

The Ansonian

W. C. BIVENS, Editor and Proprietor.

Entered as second-class matter July 5, 1906, at the postoffice at Wadesboro, N. C., under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 1907

NOTES AND COMMENTS ON THE LYNCHING CASES

A great many Anson citizens now realize that it is a very serious matter for a man to be lynched within a county's borders. Not only in the matter of expense have many found it a burden but, the annoyance of having to attend court in an adjoining county from day to day is no agreeable task.

The ones who have received greatest punishment in noted Anson county lynching cases is the jury now hearing the case on trial. Judge Peebles has given strictest orders against the jurors communicating by word or writing with any one.

The Raleigh News & Observer would intimate, from the following, that somebody has misrepresented the facts in the cases:

The conflict of evidence at the lynching trial in Monroe cannot be explained on the theory of misunderstanding or mistaken vision. Lying is the name for part of it at least, and the only sort that will do the subject justice.

It is a fine thing for the defendant that the Charlotte Chronicle man was not on the jury. Hear him:

"At this writing we do not know what verdict the Union county jury is going to render in the Anson county lynching case, but to our mind a steel trap never more conclusively caught a chicken thief than the evidence has caught the gentleman defendant in the case."

The Charlotte Observer forgets to say "the alleged Anson county lynching party." Then too, it fails to take into consideration the alibi that was put up. Says the Observer:

"The acquittal of one Mr. John Jones at Monroe yesterday after he had been positively identified by several persons as a member of the Anson county lynching party, serves as a reminder that it is not always necessary for those who have the spirit of lawlessness on their side to hide behind their women folks."

It is an instance wherein one's sympathy is terribly aroused on grounds of friendship for the men who banded together to lynch one J. V. Johnson; but one where law and facts both seem to be against the accused, and where the duty of judge and jury is painfully plain. The result of the trial will be one of unusual concern. Standy Enterprise.

Every indictment and trial of a lyncher is prophetic of good, though his acquittal by a "jury of his peers" is easily seen by prophetic eyes. He loses time, his defense costs money, and there is more or less mental anguish until the forlorn stand up and pronounce the usual "Not guilty."

From the following, the Observer seems to see a little hope in the fact that there was a trial, and certainly puts a quietus on anything some of our neighbors may have to say:

"True, the State was disgraced by the verdict in the first of the Anson county lynching cases at Monroe yesterday. But they don't even try such chaps in South Carolina, Georgia and Mississippi."

The accused lynchers of J. V. Johnson are on trial at Monroe this week. If they are guilty they should be given the extreme penalty provided by law. Any crowd of ruffians that will take a man from jail and treat him as Johnson was treated deserve no mercy.—Chesterfield Advertiser.

We suppose that Union county jury would also find that there was no lynching at all in Anson county, if called upon to decide on that point.—Charlotte Chronicle.

How The Wilmington Messenger sees it:

We suppose that the acquittal of John Jones in the Wadesboro lynching case means that none of the defendants will be punished. Jones made a very good defense with his alibi. There was direct conflict of testimony between the witnesses for the state and those for the prisoner. Sheriff Boggan weakened

the cases for the state by either stating just after the lynching that he did not recognize any of the lynchers or making such evasive replies to questions as to create the impressions that he was not able to identify any of the men in the party. Somebody ought to be punished for the crime that was committed. Johnson was lynched in a most horrible and brutal manner. The took little pains to disguise themselves. It would be strange if the culprits could not be spotted; but the jury is right in not convicting unless convinced beyond a doubt of the guilt of the accused persons. In the case tried there was strong evidence put before the jury, that the defendant spent the night of the lynching thirteen miles from Wadesboro. We do not see how the jury could have convicted him on the evidence before it; still, it will show a very deplorable state of affairs if sufficient evidence cannot be secured to convict any of the men who took part in the crime. We are not passing upon the guilt of any of the indicted men. It may be that not a single one of them was present on that occasion; but some men were there, look upon the jail and committed the brutal murder. They should be apprehended and punished. We do not expect any of those now under indictment will be convicted, however, whether they were really present or not. For the sake of the good name of the county of Anson and the state we want to see the men who are guilty convicted and punished for their crime. If there be a determination among the people of Anson county, where the crime was committed, and of Union county, where the parties charged with the commission of the crime are being tried, that no one, whether guilty or not, shall be convicted, it is not at all to the credit of the people of those counties.

The jury in the Anson county lynching case had enough respect for the proprieties of the occasion to wait half an hour before breaking out of the jury room. Charlotte Chronicle.

A CURRENT number of the Success magazine contains an article showing up the fraud alleged to have been connected with the De Forest Wireless Telegraph Co., a corporation which has apparently swindled a number of people of Wadesboro out of some hard-earned cash. A friend and agent for the company referred to, induced these citizens to invest in the stock assuring them that in a short time it would be worth many times its quoted value. At the same time, dispatches were seen in a number of newspapers to the effect that the company was successful in transmitting wireless messages across the Atlantic and put forth the opinion that in a short time the wireless would be used in almost all business communications.

