

## ARREST ON SERIOUS CHARGE.

## J. D. Hungerpiller Accused of Burning a House.

Several days ago a dwelling house being erected by Frank Champy in Edisto township over in the Fork, and which was nearing completion, was set on fire and burned, entailing a heavy loss on Mr. Champy, as he had no insurance on the building. Evidences of incendiaryism was to be seen in some of the circumstances connected with the burning, and Mr. Champy determined to push the investigation with the hope of detecting the fire bug.

The suspicion that the house had been set on fire was strongly corroborated by a warning notice that had been pasted on a tree near the scene of the burning. This notice, which was written in print letters with a pencil, warned Mr. Champy not to attempt to rebuild the burned house under pain of death. In addition to the warning to Mr. Champy, a coffin was drawn on the piece of paper, with the words "This is the Black Hand" and "This is the Place" printed with a pencil underneath.

From the fact that a misunderstanding had arisen between Mr. Champy and Mr. J. D. Hungerpiller, who had been employed to build the house, he came under suspicion of being the party who had set fire to the house and wrote the warning note. A warrant was sworn out for Mr. Hungerpiller before Magistrate C. P. Brunson charging him with the crime, and he was taken into custody on Monday, and bailed in the sum of \$500.

Mr. Hungerpiller, who keeps a little store in this city, denies the charge, and claims that he will prove himself innocent when the case comes to trial, while on the other hand, his accusers claim that they have most damaging evidence against him, which will be brought out when the case comes to trial. The matter will be thrashed out in the court when it meets next month. Mr. Hungerpiller came to this city some months ago from the country. — Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

## Artilleryman Drinks Poison.

Suicide was evidently the intention of Private Mitchell, of the 16th company, United States coast artillery, when he raised a small vial of laudanum to his lips, near the corner of Society and King streets yesterday morning about 10 o'clock. Only prompt action on the part of Policemen Welsh and Kellaher in getting the soldier to the hospital saved his life. At the hospital late last night the report was that Mitchell's condition was fairly good and that he has good chances for recovery.

Mitchell was noticed on King street just before he drank the poison, according to an eye-witness, acting in a queer manner, muttering to himself and otherwise attracting attention. But no one noticed the man very much, most people thinking him drunk.

When Mitchell got nearly opposite Society street on King, he pulled a small red-labelled bottle from his pocket and emptied the contents down his throat. He walked on a short distance and fell to the ground. Policemen were summoned to the spot quickly and rushed Mitchell off to the hospital.

An eye-witness stated that when Mitchell was raised to his feet, he drew out another vial of the laudanum and appeared to be attempting to drink it. It was also stated that Mitchell thrust his hand into his hair and pulled out a handful of hair as if in great agony.

When the man was picked up on the street, his identity was not known. It was after he arrived at the hospital that a search through his clothes revealed his last name as Mitchell, of the 16th company of artillery. His first name has not as yet been learned.

Upon the arrival of the man at the hospital the corps of doctors set to work on him to counteract the effects of the deadly poppy extract, which permeated his system. After a few hours of hard work, the man took a turn for the better and his condition improved rapidly.

The Fort Moultrie authorities were notified shortly after the occurrence, but up to a late hour last night, no action had been taken by them in Mitchell's case. — Charleston News and Courier.

## Probers of Dispensary.

Columbia, Jan. 26.—The election of Senator H. B. Carlisle, of Spartanburg, chairman, and Mr. J. J. Evans, of Marlboro, secretary, were the principal matters transacted at the first meeting of the new dispensary investigation commission held here last night. The commission is now organized and will go immediately to work with the investigation of the governor, the attorney general and the former members of the winding up commission and others connected with the old State dispensary under the terms of the act by which they are created.

## KILLS BROTHER ACCIDENTALLY

## Distressing Affair Brings Sorrow to Chester County Family.

Chester, Jan. 24.—A particularly tragic occurrence was the accidental killing of young William Wherry, at his home, at Lewis, in this county, this morning, by his little brother, James. The two boys were amusing themselves, in company with several friends, by shooting at a target with parlor rifles. William was in the yard and James was on the steps, when the weapon in the hands of James was accidentally discharged, the bullet striking his brother in the head and passing entirely through. A physician was summoned, but the boy was dead before medical assistance arrived. The parents of the boys are Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wherry, who also are heartbroken on account of the occurrence.

## MODERN PORTIA BEGINS TASK.

## Woman Appointed Federal Commissioner at Covington, Ky.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 26.—A Portia came to judgment yesterday in the federal building in Covington, Ky., opposite this city, when Mrs. Mabel Van Dyke Bell assumed her duties of federal commissioner to which she was recently appointed. Mrs. Bell is said to be the only woman to hold the position of judge in preliminary hearing in a United States court.

The first case was that of a man charged with sending libelous matter through the mails and she bound him over to the grand jury and fixed his bond at \$500. The room was crowded with attorneys assembled to witness the novel spectacle of a woman on the bench.

