

MOB LYNCHES NEGRO.

John Smith Strung Up in Outskirts of Arcadia, Fla.

Arcadia, Fla., April 11.—John Smith, the negro who yesterday dragged Miss Mary Steele Ewing from her buggy, two miles from Arcadia, in an attempt at criminal assault, was taken away from the sheriff and his deputies at an early hour this morning and hanged to a tree.

The story of the attempted assault is as follows: Miss Ewing, who had been to the city on a shopping tour, was returning to her home, four miles from the city, when the negro sprang into the buggy, seized Miss Ewing and dragged her into the bushes, throwing her down and choking her.

The young woman begged, fought and prayed to the black fiend to let her go and offered to give him \$100 in cash if he would accompany her home, but this did not stop the brute. Miss Ewing, in her struggle, saw Will Knowles and her brother walking some distance from the scene. With renewed vigor she screamed and this attracted the Knowles brothers, who rushed to her assistance. The brute made his escape, and, after taking Miss Ewing to her home, the men rushed to the city and spread the news, and bloodhounds, followed by a posse of 300 men, were soon on the trail. The negro was found at a turpentine camp and taken before his victim, who positively identified him. Sheriff Freeman and his deputies succeeded in placing Smith in jail, but being afraid of an attack, attempted to spirit the negro out of Arcadia, when they were met by an automobile party, held up and forced to give up the prisoner.

The negro, seeing that he was doomed to death, pleaded for mercy, but there was none in the hearts of the mob who carried him to the edge of the city, where they strung him up to a tree, where his body was still hanging this morning. Miss Ewing positively identified the clothing on the negro and pointed out the shirt she had torn in her efforts to escape.

The Boy With the Feet.

The boy in the car sat cuddled so close to the woman in gray that everybody thought he belonged to her, says The New York Sun, so when he unconsciously dug his muddy shoes into the broadcloth skirt of his left hand neighbor, she leaned over and said:

"Pardon me, madam, will you kindly make your little boy square himself around? He is soiling my skirt with his muddy shoes."

The woman in gray blushed a little and nudged the boy away.

"My boy?" she said. "My goodness, he isn't mine!"

The boy squirmed uneasily. He was such a little fellow that he could not begin to touch his feet to the floor, so he stuck them out straight in front of him like pegs to hang things on and looked at them deprecatingly.

"I'm sorry I got your dress dirty," he said to the woman on his left. "I hope it will brush off."

The timidity in his voice took a short cut to the woman's heart and she smiled upon him kindly.

"Oh, it doesn't matter," she said. Then as his eyes were still fastened upon hers, she added: "Going uptown alone?"

"Yes ma'am," he said. "I always go alone. There isn't anybody to go with me. Father's dead and mother's dead. I live with Aunt Clara over in Brooklyn, but she says Aunt Anna ought to help do something for me, so once or twice a week when she gets tired out and wants to go some place to get rested up she packs me off over here to stay with Aunt Anna. I'm going up there now. Sometimes I don't find Aunt Anna at home, but I hope she will be home to-day, because it looks like it is going to rain and I don't like to hang around in the street in the rain."

The woman felt something move inside her throat and she said: "You are a very little boy to be knocked about in this way," rather unsteadily.

"Oh, I don't mind," he said. "I never get lost. But I get lonesome sometimes on these long trips and when I see anybody that I think I'd like to belong to I scrooge up close to her so I can make believe that I really am her little boy. This morning I was playing that I belonged to that lady on the other side of me and I got so int'ated that I forgot all about my feet. That is why I got your dress dirty."

The woman put her arm around the tiny chap and "scrooged" him up so close that she hurt him, and every other woman who had overheard his artless confidence looked as if she would not only let him wipe his shoes on her best dress, but would feel like spanking him if he didn't.

HIS OWN FOOL NOTION

Says Would-be Black Hand Operator in Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., April 8.—"It was just a fool notion that I got from reading dime novels," said Daniel W. Johnson, Jr., the 18-year-old boy, who was jailed last night for having attempted to extort \$35,000 from Asa G. Candler, a prominent banker and Georgia's wealthiest citizen, through "Black Hand" methods.

The young man at first told the police he had been forced by three strangers to write the letters to Candler, demanding the money. He now admits the scheme was of his own concoction.

Johnson wrote the second letter Sunday, repeating his threats of death to Candler in case of his non-compliance and then went to church and took his regular place in Candler's Sunday-school class.

CONTENTION IN CALHOUN.

Clerk of Court Brings Mandamus Against Commissioners.

