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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

GIRL IS ASSAILED AND THEN MURDERED

Fifteen Year Old School Girl
Falls Into Negro's Hands.

MOB GATHERED TO STORM JAIL

For a Time It Looked Like Jail Would
Be Wrecked, and the Negro Taken
Out by the Crowd and Lynched for
His Crime.

Shreveport, La., Feb. 21.—While returning home from school Margaret Lear aged 15 years, was attacked in the public road near her home, 2 miles west of this city, Monday afternoon, by a negro who attempted to criminally assault her. The young girl struggled with the man and screamed several times.

The negro then drew his pistol, and, pressing its muzzle against the girl's neck, fired. The girl fell unconscious to the ground, and her assailant fled to the woods.

Negroes who witnessed the act immediately gave the alarm. Miss Lear was dying when neighbors reached the scene, and died within a few minutes after she was removed to her home.

The negro was apprehended by a posse led by Sheriff Ward two hours after the murder in a cabin not far from the scene of the crime. He gave his name as Charles Coleman, and has been employed in the shops of the Kansas City Southern railway, in this city, and was at once lodged in jail, before the crime had become generally known.

As soon as it became known that the black was in custody, a crowd began to gather around the jail, and at 9 o'clock more than 1,000 men had congregated with the avowed intention of lynching the negro.

At midnight the crowd at the jail had dwindled considerably, and an attack by a mob is not now anticipated.

One hundred armed men composed of officers, soldiers and private citizens, are standing guard inside the building.

District Judge T. F. Bell, addressed the crowd, making an appeal for law and order.

No Disquiet at Peking.

Peking, Feb. 21.—Foreigners here are receiving telegrams from relatives indicating that there is a feeling abroad over the possibility of an outbreak of Chinese hostility. No disquiet whatever is felt at Peking. All the foreign ministers agree that the Chinese here, both officials and people, were never more friendly towards foreigners, personally, although following an independent line politically. There is no anti-foreign movement in north China likely to lead to hostilities. The troubles at Canton and Shanghai are not felt here.

Oldest Engineer Dead.

New York, Feb. 21.—David B. Bogert, said to be the oldest engineer in the United States, is dead at his home here from a complication of diseases. He was 86 years of age and for 46 years was employed uninterruptedly as engineer by the Erie railroad. Mr. Bogert was in charge of the first engine to go over the Erie's entire system with hard coal as fuel. He was born at Tappan, Rockland county, New York. He never experienced a serious accident on the road.

Disappears with Bank Roll.

Columbus, Ga., Feb. 21.—Lee Long, manager of the Racine hotel barber shop, gave his porter, John Williams, a negro, \$63 to carry to a bank and deposit. Williams took the money and left the shop, and has not been seen or heard of since. The police have been looking for him, but have been unable as yet to locate him.

Canned Peas Blamed.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 21.—Robert Bass, aged 10, son of George Bass, 3208 College avenue, is dead, after 24 hours' sickness. The doctors said he had inflammation of the stomach, which developed after he attended a church dinner Friday night, at which canned peas were served.

TRAIN BLOWN UP; 3,000 ARE KILLED

According To Telegrams From
Vladivostok.

LOSS CONSIDERED EXAGGERATED

In Fire at Tokio 445 Houses Were Destroyed and Several People Burned To Death—Korean Commits Patriotic Suicide.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 21.—Another patriotic suicide in protest to Japanese occupancy in Korea is reported.

Mr. Chong, reputed the most prominent of Confucian literati in Korea, announced that he would commit suicide in protest to the convention with Japan, but the Japanese police prevented him from doing so, and returned him under guard to his native place.

His wife refused to admit him, stating that he would be eternally disgraced if he tamely abandoned his determination. He then went to a temple and swallowed opium, leaving a farewell document declaring that death was the only recourse at this juncture for a true Korean patriot.

Fir at Tokio destroyed 445 houses in the Asakusa district on Jan. 31. It is reported that several people were burned to death.

Telegrams from Vladivostok to Japanese papers report the destruction of a train loaded with soldiers which was blown up and precipitated into a river. The loss of life is given as 3,000, but this is considered exaggerated.

Maniac Fires Cannon.

Kington, Jamaica, Feb. 21.—The garrison of Port Royal was alarmed by the report of a gun from the Apostles battery on the opposite side of the bay, followed by the hurling of a shell overhead. It was learned that the bombardier in charge of the magazine of the battery loaded a 6-inch gun and fired recklessly. The shell landed on one of the bays eastwards of Port Royal. A slight alteration of the flight of the shell in a northerly direction would have dropped it near the French warship now lying in this harbor. The incident, therefore, caused a sensation. The bombardier, who is believed to be insane, was arrested.

ORANGE HEIGHTS NOTES.

Pleasant Weather Enjoyed—Building Collapsed—Personal Mention.

Orange Heights, Feb. 20.—The Sun is shining brightly this morning and the mocking bird sitting about in the magnolia tree seems to say "Cleaner, Cleaner, Cleaner," which reminds the good house-wife that it is time to clean house.

