

POSTOFFICE INVESTIGATION IS TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK

Democrat Inspector From South Carolina Coming To New Bern

IF CHARGES ARE PROVEN POSTMASTER GOES OUT

The Result Will Be Known By The First Of December

Three weeks ago today the Journal carried an exclusive article which was to the effect that charges had been preferred against Postmaster J. S. Basnight, who is in charge of the local office and that he had been asked to resign and, after refusing to do this, had been notified that an investigation of his record would be made and that if the charges were substantiated, that he and his assistant would be removed.

Since that time the Journal has kept its readers posted on all occurrences and developments along this line, giving them the news just as quickly as possible after numerous incidents occurred, and will continue to do this until the matter is finally disposed of.

As stated in the first article carried by the Journal, trouble which had for months been brewing in the office among the clerks and carriers came to a climax when Postmaster Basnight placed George Howard as dispatching clerk to fill a vacancy made by the resignation of Clarence Cragon. Robert E. Smith, who had been in the office much longer than Mr. Howard thought that he should have this place instead of the one he held as night clerk, and at once took the matter up with the Postoffice Department and also with Jno. M. Faison, Congressman from this district and a staunch Democrat.

This started the ball rolling and within less than a week a very formidable string of charges, in addition to Smith's complaint had been placed in Congressman Faison's hands, and he at once began to look up Mr. Basnight's record.

A few days later he came to New Bern and after holding a conference with a number of prominent democrats sent one of these gentlemen to Mr. Basnight with a message that if the latter would resign that the matter would be dropped just as it was. Mr. Basnight flatly refused to do this.

Accordingly Congressman Faison asked the Postoffice Department for an inspector to come to New Bern and make a thorough investigation and it was expected that he would be here last week, but unexpected delays occurred and he will not arrive here until next week.

Among the numerous charges against Mr. Basnight, in addition to that he showed favoritism in not giving Mr. Smith the position of dispatching clerk in preference to Mr. Howard, are that he held a political meeting in his office, that in order to further his own ends he promised to reinstate a carrier who had been dismissed if he would stay away from a Republican convention held in this city more than two years ago and a number of others which have not been made public up to the present time. Each of the above is a violation of the postal rules but Mr. Basnight tells his friends that he is in a position to disprove them, and in fact can clear himself of all charges.

However, whether this can be done is a matter of speculation. In behalf of his constituents Congressman Faison is going to make a rigid investigation of every charge. The inspector who will make the investigation will not be a Republican as has been rumored, but will be a Democrat brought from South Carolina and one who is thoroughly disinterested in the matter. This investigation will probably last several days and then the findings will be turned over to the Postoffice Department, and if the charges are substantiated Mr. Basnight will probably be removed.

The whole proceedings will be concluded by the latter part of this month and the new postmaster, if such there is to be, will probably be in charge of the office on December 1. This action is not being brought against the present postmaster for political purposes.

KILLED BY FALL.

Dean Of "Knights Of The Grip" Dies In Baltimore.

Charles A. Brenaman, dean of commercial travelers who visited Eastern Carolina, died at his home in Baltimore two hours after he fell into an elevator shaft and sustained fatal injuries, according to advices received here. Regret is universal in this section. Mr. Brenaman was 73 years of age. He was a cigar manufacturer and represented his business in the sales field. Chas. H. Brenaman had been visiting this section for fifty years, and was known to every traveler, conductor and hotel man and many others in this territory.

He was probably the oldest traveling salesman to come here. He was a white haired gentleman of the old school, and as one of the intimates have declared, "one of God's noblemen." Immaculate in dress and polished in manner, his personality was impressive, and his character so gentle that all his acquaintances greatly admired him. He was never seen without a flower on the lapel of his coat and his first act each day was to seek a boutonniere.

CALENDAR YEAR IS DRAWING TO A CLOSE.

The calendar year of the Methodist Conference is rapidly drawing to a close. Only four more weeks until the Methodist hosts gather at Oxford N. C. Today the Centenary congregation will celebrate the last Communion Service not only of this year but of the present pastores and a large congregation is expected and desired. The doors of the church will again be opened for the reception of new members if there be such who desire to join. A class of about fifty joined last Sunday making a very inspiring and interesting service.

All the new members that have recently connected themselves with the church are requested to be present at the morning service as the pastor will especially address himself to them in his morning discourse.

Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., Columbia, S. C., President and General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Southern Lutheran church, Columbia, S. C., together with his wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Koch, of Wilmington, N. C., Mr. Freeman Hawk, of Allentown, Pa., and Rev. G. W. McClanahan, of Wilmington, N. C., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Aberly during Fair week.

The main object is to clear the atmosphere in the office, get rid of so much disagreement among the employees, and once more get everyone working in unison which is not being done at the present time.

There are four aspirants for the office, John C. Thomas, L. G. Daniels, S. H. Lane and Frank Weatherbee. During the last few days it has been rumored that there was a "dark horse" in the race, but the Journal has been reliably informed that there is not the least foundation for such a report.

The Journal knows who the next postmaster will be and had intended making his name public this morning. However, parties interested have shown us good reasons why such should not be done at this time and requested that we withhold the information for a few days and this is being done.

Congressman Faison, who has been in the city for several days left yesterday for Beaufort. Before making his departure he was asked by a Journal reporter if he had anything to say as to what the probable outcome of the investigation would be, but he emphatically stated that he was averse to going interviews to the newspapers and that if the reporter desired to acquaint himself with any information in regard to the postoffice squabble that he would have to secure it from other quarters.

Thus the matter stands. The investigation will probably begin next week, or not later than the following week by any means, and will be completed just as soon as possible and the Department will then get the findings and subsequent developments depend entirely on what decision they will make in the matter.

FRANK DENIED A NEW HEARING

Convicted Murderer Of Mary Phagan Will Go To Supreme Court.

PREJUDICE IS CHARGED

Prisoner Received The News With But Little Concern

Atlanta Ga., Nov. 1.—Leo M. Frank, whose motion for a new trial for the murder of Mary Phagan was denied this morning by Judge L. S. Roop, of the Fulton county Superior Court, this afternoon prepared to carry his case to the Supreme Court of Georgia.

Tonight it was said that attorneys for the convicted man had practically completed drafting a bill of exceptions, on the strength of which, they will continue their fight before the highest tribunal of the State.

The bill of exceptions, it is said, will embody practically the same allegations of error as were contained in the motion for a new trial. These charged among numerous other counts, prejudice on the part of two jurors, and that several popular demonstrations in and near the court room had fixed the verdict. Counsel for Frank contended that race prejudice against their client, who is a Jew, vitiated the trial.

It was also said that Frank's attorneys that the words of Judge Roop in announcing his ruling today would be incorporated in the bill of exceptions. Judge Roop, before whom the case was tried, said: "I have heard all the evidence in this case and taking it altogether I am not thoroughly convinced either as to the guilt or innocence of the defendant."

"The jury having passed upon this case and having been convinced in the evidence of his guilt, however, I do not feel disposed to overturn its verdict."

Friends of Frank conveyed the news of today's decision to him at his cell in the local jail. The prisoner received the announcement quietly. "I am prepared for anything," he is quoted as saying. "I expected that I would be granted a new trial. However, I know that it will come out all right in the end. As I have said before, I know nothing about the murder or the murderer."

GIRL IS RESCUED FROM TRAFFICKERS

DROPPED NOTE FROM WINDOW TELLING HER FLIGHT.

New York Nov. 1.—A note that fluttered from a window shutter on the upper west side to the feet of a pedestrian today brought help to Josephine McLoughlin 14 years old, who had been held prisoner for a week by a band of alleged traffickers in women. Police in a spectacular raid, rescued Josephine and took two prisoners.

The girl told the police that she left her mother's home on the night of October 23rd with a young man she had met a few days previously to attend a dance. Her escort took her, instead to the flat from which she was rescued today. There a man and woman confiscated her clothes and watched her closely.

John Hamilton, a driver, one of the girl's alleged captors, was locked up on a charge of abduction. A girl companion was charged with abduction.

John Conkin, a driver, was arrested on a charge of having taken the McLoughlin girl away from her home and kept her a prisoner.

BUOY TENDER HOLLY IS IN PORT.

The Buoy Tender Holly of District No. 5, Baltimore, with a large working crew arrived here yesterday. The crew of the boat was engaged in repairing the damage to buoys and lights done during the September storm.

J. H. Reh, who is with the Washington Decorating Company, and who decorated the city for the Eastern Carolina Fair, will do the decorating for the colored fair to be held this week.

