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## A SAMPSON COUNTY TRAGEDY.

Major Archibald Parker Shot to Death by Drunken Man. At Parkersburg Sunday. Rural Mail Carrier William Bass Shot Up Community While Crazed With Liquor.

Parkersburg, N. C., May 24.—Crazed with liquor and on a drunken rampage of the community, William Bass, a middle-aged white man, a rural mail carrier from this place, shot and almost instantly killed Major Archibald Bradley Parker, one of the most highly esteemed citizens of the county, Sunday afternoon as he stood on the platform of the store of his nephew, Mr. C. P. Parker, of which he had charge here.

Bass, who is recognized in the community as a terror when he is drunk, was in an ugly mood Sunday afternoon and told a Mr. Norris that he was going down and kill Vander Hall, another rural carrier, and arming himself with his shot gun, he went forth. He also made threats against Mr. Jasper Peterson, in the same community. Hall received word of Bass' condition and left home to avoid him, the drunken man coming up later and shooting up his house. Mr. Peterson was just driving off with his family also to avoid the drunken man, when Bass came up and fired at Mr. Peterson and his family as they were driving out of the yard.

Bass then went to the store of Mr. Parker, which was, of course, closed for Sunday. He demanded that Major Parker, who was a man of 75 years of age, sell him some ammunition. Major Parker refused in a polite manner and calling him by his given name, motioned him to go home and behave himself. Without further warning, Bass threw up his gun and fired into the elderly gentleman, the lead tearing a hole the size of a dollar through his left breast, just above the heart, killing him almost instantly.

Bass was arrested and placed in the Sampson county jail at Clinton. Parker was a prominent and highly esteemed citizen of Parkersburg.

## GREATER THAN LONDON.

New York is Expected to Have Larger Population in Twenty Years.

Comparisons are inevitable between New York and London, the two most extensively popular cities in the world. The British metropolis at present enjoys a pre-eminence in the number of inhabitants which is seriously threatened by New York, and it is safe to say that within the next couple of decades London will be dethroned from its position of numerical supremacy.

London, the capital of Middlesex county, originally occupied just one square mile, and in the course of the centuries has gradually extended in all directions until parts of the counties of Essex, Surrey and Kent are included within its boundaries. The great city has in all probability attained its full territorial growth. The yearly increase in population is trifling when compared with that of New York, and it is certain that the world's greatest city will be on the shores of the Hudson river within about 20 years. This can easily be demonstrated by the comparison of the population within a given radius from the centres of the two cities.

A fairly accurate estimate of the population within the metropolitan area can be made by taking the census returns of the New York-New Jersey area for 1900 and 1905 and adding the same percentage of increase for the four following years to bring it up to date, and by taking the London census returns for 1901 and the British registrar general's estimate of the population in 1907 and adding the same rate of increase for the two years since that date. This will show that the population within the circle covered by the New York-New Jersey map is about 6,000,000 and the population of Greater London within the same area about 7,500,000.—New York Times.

Visitor—"What part of prison life is the hardest to put up with?" Convict—"The visitors."—Kansas City Journal.

An owl with a nest of young will gather about 40 mice a day for her offspring.

## STATE NEWS.

Wilson and Rocky Mount have been going after the "blind tigers" of late. Rocky Mount has sent several to the roads and Wilson has bound some over to the Superior Court.

The board of trustees of Davidson College are planning to raise an endowment fund of \$300,000. The sum of \$75,000 has been offered by New York parties on condition that the college raise \$225,000.

Seventy-five young men, the largest class in the history of the College, were graduated from Wake Forest College last week. Of the class nineteen are ministers. Three of the class—J. B. Willis, O. W. Henderson and A. T. Howard—have been supplying Baptist churches in Johnston county this spring. In the absence of Dr. Aked, of New York, Dr. John C. Kilgo, of Trinity College, delivered the annual address and capis audience.