Now since the excitement has faded away, it is learned that when this agent was selling stock to his friends in Wadesboro at \$10 per share, the same stock was being sold on the New York market for thirty cents per share. Finally the stock failed to bring the value of the paper on which the certificates were printed and then it went off the markets. A man should be very careful indeed before he induces his friends to invest in a scheme to which there is a certain amount of uncertainty attached.

After all, it is another case of taking a chance at the other fellow's game and giving him the advantage of all the inside information.

Two policemen of this town have been injured recently by negroes, and so far as we are able to learn, these negroes have not been apprehended. Not because they are negroes, but for the reason that they attacked brave officers in the discharge of their duties, we want to see them arrested and severely punished. This resistance to officers has gone far enough here. The policeman is required to face, single-handed in many cases, the very worst types, and often at night when the odds are against him. It takes courage and a sense of duty to do this and the law should back him up. Then, too, a policeman should not be criticised when in the performance of his duty. Criticism is often responsible for resistance to officers. We rather admire the manner in which Mayor Brock denounces all criticism of his officers or his court. Let the people so stand by the guardian of the law that when the evil-disposed see his uniform and badge of office, he receives the proper respect.

A laymen cannot imagine the embarrassment felt by the newspaper fraternity present when Judge Peebles called the sheriff in charge of the jury one day last week and made the following remark: "Mr. Sheriff, I want you to keep two things from this jury, and if I hear of your allowing them either of the things which I am about to mention, I shall fine you and fine you heavily. Do you hear me? Well, don't you let anyone on this jury have any whiskey or newspapers." It is to be hoped that His Honor certainly does not place the two commodities in the same class.

One of the most prominent farmers in the county, and a man of wealth and standing, while in town yesterday expressed himself forcibly on the way the town authorities and the Lexington merchants neglect the country people in the matter of providing hitching places. He said, and said truly, there was no place and that it was very disagreeable to farmers to come to town and hitch their stock here and there and then be "cussed" out by people who objected to their hitching. He declared he was going to make Salisbury and Spencer his market points. Many others feel as he does, and The Dispatch thinks we have talked on this line time and again without effect, and make a final suggestion that the merchants, through their retail association, cooperate with the town and county officials with a view of providing the accommodations mentioned.

The above, taken from the Dispatch, reminds us of the fact that very little is done by this town in the way of supplying hitching and watering places for the stock of farmers we want to see in our town. We have the rest room for country ladies; why not provide for the farmer's horses?

The Wilmington Messenger, in quoting from this paper an account of Mr. J. A. Lockhart's accident in Monroe, makes an error in the following comment: "Mr. Lockhart was one of the defendants in the murder case now being tried in Monroe, known as the Johnson lynching case from Anson."

Of course those acquainted with Mr. Lockhart saw the error at once and no one ever thought of connecting him with the awful crime. The error, a typographical one, was made in omitting the words "attorneys for," before the word "defendants."

Federal vs. State Powers. Last week several ticket agents of the Southern Railway were arrested because they refused to obey the recent State law requiring them to sell tickets at the 21 cent rate. Judge Pritchard of the United States Federal court has decided that the law is unconstitutional and had the agents discharged after they had been sentenced to the roads for thirty days by a State judge. The result of the clash will be watched with unusual interest.

Social News. Reported for The Ansonian: Mrs. Thomas Cox, Mrs. Benton Black, At Home Thursday afternoon, July 18th, 1907, to 7 o'clock.

The above invitations were issued the first of last week and caused a ripple of pleasant anticipation in Wadesboro social life. At the appointed time about forty guests called to greet the charming hostesses and the members of the Book Club. The Cox home, which has recently been remodeled and is elegant in its every appointment, was especially attractive on this occasion. The guests were greeted at the door by Miss Stella McAllister of Walltown. In the parlor were the following members of the Book Club: Mrs. W. P. Parsons, the club's popular president; Mesdames R. E. Little, J. J. Ingram, J. D. Leak, Terrell Covington, J. W. Griggs, J. G. Boylin and T. A. Marshall.

On the side veranda there was a Japanese arrangement which looked very cool and inviting. Here punch was served by Miss Madge Little. By original questions and answers on dainty cards, couples were arranged for the dining room. The color scheme was pink and white and was tastefully carried out in the lights and decorations. Elegant refreshments were served in two courses.

This was one of the most delightful social affairs of the summer and will linger long in the memory of those who were fortunate enough to be present.

The following cards issued last week, proved to be forerunners of unusually pleasing events for the young folks attending:

Miss Fannie L. Sheek At Home Thursday evening, July eighteenth, from eight o'clock to eleven. Miss Hattie B. Davis.

