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ROBBED OF \$8,625

Messenger Hawkins Departs With Funds.

CARRIED OUT HIS PLAN

THE ROBBERY DISCOVERED WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Reward of \$500 Offered for the Capture of Former Employee of the Tax Collector's Office of Washington—Remained Behind After the Clerks Departed.

Headquarters the Metropolitan Police, Washington, D. C., Sept. 1, 1897. \$500 REWARD.

Look out for and arrest Vassick Hawkins, colored, bright, yellow man, about six feet high; 160 pound; thirty years old; no beard; shoulders inclined forward; carries head to one side when talking; forehead high and receding; bad front teeth; long arms; sight of left eye gone; ball of eye white. Wanted for larceny of \$9,000 from the office of the Tax Collector of the District of Columbia, on the evening of August 31, 1897.

WILLIAM G. MOORE,
Major and Superintendent of Police.

Thomas Vassick Hawkins, colored, who for seven years had been a messenger in the office of Tax Collector E. G. Davie, in the District Building, took a silent leave of the office and his employers about 5:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and carried away with him \$8,625 belonging to the District of Columbia. Now Inspector Mattingly's force of detectives are endeavoring to locate Hawkins, and a reward of \$500 awaits the person who will furnish information which will lead to his capture.

The office closes at 4 o'clock every afternoon, and before that time on Tuesday Mr. Collins had counted the cash on hand and deposited it in the safe. All the books and papers around the office were put in their places, and one by one the force left the building. Mr. Collins being the last to go. Hawkins, as usual with the messengers in the building, remained to sweep the floors and put the desks in order. Before Mr. Collins left, Hawkins told him that he wanted to wash the windows. He had already made preparations to do this when the deputy collector departed.

It was 5:30 o'clock when Hawkins left the building. He walked up the hall, pausing at the elevator and talking for a few minutes to the elevator man and Policeman Carrington. The latter asked him what had kept him so late, and he replied:

"I wanted to have everything look all right when Mr. Wright comes back tomorrow."

This explanation appeared plausible enough, as the messengers in all parts of the building are particularly anxious to please the Commissioner. It was observed that Hawkins was perspiring profusely, but the evening was warm, and this was set down to indigestion.

Yesterday morning Cashier Chamberlain returned to work after his vacation, going to the office about twenty minutes earlier than usual. As soon as he entered the room he observed that Hawkins had not been there, as the windows were shut and the air in the office was cold and hot. He saw, too, that the floor had not been swept, and the desks were littered with papers, as they had been left the evening before.

The police think that it will be impossible for Hawkins to remain at liberty for any great length of time. A man so strongly marked as he, they say, will attract attention anywhere, and the large reward will be an incentive for private detective firms all over the country to take up the hunt for him. Hawkins' sightless eye is the feature which they think will lead to his capture. It shines through his glasses and strikes one immediately. The white ball always remains fixed and gives him the appearance of being cross-eyed.

Hawkins had talked a good deal of going to Klondike to dig gold, and had also expressed the desire at different times to go to Cuba and New Orleans. It is hardly likely, however, that he will reach either place without interruption. Unless the money is recovered Collector Davis will be held responsible for it by the District. He bonded in the sum of \$100,000, and Auditor Petty stated that his bond holds him responsible for any loss incurred by the office.

Hawkins took only bills, leaving about \$300 in silver in the safe. The tin box from which the money was taken was found by Mr. Collins, where it had been secreted in a washstand in the tax office, some distance from safe and in a corner of the room, where the movements of the thief would not be observed from the outside.

DEMSEY WEBB IN TROUBLE.

Misfortune Has Overtaken a Young Man Who is Well Known in Raleigh.

Misfortune has at last overtaken the happy go lucky Dempsey Webb, who is so familiar to the people of Raleigh. The following is clipped from a Durham paper:

"A few days ago the Mayor sent Dempsey Webb, a vagrant, to the county work house for twenty days. Officer Crabtree found the fellow in the vestibule or porch of the First Baptist church, where he had carried a blanket and was going to sleep there. He was tried for vagrancy, and sent up for the above mentioned term.

