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NEGRO, ARMED WITH REVOLVER, ROBS FARMER ON PUBLIC ROAD

W. D. Stapleford of Truitt's
Has Exciting Experience
Near Bridgeton

GINGER CAKE NEGRO GETS
THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS

Posse Formed, Negro is
Wounded and in Hiding
—Bloodhounds Sent For

While returning to his home yesterday afternoon shortly after 3 o'clock and while near Bridgeton, W. D. Stapleford, who lives near Truitt's and who conducts a mercantile business at that place, was waylaid by an unknown negro man at the point of a pistol and robbed of thirty-five dollars.

Mr. Stapleford came to New Bern about noon yesterday for the purpose of doing some trading. He visited a number of places and shortly before returning home asked a negro man to hold his horse while he went into a nearby store to make a purchase. The negro was the one who later attacked him and it is supposed that he saw the roll of currency in Mr. Stapleford's wallet and at once plotted to rob him.

A short time after leaving this store Mr. Stapleford started for home. The trip until after he had passed Bridgeton was uneventful.

When about three hundred yards from the old Fowler road, according to Mr. Stapleford's account of the affair, the negro came to from the rear and told Mr. Stapleford that if he did not give him his money he would kill him. The negro brandished his pistol in the other man's face and fired it but without pointing it directly at him. The negro pulled out a round from the cart and raised it to strike the white man. The latter caught the blow on his arm and then the two clinched in a scuffle which lasted several minutes, the negro finally getting possession of Mr. Stapleford's money and making off at the top of his speed.

Posse Is Formed
Mr. Stapleford hurried back to Bridgeton and reported the occurrence. A posse, headed by T. W. Holton, was quickly formed and started in pursuit. In a little while they caught sight of the negro fifty yards away dodging behind some trees. He had his pistol in his hand and was showing plenty of fight. He fired at the posse and Mr. Holton returned the fire with a shot gun loaded with No. 6 shot. The negro stumbled. Mr. Holton fired several times in rapid succession and the last time the crack of the gun rang out the negro fell. He was now on the edge of the pocosin and darkness had fallen. As he was armed with what appeared to be automatic revolver and was apparently determined to fight to the limit, the possmen decided not to

go into the pocosin in the dark after him, but, instead, to wait for day, guarding in the meantime the means of egress from the pocosin and not believing that he would attempt to go through the pocosin a distance of twelve miles to get to the station at Askins.

Sheriff Lane and Deputy Sheriffs Thomas Smith and J. W. Huff as soon as they were notified of the occurrence went to aid in the search. Last night Sheriff Lane ordered the bridge draws kept open so that the negro could not get back over into New Bern. The Fowler road was also guarded at the behest of the Sheriff.

Bloodhounds Coming.

The chief of police of Tarboro is on his way here with two bloodhounds which will be put on the trail of the fleeing negro. He should get here with the animals this morning. Sheriff Lane first telegraphed to Goldsboro to see if bloodhounds could be had there. There was none there. Then he tried Greenville and again was disappointed. On the third round Tarboro was tried and it was found that the chief of police had two hounds. He telephoned that he had about one hour to make an eighteen mile auto trip to catch the Norfolk Southern train from Raleigh to Chowwinity, but thought he would have no trouble in catching it.

Description of Negro.

The negro who is believed to be a New Bern negro, is described by Mr. Stapleford as of ginger cake color, weighing about 150 pounds and thirty or thirty-five years of age.

Mr. Stapleford is at Bridgeton with relatives to be on hand for identifying the negro in case he is found as it is very likely he will be. The money taken consisted of one twenty dollar bill, one five dollar bill and eight or ten one dollar bills.

PAINT AND POWDER CLUB ORGANIZES

Members of the cast of "A Fisherman's Luck," met at the home of Mrs. David Congdon last night and organized the Paint and Powder Club by the election of the following officers: J. B. Dawson, president and business manager; J. C. Bagg, secretary and treasurer; A. T. Willis, stage director. The other members of the club are Mrs. D. S. Congdon, Mrs. George Stratton, Jr., Miss Leonora Greenbaum, Miss Isabel Smith, W. K. Baxter, J. J. Tolson, Jr. and David Morris. The club plans to have regular meetings and to be ready at any time to stage anything in the way of amateur plays at the request of any of the charitable organizations of the city. Thursday night it will repeat "A Fisherman's Luck" for the benefit of the Elk's charity fund.

