

FOUR LONG TERM MEN ESCAPE

Chas. Graham, Highway Robber, is Still at Large.

CONRAD CAPTURES DICK BRIDGERS

COUNTY CONVICTS RAISE HEARTHSTONE AND MAKE GOOD ESCAPE FROM THE WILDER PLACE.

Jim Rollins, the House Breaker, and John Hayes, Thief, Are Loose on the County—Five Shots Fired at Dick Bridgers.

Four long term prisoners of the Wake County Work House escaped last night.

Those escaped are:

DICK BRIDGERS, who still has four years to serve in the work house.

CHARLES GRAHAM, convicted some time ago of high-way robbery near this city, and still having five years to serve.

JIM ROLLINS, convicted in Wake Superior Court one year ago of house-breaking, and having before him four and a half years to serve.

JOHN HAYES, convicted at September Court of larceny, and with two and a half years sentence remaining to serve.

There were 11 men in a squad, known as the "Blasting Force," and they have been at work blasting near Wilder's Grove, about six miles from Raleigh on the Tarboro road, and about one mile this side of Nense River.

The men were sent to this place to work about the first of December, and everything ran along smoothly until yesterday.

The blasting which they were doing yesterday was within a hundred feet of the house in which the prisoners have been sleeping.

The house is on the right side of the road as you go out from Raleigh, and is a large two room house. The prisoners have been occupying one room and the guards the adjoining room.

Last night at six o'clock, when the men stopped work, one took into the room a drill about one foot long, concealed under his clothes.

Just as soon as the prisoners had finished supper, they began their usual entertainment playing "craps." Seven men were engaged in this game, and four were hanging about the fireplace.

The night work on and the day guard—Mr. B. J. Norwood—fell asleep in the adjoining room, and turned the responsibility of the watch over to "Doc," Gully, who has for some time been serving as night guard.

Gully was in the guard's room and the loud noise made by the "crap" players prevented his hearing the other prisoners who were at work on the hearthstone.

The house was built many years ago, and the chimney instead of extending below the house, falls short and is suspended by the flooring, and for this reason the prisoners were sure if the hearth could be raised they could escape by crawling from under the house.

The foot drill was brought into use, and a few minutes before eight o'clock the hearthstone was removed and the four long term prisoners began crawling for their liberty.

Either the subsidence of the noise from the "crap" players or the noise of some one crawling on broken twigs under the house aroused "Doc," Gully, and he at once made an inspection.

To his astonishment four men were missing, and these the longest term prisoners serving in the work house.

Gully rushed from the house and saw in the darkness Dick Bridgers making good his escape.

The guard raised his Winchester to his shoulder and fired five shots at the convict, who now increased his speed.

The prisoners had gone toward Raleigh and as soon as possible word was sent to the Police Department here to keep a sharp watch for the men.

Advice from the county authorities is never necessary for Chief Norwood and his men, and before any one in Raleigh knew the escape had been made, Officer Conrad came to the police station with Dick Bridgers in his custody.

Officer Conrad in his report to the Chief states that Dick Bridgers was found in the "Bowery," at the home of one Emilie Pratts. Emilie is well known in police circles, and her home is

often watched. She is a notorious woman, and has for a long time been a great friend to the convict Bridgers. Bridgers was this morning returned to the county authorities, and will be more carefully watched during the remainder of his term.

The other convicts: Charles Graham, (colored.) Jim Rollins, (colored.) John Hayes, (colored),

are still at large, and a thorough search of Raleigh is being made for them. Superintendent C. B. Ray, of the work house, has offered a reward of \$10 for the capture or furnishing information which leads to the capture of any one of the escaped men.

The house in which the men were confined is owned by Mr. Fort, of this city, and is rented by the county while the convicts are working in that section. They have been occupying the house for two months and this is the first attempt that has been made to escape.

It is said that Dick Bridgers knows where the other prisoners went after making good their escape. It is further stated that he intimated that one is in East Raleigh, one in the "Bowery," and one signified his intention of going into the country.

Every officer in the police department has been notified to keep a sharp lookout for the men, and it is likely they will be captured if they are in Raleigh.

