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## FIFTEEN YEARS FOR CHAS. MORSE

### Must Serve the Time in Atlanta Prison

Bank Speculator Sentenced Today to Federal Penitentiary—Judge Suspended Sentence on Curtis, Holding That He Was a Mere Tool and Had Met Financial Disaster.

New York, Nov. 6.—Charles W. Morse was sentenced to fifteen years in the Federal Prison in Atlanta, by Judge Hough today. Curtis, convicted with Morse, succeeded in having his sentence suspended. Judge Hough said: "I feel that the ends of justice can best be served without imposing a prison term on the defendant Curtis. He did not embark on the illegal transactions to benefit himself, but made the first false step when he became a subject to the master mind of his employer. He knew his acts were wrong, but was unable to break away from his master's hold. His feeble efforts at reform met with little consideration at the hands of the supreme board of directors. He continued on in an illegal path, hoping against hope, that the end would come and the bank would not suffer. He has met financial ruin through the collapse of the bank."

The judge then sentenced him to five years but suspended the sentence. He said Morse fathered the illegal scheme to use the bank's funds for his own speculative purposes and gave him fifteen years.

### CAUSES A DISTURBANCE.

Independents Stirring Things in the Fertilizer Trade.

New York, Nov. 6.—Sharp cuts in the price of sulphuric acids, as the result of the entrance of the Tennessee Copper Company, manufacturers of sulphuric acid, has made the entire fertilizer trade disturbed. It appears that the Copper Company made a contract with the Germofort Fertilizer Company to sell its entire output of sulphuric acid. Germofort is an independent company and immediately began business with other independent companies, offering the sulphuric acid from four to five dollars a ton below the prices. There is talk of a combination of independent fertilizer companies, with the Germofort as a nucleus.

### BURNED BABY BROTHER.

Fatal Act of Child While Mother Was Away.

Galena, Wis., Nov. 6.—While the mother was absent from the room the three-year-old son of Mrs. Henry Rapp built a fire under the baby carriage, in which his eight-months-old brother was sleeping. The infant was so badly burned that it died early this morning. The child explained the act by saying he wanted to get the baby warm.

### The Stock Market.

New York, Nov. 6.—Another demonstration of strength was made in the stock market at the opening. The sales of many leading issues showed advances of one point or more. Steel, common, rose one point, to 51 3/4, the highest price in a long period.

### The Cotton Market.

New York, Nov. 6.—The cotton market opened easier, one to three points lower. Opening, November, 8.92 (bid); December, 9.00; January, 8.81; March, 8.87; May, 8.74.

### The Grain Market.

Chicago, Nov. 6.—Wheat opened 100 1/8; corn, December, 61 1/2; oats, December, 47 7/8; pork, January, 16.07.

### GAME CANCELLED.

Contest to Have Been Played Here Tomorrow Cancelled by Goldsboro Team.

A letter was received from the management of the Goldsboro team today cancelling the game of football which had been arranged with the Wilmington High School team for tomorrow afternoon. Disabled players is given as the reason for the calling off of the game, and the letter states that the visiting team will be glad to play the locals at a subsequent date. The communication was received too late by the management of the local team to secure a team to fill the place of Goldsboro, and therefore no game will be played tomorrow.

Tomorrow—Saturday is the day the new series opens. 25 cent each share is the price. Co-operative Building and Loan Association, 124 Princess street. Over 700 shares already bought. Get in line early.

## IN THE LIONS' DEN

Happy Couple Will be Married by Justice Bornemann Tomorrow Afternoon at the Elkfest Grounds—Exalted Ruler Leitner Will Also Brave the Danger—Mardi Gras Night Also Tomorrow.

Last night was another big and glorious night for the Elkfest and that, too, in spite of the sudden cold blast. The attendance was large and the scene presented one of rich merriment until about the midnight hour. The Society Circus was given again and again greatly enjoyed. The different burlesque acts were huge ones for fun, while the minstrel after-show was "fine and dandy." The clown band in which Messrs. C. L. Browne, Ben Jackson, W. G. King and Henry Howard, were the main villains, was a big scream. In fact, it was a howl!

All the shows came in for large attendance last night, while the barkers, with their concessions, had their hearts tickled by raking in the "mon." The several bands of music again added joy to the occasion, while flying confetti helped along the high revelry. Tonight is destined to be another royal one in the history of the Elkfest, while tomorrow comes a really wonderful climax to the jolly and very large week. Tomorrow afternoon an interesting, startling feature is to be presented in a real marriage in a lions' den. The tent of the Ferrari's trained animal show will be enlarged, so as to accommodate the giant crowd that will, no doubt, be on hand, and promptly at 4 o'clock the happy bridegroom and the blushing bride (if she is not white with fear) will enter the den of four Ferrari's ferocious female lions. Exalted Ruler Joseph Leitner, of the Wilmington Lodge of Elks, will act as master of ceremonies, while Trainer Robert Mack will stand in the cage as sponsor for the good behavior of the wild animals. Then, Justice G. V. Bornemann, happy and fearless, will enter, and, in the presence of the startled, wondering assemblage, will tie the nuptial knot in most artistic style. The admission to this novel, daring event will be 25 cents.

