

NEGRO BURNED AT STAKE.

Mob in Oklahoma Deals Out Swift Punishment to Rapist.

Purcell, Okla., Aug. 24.—While 3,000 men, women and children stood by, shouting their approval, Peter Carter, a negro, who had previously been captured by three members of his own race, and identified as the man who last night attacked Mrs. Minnie Spraggins, wife of a farmer, was burned to death on a brush-pile in the main street of Purcell, at 5 o'clock this afternoon. Deputy Sheriff Hayes and Under-sheriff Farris, who attempted to rescue the negro from the crowd, were overpowered and locked in the court house.

Mrs. Spraggins was assaulted while alone in her home, one mile south of Purcell. After the deed, the negro set fire to the Spraggins home. Mrs. Spraggins's husband saw the flames while working in the field, and rushed into the house in time to rescue his wife. She declared Carter, who formerly worked on the Spraggins farm, had attacked her. Officers went to Carter's home and arrested him. He was turned over to a constable, but on the way to the jail escaped. When it became known the negro was free, farmers of the neighborhood organized and an all-night search was made. The negro was not found.

Negro Arrested by Negroes.

This afternoon Higley Henry, a negro janitor, noticed a strange negro under a box car near the Oklahoma Central railway station. With the aid of two other negroes, who had armed themselves, the negro janitor pulled Carter from beneath the car. He was taken to the main street of Purcell, where a great crowd had gathered.

"Turn the nigger over to me," said a tall farmer, who suddenly seemed to assume command of the crowd.

The janitor and his two aides obeyed. Carter was taken across the street and in an instant many men and boys were gathering brush and placing it at his feet. At this juncture Deputy Sheriff Hayes and Under-sheriff Farris arrived and pleaded with the mob to turn the prisoner over to them.

"That's All Right," They Said.

"That's all right sheriff," shouted one of the mob, "but we must protect our wives and daughters from black hounds."

The sheriff pleaded with the mob, saying the negro would be given an instant trial, and that there would be no chance for him to escape. After the sheriff had concluded, the officers were led to the court house, presumably to confer with some of the judges. As they entered a room in the building the key was turned in the lock, and the officers were held prisoners until the negro was dead.

As soon as the sheriff and his assistant had been locked up the negro was led out and placed on an oil-soaked brush heap built around a telephone pole. He was tied to the pole and the torch applied.

Mrs. Spraggins, who is not expected to live, said Carter entered her home last night and struck her on the head with a gas pipe, beating her until she was unconscious. An old mattress was torn up and scattered over her body. After the negro had set the mattress on fire he fled. As Mrs. Spraggins was crawling from the fire the negro reappeared and again struck her with the pipe, breaking her jaw and beating her badly. Her husband, rushing to the house, rescued his wife, unconscious. In a few minutes more she would have been dead.

Tallest Elk Passes Away.

Augusta, Ga., Aug. 24.—J. Frank Skinner, the tallest Elk in the world, died at his home here to-day, after an illness extending over several months. He was seven feet and four inches high. He was at one time with a circus and traveled over Europe as the "tall man," but for the past ten years had been a drummer. He came from a family of tall people, his grandfather being the tallest man Georgia ever produced. He was nearly eight feet tall.

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40 KILLED AND 80 INJURED.

Train of Grand Army Veterans Goes Down Embankment.

Manchester, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Train No. 4 on the Lehigh Valley railroad jumped the track here this afternoon. Forty persons were killed and about eighty injured.

Two cars rolled down an embankment 60 feet in height. It was in these cars that the greatest mortality occurred.

The wreck was due to defective rails. The engine and two forward coaches passed over the bad spot without accident. When the dinner struck the defective rails they spread and the last two coaches were thrown from the track and rolled down the embankment.

Several persons in the dining car were also killed.

A number of the veterans returning from the Grand Army encampment at Rochester were on the train.

Special trains bearing nurses and doctors were rushed here from Geneva, Rochester and Canadagua.

At 2.45 o'clock twenty-two bodies had been taken from the mass of twisted steel and shattered timbers. Mangled bodies were in plain sight, piled under the debris. Most of the victims are old men and women.

The train was forty minutes late and running fast, hauled by two powerful engines in an effort to make up lost time.

The third and fourth cars plunged over the sideless bridge to the outlet, 60 feet below. The third car struck flat on its side in the water, while the fourth landed on its front end. The remaining five cars left the rails, but did not go off the bridge.

Many of the passengers were tourists, who reached Buffalo to-day on Detroit and Buffalo line steamers and over the Canadian railroads from the Muskoka district.

As fast as the injured could be gotten out of the wreck they were taken to Rochester on the relief trains.

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Low Water Closes Mills.

Anderson, Aug. 24.—Two of the largest cotton mills in upper Carolina—the Anderson and Orr plants, of this city—were forced to shut down this afternoon because of the very low stage of water in the river here. Reports from several parts of the Piedmont district indicate to-day that the drought and resulting fall in the water stage in several rivers and streams are forcing manufacturers to run on half time. Power plants on the Savannah and Tugaloo rivers are now producing only 4,000 horse-power—just half the normal—and unless conditions improve, it is said they may close altogether.

In Japan there is a kind of frog very celebrated for his sweet voice. He is called kajiki, and people pay as much as \$10 for a pair of the marsh musicians. A poet in Japan keeps scores of singing frogs at his home, and he sometimes gives a party to his friends, when after listening to the music every guest is asked to write a poem in honor of the frogs.

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Subscription Contest

From To-day

To and Including August 31.

From to-day to and including Thursday, August 31st, we are giving Piano Contestants and their friends another opportunity to get votes by working for New and Renewal Subscriptions to The Keowee Courier. In this Subscription Contest we are giving the following

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TUGALOO NOT SUSCEPTIBLE

Of Commercial Navigation—Board Will Consider Further Argument.

