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BAD AFFAIR NEAR MORTIMER

PRISONER KILLED BY WOULD-BE RESCUERS.

One of the Officers Is Seriously Wounded.

Last Friday night Deputy Sheriff S. A. Smith, of Lenoir, and Deputy E. S. Garland, of Mortimer, arrested Will Honeycutt at his home, four miles from Mortimer, on the charge of retailing liquor. Honeycutt made no resistance, said he was expecting them and had arranged with his brothers-in-law, Robert, Keith and Adolphus Pritchard to go on his bond. The officers started with their prisoner, handcuffed to Deputy Garland and accompanied by Mrs. Honeycutt and Adolphus Pritchard, toward Mortimer. At a point on the road near the home of the Pritchards the officers were asked to wait while Mrs. Honeycutt went to get her brothers Robert and Keith, to make the bond. While waiting here a fire was made in the road, as the air was chilly. After a brief stay here, the officers were called to from the brush near by to turn the prisoner loose or they would all be killed. The officers called back to the parties to come on and fix the bond and not have any trouble. Then, with further threats and curses, the parties in the brush fired on the officers, using a shotgun and pistol. The first shot, which was evidently intended for Deputy Garland, hit Honeycutt, killing him instantly, nearly blowing his head off. The officers returned the fire with their pistols as best they could, but without effect, as their assailants were in the dark and brush and they near the fire. Several shots were fired on both sides, Deputy Garland receiving nearly a full load of No. 6 shot in his face, neck and body, also part of another charge in his hands and arms, while Deputy Smith had his pistol shot from his hands, after firing one round and while attempting to reload. Deputy Garland, though seriously wounded and still handcuffed to the dead prisoner, dragged himself and the dead man behind a stump and thus, perhaps, saved his life.

The assailants, Robert and Keith Pritchard, finally came to the light and the wounded officer begged them not to kill him, and they did not further molest him. Adolphus Pritchard secured a file and cut the handcuffs off of Garland's hands and remained with him until help came from a lumber camp, when the wounded man was cared for. During the trouble Adolphus Pritchard stood by, but took no part, while Mrs. Honeycutt, who had again joined the party, got behind a wagon-bed near by at the first signal of danger.

Deputy Smith, after having his pistol shot from his hand and lost, made his way to Mortimer. Robert and Keith Pritchard lingered around the scene of the tragedy for only a few minutes, when they and their sister, Mrs. Honeycutt, disappeared, leaving the dead husband and brother-in-law and officer handcuffed to each other.

Deputy Garland's wounds, while serious, are not thought to be necessarily fatal. He was taken to Dr. Long's Sanatorium at Statesville Saturday, where, it is hoped, he will soon get relief and recover.

Sheriff Smith, with a posse, has gone to the scene of the conflict to try to apprehend the Pritchards, and news from that part of the county is anxiously awaited.

Rev. William Walsh, New York Jesuit Tells of Remarkable Experience.

New York, Jan. 28.—Rev. William Walsh, a Jesuit and one of the best known Catholic priests in the city, preaching in the church of St. Paul the Apostle, expressed a belief in clairvoyance and told of a case that came under his own observation.

Father Walsh's subject was "Prayer and Reason." He said that when a person asked to have prayers said to effect a cure the majority of people scoff at the idea and many refuse to grant that any person possesses the power to see objects not visible to the eye.

"Clairvoyance and clairaudience are scoffed at as impossibilities," he said, "but I believe and have had proof that they are not impossible. I had my skepticism removed some time ago by a very striking illustration of the powers of clairvoyance. A friend of mine visited a clairvoyant in this city. My friend was a stranger in New York and his home is 250 miles away. The moment he entered the room in which the clairvoyant—a woman—was she said she could tell him all about his home.

First the woman described in minute detail all the objects of the various rooms of the house just as though she were actually in the house and walking from room to room. She told of the persons that were there and of the incidents that took place after my friend had departed for New York.

"I can see," said the clairvoyant, "that a crucifix has been broken and that people in the house are trying to glue it together, I can see all these things just as plainly as if I were in your house."

"My friend did not believe that all the clairvoyant had told him was true. As the crucifix was not broken when my friend left home, he decided to test the woman. He wrote to his family asking about the crucifix and soon after received a letter verifying everything that had been said.

All of this goes to prove that the day of miracles is not over.

Clothing Firms Close Down.

The Times.

Baltimore, N. D., Jan 25—The clothing board of trade held a meeting last night, at which every clothing firm in good standing in the city was represented and decided to shut down entirely, so far as their garment workers were concerned. This will mean that between 15,000 and 16,000 garment workers of this city will be thrown out of employment. Cutters and trimmers will not be affected.