Charles Graham, one of the escapees, is a notorious ruffian, and is said to be dangerous. Some time ago he way-laid a man on the Milburnie road and robbed him. It was a bold hold-up, and after he was captured, he put up a plucky fight. He is the prisoner who is supposed to be in the country.

John Hayes will probably be found in East Raleigh. He is reported to have a very good friend among the tough women in that section, and may be concealed and protected by her.

The other escapee—Jim Rollins—will probably turn up in the "Bowery" unless he receives a word of warning and skips the town. He had a bad character, shown up in court when he was convicted.

The \$10 reward is offered by C. B. Ray, superintendent.

ATTORNEYS GET \$9,000.

The contract entered into between the county commissioners of Buncombe county and the attorneys who were retained to represent that county in the action to test the validity of the Spartanburg and Asheville railroad bonds, has been made public. The attorneys' fees are contingent on the successful termination of the litigation. If the court shall, by its decree, declare the bonds illegal and void, the attorneys are to receive \$9,000, less all expenses. If the suit shall terminate unfavorably, the attorneys will receive nothing. The amount of fees allowed attorneys in the Buncombe case is less than that of either of the other suits of a like nature. Stanley county contracted to pay the sum of \$12,000.

The attorneys for the county commissioners in this suit are A. C. Avery, of Morganton; Mark W. Brown and Moore and Moore, of Asheville.

TO-NIGHT.

Hoyt's "A Milk White Flag," at Metropolitan Opera House.

The happiest sort of good feeling is found to exist among theatre-goers for to-night. Hoyt's phenomenally successful spectacular comedy opera will receive its presentation in this city. Hoyt's comedies have always pleased our theatre-goers, and his various plays have been liberally patronized. His "A Milk White Flag," comes as it does with its original cast of fifty people, and the same beautiful scenery and gorgeous costumes which were used during the run of more than 200 nights at Hoyt's Madison Square theatre, New York, will command more than ordinary attention. This is evident by the unusual demand for seats, which have been reserved at King's drug store.

A FINE SUPERINTENDENT.

Editor Bailey, in this week's Biblical Recorder, pays the following tribute to a noted Sunday school worker:

"Seldom has a Sunday school more cause to love its leader than has that of the Raleigh Baptist Tabernacle to love N. B. Broughton. He has devoted the very best of his life to that Sunday school. He has done much elsewhere, but this Sunday school is the heart of all his activities. And seldom has a Sunday school followed so zealously and trustworthily their leader as that of the Tabernacle has followed brother Broughton. They delight in showing him their appreciation. So while he was surprised, he did not wonder when the members of the school agreed the other day to send him to London, England, this summer to attend the International Sunday School Convention. By the Tabernacle's liberality, North Carolina will have a worthy representative at that great meeting. Of course he will tell our readers all about it."

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TO HUMILIATE THE SPANIARD

De Lome to be Returned to Spain in Disgrace.

HIS RESIGNATION NOT ACCEPTED

PRESIDENT SAYS HE MUST LEAVE IN A HURRY OR BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS SAFETY.

De Lome Twice Cabled His Resignation—Sagasta Says He Must be Disgraced—Causes Unpleasantness Between Two Governments.

London, Feb. 10.—The St. James Gazette says this afternoon that Minister De Lome has resigned. It was the right course, whether he wrote or did not write the letter, but the incident is bound to make unpleasantness between the two governments. It adds to the chances of trouble about Cuba, which are by no means as few as certain authorities profess to believe.

NEWS OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED

President Demanded De Lome's Recall and Spain Has Complied.

By Telegraph to The Times.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—It was officially announced at the White House this morning that the President had demanded the recall of Minister De Lome, and that the President has received assurances that his demand will be complied with by Spain.

TO HUMILIATE DE LOME.

Must Return to Spain in Disgrace and in a Hurry.

By Telegraph to The Times.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—The Spanish government has not accepted Minister De Lome's twice cabled resignation. Premier Sagasta notified Minister Woodford to-day that he would be recalled in disgrace in order to humiliate him. Minister Woodford was notified to notify the Spanish government that De Lome must leave this country in a hurry or this government would not be responsible for his safety.

