

SENSATION IN SUMTER.

Dead Body of Infant Found in Man's Front Yard.

Sumter, Feb. 15.—This community was much stirred up today by the finding of the body of a new-born white infant girl, who had evidently been strangled to death at birth, or immediately after birth, according to information given out today by Coroner W. J. Seale, who was called in and took charge of the body, turning it over to an undertaking establishment, to be kept until further investigation could be made.

The body was found partially covered with earth in the yard of a well-known citizen, whose name was withheld by the coroner, pending further investigation of the case. The citizen had his attention called to the body by one of his children, who was playing in the yard, and he at once notified officers of his find. Beyond saying that the body was found in a prominent residential neighborhood Coroner Seale would not give out further information as to place or where it was

found, although he stated that there was no one in the family of the citizen where the body was found to whom suspicion could be attached. Dr. W. S. Burgess was called by the coroner to examine the body and he gave it as his opinion that the infant was mature and had been strangled to death by a cloth which was knotted tightly about the dead baby's throat, partly severing the head, at birth, or immediately thereafter. He said that the infant had probably been dead more than twenty-four hours when discovered. Investigation is being made and an inquest will be held as soon as any information comes to light.

Marriage.

Mr. Wellington Hoyt Knight and Miss Maude Elizabeth Dority, both of near Camden, were married by Probate Judge W. L. McDowell on Saturday last, Feb. 16th.

Four negro convicts were burned to death at Flat Top prison, Alabama, when the institution was destroyed by fire Friday night.

Honor Roll Jackson School.

The Honor Roll of the Jackson Graded and Junior High School for the fifth month beginning January 14, and ending February 8, 1924, is as follows:

First "B" Grade—Mary Bishop, Francis Carlos, Mary Thorne, Marie Thomas, Mary Williams, Josephine Haile, Willie Wheeler, Hattie Wright, Willie Lee Moore, Greta White, Wilhelmina Bolden, Maggie Gladden, Alice Gary, Carrie Salmond, James E. English, Ernestine Johnson, Virgie Boykin, Elizabeth Jones, Bennie Cato, Beatrice Kirkland, Rebecca Deas, Louise Lawson, Easter Bracy, Henry Jacobs, Richard Carlos, Jim Thomas, Essie Whitaker, Eliza Bradford, Bessie Roach and Jessie Wilson.

First "A" Grade—Pauline Smyer, Wilhelmina Lowery, Melvin Pee, Arthur Kirkland, Edward Malcolm and Willie Preston.

Second Grade—Grace Belton, Jamie Belton, Edna Carlos, Harriet Carlos, Mary Deas, Mary Dow, Mamie Duren, Henrietta Esther, Elise Johnson, Amy McKeever, Lydia Sanders, Ida Belle Whitaker, Alexander Boykin, Lindsay Bradley, Richard Dow, Hamilton Tony Kirkland, Singleton Whitaker, Fred Whitaker, and Joseph Stover.

Third Grade—Sarah Howard, Bennie Jones, Jimmie Howard, Annie Malcolm, Edna Gamble, Anna Welch, Iva Jones, James Lowman, Ella Brown, Henrietta Williams, Rebecca Wright, Frank Deas, Lonnie Deas, Julia Johnson, Mary Johnson, Jamie Tucker, Marguerite Jones, Eugenia Jones, Estelle Griffin, Lottie Williams, Eloise English, Virginia Dawson, Sadie Coleman, Maria Bolden, Ella Brown, Eva Brown, Georgia Barnes, and Anna Bracey.

Fourth Grade—Carrie Nelson, Louise James, Walter Jenkins, Susie Boykin, Hilda Meeks, Carrie Bell Shropshire, Hattie Powell, Ruth Blanding, Bettie Wilks, Charlie Whitaker, Bernice Canteey, Lawrence Jones, Sarah Stover, Pickett Jones, Blanch Robinson, Cora Duren, Sallie Vaughn, and Sallie Hall.

Sixth Grade—Alice Brown, Wilhelmina Ross, James White, Theodore Hollen, Harold McLester, and Edgar McLester.

Seventh Grade—Ruth Whitaker, Bessie Pickett, Beulah Duren, Eliza Alexander, Calista Shropshire, Ella Kirkland, I. B. English, Theodore Shropshire and Alvin DuBose.

Ninth Grade—Rosa Aaron and Rena Patterson.

P. B. M'dolana, Principal.

Twenty automobiles were destroyed at Franklin, Pa., Monday night by a fire following an explosion of gasoline in a garage.

Law Really Is Aid to Motorist

The traffic law deals with two classes of drivers. There is the man who is bent only on beating the game, he will violate all the laws with a light heart if he thinks he can get away with it, or if the penalty seems less than the immediate profit. The law must deal with the problem of catching, restraining and penalizing this irresponsible driver; and in dealing with him, harshness should be the keynote.

On the other hand, by far the larger proportion of motorists come in contact with the law only in what should be its beneficent aspect. To them, the law need be only a set of agreed upon principles for insuring that all of us drive to the least interference with any of us. It specifies certain equipment which we must carry, not with the view of forcing us to carry it, but in order that we may have a convenient and authoritative standard of reference. It prescribes the manner of our driving, in general and in particular circumstances, not with the idea that we need to have a club held over us, but again so that each of us may have a standard by which to forecast the probable conduct of the other fellow.

