

TODD OUTWITS TWO ATTACKERS

Travel Over One Hundred and Fifty Yards During Conflict

BOUND TO HIGH COURT

Some Whiskey Tale Appears to be Bottom of Disagreement

There is pending in the Court of General Sessions warrants taken out by W. M. Todd against Melvin Owens and Clarence Causey, charging assault and battery on September 3rd, 1922.

There was a preliminary hearing before the magistrate some time ago and the cases bound over for trial during the February term of the criminal court.

All of the parties live near Myrtle Beach. They may be said to be members of the same community.

On September 3rd, as W. M. Todd was walking along the public highway, he noticed outside the road Theford DuBoise and three others, but did not recognize the three others as he passed by. After he had gone along the road for some distance, Melvin Owens, according to the testimony, called Todd and said for him to stop as he wanted to talk to him.

Todd then walked slowly along the road for Owens to come up with him. Clarence Causey had stepped across the ditch into the road, in the meantime.

When Owens came up to Todd, he (Todd) said, or words to that effect: "I heard that you have told that I carried the whiskey that made Joe Sarkis drunk."

Todd denied that he had told any such thing.

About that time Clarence Causey had slipped along down the road and was behind Todd at the time and when the denial came, he knocked Todd with all his might. Todd jumped back to get away from Causey and at the same time pulled out of his bosom a pistol. He explained that he had been off at the time to get some new shells to go into this pistol as he was under promise to go with the rural police the next day to hunt for some whiskey stills.

The show of the pistol, although it had but two old cartridges in it, one of which had been snapped upon and would not fire, caused the trouble to lull, but not for long.

Clarence Causey asked Owens to hand him his pistol; that Todd did not have the nerve to shoot no how, and he would kill Todd, according to the threats as reported. Todd says that something was handed Causey by Owens but he could not tell whether it was a pistol or a pair of knucks.

Todd repeatedly told the men that he did not want to do them any injury but only wanted to protect himself and that they must stay away from him and let him alone. But they did not let him alone.

About this time Owens had slipped around Todd and caught Todd by his side thus attempting to hold him while Causey caught Todd by the other side and began hitting him. He hit Todd a number of times, according to the testimony and left severe looking bruises on the person of Todd.

Todd managed to jerk himself loose from the two and they fell almost flat in the road. Causey recovered and came again and tried to aim blows at about to get the best of Causey so as Todd. Every time that Todd was to get away, Owens would come up and take hold of Todd. On one turn in the mele Todd had Causey down where he could administer a beating, but the ever present Owens was right there to pull him off. Causey bit Todd on the finger and left a sign which he will carry as long as he lives. He also bit Todd on his shoulder during the fight.

During all this time Todd was going on his way the best that he could, ever trying to get away; protecting himself from the blows and the kicks of his assailants. During the time they passed over at least one hundred and fifty yards of the public highway. Finally he got clean away from the two and went to home. With the two who have been mentioned as taking part in the attack, were two other men, Theford DuBoise and Grayner Collins. The two last named took no part in the difficulty.

Conway wants and needs a sweet potato storage house, and the people of the town must not let the movement drop. The railroad company refused the side track one time but they dare not do it the second time. They will be afraid when they know that we mean business.

Horry County has the best lands and the most varied kinds of soils.

Let us not spend this year in chasing rainbows. The fortune supposed to be at the end thereof will never be found. Let's make the best that we can out of the things that we have all during the course of the good year 1923.

NEW YEAR'S STUNTS FAIL

Boys so Closely Watched by Town Officers Have to Quit

For the first time in many years, the police department was able to control the boys on New Year's night so that they did not play the usual pranks.

It was nothing unusual to come down town on New Year's morning to find the entrances to stores blocked with rolls of fence wire or old automobiles. Chicken coops would be moved away from market lots to block the sidewalks. Signs came in for their attention. The sign of a grocery store would appear in front of a drug store, while a physician's little sign might grace the front of a cobbler shop. These and many other stunts were done in years gone by the young men of Conway.

On last Sunday night the night policeman, Addie Holt, pressed in two others to assist him. They watched the business section so closely that nothing could go on to celebrate the coming in of the New Year except the ringing of the church bells.

The boys gathered, however, in groups, and they kept the policemen busy. They were warned that all violations of the ordinance would be followed by an appearance before the town court. A group of the boys slipped away from the view of the policeman and managed to roll an old car across the sidewalk. Before the boys could get away from the car the policeman got in sight and saw one of them as he removed his hands from the car. This boy was arrested and was required to make bond or go to the guard house. He put up a cash bond.