Farm hands are in demand, as the weather has been cold and the farmers are now getting in a hurry.

There was a basket social at Mrs. Helfrich's Thursday night for the benefit of the organ fund of the M. E. Church. It was a success both socially and financially.

Mr. Lumpkin was trying to lower the old store building across the street from his house, when it suddenly collapsed and came to the ground with a crash. Fortunately no one was hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson and daughter, Mrs. Helfrich, accompanied by Mr. Taylor, attended church at Waldo Sunday, and took dinner with R. D. Patterson and family.

Mrs. King and Miss Banknight took an outing last week, and spent a few days visiting Mr. King at Citra.

Mrs. Eddy and Mrs. Paulsen attended the Bible Conference at Gainesville Saturday.

There was a social hop at our boarding house Saturday night. A good time is reported. Your correspondent was not present, but believes in everybody having a good time.

Tom Williams, an old colored man, died here Friday.

The fruit trees of Citrus county are in full bloom, and there is every evidence of a large yield this season.

AN ENTERTAINING DAY OF MEETINGS

Enjoyed by Those Attending Conference Yesterday.

BISHOP MORRISON'S ABLE TALK

The Morning Bible Study by Profs. Brown and Miller—Many Enjoy the Lectures—Bishop Morrison's Sound Discourse—Rev. Tigert's Sermon.

The morning service at the Bible Conference was well attended and the session was taken up by Prof. Brown from 10 to 11 a. m., the remainder of the time by Prof. Miller. Both are interesting interpreters of the books of the Bible and their hearers were well pleased.

Afternoon Session.

There was an appreciative audience assembled at the 3 p. m. meeting, which was addressed by Bishop Morrison in his impressive manner. He gave many wholesome hints to parents in regard to the proper instruction and training of children to make them lead Christian lives and his definition of sanctification was quite clear. He gave tobacco users a very sharp rebuke and he paid especial attention to the ministers who use the weed, several of his illustrations being quite ludicrous as well as pointed. Bishop Morrison expressed himself in a manner easily understood and from the expressions of approval by his hearers it was quite evident he was preaching sound truths.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Rev. D. B. Strouse, a solo by Mr. Bagby and benediction by Bishop Morrison.

Evening Meeting.

There was a very large and interested audience at the night meeting to hear the sermon of Rev. John J. Tigert, the eminent Methodist divine, who gave a most eloquent discourse. The meeting was opened with songs and prayer by Rev. W. J. Carpenter of Tampa. The eloquent address of Rev. Tigert occupied one hour and ten minutes, yet the people sat as though spellbound, listening to his matchless eloquence.

Mr. Bagby sang the sacred solo, "Jerusalem," and he did both the sweet song and himself credit.

Among the prominent visitors to the Bible Conference is Rev. W. J. Carpenter, for four years pastor of Kavanagh Methodist Church in this city, and one of the most beloved ministers the church has ever had. He is now pastor of the Hyde Park Methodist Church in Tampa and came here by telegraphic invitation from the executive board of the Conference, as the guest of the Conference. Mr. Carpenter is a fine speaker and will no doubt favor the people of Gainesville with a sermon before returning home.

MRS. McCLELLAN'S PARTY.

Entertained Complimentary to Mrs. Banks and Daughter.

Mrs. Robert McClellan entertained a large number of friends Tuesday night in honor of Mrs. W. S. Banks and her charming daughter, Miss Ada, who expect soon to make their departure for their new home in Alabama.

The evening was passed in a most enjoyable manner, games and other pastimes being indulged in. During the evening delicious refreshments, comprising meats, salads, fruits, cake and chocolate, were served, and it is needless to add enjoyed.

Mrs. Banks and Miss Ada, who have resided here for several years, have many friends who will regret exceedingly their departure, but wish them well in their new home.

In the Mayor's Court.

James Glass, Mathew Seefeld and Sam Green, colored, were arraigned in the municipal court upon a charge of using obscene and profane language.

After hearing the evidence in the case Mayor Thomas assessed a fine of \$2.50 against Glass, while Seefeld and Green were required to pay a fine of \$5 and costs each.

DISTRICT MEETING KNIGHTS PHYTHIAS

One of the Largest and Most Successful Ever Held in State.

NEARLY 100 WERE PRESENT

They Represented Eleven Lodges, Embracing Three Counties—An Interesting Program, After Which Refreshments Were Served.

One of the most successful and enjoyable meetings ever held by the Knights of Pythias in Florida was the district meeting of the Fifth District, which was held with Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 20, Tuesday.

The district meeting was held after the regular convention of Mt. Vernon Lodge and was presided over by District Deputy Grand Chancellor W. E. Dow. There were about 35 delegates present, representing the following lodges:

Suwannee No. 4, Bronson; Micanopy, No. 32, Starke No. 54, Mt. Vernon No. 20, Waldo No. 38, Lake Butler No. 40, High Springs No. 51, Newberry No. 88, Archer No. 62, Alachua No. 82 and Williston No. 60. There were also a number of visiting Knights from these lodges and with the attendance of the local lodge, the hall was crowded.