"Mayor McCown has received a letter from Orren Williams, an insurance agent of Tarboro, thanking him on behalf of the citizens of that town for sending the man to the work-house, Mr. Williams' letter read as follows:

"Mayor of Durham:

"Dear Sir: I see from the News and Observer that you have sent one Dempsey Webb to work on the roads for twenty days. Dempsey is well known in Tarboro, where he has been a great pest and annoyance to the people, but our officials did not seem to know what to do with him. In behalf of the citizens of Tarboro I wish to thank you for what you have done for Dempsey. If there is ever a monument erected to your memory you can count on a big subscription from Tarboro.

"Yours truly,
"ORREN WILLIAMS."

MURDERED FOR FIVE DOLLARS.

And a Boy Kills His Adopted Father to Please the Paramour of the Wife.

Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 3.—One of the foulest murders ever committed in Duval county occurred last night, when Edward Register, a white farmer about 24 years of age was shot and killed while sitting on the front porch of his home playing a fiddle. Robert Register, an adopted son of the dead man, and Henry M. Tyre, a white man who rents a piece of land from Register, living about a quarter of a mile distant, were arrested and brought to the city, and this morning the boy made a clean breast of the whole thing, admitting that he fired the fatal shot. Register's wife listened to the boy's statement, and said that it was all true. Mrs. Register, an adopted son of the dead man, and Henry M. Tyre, a white man who rents a piece of land from Register, living about a quarter of a mile distant, were arrested and brought to the city, and this morning the boy made a clean breast of the whole thing, admitting that he fired the fatal shot. Register's wife listened to the boy's statement, and said that it was all true. Mrs. Register, and they met clandestinely with frequency. Register learned of this, and caught the couple on several occasions. Tyre then plotted to put Register out of the way, and a week or so ago the boy was offered \$5 to kill the latter. This offer was renewed yesterday, the woman and Tyre both entering into the arrangement. After supper was over, the boy, who is 13 years old, slipped up behind Register, and emptied a load of No. 8 bird shot into his head, standing about ten feet distant.

As to Sunday Closing.

ED. DAILY TIMES As so much has been said for and against Sunday closing, I would like to throw my sentiments upon the public.

It has been said that at the rate we have been going, we were just upon the dawn of a time when we could say we lived in a city.

That dawn has only broken upon us, to reveal a cloudy and dreary morn, when righteous men look up in vain for the encouraging rays of heavenly sunlight, and as for the city, it seems to be in deep shadow, and indeed it is not surprising that our northern friends find it a dull, dreary, gloomy place.

Many have sought the cause, and have recently answered with their sentiments. They have sought false friends to pay their respects to. Soda fountains, cigar stands, etc., are no "friends to suffering humanity," especially on Sunday; and the sooner they concede this, and find the one only "friend of suffering humanity," and recognize him, just so soon will the sunny dawn break upon our city, and disperse the dark shadows that once enshrouded it, and weak minds that mourned for petty losses shall become strong and rejoice in what shall rise in the place of illegal practices and pursuits. Prosperity shall not walk our streets hand in hand with calamity, but with peace and joy we will indeed have a city, a city set upon a hill that others will look up to and copy from. No bells will sound the death knell of Sunday workings, but sweet chimes shall ring out the joyful tidings of the birth of a Sabbath.

Concerning the great white elephant now upon the hands of the city (the refreshment stand at the park), let us consider if it were not best to have that upon its hands in this world than the judgment and condemnation of God in the world to come. Let each true citizen show his works, and say:

"These are thy glorious works, Parent of good,
Almighty! thine this universal frame;
Thus wondrous fair, thyself how wondrous then!

BONDS NECESSARY.

Street Committee's Report For To-night.

WAY TO REDUCE TAX.

VERY LITTLE STREET WORK DONE ON ACCOUNT OF LACK OF FUNDS.

The Report States That the Increase in Revenue to the City Derived From Property Improved by Work Done Will Reimburse the City for Amount Spent For Improvements.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Raleigh: Gentlemen: Your committee on streets beg to submit herewith the following report:

The work on the streets has been progressing rather slowly for the past month owing the lack of funds with which to prosecute the work. We have only had a small force of hands going over the city and jumping from point to point, cleaning out the worst of the ditches in the city. We have also had a small force of hands completing the grading on South street at the lower end of Fayetteville street.