Tomorrow night will be known as Mardi Gras night and when hundreds of attendants will go about the grounds in most grotesque costumes, and masked, and a big battle of confetti will be waged. Those who desire to attend in costume and have not prepared for the event can rent costumes from Mr. W. H. Harrison, who is stopping at the Orton Hotel and who has a stock of costumes of every description with him for use by Mardi Gras revelers.

Yesterday afternoon the committee announced that it had awarded the first prize for the most original pony outfit in the civic and floral parade of Tuesday to Mrs. W. M. Beery. This handsomely decorated rig was driven in procession by Misses Dorothy Beery and Annie Thomas.

The first prize for the best decorated baby carriage was awarded to Mrs. R. D. Tucker.

### INFORMAL RECEPTION

To be Given on Monday Evening by Baraca Class of Grace Methodist Church.

Invitations have been issued by the Baraca Class of Grace Methodist Church for an informal reception to be given in the church parlors on Monday evening, Nov. 9th. This reception will mark the advent of the fall and winter work of the organization and a most delightful evening is anticipated.

The program will consist of music, recitations and a few short addresses, and it has been planned with an idea of giving all who attend a pleasant and enjoyable time.

### DOWN TO THIRTY-FOUR.

Yet There Was Ice This Morning—Warmer Tomorrow.

The cold blast which hit Wilmington yesterday morning, seems to be moderating, though cool weather, with frost, is predicted for tonight. Fair and warmer is the forecast for tomorrow.

The lowest the mercury dropped last night, or rather early this morning, was 34, and that is the season's record so far. However, though not the regulation freezing point there was ice.

### BRING BACK THAT LAPROBE.

Constable Savage Feels Like Something is Missing.

In some manner, through mistake or somehow, Constable W. B. Savage has lost a laprobe. The last time he saw the robe it was acting all quiet in his buggy in front of Justice Furlong's office. When he went to take another look, after a short absence, it was gone. He wants it returned on double quick time, or they will be something "adding."

Underwear and Top Shirts in great variety at low prices for good quality at J. M. Solky & Co's., the only One Price Clothiers and Furnishers in this city.

## BIG AMUSEMENT PARK LIKELY

### Plans Now About To Mature For It

Giant Public Park Planned for Wilmington and Promoters Have Begun on the Scene—Mr. L. W. Buckley Will Handle End Here and Will Open Office Next Week.

It was made known this morning that Wilmington is in a fair way to have a big amusement park on some large tract of land in the suburbs. In fact, it was announced as a certainty and preparations, which were quietly started some weeks ago, are now well underway. Mr. O. E. Skiff, manager of the Payne Pyrotechnic Company, has been in the city this week in conference with Mr. L. W. Buckley, who so successfully and ably promoted and directed the present big and brilliant Elkfest, and Mr. Buckley announced this morning that contracts had been closed preparatory to starting the park. Mr. Skiff leaves today for the north to further the project among amusement folks there and Mr. Buckley will go to New York city some time next week, but before he goes he will open an office here for the park.

The idea is a big one in the amusement line and if it materializes successfully, as it, no doubt, will, the Wilmington people will have a giant place of amusement and one that will prove especially attractive in the summer time, as the city has no public park. According to the plans of those interested a large tract of land is to be obtained either in the southern, northern or eastern part of the city and there will be located the amusements, which will consist in the main of many novel attractions. Not such as freaks and side-shows, but good substantial attractions, such as a scenic railway, Ocean Wave, Merry-go-round and such things. There would also be a vaudeville theatre. One of the chief attractions will be a big and costly scenic railway.

The park would be a regular Coney Island place of amusement and would be like the Dixie Land that is now running with such signal success in Jacksonville, Fla., and which, by the way, was established by Promoter Buckley.

The idea is to get the park started as soon as possible, and it would, no doubt, prove a fine place of recreation and amusement for the people of this city. Wilmington now has no park of any description—sad be it—but one like the Dixie Land of Jacksonville would not only supply the deficiency, but would place Wilmington ahead of any city its size in this direction. A number of amusement managers are already interested in the project and have taken stock.

### At the Bijou Today.

Quint's new reel of films the Bijou today offers two of the very latest and best subjects, "Two Clever Detectives" and "Fighting the Flames," while the illustrated song will be that stirring popular hit, "The U. S. A. For Mibe." The Bijou is making a most festive offering this week in celebration of the Elkfest.

### TO BE MARRIED.

Mr. Percy L. Smith, of This City, and Miss Cornelia Annie Wear, of Appomattox, Va.