The following interesting program was carried out:

Regular Convention Mount Vernon Lodge.

District Convention called to order by D. D. G. C. W. E. Dow.

Roll call of delegates.

Address of welcome by F. G. O. J. H. Hodges.

Introduction of resolutions.

Short talks on "The Good of the Order," by visiting and local brothers.

Discussion of pending constitutional amendments.

Suggested change in annual reports of lodges.

Discussion of resolutions introduced.

Address on forty-third anniversary of Pythianism by Brother Joe Sherouse of Jacksonville.

During the evening the Rank of Knight was conferred upon one candidate from Archer lodge in a most impressive and effective manner.

At the conclusion of the program the session closed in due form, and the Knights repaired to the banquet room, where a sumptuous spread had been prepared and temptingly arranged on two long tables. The menu consisted of roast turkey, ham sandwiches, salads, pickles, oranges, bananas, raisins, nuts, crackers and coffee, and it is needless to add that the viands were relished, the appetites of the guests being sharpened by a long and active session. The refreshment committee consisted of M. B. Saunders, N. E. Carter, Jr., and W. R. Eddins.

The Knights retired in the early hours of the morning, declaring this to be one of the most successful district meetings ever held.

L. C. LYNCH A CANDIDATE.

Well Known Citizen Announces His Intention in Today's Sun.

To the Citizens of Gainesville:

I respectfully announce that I am a candidate for mayor at the coming city election. If elected I will go into office unhampered in any way and free to act for the best interests of our city and citizens, and promise to conduct the affairs of the office in a dignified, conservative and progressive manner, and to execute the laws of the city equally, exact and just to all classes.

I realize fully the duties and responsibilities attached to the office and will endeavor to discharge them fearlessly and impartially, actuated solely by a desire to do my duty to the public in a thorough and conscientious manner.

I am in favor of public improvements of all kinds—I believe in progress. I would deeply appreciate and solicit the support and votes of my fellow citizens.

Very respectfully,

LOUIS C. LYNCH.

The pineapple crop in the vicinity of West Palm Beach is in fine condition.

THE WEST END THE PROPER PLACE

Tax Assessor Colson Says the People and Country are Prosperous.

THE NEW TOWN OF TYLER

Is Forging Along Nicely and is the Largest and Healthiest Town of Its Age in the State—Extension of the Jacksonville and Southwestern.

"I was born and reared in the West End of Alachua county," remarked County Tax Assessor W. W. Colson, who has just returned from that section. Tuesday, "but never in all my life anywhere have I seen such progress and prosperity as is going on there now. This prosperity is not confined to one district or section, but is general from Newberry west to the Suwannee river. The extension of the Jacksonville and Southwestern railroad from Newberry west seems to have put new life in the country and on every hand if do you not see the thrifty farm, well cultivated, you may look upon extensive naval stores farms and immense saw mills. You may quote me as saying that the old West End and her people are coming to the front and will yet show Florida a thing or two in the line of progress."

Mr. Colson states that the Jacksonville and Southwestern railroad will construct a branch line from Trenton to points south in Levy county, presumably to the Summer Lumber Co.'s camp. The getting of the right-of-way has already begun, and it is safe to say that this extension will be pushed as rapidly as possible, so is all the other work of this road west of Newberry.

Mr. Colson states that the town of Tyler, where the immense mills and turpentine retorts of the Tyler Lumber Company are located, is the largest and most progressive town in the State for its age. Established a little more than a year ago, it has grown to have a population of about 800, and the buildings are all up-to-date, notwithstanding they are constructed of wood. "The merchants there are doing a fine business, and altogether money seems plentiful," he said.

The new plant of the Tyler Lumber Company is one of the largest and most modern in this section of Florida. It has a tremendous capacity, cutting both cypress and yellow pine, and has a large resource of both. The Tyler Company also operates the new recent system of making turpentine, and altogether the firm employs from 250 to 300 hands. They have an almost inexhaustible acreage of timber, and the enterprise is destined to prove a big thing for the people of the immediate vicinity.

VALUABLE PROPERTY SOLD.

Venable & Co. Purchased Valuable Timber Land at Kanapaha.

Monroe Venable & Co., the naval stores operators at Kanapaha and Archer, have closed the trade—for the Taylor estate at Kanapaha, which embraces three hundred and thirty-three acres of fine timber land.

Venable & Co. recently purchased a large tract of timber land in the vicinity of Half Moon, in the West End. The firm is rapidly acquiring property, and is destined to become one of the largest naval stores operating concerns in the State.

Killed a Big Rattler.

While W. H. Lipscombe and P. M. Oliver were hunting near Gainesville Wednesday, the dogs pointed an immense rattlesnake, which was soon dispatched by the shot and powder process.

His snakeship was one of the largest killed in this section for some time, measuring six and one-half feet in length by fourteen inches in circumference, with fourteen rattles and the customary button.

It was a close call for one of Mr. Oliver's fine dogs, as the animal was standing within two feet of the rattler when discovered in a striking position.