## Boy Burglars.

Elizabeth City, N. C., special of Jan. 25, to Charlotte Observer: Being caught, after boldly covering the keeper of the Pasquotank river bridge with revolvers, Earl Franks and Milton Lowry, ages 10 and 14, respectively, are locked in the county jail awaiting trial for breaking into and stealing a quantity of pistols and cartridges from the hardware store of D. M. Jones company. Both of the youngsters are sons of well-known business men of this city. Last night Keeper Upton of the railroad bridge was on duty, when the two boys walked up. They carried a leather bag. The keeper of the bridge informed them that they could not pass. No sooner had he gotten the words out of his mouth before he found himself staring down into the barrel of a couple of dangerous looking weapons. He was ordered to throw up his hands, which he did without delay. The boys started on, but as soon as the guns were lowered the keeper grabbed them and took charge of the situation. The bag which they carried was examined and found to contain five pistols, in addition to the two which the boys used in trying to force their way across the bridge, and a large quantity of cartridges. Mr. Upton marched the youngsters back to town and turned them, with their bag, over to the police.

## Runs Postoffice with Six-Shooter.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 27.—Although such action might be regarded as a violation of the postal laws and regulations, there is a game little postmistress in a small mining town in Colorado who believes in handling strenuous patrons of her office at the point of a revolver.

Postmaster-General Hitchcock received a letter from one of these patrons to-day, in which he states that this postmistress had threatened to blow the top of his head off. He stated also that his brother had received a similar threat, in addition to being horsewhipped.

"I am afraid to go to the office to get my mail," is the complaint of this patron. "I live a long distance from the office and don't know what to do about the matter. I consulted a lawyer and he advised me to communicate direct with you."

He then went on to relate that he did not intend to make any further report of the matter, which the postal officers here believe contains a veiled threat that the next time he goes for his mail he will do some "gun play" himself.

The postmaster-general has taken cognizance of the case and has detailed an inspector to look into the matter and report. While it is not the custom to run post-offices with the aid of a six-shooter, Mr. Hitchcock admires the courage of this particular postmistress.

## Violates Governor's Parole.

Aiken, Jan. 27.—Following arrest and conviction on a charge of disorderly conduct, Smart Lloyd, paroled by the governor during the Christmas season, has been deprived of his parole privileges and carried back to the county chain gang to serve out the remaining two years of his five-year sentence.

## HOLDUP IN GREENWOOD.

## Two Boys Hold Up Three Men on the Streets in One Night.

Greenwood, S. C., Jan. 27.—Greenwood is not a wild Western town, but one would think so judging from the number of "hold-ups" which occurred last night. Three negro men were robbed at the point of a pistol last night by Nello Goldman and Connie Blain, two young white boys. They were arrested by the chief of police last night and lodged in jail. This morning they were brought before Mayor Baker, who sent the case to a magistrate. The boys were carried before Magistrate Kerr, where three cases were entered against them.

One by one the victims entered the magistrate's office until the following were present to prefer charges against the young men: Bert Johnson, robbed of \$5.45; Joe Graham, robbed of \$4.20 and Thomas Romans, robbed of \$3.50. Arrest warrants were sworn out and Judge Kerr gave them the privilege of having a preliminary trial or waiving the preliminary. The boys decided upon the latter and pleaded guilty to highway robbery in three cases. They were sent to jail to await their trial at the next term of court. They will probably remain there unless they can arrange a bond of \$900, or in other words, each boy's bond would be \$300 in each case.

## Store Robberies.

Last night when the boys were arrested a pistol, which was identified as one which was stolen from a hardware store here, was found on their person. A postoffice key, which was taken from the money drawer in Dr. E. C. Conner's store, was also found. The key was carried to the postoffice and it unlocked Dr. Conner's box without any trouble. A key which was in the pocketbook of one of the negroes was also found and he told the police that it was a key to a lock at his home. The key was carried there, and it worked like a charm. So there is no doubt about their guilt and there is strong evidence against them to show that they were connected with the robbery of various stores in the city. During the past few weeks stores all over the city have been entered and up until this time the police did not have any clue to work on.

## Extreme Youth.

One of the boys, Connie Blaine, is a youth of about 16 and wears short trousers. Goldman is not over 19 years old. They were bold with their hold-ups if they are young. One victim, Bert Johnson, a waiter at the Oregon, testified that he was approached just below the hotel and the "Wild West robbers" announced that it was a "hold-up." Johnson told them that he didn't exactly know what that meant, but soon the barrel of a 32-calibre pistol was pressing against his forehead and then said Johnson. "I knew what it meant. Up went my hands as high as I could hold them while they went through my pockets." But even at that, Johnson says that it was a "sweet" hold-up, for one of the pistols which was pointed at him was a candy one. In other words it was a glass pistol, which was formerly filled with candy. The other boy, however, had the real article. One of the negro men was robbed near the Magnolia street cemetery, while the other was relieved of all he had near the Seaboard cut. The robberies took place anywhere from 9 until 10 o'clock. At 10:30 the boys were themselves robbed by the police—robbed of the privilege to continue their daring work, for soon they were in the county jail.

