

## VOTE TO REFUSE CARNEGIE'S GIFT

Methodist Bishops Draw Up  
Veto Message.

## POINT OUT OBJECTIONS

Claim Acceptance Would  
Be Breach of Trust  
and Invalid.

Nashville, Tenn., June 20.—At a called meeting of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, attended by nine members of the college of bishops, a veto message was drawn up, setting forth the following objections to the action of the board of trustees in accepting the recent gift from Andrew Carnegie to the Vanderbilt Medical college:

"That the action of the board of trustees of Vanderbilt, in accepting the gift, is a breach of trust vested in it under and by virtue of the resolutions of the Memphis convention, which constitute the foundation of Vanderbilt university; that said action is beyond the powers of the board and that it constitutes a diversion of a large portion of the funds and property of the university from the trusts upon which said property is held, is contrary to the terms of other gifts to the university, and is illegal, null and void."

A copy of this action will be duly certified and forwarded to the secretary of the board of trust of the university.

Those attending the meeting were: Bishops Collins Denny, E. R. Hendrix, W. R. Lambuth, E. D. Mouzon, J. C. Kilgo, J. H. McCoy, E. E. Hoss, H. C. Morrison and W. A. Candler.

The resolutions vetoing the acceptance of the \$1,000,000 gift by Carnegie were adopted unanimously by the bishops.

In addition to a veto message the bishops addressed a message to the church stating their reason for opposing the gift. They say in part:

"If this gift had been offered without embarrassing conditions, as all other endowments have been, we would have offered no objections to its acceptance, but the conditions attached to this gift and the letter accompanying it, which must be taken as expository of the conditions, are such as lead us to believe it can not be accepted without a breach of trust and without dishonor to the church, if conditions are fulfilled in good faith to the donor.

"We are as unwilling that Mr. Carnegie should be deceived as that the university should be dismembered and the church of God dishonored."

## SUNDAY LABORERS NOT GUILTY.

Jury in Parr Shoals Case Renders  
Verdict for Defendants.

Lexington, June 18.—A jury composed of Fairfield County citizens, yesterday rendered a verdict of not guilty as to the fifty laborers that were arrested at Parr Shoals by Sheriffs Miller, of Lexington, and Hood, of Fairfield, on Sunday, May 5, for violating the Sunday law, in Magistrate Douglass's Court at Jenkinsville. It is understood that no effort of denial was made on the part of the laborers and the superintendents of the construction of the power development as to working on Sunday, but the defence was that it was a case of necessity; that the work that was being done was essential to carrying on the building of the great power dam.

It will be recalled that the men were arrested upon orders from the Governor's office, and a cash bond of \$1,250 was furnished by the company. The hearing was postponed until yesterday.

The State of South Carolina was represented yesterday by George Bell Timmerman the solicitor of this circuit, who made a strong argument for conviction.

When the Shriners in Dallas were discussing the place for the meeting next year, the story is that the statement was made by a champion of Memphis, that in that city one could get all the whiskey he needs or wants, while Atlanta, the rival city for the seat of the convention is a "dry" city. When the vote was taken Memphis had eighty-five votes and Atlanta had 268. The Shriners have done well in refusing to boost a city that boasts of its violation of law.—Wesleyan Advocate.

## FOILED AT BRANCHVILLE. Charleston Man Suspected of Being White Slaver.

Branchville, June 18.—A young man about 25 years of age, giving his name as Ed J. O'Neill, of Charleston, was arrested here to-night about 9 o'clock on the charge of abduction. O'Neill came here to-day and registered at the Bass Hotel under the name of Berry and said that he had come to marry a young woman of this town. The girl's father objected, and it is said the young couple attempted to elope on the evening train to St. George, where O'Neill proposed to secure a license and be married. The young woman's father foiled that plan, so the couple secured an automobile, it is claimed, and started to Orangeburg.

The young woman's father had O'Neill arrested on a charge of abduction, but later withdrew the charge reluctantly, whereupon O'Neill was held for vagrancy. He gave a thirty-dollar bond, but did not give a satisfactory account of himself. Upon advice of an attorney, which led to a search of his baggage by Mayor Dukés, a number of suspicious telegrams, hotel addresses, screw drivers, keys, etc., were found, which led the authorities to suspect that he might be a white slaver.

O'Neill is being held until he can satisfy the authorities of his identity. The hearing is set for 10 o'clock tomorrow.

The young lady in the case was a student at the Orangeburg Collegiate Institute and seems to have become acquainted with O'Neill very recently, aroused suspicions as to his intentions. He appeared here several days ago and inquired for some persons

O'Neill gave names of several well known Charleston men as references, but up to a late hour nothing satisfactory had been received. His peculiar actions and conflicting statements of whose names he seemed uncertain. He claims to have known the young woman for some time, claiming to have met her while she was a student in Orangeburg. Sunday, it is said, they decided to marry in a few days. The parents of the girl learned of their plans to-day and objected strenuously.

The young people made no secret of their intended elopement, which frankness would seem to disprove the suspicions of the local authorities that O'Neill is a white slaver. The fact, however, that he had secured no marriage license and that he made varying statements as to his line of business and connections confirms the opinion that at least his intentions were not of a nature to let go without investigation. Identifying witnesses have been summoned from Charleston.

