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TEN CENTS A WEEK

## OWEN WILL NOT HANG BEFORE FRIDAY, JULY 23

### Governor Gilchrist Wires Sheriff Ramsey to Suspend Execution Until Further Advised.

R. H. Owen has been granted a reprieve of two weeks, the date for his execution having been set for Friday, July 23, and unless the attorneys managing the case, and the expert who will probably make another examination, do something, he will then be hung as per the second death warrant now en route to this city.

The information was received Thursday morning about 10:30 in the shape of a wire from Governor Gilchrist, which stated: "Suspend execution of death warrant upon R. H. Owen until July 23rd. Order follows first mail. A. W. Gilchrist, Governor."

Owen was not aware of the news that was received from Tallahassee on Wednesday night, which certainly did not look very favorable for prolonging his time to die, and both the condemned man and the sheriff were making every preparation for the ending Friday at noon.

Owens was seen in jail Thursday by a Sun representative and was very bitter against some of the main ones who have done their utmost to make the man comfortable and at the same time gain some sympathy for him from the public. He has prepared a lengthy diary, some twenty or thirty letter pages, which he says was for his wife to keep and turn over to their son when he becomes grown.

The diary in question commences at the first of his troubles and goes on, in his own way, to tell of all the occurrences of the man from the time he first went to the Jonesville section up to and including the killing of the two men, for the murder of one of whom he has been sentenced to hang.

Owen shows his confinement to some extent at the present time and has fallen off considerably within the past few weeks, although both Jailer Torlay and himself state that his appetite has been fine up until about two days since, but from that time he has eaten very little. The jailer has spared extra pains to provide fresh meats, fish, steak, etc., for the man, besides he has been given oatmeal and any dish that he called for or his appetite might demand during the past two weeks, hence it is

strange that with the treatment he has received he could complain in the manner he does regarding both jailor and sheriff.

When Owen thought that he was to hang on Friday, the 9th, he stated that he had a great deal to say, and he was going to say "what he thought," regardless of whose feelings he might hurt, for he wanted the whole community to know just how he felt about the whole trial and the poor manner in which he had been handled, all because he had no money to fight his case.

In getting around from his cell to the bars in front, Owen uses the sides of the wall for support, and claims that he will be unable to go to the gallows and if he is to be hung the officers will have to hold him up while the trap is sprung.

Owen is dissatisfied over being placed up-stairs instead of the cell below, but at the time he was removed the place below was too crowded and he kept up such a disturbance at night, and slept during the day, that the other prisoners could get no rest and naturally made the complaint, which caused his removal.

The special physician sent here by Governor Gilchrist has pronounced Owen sane, and unless some extra information is received and another examination held he will die, as per the verdict of the jury, on July 23rd two weeks from the time first set by Governor Gilchrist.

Some comment has been made concerning the report in Thursday's paper, but it was given just as the man has often stated to the reporter and not "colored" in any manner.

### Escapes as Respite Comes.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., July 8.—Jim Parish, a negro condemned to be hanged in Decatur, Ala., tomorrow for killing another negro, escaped from jail there Wednesday at the very hour Governor Comer granted him a respite of thirty days. He was recaptured. This the second time the negro has escaped. He was to have been hung last December, but left the prison and was captured in St. Louis a short time ago.

## Refused Slice Watermelon; Puts Bullet in His Head

WAYCROSS, Ga., July 8.—News was received here at noon yesterday of the suicide of Andrew Taylor at the home of his brother, J. F. Taylor, near Beach.

Mr. Taylor seemed depressed in the morning. He went into the kitchen a little after 11 and spoke to his sister-in-law and one of his sisters, who

offered him some watermelon. He refused and walked into another room. A moment later a pistol shot rang out and the family found him dying from a wound in the head. He passed away a few minutes later without speaking.

Mr. Taylor belonged to a well-known Ware county family, was about 25 years of age and unmarried.

## Pays Back \$50 Found Fully Fifty Years Ago

ATLANTA, July 8.—Fifty years ago a boy picked up a \$5 bill on the floor of the drug store of Dr. R. Thomaston, Ga. He has now repaid, through a friend, a total of \$100, the original find with interest.

in Nashville, Tenn. Learning that the money belonged to Dr. Harwell, who has since died, the physician has repaid, through a friend, a total of \$100, the original find with interest.

## OAK HALLS DEFEAT ORLANDO THURSDAY

GAME WAS PLAYED UPON A WET DIAMOND.

Watson and Graham Each Secure Two-Base Hits at Opportune Time.

Gainesville took the second game of the series from the fast Orlando boys on Thursday afternoon in a very exciting contest from beginning to end, the score being 5 to 3 in favor of the Oak Halls.

The crowd at the matinee here yesterday was smaller than on the previous day, but what it lacked in numbers was made up in interest that was shown as Manager McCormick placed the scores upon the bulletin board and gave out the information of the game as it was being played.

The battery for Oak Halls was Watson and Bullock, Orlando, Smith and Story, and some fine work was done on both sides, the runs for Gainesville being made in the sixth inning with good old heavy batting. Watson and Garham each making a two-bagger in that inning and scoring four runs, which won the game.

Some fine ball is being played by the Oak Halls and if they keep up the present good record they are making they will arrive home with at least an even break and Gainesvillians will welcome them with open arms.

Gainesville secured four hits and made three errors, while the Orlando team are credited with five errors and five hits, but the errors are easily accounted for when it is considered that the game was played on a wet diamond, and the small score proves that it was good ball-playing under these circumstances.

Today winds up the series with Orlando, after which the team goes to Sanford for a series of three games, but it is here that they will really strike the strong "proposition," as that city raised a neat sum and even got just a little better team than Orlando, for they "cleaned them" in a double-header at the rate of 4 to 1 and 2 to 0.

