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FROM HIS CELL TO HIS DEATH Grim Reaper Prevents a Trial for Murder

Last Chapter For One of Capt. Rankin's Alleged Cowardly Slayings—Tom Wilson Hurried From Prison to Hospital and Died This Morning—Was Said to Have Been a Ring Leader.

Nashville, Nov. 19.—Tom Wilson, who was charged with adjusting the rope to hang Captain Quentin Rankin, died today from a congestive chill. He was stricken last night in his cell and was rushed to a hospital. However, he died this morning.

STILL ON THE STAND.

John D. Telling, His Story in Soft, Easy Manner.

New York, Nov. 19.—John D. Rockefeller, soft voiced, fatherly, amiable and smiling, continued his story before the court today. Jno. G. Millburn, one of the Standard Oil Lawyers, handled the richest man in the world and head of the richest trust as tenderly as he would have handled an infant. His questions were almost as gentle as the answers given, as he helped the magnate unfold his tale of how the poor, hard working young man, with borrowed capital of \$200, had built up the biggest business in the world.

It is expected that Mr. Kellogg, the trust buster, will take charge of Rockefeller by tomorrow. Then his time will not be so easy.

SAYS 600,000 BALES.

North Carolina Commissioners of Agriculture Estimate Cotton Crop.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 19.—Pursuant to a request, Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham today sent to the Statistical Committee on the Association of Southern Commissioners of Agriculture his estimate of this year's cotton crop. He placed the probable number of bales at six hundred thousand. This is sixteen per cent. less than last year's crop.

TROOPS GUARD CITY.

Chinese Government Prepared to Prevent an Outbreak.

New York, Nov. 19.—With a view to preventing any popular outbreak or movement by officials to seize the throne, the Chinese government has rushed to Peking the best soldiers in her army and they are now guarding the city. Foreign diplomatic representatives have been informed that the Government assumes responsibility for their safety.

PROGRAM FOR THE SOUTH.

Taft Will Say Something of Much Interest to the South.

New York, Nov. 19.—"The program for the South" will be the general subject of the addresses at the annual dinner of the North Carolina Society, of New York at the Hotel Astor of December 7th, William H. Taft will be the principal speaker. Taft's speech will be of particular interest to the people of the South.

The Stock Market.

New York, Nov. 19.—The reaction in progress at the close yesterday were followed this morning by decided weakness on the opening sales. First prices showed declines around one point. Union Pacific showed decline of 5-8 at the start, but recovered at the end of fifteen minutes. A strong tone prevailed.

Hardware Company Chartered.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 19.—A charter has been granted the Sharbor and White Hardware Company, Elizabeth City, with a capital of \$25,000, and to begin business when \$20,000 is paid in.

The Cotton Market.

New York, Nov. 19.—There were sharp gains and new high records in cotton market this morning. Opening prices, December, 9.26; January, 9.14; March, 9.05; May, 9.02.

An Erroneous Impression.

There are a number of people who are under an erroneous impression. They think that they never control enough money to start a bank account. In this they are mistaken. THE PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK, at the corner of Front and Princess streets, wants the small accounts as well as the large ones. And they handle the business of both with their best care. We believe that every body ought to have a bank account, no matter how small, and the Peoples Savings Bank will be glad to serve you.

TO HIGHER COURT

Robert Henry White, a Negro, and His Wife, Ella White, Sent to the Next Term of the Superior Court Under Separate Bonds of \$300, Under Charge of Larceny of Innumerable Articles From the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

One of the hardest fought cases tried in a magistrate's court recently was that against Robert Henry White, a negro man and his wife, Ella White, today at noon before Magistrate John J. Furlong. The pair are charged with the larceny of innumerable articles from the Atlantic Coast Line railroad during the past several months and a large crowd was present to hear the investigation of the warrants against White and his wife.

The case was prosecuted for the railroad by Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy & Son and the defendants were represented by Brooke G. Empe, Esq.

Quite a number of witnesses were introduced during the trial, among these being Special Agent Stallings, of the Atlantic Coast Line, Mr. Bethea, salesman for Mr. J. A. Taylor, Mr. R. G. Rankin, Jr., of the Holmes Grocery Company, Constable W. B. Savage and others. Mr. Stallings testified that he found articles of almost every description in the possession of the man and his wife and from the freight shortages at the railroad offices, it was believed that the man and woman were responsible for the larcenies. Groceries of every description, fruits, dry goods, clothing and other articles were found in the possession of the man and woman, a large number of articles having been hidden in the woman's trunk when she went recently to Dillon, S. C.

After the evidence had been introduced and arguments made for their respective clients by the attorneys, Magistrate Furlong bound over the defendants to the next term of the Superior Court under a bond of \$300 each.

WILL GIVE AWAY BIKE.

