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KINGSTREE—THE GATEWAY TO OPPORTUNITY.

"In men whom men condemn as ill,  
 I find so much of goodness still;  
 In men whom men pronounce divine,  
 I find so much of sin and blot—  
 I hesitate to draw the line  
 Between the two—where God has not."

THURSDAY, JAN. 2, 1913.

**Whose Life Is Safe?**

The horrible atrocity committed here Christmas eve night when James Fleming, a young negro, was shot down while standing in Jenkinson's store, stands without parallel in the annals of crime in our town and county. The wanton murder of an unoffending colored youth, savagely brutal though it be, is merely an incident of the crime against society.

Here, on the night before Christmas, a holiday the world over among Christian nations as commemorating the coming upon earth of Christ—the Prince of Peace, whose advent heralded "peace on earth and good will toward men"—an assassin steals along a crowded street and under cover of the noise of exploding fireworks, sends his leaden missiles of death across the street, crashing through the windows of stores filled with innocent and unsuspecting men, women and children—sending into a merry, care-free through a veritable specter of death without a sign of warning to protect or defend their lives against the unseen messenger of death. Not once only, but twice, aye, even thrice, the deadly weapon spoke, speeding bullets through windows into stores thronged with clerks and shoppers.

Obviously such a thing could only be done by a person with a homicidal mania who killed merely for the lust of blood, or by one who had in mind the slaying of some one whom he hated, reckless of how many other lives were jeopardized in the wreaking of his vengeance. What manner of creature must this be, who to glut a savage fury upon a defenceless foe, stalks his prey as he would a man-eating tiger and fires upon him in a crowd of other human beings, regardless of how many he kills or hurts?

Reader, bring it home to yourself. Suppose your wife and child had been in the path of those death-dealing bullets and shot to death? How would you feel toward the blood-guilty man who slew them? And the victim might just as well have been a woman or child as the negro from Florida passing through on his way to his old home to spend Christmas with his mother. It really seems that only by the mercy

of God but one person fell before the murderous fire.

For more than a century the town of Kingstree has boasted of a spirit of conservatism, a respect for law and order, that insured the protection of life and property to all who came within her gates. But the crime that marred the Christmas season has rudely shattered this tradition and left an unsightly blot upon her fair escutcheon. Are the citizens of Kingstree content to allow it to remain there?

Some months ago on a public street of Greater New York, the biggest city in the world, a gambler was shot to death by hired assassins. This daring crime startled the whole country. Not that anyone cared especially for the fate of the gambler, Rosenthal, but for the realization that conditions obtained in this great city that made possible the perpetration of such a crime without fear of immediate detection. The authorities got to work in earnest with the result that a lieutenant of police and four "gunmen" are now languishing in the death chamber of Sing Sing prison and the law is in a fair way to be vindicated.

Lax enforcement of the law breeds crime and crime unpunished brings the law into contempt. If the murderer of James Fleming go unwhipped of justice whose life is safe in Kingstree? No half-way measures will avail. The authorities, municipal, county and State, should act promptly and vigorously and the citizens of Kingstree owe it to themselves and to the town to back up the authorities in every way possible. The community is on trial. What will be the verdict?

'Rah, for Aimwell school! It not only aims well, but hits the bull's eye.

Old Williamsburg surely did herself proud in the year of our Lord, 1912. To win the championship for corn production and first prize for rural school improvement are honors that any county in any State of the Union might well be proud of. If the present stride of our county in the way of educational and agricultural progress be maintained for a few years more Williamsburg will be the banner county of the State. With our natural resources, backed up by the energy, thrift and enterprise of our people, the old county will soon come into her own and be known far and wide as one of the most favored spots the sun shines on.

By one of the members of her Boys' Corn club winning the State championship for corn production, Williamsburg county's fertile soil and modern farming methods are exploited this year as never before. By all means Ernest Joye should—as doubtless he will—enter his exhibit at the National Corn exposition, to be held in Columbia in January and February. We doubt very much whether

—save possibly by Bennie Owens, the Alabama lad whose prize acre yield this year, it is claimed, exceeded that of Jerry Moore in 1910—young Joye's feat has been equaled by any member of a corn club for 1912. At any rate, Ernest Joye stands an excellent chance of winning second place at the National Corn show and Williamsburg will be inestimably benefited by the advertisement incidental thereto.

