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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1900.

AN UNFORTUNATE AFFAIR.

The escape of Macon Lesesne turns loose upon us, fresh from his crime, the perpetrator of a deed the most revolting in the category of crime. We are by no means an advocate of lynching or mob violence and have invariably, when the occasion demanded, deprecated this particular kind of law breaking. When the would be ravisher, Hamilton McGill, was captured there was a healthy sentiment that the law be given a chance; and, as was expected, his conviction and punishment quickly followed. The course of action pursued was a departure from the usual method of dealing with criminals of this type and the law, respecting people of the county, hoped, that the day of lynching was past.

The escape of Macon Lesesne Monday night under the circumstances was, to put it mildly, most unfortunate. Men who were most anxious that the law be respected now openly express regret that the negro had not been given a short shrift at a rope's end, and if he should be captured it is extremely likely that such will be his fate. We can sympathize with and appreciate the feeling that our people have been poorly rewarded for their forbearance.

It now looks as if the prisoner had finally escaped. Search for him outside of the authorities has been abandoned. We do not know what the sheriff is doing, but we hope and believe that he will use every means in his power to effect a recapture.

In comic opera parlance, "We have met the enemy and we are theirs," so far as yesterday's presidential election is concerned. Prosperity and "the full dinner pail" proved a thicker set man than the average rank and file of voters could withstand, and the peerless Bryan again goes down in defeat. Mr. Bryan made a grand struggle, and he deserved success if ever a man did. Like Henry Clay, his genius shines undimmed in defeat, and like that eminent Kentuckian it can be said of William Jennings Bryan: "Nothing mean, low or grovelling ever entered his head or heart."

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immediate prospect of his recapture.

THE PRISONER ESCAPES.

Monday, at nightfall, Sheriff Daniel, acting under orders telegraphed by Governor McSweeney, took the prisoner from the jail to the railroad, there to await the coming of the 9 o'clock train, with the intention of conveying him to the penitentiary for protection.

There was no attempt to lynch the negro, and none would have been made. Still, the sheriff was but obeying orders from the chief magistrate of the State when he attempted to "spirit away" the prisoner. The sheriff had Lesesne handcuffed and apprehended no attempt at escape. But escape he did, and in a very simple way. The two were walking along the railroad track towards the depot when the negro suddenly dodged back out of reach of the sheriff and made a dash for the river swamp. Sheriff Daniel quickly got together a posse and scoured the surrounding country. Parties were out searching all night and telegrams sent to neighboring railroad points. Several men went to Lanes to intercept him there should he attempt to take the train at that place. But all efforts were vain, and the prisoner is still skulking in the swamp or has made good his escape. Public feeling runs high, and should Lesesne be caught it is pretty certain that he will not cause any more trouble.

The negro freely confessed his crime so that there is no doubt as to his guilt. We can only hope that the efforts being made for his recapture will not fail and that the authorities will not rest until he has been recaptured.

At 1 o'clock a. m. Tuesday the sheriff wired to Florence for bloodhounds, but the reply came that they had none to send.

This is a matter that concerns every citizen of the county, and we hope that every one will feel duty bound to lend his aid in keeping a sharp look-out for the perpetrator of this dastardly deed.

Laid to Rest.

The remains of Mrs. Virginia Lee, whose death was chronicled last week, were laid to rest at the Williamsburg cemetery last Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. G. T. Gresham at the cemetery. All the stores in town were closed and business suspended from 3 o'clock until 5 p. m., and the whole town attended the funeral. This was shown by an act more forcible than words the love that was borne toward this noble Christian woman.

Both makers and circulators of counterfeit bills commit fraud. Honest men will not deceive you into buying worthless counterfeits of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. The original infallible for curing piles, sores, eczema and all skin diseases. Wallace & Johnson.

CITATION NOTICE.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY.

By E. M. SMITH, ESQ., PROBATE JUDGE.
Whereas, Lou A. Grimley made suit to me to grant her letters of administration of the estate of and effects of J. R. Grimley, these are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said J. R. Grimley, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Kingstree on the 15th of November 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 7th day of November, Anno Domini, 1900.
E. M. SMITH,
Judge Probate.

