

SCHOOL BOYS' REVENGE.

Did Not Like Teacher and Burned the School House.

Ransome Moorer and Barnwell Cross, two Holly Hill school boys, one about eleven years of age and the other about ten, have been arrested for setting on fire and burning down the handsome school house built at that place about four years ago. Both of the boys are bright, intelligent little fellows and are the children of highly respectable residents of Holly Hill. They both were students at the school they burned, and the deed was caused by their dislike of their teacher.

The school house, which was a large frame building, was burned the first part of last December. The fire was discovered about half-past four o'clock, in the afternoon, a little while after the school had been dismissed. It started on the first floor, and had made considerable headway when discovered. There was much mystery about the origin of the fire, but no one suspecting for a moment that any of the school children had anything to do with it, and it was attributed to accident.

After the burning of the school house, the children had to be divided up, some classes going to the Methodist church and others to the town hall, a two-story frame building, very little removed from the business centre of the town. The fifth class, of which both the boys were members, was being taught in the town hall. Everybody had about come to the conclusion that the fire at the school house was accidental, and steps were being taken to replace the burned building with a better one.

This was the condition of affairs when it was discovered on Tuesday afternoon, 16th instant, that the town hall had been set on fire, but luckily it was discovered before the fire had made much headway, and the building was saved. The evidence was plain that the building had been set on fire since the school had been dismissed that afternoon, and the town realized with a shock that a fire bug was at work within its limits.

Steps were at once taken to ferret out and run down the person who had set the fires, as it was now believed that the school house had been set by the same person who set fire to the town hall. Inspector Wharton, of the insurance commissioner's office, went to Holly Hill to work the case up. After being there a few days he suspicioned Ransome Moorer and Barnwell Cross, and they were taken into custody and examined.

At first both boys denied any knowledge of the fire, but finally they broke down, confessed that they had set both fires, and told all about how they set them.

Every one was astounded, and much sympathy was expressed for the parents of the two little boys. It seems that the boys did not like their teacher, and had adopted this plan of getting rid of her. The fact that the boys set both fires in broad, open daylight, proves that they did not realize the seriousness of the crime they were committing when they set the fires. No doubt they looked upon the matter as more of a frolic than a crime.

Both of the little fellows have been bound over to the court, and the case will be taken up at the next term. It is a very regrettable affair, and, as we said above, the parents of the two boys have the sympathy of all the people of Holly Hill and surrounding country. This will be a severe lesson for the little boys, who so deeply regret their acts, which was done in a thoughtless manner, no doubt. They are too young to know the full gravity of what they have done, and it will be a source of regret to them the balance of their lives when they fully realize it.—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

Camden Hackman Shot.

Camden, Jan. 24.—Last night at the Seaboard Air Line passenger station, at 11 o'clock, John Hinson, Jr., shot Vanderbilt Kendricks, a negro hackman, with a shotgun, making a wound that may cost the negro a leg. The trouble arose, so it is said, by Kendricks backing into John Hinson's hack and cursing Hinson. Hinson, who is only about 19 years old, it is stated, secured a shotgun and shot Kendricks in the leg. He was about twenty feet from him when he fired. In the meantime, it is said that John Hinson, Sr., the father of the boy, who was using the shotgun, fired at Tom Kendricks several times with a pistol. Tom Kendricks is a brother to the wounded man, he is a hackman. Hinson denies that he did any shooting. Both Kendricks and Hinson were arrested and all of them are out on \$100 bonds. The trial will come up at the recorder's court on Monday morning.

The licenses of all four hackmen have been revoked. Hinson runs several hacks and has a number of times gotten into trouble with other hackmen.

WEIGHS 585 POUNDS.

W. T. Brinson Believed to be Largest Man in the World.

Waycross, Ga., Jan. 18.—Waycross continues to enjoy the distinction of being the home of the world's largest man, despite the reports to the contrary. When "Baby" Bliss died this month in Bloomington, Ills., the country generally was told that the world had lost its largest man, but the largest man went to his work at the usual hour, and so far as is known, is enjoying better health than he has for years. His name is W. T. Brinson and Waycross is his home.

By the figures given in the account of Leonard Bliss's death, Mr. Brinson, in average weight, topped Bliss by 45 pounds, weighing 585 pounds, and at times as high as 600. Bliss is said to have weighed 540 pounds. In addition to being the world's largest man, Mr. Brinson is the world's largest Elk. He is a member of the Waycross Lodge No. 369, and has been for years. His initiation is now a matter of history in Elkdom.

Despite his large size, Mr. Brinson has no trouble in getting around. He goes to his turpentine business, near Waycross, almost every morning and is an active man in business. He laughs and jokes about his size and always has a satisfied look. On one of Gov. Joseph M. Brown's visits to Waycross he rode about the city with Mr. Brinson, and while on this trip photographs that have been sent all over the country were taken. Gov. Brown stated at the time that he was glad to have such abundant evidence of the health conditions of this section.

Died Just Before His Trial.

Orangeburg, Jan. 26.—John D. Hungerpiller, who has resided in this city at intervals, died at his home, on West Russell street, this morning at 4:30 o'clock. He was about 60 years of age.

Hungerpiller was under a charge of arson, having been arrested several days ago and charged with burning the residence of Mr. Frank Champey, in the Fork section of the county, and the preliminary hearing was to have been held this morning.