Myrtle McRae will be in luck if you will come to her Birthday Party Friday Eve, July 19 '07, 8:30-11:00 P. M. R. S. V. P.

If you can't write checks, don't try to print kisses.—EX.

Talk about your breakfast foods. A thousand you can see; I would not have them as a gift. But would have Rocky Mountain Tea, Martin Drug Co.

GET IT AT MARTIN DRUG CO.

Accurate and Prompt Prescription Service

is what you always get when you have this class of work done here.

Sprinting messengers wait your call. THE MARTIN DRUG COMPANY PHONE 81.

PURELY PERSONAL

Mr. Sam Burns was here Sunday.

Prof. Hamilton was a visitor yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Tice are in Wilmington.

Mrs. W. A. Lucas is visiting relatives near Chester, S. C.

Miss Cora Atkinson of Hamlet is visiting Miss Patsy Sheek.

Mr. and Mrs. U. B. Blalock left for Jamestown Saturday night.

Mr. Tom Fetzer spent several days of last week in Concord and Charlotte.

Miss Winnie DeBerry will go to Lake City, S. C., to visit her sister Thursday.

Mrs. Eugene Little and Mary left Saturday for a few days at Wrightsville.

Mrs. C. L. Emanuel and children of Sumter, S. C., are visiting relatives here.

Miss Sadie Mills left Friday for Greensboro to visit her aunt, Mrs. J. T. J. Battle.

Miss Sallie Benton of Kershaw, S. C., is visiting her cousin, Miss Connie Benton.

Messrs. C. M. Burns and J. W. Hathcock spent Friday in Lumberton on business.

Miss Annie Belle DeVane arrived here yesterday and is visiting Mrs. T. L. Caudle.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wright of Norwood are visiting relatives in Burnsville township.

Rev. Oscar Haywood is expected here this week to visit the family of Mr. J. D. Horne.

Mr. H. C. Plunkett of Huston, Tex., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Plunkett.

Mr. T. A. Marshall, who is spending sometime at Buffalo Luthia Springs, is improving.

Messrs. T. Philip Caraway and William Rose left Friday morning for a few days at the Exposition.

Miss Bernice Burns returns to Greensboro tomorrow after spending a week with her parents here.

Miss Dora Burns will leave tomorrow for a visit to friends and relatives in Charlotte and Concord.

Miss Viola Monsalvatge of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting her sisters Mesdames Thos. A. and W. L. Marshall.

Miss Lily Wall of Walltown leaves for her home tomorrow after spending several days here with Miss Elsie Bennett.

Mrs. J. H. Stone left Friday for her home in Durham after spending several days here with her brother, Mr. L. D. Edwards.

Mrs. L. G. Hunter left last night for her home in Atlanta, Ga., after spending several days with the family of Mr. T. W. Austin.

Miss Leonita Denmark of Raleigh is visiting Miss Helen McLendon. Several pleasing social affairs have been given in her honor.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Austin and Miss Grace will leave Thursday for Cherry Mountain. They will be accompanied by Miss Euzelia Gulledge.

Mrs. Roxie Smith of Louisiana, mother of Mr. C. A. Smith, who is so well remembered here, arrived here Saturday and will spend a month here and in the county visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Henry of Quitman, Ga., who have been visiting Mrs. Frank Bennett, left this morning for a trip to the western part of the State. They were accompanied by Miss Elsie Bennett.

Cairo News. Crops are looking very well in this section. The farmers are nearly through work, but the recent heavy rains retarded the farm work somewhat.

Mr. Robert Flowers has charge of the mail route in the absence of the carrier, Mr. Ira Johnson.

Miss Vera Gathings left last week to visit relatives near Jackson Springs.

Mrs. B. F. McLendon of Bennettsville is visiting her mother, Mrs. Nanie Ratliff.

Quite a number of our people attended the temperance rally at Gum Springs last Saturday. There was a large crowd and lively interest in the cause of temperance.

Miss Belle Moore returned Tuesday, to her home near Gum Springs after spending a few days with the family of Mr. B. F. Gathings. DYNASTY.

Your brain goes on a strike when you overload your stomach; both need blood to do business. Nutrition is what you want, and it comes by taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents. Teas or Tablets Martin Drug Co.

Diamond Hill Dots.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Kiker are recuperating at Rocky River Springs.

Mrs. John W. Curran is still very ill. Mrs. J. C. Braswell, who has been paralyzed since last March, is said to be much worse.

Mr. J. M. Broadway killed a chicken snake Sunday night which was 6 1/2 feet in length. The snake was in the tree in which the chickens roost and had a chicken in its coil when killed.

Master Carl Sykes of Charlotte is visiting his uncle, Mr. J. C. Sykes. Carrier on Route 3 devotes his spare time to the poultry business, and has succeeded in raising a number of the feathered tribe with two gizzards, which of course will bring fancy prices.

