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SLAYERS OF BRAZELL PAY DEATH PENALTY

FOX, GAPPINS AND KIRBY DIE IN ELECTRIC CHAIR FOR CRIME

Kirby Tries to Escape From Straps and Makes No Answer to Question for Statement

The State, 17.

S. J. Kirby, Jesse J. Gappins and C. O. Fox, convicted murderers of William Brazell, young Columbia transfer driver, early yesterday morning went to their death in the electric chair at the state penitentiary, so paying with their own lives for the life they had taken. Kirby was 36 years old, Fox 32 years old and Gappins 23 years old.

Gappins and Fox went to their death with little if any show of emotion, both making short statements just before the current was turned on. Kirby, after having asked to be allowed to make a short statement collapsed in the chair and was apparently unable to voice the words that he would have said. Calmly Fox and Gappins watched the penitentiary officials adjust the straps that held them in the chair and emotionless they waited while the two electrodes were placed. Kirby, however, after having, at his own request, walked unaided from his cell to the death chamber made some little resistance to his being strapped in the chair and attempted to free his one arm from the leather bands that held it to the arm of the electric chair.

Fox and Gappins in their brief statements added nothing new to their stories as before told and both hoped, they said, that their death would serve as a warning to others tempted to crime. Fox, as he has done from the very moment of his arrest, admitted again his guilt and expressed his sorrow and regret at the part he had played in it. Gappins however maintained to the end that the truth had not been told and believed, he said, that he would not have had to die in the chair had the truth been told. Kirby made no statement.

Kirby Still Asleep

At 5:10 o'clock yesterday morning ministers were admitted to the death house to administer the last sacrament to the three men. Kirby was asleep at the time and had to be awakened, but both Fox and Gappins were awake and dressed for their electrocution. At 5:23 o'clock Captain Roberts of the penitentiary guard read the death warrant to Fox and Gappins as they stood in their cells. Both men had been crying and tears rolled down Gappins' cheeks as he stood leaning on the bars of his cell. "And may God have mercy upon your souls," Captain Roberts read and turned to leave. "It won't be long now," he told the two men. "The sooner the better," Fox answered them.

As Captain Roberts approached Kirby's cell three ministers were there kneeling outside the barred door praying with the doomed man. Respectfully Captain Roberts waited and when the little service was over, walked up to the cell and there read the death warrant to Kirby. "How are you feeling, Kirby?" he asked when the reading was done. "Still got your nerve?"

"I've still got the grace of God," Kirby answered him, "And, captain," he added, "I came in here by myself and you won't need to send any one for me when I go out. Which— which leg do you want fixed? I'd like to do it myself."

"The right," Captain Roberts told him. "Just roll it up to the knee." "My papa's gone now and my mother's already dead," Kirby said, "and I'll soon join them. Just call for me yourself when you want me."

Ira Harrison, under sentence of death for the murder of J. C. Arnette, slept in his cell throughout the three electrocutions. Frank M. Jeffords and Edmund Bigham, the other two occupants of the death house, were awake, however.

Kirby Pays Penalty

At 6:10 o'clock the electric chair was given its final test and at 6:12 o'clock Kirby walked into the room. "May I speak a word?" he asked as he reached the chair. "Wait until

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS PROSPEROUS PROSPERITY

Prosperity, June 19.—Robert I. Stoudemayer, one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of Prosperity died at his home Thursday morning after an illness of nine months. Although in his 82nd year, Mr. Stoudemayer was active until his last illness. Heart trouble was the immediate cause of his death.

Mr. Stoudemayer was an active member of Grace Lutheran church and from time to time was an officer of the church.

Reaching early manhood just at the outbreak of the Confederate war, he joined the Holcomb legion, company H, and took part in a number of battles, surrendering with General Lee's army at Appomattox April 9, 1865.

He is survived by his wife, who before marriage was Miss Elizabeth Sease, one sister, Mrs. Jane Derrick of Little Mountain, and four brothers.

The funeral services were held late Thursday afternoon at the Prosperity cemetery, conducted by Rev. J. J. Long of Little Mountain.

Two open air events were recorded last week on the social calendar. First an enjoyable outing was given Thursday evening when about 20 couples went to C. Mill on a fish fry. Friday evening the younger society set motored to the same place where, after enjoying the sports of the water, and all sorts of games were played, a delicious picnic lunch was served. C. Mill has been decided upon as an ideal place for a swimming pool, and through the generosity of some of Prosperity's leading citizens a dam will be constructed.