We have been waiting patiently the action of our people in regard to the bond issue which is now pending before them, and which will be acted upon at the polls on next Tuesday, Sept. 7th. We believe that the bond issue is one of the most important matters which has been submitted to our people for a number of years. We fully realize that Raleigh is more sadly in need of better streets and better sidewalks than anything else, and that the lack of improvement along this line is a material check to our city's prosperity and growth.

These improvements cannot be made without a bond issue, and it would not be right to impose burdensome taxes upon the present generation in order to secure these permanent improvements which will be a benefit to future generations as well as the present. These improvements can only be secured by the means of a bond issue thereby distributing the cost through a number of years and providing a sinking fund for the maturity of these bonds in order that each generation may pay its proper and proportionate share.

We do not believe that taxes can ever be decreased under the present system of conducting our city's affairs, as the present income of the city is barely sufficient to pay current expenses even with the most rigid economy, and this in spite of the fact that property is depreciating in value, and at the same time the cost of maintaining the city government is increasing in amount each year.

In view of these facts it appears to us that the only way to decrease taxes is to issue bonds and improve our streets. Wherever a street has been improved, graded and macadamized the property along that street has at the same time improved. Take for instance Wilmington street. The increase in revenue to the city derived from property which has been improved by reason of the work done on that street will within a few years reimburse the city for the entire amount spent in making these improvements. The same result will be true all over the city as soon as the streets are improved.

This will largely increase the city's revenue and in the course of a few years we will be able to reduce taxes.

Then besides, after the streets are improved and once gotten in good condition it will take much less to keep them in repair than it does under the present system, and there will be a large saving to the city in this direction.

We regret that a larger number of our people did not interest themselves in this very important matter and qualify themselves by registering in order that they may vote for the bonds on next Tuesday, because we feel satisfied after careful investigation that a large proportion of those people who have not registered are in favor of the bonds, but not sufficiently interested either one way or the other to put themselves to inconvenience and therefore neglected to register. We believe that we are safe in predicting that the bond issue will certainly be voted upon favorably, and after a careful canvass of the voters of the city we are convinced that at least three-fourths of them are in accord with us in this movement, and favor the issuance of bonds for permanent street improvements.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN C. DREWRY, Ch'm'n. St. Com.
J. D. BOUSHALL,
A. M. POWELL.

PERRY ELECTED PRINCIPAL.

The Contest Between Perry and Patillo Came to an End Last Night.

The board of trustees of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institution met last night about 8 o'clock in the office of Superintendent Ray for the purpose of filling the vacancy of principal to the colored institution occasioned by the resignation of A. W. Pegues. Every member of the board was present, with chairman Bailey presiding.

The contest was between Joseph Perry, of this city, and W. A. Patillo, of Oxford, both colored men. The choice fell to Perry, he having received four votes, while his opponent received only three. This is the way the board voted: For Perry: Rivers, McNamara, Tonnofski and Young. For Patillo, Montague, Briggs and Bailey.

Perry is a Baptist preacher, and is considered quite a politician. Mr. Thomas W. Tillinghast was elected a teacher at a salary of \$50 per month in the same institution, and Maud E. Young, colored, was elected music teacher, at a salary of \$35 per month.

The Weather.

For Raleigh and vicinity.—Fair to-night and Saturday; cooler.

For North Carolina.—Generally fair to-night and Saturday.

Conditions.—A considerable high area has appeared in the Lake region, with a barometer of 30.3 inches, and cooler weather.

The storm center in the extreme northwest has increased in depth, although the weather is clear and no rain has fallen in that vicinity.

The weather is clear nearly everywhere and local rains have occurred only over the Gulf and Atlantic States. The heaviest rains were, 1.12 inches at Galveston and 1.02 at Hatteras.

Southerly winds continue west of the Mississippi, with warmer weather; northerly winds prevail in the east.

New Cotton Firm.

Messrs. Joseph H. Weathers, H. E. Johns and R. T. Gowan, three energetic young business men of this city have formed a copartnership for the purpose of dealing in cotton. They have opened comfortable offices on Wilmington street. The two first named gentlemen have had large experience in handling the staple, and Mr. Gowan, who was formerly connected with the Southern railway in this city as cashier, is a gentleman of fine business qualifications. We bespeak for them much success.

New Graded Schools.