WOODFORD'S MESSAGE.

What Secretary of State Day wired Him Yesterday.

By Telegraph to The Times.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—The State Department to-day gave out the communication sent Minister Woodford yesterday.

"There appeared in the public prints a letter addressed by Minister De Lome to Canalejas. The Minister admits that he wrote it. It contains expressions concerning the President of the United States of such a character as to end the Minister's usefulness as a representative of his government here. Say to the Minister of State that an immediate recall of De Lome is expected by the President."

LATER.—By noon Minister De Lome had not received the acceptance of his resignation.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.

Madrid, Feb. 10.—3 o'clock.—Minister De Lome's resignation was accepted by the Cabinet to-day.

LOW FLOUR RATES.

Cheapest Rates Ever Issued Went Into Effect To-day.

By Telegraph to The Times.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 10.—The Illinois Central has finally taken in hand the flour rate war and announced to-day a reduction in the rate from Chicago to New Orleans of four cents. The low rates to-day affect practically every point in the East, Southeast and South, and indirectly, the Southwest. Never before was flour carried so cheap.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

New York, Feb. 10.—The Atlantic Express Central train was thrown off the track on the steel viaduct while entering the city early this morning. The accident was due to the breaking of the cylinder head. No one was injured.

HANNA FOUND GUILTY.

Cleveland, Feb. 10.—It is reported that the Ohio senatorial investigating committee has found Hanna guilty of attempted bribery. The report cannot be confirmed.

FOUR NEW CORPORATIONS.

Secretary of State Issue Charters to New State Organizations.

The Secretary of State this morning had a rainy day in the corporation business. Four rolled in on one mail, and the Corporation Clerk has been busily engaged copying the articles of agreement.

"SEDEGELEY HALL" CLUB.

Messrs. W. A. French, Jr., Dan O'Coner, D. C. Love, D. McEachern, W. A. Wilson, Jr., H. McClammy, R. E. Hawes and M. W. Divine, all of the city of Wilmington, are the incorporators of the "Sedgeley Hall" Club, which is to be situated at Carolina Beach, one mile from the banks of the Cape Fear River, and fifteen miles south of Wilmington. The club house will be erected between Masonboro and New Inlet. The term of existence granted in the charter is sixty years, and the capital stock is \$2,000.

"KINSTON COTTON MILLS."

Articles of incorporation were entered into by J. E. Taylor, L. Harvey, William C. Fields, D. Oettinger, Henry Tull, Louis Einstein, N. J. Rouse, J. A. McDaniel, E. R. Rouse, D. V. Dixon, William A. LaRoque, D. Quinerly, T. B. Brown, J. E. Hood, J. Q. Jackson, J. W. Grainger and J. W. Collins, to form the company under the title of "Kinston Cotton Mills." The term of life is numbered at thirty years, and the capital stock is to be \$12,000, with the privilege to increase to \$100,000.

The business to be conducted by the company is the usual milling business—manufacture of cotton goods, conducting stores, telephones, etc.

"BROTHERS AND SISTERS."

C. K. Smith, William Devitt, Cyrus McNair, Jack Shelton, Benjamin Geirl, Lucy Jones, Harriet Shelton, W. R. Patterson and Maggie Gale associated themselves together forming the "Brothers and Sisters Grand Union" of Robeson county, to promote charity, benevolence and intelligence. This is a colored organization.

"ETHER LUMBER COMPANY."

C. J. Cox, of Asheboro; W. L. Frost, of Asheboro; W. J. Thompson, of Haw River; G. G. Hendricks, J. B. Ward, J. R. Wall and J. E. Pool, of Asheboro, asked for articles of incorporation for the "Ether Lumber Company," of Montgomery county. The place of business is to be Ether, the term of life thirty years, and the capital stock shall be \$5,000, with the privilege to increase to \$10,000.

The company is organized to buy and manufacture lumber.

NEW TRIAL EXPECTED.

