

J. TOWNES HOLLEMAN RETURNS.
Spent Seven Years in West and On the Pacific Coast.

(Anderson Mail, 1st.)
After an absence of seven and one-half years, which he terms as years of torture, both mentally and physically, J. Townes Holleman, former cashier of the Bank of Anderson, has voluntarily returned to Anderson and has given himself into the custody of the law to make amends for the offense that he committed before leaving.

Several weeks ago he indicated, by letter to his brother and friends here, his desire to return, and about a week ago he advised them that he was leaving California and would come to Anderson, arriving here about the latter part of the week.

On Saturday afternoon his friends here were advised that he would leave Birmingham, Ala., in time to reach Calhoun Falls over the Seaboard Air Line at 7.30 o'clock Sunday night. His brother, Lee G. Holleman, his close and intimate friend, John K. Hood, and his son, Whit Holleman, went to Calhoun Falls in an automobile late Sunday, and they returned with him to Anderson late Sunday evening. He spent the night at the home of his brother in North Anderson.

Early this morning Mr. Holleman and some of his friends met at the office of Bonham, Watkins & Allen and Sheriff Ashley was called. Solicitor Kurtz P. Smith and Magistrate W. P. Cox were also advised of Mr. Holleman's presence and desire to give himself into the custody of the law.

Over Seven Years Ago.
A warrant for Mr. Holleman's arrest was issued September 28, 1909, by A. N. Richardson and J. E. Barton by direction of the grand jury, both of these gentlemen being members of that body at the time. This warrant has been in the custody of the solicitor and was recently turned over to the sheriff when the solicitor was advised of Mr. Holleman's intention to return.

Friends Welcome Him Back.
After the sheriff had been notified of Mr. Holleman's presence in the office of Bonham, Watkins & Allen, and before the sheriff presented himself with the warrant, it became known in the business district that Mr. Holleman had returned, and immediately his friends began calling on him. The office was crowded with friends when the sheriff appeared. John K. Hood, of counsel for Mr. Holleman, stated to the sheriff, the magistrate and the solicitor that Mr. Holleman had voluntarily returned to suffer what penalties the law may enforce for the offense committed; that he had returned after an absence of seven and one-half years, during which time he had suffered all the pains and penalties that come to a man hopeless and friendless in a strange land; that it would be easier, both physically and mentally, to bear the punishment and make just amends than it would be for him to remain a fugitive or a vagabond on earth.

The Warrant.
The warrant for Mr. Holleman's arrest reads as follows:
"That J. T. Holleman did commit a breach of trust with fraudulent intent by appropriating to his own use \$35,000 of the funds of the Bank of Anderson, a corporation, while acting as cashier of said corporation, in violation of Section 154 of the Criminal Code."
The witnesses, as set out in the warrant, are: B. F. Mauldin, J. H. Anderson, J. M. Sullivan, Fred G. Brown, Dr. R. G. Witherspoon, J. A. Brock and J. E. Barton.
In concluding his statement Mr. Hood said that Mr. Holleman wanted to waive a preliminary hearing and wanted to give bond for his appearance at the next term of the court of general sessions, which will convene on the first Monday in February. Mr. Hood suggested that, in view of the fact that Mr. Holleman had voluntarily returned and wanted to suffer whatever penalties the law may enforce, the bond be fixed at \$1,000. Solicitor K. P. Smith, who appeared for the State, declared that under the circumstances of Mr. Holleman's voluntary actions, he would give his consent if the magistrate would fix the bond at \$1,000, a matter left entirely in the hands of the magistrate. Magistrate Cox stated that in view of the circumstances surrounding Mr. Holleman's return he would fix bail at \$1,000. Mr. Holleman was then directed to sign a paper waiving preliminary hearing and a bond for his appearance was executed. Besides Mr. Holleman, the bondsmen are: A. S. Farmer, Lee G. Holleman and E. P. Vandiver.
Mr. Holleman was then released from the custody of the court.