THIS BUILDING IS FIREPROOF

**TERM, SO OFTEN FALSE LABEL
ABSOLUTELY TRUE IN
THIS CASE**

New York, Jan. 28.—In its new station in New York City, now nearing completion, the New York Central Railroad has a building which its designers think has reached the limit in protection against fire. The term "absolutely fireproof," so often a false label on hotels and theatres, is said to be accurate as applied to the world's greatest terminal.

Nowhere about the building at Park Avenue and Forty-second street has there been used any structural material that can burn. With a frame of steel and an exterior surface of marble, the station has thousands of tons of masonry in its walls and floors. About a half million square feet of terra cotta blocks have gone into the floors, and about 850,000 square feet are used for column covering and partitions.

The branch postoffice on Lexington Avenue, the office buildings, the power houses and the hotel on the terminal site are fireproofed just as thoroughly as the station. There is a system of automatic alarms and sprinklers to prevent the spread of any blaze that may start among the contents of the offices. Fire hydrants, with a plentiful equipment of hose, are scattered over the terminal area.

MAY HAVE FOUND SUM OF MONEY

Negro Workman Seen With Leather
Bag Later Disappears and Is
Heard of No More

RUMORS OF BURIED TREASURE

Missing Man May Have Secured
Hidden Hoard and Left For
Parts Unknown.

Stories of buried treasure, of the hoards of misers and of vast sums of gold and silver hidden years ago, are rife on lower Metcalf street just at this time. The cause is the supposed discovery a few days ago of a large sum of money in the building, No. 13 Metcalf street, by a workman who at the time was engaged in assisting in the removal of the structure to a point further back from the street.

The building is known as the Dennison place, is owned by Mrs. C. W. Blanchard and was erected many years ago. Since that time it has sheltered many eccentric persons and it is generally supposed that one of these buried the money which is said to have been found. J. J. Scott & Son, colored house movers from Goldsboro, have charge of the work of removing the building and they had employed several colored men to assist them. During the time that the preliminary work was in progress, one of the men, who at the time was engaged in tearing down the foundation of one of the chimneys, was seen with a dust covered leather bag in his hand. The man's fellow workmen thought nothing of the incident and it would have passed entirely from their memory but for the fact that a short time later he left the premises and has not been seen since not even calling for the wages due him for his work.

No one saw the money supposed to have been found and its actual discovery is merely a matter of rumor but circumstances surrounding the case are leading many to believe that the workman did locate something of value whether money or jewels is a matter of speculation, and fear of detection caused him to refrain from returning to complete his work.

PLAY THAT NEEDS NO INTRODUCTION

**"FISHERMAN'S LUCK" ON LIPS
OF ALL WHO SAW IT WED-
NESDAY NIGHT**

"A Fisherman's Luck" is to be repeated at the Masonic Theatre tomorrow night.

This play needs no introduction or newspaper puffs as it has been on the lips of every person that was lucky enough to even get a standing room at its production on Wednesday night. If all the good things that have been said about the play could be put in print, we would have no trouble in filling the house at its presentation next Thursday night. Just one of the good things that has been said possibly more than any other, is that it could not be improved but the cast says different. Come and they'll show you Thursday night. Same prices lower floor 50c., upper floor 25c. Reserved seats without extra charge at Ed. Clark's—for the benefit of the Elk's Charity Fund and Organization of a Dramatic Club.

**HEARD ON THE STREET AFTER
THE SHOW**

"Best amateur production ever witnessed here."

"Enjoyed as much and even more than big professional productions."

"Just from New York seeing all the big ones, enjoyed 'A Fisherman's Luck' better."

"New Bern should be proud of the local talent and should encourage them."

"Saw Richard Crayle three nights before, enjoyed 'A Fisherman's Luck' better."

"You didn't see it? Then you missed the best show in New Bern in a long time."

"Don't miss it this time it is great."

Some people have such a funny idea of humor that they will pay parcel postage on a paying block and think the joke is on Uncle Sam.—Washington Post.

HERE IN BEHALF OF WALKER ROAD

N. A. Purifoy Tries to Arouse Inter-
est of Merchants In Thor-
oughfare.

THE ROAD IS NOW PASSABLE

But More Work Will Have to Be
Done to Conserve Effort Al-
ready Expended.