By Telegraph to The Times.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 10.—The Luetzert verdict is generally accepted as bad. It should be conviction or acquittal. A new trial is expected.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

Col. W. H. S. Burwyn will deliver the memorial day address here, May 10, on General Thomas L. Clinman.

There will be a meeting of the W. C. T. U. at the Mansion Friday, February 11th, at 4 o'clock.

A drove of cattle passed here last Monday en route for the Raleigh market.—Chatham Citizen.

An aged woman, Mrs. Martha Foushee, was burned to death in her own house near Pittsboro a few days ago.

The estate of the late Wm. H. Willard is valued at \$125,000. It is equally divided between his grand children, the children of Capt. S. A. Ashe.

Young Weston, who suicided at a mine near Morganton, left a letter for his brother, saying that he did the deed because life was a failure.

Guy V. Barnes, the present public printer, has a \$2.50 gold piece which was part of the last payment of salary made to Nat Macon. Barnes is a descendant of the distinguished statesman.

On Friday night the Presbyterian Sunday school will give an entertainment in the new rooms of the school. Parents and friends will be welcomed. Refreshments will be served. Opening hour, 7 o'clock.

Editor Stevens, of the Newbern Journal, is in the city in the interest of the Eastern North Carolina Fish, Game and Oyster Fair, soon to be held in Newbern. He came up yesterday afternoon and will return home this morning.

The city of Raleigh originally covered one thousand acres and the price paid for the property by the State was \$2,750. The smallest store on Fayetteville street cannot now be bought for the amount of the original purchase.

PERISHED IN THE FLAMES

Ten Bodies Recovered To-day from Pittsburgh Fire.

LOSS ESTIMATED AT TWO MILLION

LIST OF THOSE FOUND IN THE RUINS OF CHATAUQUA STORAGE PLANT.

Rescuing the Injured and Recovering the Bodies of the Dead—Firemen Perish in the Flames--Others in Ruins.

By Telegraph to The Times.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 10.—At day break this morning the firemen were still working over the ruin of last night's awful fire, which mysteriously started in the cold storage plant of the Chatauqua Lake Ice Company.

At day break ten bodies had been recovered and the firemen said it would be several hours before a systematic search could be made for the missing.

The principal losers by the fire are the Chatauqua Lake Ice Company, Union Store Company, Allegheny County Light Company, and Schwarzschild and Sulzberger Beef Company. The loss is over \$2,000,000.

The dead, whose bodies have been recovered from the smoking ruins and delivered to the morgue, are:

Police Lieutenant A. J. Berry, acting captain.

William Scott, Jr., aged 20, son of William Scott, president of the Chatauqua Lake Ice Company.

John Scott, younger son of President William Scott.

Robert Rosemund, Lieutenant Engine Company No. 2.

David Loveloss, fireman.

Mrs. Mary Sipe, aged fifty, and mother, aged seventy four years.

Daniel Maloney, Michigan Iron worker.

William Flemming, iron worker, of Columbus.

Stanley Sipe, aged 16, son of Mrs. Mary Sipe.

Thomas Lynch, ice man.

Edward Barry, watchman.

The injured numbers eighteen or twenty, including Superintendent J. W. Brown, of the Bureau Building Inspector Company.

LATER.—Three more bodies were recovered from the ruins at eleven o'clock, making seventeen thus far recovered. Several are unidentified. It is now thought the number of the dead will reach twenty five.

SUPREME COURT.

First District appeals: Liddell vs. Myers, argued by J. H. Small for plaintiff; W. B. Rodman for defendant.

Jones vs. Brinkley, argued by L. L. Smith for plaintiff; E. F. Aydtett for defendant.

Second District appeals will be called on next Tuesday as follows:

State vs. Pegram.

State vs. Ballard.

Vick vs. Baker.

Johnston vs. Williams.

Staton vs. Wimberly.

Wright vs. Railroad.

Gatling vs. Mitchell.

Parber vs. Buffalo.

Ratts vs. Staton.

Whitaker vs. Dunn.

Capehart vs. Burrus.

Manning vs. Railroad.

Parker vs. Harden.

Britton vs. Ruffin.

Myrd vs. Womble.

Miller vs. Bazemore.

Electric Company vs. Williams.