St. Matthews, April 9.—A small bomb shell was exploded in the Calhoun county camp yesterday afternoon. There has been smouldering for some time, but matters did not reach a head, and it was not known positively that anything definite would occur until the climax came.

Mr. J. Archie Wolfe, of the Sandy Run section, was elected clerk of court of this county at the first election after the new county was formed and again last summer to the full term of four years. His contention is that he was led to believe by the "powers" that his salary of \$1,000 would be raised by the legislature when the machinery got regularly in motion.

The new county commission denies this. In the meantime the salaries of the probate judge, superintendent of education and supervisor were raised, and the legislators claim that they were instructed by the new county commission to let that of clerk of court remain the same. Mr. Wolfe consulted attorneys, who advised that the State constitution allowed him the fees which the new county bill requires to be paid into the county treasury, and he accordingly refused the request of the grand jury committee that the books be investigated and the fees turned over. The regular authorities retaliated by holding up his salary. His attorneys, Mann & Stabler, then instituted mandamus proceedings, demanding that the new county commission and supervisor pay this salary as heretofore, the amount which the legislature gave him.

Mr. Wolfe, when interviewed by a correspondent, refused to talk, but his manner indicated that he had fully made up his mind and was in to the finish. It can therefore be safely predicted that a law suit will be the inevitable outcome and the proceedings will be watched with much interest.

A similar case occurred in Oconee county a few years ago before Judge Dantzer, who ruled that it was special legislation, in violation of the State constitution, for the county to take the fees, and he was sustained by the supreme court. It is known that Mr. Wolfe based his own rights in the premises largely upon the result of the Oconee case.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer one hundred dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Two Die in Oil Explosion.

Point Richmond, Cal., April 9.—Two men were burned to death and three others seriously injured as the result of an explosion in one of the oil sills of the Standard Oil company here today.

The fire, which was scattered over eight acres, was fought for an hour by 1,500 men and the damage is \$50,000.

The sill which exploded has a capacity of 10,000 barrels. It seems the bottom fell out of it, causing an explosion which scattered burning oil over eight acres. Chief Clerk Lawrence, of the marine department, was passing the sill at the time and he was covered with burning oil and burned to death.

John Granger, gatekeeper, suffered a like fate.

Bingham, the Humorist.

"Every time I reach Atlanta I think of a trick that a yellow negro hack driver played on me the first time I was there, some ten years ago. He certainly played me for a 'come on,' and trimmed me nice and easy.

"The train I was on reached Atlanta about 8:30 p. m., and as I had been traveling all day I was tired out, and as soon as the chews-rolled into the union depot I hustled outside, gave my bag and a parachute to a negro hackman and said: 'Drive me to the Kimball.' He drove me about ten blocks and soon landed me and the grip in the rotunda of the Kimball House.

"How much?" sez I. "Fo' bits," sez he. "What's that?" sez I. "Fifty cents, sez he. "I paid him and he fluttered out into the world. "As I placed my name upon the register the clerk asked: 'Where did you come from?' "On the Southern, from Charlotte, North Carolina," I replied. "Where did you leave the train?" he said. "At the union depot," I answered. "Well," he said, laughingly, 'that nigger sure skinned you—the union depot is right across the street.' "I had been done, but they tell me the same trick is tossed to the stranger every day."—News and Courier.

Up Before the Bar.

N. H. Brown, an attorney, of Pittsfield, Vt., writes: "We have used Dr. King's New Life Pills for years and find them such a good family medicine we wouldn't be without them." For chills, constipation, biliousness or sick headache they work wonders, 25c. Peoples Drug Co., Bamberg, S. C.

THREE BANKS MAY UNITE.

Barnwell, Aiken and Graniteville Institutions May Consolidate.

Aiken, April 9.—The stockholders of the Bank of Aiken at their annual meeting approved of resolutions sent to them by the Bank of Graniteville and the Bank of Barnwell, favoring the combination of these three banking institutions under one management, and increasing the capital stock and surplus of \$300,000.

The large attendance at the meeting showed the keen interest in this matter that is being taken by the stockholders. The president made a report which showed the bank to be in a most prosperous condition. The old directors and officers were re-elected.

The matter that occupied much of the time, however, was the consolidation of the three banks. It is proposed to unite these banks into one institution, to be known as the Bank of Western Carolina, with its main office in Aiken, and branch offices at Graniteville and Barnwell, and with a general board of directors representing all of these towns. Committees from these banks have met and framed resolutions favoring the consolidation, and these resolutions were unanimously adopted at the Bank of Aiken stockholders' meeting. On April 26 the stockholders of the Bank of Barnwell will act, and at a later date those of the Bank of Graniteville.

