

## Eason Trial Wednesday Sure Draw Large Crowd

### Eason Himself an Interesting Character and Besides Public Curious to Know Truth About Why McPherson Failed to Swear Out Warrant

Considerable interest will attach to Wednesday morning's session of the recorder's court by reason of the case of Hiram Eason, who is to be given preliminary hearing on that day on the charge of assault upon O. A. McPherson with intent to kill. Since last Friday, when he appeared first before the recorder's court, after having evaded arrest for more than three months, Eason has been at liberty under a \$500 bond.

Hiram Eason was arrested shortly after midnight last Thursday at his home less than a mile back of Berea Church, four miles from the city by Sheriff Charles Garmin accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Pritchard and Police Officers Anderson and Baughit.

The accused man had at least twice given officers going to his home the slip, and he doubtless expected to repeat this performance Thursday night. When the officers knocked at the door, Mrs. Eason answered the summons and on opening the door told them she had not seen her husband since Saturday of last week.

In the meantime Eason had slipped through a trap door to the ground beneath his house, hoping to make his escape unobserved in the darkness. But the house was surrounded by the sheriff, the police officers, and a number of men who had followed them to the Eason home. Hoping then to escape detection in a search of the house, Eason crawled into the attic, where Police Officer Anderson's flashlight spotted him. Realizing that further effort to escape would be futile, Eason then gave himself up with the explanation that he would have done so long ago had it not been for the necessity of looking after his wife and six children. At that time the prisoner was brought to town and placed under a temporary bond of \$200 for appearance in the recorder's court Friday morning.

The scene at the Eason home at the time of the arrest was described as pitiful. Of Eason's large family of children, the eldest is but 15, while the youngest is a babe of possibly less than three months. Uncertain whether her husband would be able to arrange bond when brought to the city, the members of the sheriff's party gave the woman what change they had to help her take care of her children in the event that her husband did not return.

The warrant for Eason's arrest charging him with assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill, was sworn out on August 26. It was on this day that O. A. McPherson, well known Providence farmer, who lives about two miles from Eason, came to town with a bullet hole drilled through his jaw, bleeding like a hog that has been stuck and with his shirt front soaked with gore, looking for a doctor. Prior to the Marshall Jennings, another Providence township farmer, who had brought him to town, and the two went to the office of Dr. R. L. Kendrick, who located the bullet in the tissues at the back of McPherson's neck and removed it.

A few minutes later, with a white towel hanging from his neck, Eason stood in the entrance of the lobby of the Kramer Building in which Dr. Kendrick's office is situated, talking freely, and like a man who is under the influence of liquor, about having been shot; but vouchsafing no word as to who shot him. Had Marshall Jennings been as discreet as McPherson perhaps warrants for Hiram Eason would never have been issued, but Jennings was overheard to remark as the physician was dressing McPherson's wound that it was Hiram Eason who had done the shooting.

The bullet removed from the back of McPherson's neck had entered the left jaw near the angle of the mouth and striking the lower jaw bone had followed the line of that bone to its end before lodging in the neck tissues at a point about two inches beyond the angle of the jaw. Prior to the shooting McPherson's cheek was already deeply seamed with a scar from a wound made by a knife in the hands of Eason 20 odd years ago at what is generally known as the Battle of Cannan, the bloodiest hand to hand encounter known in the County in a generation.

Caught in the jam of a lane too high for him to jump and of too solid construction for him to break down Eason, in that engagement, gave such a good account of himself and wielded his knife with such effect that the ground in front of him is said by eye witnesses to have been soaked with blood in a semicircle two feet in circumference. McPherson was one of Eason's victims in that encounter.

From that day to this McPherson is said to have sworn vengeance upon Eason and the two are alleged to have watched each other circumspetly ever since but without an encounter owing to

## TWO CONFED VETS BURNED TO DEATH

Benouoir, Miss., Dec. 16.—Two Confederate veterans were burned to death and two others were injured when a fire destroyed a dormitory of the Jefferson Davis soldiers' Home here early today.