Clark vs. Peebles.

THE WEATHER.

For Raleigh and Vicinity: Fair, warmer, to-night and probably Friday, though there is a slight chance for showers Friday evening.

Weather Conditions.—The storm in the west has taken a somewhat northerly direction and is now central over Missouri. Very heavy rains have occurred the past 24 hours in Texas, amounting to 2.72 inches at Palestine and 2.34 at Amarillo.

RALEIGH'S STREETS.

To and for Whom they were Respectively Named—The Districts of the State and the Commissioners Appointed.

Nearly all the older people in Raleigh know more or less about the city's early history, but there are many of our younger people who know not how the streets of the city received their names.

In the year 1791 the Commissioners appointed to select the site for the State capitol completed their work and the territory now bounded by the streets North, East, South and West was laid off by a surveyor named Christmas. The plan of the city was submitted to the Commissioners and being greatly pleased with the work they began naming the streets.

First five public squares were to be named and these "Union Square," in which is the Capitol building; "Caswell Square," named after the State's first Governor, now the site of the State School for the Blind; "Nash Square," named after the second Governor of North Carolina, which is faced by the depot and still bears the name; "Burke Square," named for our third Governor, now the site of the Governor's Mansion; and "Moore Square," named in commemoration of Alfred Moore, then Attorney General of this State, and since a member of the United States Supreme Court, familiarly known as the "Baptist Grove," but is to this day called by its original name.

At that time there were eight judicial districts in the State, and the streets of greatest importance at that time were named for these districts as follows: Edenton, Newbern, Wilmington, Hillsboro, Halifax, Salisbury, Fayetteville and Morgan. The last named received this title from the Western district, the court house of which was Morgan Town, now Morganton.

The remaining streets were named later by the Commissioners, and each was duly honored by a street commemorating himself. The Commissioners (one from each district) were:

Salisbury District—James Martin.

Newbern District—Frederick Hargett.

Edenton District—W. J. Dawson.

Halifax District—Thomas Blount.

Morgan District—Joseph McDowell Sr.

Fayetteville Dis.—H. W. Harrington.

Wilmington District—James Bloodworth.

Hillsboro District—Thomas Person.

State at Large—Willie Jones.

There were four other streets named Lenoir, Cabarrus, Davie and Lane. The first after the Speaker of the Senate, the second after the Speaker of the House, the third after a General in the Colonial Army, and the fourth after Joseph Lane, the former owner of the site of our capital city.

These streets were named one hundred and seven years ago, and to this day retain their original names. In three or four instances encroachments on the city property have been made, but the uniform breadth of 66 and 90 feet, which was then established, has been enforced and the city has lost little ground.

CONGRESSIONAL TIMBER.

Who Will Carry The Democratic Banner In The Fourth District?

The presence of Frank S. Spruill, Esq., in Raleigh this week, acting as District Attorney, and his interview in this morning's News and Observer, has put people to talking about Congressional timber.

Some of the friends of Mr. Spruill are out for him, as the nominee, and it is said "Barkis is willin'."

Mr. Spruill is one of the finest campaigners in the State and would make a fine canvasser.

It is understood that Solicitor Poy will not desire a renomination for Congress, but will make the race again for Solicitor. It is also stated that Johnston will present State Senator Abell for the nomination.

Vance is talking about J. R. Young, chairman of the Congressional Executive committee, as the man to lead the forces.

We have heard of no candidates from Nash, Chatham or Randolph, but all these counties have favorite sons who may be heard from later.

The talk in Wake is that either N. B. Broughton or B. R. Lacy is the candidate Wake will present to the convention.

And the majority against the Democrats in 1896 was over 4,000.

ALPHABET OF TRAVEL.

The Seaboard Air Line has issued a nice little pamphlet called "The Alphabet of Travel." It is in poetry and takes up every important town along that popular line, is printed on fine paper, and illustrated. When it reaches "R," the verse reads:

"R for Richmond and Raleigh, great towns without doubt,

And they're on the Seaboard Air Line's through route.

Fine trains run from Washington to Atlanta, so fitted,

And they pass through both cities that are above named."