**NEGRO SHOT DOWN IN COLD BLOOD**

**STANDING IN JENKINSON'S STORE CHRISTMAS EVE NIGHT --REWARD FOR ASSASSIN.**

Save for the killing of James Fleming, colored, by the reckless use of a revolver in the hands of some bloodthirsty coward on our streets Christmas-eve night, who took advantage of the noise made by fire-crackers, torpedoes and other comparatively harmless explosives, to conceal the reports of his 38 calibre gun in carrying out his deadly sport, the Christmas season passed off in a fairly sane manner in Kingstree and although a lot of fireworks were exploded by the small boys and young men Tuesday night and all during Christmas day, we have not so far, heard of a single casualty.

The shooting of James Fleming occurred between nine and ten o'clock Tuesday night while he was standing just inside of the front door of Jenkinson Bros Co's store on East Main street, where a crowd of young men and boys had congregated to set off their fireworks.

Just prior to the shooting of Fleming two pistol balls were fired into the large plate glass window of Milhous & Jennings' store, apparently from different ranges on the opposite side of the street and near the depot.

Special Policeman J Z McConnell was on the sidewalk near the entrance to the store, but it was impossible to distinguish a revolver shot or its direction from the reports of fire-crackers and torpedoes which were at the time almost incessant.

Shortly after three shots had been fired into the windows of Milhous & Jennings' store, and a lively noise from fireworks was going on, the shot that proved fatal to the young negro, James Fleming, was fired into the store of Jenkinson Bros Co through the front door. There were several customers in the store at the time. The ball struck Fleming in the left thigh, severing the main artery. The boy made some exclamation and was seen to grab his thigh with his hands and stagger for a seat, but he fell near where he was standing when the ball struck him.

Mr Wallace McIntosh went to his assistance, as did also Special Policeman McConnell. They found him bleeding profusely and at once summoned Dr E T Kelley, who had the patient removed to his office. Everything was done to save the boy's life, but he had lost too much blood and died about 8 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Young Fleming was born on the plantation of Mr S W McIntosh, in the Workman section of Clarendon county, where he lived with his mother until about six years ago, at which time she removed with her family to Florida. Some months ago she returned to the old home and as rapidly as she could get money enough together she would send for her children. She had sent for this boy—the last one to come to her—and he reached Kingstree Tuesday morning. He knew no one in town except Mr Wallace McIntosh, who clerked for Mr Jenkinson, and had spent the day waiting around the store in the hope of catching a conveyance to Workman, his old home, and to his mother, who was expecting him to share their Christmas festival. It is a most lamentable occurrence, and the good people of Kingstree would learn of the capture of the cowardly perpetrator of the act with much gratification, that he might have justice meted out to him in our county court.

A Coroner's jury was summoned Wednesday morning to enquire into the murder, but after a short consultation they adjourned until last Tuesday, at which time a further adjournment was taken on account of sickness among the members. They will probably meet and render a decision this week.

Through its Mayor and council the town of Kingstree has offered a reward of \$100 for the apprehension and arrest of the murderer.

Black Valentine Seed Beans for sale at Nelson's Warehouse by 12-12-4t W K MCINTOSH.

**A MASONIC SYMPOSIUM.**

**'Feast of Reason and Flow of Soul' at Officers' Installation.**

The dining-room of the Kellahan Hotel again presented a festive scene at the banquet held on Friday night of last week to the twenty-five members of the order of Ancient Free Masons who filed in and took seats at the sumptuous board, laden with a feast fit for the gods who dwelt on Mount Olympus, that had been made ready for them by the well-known host and hostess, Mr and Mrs S A Nettles, with the assistance of the Misses Nettles, who had charge of the decorations and arrangement of the tables.