This had luck of one of the crowd seemed to discourage the others and put a stop to their frequent attempts to outwit the officers.

The boys remained up until about 3 o'clock in their efforts to celebrate, but finally gave it up as an impossible job and went back home and to bed.

BUS TRAVELERS NOT HINDERED

Roads Put Big Machine Out But Made With Cars

TOURING CAR IS INJURED

Second Bus Line Established Also Had Trouble in Keeping Schedule

The Conway-Marion Bus Line had a hard season for the end of the old year on account of the wet weather and the effect of this on the roads.

For about a week or longer it was impossible to run the regular bus. It is a very heavy truck and where the ground is soft it will sink down by the wheels, owing to its great weight. Instead of using this during the bad season they used a touring car that was purchased by the bus line some time ago, and hired transfer drivers for the passengers where this touring car could not take care of the travel.

Mr. Hemingway sees a great change in Conway since that time. It was interesting to hear him talk about those times.

COUNTY UNIT JANUARY 10TH

The regular meeting of the Horry County Unit of the Tobacco and Cotton Growers' Co-operative Associations will be held in the County Court House at 11:00 o'clock, Wednesday, January 10th.

This organization is composed of all the chairmen and delegates from the local units throughout the county. At this meeting a permanent county organization will be formed. Ten strong local units have been set up in this county so far and it is expected that there will be formed at least ten more within the next month.

Darlington County held its first regular meeting Saturday, December 30th. The local units in this county were represented by over 60 delegates at this meeting. A great deal of detail business of vital interest to the association was attended to. Director T. B. Young made a splendid address on the success and future outlook of the tobacco association. W. E. Lea, of the Tobacco Field Service Division made a short talk on the necessity of more thorough organization. B. D. Dargan, of the Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association, gave the members quite a bit of valuable information as to the progress of this Association. In addition to the regular delegates, there was a large attendance of members of both associations from throughout the county.

Every member of the Tobacco and Cotton Growers' Co-operative Associations in Horry County is especially invited to attend this first regular meeting of the county unit on Wednesday, January 10th. There will be an address by some prominent member of the association on this occasion.

The citizens of Conway want the streets of Conway paved. Streets and sidewalks are good in dry weather but bad in wet weather unless they are "blitzed." Get the idea.

The Christmas mail at the Conway postoffice was handled in double quick time considering the lateness of some of the trains in making their schedules.

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AIMING AT GREAT SUCCESS

Farmers of Horry County may you aim at a high degree of success in this New Year of 1923.

We will take it for granted that you are going to farm. We also take it for granted that you will aim at producing plenty of food for the family and plenty of feed for the live stock.

That part being disposed of it remains to consider the matter of a money crop.

If you decide to try cotton then let us advise you to plant no more than you think you can manage under boll weevil conditions. For the sake of your reputation as sane and intelligent human beings, study the best ways of raising the cotton patch and making it profitable regardless of the boll weevil. To do this you must know the best methods and you can understand this by reading and learning by your actual experience in applying what you learn. Never agree to plant the whole of creation and let it turn out with only a few pods next fall.

If you have decided to use tobacco this year as a money crop, get ready right now to give it better attention and a closer study than you have ever done before. Say that you are going to produce here in Horry County, the very finest grade of bright leaf ever raised. Study the experience of other good tobacco raisers. Talk with other farmers who made money on it last year, even in the face of heavy rains every day. Use the brain that you have to some purpose and come out next Summer with a grade of the leaf that will bring you a profit. Remember that a lazy and careless man will never make any money out of tobacco. You must be awake and always alive to the main thing in view which is success with it.

CHANGE MADE DURING YEARS

Mr. C. E. Hemingway was in Conway to spend a day with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Vaughn, spending the time while here with Judge J. S. Vaughn.

Mr. Hemingway was back at Conway after an absence of forty-five years.

About forty-five years ago he came through Conway on his way to Charleston, N. C., where he went and settled and has remained since. He stopped then at the boarding house which was kept by Mrs. Jane Norman, in a building which stood near the cedar tree on the eastward side of Main Street, the place where the Horry Drug Company and Burroughs & Collins Company now have their places of business.

