias was issued but this had been refused by Judge Adams. After the hearing of evidence and arguments today, Judge Adams stated that he might have interfered with the State in producing sufficient evidence and thereupon ordered from the bench that search and seizure warrants be issued for the place of business and residence of the defendant. As a result of the ensuing raids, the officers found three gallons of whiskey and six gallons of champagne at Mackey's place of business but nothing in his house.

Following Judge Adams' order that these warrants be issued, judgment in the case was reserved until tomorrow morning. The prosecution asked that a road sentence be imposed in order that the law may be upheld in Asheville. Much interest attaches here to the final judgment of Judge Adams, since there can be no appeal on the part of the defendant.

WORK ON COUNTY BRIDGE PROGRESSING RAPIDLY.

That part of the draw which has delayed the opening of the county bridge over Neuse river has arrived and the workmen who are engaged in rebuilding the structure, are making all possible haste in getting it placed in position. It is hoped that the bridge will be in readiness for opening by Christmas, if not sooner.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY AT FARM LIFE SCHOOL

RECEPTION—AMATEUR PLAYS AND OTHER EVENTS.

Craven county's Farm Life School, which is located at Vanceboro and which began its first term a few weeks ago, is going rapidly ahead and much progress is being made in all the work. The social side of the school is one of the features which appeal to the teachers and pupils. Tuesday evening in the library a reception was given the faculty by Prof. Marshall and Prof. Joelyn. An hour or more was spent in pleasant social intercourse after which delicious refreshments were served. Among those present were: Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Turlington, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sears, Miss Elizabeth Moore, Miss Eunice Stewart, Miss Annie Noel Clark, Miss Reva Newman, Miss Elizabeth Wetherington, Miss Maria Smith.

The Girls Friendly society had a bazaar in the auditorium last night and this was a complete success in every way.

Today will be observed as North Carolina Day in the school and an elaborate program has been prepared for the occasion. There will be races by the boys. There will be a corn exhibit and also an exhibit from the Domestic Science Class. Prizes will be awarded to the growers of the best corn by the county demonstrator, J. W. Sears. A play "King Winter's Throne" will be given in the auditorium tonight and this will close the term until after the Christmas holidays and the majority of the teachers will leave tomorrow for their homes and will be absent until December 30.

LOUIS G. DANIELS IS POSTMASTER

Louis G. Daniels will be the postmaster in New Bern to fill the office recently made vacant by the dismissal of Jesse S. Baught. The fight has been a hard one from the very start and until the final moment no one could tell who would be the fortunate candidate. Many thought at first that each of the four candidates, L. G. Daniels, S. H. Lane, Frank Wetherbee and John Thomas, Jr., had an equal chance. Then the choice narrowed down to Daniels and Thomas and for the past few days it has been the general opinion of those who were familiar with the existing conditions that Mr. Daniels would be appointed to the office and this was done.

Senator Simmons' selection of Mr. Daniels as postmaster will meet with general approval. Mr. Daniels has done much hard work for the Democratic party in this section. He is a personal friend of Senator Simmons and stands high in the estimation of the community at large. Stephen H. Lane, who will be the assistant postmaster if the age limit can be waived and he can stand the civil service examination, is another man who has done much for the party. For years he has been chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee and has been an untiring worker both in and for the party. The office given Mr. Thomas is that of collector of the income tax which carries with it a good salary and an expense allowance of more than a thousand dollars a year.

MACK BROWN SHOT TO DEATH FOLLOWING ALTERCATION WITH NEGRO

Lumberton, Dec. 19.—A brutal murder is reported to have been committed at Red Springs, in Hoke County, this morning, Mack Brown being the victim. A negro named Dupress is charged with the crime. The facts as obtained here are that Mr. Brown was paying off a number of negroes who were working for him when Dupress gave him some impudence whereupon Mr. Brown knocked the negro down. The negro is said to have left and finding two of his friends went to a house nearby where Mr. Brown kept a supply of dynamite to be used in blowing up stumps. Later Mr. Brown entered the building and after securing some of the dynamite turned to leave when the negro who had concealed himself in the house shot him in the breast, a shot gun gun loaded with buck shot being used. Mr. Brown died in thirty minutes. The two negroes who were with the murderer are said to have been arrested while tonight all efforts to capture Dupress have failed.

THE OLD YEAR OUT.