Miss Nannie Bell Quattlebaum and Roland Merchant were married Saturday afternoon at St. Paul's parsonage by Rev. S. P. Koon. Mrs. Merchant is the young and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Quattlebaum, having just completed the eighth grade of the Prosperity high school. Mr. Merchant is a progressive young business man.

Mr. Clifton Shealy and bride who were married in Charlotte last week are here visiting relatives. Sunday they, together with Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Shealy, motored to Leesville to visit their father, Mr. Sam Shealy.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Black and children and N. L. Black are spending a few days in Bowman, having gone to visit Dr. A. L. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Counts and Mrs. Emma Counts spent Sunday in Silverstreet with Miss Helen Nichols.

Miss Josephine May of Dixon, Ill., is spending a while with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. May.

Miss Ruby Wheeler, teacher at Ranoke Rapids, N. C., is home for the summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Bobb of Columbia were week-end guests of Miss Gertrude Bobb.

A. L. Wheeler of Columbia and Mr. Owens of Tennessee spent Sunday with Prof. and Mrs. J. S. Wheeler.

Mrs. G. Y. Hunter reached home Sunday from Johns Hopkins, Baltimore.

Misses Clara Brown and Ethel Sanner are attending the old soldiers' reunion at Richmond.

Mrs. M. C. Morris has returned from Lykesland.

A call has been extended by the church council to Rev. E. H. Seckinger of Rincon, Ga., to become pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran church.

Miss Mary Kohn of Saluda is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Kohn.

Miss Annie Fellars is attending the teachers' summer school at Winthrop.

Judge T. S. Sease and C. C. Wyche of Spartanburg, C. G. Wyche of Greenville and Mr. and Mrs. James Goggans of Columbia attended the funeral of Mr. R. I. Stoudemayer on Thursday.

Misses Caroline, Anne Graham, and Lydia Wayne Pugh and Master Griffith and Wm. Pugh of Kingstree are spending a while with their grandmother, Mrs. W. P. Pugh.

Mrs. H. L. Chaplin and little H. L. Jr., are visiting the former's father, J. D. Quattlebaum.

Mrs. J. F. Brown and Miss Lucy Lake are delegates to the Eastern Star convention which convenes in Columbia Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs.

COLONEL WHARTON DIES IN LAURENS

Death Claims Former Railroad Commissioner—Ill Twelve Months

The State. Laurens, June 14.—Col. John H. Wharton, one of the most prominent men of the county and widely known over the state as legislator and railroad commissioner, died today at his home at Waterloo, Laurens county. The funeral will be held at his home tomorrow afternoon.

Colonel Wharton had been ill for more than a year, having suffered a breakdown followed by paralysis. He was 74 years of age and was a native of the county.

He probably held the record in this state for length of tenure in public office. He at first was a county commissioner and at different times represented the county in both branches of the general assembly. He was clerk of court for two terms and railroad commissioner for one term, in all covering a period of more than 40 years, though he was not in office continuously during this time. For about 50 years he was superintendent of the Sunday school of the Baptist church at his home town and was very active in all church work, being especially prominent in the Sunday school and Laurens Baptist association meetings. His wife was a Miss Harris of Laurens county. He is survived by one son, W. Carl Wharton, and several daughters.

Quattlebaum-Merchant On last Saturday evening Mr. S. Roland Merchant and Miss Nannie Belle Quattlebaum, both of Prosperity were married at the St. Paul's parsonage, the Rev. S. P. Koon officiating.

J. R. Lester, Mrs. Rosa Lester, Miss Jennie Lester, Mrs. Byrd Lester and Eugene Lester attended the funeral of Mrs. Phoebe Kirkland in Saluda Monday. Mrs. Kirkland was the last member of the Lester chapter, being a sister to Wm. Lester for whom the Prosperity U. D. C. was named.

Miss Annie McMillen of Sumter is visiting Miss Eunice Long.

Misses Nancy Young, Catherine Counts and Ruth Cannon are attending Winthrop college summer school.

Corday Counts of Columbia has been visiting relatives here. Master James Arthur Bedenbaugh accompanied him home.

Cutts Wise has gone to Clemson college summer school.

Mrs. Edward Shealy of Columbia is spending a while with Mrs. H. L. Shealy.

Mrs. Warren of Richmond, Va., is expected this week to visit her daughter, Mrs. O. B. Simpson.

