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The Farce at Lancaster.

That was a remarkable fiasco in the preliminary hearing at Lancaster in the case brought against alleged lynchers of John Morrison. We confess to an inability to understand the full inwardness of the judicial investigation. It is quite conceivable that the solicitor should have unwittingly employed disreputable agents to secure evidence against the lynchers of Morrison. That the solicitor should desire to bring lynchers to justice, regardless of their personnel, is most commendable; and as long as the guilt of any man or body of men were truly established the manner of securing the evidence was of secondary consideration in the eyes of the law. The most astonishing part of the proceedings is that a man as unknown to Solicitor Henry Howie appears to have been—and one who would not have improved on acquaintance—should have been entrusted with the executive part of such an important case. It is incomprehensible that the arrest of a batch of citizens on so serious a charge should have been made without evidence against them.

We lack explanation as to why Howie and the alleged State's witnesses were absent from a hearing advertised far in advance. But when the solicitor arrived he was prepared to admit having made a blunder; he appears to have then realized that he had been victimized. In justice to the accused, the charges should have been immediately withdrawn in acknowledgment of the absence of foundation for the prosecution.—The State, 1st inst.

THE WAR.

The world is still waiting for the promised battle between the fleets of the Admirals Rojestvensky and Togo, but is now more in the dark regarding their positions than a week ago. All that is positively known is that the Russian vessels have disappeared from Kamranh Bay, about which they apparently hovered for some days after, getting outside the three-mile limit, and it is believed in some quarters that they will enter the Pacific and endeavor to reach Vladivostock. Admiral Rojestvensky is apparently delaying his movements to allow the squadron under Admiral Niebogoff to join him before Togo makes his attack. Where the Japanese vessels are at this time is apparently a complete mystery. They are doubtless not far from the Russians, but where is unknown.

The news from Manchuria continues to chronicle insignificant clashes of a more or less severe character, but the land forces are apparently still waiting for the battle of the ironclads of Togo and Rojestvensky.—Charlotte Observer.

President's Party Kill Four Bears in One Day.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., April 28.—Secretary Loeb today received a telephone message from a ranch house two miles from the president's camp. The message was dictated by the president. It said: "We got four bears yesterday. We are all well."

PUSH LANCASTER.

To Sell Court House.

Sumter, April 29.—A matter that is exciting considerable interest in this county now is the proposed sale of the Court House and Court House square and the erection of a new Court House. The Court House square is situated on the west side of North Main street in the centre of the business district and contains one acre. The Court House itself is antiquated and there has been complaint for years that the noise from the street interfered with the dispatch of the business of the Court. For these reasons it is desired to erect a large and modern Court House in a more quiet locality. Within the past few weeks the county board of commissioners has received an offer of \$60,000 for the Court House square, and public sentiment is strongly in favor of the acceptance of the offer, inasmuch as another lot can be purchased and the new Court House erected for the price received for the old lot. The grand jury, in its presentment yesterday afternoon, recommended the sale.

Texas Rivers and Streams Greatly Swollen By Rains.

Houston, Tex., April 30.—The reports which come tonight are to the effect that the Brazos river approaches the danger point at Waco, the Little Brazos and Bosque are out of their banks; the Guadalupe is slowly rising at Victoria and below with the small streams backing out over the low lands. The Colorado is tearing down from the mountains and is already greatly swollen along the lower courses. The Trinity is carrying more water than for the past several years and the farmers along its course are getting cattle and hogs out of the bottoms.

Waco, Tex., April 30.—At 10 o'clock tonight the Brazos river is 30 feet deep, two feet below the high water point reached in the great flood.

It is out of its bank at low places and negro tenants have been driven out. The Bosque is out of its banks for many miles and a great deal of corn and cotton land has been overflowed. A big rise is reported coming down.

The Moon This Month.

New moon occurs at 11 a m on the 4th, first quarter at 2 a m on the 12th, full moon at 5 p m on the 18th, and last quarter at 10 p m on the 20th. The moon is nearest us on the 16th, and farthest away on the 1st and 29th. She is in conjunction with Mercury and Venus on the third, Jupiter on the 4th, Mars on the 17th, Saturn on the 24th, and Venus again on the 30th. The conjunction with Saturn is quite close.

Two Lads Drown While Bathing Near Cheraw.

Cheraw, S. C., May 1.—May Arthur and J D Hooks, brothers, aged 11 and 8 years, were drowned near here while bathing with a party of oys. The younger boy got over his depth and his brother noticing it, went to his rescue, and both were drowned. The bodies were recovered and taken to Wadesboro, N. C., for burial.

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Galt*

Charleston was visited by a severe wind, hail and rain Thursday night. The wind reached a velocity of 46 miles an hour and many window panes were broken by the hail.

Chicago Strike Worse.

Employers Buy 1,000 Rifles—Strikers Make More Frequent and Vicious Attacks on Non-Union Men.