Novel But Delightful Offer Made by Messrs. J. M. Solky & Co.

Something that is unique, but which will afford lively competition between the youth of the city, as well as proving most delightful for some lucky one, has been placed on foot by Messrs. J. M. Solky & Co. This live, up-to-date firm of clothiers is to make a present of a handsome bicycle to the boy or girl who gets the greatest amount of trade for the big establishment by Christmas Day. The contest will be conducted on a most extensive and thorough plan. Upon application at the Solky establishment cards will be given the boys and girls and when they get a customer for the store—cash customer or otherwise—why he can carry the card of the enterprising youth and it will be punched according to the purchase made. At the end of time the card showing the greatest amount will win the splendid bike for the fortunate possessor. These cards can now be obtained at Solky's and will, no doubt, go like hot cakes, as it affords fine opportunity for a bicycle absolutely free of all costs.

The Christmas displays have commenced at the large Solky establishment and are of the finest character.

Red Cross Society.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Red Cross Society was held yesterday afternoon at which a number of important matters were discussed. The first sale of the Red Cross stamps to a private person was to Master Harmon Chadbourne Rorison, and other business firms which placed orders for the stamps yesterday were the People's Supply Company and the Review Printing Company.

The American National Bank and the People's Savings and Trust Company have kindly furnished the Red Cross Society with small banks to be placed at different points.

NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Father and Brother On the Scene in Raleigh Today.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 19.—There are no developments in the murder case so far today. The coroner's jury meets this afternoon to investigate further. The father and brother of the dead man, accompanied by a detective, arrived here this morning to help in clearing up the mystery.

The Grain Market.

Chicago, Nov. 19.—There was small decline in wheat at the opening, but it soon turned strong. Opening wheat, December, 103 1-8; corn, December, 63 1-4; oats, December, 49 1-8; pork, January, 16.15.

Mr. S. LeRoy Layton.

Mr. S. LeRoy Layton, representing the New York and Albany Transportation Company, with headquarters at Albany, N. Y., arrived in the city today on a short business trip. Mr. Layton formerly resided here and he has been cordially greeted by his many friends in Wilmington.

THEY ARE BACK DEE-LIGHTED

Our Delegation Returned Today From Charlotte

Praises the Work of the Convention and the Fine Entertainment of the Charlotte Folks—Attended Swell Banquet Last Night—Compliment Paid Mayor Springer.

Back from Charlotte this afternoon came the Wilmington delegation to the Carolina Municipal Association and a more delighted set of mortals over the swell treatment received at the hands of the Charlotte people there has never been. They are also waxing enthusiastic over the good to be accomplished by the organization of such a municipal association. The local delegation, composed of Mayor William E. Springer, Aldermen W. A. French and S. J. Ellis and Capt. T. D. Meares, clerk of the Board of Audit and Finance, attended the brilliant banquet given at the Selwyn Hotel last night, where covers were laid for three hundred, and left early this morning for home. As has already been noted in The Dispatch Wilmington was honored by having two of her representatives selected as officers.

The Wilmington delegation made quite an impression in Charlotte. The Charlotte News presented a fine picture of Mayor Springer while the Charlotte Observer this morning gave his excellent speech in full, and yesterday afternoon's Charlotte Chronicle had this editorial reference:

"Upon Mayor Springer of Wilmington, was imposed a combination of subjects to discuss in the convention of mayors this morning, but he appears to have been equal to the task in the handling of each item. His paper was one of the most valuable of the convention series."

The Wilmington delegation reports that their entertainment was most elaborate and lavish in Charlotte, and that the folks of the Queen City couldn't do too much for them. They say it is just the delightful Charlotte habit, however, to extend only such as Next year the Association meets in Winston-Salem.

THE GAME SATURDAY.

Wilmington's Strong Eleven Will Battle With Soldier Boys.

The Fort Caswell football team, which is reputed to be the strongest eleven that has ever been organized among Uncle Sam's men at the mouth of the Cape Fear, will meet the Strong Wilmington team, which made a state-wide reputation by its splendid game against the A. and M. team on Monday last in this city, on the gridiron Saturday afternoon at New League Park and the hardest fought game ever seen in this city is expected to be the result of that battle. The game will be called at 3:30 o'clock and admission will be 50 cents, this including grandstand.

The splendid Fort Caswell Military band will accompany the team to Wilmington and will furnish music during the game, this adding greatly to the interest and pleasure of the occasion.

Captain Smith has had his men hard at work ever since the game on Monday and they are now in fine condition to meet the Caswell boys. Several new plays have been developed and the team is certain to "do itself proud."

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Special Visit of the Vice President of the Fourth Department.

It is of much interest that the Good Shepherd Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society of America, are to be favored with the presence of Miss Laura Lee Packard, of Baltimore, vice president for this department, on a special visitation Friday to Monday.

