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Solicitor Henry's Report in the
Kershaw Lynching Case.

Ever since the preliminary examination of the parties accused of implication in the lynching of Morrison at Kershaw there has been great interest in the matter and a desire to know what other steps, if any, would be taken to prosecute the case.

At a late hour last night the governor gave out the report of Solicitor Henry, which has been in his office for several days. The governor made no statement in regard to the matter.

The report will be published later. It may be inferred that the solicitor proposes to push the case and that the end is not yet. The solicitor reviews the developments leading up to the employment of Howie as special detective and goes into the facts surrounding the arrest of the prominent men of Kershaw and the preliminary examination at Lancaster. There is nothing especially new in his statement of these facts, but the wording of the report is vigorous and the solicitor denominates the killing of Morrison as murder.—The State, 12 inst.

Douglass Gets Fifteen Years.

Several weeks ago Columbia had an epidemic of robberies and it was evident that the work was being done by an expert. The police finally traced the criminal to Savannah and found that it was a negro named George Douglass. Before they could arrest him, however, the Savannah authorities had him for attempting to crack a safe, and now he has been sentenced to fifteen years. Douglass is not only wanted in Columbia, but the police think that he is the criminal wanted for cracking a safe in Kershaw. Efforts will now be made to locate some of the property which he stole in Columbia.—Columbia Record.

Baby Drowned in Tub of Water.

The baby son of Mr. and Mrs. H H Hinnant of Bookmans was drowned Tuesday morning by falling head-first into a tub of water. The vessel had been placed on the ground under the eaves of the piazza to catch the dripping water and it is supposed that the little fellow attempted to climb over the banisters and fell several feet to the water. When found the child's body was lying across the rim of tub with its head submerged in the water and its feet on the outside. The body had been in the water probably 15 minutes.—The State.

The parties convicted at Orangeburg of conspiracy and creating a disturbance at a picnic were sentenced as follows; A B Amaker, J B Amaker, Cleveland Hooker, white, each two years at hard labor in the penitentiary, William Jamison and James McLeod, col., 18 months each in the penitentiary at hard labor.

The Atlanta Constitution says: The negro preacher who prayed before the New York legislature that God would save that body from graft was greeted with "roars of laughter."

Gaston county N C last week voted \$300,000 bonds for road improvement.

To Prove an Alibi in Eutawville Case

Wives of Defendants Take Stand in Their Behalf.—Edwards an Excellent Witness.

By William Banks.

Orangeburg, May 11.—The trial of the five men charged with the murder of Keitt Bookard took quite a turn today. Each and every one has set up an alibi to disprove which will put the solicitor at a great disadvantage. The question now is: Have five white men of some influence and respectability been dragged to jail as felons by an unjust process of law, or has a carefully prepared array of manufactured evidence been put up to secure the liberation of men who deliberately and in cold blood took the life of a human being?

The evidence produced by the prosecution today determined one thing—Keitt Bookard is dead. Another thing was determined—Keitt Bookard was murdered. For it cannot be that he threw himself into the river after he had broken the lock of the guard house and after he had tied an iron bar weighing 55 pounds to his hands and feet. He did not commit suicide.

The evidence of Henry C Edwards removes the fear that the crime was a ghoulish one in its details, for it was suspected that the work of fiend hands had been done to the body before it was thrown into the water. However, Edwards says that the negro, yet alive, was thrown into the river without any mutilation of his body. The disappearance of ears, tongue, eyes and other organs and the scars on the body may be due to its having been attacked by depredatory fish and to the fact that it had floated nine miles in a part of the stream where there are logs.

Henry Edwards made a very fair witness. So far as keeping his head is concerned he was an admirable witness, for not once did he contradict himself or any of the evidence he has given previously at the preliminary hearing. But in other respects he fell short of being forceful. He is sick, and being naturally of a timid nature and very much abashed in the presence of those whose very lives he might be swearing away, he spoke in such a low tone that the judge had to order him to move squarely in front of the jury so that they might hear him. Mr. Wolf kept this witness under cross examination for over an hour, but not once did he make any statement which conflicted with testimony which he had given before.

The singular part about the defense is that evidence which can hardly be contradicted with evidence was produced this afternoon to prove an alibi for each man implicated. It was admitted that three of the men in the indictment were called at 3 o'clock to go to the guard house and get Keitt Bookard out to take him to the county jail at Moncks Corner, but it was testified that after being out half an hour these three came back and remained in the house the rest of the night, making it impossible for them to have gone three miles into the country to take part in a lynching. The remarkable part about this evidence is that in all probability Magistrate A E McCoy would have released the prisoners four months ago had the evidence been put before him at the time of the preliminary, but coming at this late date, the evidence in behalf of an alibi will of necessity lose some of its force.

The court room was well filled nearly all day although the evi-

dence given by Edwards, who was on the stand two and a half hours, was altogether inaudible. There was no attempt at making anything like a scene until the State had concluded its evidence, just 24 hours after the taking of testimony had started. When the defense was commenced the wives of the prisoners and other women relatives were sent for to give their evidence. The babies were brought along also, and played around the prisoners in the dock.