The occasion was the annual celebration of the Kingstree lodge, A F M, when the old officers were recalled and new ones installed, there being a called communication at 8 o'clock p. m. for this important and impressive service. About thirty members were present, and the lodge was opened in due form by Worshipful Master M H Jacobs. Retiring Secretary R N Speigner announced the names of the trustees for the ensuing year: E L Hirsch, Esq, and Mr Zeno Vause, after which the installation of new officers was taken up. Messrs M A Ross and B E Clarkson presiding, first administering the oath of office to Mr M H Jacobs, who succeeds himself as Worshipful Master. That officer then resumed his chair and completed the installation ceremony. There being no other business for the consideration of the lodge, E L Hirsch, Esq, said that he was loath to admit that some time ago he, with a confederate, had stolen a small photograph of a brother, the oldest member of the lodge, the one man who had done more than any other in recent years to hold the Kingstree lodge together when it was tottering and its charter was in danger of revocation; who had repeatedly and faithfully served it in every official capacity and is tonight an honored and useful member. Mr Hirsch in conclusion presented a handsome enlarged photograph of Mr Louis Jacobs to the retiring senior warden, Philip H Stolte, Esq, who in turn, in most appropriate and becoming remarks presented the picture to the Worshipful Master to be preserved in the archives of the lodge.

Our venerable and honored brother was surprised and said he had known all this was going to take place he would not have been present, though he admitted that it was a great principle in Masonry "never to tell".

The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form and the brethren, as above stated, repaired to the hotel and proceeded to do ample justice to the splendid feast that awaited their coming.

**Hymeneal.**

**MARRIED**—On Sunday evening, December 22, 1912, at 6:30 o'clock, Mr James H Marshall and Miss Ethel Boyd were happily married at the Baptist parsonage at Trio by their pastor, Rev W H Whaley. We wish them a happy and prosperous life.

**MARRIED**—On Thursday morning, December 26, 1912, by Presiding Elder R L Holroyd, at the Nelson House, Kingstree, S C, Mrs S R Craft and Mr Walter B Stevens, both of St Louis, Missouri.

**MARRIED**—On Thursday, December 26, 1912, at the district parsonage by Rev R L Holroyd, Miss Martha Sexton and Mr G J Harrison. Both the bride and the groom live near Kingstree.

**Death of Mrs. S. B. Haselden.**

Mrs S B Haselden of Johnsonville died here at the home of her sister, Mrs H O Britton, at 1:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from a complication of diseases. Mrs Haselden came here on a visit several weeks ago apparently in fairly good health, but was stricken shortly afterward and, while every attention was given her by medical skill and devoted relatives, she continued to grow worse until relieved by death. Her remains were taken to Indiantown yesterday and interred in the old Indiantown church cemetery, of which church she was a member. The funeral service, conducted by Rev F H Wardlaw, took place at 3 o'clock p. m. The deceased was about 60 years old and leaves a husband, two brothers and three sisters to mourn their loss.

**WILLIAMSBURG SCHOOL WINS FIRST PRIZE**

**IN THE STATE CONTEST--TWO OTHER SCHOOLS AWARDED PRIZES.**

Bennettsville, December 30:—The following schools of Williamsburg county won prizes in the county and State contests.

County awards: Aimwell, first prize, \$25; Long Branch, second prize \$15; Retreat, third prize, \$10.

State awards: Aimwell, first prize, \$50; Long Branch, second prize, \$45; Retreat, third prize, \$30.

We are indeed sorry that so few schools thought it worthy the effort to enter these contests. What is the matter with the Williamsburg trustees, patrons and teachers? If you could only see and know what your sister counties are doing, I am sure you would bestir yourselves more in the future than you have in the past. We are too well satisfied with conditions when we say, "About as well as we can expect," "That's as good as my neighbor school," "Oh, well, it doesn't make any difference" and such expressions. Are you the author of any such expression? Wake up to your great opportunity!

I regret that sickness prevented me from making the above announcement in last week's issue of The Record.

Happy New Year to all the schools. FLORENCE H STUBBS, Co Organizer S I Asso Wmsburg Co.

Marcus Smith, a son of United States Senator E D Smith, who accidentally shot himself with a parlor rifle Christmas day at his father's home at Lynchburg, died of his wound Monday night, December 30. He was 23 years old and unmarried.

Stewart Lewis, 12-year-old son of J C Lewis, a merchant of Johnston, was accidentally shot and killed on Christmas day by his playmate, Watson Nickerson. The bullet from a parlor rifle penetrated young Lewis' heart.