Congressman Wyatt Aiken has received the following communication from the War Department, Department of Engineering, which will prove of interest to the citizens of Oconee:

Washington, D. C., Aug. 21.—Dear Sir: The River and Harbor Act of February 27, 1911, provided for a preliminary examination of the Tugaloo river (Georgia and South Carolina) from its mouth to Fort Madison, S. C., with a view of ascertaining whether this stream is worthy of a survey and of improvement by the United States. The preliminary examination has been made and the report thereon by the district officer has been reviewed by the board of engineers for rivers and harbors. The board advises that, from the information at hand, they are unable to concur in the recommendation of the district officer that the stream is worthy of a survey and of improvement by the government. The principal reasons for the present views of the board are as follows:

Both the upper and lower portions of the river are too precipitous for open-channel improvement, and the cost of canalization would be prohibitive; that while the middle section may be susceptible of improvement, it is very limited in extent, and the commerce, present and prospective, is local in character and too small to justify the United States in undertaking the improvement in the interest of general commerce and navigation.

Before taking final action in the matter, however, the board desires that all interested parties be given opportunity to present their views and to submit such facts and arguments as they may wish. This is, therefore, to invite you to submit, in writing, to "The Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, Southern Building, Washington, D. C.," any facts or arguments which you may desire concerning the improvement of this stream by the government. Your communication should reach the board within four weeks from the date of this letter.

Very respectfully,
G. P. Howell, Major,
Corps of Engineers.

Birmingham Goes for Saloons.

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 24.—Jefferson county to-day voted to return to the legal sale of liquor by licensed saloons by a majority which may go above 2,000.

The returns began to come in early and the dispensary showed a small lead in some of the country precincts, but by the time twenty precincts had been heard from saloons were ahead of dispensaries by 100. This ratio was maintained until the city boxes began to come in, which rapidly swelled the saloons' majority.

The voters also passed on the question "wet or dry," but there was never any doubt of the county's going wet. The issue was really between saloons and dispensaries.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

SAY TO HOLD FOR 13 CENTS.

Committee of Southern Senators and Representatives Report.

Washington, Aug. 23.—"Hold cotton for 13 cents" is the advice to be formally given to farmers' organizations, by a committee consisting of Senators Williams of Mississippi, Owen of Oklahoma, and Representative Burleson of Texas, representing a conference of Senators and Representatives from seven cotton-growing States.

A committee will urge the State banking associations to co-operate against "the bearish movement of the speculators."

What was referred to generally as the "threatening condition of the cotton market" was discussed at meetings to-day and last night. Among the participants were Senators Williams and Owen, Representatives Underwood of Alabama, Democratic leader of the House; Heflin of Alabama, Brantley and Hughes of Georgia, Burleson and Beale of Texas, Garrett of Tennessee, Humphreys of Mississippi, and Small of North Carolina. A number of them are large cotton planters.

Statement Issued.

The committee issued a statement, which read:

"It seems to be the opinion of all that there was a preconcerted effort being made, principally through the instrumentality of the speculative element of the New York cotton exchange to break down the price of cotton. It was the opinion of all that the present statistical condition of cotton did not justify the lowness of present quotations, and that the estimate of 15,000,000 bales was unjustified by any facts upon which a prediction could be safely based. And moreover, even if a 15,000,000 bale crop were in sight, the world's supplies still probably would fall short of the world's demand for cotton, to the extent of more than 1,000,000 bales, because of the exhaustion of the recent visible supply of carried-over spot cotton. In other words, with a 15,000,000 American crop the world's crop for 1911 would be 25,000,000, with 35,000,000 spindles creating a demand for 26,000,000. This statement is based on latest advices from Egypt, India and other cotton producing countries."

Function of Committee.

The statement refers to the appointment of the committee to write, in the name of those present, a letter to the president of the Farmers' Union and to other cotton farmers' organizations, asking them to advise their local unions and other subordinate bodies to advise the farmers generally to hold cotton for 13 cents, and to continue to demand that price "until by a convention of agreement, arrived at in some way, a different one shall be suggested."

The Price Fixed.

The conference expressed the view that 13 cents was seemingly less than that justified by the existing statistical condition. "This committee," the statement reads, "was also requested to communicate in some way with the presidents of the several State banking associations in the cotton States, asking them to throw, as far as possible, their moral and financial support behind the effort to counteract the bearish movement of the speculators, with the view of obtaining a fair price for the farmers' cotton."

Ample Funds.

Information was given at the informal conference that assurances would be given to President Barrett, or to Southern banks, that ample funds from banks outside of the South could be had, through the instrumentality of Southern financial institutions, to be lent, at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, to those who did not wish to dispose of their cotton at a sacrifice, upon cotton warehouse certificates. This committee subsequently met in the office of Senator Williams, of Mississippi, and concluded that the best way to carry out the ideas suggested and agreed upon was to give this statement to the Associated Press. Signed:

John Sharp Williams.
Robert S. Owen.
A. S. Burleson.

Strikes Farmers' Hip Pocket.

Mansfield Center, Conn., Aug. 24.—A bolt of lightning threw itself into the hip pocket of Jos. Barrow, a farmer, as he was sitting in the kitchen of his home here last night.

The bolt came into the house by way of the stove pipe and was attracted to Barrow's hip pocket by the presence there of an iron monkey wrench and a big jack-knife. It coasted down his leg, burning him severely, and then careened over the floor, upsetting a tub of water and splitting a huge chopping block.

In Barrow's pocket the end of the wrench and the blade of the knife were fused into a solid piece of steel.

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