On account of ill-health Rev. F. M. Shamburger has resigned as pastor of Edenton Street Methodist church at Raleigh. Rev. W. A. Stanbury has been appointed to succeed him.

Nineteen young ladies were given diplomas at the Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro Tuesday. Dr. Talcott Williams, of Philadelphia, delivered the annual address.

The commencement at both Peace Institute and St. Mary's school at Raleigh were held this week.

The Senate Tuesday afternoon confirmed the nomination of Henry Groves Connor to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, vice Thomas R. Purnell, deceased. There was no opposition to the confirmation of Judge Connor. The action of the Senate gives him office to Judge Connor for life.

Judge Connor who was confirmed Tuesday to be a Federal Judge will be sworn in this week and be ready to hold the May term of the Federal Court at Raleigh beginning next Monday, May 31. The court was set for last Monday, but was postponed, waiting the confirmation of Judge Connor.

The special tax election for schools held in New Hanover county May 26 was carried for schools by a good majority, only 234 votes being cast against it. There were 2,218 registered voters and it was necessary that the measure receive 1,110 votes to win. It received 1,341. It provides a tax of 12 cents on the \$100 and 35 cents on the poll.

## MOTHER OF FIVE AT A BIRTH.

Wisconsin Woman Adds to Her Family Rapidly.

Eau Claire, Wis., May 21.—The wife of Fay Irish, of Thorp, Clark county, yesterday gave birth to five babies, three daughters and two sons. All are alive and well tonight.

There are now 10 children in the family. The other five were born separately, and are all living.

## No Use Trying.

An old darky wanted to join a fashionable city church, and the minister, knowing it was hardly the thing to do and not wanting to hurt his feelings, told him to go home and pray over it.

In a few days the darky came back.

"Well, what do you think of it by this time?" asked the preacher.

Well, sah," replied the colored man, "Ah prayed an' prayed, an' de good Lord he says to me, 'Rastus, Ah wouldn't bodder mah haid about dat no mo'. Ah've been tryin' to git into dat chu'ch mahse' for de las' twenty yeas, and Ah ain't done had no luck.'—Christian Register.

## Elephant Scares Horse to Death.

Norristown, Pa., May 24.—Terrified by the sight of an elephant yesterday, a horse belonging to Howard Richards dropped dead in the shafts.

The elephant, a part of the Gentry Brothers show, was being led through the streets from the Franklin Avenue Station to the show grounds.

Him—"How long should a man know a girl before he proposes to her?" Her—"What's the man's income?"—Cleveland Leader.

The organ-grinders of Vienna play only between noon and sunset.

## MEREDITH COLLEGE, RALEIGH.

Baptist University Changes Name. In Honor of Thomas Meredith, One of the Founders of the Baptist State Convention, and Founder of The Biblical Recorder.

While hundreds of students and their friends were enjoying the events of the annual inter-society evening at the Baptist University for Women last night they were unaware that the name of the institution was being changed by the board of trustees, meeting in the president's office. The new name is "Meredith College." Thirteen members were present, three voting against the change. Those attending were: W. N. Jones, president of the board; John E. Ray, C. J. Hunter, John T. Pullen, R. N. Simms, Rev. Livingston Johnson, Dr. W. L. Poteat, Stephen McIntyre, J. W. Bailey, S. W. Brewer, Rev. A. J. Monerief, A. L. Kessler and J. D. Boushall.

It is understood that the movement to change the name of the school to Meredith College originated in the faculty. For years there has been dissatisfaction with the name among many Baptists, and about four years ago the name by which the institution was founded, "Baptist Female University," was changed to "Baptist University for Women."

The change in the name was made last night on motion of Rev. Livingston Johnson.

Rev. Thomas Meredith, from whom the school now takes its name, was one of the founders of the Baptist State Convention, and founder of the Biblical Recorder, which he edited until the time of his death. At the session of the convention in 1833 Wake Forest College was established, and at the convention which met in 1835 the board of missions of the Baptist State Convention recommended that a school for girls corresponding to Wake Forest College be established.