Burden Lifted from Him.
"You people who have never experienced what I have experienced don't know—you can't have any idea—of the relief that has come to me at this moment. It is the only real moment of relief that I have had since I left here on July 18, 1908," declared Mr. Holleman, after the bond had been executed. "I have spent more than seven long years of torture of the very worst kind. There hasn't been one moment's let-up of the strain and of my conscience. I just don't know what to say to express my feelings right now, and I don't know what to say about the attitude of all my friends here in calling on me and expressing their gladness on my return. A great burden has been lifted."
Mr. Holleman talked freely and frankly about his actions prior to leaving Anderson and during the time he spent out West.
"My troubles in the bank existed over a period of about 12 months," he declared. "The money was lost in dealing in stocks and cotton—mostly cotton. I left here on that Sunday morning with \$1,410. I could have taken more—there was plenty on hand in the bank—but I began thinking that conditions were already bad enough and I took only what I thought would be necessary for me to get away.
"It was my plan to leave on the early morning train for Greenville.

At that time a train left here about 7 o'clock. I was writing that letter to Mr. Mauldin, the contents of which you all know, when that train left me. I then caught a later train to Greenville, and I caught the very first train out of Greenville going West. I had no point in view—I didn't know where I was going. I only knew that I wanted to get away. I bought a local ticket to St. Louis and then bought a local ticket to Kansas City. From that city I went to Colorado Springs, then to Salt Lake City, and finally I landed in Los Angeles, Cal.

"The first newspaper account of my leaving that I saw was after I reached Salt Lake City. I found an Atlanta Journal and read the account as sent out from Anderson. And during my stay on the Pacific coast I have not spoken to any one from this section. Naturally, I have avoided meeting any one from here. On one occasion I followed a man three blocks because I thought he was from Anderson. He disappeared, and not to this day do I know whether or not he was the man from Anderson. I did see, on another occasion, a man from this section of the State. He left South Carolina many years ago. I didn't speak to him. I didn't adopt any disguise; the only change I made in my appearance was to shave off my moustache."

Mr. Holleman was asked as to how he spent the time.
"For a while I roamed around with no objective point in view," he said. "The first three years after I left I spent in the State of Washington. Then I went into British Columbia for a while. I spent some time in Oregon and then went down into California. I developed rheumatism in the Northwest and went down into California seeking to get rid of it. I did get well of the rheumatism and then I developed malaria. During the first two or three years after I left I had no desire to return to Anderson. Then I got sick and my condition went from bad to worse. During my sickness I firmly made up my mind that I would not return to Anderson, for I hoped all the time that my illness would develop into something serious and that I would drop off and there end it all."

"But, later, the condition of my health became better. I began to improve, and it was then that I finally made up my mind that I was going to return to Anderson and make amends. I have been longing for the time to come for my returning, and this is the happiest day that I have spent since the day I left here more than seven years ago.
"I tried to get jobs of all kinds, but only on one occasion did I try to get a clerical job. That was in Seattle. I called on a man and asked him for a job in his office. He talked mightily favorably that day and told me to return on the following day. I went back and he told me he could not use me. You can imagine what opportunity any man 50 years of age will have in getting a job in a new, strange country, and especially when that man lacks self-push, as I did. When that man turned me down I made up my mind right then and there that I would never again seek a clerical job. All the work I have done has been manual labor—working as a common hand around the lumber camps and so on. For a while I worked as a laborer at Du Pont's powder plant in the State of Washington. It came pretty hard at times, for I was not physically able to do the work."

Mr. Holleman says that he has suffered from the day he left here; that he cannot imagine any worse punishment for a man than for him to have the experiences that he has had. He says that he has suffered wretchedly and that it is a happy day for him to come in and make amends. Naturally, he feels unequal to the ordeal of meeting his friends and acquaintances, but he says that the fact that so many have come in and given him the glad hand of welcome will make this an easier matter than he contemplated.

Mr. Holleman has no plans for the future, awaiting the termination of his case in the court of general sessions in February. He says that he has practically regained his health, which he lost about three years ago; that he weighs about 160 pounds, almost as much as he weighed when he left Anderson. When he left here his weight was 175. His memory was given a rather severe test this morning when so many people called on him, and with but two or three exceptions he recalled the names and made many inquiries about their families. He says that so many young people have grown up and so many older ones have died since he left here. He also noted many changes that have taken place in Anderson—changes for the better.
Mr. Holleman went to Seneca today to spend the night.