Government Radio Office To Send Out Midnight Call. Washington, Dec. 19.—The naval observatory has arranged to send a time signal to mark the death of the old year and the birth of the new. It will be spread broadcast over both the Atlantic and the continent by the navy's great radio station at Arlington and all ships and shore stations equipped with radio-receiving apparatus and even amateurs are asked to listen for this signal and to inform the observatory if it was received by them. The signal will begin at 11:55 p. m., 75 Meridian time, December 31st.

ASSISTANT P. M. MUST GET OUT

Postoffice Department Sustains Report Of Inspector Knight.

DANIELS IS CONGRATULATED

Senator Simmons Selection Meets With General Approval. A message received here yesterday stated that the report of postoffice Inspector Knight, who recently visited New Bern and made an investigation of the record of Assistant Postmaster T. D. Hewitt and found that he was inefficient, had been sustained and that

Mr. Hewitt would be removed at once. While it was the general supposition that this would be the outcome of the investigation, it was not definitely known until yesterday. Just when Mr. Hewitt will be removed was not stated, but this will probably be done at an early date.

Naturally, about the sole topic of conversation in this city yesterday was in regard to Senator Simmons' recommendation of L. G. Daniels for Postmaster at this place. Senator Simmons selection meets with general approval and Mr. Daniels was yesterday being congratulated on all sides. R. A. Nunn, who has been acting postmaster since the dismissal of J. S. Baught, is still in charge of the office. Mr. Daniels will probably not take charge of the office before next week, or until after his appointment has been confirmed.

The selection of a postmaster has, in a manner, detracted somewhat from the amount of interest being shown in the situation at the local office, but there are still changes to be made and until these take place, the public will by no means lose all interest in the matter.

J. R. KENLY NAMED TO HEAD COAST LINE

WITH ROAD FOR 31 YEARS—HEADQUARTERS TO REMAIN IN WILMINGTON.

New York, Dec. 19.—J. R. Kenly third vice-president of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, today was elected president of the company, succeeding the late T. M. Emerson. Mr. Kenly's headquarters will remain at Wilmington, N. C.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 19.—J. R. Kenly, who was today elected president of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, has been in office of the road for the past 31 years, more recently as third vice-president in charge of operation. He was born near Baltimore in 1847 and became a civil engineer of the Pittsburg and Connellsville Railroad now a part of the B. & O., in 1868. He was one of the engineers of the Union Railroad in Baltimore and assisted in the construction of the Union Tunnel entering the city in 1882 he had engineering duties with the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad in Richmond, Va., later becoming superintendent of the road, which afterward became a part of the Atlantic Coast Line system. He was appointed superintendent of transportation in 1884, general manager in 1891 and vice-president in 1905.

ALLAN PEARSALL CARRIED BACK TO WILMINGTON.

Allen Pearsall, colored, who was arrested in New Bern by the chief of police on a warrant sent to him by Justice Harris, charging the negro with burglary, was brought to this city Wednesday by Constable Davis. He was committed to jail and will have a hearing before Justice Garrison today. He is thought to be the person who broke into the home of Mr. Meares Harris at Carolina Heights several weeks ago.—Wilmington Star.

DR. N. M. GIBBS CHOSEN AS THE PRESIDENT.

Thursday night the stockholders of The Peoples Brick Company met and elected the following officers: Dr. N. M. Gibbs, president; J. F. Rhodes, vice-president; C. T. Meacham, secretary and treasurer. C. D. Bradham and J. V. Blades and the officers of the company were elected as stockholders. The company's plant is located at Thurman and is one of the most completely equipped in this part of the State. The company, however, is planning to make a number of improvements among which will be the addition of a saw-mill.

There is a strong demand for brick just at this time and the output of their plant is very much in demand.

Lovers of horse racing will be glad to know that one of the best races seen in this section in many years will take place at the Fair ground race track on New Year's Day.

This was decided upon at a meeting Thursday night of the Executive Committee of the Eastern Carolina Fair Association Company. Two races will be held and prizes to the amount of one hundred dollars will be awarded the winners. As prizes to be given are handsome buggy robes, harness, etc. An admission fee of twenty-five cents will be charged to the grounds. Seats in the grandstand will be free of charge. The Fair Association Company have rented the grounds to J. Leon Williams for a period of four days either in the latter part of April or about the first of May. Mr. Williams intends having an aviation meet and spring races.

FARMERS' UNION MEETING CLOSES

Organization Has A Plan For Segregation Of Races.

OLD OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

The Next Annual Session To Be Held In December, 1914.