Friends of Mr. Percy L. Smith will be interested in the announcement of his approaching marriage to Miss Cornelia Annie Wear, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Wear, of Appomattox, Va. The ceremony will be performed at the residence of the bride's parents on next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Smith and his bride-to-be will spend their honeymoon in the north, and upon their return to the city they will be at home to their friends at No. 709 North Fifth street. Mr. Smith is secretary of the firm of S. L. Smith & Son, of this city. No invitations for the ceremony were issued in Wilmington.

### Fire Yesterday Afternoon.

A rather serious fire occurred yesterday afternoon at the residence on the northwest corner of Third and Walnut streets, owned by the Garrett estate and occupied by Mr. C. L. Meister. The fire started from a defective flue and nearly the entire second floor of the house was gutted before the blaze was gotten under control. Mr. Meister, and Messrs. W. W. Blair and W. R. Hay, who occupied rooms on the second floor sustained heavy damages as practically all their personal effects were destroyed.

Building and Loan new series opens tomorrow, Saturday. 25 cents each a share, office at Wright's Real Estate Agency, 124 Princess street. Get in line early.

## MEETING YESTERDAY

North Carolina Sorosis Inaugurates Fall and Winter Work—An Enthusiastic Meeting Held at the Public Library—Mrs. R. W. Hicks Chosen President of the Organization—Year Book Soon to be Issued.

The first meeting of the fall and winter of the North Carolina Sorosis was held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Sorosis rooms at the public library, and there was in attendance practically the entire membership of the organization. The meeting was of a most interesting nature and the discussion concerning the work for the ensuing season was entered into with spirit and enthusiasm by everyone present.

The most important action taken was the election of officers for the next year. Mrs. Andrew J. Howell, Jr., president last year, presented her resignation at the meeting, and Mrs. R. W. Hicks was chosen to succeed her as the executive head of the organization. The other officers were re-elected to fill the same positions they held last year, with the exception of Mrs. Howell, who was chosen First Vice President. The remaining officers are Mrs. J. Walter Williamson, second vice president; Mrs. J. M. Solky, treasurer; Miss Lydia Yates, corresponding secretary; Mrs. M. L. Stover, recording secretary. The executive committee is composed of the officers and the chairman of the Literature, Home Science and Art Departments, respectively, these being Mrs. E. M. Gregg, Mrs. W. L. Beery and Miss Mary Bernard.

The year book of the Sorosis, containing an outline of the work as mapped out for the next few months, will be issued within a few days.

### FUNERAL OF MR. CROW.

Will be Held Tomorrow Morning at 11 O'clock—Tribute to Him From an Admiring Friend.

The funeral of the late Mr. John Eanes Crow will be conducted tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock from No. 312 South Third street, thence to St. John's Episcopal Church.

Mr. George D. Crow and wife reached Wilmington last night from their home in Baltimore, and Mr. R. F. Crow, another son, is expected to arrive tonight from Houston, Texas.

The members of Cape Fear Camp, No. 254, United Confederate Veterans, will attend the funeral in a body out of his respect to the memory of their departed and beloved comrade. They are ordered to assemble at the Wilmington Light Infantry Armory tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock and will march from there to the residence.

The death of Mr. Crow, which so shocked the entire community, has caused deep sorrow to his friends—who were legion—and many beautiful expressions have been heard about him, paid him this tribute today:

"Living a life that breathed of charity, tenderness and justice for his fellows he could but win the admiration of those with whom he came in contact. His entire acquaintanceship was the field of his friends; their hearts his conquest. None was so humble he could not tarry to cheer—and to help, if needs be—and during his companionship the very atmosphere seemed made lighter by his presence. His thoughts were always first for others; last for himself. Candid in manner, conservative, just and able in opinion, fearless in duty, with a remarkable discernment for the rights and needs of others and with a heart that ever beat warm for the happiness and betterment of the world, he possessed every attribute of the truly noble man. The child who romped the streets heard his happy greeting, and loved him with that love than which there is none purer; the old darty who bowed to him as he passed, or tipped his battered old hat, was answered with a smile and a word of cheer and had murmured back to him 'God bless you,' and others with whom he came in contact felt the brightness of his companionship and admired him, and all grieve today at his passing. He had a well informed mind—a veritable treasure house of rich knowledge—and a heart of the most generous impulses from which to draw from, but there was never the slightest touch of the ostentatiousness. Men who wore the gray and who had faced the cannon's mouth, in those terrible days of the South's dearest and greatest chivalry and fortitude, have told us how John E. Crow stood by their side, and the writer's own recollections—sweet remembrance, it is—dating back from childhood, tells him of the other beautiful traits of character of this man who was so suddenly cut down by the Grim Reaper, leaving a desolate place in many hearts, but only to add new lustre to the Golden Haven of Souls. The writer had known him for years and had loved and admired him during every minute of that time. He will remember him with love tomorrow and the next day—and then the next and the next, until Eternity. The world, too, will miss him; his world that he brightened and enriched will miss him. It will mourn for him."

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