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROBES GRAFT CHARGES

Sulzer's Graft Investigator Tells About Methods Of Murphy—Declares Funds Went Back To Mack

New York, Nov. 1.—John A. Hennessy, former Governor Sulzer's graft investigator, who has been campaigning against Tammany Hall, on the witness stand today testified that William J. Connors, of Buffalo, had told him of having collected \$25,000 from James Stewart, a State barge canal contractor, at the request of Charles F. Murphy. Hennessy was the first witness in "John Doe" proceedings instituted by District Attorney Whitman to investigate the charges made by Hennessy against Murphy, Edward E. McCall, Democratic candidate for mayor, and others.

Hennessy said he had seen Connors in Buffalo this Fall during his investigations into graft in the State Highway Department and that Henry Burgard of Buffalo and a "big contractor named McDonough" of Niagara, were present.

"Connors told me," said the witness, "that Murphy had asked him to get a good contribution from Jim Stewart, because Stewart had got a good contract."

The witness added that George McGuire, of Syracuse, had told him that Stewart had made two other contributions of \$5,000 each in 1911 and 1912. McGuire, Hennessy said, declared that one of these contributions had gone to Norman E. Mack, chairman of the National Democratic Committee.

These contributions, Hennessy claimed in recent speeches, had not been accounted for.

Regarding other contributions, Hennessy declared: "McGuire said that if I got a list of road contractors I'd have a list of contributors—that

none of them escaped."

H. S. Korbough, another contractor "gave up" \$10,000 in 1911 and \$5,000 in 1912, the witness said McGuire had informed him, and of these contributions "one or the other went to Norman E. Mack." He added that McGuire had said that \$100,000 in all went to Murphy.

Hennessy told of a meeting in Governor Dix office in Albany, as reported to him by McGuire, between Everett Fowler, of Kingston, Norman E. Mack and C. Gordon Reel, then superintendent of highways, at which Hennessy said, it was agreed that Fowler should have all the division engineers of the Highway Department collect from the contractors. As Fowler did, Hennessy said, and turned the money over to Mr. Mack.

Hennessy detailed a conversation he had with Eugene S. Wood, of New York, regarding the nomination of Edward E. McCall for Supreme Court Justice in 1902. He said Wood told him that former Police Inspector McLaughlin paid McCall's campaign assessment in that campaign.

Hennessy said further that Wood had told him McCall was not Murphy's original choice for mayor, but that the Tammany leader had been urged to nominate him by the late Anthony N. Brady. Wood is expected to testify on Monday.

Charles F. Murphy was among witnesses cited to appear during present proceedings.

"Every person whose name has been mentioned by Mr. Hennessy," said the District Attorney today, "is apt to be called."

PRISONER TRIED TO GET AWAY

JOHN SMITH DIDN'T LIKE IDEA OF BEING PLACED IN COUNTY JAIL.

Yesterday afternoon John Smith, a notorious negro who has given the local authorities considerable trouble, stole an automatic shotgun from William Saddle, a white man living in the Northern part of the city. As soon as he discovered that the gun had been stolen Mr. Saddle notified Sheriff R. B. Lane and asked him to be on the lookout for it. A short time later the sheriff received a telephone message that a strange negro was out at Fred Bray's farm with a gun which he wanted to sell at a ridiculously low price. Mr. Bray was asked to keep the negro there until an officer could be sent out and Deputy Sheriff John Huff and Deputy Sheriff Conway Bayliss were at once sent out to Mr. Bray's farm.

Arriving there they found Smith who still had the gun, and he was taken into custody and placed in a buggy to be brought back to town. Arriving at the jail Smith in some way managed to make a break for liberty and lost no time in making tracks up Craven street. Deputy Sheriff Bayliss started in pursuit and succeeded in overhauling the fleeing fugitive before he had covered more than a block, and he is now in jail awaiting a preliminary hearing on a charge of larceny. Smith claims that the gun belongs to him and that he was endeavoring to sell it because his mother did not want him to keep it in the house.

LUTHERAN SERVICES.

Lutheran services will be held in the Episcopal chapel on Pasteur street, this morning at eleven o'clock and in the evening at 7:30, by Rev. G. W. McClanahan, pastor of St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wilmington, N. C. All are most cordially invited to these services.

FEDERAL PRISONER WILL BE RELEASED TOMORROW.

R. C. Cleve of Vanceboro, who was, at the April term of Federal court, found guilty of retailing spirituous liquors without a government license and sentenced to serve a term of six months in the Craven county jail, will be released tomorrow, his term having expired.