Shelby, Dec. 19.—One of the best meetings in the history of the State Farmers' Union of North Carolina has concluded its sessions here adjourned tonight one day ahead of schedule. Since the last meeting three new county unions have been organized, leaving only nine of the one hundred counties in which county organizations are yet to be formed. The state treasury is in \$3,000 better condition than a year ago and business enterprises of the union are doing more business and are on a better basis than ever before.

The main features of today's sessions were passage of a number of important resolutions and election of officers for the ensuing year. The old officers with the exception of the executive committee were re-elected as follows: President H. Q. Alexander; vice-president, J. M. Templeton; state lecturer, J. Z. Green; state secretary, E. C. Faires. The executive committee consists of C. C. Wright, of Wilkes; W. B. Gibson, of Iredell, and W. H. Moore, of Pitt, re-elected, and Clarence Poe, of Raleigh and S. H. Hobbs, of Sampson, elected for the first time.

It was decided to abandon the policy of having a midsummer meeting and the next annual session therefore will be held in December, 1914.

Perhaps the most important action taken in today's session was the unanimous indorsement of the proposition to have a law allowing neighborhoods where most of the land is owned by one race to say, by vote of a majority of the qualified voters that in the future no land should be sold to a person of the opposite race provided the action is approved by a reviewing judge or a board of county commissioners as being necessary to their peace and safety. The preamble recites "That the crowding of undesirable negroes in white communities makes social conditions intolerable for white women and families, lowers land values owned by white people and often drives white families to other sections." The resolution also declares that the immoral mixing of the races is the greatest menace to the supremacy of the white race and demands drastic legislation on this subject.

The attorney general is requested to prepare the necessary blanks and clerks of instruction for having the clerk of the court put the Torrens system of registering land titles immediately into force when the law becomes effective January 1 and the clerks of court are requested to appoint examiners of titles at once.

Another resolution asks the secretary of the treasury to extend the time of his crop loans till March 1.

The idea of having "civic service week" set apart by the governor next November was unanimously indorsed as was also a movement for getting the heads of the various state institutions and departments to gather to devise plans for more effective co-operation. The State union did not endorse the suggestions for having the State department of agriculture go into the business of manufacturing but requested the proper authorities to secure legislation for dating this material and to frame legislation that protects the farmer from spurious material.

SAFE EXPERT RETURNS AFTER VISIT IN CARTERET.

W. H. Marvin, the man who claims to be able to open any safe ever made, arrived in the city last night after spending a few days at Beaufort and Morehead City. While down in that section he opened several strong boxes whose owners had lost the combination or which had in some other way become contrary and refused to be opened. Mr. Marvin, while in the city, is stopping at the James Hotel.

JACKSONVILLE HAS ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

That Jacksonville now has as good lights as there are in North Carolina is a fact. The "switch" was turned on Saturday night for the first time and worked like a charm. By the first of January there will be over five hundred lights installed, and the town will put up an appearance that will not only be a great benefit, but a great addition in the looks of the place.—Jacksonville Progress.

ROBT. JONES CHARGED WITH SERIOUS CRIME

Young White Man Committed to Jail Without Bond—Claimed That He Committed Criminal Assault on Mrs. W. C. Hobbs—Arrested Last Night

Robert Jones, a young white man who came to this city about two years ago from Oriental and who has made his residence here since that time, is in Craven county jail without bond, on a charge which, if proven, may send him to the electric chair.

Shortly before 11 o'clock last night Mrs. W. C. Hobbs, who lives on South Front street, near George, called up the police station and asked that an officer be sent to her home. Policeman A. L. Bryan was on that beat and within a few minutes he had responded to the call. Upon arrival at Mrs. Hobbs' home Policeman Bryan was informed that Jones had only a short time before forced his way into the house and had criminally assaulted Mrs. Hobbs.

The woman stated that shortly after 10 o'clock some one knocked at her front door and that she, thinking it was her husband, opened it without question. She claims that Jones at once grabbed her by the throat, threw her to the floor and accomplished his purpose.

Mrs. Hobbs told the officer that she attempted to scream, but that Jones prevented her from doing this by stuffing his handkerchief in her mouth. Mrs. Hobbs' four children were in the house at the time and they bear out their mother in her statements and also told the officer that Jones told them that if they ever breathed a word of the affair to a living person that he would kill them.

As soon as he had secured the details Policeman Bryan went in search of Jones and found him at a store on Middle street. He was taken to the City Hall and was then committed to jail without bond.

Jones bears a bad reputation. Only a few weeks ago he was caught in the net of stealing a turkey from the coop of B. B. Davenport on lower Middle street, and is awaiting trial at the next term of Superior Court on this charge. He has also been in several other scrapes.