## COOLIDGE PROGRAM AGAIN FRUSTRATED

Washington, Dec. 16.—Senator Ashurst, Democrat, of Nevada, moved in the Senate that it give immediate consideration of Coolidge's veto of the postal salaries bill. The action blocked an administration move by which it was hoped the veto would be held up until action on the measure to increase postal rates was before the Senate.

## PRESIDENT NOT FOR PROBE AS TO NAVY

Washington, Dec. 16.—Naval building by nations of the world on competitive basis promises little hope for the future in the opinion of President Coolidge. These views are expressed at the White House where supplemented by a statement that the President regards as unnecessary any Congressional inquiry into the state of the nations Navy.

## FARMER LOSES BARN AND STOCK IN FIRE

Washington, N. C., Dec. 16.—Fire destroyed the farm building and stock of Mr. O. W. Woolard near Magnolia school house on Route 2, about 4 o'clock Sunday morning. The house which was not far away separated by a roadway from the barn and other out-buildings was not burned. The fire was discovered by a colored man who gave the alarm but it was too late to save anything. Besides the barn a stock barn, with a quantity of hay and corn was also burned. Two cows, a mule, horse and all the poultry were also burned to death.

Mr. Woolard, who works in the city, returned home about 12 o'clock midnight and he states that apparently everything was all right then.

The loss is estimated at around \$2,000 with no insurance. Mr. Woolard has the sympathy of all his friends in his loss which is a very welcome Christmas present to say the least. He has no idea how the fire could have occurred as there was not fire anywhere near the premises.

## PREPARE FOR RECORD JANUARY CLEARANCE

By W. W. THOMAS  
(Specialist, U. S. Dept. of the Interior)  
Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 16 (Special).—With holiday shopping at a high level, the larger merchants in this section, especially dealers in men's and women's wearing apparel, are making plans for more extensive January clearance sales than they have ever conducted before.

The warm fall caused disappointment to merchants who anticipated a heavy trade in winter clothing and most of their stocks are still on the shelves. Buyers now swarming the stores are seeking gift merchandise almost exclusively. Christmas buyers are leaning toward the higher priced articles, the season being notable for the quantity of motor cars, jewelry and high priced radio outfits bought as gifts.

## IMPROVING AFTER FALL.

Mrs. T. S. McMillan, Sr., is improving after her fall, 109 East Fearing street, after suffering a fall Sunday night when she tripped and fell down the stairs breaking her left wrist and cutting her head so that nine stitches were taken.

## PLAN WORLD TEMPLE TO ART OF FARMING

Chicago, Dec. 16.—A world's temple to agriculture, to be the largest building in the world, including a radio broadcasting tower or rivaling Eiffel Tower in Paris, a convention hall seating 20,000, and a commercial hotel of 3,500 rooms, the whole to cost \$20,000,000, is planned by a mid-western group headed by Frank Lowden, former governor of Illinois. The structure which is to be erected here, according to the plans outlined, would be known as the American Agricultural Society Building.

## BEGINNING WEDNESDAY OPEN EVENINGS 'TILL CHRISTMAS

Open evenings until Christmas. Again Elizabeth City stores are hanging out this sign in honor of the Christmas season. One or two scattering stores have been open evenings for some time, but beginning Wednesday of this week, bright lights will be on throughout the down town section every evening until Christmas and one who finds no opportunity to shop or who finds the store too crowded to make selection in the day time can shop to his or her heart's content during the evenings.

## Shines Shoes for Crippled Tots!



Miss Margaret Kildunn, Syracuse University coed and Theta Phi Alpha member, is seen here doing her bit in the university's campaign to raise money for crippled children.

## NEWLAND'S FIRST DEBATE

Newland, Dec. 16.—Newland High School staged its first debate when the Excelsior Literary Society of Newland High School met last Thursday afternoon. B. L. White was appointed critic for the afternoon and the following program was given:

Devotional exercises—Louise Brothers.

Song—"Flow Gently, Sweet Afton."

Speeches—Jesse Everett Beaman.

Debate—Resolved that men are more vain than women—Affirmative: Linwood Plamoa, Elizabeth Foster; Negative: Henry Brothers, Ruth Sawyer.