In defining and enforcing these and other necessary standards, the law can afford to err on the side of lenience. It can often correct without penalizing. It can even more often impose a light penalty as a mere jog to the offender's memory. It can and should reserve the display of its teeth for the habitual or the wanton violator.—Scientific American.

Daylight Saving Is Not Popular in Italy

Daylight saving is unpopular in Italy because of the name the government ascribed to it. At least that is former Premier Nitti's laughing explanation. The new time was called the "legal hour."

With the advent of spring, says Mr. Kenneth L. Roberts in Europe's Morning After, the Italian government ordered that all clocks be set back an hour so that the people might have the advantage of an extra hour of daylight. But in Italy, as in other countries, a large number of people didn't like the arrangement, and so they made a frightful uproar and organized strikes against the "legal hour." The street railway employees, for example, were striking; I asked one of them his reasons.

"The new hour," said he, "makes it necessary for us to get up too early in the morning. Everything is foggy and dark."

I reminded him that the new hour saved coal for the nation and gave him an extra hour of daylight when his work was done.

"Yes," he said, "but it is too foggy and dark when we get up."

"Our mistake," declared Nitti, "was in calling it 'the legal hour.' We should have known that no true Italian would have endured it. We should have called it 'the illegal hour.' Then every Italian would have been unanimously in favor of it!"

Materials in Straw Hats

In the United States straw hats are made from braid that is chiefly imported from Italy, China and Japan, says the Detroit News. Of the various materials which go into the fabrication of plaited hatgear the most important is wheat straw. The straw must have a length of "pipe" between the knots and must possess a clear, delicate golden color and must not be brittle. The most valuable straw is from Tuscany, and from the Tuscan plants the leghorn hats are made. Many substances besides straw are used in braids for hats and bonnets. Among these may be noticed willow and cane, as well as palm.

The famous panama hats are made from the leaves of the screw pine.

Nearly Killed by Bats

Attacked by what he declares was a swarm of a thousand bats, Joseph Morasky, Southern Pacific station agent at Inlay, relates a weird story of a recent trip he made through a cave in a mountain six miles east of Inlay. Morasky says he lowered himself into the mouth of the cave, and after proceeding through a natural tunnel and down an incline for about 200 feet came into a large chamber. This chamber was the home of the bats, and he says they began an infuriated attack upon him, and declares that he owes his life to the fact that he wore a very heavy cap, coat and gloves. His clothes were badly torn when he finally emerged from the cave.—Itene News in Sacramento Bee.

Value of Egyptian Irrigation

Irrigation work, including the Assuan dam in Egypt, has cost to date about \$33,000,000, but the increase in the value of land in middle and lower Egypt and in the Fayum province has been from \$65,000,000 to \$2,440,000,000 and the total profit from this area of land has risen from \$82,000,000 to \$120,000,000. This is what the irrigation engineer has done for Egypt in two decades.

Dynamiting the Mosquito

Man has begun to use high explosives in his war against insects. Dynamite, which we usually think of in connection with the destruction of big things, is now being employed against little mosquitoes. It is used to blast these dangerous disease-carrying pests out of existence by digging ditches which drain the mosquito grounds.

REPUBLICAN MEETING.

Joe Tolbert Holds Convention at Rock Hill.

Rock Hill, Feb. 14.—Republicans of the Fifth district met here this afternoon and elected R. H. Haile, Camden negro, delegate to the national convention, and Will Woodward, Rock Hill, alternate.

The official convention, presided over by Major J. F. Jones, was held in the hall of the Cauthen Building, in a negro section of the city. "Boss" Joe Tolbert made a rousing speech according to some of those in attendance.

"Boss" Tolbert and Major Jones arrived last night and were in conference with delegates to the convention until 1:30 o'clock this morning, it was learned today. All during the morning Mr. Tolbert was surrounded by a group of his dusky admirers and the tracks had been cleared and greased long before the convention gavel fell.

Last night a conference was held at the home of "Bisk" Hall, well-known Rock Hill negro, attended by Mr. Tolbert and Major Jones. Several conferences were held in rooms of the leaders in the Carolina Hotel, where Tolbert and Jones were stopping.

The fact that the Republican boss called at the Postoffice building during the day was regarded as significant, in view of the fact that the present term of E. E. Poag as postmaster expires February 20. Rembert Barrett is reported to have the full endorsement of Tolbert and it is understood all plans have been perfected for him to catch the almost over-ripe plum when it leaves the limb within the next few days. So far as could be learned, Mr. Barrett did not attend any of the conferences or the convention.

The delegates to the convention had all departed this evening, without any untoward incident to mar their stay.

Thomas A. Edison celebrated his 77th birthday, last Monday. He expects to go on a fishing trip in a few weeks.

CALCIUM ARSENATE.

State Warehouse Commissioner Advises Early Buying.