The alleged offender will probably be given a preliminary hearing before Mayor Baugert tomorrow afternoon.

NO CIVIL SERVICE FOR ASST. P. M.

Barrier In Path Of Stephen H. Lane Is Removed.

CAN WAIVE AGE LIMIT

Will Probably Go Into Office With Louis G. Daniels.

(Special to the Journal.) Washington, Dec. 20.—All assistant postmasters will be exempted from the civil service under the postoffice appropriation bill, completed yesterday by the House Committee on Postoffices and to be reported immediately after the holiday.

The above telegram received yesterday by the Journal makes almost certain that Stephen H. Lane will be the assistant postmaster in this city.

When Senator Simmons recommended Louis G. Daniels for postmaster at the New Bern postoffice last Wednesday night, he recommended that Stephen H. Lane, who for years has been chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Craven county, be appointed assistant postmaster provided the age limit could be waived and he could stand the civil service examination.

There is not the least doubt but that Senator Simmons can get the age limit waived in the case of Mr. Lane and the only thing that stood in the way was the civil service examination. There is no doubt but that Mr. Lane could have passed this had he time to prepare, but in the short time which will intervene before he goes into the office, there was some doubt about his passing. With the civil service examination removed from the office there is very indication that Mr. Lane will go in with Mr. Daniels.

THE EMPTY STOCKING.

There's an empty stocking hanging From many a little bed, Where a God-blown dream hangs over Each sleeping curley head; And the vision gathers nightly Of a day that's soon to come Where little feet should patter To the music of the drum.

There's an empty stocking hanging By a many wind-blown door, That must wait in vain for Christmas.

In the gray haunts of the poor; And eyes that now shine brightly Shall, through a rain of tears, See nothing there on Christmas But the sorrows of the year.

But out where splendor centers In the mansions of the Great, No call will go unanswered— No tot will vainly wait; The Christmas horn will summon— The Christmas drum will roll The tide of joy in magic Through the gateway of each soul.

But where one gift would brighten The dark of weary days, No reindeer's hoofs will thunder Out poverty's dreary wails; And so, for God's white season— For some wee dreamer cause— Don't you think that you might whisper Just a word to Santa Claus? —By Goodland Rice.

YEGGMEN ARE OPENING IN TERRELL

STORE OF T. F. CONNOR VISITED AT MIDNIGHT, EXPLOSION HEARD BY MRS. CONNOR.

Newton, Dec. 20.—Sheriff P. Lee Hewitt received a telegram this morning to come to Terrell at once and investigate a robbery that had taken place last night in T. F. Connor's store.

About 8 o'clock last night two strange men were seen going in the direction of the store. About 12 o'clock Mrs. Connor heard the explosion and upon an investigation it was found that the safe had been blown open and near \$700 in cash stolen. The men accomplished their purpose by using nitroglycerine. The handle had been broken off the safe and the liquid poured in through a small hole where the handle had been attached. Some checks, notes, stamps, etc., that were in the safe were unharmed. The men entered the store through the rear door by prizing the bars.

About 1 o'clock Mrs. Charles Connor who lives a short distance below the store on the Mooresville road saw the two men going in that direction. It is supposed that they separated later and went on towards Mooresville.

Sheriff Detour of Iredell, and Sheriff Hewitt, of Catawba, who reached the scene of the robbery early this morning failed to find a definite clue upon which to work. A diligent search is being conducted and the men will likely be apprehended within a few days.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

FIRST HALF OF TERM WAS CONCLUDED YESTERDAY.

The New Bern public schools closed yesterday for the holidays and from now until January 5 the pupils and teachers will have an opportunity to enjoy, to the fullest extent, the holiday season.

The closing of the schools yesterday brought to a close the first half of the term. This has been one of the most successful in the history of the school and Prof. H. B. Craven and his efficient corps of teachers are more than gratified with the results obtained.

The school, during the first part of the term, was somewhat cramped on account of the lack of room, but this deficiency has been remedied and there is now ample room for every pupil.

Over one thousand dollars was sent from the local postoffice, in postoffice and express money orders this week. That this is as much as has gone from any town the size of this in the State. Whether or not this is a good record or a bad one is not our prediction. We know one thing there is some liquor in Jacksonville—since writing the article as to the number of gallons we have been informed that there is over five hundred gallons of liquor in the local office. What will be the result at this time? —Jacksonville Enterprise.