CHANGE IN SCHEDULE TODAY.

The public is requested to bear in mind the fact that there will be change today in the schedule of the West-bound Norfolk Southern train. Until further notice the train from Norfolk will arrive at 6:20 p. m. and will leave for Goldsboro at 6:25. This is the only change that goes into effect today but a new timetable will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Journal.

Mrs. E. H. Claypoole left yesterday for a visit with relatives at Raleigh.

PROGRAM AT THE ATHENS MONDAY

Special engagement of "The Princess Players"

in tabloid, with daily change of program. Monday, matinee and night, they will appear in Zuleka, The Turkish Maiden (farce comedy), special scenery, mechanical and electrical effects. Favorable reports from managers who have played this company have been received by us.

PICTURES.

"A Doll For The Baby." An exceptionally interesting Vitagraph picture.

"The Tenderfoot Hero." An exciting and thrilling cowboy picture by Lubin.

"Pathe Weekly." News from all over the world told on a picture screen, with Mutt and Jeff in charge of the comic section.

Matinee daily at 3:45, two shows at night, first starts at 7:30, second about 9:15.

NO ADVANCE IN PRICES.

EXHIBIT WON SEVEN PRIZES AT THE FAIR.

William R. Dewhurst, of New Bern, R. F. D. 3, returned home yesterday after attending the Eastern Carolina Fair. Mr. Dewhurst is a breeder of pure bred poultry and Berkshire hogs and his exhibit at the Fair not only was admired by all but won six first prizes and one second prize.

WILL CARRY COLORED VISITORS TO THE FAIR GROUNDS.

The large motor busses which were brought here by the Glenburnie Transportation Company for use during the Eastern Carolina Fair will be in operation during the Eastern Carolina Colored Fair to be held this week, and will be put in operation tomorrow morning. These cars will leave Frog Pond and the foot of the Trent river bridge every few minutes during tomorrow and all during the time that the fair is in progress.

MISS SUSIE GUION LEFT YESTERDAY FOR A VISIT WITH RELATIVES AT GREENSBORO.

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COLORED FAIR OPENS TUESDAY

Tomorrow Will Be A Busy Day For Officers And Directors.

ATTRACTIONS WORTH SEEING

Ex-Congressman George H. White Will Deliver The Opening Address.

(Communicated.)

Tomorrow will be a very busy day for the officers and directors of the many departments of the Eastern Carolina colored Fair in getting in readiness for the opening Tuesday, November 4.

The attractions on the midway will be well worth going out to the Big Fair to see. One of the unusual features of the midway of the Big Fair will be a free exhibition on the midway by one of the best troupes on the road.

Secretary J. R. Gillespie's office is taxed to its limit in listing the great number of exhibits from all parts of Eastern Carolina and when finally placed in the exhibit hall they will constitute the greatest display of its kind ever exhibited by the colored people in this section and will reflect much credit upon the colored people of New Bern, showing that they are in the foremost rank in the progress of their race, in the notable advancement of their fifty years of freedom.

The Hon. George H. White, ex-congressman from this State, now of Philadelphia, Pa., a man loved and respected by his race to a degree of which few men of any race have attained and honored and respected by the white people of every community where he is known, has already arrived in the city, and will open the big colored Fair on Tuesday of this week and will deliver one of those masterly addresses with which but the men of his race can compete.

Secretary Gillespie states that some of the finest and fastest horses, owned by colored men in the United States will be here. The first arrival of the race horses is expected on Sunday morning from Raleigh and from Darlington S. C. Lovers of horse races will certainly receive a great treat in this class of sport at the Big Colored Fair, November 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Large crowds are expected on the excursions from Wilmington, Beaufort, Elizabeth City, Washington, Belhaven, Wilson, Greenville, Snow Hill, Kinston, Goldsboro and Aurora. The farmers from all over Eastern Carolina are interested and a large crowd is expected to come to New Bern to the Big Fair and to meet their old time friend and leader, that gifted son of the old North State, the Hon. George H. White.

No colored citizen should miss the nightly Stereopticon Display of the advancement of the Negro in fifty years' freedom, which received high compliments and notices in the Northern papers when it was given at the Emancipation Proclamation Exposition of the State of New Jersey at Atlantic City in September last.

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In addition to the operation of these cars a number of boats will also be operated and it will be an easy matter for the colored people to get out to the fair grounds at any time during the week.

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