Mr. Meredith was chairman of the committee to report the advisability of establishing such a school as was suggested by the Board of Missions. The committee brought in a favorable report and Mr. Meredith followed it with a strong address.

The resolution was lost, but that was the first suggestion of what is now this excellent school in Raleigh. "It is fitting that it should bear the name Meredith," said a member of the board of trustees last night, continuing: "The change of name does not indicate a lowering of the standard. On the contrary, the standard will be raised next year, and on through the years to come as necessity may demand and as better equipment and larger endowment may be possible."

This year closes the first decade in the life of this great school. From the first it has been a phenomenal success and is destined to increase in usefulness and efficiency as the decades pass.—News and Observer.

## SALOON RAKE-OFF, \$7,000,000.

Chicago's Income From License Will Not Go Below That Figure.

Chicago, May 22.—Every saloon license which was in force April 30 has been renewed for the first period of 1909. The first trial balance struck by Ernest Magerstadt, city collector, today, shows that for the first time since the \$1000 license and the Harkin ordinance limiting the number of saloons went into effect in 1905, not a single saloon has allowed its permit to lapse. City officials believe that in future Chicago's income from the saloons will never fall below \$7,000,000 a year.

Thirteen applications for license are still being considered in the city collector's office. The money for all of them has been paid, and some person will ultimately receive them. When they are issued Chicago will have 7151 saloons.

## King Goes to Prison.

Boston, Mass., May 24.—Exceptions of Cardenio F. King, the promoter, who was convicted in December of larceny and embezzlement, were overruled by the Supreme Court today, an King will be compelled to serve the sentence of ten years' imprisonment imposed at his trial.

Uncle Sam's cattle eat \$722,000,000 worth of hay annually.

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

The Graded School's Final Exercises Take Place Tonight. Concert Last Friday Night, and Musical Wednesday Night—Prof. Noble to Deliver Address.

The closing exercises of Turlington Graded school began last Friday night with a concert by representatives of the first, second, third, fourth and fifth grades. A good crowd attended and enjoyed the exercises by the little folks. In many respects this is the most enjoyable part of the commencement exercises, and this concert this year was no exception to the rule.

The musical Wednesday night given by Miss Watson's Music class was well attended and enjoyed by those present. All who had a part on the program, like those last Friday night, did exceedingly well and showed their thorough training.

Last night the contest in recitation and declamation took place. The following pupils, members of the Jefferson and Columbian Literary Societies took part in this contest:

Albert McKinley Coats, David Moses Wood, Hattie Lillian Coats, Nannie Leans Underwood, Walter Rand, Julia May Canaday, Addie Evelyn Johnson, Alger Byrd, William Wharton, Lalla Rookh Stephenson, Robert Sanders, Lucy Hyman, Bettie Watson.

The exercises tonight will be by the senior class as follows:

May Robinson Moore, President. Meta Earle Luncford, Historian. Addie Evelyn Johnson, Prophetess. Isaac Mayo Bailey, Orator. Julia May Canaday and Robert E. Parrish.

Then will be delivered the annual address by Prof. M. C. S. Noble, of the University of North Carolina.

The following are the marshals: C. E. Bingham, Chief, W. M. Ives, Jr., E. L. Woodall, G. R. Pou, R. E. Parrish, and C. L. Lassiter.

## Busy Stork Brings Five.

Syracuse, N. Y., May 23.—"It is a boy or a girl?" John Hale, of Colamer, asked the nurse

"Four of them are boys and one is a girl," was the answer that made him gasp.

The quintuplets were all perfectly formed and seemingly healthy, but in the absence of sufficient natural nourishment, it became necessary to administer cow's milk, and three of them died as a result. The two survivors are doing well.

## Bachelor Hangs Himself.

Pottsville, Pa., May 23.—Declaring that he found life in a country town too monotonous, John Bleer, of Valley View, hanged himself from a rafter in his barn today. He had been dead six hours when his dead body was discovered. Bleer was 50 years of age and unmarried.