The lockout is the result of the strike at the factories of Strouse & Company and the drastic step has been taken after a fruitless effort on the part of that firm to effect a settlement with its employes.

Says Charity and Children "Wadesboro has become a city." In New England it would hardly pass for a decent village, and we mean no reflection on Wadesboro by this term. It is a beautiful and attractive little town, but it is not a city for the same reason that a calf is not a cow." Strictly speaking, no place under 50,000 people is rated as a city, and by that rating there is not a city in North Carolina. But the government census soon to be taken will show one, and that one will be Charlotte.—Charlotte Chronicle.

"As soon as a village or town in North Carolina gets population enough to organize a town government, its then "City." There are very few "towns" in North Carolina."—The State at Large.

Daniel Boone's Cabin.

Charlotte Chronicle.

The Lexington Dispatch has located the home of Daniel Boone the great pioneer, on the banks of the Yadkin, in what is now Boone township, Davison county, some twelve or fifteen miles from Lexington, and about eight miles from Spencer, on lands owned by Philip Sowers, a citizen well known in Davidson and Rowan counties. The Dispatch man, accompanied by a party of scientists, visited the locality Saturday. An excavation was made where the cabin rested "and rock taken out that undoubtedly formed part of the chimney foundation of the Boone home." Furthermore, near the site of the cabin, "is Devil's Den, or Boone's cave, a natural cave in which a less plain traditional story has it, Boone used as a place of refuge from the Indians. The cave is in the river bluff perhaps a bit higher than high water mark, and commands a wide view of the river and surrounding country. Near the cabin, also, is the spring said to have been used by Boone." The Dispatch seems to be able to prove that Daniel Boone lived in Davidson county and went from there through Yadkin, Watauga and on to Kentucky. "Boone" township, "Boone's" bottoms, Boone's Cave, "Boonville," in Yadkin, and Boone in Watauga, all bear witness to this. The Dispatch has collected a lot of Daniel Boone Relics and the plan is to reconstruct the old pioneer's log cabin and store the relics in it. In further explanation, the Dispatch says: A number of Rowan gentlemen are more or less interested in this matter, among whom are Col. J. S. Henderson and Mayor Boyden, and it is hoped to get others interested, and also to interest the representatives in the Legislature from Davidson and Rowan, and have a bill passed to appropriate a small amount, a hundred or two dollars, individuals to raise a like amount, to erect the cabin and place in it the various relics.

Caught And Held Burglar.

Asheville, N. C.,—Mrs. Henry F. Barkley, of 454 Depot street, a demure little woman of quick wit and ready nerve, had a thrilling experience with a burglar—a white man—at her home yesterday afternoon about dusk. Mrs. Barkley had been up street shopping, and returning to her home and to her sleeping apartments, where she had left the shades drawn, was startled upon entering the room, to find herself face to face with a white man. On account of the darkened condition of the room Mrs. Barkley was almost in touching distance of the man before she discovered that she was not alone. The burglar at the time was engaged in going through Mrs. Barkley's effects, but upon being surprised in his unlawful endeavor quickly went into action. He swung heavily at Mrs. Barkley and landed her a stinging blow in the face. The lady instead of attempting to flee, grappled with the man and after a tussle, forced him to a seat. She then called for help and the man again attempted to renew the encounter. He caught at Mrs. Barkley's throat and it is thought, broke a chain to which was fastened a locket. Aid promptly came and the man was forced into a state of quietude.

The police were notified and an officer dispatched to the scene of the burglary. The man, giving his name as Ernest Thompson, was taken to the city lockup and placed behind the bars. In court this morning he was arraigned charged with house breaking and held to



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Superior Court under bond in the sum of \$500. He was unable to make the bond and is now in the county jail.

In the apprehension of "Thompson" the police believe they have the man who has been forcing his way into dwellings hereabout for the past several weeks. The man when searched had in his possession a large number of keys. One of the keys in Thompson's possession was one of curious make and upon investigation it was found to fit every lock to buildings on the local yards of the Southern Railway.

Booker T. Washington and Richard Carrol, two of the foremost colored men of this day and generation are to tour South Carolina in March. They have been invited to speak in Gaffney and have accepted. The white people in this county will make no mistake in lending assistance toward the success of their visit. Those who hear them will have a better understanding of the so called race question from the standpoint of the negro.—Gaffney Ledger.

It does seem queer that most "good fellows" have a lot of bad habits.