Pickens Langford who graduated this week at the Citadel reached home Thursday for the summer.

Dr. G. T. Pugh has returned to Rock Hill after visiting his mother, Mrs. W. P. Pugh.

Miss Elizabeth Barnes and Pierce Barnes of Zion and Miss Bertha Roof and Willie Leaphardt of Wightman Methodist church were delegates to the Epworth league conference held at Lander college from June 12-16.

Rev. J. D. Griffin attended the conference on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hartman and son Everton are visiting in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mr. Levi Wheeler is attending the old soldiers' reunion at Richmond, Va.

Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Griffin and family leave today for Pinewood to attend the Griffin-Harvin wedding. Little Miss Lois Griffin will be one of the flower girls.

Rufus Monts of Statesboro, Ga., is on a visit to relatives here.

Mrs. Virgil Kohn and little Virginia are visiting in Blackstock.

Dr. George W. Harmon has returned from Atlanta where he attended the Georgia dental clinic. Among the noted dentists present and who lectured were Dr. C. Edmund Kells of New Orleans, and Dr. Chas. S. Chandler of Montgomery.

Dr. E. N. Kibler attended the South Carolina dental association the past week in Georgetown.

Mrs. Ray Kohn is in the Columbia hospital where she has undergone two operations. Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Kohn and Miss Gertrude Bobb spent Monday with her.

THE BOOKS HAVE CLOSED AND THE SHOW BEGINS

Several More Candidates Came in at Last Moment, Paul Moore Withdraws—All Have Opposition Except Carter

The time for filing pledges for the state offices closed Monday at noon and the campaign opens at Columbia Tuesday and then the start around the state begins. Mr. Swearingen withdrew from the race for governor and entered the race for reelection as state superintendent of education. Mr. Paul Moore withdrew from the race for state superintendent of education and several entries were filed on Monday.

The following is the complete list for state offices as telephoned The Herald and News Monday 2 o'clock. We do not give the congressional races except the third.

For Governor—Cole L. Blease, J. J. Czntey, William Coleman, John T. Duncan, G. K. Laney, Thos. G. McLeod.

Lieutenant Governor—E. C. L. Adams, E. V. Jackson, J. K. Owens.

Attorney General—Harold Eubanks, D. M. Winter, S. M. Wolfe.

Comptroller General—Walter E. Duncan, T. Hagood Gooding.

State Superintendent of Education—Mrs. Bessie R. Drake, J. H. Hope, O. D. Seay, C. H. Seigler, Mrs. Martha Wallace, J. E. Swearingen.

Secretary of State—W. Banks Dove, J. C. Dozier.

State Treasurer—S. T. Carter.

Adjutant and Inspector General—Thos. B. Marshall, Robert E. Craig.

Commissioner of Agriculture—B. Harris, Geo. W. Wightman.

Congress Third District—Fred H. Dominick, E. P. McCravy, S. H. Sheard.

CHAMBER COMMERCE MEMBERS TO BE IN MOVIES

Every Member Requested to Meet at Headquarters Tuesday afternoon at 4 O'clock

The entire membership of the Newberry chamber of commerce is invited and urged to be present at the chamber of commerce headquarters Tuesday afternoon (today), June 20th for the purpose of allowing the Rayon Film company to make a moving picture of the membership. It is possible that some of the members will not be able to be present, but it is earnestly hoped that every one that can possibly attend will do so. This picture is being made by the Rayon Film company, of which the Leslie brothers are in charge, for the purpose of advertising Newberry. Pictures of all other organizations in Newberry are being made and as soon as they are completed they will be shown at the opera house and possibly at other places out of Newberry.

In view of the fact that the Newberry chamber of commerce is one organization that devotes its every effort to the upbuilding of Newberry city and county, every member should avail themselves of the opportunity to be in the picture, which in all reality will be a great boost for Newberry, so let every one of us be present promptly at 4:00 p. m. with a great big smile on our faces. Don't let the cameraman catch us with a frown—let Newberry be advertised as a "City of Smiles." Don't forget the date and the time and be sure to be there and tell every one you see to be there.

Directors to Meet As Tuesday is the regular date for the meeting of the board of directors every member of the board is requested to be present in time for the picture and immediately after they will go into session to transact such business a will come before the board.

As previously announced several times, the board of directors are always glad to have any of the members meet with them, and as you will come to be in the picture, you are invited to remain for the directors meeting and if you have something in mind which you would like to bring before the board you will have an opportunity to do so.