## Bradstreet Trade Report.

Richmond, Va., May 27.—Bradstreet's Saturday will say for Richmond and vicinity: Trade conditions generally continue unchanged since recent reports, wherever a change is noticeable an improvement is noted. Dry goods and shoes are quiet. Groceries and produce are fairly active. Dealers in scrap iron and junk report better ordering. Foundries and manufacturers of steel and iron castings report inquiries more active and considerable orders have been placed recently. Sales in trunks bags and furniture show improvement. A much needed rain has improved crop conditions throughout the district; cotton and tobacco planting is well under way; an increased acreage of corn is reported. Building continues active creating a considerable demand in supplies. Retail trade is quiet. Collections are slow.

## Inside Information.

A Christian Scientist found his young son doubled up with pain as a result of too frequent trips to the apple orchard, where many choice green apples were to be had. "What's the matter, Bobbie?" he asked. "I ate too many apples," said Bobbie; "and, oh! how my stomach hurts" "Your stomach doesn't ache," said his father; "you just think it does." "Well, you may think so," said Bobbie, "but I know. I've got inside information."—Harper's.

## GENERAL NEWS.

Eugene Peebles, an iron moulder, apparently insane, killed his wife by striking her with an axe, at her sister's boarding house in Norfolk last week and afterwards confessed the crime and expressed a desire to die.

A dozen persons were injured and property was damaged \$100,000 by a tornado which struck the town of Italy, Texas, last week.

Nome's gold output this year will approximate \$5,000,000.

Tuberculosis is fast killing off the 5000 Indians in New York State.

Creatures like frogs, but white, and without eyes, have been found in a sandstone bluff near Denver.

Two men were killed and one was fatally hurt when a trolley work train jumped the track, near Grand Haven, Mich., Friday.

The body of Ansel Briggs, Iowa's first Governor, has been taken from Omaha, where it was buried 28 years ago, to Andrews, Ia., for final interment.

Despite the fact that her brothers are now rich from their airships, Miss Katherine Wright has decided to resume public school teaching at Dayton, O.

A proclamation was issued Saturday by President Taft providing for the opening up to settlement and entry of about 440,000 acres of land in flathead, Montana; 200,000 in the Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, and between 50,000 and 100,000 in the Spokane, Wash., reservations.

Former Congressman Babcock, of Wisconsin, who died in Washington recently and left an estate valued at about a half million dollars, showed his appreciation of the family cook by leaving that individual \$10,000. The cook had been employed in the Babcock family for many years.

Gov. Hughes, of New York, has vetoed a bill passed by the Legislature, which provided for a bond issue of \$2,000,000 to provide a pension of \$6 per month to veterans of the civil war, who served for at least 90 days and who were enlisted in the State.

Five negroes were killed in a gravel pit at Olive Branch, Miss., Saturday by a cavein.

Dynamiters got \$2675 from the State Bank at Princeton, Kan., Sunday night.

A 10-pound prehistoric tooth of a 50 to 60-foot animal was found at Sycamore, Ill., Sunday and taken to Chicago.

The Union Pacific road is reported to have ordered 100 locomotives, and called to work all its skilled shopmen.

A life term has been given James Duggan, at Lansing, Mich., for murderous assault on State Representative W. H. Schantz.

While watching the shooting in a rifle gallery at San Antonio, Tex., last week E. G. Runyan, a grocer, of Louisville, was accidentally killed.

## WHISKY KILLS THE SEASICK.

Two Cases on German Steamer Prove Dangerous Remedy.

New York, May 22.—Whisky administered as a cure for seasickness caused the death of two nine-year-old boys, steerage passengers on the steamer Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, which arrived here today from Hamburg.