Piano solo—Elizabeth Bradford, Reading; Emily Gregory, Recitation—Frederick Brothers, Closing song number 52, "Aloha Co."

Each member of the program took an active part and did his work well. The debate was long, with argument on both sides. They would have the men more vain than the women one minute and when the next speaker was heard he would have women more vain than men. The points on both sides were so good that the judges were in doubt as to which side was the better. A tie was decided in favor of the affirmative.

One more meeting of the society will be held before Christmas holidays. Thereafter there will be two meetings a month.

## Capital Mourns Death Labor's Grand Old Man

### While at Federation Building Completed Under His Leadership Council Chambers are Rushed While in Office Sit Men Unshaken of Poignant Tears

By WILLIAM P. O'NEIL  
(Washington, D. C., Staff Writer)  
Washington, Dec. 16.—The death of the brilliant young college woman whom he selected as collaborator, although but few of his closest associates even knew that he was writing it. It was characteristic of the modesty of his private life that he should guard his work as a secret.

At the Federation Building, the editor conceived and completed under his long leadership, grief today is poignant. The boy who used to bring him to work in his blue sedan is broken hearted. Clerks to whom his cheerful presence was a commonplace are not ashamed of their tears. The great room where the executive council, supreme court of labor, has held many a stormy session is hushed.

At the head of the long table in the council room is an arm chair, different in design from the others, which will sit his successor. It was his chair. At the foot of the chair is a plain oak foot stool, for years the resting place of feet that otherwise would have dangled six inches from the floor. It, too, was his.

The footstool will go with a worn old table into careful preservation as a reminder of the man who stood at labor's helm for many years. The old table, but yesterday did annual duty in the basement, heated, splintered, and smudged by use. But years ago Sam Gompers sat at that table and worked out the plans for the great organization. It will go, with his footstool, into labor's archives.

What better man will sit in the chair now vacant at the head of the council table? Already labor is searching itself for an answer to that question. As the dead leader's body traveled homeward, the long shadow of the coming fight for his place fell across the Federation. The selection of a man to serve his unfinished term will be as child's play beside the task of electing his real successor next October.

## AMERICAN HOSE WORN IN EUROPE

### Somewhat Tight at First for European Ankles, but Now Made Specially to Suit European Trade.

Zurich, Switzerland, Dec. 16.—The American feminine stocking is the most popular "footery" in many parts of Europe. This season because of its faultless perfection, found usually only in the most expensive wares. Many of the American goods reaching the continent are of artificial silk and sell from 50 cents to \$1.50 a pair, the women estimating that the American stockings, even at this cheap price, outwear European hosiery by many weeks.

European buyers admit that the American stockings have many distinctive features. They are particularly well finished as to surface, they say, have a soft smoothness that immediately commends itself to the feminine touch, and the colors are suitable and the shades varied enough to answer the wants of the trade generally. The stockings are cylindrical down with a little tick running the length of a seam which is found in only the most costly articles selling for five or six times the amount dealers ask for those now being offered.

German and British manufacturers have been particularly interested in the rapid strides American hosiery has made within the last year in a territory which formerly was all their own.

The American stockings were somewhat tight at first for some European ankles, but this defect already has been overcome, according to the importing agents, and now they may be had in all sizes and forms.

## FAVORS A PLURALITY ELECTION PRESIDENT

Washington, Dec. 16.—A resolution proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the election of a president by a plurality of electors rather than by a majority was introduced by Senator Johnson of California today.

## SUSTAINS DEMURRER OF BALTIMORE POST

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 16.—The Baltimore Post in its issue of today sustained a demurrer charging the Cannon Corporation one of the largest textile manufacturers in the Southeast.

The demurrer admitted the facts set forth in the indictment that the Post published the tax payment of the Cannon Corporation therein, but contended that the law was violated, Judge Stone ruled that by act of 1924 it was plain that Congress determined to abandon the policy of secrecy from the general public concerning the amount of taxes paid.

## IN POLICE COURT

For being drunk Wilbur Weston was fined \$5.00 and costs in Tuesday's morning session of police court.

W. C. Riggs, charged with failure to send his daughter to school, was found not guilty. The girl's age was given as 13 years at the beginning of the school session but her mother on the stand testified that she had since found that her daughter was 14 instead of 13 years old. The court accepted the testimony.

