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RALEIGH MAN SLAYS BROKER

The Tragedy Occurred in New York Today

John C. Lumsden, the slayer, well known in Wilmington and had been connected with the Hollowbush Orchestra here—Broker owed Lumsden money and shooting occurred in the former's office.

New York, Dec. 19.—Shortly before 10 o'clock this morning Harry B. Sydhams, a curb broker, with offices at No. 19 Broad street, was shot while about to leave the building. Sydhams was wounded in the stomach and it is feared fatally. The assailant was captured. Sydhams lives at Plainfield, N. J., and the man who did the shooting is an inventor named Lumsden. The motive for the shooting is a mystery.

Lumsden has made a statement saying that Sydhams owed him money. He went to see Sydhams and two other men attacked him. He shot to defend himself, but had no idea of shooting when he went into the office.

Lumsden a Raleigh Man. Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 19.—John C. Lumsden, the man who shot the New York curb broker, is from Raleigh. His parents and several uncles live here. He has been away from Raleigh about six years. He was married, his wife being a Miss ... of South Carolina. He was at one time a member of the First Regiment Band. He was popular here, and was rather quiet; in no sense quarrelsome and friends here are unable to account for the tragedy of this morning. He lived in Birmingham five years before going to New York.

STARTLING EXPOSURES

Mrs. Annis to Resume Stand and Said to Have a Sensational Letter. New York, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Wm. E. Annis will be recalled to the stand when the Hains' trial is resumed Monday. The widow of the murdered man has now loomed up as the strongest witness for the prosecution. She is said to have a letter written by T. Jenkins Hains to her husband, which is both a warning and a threat. She is expected to go back to the time of the conception of the tragedy and may tell the whole story of the dissipation and intrigues at Fort Hamilton, which led up to the murder. It is said that more than one high official in the army will be exposed if this story comes to light. If Mrs. Annis has such a letter it will go hard with Hains, but hard also with the others who took part in the orgies at Fort Hamilton.

CARS TO THE BEACH

Tomorrow cars to the beach every half hour in the afternoon.

Stocks Today.

New York, Dec. 19.—Prices changes at the opening of the stock market and were very irregular, some of the active speculative issues showing fractional advances at the start, while a few important railroad shares opened with the same amount of declines. There was less interest in trade in the American smelting, but it showed better tone on the first transaction. The market generally was steady at the end of fifteen minutes.

The Cotton Market.

New York, Dec. 19.—Business in cotton was active and prices firmer, at an advance of two to four points. Opening, December, 8.90; January, 8.55; March, 8.63; May, 8.70.

The Grain Market.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Wheat was easy, prices off 3-4 to 7-8. Opening, wheat, May, 105 5-8; corn, May, 60; oats, May, 50 5-8; pork, May, 16.10.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

Will be Given at Middle Sound Advent Christian Church Dec. 30th.

There will be any entertainment and Christmas tree at the Advent Christian Church on Middle Sound Wednesday night, December 30th. The affair will be given under the auspices of the Sunday School, but any one wishing to put presents on the tree for the children or friends, may do so. The exercises will begin at 7 p. m. Admission will be free and the public is cordially invited.

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WINS A BIG SUIT

Tidewater Power Company Secures Victory in a \$10,000 Damage Case in Sampson County—Counsel and Witnesses Went From Here to the Important Trial.

The Tidewater Power Company, of this city, came out victorious this week in a big damage suit tried in Clinton. Counsel and witnesses from here have just returned from the trial, which was an important one and involved \$10,000 alleged damages. The accident, which it was alleged occurred in this city and of account of the negligence of the defendant company, dates back to April 6, 1906. Almost at midnight of that day C. P. McMillan, of Sampson county, was a passenger on one of the city line trolley cars and alighted while the car was on Fourth street, between Swann and Nixon. He fell and internally injured himself, he claimed, and charged that it was due to negligence of employees of the company in starting the car too soon. The company investigated the matter at once, placing the inquiry in the hands of Capt. W. F. Corbett, and found that their men were in no manner to blame. So when McMillan instituted suit in Sampson county for \$10,000 the company prepared to fight the case. Capt. Corbett worked up the evidence in masterly manner, and Mr. Thos. W. Davis, Esq., of counsel for the company, was assigned to the case. So when the trial was held this week in Clinton the Tidewater Power Company dealt the prosecution a knock-out blow. At the end of the plaintiff's testimony counsel for the company made a motion to non-suit the plaintiff, and the court allowed the motion, as the plaintiff had failed to show negligence, had not proven that he was injured and was not certain as to the time and other details of the accident. So a big victory was secured in the case by the Tidewater Power Company, the case being virtually thrown out of court.