CHESTER WOMAN MURDERED.
Mystery Surrounds Crime—Robbery Probably Motive.
Chester, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Maggie Wilkinson, wife of W. A. Wilkinson, manager of the Chester waterworks station, was found in a pool of blood, dead, at her home at the station this morning at 6.30 o'clock.

A close investigation showed that she had been murdered, being struck in the back of the head with a blunt instrument. Her skull was badly crushed.
There was some money in the house which has not been found. It is possible that she was murdered for the sake of the money.
The news reached the city to-night, and there was great concern manifested on all sides. Mrs. Wilkinson was one of the county's most highly esteemed women, being about 50 years of age.
Her husband left in the evening for the station, which is located on the banks of the river. He returned to find his wife murdered, lying head downward on the dining room floor. The body was cold, indicating that the tragedy had occurred a considerable time prior to her husband's return, a number of physicians stated.
The murder is a complete mystery. The only clue may be perhaps the missing money.
Mrs. Wilkinson is survived by her

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1916 CAROLINA COTTON CROP.
Ginning to December 1st Shows Marked Decrease from Last Year.

Director Sam L. Rogers, of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, has announced the preliminary report of cotton ginned to December 1st, by counties, in South Carolina, for the crops of 1916 and 1915. (Quantities are in running bales, counting round as half bales. Lists are not included.)

County	1916.	1915.
Abbeville	23,770	26,597
Aiken	33,134	33,710
Anderson	48,510	51,945
Bamberg	20,596	14,267
Barrow	40,285	33,688
Beaufort	5,220	3,417
Berkeley	4,628	8,511
Calhoun	19,786	17,344
Charleston	3,449	7,164
Cherokee	7,519	12,592
Chester	17,151	27,343
Chesterfield	16,521	25,301
Clarendon	16,953	24,290
Colleton	12,019	12,503
Darlington	15,569	29,618
Dillon	20,596	27,403
Dorchester	7,926	10,288
Edgefield	27,067	25,804
Fairfield	12,798	20,407
Florence	15,903	27,391
Georgetown	1,095	2,143
Greenville	29,001	37,627
Greenwood	26,100	25,141
Hampton	15,913	11,336
Horry	4,147	7,011
Jasper	4,764	2,865
Kershaw	9,406	22,175
Lancaster	12,070	18,816
Laurens	27,218	34,664
Lee	15,967	28,869
Lexington	21,368	20,905
Marion	10,369	12,474
Marlboro	29,643	45,637
Newberry	27,026	31,715
Oconee	14,995	15,286
Orangeburg	53,336	55,473
Pickens	13,136	14,423
Richland	15,009	17,976
Saluda	24,100	22,588
Spartanburg	44,515	59,347
Sumter	22,370	27,905
Union	10,917	15,770
Williamsburg	11,076	20,117
York	19,220	31,997
Totals	832,161	1,021,843

This shows a decrease in South Carolina's crop, ginned to December 1st, of 189,682 bales, as compared with the same date last year.

Ran British Blockade.
Berlin, Dec. 17.—The German steamship Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm, which had been anchored at Odde, near Bergen, Norway, has arrived at Stavanger, according to a dispatch from Christiania, "after having broken the British blockade outside Bergen."

A line of two British destroyers and three torpedo boats, the message adds, was crossed by the steamer.

husband and one daughter, Mrs. Mammie Kirkland, of Winston-Salem.

Sheriff D. E. Colvin, several deputies and many friends are working on the case. Bloodhounds from the State penitentiary will be brought here.

Suspects Taken to Pen.
Chester, Dec. 17.—Cato and John Wright and Will Nelson, negroes, were arrested to-day on circumstantial evidence in connection with the murder of Mrs. W. A. Wilkinson yesterday. The tragedy seems to have been for the purpose of robbery, as a satchel and two purses were found some distance from the house minus money. A long bolt, similar to those used on railroad bridges, was likewise discovered in a thicket near the scene of the murder. It was covered with hair and blood. Some strong circumstantial evidence has been obtained, it is claimed.
The negroes were carried to the State penitentiary this afternoon. There was no disorder here. Great crowds from over the county congregated here to-day, but mainly out of curiosity.