## O'Neal Married at Orangeburg.

Orangeburg, June 20.—After many difficulties, Cupid won out for Ed J. O'Neal, when he married Miss Alma Barr in this city at about 1:30 o'clock this morning. This marriage was a novel one. To be arrested three times, secure marriage license just before midnight, asking performance of marriage ceremony of judge of probate and ministers, only to be refused, to have refusing minister inform other ministers of the city to refuse to perform the ceremony, and finally to arouse a sleeping magistrate after 1 o'clock and prevail upon him until he tied the knot was the experience of Ed J. O'Neal and his youthful and handsome sweetheart, Miss Alma S. Barr of Branchville.

O'Neal came to Branchville about two days ago and registered at a hotel, using an assumed name. He made effort to marry Miss Barr, but was arrested by the town authorities and charged with abduction. He gave bond. Upon his appearance at court this charge was dropped. He was re-arrested and charged and tried for vagrancy, being acquitted of this offense. O'Neal at last secured the consent of Miss Barr's parents to the marriage and came to Orangeburg in an automobile. Word had been received in Orangeburg to arrest O'Neal if he came to town. Upon his arrival here last night O'Neal was taken from his sweetheart and placed in the guard house. After communication with Branchville was had O'Neal was turned loose.

The judge of probate was visited at his residence by the determined couple and a marriage license was obtained a little before midnight. The judge of probate refused to marry the couple, but advised them to return to Branchville and be married there. The Rev. George E. Davis, pastor of the Baptist church, refused to perform the ceremony and gave similar advice to that of the judge of probate. The couple, learning that the other ministers were advised not to perform the ceremony, hurried to the home of C. P. Brunson, magistrate, and succeeded in having the ceremony performed.

The new postoffice at Laurens, costing \$42,000, has been completed and the postmaster has moved in.

## CHARGED WITH ABDUCTING GIRL Young Men of Cowpens Held for Court on Ugly Charge.

Spartanburg, June 20.—Carlisle Wilkins and Moody Henry, sons of well-known residents of Cowpens, were arrested here at 4 o'clock this morning on a charge of abducting the fourteen-year-old daughter of a merchant of Chesnee. To-night, after a preliminary investigation marked by dramatic features, they were held by Magistrate Robert J. Gantt for trial in the Circuit Court.

The young lady, a very pretty girl, still in short dresses, who has been away from home on a visit to relatives, told of meeting the youths at a moving picture show. They went for a drive to Mayo to see her cousin, she said, but the latter was not at home. She wanted to go home to Chesnee, but the young men, she said persuaded her to drive with them to Spartanburg. She consented, intending to go to the home of her aunt here but they did not reach Spartanburg until midnight and the youths prevailed on her to go to the Roberta Hotel, she testified, telling her it would be all right, but that it would be best to register under assumed names.

During the night the youths, it is alleged, attempted to enter her room, but were ejected by James Brewton, a negro bell boy, who once was a servant for the girl's father. Brewton sent word to the Chesnee merchant that his daughter was in danger. At the hearing Attorney S. J. Nicholls, for the prosecution, paid the negro a high tribute, saying his action had saved the girl from ruin.

Mr. Wilson, the hotel clerk, testified that Wilkins and Henry, after being prevented from entering the girl's room, told him that they had brought her to the hotel for an immoral purpose and if prohibited from carrying out their intention wanted their money back. Policemen were summoned and arrested the youths. On his arrival in the city the girl's father swore out a warrant for them. The girl's mother, who is said to be separated from her husband, entered the Court room while the hearing was in progress and sobbed violently throughout the proceedings. The case has caused a stir.

## O'NEILL'S TROUBLES OVER.

All Charges Against Him at Branchville Dismissed.

Branchville, June 19.—The vagrancy charge filed here last night against a young man giving his name as Ed J. O'Neill, of Charleston, was dismissed this morning by Mayor Dukés, who deemed the evidence against O'Neill insufficient to sustain the charge.

O'Neill had first been arrested on a charge of abduction. It developed later that this accusation was the result of a misunderstanding between the two officials of Branchville and the parents of a young lady of the town whom O'Neill came here to marry. The parents of the young woman at first objected to the marriage and their attitude led to O'Neill's arrest, as has been published. Later they consented to the marriage and he was released, but was rearrested subsequently by the town authorities on a charge of vagrancy, which charge, as stated above, was dismissed by Mayor Dukés this morning, the evidence failing to bear it out.

O'Neill and the young lady in the case left Branchville about 5 o'clock in an automobile, stating that they were going to Orangeburg for a license and that they would be married there.

## KILLED LANDLADY BY MISTAKE.

Realizing Awfulness of Situation  
Boarder Attempts Suicide.

Bowie, La., June 18.—Awakening suddenly from a sound sleep by her entrance into his room, Abraham Blanchard to-day shot and killed Mrs. W. L. Walters, proprietress of a local hotel, where Blanchard was a guest. Realizing what he had done he turned the weapon upon himself, inflicting a wound which will probably prove fatal. Thinking the room unoccupied Mrs. Walters went in to leave some linen.

## REPORTER FATALLY INJURED.

Charlton Shell, of Spartanburg Herald, in Motorcycle Accident.

Spartanburg, June 21.—Charlton Shell, 18 years old, son of the Rev. J. W. Shell, of Gaffney, was fatally injured to-night by a head-on collision of his motorcycle and a street car. Mr. Shell was dragged for forty-five yards and his skull split wide open. The unfortunate boy was hurried to Dr. Steedly's hospital, where it was said his death was probably only a matter of a few hours. Mr. Shell had just completed his junior year at Wofford College and has been employed since the College closed as a reporter on the Spartanburg Herald. He was on his way to the Herald office when the accident occurred.

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