Those from here who attended the trial were Thos. W. Davis, Esq., who handled the defense in brilliant manner. It is said, Dr. J. B. Cranmer, who made an examination of McMillan after the accident, Capt. W. F. Corbett and Conductors A. J. Flowers and R. H. Williams.

MAKING UP THE LIST.

Delinquent Tax Payers Now Run the Risk of Having to Pay the Costs. The sheriff is now, according to the direction of the law, making up the advertising list of property upon which taxes have not been paid. This list will be made public by January 1st, so it behooves those who do not want their names to appear on the list, and who do not want to pay cost in the matter to come across with the "long green" within the next week.

ACADEMY NEXT WEEK.

Popular Price Engagement Will Commence Monday Night.

All next week the Academy will offer a fine popular price attraction in the engagement of the Demorest Comedy Company. The opening bill Monday night will be the latest success, "The Miner's Daughter," and between acts will be presented a clever line of specialties.

Ladies will be accorded the usual free courtesy Monday night and seats are now on sale at Plummer's.

IMET WITH DISASTER.

Hole Stove in Government Tug and She Had to be Beached.

Yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock the Government tug, Cynthia, at work down the river, met with a disaster, which now causes her to be on the ways. The tug ran against her anchor and a hole was knocked into her. She commenced to fill with water and the crew beached her. This morning she was pulled off and towed to the city, where she is now on the ways. The accident happened in the vicinity of Big Island.

SPECIAL SERVICE TOMORROW

Will be of Much Worth for the Work at Southside Baptist Church.

Southside Baptist Church has arranged for a special service tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, at which time the pastor will read and explain the church covenant. Following this there will be short talks by Messrs. J. P. Littleton, R. B. Moore, John Thomas, J. B. Fales, W. H. Peterson, J. H. Holton and A. L. Vann, on different phases of the work of the church. It is hoped that all members of the church will attend, as this meeting means much for the future of the church. There will be preaching again at 7:30 p. m. A cordial welcome will be given all.

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JUDGE PURNELL PASSES AWAY

Circuit Court Here Adjourns in His Memory

Died This Morning in Raleigh From Cancer of the Liver—Was Born in Wilmington and Was a Grandson of Gov. Dudley—Was a Brave Confederate Soldier and Had Been on the Bench Since '97.

The news of the death of Judge Thos. R. Purnell, of the United States District Court, was received with much sorrow here this morning. The sad announcement was not unexpected, save as to the precise time when it would come, because Judge Purnell had been hovering between life and death for the past several days. Upon the convening of the United States Circuit Court this morning District Attorney Harry Skinner feelingly made announcement of the death of Judge Purnell and Judge Waddill, presiding, then adjourned court sine die in memory of the deceased. This made a mistrial in the suit of T. M. Thompson, Jr., vs. Major M. F. Harmon, which had been occupying the attention of the court since last Thursday and which was destined to go well into next week. Judge Waddill could not take a recess to some specified time and resume hearing the case, because he was only commissioned for this district on account of the sickness of Judge Purnell and with the death of this jurist his commission expired. The case will be called at the next term of the court and when the new judge for this district, appointed by the President, will undoubtedly hold the court.

Judge Purnell was born in this city and had a number of relatives here. He was a splendid judge and had made hundreds of admirers by his work on the bench. He was a grandson of Governor Dudley, of this State. His had been a prominent life and he was a brave Confederate soldier.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 19.—Judge Thos. R. Purnell, of the United States Court bench, died here early this morning. He had been sick for several months, with cancer of the liver and also digestive troubles. He had not been able to take solid food for two months. He was appointed a judge of the Eastern District in 1897. He leaves one son and three daughters.

Judge Purnell was born in Wilmington in 1847, and was a son of Thomas R. and Eliza Purnell, and a grandson of Governor Dudley. He entered the Confederate army in '63, at the age of 16. He graduated from Trinity College in 1869, and married Miss Adelia Zevely, of Winston-Salem, in 1870. He practiced law first in Wilmington. He was appointed State Librarian in 1872. He was a representative and Senator from Wake, and a United States Commissioner, for several years. He was appointed Judge May 5th, 1897. His wife died in 1907. He leaves four children, Mrs. Drewry and Mrs. Ridley, of Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. McKee and James McKee Purnell, of Raleigh. The deceased was a man of judicial mind and temperament, and a hard student of the law. He was fair and just in his rulings. A Republican from his first vote, he was true to his party.