The score by innings:  
Orlando... 0 0 0 2 0 1 0 0 0—3  
Oak Halls... 0 0 0 0 0 4 1 0 0—5

### OVER THE WIRE.

Told you so.  
It's the lucky sixth now.  
They are pretty evenly matched.  
Hats off to Watson and "Sandy."  
Here's hopin' they do that thing today.  
Orlando got the most hits, but "Pop" kept them scattered.

Keep it up, boys—you are pleasing the citizens over this way.

The feature of the game was the work of Oak Hall battery, Watson and Bullock.

Better get in a large delegation at the matinee or it will have to be "cut." Where's the enthusiasm gone, anyway?

### Palatka Defeats Ocala.

The game of ball between Ocala and Palatka at the latter place yesterday resulted in a victory for the Gem City boys by the score of 1 to 0. The game was called in the sixth inning on account of rain.

to three direct heirs. One of them, Mrs. J. W. Payne, of 269 Whitehall street and a daughter of Dr. Harwell, has just received \$33.34 as her share of the amount.

## ELLA GINGLES REPEATS HER STORY OF WRONGS

### Young Lace-Maker Sticks to Story of Assault and Taggart's Name is Again Used.

CHICAGO, July 8.—Ella Gingles, a young Irish lace maker, was on the witness stand in Judge Bretano's court room all day yesterday, matching her wit against the sharpness of the lawyers who were trying to confound her on cross-examination in her trial for stealing lace from Miss Agnes Barrette, her former employer.

All afternoon the girl was cross-examined on the story she related in the morning of how she was attacked by two women and a man in a bath room of the Wellington Hotel on Feb. 16. Miss Agnes Barrette, the late Mrs. Cecil Kenyon and a "masked man" figured as the assailants.

The court was cleared of all but those having a direct interest in the case. The main points in the original story were rehearsed by Assistant Attorney Owen in his cross-examination.

"On Feb. 16," he asked, "you went to the Wellington Hotel again of your own free will, having said nothing about the attack upon you in the hotel a month before?"

"I went to collect some money."  
"You went to Miss Barrette again, the woman who did all these terrible things to you before?"  
"Yes, sir."

### Her Story of Assault.

"At that time Miss Barrette knew that you could have notified all these people of what had occurred?"

"Yes, sir."  
"Did you tell any one up to that time that these women had tried to sell you into white slavery?"

"No, sir."  
"Then you went to this room in the hotel and waited and a man knocked at the door and said Miss Arnold was expecting you in the bath room, is that it?"

"Yes, sir."  
"And you were pushed into the bath room and something was put over your face?"

"Yes, sir."  
"Did you grab at the towel?"  
"Yes, but he was too strong."  
"Where was the man standing?"  
"Behind me."

"And you became unconscious at once?"

"Yes, I don't remember any more until Miss Barrette came in."

"Describe this man."  
"He was medium build, dark complexion, smooth shaven and wore a dark suit."

"Did you scream?"  
"No, sir, I didn't have time."

"What happened then?"  
**Tom Taggart Mentioned.**

"I woke up in Miss Barrette's room; the man was there."

"Did you tell him that was the second time you had been similarly treated?"

"No, sir. He seemed to know. He said: 'You have told about Tom Taggart, haven't you?'"

She said in answer to questions that she did not know Tom Taggart of French Lick Springs.

"Did Taggart write a letter to you?"

"No, sir."

"Did he ever do you any harm?"

"No, sir."

"What happened then?"

"He went out to get Miss Barrette."

"Did you try to get away?"

"Yes, but the door was locked."

"Then he came back and finally Miss Barrette came in; is this so?"

"Yes, it was 1:30 o'clock in the morning. Miss Barrette put a gown on me and the man went out. They said they were going to take me to see a doctor."

"Did you ask why the doctor could not come there instead of in the bath room?"

"No."

"Did you ask for help?"

"No, sir."

**Drank Knock-Out Drops.**

"What happened then?"

"In the bath room a man handed me a bottle and told me to drink."

"Did you drink it?"

"Yes, it was knock-out drops."

She went to sleep then, she said.

"Isn't it a fact," asked the State attorney, "that this narration was into your mouth, or that you got it out of books?"

"No, sir; I never heard of these awful things before."

"Isn't it a fact that you are masquerading as an innocent girl?"

"No, sir."

She was asked why she didn't kick when they attacked her in the bath room.

"I was tied."

"But you were tied with baby ribbons."

"No, sir."

"How did the man leave?"

"He climbed over the transom."

"Don't you know that that transom was locked from the inside when you were found there?"

"I don't know."

"Didn't you tie yourself and lock the door?"

"No, sir."

## Negro Attempts Assault on Section Foreman's Wife

DELAND, July 8.—Tom Jones, a mulatto, attempted a criminal assault on a section foreman's wife at Orange City Junction early Wednesday morning and was caught a few hours later by some quick work by Sheriff Ed Smith.

The negro entered the section foreman's house during his absence and after striking and taking hold of his wife was fought off by her. She managed to secure a revolver and tried to shoot him, but her aim was poor. He went to his brother-in-law's house and sent him after his wife, who was out gathering huckleberries, to get some money she had so he could get away.

Sheriff Smith, upon arriving at

Orange City, located the brother-in-law, who was in the scrub, and made him tell where Jones was.

Upon returning to the brother-in-law's house, the sheriff saw Jones leaving it through the back door. After a short, hard chase, Smith got his man and put the cuffs on him.

Jones was given a preliminary hearing by Judge McCrory yesterday afternoon and bound over to the higher court. Threats of lynching have been heard and Sheriff Smith is keeping a heavy guard over the jail.

Some article that is simply "in the way" at your house might, if advertised, be sold to someone who is anxiously looking for it.