

# IN THE TOILS OF THE LAW.

## TRAVELING SALESMAN CHARGED WITH BIGAMY--IS SERIOUSLY ILL AT HOTEL.

Kingstree, March 29:—A W Phelps, a traveling salesman for the International Harvester Company, lies seriously ill at the Kellahan hotel, in this town, while Sheriff Graham holds a warrant of arrest, charging him with bigamy, and which will be served as soon as Phelps is sufficiently recovered to be removed to the jail.

Three marriages were performed here on Easter day, one of which was that of A W Phelps to the daughter of a respectable farmer, living a few miles from Kingstree. The couple took the train at 9:12 on Sunday night, going to Lanes, and spent the night there. On Monday they came back to Kingstree, Phelps having suffered a slight stroke of paralysis, and put up at the hotel. Meanwhile the Rev W E Hurt, of the Baptist church, who had performed the ceremony and to whose congregation the young lady belonged, received information that Phelps was not legally entitled to contract a marriage, as he then had a wife living in North Carolina. Mr Hurt promptly began an investigation, which uncovered facts sufficient to warrant him in going to Phelps and charging him with having practiced a gross fraud, both on the minister and the innocent girl. Phelps admitted that he had been married, but was divorced at Greensboro, N C. When the minister, however, offered to wire the clerk of court at Greensboro for proof of this statement, Phelps objected, saying the clerk of court might be dead and please to wait until he was recovered from his attack, when he would straighten the matter.

Investigation further disclosed the fact that Phelps had told other parties here that he was married. These facts unfortunately only came to knowledge Monday morning after the ceremony had been performed. The father of the young lady was communicated with, and came at once to the hotel and laid the facts before his daughter. The poor girl is, of course, crushed and mortified, as are also her parents. She returned home with her mother about sundown, and on the advice of the Solicitor her father swore out a warrant, charging Phelps with bigamy, and he is at present under the supervision of Sheriff Graham.

The Sheriff this morning wired the clerk of court at Greensboro to know if Phelps had been divorced there, as he claims. If he cannot set himself straight before the preliminary, which will be held later, he will have to face a Williamsburg jury on a charge of bigamy.

The foregoing article clipped from the News and Courier gives the salient facts of a sensational and unfortunate affair which has stirred up the people of our peaceable and law-abiding community more than anything of the kind that has transpired here in a long time. Out of consideration for the young lady and her family, who live near town and who are new-comers to our county, we withhold the name of

the victim of the lamentable occurrence.

Mr Phelps is an expert machinist and has been making periodical trips here for several years and his friends are greatly surprised at his conduct in the light of present appearances, at least. A telegram was received yesterday morning from an attorney at Ashboro, N C, who Mr Phelps said represented Mrs Phelps No. 1 in the divorce proceedings, stating in substance that no such proceedings had been instituted, so far as he knew.

It being reported that Mr Phelps' wife was living in Greensboro, N C, Sheriff Graham wired the chief of police there, stating what had occurred here and asking for information. Up to this time (Wednesday afternoon) no reply has been forthcoming.

Meantime Mr Phelps is confined to his bed at the Kellahan hotel, with one-half of his body paralyzed and a warrant pending for his arrest. There is no doubt that he is a very sick man and the excitement and worry attending the affair has not helped his condition. Certainly unless he improves he is in no condition to be taken to jail.

From several stand-points the situation is painfully embarrassing. The people of Kingstree have tried to be humane in dealing with this case, having given the man charged with the serious crime of bigamy every opportunity to clear himself, offering to communicate by wire with any one who could vouch for his innocence, but it now seems that the coils are tightening about the unfortunate man and that he must pay the penalty of the law.

In response to an inquiry telegraphed the clerk of court of Guilford county, N C, (of which Greensboro is the county seat) Sheriff Graham received the reply: "No divorce granted A W Phelps in Guilford county."

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### Summed Up.

He was a lion tamer, but the man who ruled the king of the forest was in turn ruled by his wife. One night he was entertained by his friends, who refused to allow him to depart until the small hours of the morning. As a result on his homeward way he had a presentiment that his better half would not receive him as cordially as he deserved, consequently he spent the night elsewhere.

In the morning he tried to slip into the house unobserved; but, alas, a voice from the top of the stairs greeted him coldly:

"Where have you been all night, John?"

"Well, my dear, I was afraid of disturbing you, so I slept in the lions' cage."

There was a moment's pause, a gritting of teeth, then down the stairs floated one word:

"Coward!"

### The Ancients and Electricity.

A writer in the Elektrotechnische Anzeiger cites many incidents to show that electricity was not unknown to the ancients and that Georg Ebers' suggestion in a novel that the Egyptians made use of lightning conductors was well founded. Instruments much like the modern heliograph were also used, the writer says, by priests as a means of communication between temples. There can be no doubt, he says, as to the temple having been protected by lightning rods. The Biblical descriptions show that the roof was provided with metallic points held aloft by columns and that these points, ending in chains, terminated in great water tanks. He adds, "All of which is vouched for in the first book of Kings and the second book of Chronicles."

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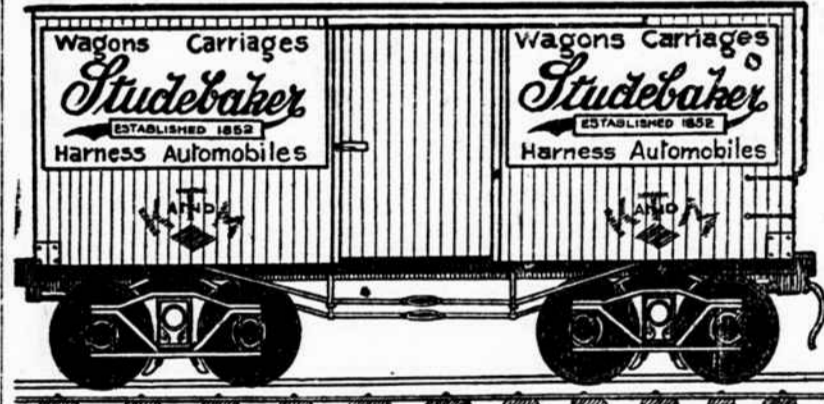
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