Mr. Hemingway said that he traveled through the country with some other boys and when he arrived at Conway that time he needed a clean collar and had none along with him. He could not buy one in Conway. It was also in his mind to buy some cartridges for his pistol and he could not find any of these. Strange to say it appears that Conway at that time had a number of saloons, at least places where hard drinks were dispensed open and above board.

PEACE BROKEN NEAR MYRTLE

The peace was seriously broken near Myrtle Beach on Christmas day, when Clarence Causey and Dozier Edge fell out over something and only the efforts of those who were nearby prevented probably a serious matter.

The fuss took place in front of the home of P. J. Owens.

It appears that Causey accused Edge of something which the latter denied. One word brought on another until the first thing anybody knew they were trying to fight.

There were several shot guns in the crowd and a number of threats are said to have been made before the fuss was over.

Cooler heads in the party prevailed with the others to become satisfied and further trouble was thus prevented.

GOOD WORK BY THE SANTA CLAUS CLUB

The men's classes of the respective Sunday schools of the town are the promoters of the Santa Claus club.

To become a member of this club required the payment of a one dollar membership fee, which constituted the purchasing funds, unless someone wished to make a donation.

The purpose was to dispense Christmas cheer, to bring sunshine out of the clouds; to put laughter into the hearts of little children and smiles on the faces of the aged and infirm.

So far as The Herald has heard the effort was a crowning success. Of course, no human plan is perfect; hence some may have been overlooked. If this is true, the Santa Claus club is truly sorry, the oversight being purely accidental.

Scores of baskets filled with Christmas cheer were sent out to homes or to individuals. These remembrances of the club reached a few hundred people and it is hoped that Christmas, because of this, meant just a little bit more to each and every one.

The Santa Claus club wishes to thank the ladies especially and the friends generally for the splendid service rendered in the purchase, preparing baskets, and distribution of these simple expressions of love and good cheer. May the highest and holiest of all gifts, the love of Christ, be upon all who gave, helped or received. The Herald in voicing this wish, best expresses the wish of all thoughtful people.

May the homes of Conway take on a still better look during 1923. They only need another coat of paint in some cases.

APPEAL TAKEN TO THE BOARD

Loris School Matter Under Appeal From Refusal of Mr Allen

Following the decision of Judge S. W. G. Shipp, recently, to the effect that a writ of mandamus would not be issued against E. C. Allen, superintendent of education, requiring him to approve certain school claims in the Loris School district, the attorney for the Farmers Bank, of Loris, as to certain claims, and for D. W. Handwick and Dr. Huger Richardson, of the trustee board, took an appeal from the decision of Allen to the full county board of education.

This notice of appeal was promptly given and the hearing before the full board was set for December 27th. The hearing began at about the usual time and was not finished on that day and was wound up last Friday night at a continued meeting of the full board of education, consisting of the superintendent, E. C. Allen, and T. B. Lewis and Arland J. Baker, the other members.

At the hearing which began on the 27th, several preliminary questions were raised and disposed of by the board. The position of the appellant was that the vouchers should have been approved by the superintendent, and as they were not they should now be ordered approved by the full board on the grounds that the money is in the treasury to pay the vouchers; that the vouchers are properly drawn up and attested; and that the debts represented are due and owing by the district.

E. S. C. Baker and M. A. Wright, representing the position taken by the superintendent, raised a technical defense to the effect that Arland J. Baker, member of the board, is a first cousin of the superintendent and therefore was not qualified to sit on the board in this case. This defense the board refused to allow and the motion was overruled by it.

Then the objection was raised that the board had no jurisdiction to hear the appeal for the reason that Robt. B. Scarborough, the attorney for the trustees had not made O. C. Cox a party to the proceedings, as originally instituted, now as they now stood, and that O. C. Cox had no notice of the hearing on these questions. This objection was also decided against the contention of Messrs Baker and Wright. Then the board considered another question raised by the defense to the effect that all testimony and evidence tending to show the legality of the appointment of Dr. Huger Richardson, as a lawful trustee, should be excluded from the hearing and held to be incompetent. The board held that if they were to exclude such testimony then the entire proceedings would fall and the hearing of the case could not go on and they ordered the hearing to go ahead regardless of this further objection.

The hearing is set to be continued this Friday night as this article is written, and if the board decide the question in time for the current issue of The Herald the order of the board will appear either in connection with this article or in another column of this issue.

No matter which way the full board decides the matter, either side may take a further appeal to the State Board of Education.

