

HAD DIFFICULTY IN GETTING BONDSMEN.

But Col. Neal Finally Gets Them and is Released.

TWO MORE SERIOUS CHARGES

The State, Aug 31.

It looked for several hours yesterday as if Col. W. A. Neal, the former superintendent of the State penitentiary, would not be able to give his bond, and would have to go to jail before friends from his home could get here to go on his bond.

Yesterday morning when 10 o'clock, the hour appointed for the preliminary came, Col. Neal had not succeeded in securing bondsmen. Three personal friends that he was relying upon proved to be away from the city. At this time also warrants sworn out by Attorney General Bellinger in two other cases were served upon him, making three distinct charges preferred against him.

The original warrant charged him with failure to turn over public funds to his successor. One of the new ones charged him with breach of trust with fraudulent intent, and the other with embezzlement of public funds.

The affidavit in the breach of trust case read as follows: State of South Carolina, County of Richland. The State vs. William A. Neal. Affidavit.

Personally appears before me J. M. Smith, a magistrate for and in said county and said State, G. Duncan Bellinger, attorney general, who, on oath, says that he is informed and believes that on the first day of December, 1895, in said State and county, one William A. Neal was guilty of a breach of trust with fraudulent intent in this:

That, being then and there paid by one J. S. Fowler the sum of five hundred dollars for the use and as on account of the State of South Carolina, the same being the property of said State, upon the special trust and confidence that he the same should safely keep, transfer and disburse for the said State as its public servant and officer, he being then and there feloniously appropriate, convert and divert the same to his own use, with intent to cheat and defraud the said State.

Sworn to before me this 29th day of August, 1899

(L S) G. Duncan Bellinger, Attorney General.

J. M. Smith, Magistrate

The affidavit in the embezzlement case was as follows:

State of South Carolina, County of Richland. The State vs. William A. Neal. Affidavit.

Personally appeared before me J. M. Smith, a magistrate for and in said county and said State, G. Duncan Bellinger, attorney general, who, on oath, says that he is informed and believes that on the day of 1898, in said State and county, one William A. Neal was guilty of embezzlement, in this:

That then and there, being superintendent of the State penitentiary, he, as such superintendent, did receive from one W. T. Magill the sum of forty dollars for the use of said penitentiary, the same being public funds, and the property of the State of South Carolina, and he being then and there charged with the safe keeping, transfer and disbursing of the same, and did then and there feloniously convert, divert and appropriate said sum to his own use.

And further, that the said William A. Neal then and there the sum of forty dollars, the property of the said State, did steal, take and carry away

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Col. Neal waived the preliminary examination and the bond was fixed at \$3,500; of this \$2,000 was fixed on the original case, which is regarded as most important; \$500 on the second charge and \$1,000 on the third.

When it was found that Col. Neal had not secured bondsmen, Magistrate Smith agreed to let him remain in Attorney Nelson's office during the day in custody of Constable Roach, and from there endeavor to secure bail.

Nose of Col. Neal's former political friends came near him during the day. A year ago things were very different, for Col. Neal was a man of political influence. The weary hours rolled by and still no bondsmen appeared. Col. Neal made a proposition to Magistrate Smith to allow Constable Roach to accompany him to the up country so that he could in person secure bonds men, but this was declined. The magistrate, however, consented to allow Col. Neal until this morning to secure the necessary bond, permitting him in the meantime to remain in Constable Roach's custody.

But this proved to be unnecessary, for about 2:30 o'clock Capt. W. B. Lowrance and Capt. Geo. A. Shields, of this city, both staunch business men who did not mix in politics, consented to sign Col. Neal's bond. They repaired to the magistrate's office, where the bonds were promptly signed up and the ex-superintendent was set at liberty.

Clarendon's Horse Thief.

Manning, Aug 28—Saturday morning our town was thrown into excitement by the report that William Dickson, a noted, horse thief sent from this county to the penitentiary and who with three other convicts had recently escaped from one of the State farms, had been seen just across Black river in an old bay barn. Dickson had one companion with him and they fled to the swamp when seen, leaving a fine mule and buggy, which was captured and which, upon receipt of telegrams by the police later, it was ascertained belonged to a man by the name of William, in Sumter county.

Saturday night four citizens, including Samuel T. Tobias, the magistrate's deputy; went out to stand guard over the railroad causeway and the public road causeway leading to town. They remained on duty until nearly daylight when two of the party were called away by the barking of dogs at a house some distance off and one of them started home to make arrangements to send for some bloodhounds. Tobias started home walking on the railroad causeway, when he met Dickson and his partner, but before he could do anything they fired at him and clubbed him on the head and left him where he would probably have been run over by the train.

It is not certain from the wound in his head but that it might have been made by a large rifle ball. His skull is fractured and some of his brains came out. After the brutes had taken his gun and left him for dead, Tobias dragged himself a quarter of a mile to where a watchman was stationed at a mill and gave the alarm. It was afterwards discovered that the thieves had entered the Coast Line depot and stolen a number of articles and were on their way across the swamp when encountered by Tobias. Tobias lies in an unconscious condition and cannot live long.

Dickson is a noted thief. He stole a horse from Mr. D. M. Bradham and a buggy from Rev. Gough, neither of which have been recovered. He also stole a horse from Mr. C. R. Harvin, which was recovered near Bishopville. His next horse theft was a fine mare from Mrs. Peagler at Jordan and a saddle from Mr. C. R. Spratt, which were recovered at Monroe, N. C., where Dickson was also captured and brought back. He is connected with numerous robberies and there are many citizens who would like to join a necktie party if they can get hold of him. It seems impossible to keep him on the obnoxious—Cor. The State.

Reward For Desperadoes.