When opportunity knocks, some wait for it to pick the lock.

HARDING OPPOSES MUSCLE SHOALS BILL

Does Not Want Action at This Time by Congress on Pending Bills

Washington, June 12.—President Harding is understood to have taken a determined stand today against action by congress at this time on pending bills for disposal of the government's nitrate plant at Muscle Shoals, Ala.

The views of the president as outlined, it was stated to Representative Mondell of Wyoming, Republican leader, at the White House, were conveyed to the Republican steering committee, charged with the task of framing the legislative program of the house. Members of the committee declined to indicate whether they would recommend action on the bill or let the whole question go over until the December session.

There was no intimation as to how the president regarded the proposal of Henry Ford for lease of the property beyond the statement that he felt the matter was too big to be considered hurriedly and in what members regarded as the closing period of the present congress.

Dr. Derrick at Brookland

Last Wednesday's State contained an interesting account of the annual commencement of the Brookland high school, from which we are pleased to reproduce the part of especial interest to Newberry people and many others, as follows:

"The feature of the program was the address by Dr. Derrick. He spoke of the great need in the world today of men and women fit to meet the trials and tribulations which are sure to come and he deplored the fact that the graduating class was of such meager size. He said the world was waiting to receive young men and women of high ideals and character; that it was already filled with people of the ordinary.

"Dr. Derrick impressed upon his listeners the fact that there is 'nothing new under the sun,' that there was little change in the essential features of human nature and that the same influences that swayed Solomon, Caesar and Napoleon sway the world today.

He dwelt upon the fact that the world today was governed by a passion for material gain and that men and women were prone to worship the moneyed men instead of being endowed with a spirit of brotherly love for each and every one."

Autos and Children

A taxicab company says in an advertisement: "The next time you see a little boy or girl crossing the street just ahead of your car—don't try to blow them out of the way with your horn. Use your brake. Suppose the child were your own—what would you do? Probably come to a quick stop. Then why not do the same for the other chap's child? Man to man, now—do you want some little chap to cry all his life because you made him a cripple?"

There is a sermon to automobile drivers in the doctrine of using the brake instead of the horn. It is true that children should not play in the streets, and it would be better for them to use as much judgment about crossing streets as adults—though even the grownups do not always display a judgment that is faultless. However, the fact is that one of the qualities of childhood is impetuosity. Children playing safely in a yard will suddenly decide to cross the street and away they go, without looking to see whether a car is coming. A driver may go ahead. Declaring he has the right to be in the street, yet in such cases applying the brake usually will prevent an accident and blowing the horn only confuses the child and makes accidents all the more likely.

The exercise of due diligence can not always be expected and the burden of saving children from injury or death rests on the person who sits at the steering wheel. Sounding the horn is the common practice, but applying the brake is a demonstration of sounder judgment. — Indianapolis News.

When an ideal becomes an ordeal, it is time for a new deal.

RESIDENCE BURNS DURING FUNERAL

Crowd Rushes From Grave of Captain Humbert to Save Household Effects

Special to The State.

Laurens, June 12.—Today shortly after the noon hour, as the funeral services of the late Capt. Joseph B. Humbert were being concluded at Mount Bethel church, the late home of Captain Humbert was totally destroyed by fire.

This singular and distressing incident took place just about the time the benediction at the graveside was being pronounced, and hundreds of people at the funeral hurried to the fire, two miles distant, and many of them assisted in removing the furnishings from the dwelling. Miss Ludie Taylor, a near neighbor who was not well enough to attend the funeral, hurried to the Humbert home upon seeing the volumes of black smoke issuing from the house and, finding the doors locked, she seized a farm tool with which she broke open the front door and directed several negro farm hands and servants who had assembled to begin the removal of the furniture.

The fire broke out, it seems, in the roof of the kitchen on the east side of the dwelling and as the wind was blowing from the west the rescue workers had time to save much of the household furnishings.

The home of Captain Humbert was one of the most substantial and commodious country residences in the county and, although it had been remodeled from time to time it retained its old colonial effect and beauty.

The funeral was attended by a great gathering from the surrounding countryside and many visitors from various points in the state, including Greenville, Spartanburg, Anderson, Williamston, Honea Path and Laurens. The services were led by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Harley, who was assisted by the Rev. J. E. Mahaffey of Honea Path and the Rev. A. E. Holler, presiding elder of the Anderson circuit.