It will be of interest to residents of West Morgan street and vicinity to learn that a new Graded School for white children will be opened near the railroad crossing. Both the Centennial and Murphy schools are being renovated for the approaching session.

Washington School, for the colored race, is receiving a fresh coat of white-wash, and a new fence is being built. The old Watson house, in the southern portion of town, will be used for primary grades of colored pupils.

Judge Purnell to Move.

We learn that Judge Thomas R. Purnell has leased the Barbee house on Fayetteville street, and will make it his future home.

Street Cars.

The street cars have stopped today and will not run again until late this afternoon. They are greatly missed, even for so short a while.

Mayor's Court.

A colored boy was to day sent on to court under a twenty-five dollar bond for the larceny of a pair of pants.

Marriage License.

Register of Deeds Rogers to day issued marriage license to a colored couple. The matrimonial market is very dull at present.

Sunday Ordinance.

The saloon question and Sunday ordinance will be discussed at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen to-night.

New Bridge.

The force of bridge builders, engaged for several weeks on the construction of iron bridge across the Black creek, have completed their work, and have returned home.—Smithfield Herald.

Col. W. H. Martin has returned from Baltimore accompanied by his niece, Miss Edith Martin of Pennsylvania, who will attend Peace Institute, and make Raleigh her future home.

OTHO WILSON TALKS

Says Injustice is Done the Attorney-General.

WALSER WAS HERE.

CAME HERE WHEN NOTIFIED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE SUIT.

Spent Two Days in Preparing the Case Before the Governor Employed Counsel. The Counsel for the Governor Are Satisfactory to the Commission.

To-day the Railroad Commission issued an order, of which the following is a copy:

"NORTH CAROLINA
"RAILROAD COMMISSION,
"RALEIGH, Sept. 3, 1897.

"Sec. 14, Article 3, of the Constitution of North Carolina defines the duties of the Attorney General. Section 10, of the act creating the Railroad Commission directs that the Attorney General shall prosecute all suits for the Commission. Agreeable to the Constitution, as well as the Act of the Legislature, and having entire confidence in the ability as well as integrity of the Hon. Z. V. Walsler, elected by the people to the honorable position of Attorney-General, it is hereby directed by this Commission that the Hon. Z. V. Walsler be recognized as the leading counsel in the case in the Federal Court, in which the Western Union Telegraph Company desires an injunction against the order of this Commission in regard to telegraph rates. And it is directed that a copy of this order be furnished to Mr. Walsler.

"By order of the Commission:
"J. W. WILSON,
"Chairman."

When questioned by a representative of THE TIMES, concerning this order, Commissioner S. Otho Wilson observed:

"An attempt has recently been made to cast reflections on the Attorney-General with reference to the above matter. To my personal knowledge Governor Russell employed counsel in the above case at the request of Attorney General Walsler, which is usual in such cases. The counsel employed by him are satisfactory to this Commission. I shall cooperate, as I have already done, with the Attorney-General and other counsel. Mr. Walsler came here when notified by us of the suit, and spent about two days preparing our case before the Governor employed other counsel."

JUDGE ROBERTS' COURT.

A Times Reporter Makes the Acquaintance of Micaja.

A Times reporter visited Judge Roberts' court this morning and made the acquaintance of Micaja, the janitor.

When the reporter entered the court room and asked, "How is the law this morning?" the janitor looked up from a ponderous law book, and, taking the reporter for a litigant, replied:

"Law, law, law,
Rhymes all too well with jaw!
If you're fond of litigation,
And sweet procrastination,
Latin and botheration,
I advise you to go to law."

The reporter told Micaja he did not want any law; nor was he hunting for justice, but it was news he was in search of—an item for The Times.

"The times, The Times.
"Well, sir, to be candid pard,
The times, just now are very hard;
But here you'll find some lines
To print, this evening in The Times."

"As to the business of the court, sir," said Micaja, "we had a hobo here this morning; one of the third degree members of the confirmed loafers' do nothing association, who conceived the idea of acquiring a competency for himself by a distribution of others' property to his own use. He had appropriated the substantial from the dinner buckets of hands at work on the cotton yard. The buckets were empty, but no one saw the tramp empty them. He was discharged with the advice that it was far better to eat bread and water honestly gotten by labor than to stand accused of stealing.