If the proposed consolidation is carried out it will give the towns the benefit of one of the strongest banking institutions in the South. The total resources of the three banks at present are considerably more than \$1,000,000.

While somewhat new in the South, the system of branch banks is recognized by the State banking laws, and it is in force in a very few sections.

In Canada and Europe it is the general rule and one bank will frequently have 100 branches.

One result of the consolidation will be the placing of about \$40,000 worth of the stock of the new bank in private hands, this being the amount of stock now owned by the Bank of Aiken in the other institutions, and the discussion on this subject seems to indicate that there will be a lively scramble to secure this stock when it is placed on the market.

April Fool Joke Was Real Stuff.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 2.—Because it was All Fool's day, a dilapidated looking leather wallet that contained \$715 in currency was allowed to lie on the sidewalk at Main and Fifth streets half an hour yesterday, touched only by shoes and was finally kicked into the gutter, where it was recovered by the owner.

J. M. Alexander, a tourist from Des Moines, was on his way to the Pacific electric depot to take a Pasadena car when the wallet dropped from his pocket. He did not discover his loss until he was buying a ticket. Almost frantic, he rushed out of the depot and began retracing his steps, little expecting to find his lost money.

At Fifth and Main he espied the wallet in the gutter. A score of persons stopped to look, expecting to laugh at his discomfiture over an April fool trick, but to their astonishment he tore the wallet open and drew forth a roll of bills which he hurriedly counted. Then he carefully tucked the wallet away in an inside pocket.

Words to Freeze the Soul.

"Your son has consumption. His case is hopeless." These appalling words were spoken to Geo. E. Blevens, a leading merchant, of Springfield, N. C., by two expert doctors—one a lung specialist. Then was shown the wonderful power of Dr. King's New Discovery. "After three weeks use," writes Mr. Blevens, "he was as well as ever. I would not take all the money in the world for what it did for my boy." Infallible for coughs and colds, it's the safest, surest cure of desperate lung diseases on earth. 50c. and \$1.00. Peoples Drug Co., Bamberg, S. C., guarantee satisfaction. Trial bottle free.

Bingham's Wit.

Ralph Bingham, the wit and humorist of international reputation, had been taken around Montgomery all day to observe her bulwarks, but had failed to exhibit any of those symptoms of paralysis which are acceptable to the Montgomerian mind.

"Now confess," said the Montgomerian host, after the burden and heat of the day, "isn't Montgomery a unique town?"

"Unique?" mused Mr. Bingham; "I believe that word is derived from two Latin words—unus, one, and equus, horse. I think Montgomery is a unique town."

A Church Story.

This is a church story. Of course you've been to Cannon—Cannon, Georgia—the city of churches. Well, Cannon is a mighty fine place, inhabited by mighty fine people. The Methodist and Baptist churches are located on the same street, almost directly opposite each other and the street in question is not overly wide. The two Sunday-schools were in session. Both congregations were singing. The Baptist were singing the good song: "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown?" The Methodist children were singing at the same time, "No, Not One; No, Not One." Of course neither Sunday-school was aware of what the other was singing.—Elberton Star.

'I'd Rather Die, Doctor

than have my feet cut off," said M. L. Bingham, of Princeville, Ill., "but you'll die from gangrene (which had eaten away eight toes) if you don't," said all doctors. Instead, he used Bucklen's Arnica Salve till wholly cured. His cure of eczema, fever sores, boils, burns and piles astounded the world. 25c. at Peoples Drug Co., Bamberg, S. C.

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CITATION NOTICE.
 The State of South Carolina—County of Bamberg—By Geo. P. Harmon, Esq., Judge of Probate.
 Whereas, Mrs. William F. Hughes hath made suit to me to grant her letters of administration of the estate of and effects of Sam Beard;
 These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Sam Beard, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Bamberg, on Saturday, April 17th, next, after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.
 Given under my hand this 2nd day of April, A. D., 1909.
 GEO. P. HARMON,
 Judge of Probate.
REGISTRATION NOTICE.
 Please take notice that the Municipal Books for Registration for the town of Bamberg are now open, and those qualified electors of the county of Bamberg, residing within the incorporate limits of the said town, desiring certificates of municipal registration, will apply to me for such certificates before May 1st, A. D., 1909.
 A. M. BRABHAM,
 Supervisor of Registration.
 Bamberg, S. C., April 1, 1909.