Chicago, May 1.—Conditions in the teamsters' strike were worse today than at any preceding time. The strikers were in uglier mood, the rioting was more open and vicious, and the attacks on non-union men were more frequent and daring than at any time since the beginning of the strike. The chief cause for the increased belligerency on the part of the strikers and their friends is the fact that the Employers' Teaming Association today brought 1,500 men into Chicago to take the places of strikers, and 500 more are said to be now on the way and will arrive within twelve hours. These men will receive the full pay of union men, and it has been guaranteed to them that their positions will be permanent. Among the strike-breakers are 200 farmer boys.

To-morrow, whenever a wagon of the Employers' Teaming Association goes through the streets a rifle will be carried on each wagon in open view. During the last week there has been much complaint on the part of the strike sympathizers of the readiness with which non-union men, particularly negroes, have used revolvers. A number of strike-breakers were arrested on a charge of carrying concealed weapons, and today the attorneys for the Employer Teaming Association called on Chief of Police O'Neill and asked if their men had not the right to carry weapons, provided they were held in open view. Chief of Police O'Neill replied that there was no law against it, and arrangements were promptly made by the employers to place rifles on every one of their wagons.

Over 1,000 rifles were purchased today, and during the latter part of the afternoon a number of wagons went through the streets with a rifle lying across the knees of the driver and his assistant.

When Mayor Dunne was informed of the fact that rifles would be carried by non-union men he was visibly disturbed, and he declared that the police would not be permitted to authorize the carrying of arms by any one, whether in the employment of the Employers' Teaming Association or affiliated with the strikers.

There was a report late this afternoon that Mayor Dunne was about to force an adjustment of the trouble, but this, he declared tonight, was incorrect.

Five men were seriously hurt during the fights today, and many others were hurt.

Sentenced to Death.

Sumter, April 29.—John Henderson, a young negro of perhaps 20 years, was today sentenced by Judge Klugh to be hanged on Friday, June 2. The crime for which he will pay the death penalty was the brutal murder of his wife, Marj Henderson, on Washington street, this city on the night of December 7. Henderson used a butcherknife and the woman was horribly mutilated. Henderson admitted his guilt when captured in Lee County more than two months after the murder, and made no excuse, except to say that he did not think he had hurt her enough to kill.

Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opiates, and will not constipate like nearly all other cough medicines. Refuse Substitutes Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

BANNER SALVE
The most healing salve in the world.

Jordan Confident.

Farmers Are Being Unjustly Criticised Average Has Been Reduced.

Atlanta, Ga., May 1.—The farmers of the South are now and have been for several months unjustly criticised by a class of people who are engaged in other lines of business. In December the business and speculative world said the cotton growers would not hold their cotton in the face of an enormous overproduction of the staple and a rapidly declining market. Yet the facts show that the spot market was absolutely tied up for several months and the price of the downward tendency of the staple checked and advanced back fully two cents per pound, netting from twenty-five to thirty million dollars on the amount of cotton unsold up to December 3, 1904.

The heavy sales made during the past 60 days would never have taken place if proper storage facilities had been provided to keep the staple in sound condition. The farmers whipped that fight, which cannot be denied. It is now reported that the cotton acreage reduction will not materialize and that an increased amount of guano has been sold. Farmers all over the cotton belt testify that the cotton acreage has been materially reduced and it is now an undeniable fact that the actual sales of guano have fallen short from 20 to 40 per cent less than last year. The fertilizer people themselves do not deny this. I am convinced that the farmers are honest and have lived up to their pledges and know that the facts will substantiate this statement.

The general public is not giving them credit for either honesty or ability to stand by their pledges or promises. It is unfair and unjust to discredit Southern farmers in the eyes of the business world when they have during the past few months proven themselves so capable of doing great things, and when they have by their co-operation and persistence saved the whole South from financial depression and ruin. The truth must live, but the present bearish literature that is being published and sent out broadcast that the farmers have failed to reduce their cotton acreage and use of guano will have a speedy death in the near future.

Harvie Jordan,
Pres. Southern Cotton Assn.

100 Shot Down At Warsaw.

Warsaw, May 1.—Nearly one hundred persons were killed or wounded in disturbances in various quarters of Warsaw today. The troops apparently were uncontrollable, and violated all orders to act with moderation. They fired into crowds of demonstrators, and workmen, in retaliation, resorted to the use of firearms and bombs. Many women and children are among the dead and dying. What approaches a reign of terror exists tonight; the city presents a most gloomy aspect and the temper of the entire community augurs ill.

—John Sims, col., a trustee and cook for the guards of the Orangeburg chain-gang attempted to poison them last Thursday by putting some kind of poison in the drinking water. One of the guards, Mr Ed Hoover, drank of the water and called attention to its peculiar taste which kept the others from drinking. He soon became very ill and despite all physicians could do came near dying. Sims escaped and has not been captured.

Pension Blunders and Frauds.

The State pension board will meet some time next week for the purpose of going over the applications which were returned to the respective counties for correction or revision. The number of mistakes made by the county boards this year were much larger than usual. In Richland, for instance, the entire batch of applications had to be sent back because the county board had endorsed them all in the wrong place. In addition to mistakes like these, which are technical, it was shown that there was a great deal of carelessness in some of the counties in passing and recommending pensions to persons who were not entitled to them. The State board tries as much as it can to stop these fraudulent pensions, for they are so known in law, but all of them cannot be caught and there are no doubt many receiving pensions who are not entitled to them.—Columbia Cor News and Courier.

