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LEGISLATORS ARE SENT TO PRISON.

Webster Springs, W. Va., Aug. 1. Sentences were imposed upon five members of the West Virginia Legislature late today by Judge O'Brien in the Superior Court. They were convicted of bribery in connection with the election of a United States Senator early in the year. The sentences follow:

Delegates S. U. G. Rhodes, Ruth Duff and H. E. Asbury, six years each in the penitentiary; State Senator B. A. Smith, five years and six months and Delegate Davie Hill, five years.

In addition the five are disqualified for life from holding any public office or office of trust.

The sentencing of the men came shortly after Delegate Davie Hill, the fifth to stand trial on bribery charges, was convicted this afternoon. After the sentences were imposed an arrest of judgment and stay of execution for 90 days was allowed by the court, to permit attorneys for the defendants to make applications for appeals to the State Supreme Court.

More than two months have been consumed in the trials of these charges, the first of their kind in West Virginia. There were seven indicted, the five already tried having been held on felony charges and the other two, George S. Van Metter and Rev. T. J. Smith, on misdemeanor charges. The trial of the last two will probably be deferred until another term of court.

The five convicted men were arrested in Charleston, W. Va., late in the afternoon of February 11 by Sheriff Bonnerhill in the presence of Public Prosecutor Townsend, who with the aid of a private detective investigated the rumors of bribery which were being circulated at that time in regard to the senatorial election. Before the arrest, it is alleged, they were paid by the private detective for their votes and the marked money was found in their possession. The five were indicted February 14. Charges that Colonel William Seymour Edwards, one of the candidates for United States Senator had offered bribes fell flat.

AMERICANS IN DANGER.

Washington, July 31. Headquarters of the Mexican federal military division of northern Mexico have been located at Nuevo Laredo, just across the Rio Grande from Laredo, Texas, and a concentration of troops will be effected there during the coming week, according to today's state department dispatches. General Tellez will command the federals and rumors are current that the Carranzista forces will attack Nuevo Laredo, operations being directed from Hidalgo.

Americans in Coco, state of San Luis Potosi, are said to be endangered by lawless conditions and it is believed the organization of cigalantes will be required to insure their protection. Raoul Madero is said to have joined the Carranzista forces at Hermanas.

Consul Lespinasse reported from Frontera, Tabasco, today that the bandits in that section had been dispersed and danger to Americans lessened. Consequently the gunboat Wheeling went to Puerto, Mexico, reporting today that everything was quiet there as well as in Campeche and Progreso.

EXPRESS RATES REDUCED.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Reductions in express rates which will cost the express companies fully \$26,000,000 a year, approximately 16 percent of their gross receipts, and affect every place in the country, were ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission today to become effective on or before October 15. Notable reforms in practices also were ordered.

The most important change prescribed is by way of modification of the present graduated scale of parcel rates. Hundred-pound rates for short distances have been either left unchanged or slightly reduced. For longer distances they have been lowered for fifty pounds or less. Practically all rates have been reduced.

Packages of more than four pounds going more than two hundred miles and less than two thousand carry new rates generally lower than parcel post rates. For more than three thousand miles, the rates are practically unchanged.

The report and order of the commission, prepared by Commissioner Marble are virtually an affirmation of findings of former Commissioner Lane, now Secretary of the Interior. By prescribing a so-called block system, dividing the country into 950 blocks, averaging 2,500 square miles, as originally proposed by Mr. Lane, 900,000,000 different rates now published by the express companies will be reduced to less than 650,000, and the Interstate Commerce Commission believes the system points the way to a solution of the existing maze of freight rates.

The general impression in official quarters is that the express companies will attempt to test by legal means the constitutionality of the commission's order.

Miss Lucy Earnhardt Passes.

Miss Lucy Earnhardt died at the home of her mother Wednesday at 12:10 o'clock after an illness of several months, from a complication of diseases. In the early spring she was forced to give up her work at Whiteville, where she was teaching, and returned to Lenoir, hoping that a higher altitude would prove beneficial to her. For a little while she seemed to be improving, but she soon relapsed into a critical condition, and for several weeks her life was despaired of.

Miss Earnhardt was a daughter of the late Dr. Earnhardt, and Mrs. Annie Earnhardt, who survives her. She possessed a bright sunny disposition and bore all her suffering patiently, meeting the end calmly and with a christian fortitude. After graduating at Salem Academy, she entered the teaching profession, and remained in this till she was forced to retire because of her health.

Besides her mother, she is survived by one sister, Mrs. R. C. Powell. The funeral services were conducted from the First Methodist church Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. C. M. Pickens, and the burial took place in Belle view cemetery. The pallbearers were: Messrs. J. C. Smith, O. D. Heafner, Clarence Heafner, R. E. Hoover, S. R. Triplett and Ralph Tood.

We are not certain, but we think we found the place across the lake where Schiller wrote his play, "The Robbers."

THE SANITATION OF SODA FOUNTAINS.

(North Carolina Health Bulletin.)