In addition to this tacit appeal to the sentiment of the jurors, it was stated by Mrs Edsons that she is the mother of eight children and has been without the aid of her husband to support the family since he was locked up, and Mrs Palmer, a very pretty woman, told of her husband being taken from home on the first anniversary of their marriage and had not been back since, and Mrs Penny Martin also stated that since the arrest of her husband in December she had been supported by her father. At the conclusion of the day's work the prisoners and their woman kin had quite a reunion which appeared altogether at variance with rumors which have been afloat for some time to the effect that the prisoners have been quite at home since they were sent to jail in Berkeley county and that they have not been deprived entirely of the company of relatives.

Washington Duke Dead

He Was Founder of the Tobacco Trust and a Generous Man.

Durham, N C., May 8.—Washington Duke died this afternoon at 2 o'clock. He began to sink rapidly late yesterday afternoon, and all night and today he was close to death, the physicians expecting the end at any moment. For several days before his death he was unconscious, and all today he was scarcely breathing. His family, consisting of three sons, J B Duke, president of the American Tobacco Co., B N Duke and B L Duke, were by his bedside. In addition to these there were other relatives and friends gathered there.

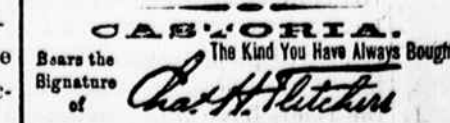
Mr Duke was the founder of the great Duke tobacco manufacturing business, and the father of the president of the American Tobacco Company. In recent years he has been retired from business. He has given to Trinity College, in various ways, more than a million dollars. All Durham is in mourning on account of his death. He would have been 85 years of age had he lived to next December. Pleurisy and the result of a fall received about two months ago was the cause of his death.

Boy Bored a Hole into His Own Body.

Swansen, May 10.—A very peculiar and serious accident occurred at W B Rast's factory Monday evening.

Ennis, the 14-year-old son of Richardson Cartin, was working with an auger that was turned by machinery. To steady the short board he was pressing his body against it. The board was a thin one, and the auger went through and into his groin on the right side five or six inches. He pulled the auger out himself by pressing his body from the machine and in coming out it brought the grooves full of flesh.

The boy had only a few minutes before the accident been told to keep away from the machine. His condition is critical.



—Pay for The Ledger.

One Hundred People Dead.

Oklahoma Town Storm Swept—Tornado Struck the Town of Snyder at Night and Did Vast Damage.

Sapupa, I. T., May 11, 1:30 a. m.—At 11:40 o'clock last night the dispatcher for the Frisco in this city received a report from Enid, O. T., advising that a tornado had struck Snyder, Okla., wrecking the town and killing five hundred people, among whom was the station agent of the Frisco at that town. The request came also for assistance. On the strength of the report, the dispatcher ordered a relief train with physicians to be sent from Chickasaw, I. T., and Onanah, Texas. The wire between Snyder and Sapupa went down about 10 p. m.

LATER ACCOUNT OF THE STORM.

Guthrie, Okla., May 11.—The death list of last night's storm will probably exceed 100 persons. 85 bodies have been recovered, a dozen persons are missing, and of the 41 seriously wounded several are likely to die. More than 100 other persons suffered less severe injuries.

Relief is coming from neighboring towns. Oklahoma city today sent 100 men to dig graves and seek the dead still in the ruins, and a dozen undertakers with one hundred coffins. Offers of financial aid have come from numerous cities.

Governor Ferguson of Oklahoma has issued a proclamation calling attention to the needs of the stricken town.

It is still difficult to obtain information from Snyder. A single telegraph wire furnishes an outlet, but it is blocked with private messages concerning the dead and the injured.

To add to the general confusion and distress after the tornado had passed fire broke out and burned up all that remained of the buildings in one of the busiest blocks. So far it has not been possible to find out whether any bodies have been cremated, but it is possible that such is the case.

An unidentified woman was picked up dead, having been pinned to the ground by a large sliver, which entered her left eye and came out through the back of her head. Clarence Donovan, a railroad engineer, and Miss Nina Fassenden were to have been married last night, but had just postponed the nuptials until this morning. Both were instantly killed by the storm.

Fred Crump, a boy, had started to a cellar when a flying timber decapitated him. Debris was carried northeast as far as Cooperton 12 miles, and it is reported that there are more fragments at that town than in the tornado path at Snyder.

About 75 head of horses and cattle were killed at Snyder. A committee this morning began to remove carcasses.

The mayor of Snyder is having much trouble arranging for the burial of the dead. The confusion is great, owing to the fact that there is a number of unidentified bodies at the morgues.

There is much suffering owing to lack of provisions and places to stay. What houses remain in the town are in bad condition and are unsafe for habitation. Besides, there is not room enough to care for the homeless. Bedding and wearing apparel are both lacking and despite the effort to succor the unfortunates, they are still in a pitiable condition. Many of the wounded could not be cared for or given medical aid until 9 o'clock this morning, and by that time their wounds were aggravated. Dr York, of Hobart, who was active in relieving the suffering, says that 20 per cent of the wounded will die.