Stuart Carles, charged with assault on his wife, was also acquitted. Mrs. Carles, wife of the defendant, would not testify against her husband and the court released him.

## Mr. Clerk



Being clerk of the Missouri state House of Representatives is not the only claim Clyde A. Perkins has for fame. He weighs 46 pounds.

## John B. Lowry, Jr., Asking Be Given Another Chance

### And Petition for Pardon Scheduled to go Before Governor Morrison on Monday, December 22, with Lowry Represented by Young Brother

An effort is on foot to secure a pardon for J. B. Lowry, Jr., one-time mayor of Elizabeth City by reason of the large number of petty burglaries that he got away with here before he was finally sent to prison back in 1917. Lowry's application for pardon will go before Governor Morrison on December 22, with the prisoner represented by his lawyer brother, Robert Lowry. Lowry claims now to be a new man and has written a long letter to the editor of this newspaper pleading for one more chance to make good in his old home town. In part he says:

"I thought I would write you a few lines to let you and all the good people in Elizabeth City know I'm very anxious to come back and behave myself and lead a different life, be a Christian, and love my fellow men. I have no grudge or hard feeling against any one. I have had only good will toward every one in the past seven long years. I blame no one for my troubles but myself, the devil, and whiskey.

"I received a letter from some one in Elizabeth City several days ago telling me there were only two ways, right and wrong, and telling me I know you would like to be free once more and must believe you will try to walk the straight road hereafter. I am going to be a man and show the good people I have in me to make good.

"When I was arrested last August 1, Chief Gregory knocked me in my head with his night stick while I was shot in the leg and also handcuffed. I have no ill will toward him and told him at the jail the same night that I forgave him. I know I did wrong for cursing, but I know my temper and the old devil led me astray. My Sunday school teachers here, Mr. Joe Wenthers and Mr. Loomas Goodman, have taught me to love and respect every one and to understand and appreciate some of the wonderful work of our almighty God in Heaven.

"My little wife also taught me to love God and my fellow man, and to have no harm or hard feelings toward any one.

"I was locked up here for safe keeping from September, 1917, until March, 1921. I was in Charles County, Md., and August, I did my part over there. I know at times I was of more value to the good old country than working here for the State. I don't believe in wars, but I will also stick by my country. I often think of the narrow escapes I had in France.

"By the way, when I left my wife and little boy several thousand miles from New York I saw a parson from Elizabeth City, and from that minute I wanted to come back to the good old North State, my home, to see my loved ones. I was in town several days. My father told me to have no trouble with any one, and also told me of several people who told him they had no hard feelings toward me.

"I did not go back to Elizabeth City to have trouble with any one, but I realize that I am to blame for being here, since I have broken God's laws and man's. But I have suffered for seven long years and I am now hoping soon to be a free man once more.

"I will always be sorry for the mistakes I made in my boyhood days. I ask every one in my old home town to give me one more chance. I advise every boy and girl to keep away from bad company and whiskey. That's why I'm here today.

"I will close, wishing you and every man, woman and child in Elizabeth City a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year."

## DUFONTS MAKE FILMS

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 16.—(Special)—The E. I. Dupont De Nemours Company has broadened its activities to include the manufacture of motion picture film through a subsidiary company formed in conjunction with the Duffonts.

## NEGRO OF FIFTEEN LYNCHED BY A MOB

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 16.—Samuel Smith, fifteen year old negro, was taken from the city jail by a mob last night and lynched or wounding a store keeper here last Saturday night.

## COTTON REPORT

New York, Dec. 16.—Cotton futures opened today as follows: December 23.55, January 23.69, March 24.07, May 24.46, July 24.55.

New York, Dec. 16.—At two p. m., today cotton futures stood at the following levels: Dec. 23.44, Jan. 23.73, March 24.13, May 24.51, July 24.63.

New York, Dec. 16.—Spot cotton, closed quiet. Middling 24.06, an advance of 10 points. Futures, closing bid, Dec. 23.44, Jan. 23.55, March 23.96, May 24.23, July 24.47.