A large amount of disease is contracted at the soda fountain. Small amounts of the saliva of those using the glasses remain on the glasses, and before the washing water is changed it becomes, to variable degrees, adulterated with ordinary spit. It is known that the germs of tuberculosis and the infective agents of measles, whooping cough, scarlet fever, diphtheria, and occasionally typhoid fever, are carried in the mouth secretions. The soda fountain, as it is ordinarily managed, has for a long time been a source of annoyance to sanitarians. At last, however, it seems that the problem of operating a sanitary soda fountain is solved.

Paper paraffin cups and saucers are now being manufactured and put on the market for a little more than half a cent apiece. These cups in the process of manufacturing are dipped into melted paraffin and are practically sterile; they are put up in stacks, and in using them at the fountain the clerks do not touch the inside of the cup, or the upper third of it. Customers that are served with the sanitary cup drink out of a cup that no one has used, and that has not been touched with human hands or lips. The spoons that are used with the ice cream are dipped into an antiseptic solution before being served to customers. Fountains using these sanitary appliances do not spread disease. The patrons of soda fountains should patronize those fountains that go to a slight expense in giving the public clean, harmless drinks; this will encourage the more general use of the sanitary cup.

Children's Day Observed at South Lenoir M. E. Church.

Children's Day was appropriately observed at the South Lenoir Methodist church on last Sunday night. The exercises reflected much credit on the Sunday School, and were greatly enjoyed by the large crowd present. The following program was carried out:

Recitation, Bible Boys and Girls, Gertie Griffin; Declamation, Bob and the Bible, Oscar Clarke; Recitation, A Puzzling Question, Dolly Richards; Song, My Mother's Bible, Choir; Recitation, The Baby Moses, Eight girls; Recitation, The Child Jesus, Three girls; Song, Rockabye, Four little girls; Recitation, The Lad with the Loaves, Grady Haugler; Exercise, Samuel, the Little Helper, Four girls; Recitation, The Captive Maid, Fannie Clarke and Maud Bentley; Recitation, Young Timothy, Hampton Mallard; Collection Speech, Cora Griffin; Recitation, She Sang to Him of Heaven, Charlotte Triplett.

Mrs. C. C. Shell of Salisbury, arrived Tuesday to spend some time with relatives.

Read the page ad of Mr. H. T. Newland's in this issue. It contains interesting information for you, and it will be well worth your while to visit his store during the sale.

The many deeds of kindness and very sweet attention shown Mrs. Earnhardt and Mrs. Powell during the illness and after the departure of their daughter and sister, Lucie, are inexpressibly appreciated.

NEGRO BOY SHOTS HIS AGED FATHER.

(News and Observer.)

Whiskey was the cause of a shooting near Wake Forest, when Columbus Gulley, a negro lad, shot and perhaps fatally wounded his aged father. The shooting took place Saturday night, about 10 o'clock on the old man's farm, three miles from Wake Forest.

Molly Sanders and Maggie Hodges, the two daughters of old man Dick, had been "tanked up" on mean, "fifteen minutes to hell," as they call it, when old man Gulley came into the sitting room where the girls were to quiet the rough house.

While the women were making a boisterous demonstration, old man Gulley was receiving the fire of his son, Columbus. The first shot wounded the old man in the breast and the second in the hand, the first bullet passing through his body. One of the girls was struck in the wrist.

Deputy Sheriff W. R. Timberlake made the arrests, Columbus Gulley surrendering himself. The women were taken also, one at Youngsville and the other at Wake Forest.

Preliminary hearing in the case was held yesterday morning before Mayor J. C. Caddell, in Wake Forest. The mayor found sufficient evidence to hold Columbus and his sisters. The three are now lodged in the Wake county jail without bond. The old man was shot through the lung. Little hope of his recovery is ascertained, as peritonitis has already set in the wound, and pneumonia is expected.

In case of the old man's death the boy will have to stand trial for murder.

SOUTHERN WHOLESALE GROCERS FINED \$2,500.

Birmingham, Ala., July 31. Federal Judge Grubb today fined the Southern Wholesale Grocers' association \$2,500 for contempt of court in violating a decree issued in 1911 commanding the organization to abide by federal anti-trust laws. President J. H. McLaurin, of Jacksonville, Fla., was fined \$1,000, H. Lacy Hunt, of Wilmington, N. C., and L. A. Melchers, of Charleston, S. C., were fined \$1,000 each and the costs were assessed the defendants according to costs of their respective witnesses.

The decree of 1911 prohibited any violations of the anti-trust law. A suit was filed this year against the southern Wholesale Grocers' association, its president and officers and many members, but after the trial was on a few days all defendants were expurgated except those named in the decision by Judge Grubb.

Judge Grubb held that President McLaurin in issuing a circular in October, 1911 that the decree of the court would not affect practices of the association, that committed a violation.

Invite Them In

An advertisement is an invitation to your place of business. If you don't invite trade, you need not complain when it passes by. The money you save by skimping your advertising account is insignificant compared with profit you would reap from a liberal advertising policy. Ex.

It is always a paradox of drink that a man will get away with more than he can carry.

THE W. N. C. FAIR ASSOCIATION.