Reduction in Acreage.

An Average of From 15 to 20 per Cent. Throughout the South—The Decrease in North Carolina 22 Per Cent.

Cor. of The Charlotte Observer.

Rockingham May 9.—B Dixon Armstrong of Alabama, assistant secretary of the central organization of the Southern Cotton Association, spent today in Rockingham. He is gathering data for a report to be submitted to a meeting of the division presidents of the Southern Cotton Association, called to meet in New Orleans on May 30.

Interview with The Observer correspondent today, Mr Armstrong stated that a reduction in acreage of the cotton crop of the South amounting to from 15 to 20 per cent., was an accomplished fact. He stated that the reduction in North Carolina was about 22 per cent. He has personally visited ten counties in this State already, and has been in every cotton State except South Carolina, where he will go from this State. His information as to the amount of reduction in acreage, he says, is not taken from the statement of one, or even a few men, in each county; but is gathered from a systematic canvass of every voting precinct. The names of five reliable farmers in each precinct are obtained. These are requested to report on conditions in their several localities.

"The reason I came to North Carolina," said Mr. Armstrong, "was that the report had gotten abroad out in Texas that you people here were blowing up the fence corners and waste places and putting them in cotton, and the fellows out there were raising Cain about it. When I got here I found that it was generally understood in North Carolina that the Texans had jumped the game and were putting in a big crop."

Mississippi according to Mr Armstrong, is probably ahead of any other State in the reduction of acreage, due to the fact that Governor Vandamau has taken the stump and spoken all over the State, advising reduction.

Aged Pair Brained With Axe

Athens, Ga., May 10.—Last night between 10 o'clock and daylight, Frank M Holbrook, aged 65, and his wife, who ran a little store in the country, four miles from Watkinsville, were murdered and to the crime of murder in the case of the old woman was added a more horrible crime.

The couple had been brained with an axe. Their bodies were found on the back porch of their house this morning. The entire community is aroused and summary action may be taken if the guilty parties are found.

Three Youths Under Arrest.

Athens, Ga., May 11.—Jim Taylor, Sidney Harris and Claude Elder negroes under 22 years of age, are in jail at Watkinsville, charged with the murder of Frank Holbrook and his wife, near that place Tuesday night. Two of the negroes were traced by bloodhounds. They had been prosecuted by Holbrook for burglary, and had made threats to kill him. The murderers got away with \$400 that the old couple had in the house.

If these prove to be the right persons there may be trouble, as the country is terribly wrought up over the tragedy.

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

50 Die in Wreck; 100 Hurt.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 11.—The Eastern Express of the Pennsylvania Railroad, going east, ran into a freight train at 1:10 this morning in South Harrisburg. Two cars of the freight were loaded with dynamite, and three terrific explosions followed. Both trains were piled in a mass of wreckage, which immediately took fire and many smaller explosions followed. It is estimated that 50 are dead and 100 hurt. Definite figures cannot be had at this hour as the blazing mass is unapproachable and many people are pinned in the debris.

LATER DETAILS OF WRECK.

Harrisburg, May 11.—Nineteen persons are known to be dead and more than 100 others were injured in the rail road wreck and dynamite explosion which occurred early today on the Pennsylvania Railroad in the southern part of this city. That no more persons were killed is considered remarkable by the Pennsylvania Railroad officials, as a full box car of dynamite exploded directly at the middle of the heavy express train.

The Pennsylvania Railroad officials tonight gave out a list containing the names of 98 persons who were injured and treated at hospitals or elsewhere. The company also gave a list containing the names of 36 persons who were in the wreck and whose injuries are not given.

Your Life Current.

The power that gives you life and motion is the nerve force, or nerve fluid, located in the nerve cells of the brain, and sent out through the nerves to the various organs. If you are tired, nervous, irritable, cannot sleep; have headache, feel stuffy, dull and melancholy, or have neuralgia, rheumatism, backache, periodical pains, indigestion, dyspepsia, stomach trouble, or the kidneys and liver are inactive, your life-current is weak.

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Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine is the fuel you need. It feeds the nerves, produces nerve force, and restores vitality.

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Notice—Lancaster Graded Schools.

To all whom it may Concern:

Take notice that pursuant to a petition signed by ten voters and freeholders resident in Lancaster School District, we, the undersigned, Trustees of said District, do hereby call a public meeting to be composed of all those voters who are resident in and return for taxation in said District real or personal property of the value of not less than one hundred dollars, to assemble in the Court House at Lancaster, S. C., on Friday the 26th day of May, 1905, at 4 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of electing a chairman and secretary of said meeting, five trustees of said school district and of determining what special tax, if any, not to exceed five mills, shall be levied, as the majority present shall decide, on all real and personal property within said School District for the maintenance of the public schools of said District. This May 9th, 1905.

LEROY SPRINGS,
W. J. CUNNINGHAM,
W. T. GREGORY,
T. S. CARTER,
GEAS. T. GGNORS,
Trustees Lancaster School District.

Notice to the Public.

I will hold all inquests in the county. Phone to my residence at Pleasant Hill for me when needed.

J. Montgomery Caskey,
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