In addition to the regular church service, a full sketch of the life of Captain Humbert, prepared by Capt. William D. Sullivan, a brother-in-law, was read by the pastor. The floral tributes embraced a large and beautiful collection. Interment was in the Humbert family burial plot in the church graveyard.

REPUBLICANS LEAD FIGHT FOR FORD

Democrats Believe Success May Be Attained by Eschewing Politics.

Special to The State. Washington, June 12.—Democrats in the house, who are advocating the acceptance of the Henry Ford offer for Muscle Shoals, concluded tonight to leave to pro-Ford Republicans the task of securing early action on this important Southern subject.

They argued that if success is to be scored it must result from Republican leadership, as Democratic aggression would inspire belief on the part of some that the issue was political.

It is their understanding that a considerable Republican element, despite the antipathy of Republicans to Southern developments at government expense, and their antipathy to Ford, the individual, are amenable to the American farm bureau federation. That organization is already prodding the Republicans and reminding them that in this election year, when Republican prospects are not too good, the farmers will certainly exert themselves to defeat their enemies at the polls.

The pro-Ford Republicans, it is understood, have already undertaken to secure from the rules committee a rule giving preference to the Muscle Shoals proposition. Unless such rule is obtained, it is regarded as doubtful that Muscle Shoals partisans could make headway against the Republican machine. The Democrats, who are actively behind the pro-Ford Republicans, are representative of all Southern states. The solid Southern vote will be cast for Ford. There will not be a single defection, it is indicated.

H. W. R.

"The love of money is the root of all evil," and it's an everlasting love.

MUTILATED BODY FOUND ON TRACK

MYSTERY SURROUNDS KILLING OF YOUNG GIRL

Supposed to Have Visited Grave of Sister, Who Also Met Tragic Death

The State.

Greenville, June 12.—Supposedly leaving her home at Donwood some time during the early part of last night for the purpose of visiting the grave of her little sister, who was instantly killed last Monday when her clothing was caught on the emergency brake of an automobile and she was hurled to death in the road, Ellen Livingston, 17 year old daughter of B. F. Livingston, was found dead on the tracks of the Southern railway between Donwood and Graceland cemetery early this morning. The body was badly mutilated and gave evidence of having been dragged for some distance under the wheels of a locomotive, it was stated.

The father was unaware of the absence of his daughter until she failed to appear at breakfast, and a search was instituted. Being notified that an unidentified body had been found, the anxious parent rushed to the undertaking establishment and found his child. The right arm was severed at the shoulder, the left at the wrist and her right foot at the ankle while the skull was fractured and severe wounds were inflicted in the right side.

According to the parents, the girl had been, deeply depressed by the death of her little sister, to whom she was devoted, and, although prevented from attending the funeral, had visited the grave many times. Because she had gone to the cemetery yesterday morning to place a few flowers on the grave and had expressed her intention of returning in the afternoon, it is supposed that she crept out of the house some time after 9 o'clock last night and met with the accident between that time and morning.

Although Coroner Vaughan said tonight he had gathered no evidence of foul play, an inquest will be held over the body at 3:30 tomorrow afternoon. Railway inspectors have studied the circumstances surrounding the tragedy carefully, but have thus far been unable to discover what train ran over the child.

VISCOUNTESS ASTOR "JOLLY GOOD FELLOW"

Welcomed Home by English Speaking Union After Her Visit to America

London, June 12.—Viscountess Astor was hailed as "jolly good fellow"

by a gathering of 400 at a dinner given today by the English Speaking union to accord the first woman to take her seat as a member of the house of commons, a welcome home after her American tour.

Mrs. Wintringham, who shares the honors of feminine representation in parliament with the Virginian, united with Lord Lee of Farnham in saying nice things about the guest of honor's work in parliament and the unofficial mission she performed recently in America.

The English Speaking union is the only Anglo-American fellowship society, and they were present in force to hear the women commoners on the first occasion they have spoken from the same table.

Viscountess Astor was attired in a lemon gown with green girdles, with two ropes of pearls around her neck. In characteristic fashion she sermonized, admonished and joked for an hour. In her peroration she alluded to the Washington conference, saying:

"America had a chance to build the greatest navy in the world; she gave it up with as much grace as the greatest navy in the world gave up its long reign of the seas."

Some men's popularity begins and ends with himself.

When one considers the Russian bear he knows trouble's bruin in Europe.

A fool and his money are surely parted when bootleg is bought.