The News is in receipt of a copy of the 1913 catalogue of the Western North Carolina Fair Association, which will hold its third annual Fair at Asheville on October 7, 8, 9, and 10.

The catalogue of ninety-six pages, bearing an attractive picture of four views representative of Western North Carolina on its front cover, is full of interesting information relative to the Fair and in the announcement of a number of new features, bears evidences of a departure in many respects from the somewhat stereotyped form of agricultural fairs.

The catalogue contains nearly a thousand classes in which different exhibits can be made and for which cash premiums aggregating approximately 4,000 are offered. The number and variety of exhibits for which premiums are offered has been considerably increased over those of last year and the amount of the premiums has been appreciably increased.

The Boys and Girls Department is an innovation for agricultural fairs and by reason of the varied line of exhibits for which handsome premiums and diplomas are offered, it is believed that it will finally become one of the most interesting features of the Fair and serve the purpose of interesting the boys and girls of this section in those things which will tend to greater progress and development along many lines.

STATE NEW ITEMS

The town of Washington has purchased the privately owned electric light and water system of the town, paying the sum of \$55,000 for it.

L. E. Moore of Spencer fell from a telephone pole 35 feet to the ground in Lexington, Tuesday and was seriously injured, sustaining a broken rib and other internal wounds.

Mrs. Ed. Seifert of Rowan county was struck by an automobile in Salisbury Tuesday, and narrowly escaped serious injury, having been carried for some distance on the hood of the machine.

James Garrett, a negro was shot to death Sunday afternoon at the Atlantic Coast Lignite rock quarry near Elm City in Wilson county, by Jerry Nero, Garrett and Nero were engaged in a gambling game and quarreled over thirty cents.

Hiram Henderson, about sixty years old was drowned in Dry Creek near Brown's Chapel church in Pitt county Sunday afternoon. He was attempting to cross the stream on a foot log and lost his footing, going into the swollen waters.

W. F. Smith, brother and administrator of the late John Smith of Rowan county has instituted suit against the Harris Granite Company of Salisbury in the sum of \$20,000 for the killing of young Smith several weeks ago by a dynamite blast.

An automobile in which was riding Drs. J. B. and R. A. Little, Kit Whittle, and a negro man named George Coulter turned turtle near Newton on Monday evening, while rounding a curve braining the two doctors badly, cutting a finger of Whittle almost off and fatally injuring the negro Coulter.

If the way of the transgressor is hard, it is surprising how easy it is to follow it.

LIGHTNING PLAYS WITH YOUNG LADY.

(Raleigh Times.)

Death literally played with Miss Ianna McGhee, 20 years old, who lives at Mr. B. Hobgood's place, four miles south of Raleigh, and yet never harmed her. Her escape was little less than a miracle.

The atmospheric conditions were very peculiar Sunday morning. There was what is known as a high fog, which blotted out the tops of the high buildings, and from an early hour there was a drizzling rain, with much lightning and extremely heavy thunder, which frequently shook the largest buildings. A few minutes before 10 o'clock a bolt struck an oak tree a few yards south of Mr. Hobgood's home, four miles south of Raleigh, popularly known as the "Cobb place," tore some of the trees to pieces and a part of the lightning went both ways along the telephone wires, which pass some twenty feet from the tree. Miss Hobgood was standing in the south porch, but was unharmed. Her brother, 200 feet northward in a cotton patch, felt the shock. Going northward on the telephone wire the lightning went under the house in which the McGhee family lives, about seventy five feet from the residence occupied by Mr. Hobgood, melted the wire and tore off several of the upright planks on the north side of the cottage and lifted a section of the tin roof above the corner.

Then the lightning began to play pranks sure enough. Ianna McGhee had just stepped out of the house on the porch, facing north, from a room in which there is a telephone instrument. Suddenly there came flames and thunder all together, and she felt as if she was draped in fire. In her right hand was a canteen, and this was knocked to the floor. In her left hand was a tin milk pail, with a brass strainer. The lightning, which made her arm and face tingle, and also made her speechless and motionless, made two holes in this pail, one in the side and the other in the lip, both perfectly round, as if made by a rifle bullet, almost a half an inch in diameter. Then the lightning made two similar holes through a sheet of iron top of a tub, melted the lower part of a water faucet and also a wire which hung from the farm bell at the corner of the porch.

Only a little sign of what looked like smoke caused the holes made through the metal appear different from bullet holes. Long slivers of telephone poles were thrown in the yard, in a cotton field and in the Asylum road, the poles being nearly destroyed in several cases.

Forty Passengers Injured In Wreck.

Tyrone, Pa., July 30. An engineer was killed and 40 passengers were injured in a rear-end collision of passenger trains on the Pennsylvania here this afternoon. About 20 of the injured were severely hurt.

Train No. 12 west bound crashed into train No. 15, Philadelphia for Pittsburgh, which was just pulling out of the Tyrone station. No. 15 was five minutes late and No. 12 was a through train.

Most of the seriously injured were in the parlor car at the rear of train No. 15. The first three cars on No. 15 were mail cars. Mail clerks, Herb, Seth, Fisk and Huntbarger were injured.

The seriously injured were taken to Altoona hospitals.