N. A. Purifoy, who lives on the Walker road in the eastern part of the county, was among the visitors in the city yesterday. Mr. Purifoy's main object yesterday was to work up some enthusiasm among the business men of the city in regard to putting the Walker road in such condition that it will be an incentive to the farmers living on the lower end, near the Beaufort county line, to come to this city to do their trading instead of going to some town in Beaufort county.

Mr. Purifoy says that during the past few months the citizens living along the road have done considerable work on it and have put it in passable condition but unless more work is done in the near future that which has been accomplished will be lost. The matter has been brought before the county commissioners and they have been asked to put a section of the convict force to work on it, but at the present time they have not seen fit to do this.

As the matter now stands the road is open to traffic and in such condition that vehicles can pass over it with ease but unless the work already done is made permanent the road will soon be in as bad condition as it was twelve months ago. At the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners they will be asked to put seven or eight of the convicts on the road and work until they complete it.

TAYLOR NOT TOLER

In an account of the police court proceedings, Monday afternoon and which appeared in the Journal yesterday, morning an inadvertency caused the name of Tom Toler to appear for Tom Taylor. It was the latter who was in the court for failure to pay dog tax and not the former.

"KEEP NEW BERN IN THE FOREFRONT"

**"Let It Bear Its Banner Ever In the
Lead For Deeper and Better
Waterways."**

THIS SPEAKER'S INJUNCTION

Representative of Rivers and Har-
bors Congress Tells What Deeper-
Channel Means.

A large audience of representative New Bern business men met at the Court House last evening at 8 o'clock to hear an address by Captain Wilson I. Davenney, Field Secretary of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, on the subject of deeper waterways. Captain Davenney is thoroughly conversant with this theme and for more than an hour he held the undivided attention of his audience, telling them of the great work which the Rivers and Harbors Congress and the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association are doing for the country and urging the co-operation of everyone in the task which is before them. Before proceeding to the main part of his address Captain Davenney spoke of the achievements along this line by Senator F. M. Simmons and said that he was glad to be in the Senator's home city. He also highly praised the hospitality of the citizens of New Bern and their great advancement in civic improvement, and predicted a great future for the city.

Captain Davenney said in part, "I have been glad to quit for a time the tissue-exhausting hustle of the American metropolis that has claimed me for a period, for the hospitality of the Old North State. New Bern, I doubt not was the ancient Athens of North Carolina and may have rightfully celebrated her two hundredth anniversary, but surely she has renewed her youth—the evidences of substantial industrial and commercial activity are visible on every hand, and the waters that flow by your doors explain your present measure

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BLEASE IS KING BEE OF ODD ONES

South Carolina's Notorious Gov-
ernor Has Many Imitators,
But No Equals.

AS A SPECIMEN HE IS UNIQUE

Determined to Be United States
Senator To Succeed Sen-
ator Smith.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 28.—In practically every community in this country some man, shrewd unscrupulous and practical in politics, has challenged the forces of public opinion by lining up against it the forces of organization and graft, concealing his purposes and methods under an appeal to partisanship, prejudice or class hatred.

While this school of "old-fashioned politics" has its representative in every State by common consent, the Hon. Cole L. Blease, Governor of the proud old commonwealth of South Carolina, is conceded to be the king of them all.

As a species, "Coley," as his friends and adherents call him, is by no means rare, although as a specimen he might be said to be unique. Probably no man in this country called to high office has ever done the things he has done and "gotten by" with them. He has kept his State continually in the limelight ever since he was first elected. It is there now as the result of the controversy that has broken out between him and the senior Senator of the State Ben Tillman.

The last time he put his State before the eyes of the nation in such manner was when he made his outbreak before the conference of Governors in Richmond early last month, and as the South Carolina Legislature is now in session it is expected that there will be something doing all the time until it adjourns.

And, as he is determined to be United States Senator to succeed Senator Smith, there will be something more doing until after the close of the Senatorial campaign. Everybody will know South Carolina is on the map as long as he has any official connection with it or desires any office within the gift of its people.

It is only fair to say, however, that the advertising he has been giving his State is not of the character appreciated by the thinking people of it. It makes them wince, and they do not like to talk about it. But, as Governor Blease, he does not care what they like or what they do not like. The men who think are for the most part his political enemies, and for their opinions he professes a most complete indifference. He has the votes of those who do not think, and that is the main thing according to his plan of operations.