Transferred to the Pen.

The county board of commissioners has decided to transfer Belk and Teeter, the bigamists, to the penitentiary. It develops that Belk has friends on the outside who may attempt his release if he remains on the chaingang, and in view of the fact that this contingency might call for extra guards it is thought best to just send both to the penitentiary.—Yorkville Enquirer.

Dr Kenyon V Millard Not Yet Out of Jail.

Oangeburg, April 27.—The preliminary hearing set for today in the case of Dr Kenyon V Millard, who is confined in the county jail here on the charge of bigamy, was postponed by Magistrate Brunson at the request of the attorneys for the prosecution until next Thursday, May 4.

Letter to J. J. Owen.

Dear Sir: Here's something every painter and builder ought to know.

Mr. J. J. Hall, Sheffield, Pa., painted two houses, 5 years ago, lead and oil; took 40 gallons. Last year, he painted Devco; bought 40 gallons; had 10 left.

He is one of thousands. The knowledge is getting about pretty generally, that Devco goes further than anything else.

Have you found it out in your own experience?

How much longer?

Suppose a job amounts to 10,000 square feet; how much less Devco could you buy?

Is it as easy to paint? Does it cost any more or less to put on by the gallon than anything else? How much?

If it costs no more to put on Devco by the gallon, it costs less by the foot, you know; for the gallon does more feet. How much less, do you find it, for wages?

Last, say, twice as long; that is the owner's gain; but perhaps you reckon it yours; some do. The time, when that comes in, is when he gives out the next job.

Who gets it?

Yours truly,
F. W. Devco & Co.
58 Lancaster Mercantile Co. sell our paint.

We believe that if all the states do as well as North Carolina in the reduction of the cotton acreage in proportion to the amount raised a great deal will be accomplished this year for the benefit of the farmer, but the indications now are that our people will lead in keeping the agreement made. Unless there is substantial reduction everywhere throughout the cotton belt we will see five cent cotton next fall. It behooves the small farmer therefore to diversify.—Raleigh Post.

Local Matters.

—Born, to Mr and Mrs T M Hughes, April 27, 1905, a daughter.

—Died, on Friday, April 21, 1905, Bennie, the infant son of Mr and Mrs J T McMurray, aged 14 months.

—About \$25 was realized from the "sock party" at the A R P paragon last Friday evening.

—I will exchange a good plug mule for a mule or horse colt.

C L McManus,
21 Lancaster, R F D No 2.

—Miss Mary Mobley of Columbia, and Miss Sue McCrorey of Richburg, visited Mrs J P King the past week.

—Magistrate W P Caskey spent Monday in Columbia.

—An infant child of Mr Sam Burns died last Saturday at this place, aged about two months.

—20 Bushels genuine Spanish Seed Peanuts for sale at Lemmonds Fruit Stand.

—Dr Chapman Heath, of Richmond, Ky, visited his brother, Mr A W Heath, here last week. —Waxhaw Enterprise.

—Rev Paul Pressley will assist the pastor in a meeting at Hickory Grove this week.

—Rev S N Watson of Heath Springs preached the commencement sermon at the commencement of the Wingate school last Sunday.

—Mr W J Rodley of Rock Hill has contracted for the erection of a \$13,000 residence in that city.

—Jersey cow, with young calf, for sale. Apply to

J E Craig,
Lancaster R F D No 1.

—Miss Minnie Caskey, daughter of Mr J H Caskey, left Monday for Columbia where she entered the training school to prepare to become a trained nurse.

—The Lancaster Chapter Daughters of the Confederacy will meet at 5 p. m. tomorrow in the new library rooms up-stairs in Masonic building. Full attendance desired.

—Miss Julia Simpson of Rock Hill, who was formerly with the Heath-Jones Co., has accepted a position with the Williams-Hughes Co., where she will be glad to serve her friends and customers in the line of millinery or dress goods.

—Mrs Addie Faulkner, of the Jacksonham section of Lancaster county, spent Friday night at Mrs M J McMan's and went to Clarkton Saturday to be present at the closing exercises of the school there, of which her son, Prof W A Dunn, is principal. —Waxhaw Enterprise.

A meeting at the Methodist church was begun last Sunday and will continue at least through this week. Services daily at 4 p. m., and 8 p. m. sharp. Rev Mr Watson, who was to assist, failed to get here on account of sickness in his family, but Rev Mr Turnipseed will have help.

—Mrs G W Jordan and her little babe left the city Thursday for Westville, where they will spend a few days with Mrs Jordan's father, Mr L M Truesdel. She expects to return to Kershaw where she will conduct a boarding house after her visit to her father. —Rock Hill Herald.

—The meeting in progress at the Baptist church for the past two weeks closed Friday night and Dr Adams of Charlotte, who preached such instructive sermons during the meeting, returned to his home Saturday. Sunday night Dr Boldridge received twenty nine into the church by baptism. Our community has been greatly benefitted by this meeting.