Father and Daughters Burned.

Canton, N. C., Dec. 16.—Jack Penland and his two daughters, Mildred and Laura, were burned to death when fire destroyed their home half a mile east of here last night. Mrs. Penland and Willie Penland were seriously burned and were taken to an Asheville hospital.

S U M M O N S.

State of South Carolina,
County of Oconee,
(In Court of Probate.)
Ex Parte, Dr. Thos. G. C. Fahnestock,
In Re
William John Owens, Thomas P. Owens, Rosana Grumbly, Janie Elise _____, Mary Ellen Proctor, Mary Walsh, William Owens, Mary Owens, John J. Owens, Rosana Owens and James Owens, and all the other unknown heirs-at-law of Mrs. Rosa Fahnestock, deceased.

That whereas, Dr. Thos. G. C. Fahnestock, by his petition in writing, filed in the office of Judge of Probate for said State and County, on the 18th day of December, 1916, praying that this Court do require all the heirs-at-law of Mrs. Rosa Fahnestock, deceased, and especially the above-named, to prefer a petition in writing to prove said Last Will and Testament in due form of law and that witnesses may be sworn and examined concerning same, and since it is the intention of the said Petitioner, Dr. Thos. G. C. Fahnestock, to contest, and ask the paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Mrs. Rosa Fahnestock, deceased, which bears date the 24th day of September, 1915, to be declared null and void and of no effect, and that the paper bearing date the 1st day of January, 1916, be admitted to probate in due form of law and be adjudged and declared to be the sole, only and last will and testament of the said Mrs. Rosa Fahnestock, deceased.

And whereas, it has been made to appear by affidavit signed by M. R. McDonald, attorney for Dr. Thos. G. C. Fahnestock, Petitioner, that certain heirs at law of Mrs. Rosa Fahnestock, deceased, are, or may be minors, and that such minors reside beyond the limits and jurisdiction of this State, and cannot, after due diligence, be found,
WHEREFORE, You and each of you, except Dr. Thos. G. C. Fahnestock, and all of the unknown heirs-at-law of Mrs. Rosa Fahnestock, deceased, are hereby required to answer the Petition of Dr. Thos. G. C. Fahnestock, which has this day been filed in the office of the Court of Probate for said State and County, and that each of you serve a copy of your answer to the said Petition within twenty days from the date of service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail and refuse to answer to the said Petition, the Court will grant the relief therein demanded, by default; and that each of the unknown minors being heirs at law of Mrs. Rosa Fahnestock, deceased, are hereby summoned and required to procure the appointment of some suitable person to act as their guardian ad litem for the purpose of this action, within twenty days from the date of service thereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to procure the appointment of such guardian ad litem within the time aforesaid, the said Petitioner will apply to this Court for such appointment.
Dated at Walhalla, S. C., December 18, 1916.
V. F. MARTIN, (Seal.)
Judge of Probate, Oconee County, South Carolina,
Dec. 20, 1916. 61-4

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Louis P. Rankin,
Supt. of Sunday School.

Dies Cranking Auto.
Columbia, Dec. 15.—Rev. J. P. Knox, for the past 17 years pastor of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, this city, and chaplain of the South Carolina House of Representatives since 1913, fell dead in front of his residence here Thursday afternoon while cranking his automobile.

OFFICE OF DEPUTY COLLECTOR.
Dec. 20, 1916.
Notice is hereby given of the seizure of one black mare mule, one set single wagon harness, one open top side-spring buggy, and 13 gallons of corn whiskey. Seizure made on account of violation of Sec. 3296 R. S. U. S. Any person claiming an interest in same shall file with the Collector a bond within 30 days from date hereof or the seized property shall be declared forfeited to the Federal Government.
W. R. BRADLEY,
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Dec. 20, 1916. 51-3

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