FAIR STOCK IS EASILY PLACED

**COMMITTEE GETS SUBSCRIBERS
TO \$2500 WORTH IN A
HURRY**

A committee composed of a number of members of the Executive Committee of the Eastern Carolina Fair Association Company spent yesterday afternoon in visiting the business men of the city and securing their subscriptions for a new issue of stock in the company.

The last Fair, which incidentally was the first, demonstrated the fact that this venture is a paying one and almost every person visited during the afternoon subscribed for one or more shares. When the committee returned to the rooms of the Secretary and figured up the total number of shares subscribed for it was found that more than twenty-five hundred dollars worth of this new issue of stock had been placed.

It is the intention of the officers of the Fair company to make a number of improvements to the grounds and add additional buildings before the next Fair is held and it is also their intention to make this one a record breaker in every way. Other stock will be disposed of during the next week or two.

American airships have worn grooves in both oceans "rushing to protect American interests" in Latin America.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

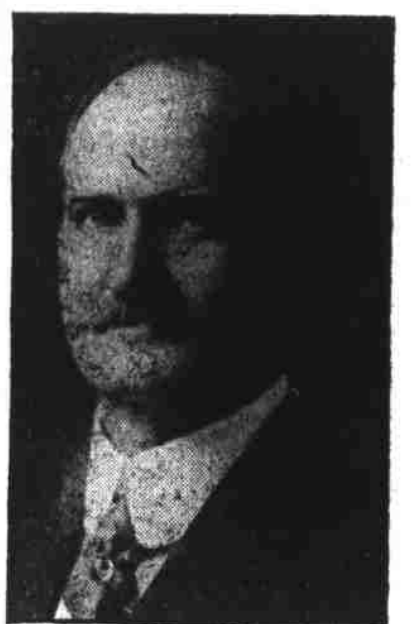
WILL MAKE RAPID CANVASS OF CITY

Teams From Laymen's Convention
Committee Plan To See
Many Men

EXPLAIN OBJECTS OF MEETING

Expect to Enroll Large Number of
Delegates and Contributors
of \$1.00 Each.

From three to five o'clock this afternoon members of the committee of arrangements for the convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement to be held here Thursday and Friday, February 6 and 7, will make a canvass of the city with the view of finding how many men will help bear the expense of the convention and at the same time share its advantages, including the privileges of a delegate and attendance upon the convention supper which is to be the climax of the convention and at which it is expected that most earnest and feeling speeches for greater consecration of laymen will be made. The cost of the convention including printing, postage, railroad



T. CAMPBELL WHITE
One of the Leading Speakers at
The Laymen's Convention,
February 6th and 7th.

fare of deputation committees and dining speakers supper and incidentals will be about five hundred dollars. To meet this expense it is expected to secure five hundred delegates, who will pay one dollar each for the privilege of being enrolled as a delegate and attending the supper. The canvass this afternoon will be for the enrollment of delegates.

The committeemen will work in teams the idea being that two or three men will be more successful in arousing interest than one person would be. There will be a committee for each of the principal streets, also for each of the various factories and sawmills, railroad shops, offices, etc. In addition there will be an automobile committee which will make a rapid canvass of the stores and plants on the outskirts and which cannot well be canvassed by the committeemen on foot.

At five o'clock the canvassers will meet again at the Elks headquarters in the Elks Temple to report the success attending their efforts. In case a person is found out when called on the committee will arrange to see him later on, either this afternoon or at some other time.

The committee is asked to meet at three o'clock sharp and start out promptly for the canvass of the city.

Rev. Dr. E. T. Carter, pastor of the First Baptist church, is conducting a revival at Bridgeton. Services will be held at the Disciples church tonight at 7:45 o'clock.

Missouri still wants to be shown. Its Legislature has ten doormen at each entrance.—Cleveland Leader.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

New Bern Banking and Trust Co.—The foundation of success.

National Bank of New Bern—Four per cent. on savings and time deposits. Peoples' Bank—Solving your financial problems.

Dr. J. O. Baxter, Optometrist—Relieving the eye strain.

J. M. Mitchell & Co.—A more than ordinary showing of the famous C. B. Corset.