The small victims became very sick during the rough weather encountered last Thursday, and their parents gave them the liquor, hoping to ease their nausea. The children rapidly grew worse, and although the ship's surgeon was sent for, the younger of the boys, Herman Schmidt, died on the following day.

The other, James Kassibar, lingered until Monday, when he, too, succumbed. Both were buried at sea.

## Suicide in Surry County.

Charlotte, N. C., May 24.—Upon receiving a farewell letter from his sweetheart Friday last, John Hill, a young traveling representative of a Chattanooga, Tenn., medicine company, left his hotel at Kapps Mill, a remote town in the mountains of Surry county, went to the bank of the river and sent a bullet through his brain, dying almost instantly. He was a native of Siloam, N. C., and a member of a well known family.

The number of world's cattle is estimated at 160,000,000 head.

## FOUND GUILTY OF CONTEMPT.

Supreme Court Will Sentence Six Tennessee Men Next Tuesday. Sheriff, Deputy and Four Residents Held Responsible by Court—Failed to Protect Negro From Lynching.

Washington, May 24.—For the first time in so serious a case, the Supreme Court of the United States will, on next Tuesday week undertake to mete out punishment for the crime of contempt of the court itself and the importance of the occasion will be enhanced by the number of the defendants.

The proceeding will take place in connection with the cases of Sheriff Shipp and Deputy Sheriff Gibson, of Hamilton county, Tenn., and of four other residents of that county, Williams, Nolan, Padgett and May. These men were declared by the court to be guilty of an act of contempt in combining in March 1905, in a conspiracy to lynch a negro, Ed Johnson, who had been sentenced to death by the local courts on the charge of rape, and in whose case the Supreme Court had interfered to the extent of granting an appeal which had the effect of a superseadeas. On the night following the announcement of the court's action Johnson was taken out of jail in Chattanooga by a mob and lynched. There was no resistance on the part of the jail authorities and Shipp and a number of deputies as well as about twenty citizens, were proceeded against on the charge of contempt of the Federal court.

The case has been pending ever since and the number of defendants was from time to time reduced to nine. Of these nine, three were today found guilty, while the other six were ordered to be brought into court next Tuesday week for sentence.

They will be taken into custody immediately and will appear in court in charge of Marshal Wright. The sentence may be either fine or imprisonment, or both.

The case is regarded as of exceptional interest because it is practically the first time that this, the highest court in the United States, has ever undertaken to assert its dignity or to resent acts or words reflecting upon it.

## TIRED OF LIFE AT NINETY-NINE.

Patriarch Drinks Poison, Leaving Lofely Widow of Eighty.

Detroit, May 22.—"Uncle Billy" Gray, 99 years old, and the patriarch of this section, decided yesterday that there was nothing left to live for so drank a quantity of Paris green. After mixing the poison in a tin dipper at his well and drinking it, the aged man calmly lay down to die. His 80-year-old wife discovered him, however, and called a physician, who vainly endeavored to save "Uncle Billy's" life. The old man died late last night.

"Uncle Billy's" widow, who has not a living relative, says that she does not know what will become of her now, although she is left in comfortable financial circumstances.

## Blind Tigers Decreasing.

The Atlanta Journal quotes the chief of police of that city to the effect that drunkenness is very much on the decrease in that city, and that the blind tigers are growing scarcer every day. For months passed the Monday session of the police court has averaged a total of one hundred and twenty-five cases in Atlanta, mostly for drunkenness, but for the past two months they have come down to seventy-five cases, a remarkable slump. He says: "I am satisfied the blind tiger operators are becoming frightened, for they realize they need expect no sympathy from the courts, and they do not like the idea of satisfying the State courts, and also serving thirty days in the stockade."

The blind tigers decrease wherever the authorities enforce the law and are in earnest about punishing the men who operate them. It is a matter of official honesty and official capacity. Wherever the recorder or police justice, prosecuting officers and the police work together with earnestness and zeal, blind tigers do not flourish. Whenever they flourish, the people need a new set of officials.—News and Observer.