The society is an international organization, and of very large and active membership, and the local branch is quite fortunate in being able to secure Miss Packard, who will deliver a special address Friday night, November 20th at 8 o'clock in the Good Shepherd Hall, Sixth and Queen streets.

The Good Shepherd Branch, including associates and candidates, numbers about fifty; and the parents are cordially invited to be present at this meeting, which promises to be more than usually interesting.

Mayor's Court Today.

In the mayor's court at noon today C. Hutaff, A. Banks, R. Perry and M. Gallagher, charged with disorderly conduct, were ordered to pay the costs of the cases. Laurence Smith and H. C. Fager, charged with being drunk and down, were ordered to pay the costs.

TARIFF ON LUMBER

Pine Men Hurry to Washington to Discuss It—Wilmingtonian Among the Number and Will Speak Before House Committee Tomorrow and Will Represent Prominent Associations.

Quite a number of lumbermen have gone and will go from this section to Washington to be present tomorrow at the meeting of the Ways and Means Committee, of the House of Representatives, in considering the tariff. The matter of tariff on lumber "will be taken up then and the interests noted are bitterly opposed to any interference with the present schedule. A number of speeches will be made, but one of the principal ones will be by a Wilmington man—Mr. Z. W. Whitehead, owner and editor of the Lumber Journal. He was settled upon by the North Carolina Pine Association and by the Georgia and Florida Association to make the main speech for these organizations, which is quite an honor, and he left last night for the Capital City. Mr. Whitehead is a straight protectionist, but his deepest study on the subject has been as to the tariff on lumber. He presented strong argument relative to this before the Canadian-American Commission some years back and which decided not to interfere with the schedule. There are various phrases of the matter, and the pine men seem anxious not to have their question mixed with the wood-pulp matter.

At the Bijou.

The films to be shown at the Bijou theatre today are called "The Gambler and the Devil," and "A Romance of the Alps." Both pictures are of unusual merit and will please everyone.

A FINE FIRST YEAR.

Business College Attendance Good and School Progressing Splendidly.

Prof. Chas. L. Padgett, president of the Southern Commercial School and Audit Co., which owns and operates the Southern Business College, of this city, and the Twin-City Business College of Winston-Salem, is in the city, and will spend several days with the Wilmington school.

Prof. Padgett reports that he is very much pleased with the progress of the local college, which has had a good enrollment from the day of opening. So far! The work of the student body has also been very gratifying. The school has had a number of calls for bookkeepers and stenographers, which is evidence that our business people are giving preferential consideration to the students of these schools.

Since the purchase of the school by the above named company it has enrolled 74 students, which is considered a phenomenal growth for a new institution. Of this number, several are from the surrounding country, there being representatives of six different States.

The outlook for the new year enrollment is very bright. New inquiries are coming in every day and a number has already expressed their intention of enrolling on the first of January.

Prof. Padgett reports that the Winston-Salem school has a large enrollment, with new ones coming in almost every day. He is very much pleased with the splendid progress of both schools.

MELVER LOAN FUND.

An Association Established in This City Yesterday Afternoon.

A meeting of the Alumni of the State Normal and Industrial College was held yesterday afternoon at the High School building, at which an association was formed with the object in view of establishing a Molver Loan Fund, in connection with a similar movement which is now being carried out in every section of the State. Miss Etta Spier delivered an address to those assembled in which she explained fully the object and purpose of the gathering. The amount raised in New Hanover county will be used to aid worthy and ambitious young women to secure an education at the State Normal college.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. O. Carr; Vice President, Miss Lydia Yates; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Annie Hill Holmes; Executive Committee, the above mentioned officers and Mrs. M. L. Stover and Mrs. E. R. Clark.

FINE POOL CONTEST.

Interesting Event Scheduled to Take Place at Candyapps.

Pool enthusiasts will be furnished with something interesting and skilled in pool shooting tomorrow night at Candyapps, No. 123 Princess streets. An event between experts has been arranged and is being much talked of today among the cue-fraternity. The match will be played on one of the swell tables at Candyapps, and will begin at 7:30 o'clock. It will be a 200 ball contest and some crack-shots may be expected.

Read The Dispatch's Specials.

ALL ABOUT US

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OUR CAPITAL AND SURPLUS—\$223,439.41. Assets, \$1,500,000
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OUR DIRECTORS—H. Walters, J. W. Norwood, Donald MacRae, J. V. Grainger, J. W. Yates, H. L. Vollers, N. B. Rankin, D. O'Connor, Wm. Calder, J. H. Chadbourne, J. D. Bellamy, Jr., W. V. Hardin, W. F. Robertson, H. C. Bear, C. E. Taylor, Jr.
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