**Notice.**

The ladies of the Episcopal church will give a silver tea at the residence of Mrs R J Kirk on Railroad avenue, Friday afternoon, January 3, from 4 to 6 o'clock. The ladies of other churches are cordially invited to attend. 1-2-1t.

**Proclamation!**

WHEREAS, some unknown party or parties have taken advantage of a harmless Christmas celebration of fire-works to shoot to death an innocent bystander on the streets of the town of Kingstree, therefore, I, L P Kinder, Mayor of the said town, by virtue of my authority as such, do hereby offer a reward of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties guilty of this dastardly crime.

Given under my hand and seal this 31st day of December, A D 1912. L P KINDER, Mayor.

**It**

WHEREAS, a most heinous crime has been committed by some cowardly assassin during the shooting of fire-works on Christmas-eve, whereby an innocent negro boy was shot to death; we, therefore, citizens of the town of Kingstree, in order that justice may be done, do hereby subscribe the amounts opposite our names as a supplement to the reward offered by the town:

- R H Kellahan.....\$20 00
- H O Beiton..... 10 00
- W E Jenkinson..... 5 00
- S W McIntosh..... 5 00
- J S Sennings..... 5 00
- E T Kelley..... 5 00
- E C Burgess..... 5 00
- W L Taylor..... 2 00
- P C Scott..... 5 00
- C W Wolfe..... 5 00

**THE HOLIDAY SEASON AT LAKE CITY.**

**COLLEGE STUDENTS AT HOME--K. OF P. ELECTION--SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND PERSONAL NOTES.**

Lake City, December 23:—The bazaar given by the Philathea class of the Baptist church last Thursday and Friday evenings was a huge success. Quite a neat sum was realized for the beneficent purpose for which it was given.

Mrs L H Jennings of Bishopville is with her mother, Mrs J M Sturgeon, for the holidays.

Mr and Mrs E D Sallenger are spending Christmas with Mr Sallenger's parents, Dr and Mrs A H Williams.

Mr Martin C Epps of Timmons-ville spent Sunday in town with friends.

At a regular meeting of Lake City lodge, No 81, K of P, last Tuesday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: M A Woods, C C; J W Floyd, V C; S Abrams, Prelate; E J Wilkes, M W; L R Truluck, K of R and S; H C Fulmore, M of F; S J Singletary, M A; H L Hatchell, I G; A L Cash, O G.

Among the school boys at home for the Christmas holidays are: Jas C Williams, Chas Green, J J M Graham, Jr, and Sam Sturgeon, of the State University, John A Green of Wofford, Talmage P Askins of Furman and A H Williams of Washington, D C.

Master Murk Epps delighted a host of his little friends last Thursday afternoon when he celebrated his sixth birthday. The unexpected arrival of Santa Claus during the afternoon caused much pleasure, especially his promise of bringing them what they want on Christmas-eve. Misses Lula Caldwell and Alma McElveen very charmingly served cakes and "Aunt Brosia".

Mr L A Winston, who has been buying tobacco in Virginia, is at home for the holidays.

Miss Lizzie Jones, accompanied by her brother, Beverly, left Monday night for a visit to her sister at Jacksonville, Fla.

Miss Mary Maude Rooke, who has been employed in Atlanta for the past two years, is at home with her parents for Christmas.

Miss Visha Floyd, eldest daughter of Mr Wayne Floyd, a prosperous farmer of Bethel, was married last Thursday afternoon to Mr Snow Kirby. Rev Will Truluck officiated. This deservedly popular young couple have a host of friends in this community who wish them much happiness.

Mr Luther Whitlock, son of Mr H L Whitlock, who is attending the Dental college in Atlanta, is at home for Christmas. P H A

**Card of Thanks.**

We wish to thank our friends and the people of Kingstree in general for their tender sympathies extended us in our late bereavement caused by the death of our beloved son, Milton. 1-2-1t. Mr and Mrs S Marcus.

The date of the meeting of the colored teachers of Williamsburg county will be held Saturday, January 4, instead of Friday, January 3, as appears in notice.

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