Editor Camden Chronicle: I wish space in your columns to announce to the farmers of Kershaw County that the Legislature has placed in the hands of the State Warehouse Commissioner a large sum of money as a revolving fund for the purpose of purchasing and distributing to the farmers of the state Calcium Arsenate and other Boll Weevil poisons at the cost of procuring and handling same.

The Commissioner early in the season arranged with some large manufacturers of this material at a very cheap price and is now able to deliver it to any point in the state in any quantities of fifty pounds or more at one-third less than it was sold for last year. This material is handled very carefully and upon arrival is sampled and analyzed by the State Chemist before being sent out so as to insure its effectiveness in poisoning the Boll Weevil.

The Calcium situation seems to be very acute and I am afraid that we will see prices great deal higher later on; besides, the probability of not being able to procure a sufficient quantity unless the people buy early so that the money can be used again when the real need comes. I am therefore, in the face of this situation, advising all our farmers to purchase their requirements now while the price is reasonable and while it can be had. The cotton states to the west of us are the greatest users of boll weevil poison and they never buy until late on account of having no place to care for it. When they come in the market for their requirements we may expect a sudden scarcity and a great advance in price.

I shall be glad to furnish any of our farmers with such information as I have on the subject. Just write or wire.

Yours very truly,
D. Clifton Rivers,
State Warehouse Commissioner.

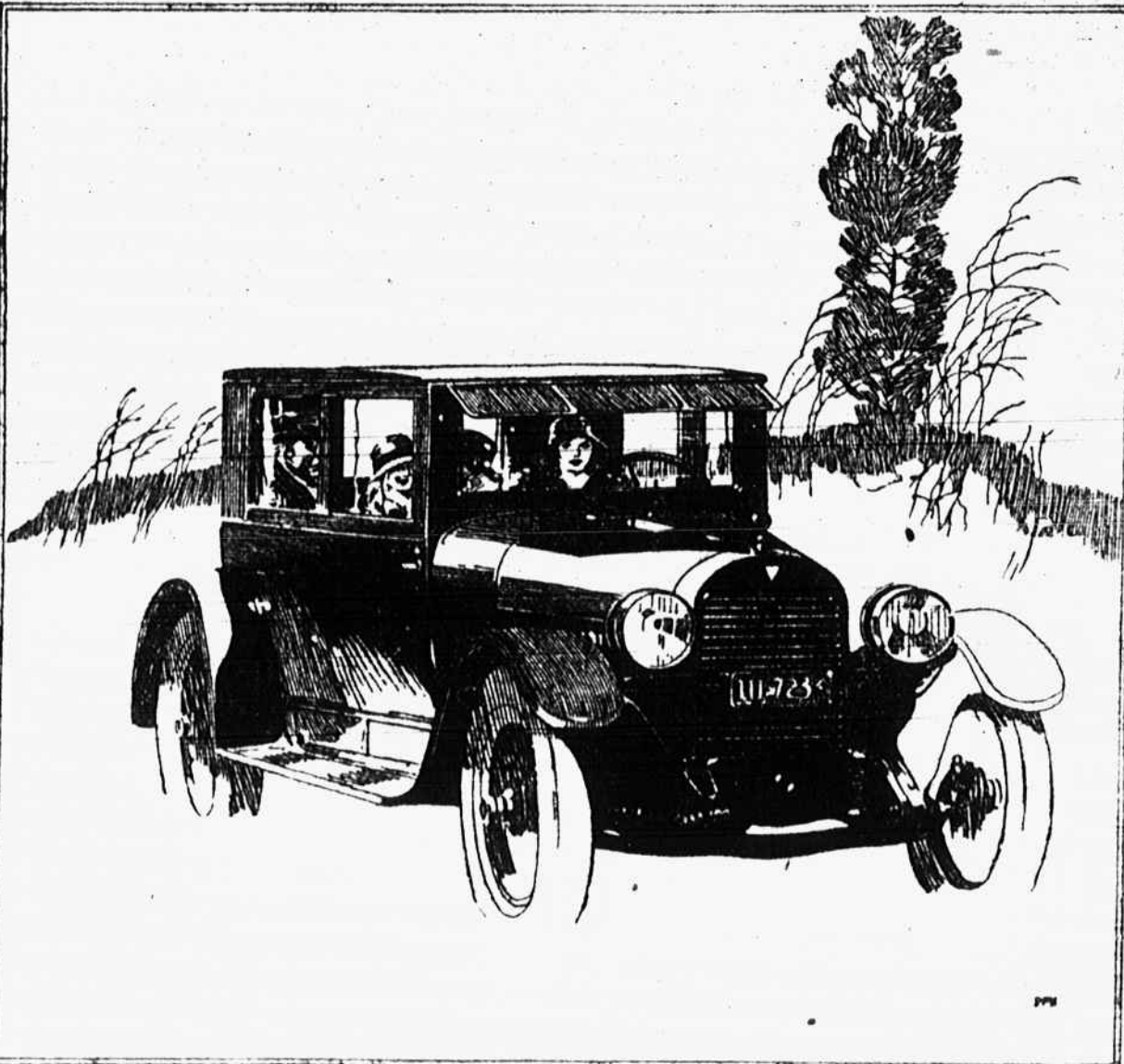
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