On their person was found all of the money that the negroes said they lost, and then some was left. More victims may put in their appearance later.

## Champ Clark a Candidate.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Speaker Champ Clark in a statement to-day declared that he was a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination standing on his own feet "without leaning on any other candidate." The speaker appeals for the support of a representative delegation of "loyal Missouri Democrats" who will stand by him as long as he has a chance for the nomination. Mr. Clark is emphatic in declaring that he is in the presidential race on his record and standing and seeks no alliance with any other candidate.

"Governor Folk and his friends," said Speaker Clark in his statement, "may make combinations with other candidates if they wish, but they have no right to excuse such conduct by wrongfully charging me with like practices. So far as I am concerned I have stood and propose to stand, on my own feet without leaning on any other candidate. If I carry Missouri I want a representative delegation of loyal Democrats who will support me with fidelity as long as they believe I have a good chance for the nomination and beyond that I am entirely willing to leave the delegation to do what may seem best for the party and the country."

## 'T WAS A FIRE ON WHEELS.

## Cotton Being Brought to Market Burned in Gaffney.

Gaffney, Jan. 25.—An unusual fire occurred just within the edge of the city yesterday morning. Mr. Will Lipscomb, a planter of the White Plains section, was bringing a load of cotton, consisting of three bales, to the city to market. Just after reaching the incorporate limits of the town and starting up Granard street, he turned and saw that his cotton was on fire, a great volume of smoke issuing from one of the bales. Hastily jumping from his wagon he rushed to a nearby house and turned in the fire alarm. Fortunately, his wagon was standing quite near a reel house and only a short distance from a hydrant. When the water arrived the blaze was readily extinguished, although the bale was so badly burned as to make it practically worthless.

Mr. Lipscomb is at a loss to account for the origin of the fire, although the presumption is that it was set by the sparks from a passing train.

## LAWLESSNESS AT BRANCHVILLE

## The School Piano Torn Up and Other Meanness Done.

The Branchville Journal says Sunday night some parties in a spirit of wanton mischief and devilment tore down the town pump at the corner of Edwards and Main streets, several shots were fired on the streets, a street lamp in front of the store of X. C. Jones was taken away and has not been returned and Monday morning the piano in the Branchville high school auditorium was found to have been wrecked.

The wrecking of the school piano has caused general indignation, and all good citizens hope that the guilty will be apprehended and punished. The wrecking of the pump, the pistol shooting on an otherwise peaceful Sabbath night were bad enough but that piano was the gift of the noble women of Branchville and represented a labor of love that is appreciated by every good citizen that has a decent regard for his town.

And such unselfish devotion as those good women represent is worth more to any community than any gang of liquor-soaked cowards that ever covered their deeds beneath the dark mantle of night. Mayor Dukes has stated that he will make it warm for those he can convict for shooting pistols wantonly about the streets. The citizens of Branchville are depending upon him to enforce the laws, and make it hot for blind tigers. All believe him to be a man of grit and courage.

## "Report" of Winding-up Board.

Columbia, Jan. 26.—Gov. Blease transmitted to the legislature Thursday morning a printed report of the Blease dispensary commission, Messrs. Stackhouse, Wallace, Dominick, Brantley and Thomason. The report contains sixty-one printed pages, mostly itemized expense accounts of members.

The Ansel board is accused of delaying and obstructing the Blease board in its work. Attorney General Lyon is reported to have done nothing to help the board and Thomas B. Felder is accused of holding on to needed records which it was his professional duty to surrender.

The board reports that it has caused a Cincinnati bank to hold up indefinitely the distribution of fund of \$7,500 deposited there before the trial of the label case in Columbia last September, to be paid out, half to Felder and half to the State.

The board thinks the whole amount should come to the State. The report says in conclusion: "The commission thought at first that it would be in position after a few meetings to make a final report of the condition of the dispensary affairs to your excellency, but it found at the outset that the records were in such condition, and we invite your attention to them, that it would be a most difficult task to ascertain the true status of affairs."

## WIFE ALSO ARRESTED.

## Held as an Accessory to Killing of Another Woman.

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 27.—Mrs. Mary M. Raines, wife of Joshua Raines, the alleged slayer of the Roanoke county school teacher, Miss Eva Chambers, who was murdered Wednesday morning near her school because she refused to agree to dismiss a slander suit against Mrs. Raines, was arrested late this afternoon by a deputy sheriff on a warrant charging her with being an accessory to the crime. Mrs. Raines was taken to Salem and placed in jail. The warrant was sworn out by S. A. Chambers, father of the murdered girl.

To-day's action is the result of evidence discovered the day after the coroner's inquest.

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