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If not convenient to see us in person, send us your mail orders.

TAX NOTICE.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY,
Kingstree, S. C., Oct. 9, 1900.

The tax levy for the fiscal year 1900 is as follows:
For State 5 mills
For County 4 mills
For School 3 mills
30 mills on value of all stock in Suttons, Anderson and part of Penn Townships.
3 mills on all property in school districts Nos. 15 and 16.
1 mill on all property in school district No. 18.
2 mills on all property in school district No. 19.
A capitation tax of one dollar on all males between the ages of 21 and 60 years, unless constitutionally exempted.

I will be at the following places on the days mentioned below for the collection of the said tax:

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| Hebron, Oct. | 15 |
| Greeleyville, " | 16 |
| Gourdins, " | 17 |
| Suttons, " | 18 |
| Salter, " | 19 |
| Cades, " | 20 |
| Cedar Swamp, " | 23 |
| Bloomingdale, " | 24 |
| Morrisville, " | 25 |
| Kennedy's Store, " | 26 |
| Kingstree, Oct. 29 to Nov. 7, inclusive | 12 |
| Poston's Store, Nov. | 13 |
| Altman's, " | 14 |
| Ard's Cross Roads, " | 15 |
| Lambert, " | 16 |
| Rome, " | 17 |
| Indiantown, " | 19 |
| Kingstree, " | 20 |
| Harpers, " | 21 |
| Trio, " | 22 |
| Kingstree, " | 23 and 24 |
| Lake City, " | 25 |
| Scranton, " | 26 |
| Kingstree, Nov. 27 to Dec. 31, inclusive, Saturdays excepted. | |

R. D. ROLLINS,
County Treasurer.

Notice of Discharge.

Notice is hereby given that on the 3d day of December, 1900, I will apply to the Judge of Probate of Williamsburg County for a final discharge as Guardian of Elma Epps.
J. S. EVANS,
Guardian.

Nov. 3, 1900. 4c.

To the Creditors of the Estate of Needam T. Pitman, Deceased.

Please take notice that pursuant to an order of the court of Common Pleas, made in the case of Thomas M. Gilland, as Executor of the last will and testament of Needam T. Pitman, deceased, against Emma B. Pitman, et al., and dated October 30th 1900, you, the creditors of the said estate are required to come in and establish your claims before me, George Galletly, referee, appointed in said order, at a reference to be held at the office of Messrs. Gilland & Kirk, in Kingstree, S. C., on Tuesday, the 4th day of December 1900; or be debarred from the benefits of the decree in the said case. You are further notified that you are enjoined and restrained from bringing or prosecuting any separate action or proceeding for the enforcement of your several claims and demands.

GEORGE GALLETTY,
Referee.
Florence, S. C. Nov. 8d, 1900. 3c.



IF YOU WANT IT, COME AND GET IT.

First, by purchasing your Horses, Buggies, Wagons and Harness from us. Second, in doing that you buy cheaper of us than elsewhere. Third, you get better values for your hard earned dollars, as we sell nothing but what we make good if it does not come up to our representation.

We have just received a car load of the famous ROCK HILL and CAROLINA BUGGIES, which we are rapidly selling at cyclone prices. Also a carload of the renowned one and two horse AUBURN WAGONS.

We thank you for your liberal patronage in the past, and promise you good treatment in future business. See Hawkins on Court House Square. He will treat you right.

Thomas & Bradham,

KINGSTREE, - - - - - S. C.

To Tobacco Growers of Williamsburg County
The

People's Tobacco Warehouse, of Manning,

Wishes to extend many thanks for your liberal patronage during the last season, and announces that they are at the old stand ready for business and will appreciate your further patronage during the coming season, promising the very best service and highest market prices for your tobacco. Having just returned from an extended visit to all the Northern markets, we have secured the service of a good corps of buyers with large orders, and we expect a lively market. Therefore, don't hesitate to bring your tobacco to the Manning market. The People's are prepared for ordering and grading.

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