TURN OVER OLD COTTON

Columbia, Jan. 1.—Members of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association are being urged to turn over all of their old cotton to the association. A great many of the members of the organization have already done this, but some have held on to their old staple.

It is pointed out that members of the association who sell their old cotton on the open market are selling it in competition to the association.

The officials of the association are delighted with the delivery record to date, but naturally are anxious to get every bale sold through the association that can possibly be obtained; the more cotton sold through the association the better the record which it will make.

Members of the association are expressing great delight with the manner in which the association is functioning and express the belief that in 1923 the bulk of the cotton in this state will be sold through it.

FIRST CONFERENCE

The first Quarterly Conference of the current year, of the Gurley circuit was held at Durants on Saturday last, with the presiding elder, Rev. D. A. Phillips, presiding.

Plans were inaugurated for a progressive year's work in the bounds of the charge. Durants church taking the lead in the point of physical equipment, raising money to install a heater and make other necessary improvements.

The Gurley charge starts well the year 1923.

Last Monday was salesday but only a few sales were made at the court house.

HIS TRIP HOME BRINGS ARREST

B. O. Todd Let to Bail After Being in Jail One Night

OUT OF 1919 AFFAIR

Man's Family Returned Without Him to Home in Waycross

Just as B. O. Todd was about to enter the afternoon train here last Wednesday with his family, he was placed under arrest by J. O. Chestnut, magistrate's constable, with a warrant which had been sworn out by Van Owens charging the defendant with disposing of a crop under lien.

Todd had been spending the Christmas holidays with his parents near Myrtle Beach and was accompanied by his wife and children. Following his arrest his family went on to Charleston and thence to Waycross, Ga., where Todd had been holding a position with the railroad company for some time.

There was no chance to obtain bail on Wednesday evening. The defendant remained in the county jail that night. On Thursday morning he sent a transfer driver to Myrtle Beach after his father, W. T. Todd. The latter came back with the transfer and arranged bail for his son. B. O. Todd took the afternoon train for his home as soon as the bond had been fixed.

In conversation with Todd, he said that there was no ground for the charge against him, at least no ground that could result in making him guilty of the charge brought in the papers. He said in substance, that he had been farming in the year 1919 on shares with Van Owens and raised a good crop of cotton. He also planted and marketed a tobacco crop.

When it was time to sell the tobacco crop, according to the defendant's statement, he was told by Owens that the cotton crop would pay the debt that he owed Owens, namely the sum of about \$260.00; and that as the cotton would be held for higher prices that were thought sure to follow, that he, Todd, might dispose of the tobacco and could pay the account out of the cotton when it was sold. According to him, he then turned everything over to Owens, but the price of cotton went down instead of up and according to the papers served on him, there is standing against him still the sum of money above mentioned and which is claimed as being due on account secured by the crops raised by Todd that year.

Since a year or two ago Todd has been working for the railroad company and now lives at Waycross, Ga. He had come back with his wife and young folks to spend the holidays with their parents.

It was a rainy evening when the warrant was served upon him and he found it impossible to arrange a bond until better weather the next morning.

B. O. Todd is the same who was engaged in a small mercantile business in Conway about 1916. Before that time he ran a small restaurant business in one of the shops near the town hall.

NEGROES FIGHT AND THEN PAY

A cutting scrape between the two negro women in Conway last week led them both to the city court, also the husband of the woman who did the cutting, and the whole bunch had to pay fines.

Beulah Gore, one negro woman met Baby Risley, another negro woman, walking along the street with James Gore, said to be the husband of Beulah. Without any warning the Gore woman plunged a sharp knife into the body of the other woman, evidently aiming at the heart.

As soon as attacked, the woman ran and got out of the way.

In the town court the Risley woman paid a fine of \$15.00 the Gore woman paid \$5.00, while James Gore, the man in the case, paid a fine of \$5.00. The rest of sentence imposed by the court was suspended on his good behavior.

MET FRIDAY NIGHT

The county board of education met again on last Friday night to go on with the hearing of the appeal made by Lorisites from the decision of the county superintendent of education refusing to approve certain school vouchers. The hearing went on but was not finished and the board adjourned until Tuesday, at which time it is expected that the hearing will be concluded and the decision soon rendered.

Things are better than they were. We start the year of 1923 with business much better along all lines. It will be better for the farmers of this country this year than in the past two years of our history.