Over 100 Lives Lost in a Collision at Sea. San Francisco, July 22.—In one of the worst marine disasters in the history of the California coast, between 100 and 150 lives were lost by a midnight collision between the steamer Columbia and the steam lumber schooner San Pedro, in Shelter Cove, 12 miles southwest of the Medocina-Mumboldt county line, between 12 and 1 o'clock yesterday morning.

Mr. Clarence Terrell was here Saturday.

Long Experience. IN handling Fine Groceries has taught us where and what to buy in order to satisfy a class of trade which always demands the best of everything. If you are well posted, you'll know the meaning of the following brands: Leggett's Premier Canned Goods, Libby's Salad Dressing and Catsup, Sauer's Flavoring Extracts, Franco-American Soups, Lea & Perrins Sauces, Royal, Java and Mocha Coffees (green or parched). We make it a point to keep the best of everything to eat. HARDISON CO. PHONE NO. 8. THE OLD RELIABLE.

The Big Plus adds to the beauty and comfort of your home. GATHINGS FURNITURE COMPANY. Adds less in money when you buy it from us. The Goods are Right and the Price is Right at "THE HOUSE OF QUALITY" Rutherford Street Phone No. 41

"Gold" and "Silver" Brand Shirts are what we want to tell you about this week. Style, Comfort, Durability. The three essentials to the selection of a good shirt, are all carried out to the highest possible perfection in our line of these famous GOLD and SILVER Brand Shirts. We carry a large and complete line of all Styles of Negligee Shirts, and an especially strong line of the popular COAT STYLE. A few of the most popular sellers are the Plain White, Polka Dot, Stripes and Plaids. They may be had with cuffs either attached or detached. "Silver" \$1.00; "Gold" \$1.50.

Silver STROLLER Collar Comfort. can be had in this style or in fact in any style "Silver" Collar, and there's a "style for every taste." And speaking of Durability, we guarantee our "LINOCORD" eyelet end buttonholes to outwear the collar—and at the buttonholes most collars break first. In your? GEO. P. IDE & CO., Makers, Troy, N. Y. 2 FOR 25C.

We also have a very complete line of SILVER Collars in All The New Styles and Heights. "Silver" Collars, and they alone, are made with the LINOCORD Eyelet-End Buttonhole. "Linocord" Buttonholes are made by running throughout the entire buttonhole a one-piece tested cord, the strongest possible for the purpose, over which is used the Pearl Double Stitch. A one-end buttonhole, and is guaranteed to eliminate at least 50 per cent of the danger of ripping out. Try them. Two for 25 cents. Wadesboro Clothing & Shoe Company

The Bargain Gates Are Wide Open AND LILES IS STILL UNDERSELLING Things For Today. 30-inch Sea Island 4c, Dress Gingham 5c, Shaving Brushes 2c, 15c Pants Cloth 11 1/2c, 25c Enameled Cooking Utencils 10c, Fine Decorated Chinaware 5c, Plain White Fruit Dishes 2c, 15c Gauze Vests 7 1/2c, 25c Talcum Powder 15c, Ladies' Black Hose 3 1/2c, Colored Lawn 2 1/2c and up, 25c Gilt Edge Polish 14c, All 25c Underwear 19c, All 50c Underwear 37 1/2c, \$2.00 Pants 1.31, \$1.50 Pants 98c, Arm & Hammer Soda 3c, Boys \$2.00 Coats 50c

LILES' UNDERSELLING STORE Morven, N. C.

Anson Real Estate & Insurance Co. WADESBORO, N. C. Has For Sale Town and Surburban Resident Property; Good Farm Property, Adjacent to the town of Wadesboro; Timber Lands and Good Saw Mill Locations. Houses for Rent or Sale on Easy Terms. We represent all branches of INSURANCE, including the strongest Home Companies which invest all of their net premiums in Anson. Phone 52. Office in Parsons & Hardison Building T. C. COXE, President. W. T. ROSE, Sec'y & Treas.

STEEL FENCING For your Front yard Or Cemetery Lot. HERE is nothing that looks so well or is more durable than our STEEL FENCING for all purposes. We have placed quite a great deal of this fencing during the past few months, and it is growing in popularity with people who wish to combine durability with neat appearance. Call and get our prices or ask for any further particulars. All correspondence promptly answered. Anything you want in the way of Memorial Tablets, etc., from the simplest slab to the most costly monument. Wadesboro Marble and Granite Finishing Co. WADESBORO, N. C.

NOTICE! We are now tanning CHROME LEATHER, tanned by certain metallic salts, commonly called Morocco, strong in fibre, soft and almost waterproof. Just the thing FOR LACING BELTS. Will be pleased to have your orders when in need. J. C. Goodman & Sons POLKTON, N. C.