The coroner empanelled a jury and held an inquest over the body this morning at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Minnie Hungerpiller, wife of John D. Hungerpiller, testified that the deceased came home at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon in a very serious condition, and he gradually grew worse, until about 9:30 p. m., when she summoned help and Dr. D. D. Salley was called in. By this time Hungerpiller was unconscious, and remained in this state up to the time of his death. She said that in searching his clothing in the belief that he had taken poison of some kind and that some may have remained on his person, a letter, evidently intended for his wife, was found, of which the following is a copy:

Orangeburg, S. C., Jan. 23, 1912. The time is come that I must say goodbye for life is no longer for me minie please due with the money as I told you I don't Blame you I take it to end the truble so I must close.

JOHN D. HUNKERPILLER.

I take it myself I have dide a inner man to all I say don't think my wife did this I take it myself to end the truble.

JOHN D. HUNKERPILLER.

Drs. D. D. Salley and D. J. Hydrick testified that, after careful examination, they found none of the symptoms which would be caused by poison, and that, in their opinion, death was the result of a hemorrhage of the brain.

After a short deliberation the jury returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased came to his death from natural causes unknown to the jury, and that their had been no foul play whatever. The theory upon which the verdict is based is that Hungerpiller intended by what he said in the letter to his wife, to commit suicide should he be bound over at the preliminary hearing, which was to have been held this morning, and that constant worry over the situation brought on the attack which caused his death.

"Little Joe" Aagain Governor.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 25.—Joseph M. Brown was inaugurated governor of Georgia here this morning. He took the oath of office in the presence of members of the senate and house, judges of the supreme court and State and city officials. He received the great seal of the commonwealth from the hands of Acting Governor Slaton.

The ceremonies were simple. This is Governor Brown's second term, the brief term of Hoke Smith intervening between his two.

Josh Perry, colored, who was in Saluda jail for cow-stealing, escaped Monday night, but returned on Wednesday, after "attending to a little business," he said.

GIRL SCHOOL TEACHER KILLED.

Shot by Husband of Woman She Accused of Slander.

Salem, Va., Jan. 24.—Miss Eva Chambers, a young school teacher, was shot and killed near her school, at Lockett's store, in Roanoke county, to-day by Joshua Raines. Later he shot and wounded Charles Day, one of his neighbors. Raines then surrendered himself to the police authorities here. The killing is said to have been the result of a suit for slander against Mrs. Raines, filed several days ago by Miss Chambers.

The contention is substantiated by a statement reported to have been made to-night by Raines, to the effect that he went to see Miss Chambers, walked about a hundred yards with her and tried to get her to dismiss the suit, and when she refused he shot her.

The slander suit was instituted after Mrs. Raines had attempted to oust Miss Chambers as teacher. It was then that Mrs. Raines is alleged to have circulated reports reflecting on Miss Chambers's character. Raines was taken to Pulaski to-night and lodged in jail there. This was a precautionary measure, the judge fearing a lynching.

Raines's only motive for attempting to kill Chas. Day was because of the interest that Day had taken in Miss Chambers. The grudge that Raines held against the young woman began when she left her home as a boarder and took up her residence with Day and his wife.

Greenwood Man Kills Himself.

Greenwood, Jan. 23.—M. F. Sanders, a prominent business man of this place, committed suicide last night about 7:30 o'clock, by shooting himself in the right temple with a 38 calibre pistol. That the act was premeditated is evidenced by the fact that he left in a note to J. B. Haltiwanger instructions where to find his body.

The note, which evidently was written only a short time before his death, is as follows:

"Get Pat Bialock and some other of our friends and come down to the Seaboard. You will find me on the lower side of fill below switch near large drain pipe, that is under fill below Taylor ring. You will see my coat near the pipe, so don't say anything to many, as I don't care for my family to be alarmed until you see me. M. F. SANDERS."

Mr. Haltiwanger received the note, which was sent by a negro, about 8:30 o'clock, and of course hurried to the spot designated and found the body in a pool of water and mud at the end of the passenger station. Another note was found pinned to his coat, as follows:

"There is no foul play responsible for this act. 7:30 o'clock. M. F. SANDERS."

Mr. Sanders had met with business reverses lately and the probable cause of his act can be attributed to this fact. For the past several years Mr. Sanders has been actively engaged in the dry goods and millinery business here and during this time has made many firm friends. He was 50 years old. Mr. Sanders is survived by his wife and three children.

Big Cotton Crop.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The vast 1911 cotton crop of the United States had been ginned and baled to the extent of 14,510,676 bales on January 16, according to the census bureau's report issued to-day showing 193,674 bales were ginned during the period from January 1 to 15 inclusive. Gineries this season have been forced to greater activity than ever before by the enormous crop. A considerable quantity still remains to be ginned before the close of the season. The exact amount will be made known by the census bureau's final ginning report March 20, giving figures up to February 28. Today's ginning report is about 375,000 bales less than the department of agriculture's estimate of production, which was 14,885,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight. The census bureau's ninth cotton ginning report of the season, issued at 10 a. m. to-day, and showing the number of running bales, counting round as half bales, of cotton of the growth of 1911 ginned prior to Tuesday, January 16, with comparative statistics for last year and other record years, is as follows: United States, 14,510,676 bales, compared with 11,253,147 bales last year, when 97.3 per cent. of the 1910 crop was ginned prior to January 16; 12,666,203 bales in 1909, when 96.8 per cent. of the 1908 crop was ginned, and 12,767,600 bales in 1905, when 94.9 per cent. of the 1904 crop was ginned. Round bales included were: 97,668, compared with 111,079 bales in the 1910 crop, 146,378 bales in 1909 and 232,510 bales in 1908. Sea island cotton bales included were: 109,592, compared with 86,424 bales in the 1910 crop, 92,191 bales in 1909 and 90,287 bales in 1908.

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