A war has been declared between the Bowery and Sawyer's bottom, and two duaky maiden belligerents fell into the hands of Constable Upchurch who brought them to this bar of justice. It was a case of bad language, hair pulling and face scratching. The Judge shed a tear over these fallen angels as he sentenced them to thirty days each in the house of correction.

Then said Micaja: "Boss, the times are hard, yea, dark and dreary, but yet I must say most propitious thing for one to do a noble act, so put the Judge and I down as strong supporters and lasting friends of THE TIMES."

BRILLIANT WEDDING.

Mr. J. Hill Parham and Miss Fannie Cless Parker Happily Married.

Yesterday at Henderson Mr. J. Hill Parham was wedded to Miss Fannie Clara Parker. It was one of the most brilliant and fashionable weddings that has occurred in that city for years. The ceremony took place at the Methodist Episcopal church and the edifice was filled with a host of their friends. The decorations were elegant and tasty.

At 9:30, as the organ pealed forth the strains of "Kronung's March," from "Der Prophet," by Myebeer, the bridal party entered. The ushers, Messrs. J. D. Cooper and W. E. Gary marched up the centre aisle and took their positions on the left, and were followed by the other two ushers, Messrs. T. M. Pittman and F. G. Davis, who took their positions on the right of the chancel. Then Misses Sarah Patton Taylor and Lila Cummins Tucker, of Henderson, and Miss Georgie May Whitaker, of Winston, came up the aisle together, and took their places inside the chancel rail, and were followed by Messrs. Samuel D. Young, Robert L. Lassiter and Sidney Perry Cooper, who took their places inside the chancel rail. Then Misses Martha Tucker Massenburg and Eleanor Daisy Stephens entered, taking their places besides the other bridesmaids, inside the chancel rail and facing the congregation, and were followed by Mr. Watkins Robards, of Raleigh, and Mr. Nathan P. Strause.

The maid of honor, Miss Mary Wilson Johnson, of Raleigh, then entered and took her position outside of the chancel rail and to the left of the position to be occupied by the bride.

The groom, Mr. James Hill Parham, then entered, coming up the right aisle upon the arm of his brother, Mr. Sabat S. Parham, who acted as best man and at the altar met the bride, Miss Fannie Cless Parker, who came up the centre aisle leaning upon the arm of her father.

The Rev. A. McCullen, the pastor, performed the ceremony according to the beautiful ritual of his church. He was assisted by Rev. Dr. Huffman, pastor of the First Baptist church. The "Processional March" was played as the happy party left the church.

The groom is a son of Mrs. Nannie L. Parham, is a member of the firm of Parham Brothers Company, and besides being one of the best and most active business men in this section of the State, is very handsome and popular.

The bride is a highly educated and accomplished woman, who has been for several years one of the leading belles of Henderson, and has drawn around her a large circle of admiring friends.

The presents, both numerous and costly, were the admiration of all for their beauty and usefulness.

After the reception the bridal party took the "Atlanta Special" for an extended tour to the Northern cities, Niagara Falls, and Canada, followed by the best wishes of their many friends.

The Babbitt Exhibition.

The Babbitt soap representatives arrived here yesterday in their handsome advertising wagon.

Last evening, they gave one of their delightful stereoptican exhibition at court house square to an immense audience. The views they display are gems of beauty, comprising scenes from side-splitting humor to those most sublime and lovely.

Their exhibitions are free, and will be repeated from night to night during their stay in the city.

They are accompanied by a delightful orchestra which dispenses music during the exhibition. To-night their exhibition will be given on the vacant lot corner of Blount and Lenoir streets.

A Quaint Organ.

An organ, one of the quaintest musical instruments that we ever beheld, arrived this morning at the Southern depot. It is a curiosity of the first order. It is painted green, and decorated with panels. On one of the panels is a Holy Bible. A possum hanging by his tail on one side, and a jaybird on the other. Then there is a rabbit in a burrough, with the motto, "God provides." A crown and cross are next to the Bible, and back of it all is a beautiful female, supposed to be the Goddess of Liberty. We tried to play it, but no sweet strains were forthcoming.

Some of the spectators who were viewing the novel instrument had the cruelty to denigrate it the new populist organ for the choir of Hal. Ayer.

There will be an entertainment at Inwood Sunday School, in Rhamkette, to-night. After the exercises are over refreshments will be served free.