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OFFERED INSULT TO A LADY.

Ugly Affair on Greenville Sound Last Night.

Report comes this afternoon from Greenville Sound of any ugly affair that occurred there during the early part of the night. A negro man offered an insult to a Mrs. Oldham, while she was in the roadway. She reported the matter to her husband, who was so infuriated he went alone after the negro, who made off down the road. He overtook the miscreant, but was forced to retreat at the point of a pistol. He returned home, secured a gun and with assistance went after the negro, but this time he could not be found and which was indeed lucky for the negro.

WARNS PREACHERS.

Must Not Discuss "Night Riders" Trials Tomorrow.

Union City, Dec. 19.—Judge Jones threw another bomb this morning, when he warned the preachers not to discuss the "Night Riders" trials tomorrow. The reason given was that prospective jurors might be influenced.

Patent Leather Pumps for Xmas festivities at Peterson & Ruffs. w s m

FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Clarendon Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Has Arranged a Brilliant Tree Entertainment—Interesting Exercises and a Happy Occasion all 'Round—Committee Now Hard at Work.

One of the most delightful, as well as interesting of the Christmas entertainments, and one that will have around it the warmest of feelings, has been arranged by Clarendon Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of this city. This lodge for years past has made a practice of gathering together its members and their families at some time during the Yuletide season and then enjoying the festive spirit of the times as a unit. No departure will be made from this for 1908, save that the time for the Christmas entertainment will be more opportune. Upon the very eve of the glorious Christmas day will occur the lodge's Christmas sociable this year, being an Xmas tree at the Castle Hall next Thursday evening. The entertainment will commence at 6 o'clock in the evening and all members of the lodge and their families, and especially the families of departed brothers, are given a cordial invitation to attend the entertainment. The tree will be a glittering spectacle and will be loaded down with presents for the Pythian children. There will also be a delightful program of exercises, including an address of the history of the order by Mr. E. F. Higgins, a recitation by Miss Fales, another one by Miss Eunice Tucker, sweet music and other features. Refreshments will also be served, and there will be a number of happy informal talks. The committee having charge of the affair will have its final meeting Tuesday night. The event besides carrying out the beautiful custom of Clarendon Lodge comes also in accord with a circular issued by Grand Chancellor Thos. H. Webb, of Duke, N. C., calling upon the Pythians of the State to assemble at some time during the Christmastide in their respective Castle Halls and there enjoy the great spirit of the occasion together.

At the Bijou.

The films to be shown at the Bijou theatre today are called "A Night Out" and "A Dearly Paid for Kiss." These pictures will entertain and please everyone who sees them.

TURKEYS TOOK A DROP.

Warm Weather Brought Down the Price Today.

Today's warm weather forced down the price in the turkey market; that is so far as the dress fowl was concerned. The price went as low as 20 cents per pound for dress turkey, as dealers who had a number on hand found it wisdom to let them go at that price than run the risk of carrying them over until Monday with such weather. The price of dressed chickens also took a tumble.

ANOTHER ROCKINGHAM SUIT.

Hearing Before Judge Webb Today in Charlotte.

Another round is being fought in the now well known Rockingham Power Company or Blawie Falls matter today in Charlotte, a hearing taking place there before Judge Webb in the case of Harold M. Chase and John H. Jones vs. the Rockingham Power Company, Rockingham Contracting Co., et al. The plaintiffs are being represented by Thos. W. Davis, Esq., of this city, who went to Charlotte yesterday, as did also Messrs. M. F. H. Gouverneur and H. M. Chase.

PRONOUNCED FINE WATER.

Splendid Analysis of Water From Well at Front and Chestnut Streets.

An analysis by the State Chemist of the water from the well at Front and Chestnut streets shows that the water is of fine quality. The analysis has also been passed upon by the health authorities here and the water pronounced excellent.

NOTES OF THE Y. M. C. A.

Basketball Game Tonight and Men's Meeting Tomorrow.

An interesting and exciting basketball game will be played at the Y. M. C. A. tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock. There are two more events in the league, to be played between the Hanson and Burkhardt teams and the McClellan and Stevens teams.

The men's meeting tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock will be addressed by Rev. C. F. Whitlock, pastor of Brooklyn Baptist Church.

Appointments Announced.

Presiding Elder W. L. Cunningham, of the Methodist Church for this District, has announced his appointments for the succeeding quarter. His assignment for Trinity and Bladen Street Methodist Churches are morning and evening, Dec. 27th, for Grace and Fifth Street Methodist Churches, morning and evening, Feb. 28th.

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