The governor today offered a reward of \$200 for the capture of a gang of desperadoes who have been operating in Clarendon County. The immediate reason for offering the reward was a statement from well known citizens of the county, showing that Mr. Samuel Tobias, who had been out searching for one Henry Dixon, a leader of the gang, was waylaid and seriously wounded, supposedly by the gang. The same night they robbed the depot and a residence. Citizens here offered a reward of \$300, the town council \$100 and the governor \$100 in each of the cases of shooting and robbery, making \$600 in all.

The communication further states that citizens of the county are much wrought up over the depredations of the gang—Columbia Record, August 31.

War Department Asked for More Commissions.

Gov. McSweeney is still in receipt of letters from various portions of the State in the matter of the commissions in the new regiments of the army now being formed. The governor yesterday forwarded to the war department a number of recommendations for lieutenantcies and higher positions. Among those recommended by the chief executive were the following:

- Maj. Micah Jenkins, who served with notable gallantry as major in the regiment of Rough Riders in Cuba. The governor asks that he be made a major.
M. B. Brooks, of Edgefield.
Paul E. Ayer, of Anderson.
B. D. Wilson, of Sumter.
Victor V. Cheshire, of Anderson.
Norman H. Bull, of Orangeburg.
E. M. Brown, of Lancaster.
Capt. Edward Anderson, of Charleston.

Thomas J. Cottin, who was the only South Carolina negro to hold a commission in the war with Spain. He was a lieutenant in the Tenth immunes.

John R. McLean has been nominated for governor of Ohio by the Democratic convention on the first ballot.

Brave Men Fall

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in less of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. Listen to J. W. Gardner, Idaville, Ind. He says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he is all run down, and don't care whether he lives or dies. It did more to give me new strength and good appetite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents at J. F. W. DeLorme's Drug Store. Every bottle guaranteed.

The Dreyfus Trial.

Cause of Loss of Heart Not Apparent From Reports.

Rennes, Sep. 1.—This was a very satisfactory day for Dreyfus. The Beaupre witness, Germain, who was to prove that Dreyfus attended Alsation manoeuvres, found his statements denied by a reputable witness, while Germain himself, it was proved, underwent two convictions for swindling. This was the only testimony against Dreyfus, the remainder of the depositions being in his favor, several of them being very weighty, as to the case of Capt. Carval, Gen. Sebent and Maj. Hartmann, their evidence going to show that particulars of the firing manual of the "120 gun" and hydro-pneumatic brake were almost matters of common knowledge among the officers and that the contention that Dreyfus, from his special position could be acquainted with them, has no solid basis. This was the sum of the day's proceedings, which were not marked by any incident of unusual occurrence, the Roget-Brayere episode, in which Gen. Roget clearly gave himself away, being the only matter which attracted special attention.

M. Bertillon was severely snubbed by the presiding officer when he wished to reply to Gen. Sebent, who had condemned his system as fantastic. As soon as Gen. Sebent had finished his testimony, M. Bertillon bounced up and asked to be allowed to speak, but Col. Jouanet quickly turned to the usher and said: "Bring in the next witness," whereupon M. Bertillon, extremely annoyed, returned to his seat.

M. Godefrey Cavaignac, former minister of war, returned to Rennes this evening. There is much speculation respecting the motive for his reappearance here. The general conjecture is that it implies a fresh shuffling of the cards of the prosecution. Symptoms of despondency have manifested themselves in anti-Dreyfusard circles during the last few days.

About Wheat.

It is time to think about the sowing of wheat this fall. The virgin soil of the Piedmont once made fine wheat. But there is little of that left and perhaps the farmers in the old days never made more than 20 to 25 bushels to the acre on fresh lands or alluvial bottom lands. Wheat needs ammonia, phosphoric acid, potash, lime and silica or sand. The latter two are needed in small quantities and generally the land has those elements in abundance. The reason that wheat grows so well on new grounds is that there is a liberal supply of potash furnished from burning the brush. A rich alluvial creek bottom has too much ammonia for wheat. Even when sown thick it is apt to grow rank and fall down. The straw is too weak to support the stalk. But most of the wheat will be sown on upland. If the soil is thin it will need ammonia to give it a good stalk and head. On some of the dark loamy lands a little ammonia would perhaps be the best measure, if only one kind is used. But take the lands as they come it will be best to use a perfect manure; that is one containing all the food elements required. If you have a heavy crop of pea vines use 300 pounds of acid phosphate and 100 pounds of potash. If there is little nitrogen in the soil 300 pounds of a good commercial fertilizer and 100 pounds of potash. If you wish to study the lasting value of potash and phosphoric acid watch the crops that grow on an old house place. If the settlement was long continued and then the houses all moved away, one long afterwards may locate the place where the house stood by the crops that grow there. Land that will make an average 6 to 8 bushels of wheat to the acre will make 15 to 20 by the judicious application of \$5 worth of commercial fertilizers, or its equivalent in cotton seed and stable manure—Carolina Spartan.

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Pretoria, Sept. 1.—The volksraad has deferred the discussion of the correspondence between the imperial and Transvaal governments until Monday, when a motion regarding the presence of British troops on the Transvaal border will be debated secretly. Herr Fischer was present at the secret session of the volksraad this evening a circumstance that caused a great deal of curiosity. Large crowds gathered around the building, anxious to learn the latest intelligence. President Kruger remained with the executive until a late hour, discussing the situation.

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LAKE CITY POSTOFFICE.

Congressman Norton was in the city today. Speaking of the reopening of the Lake City postoffice, he said that while it had been decided to re-establish the office he could not say when it would be done. He thought that the office would be opened before congress meets. He thought, however, that the recent whipping of the postmaster at Peck, Fla., might have some effect, but he hoped it would not. Mr. Norton came from Marion and is here on private business—Columbia Record, Sept. 1.

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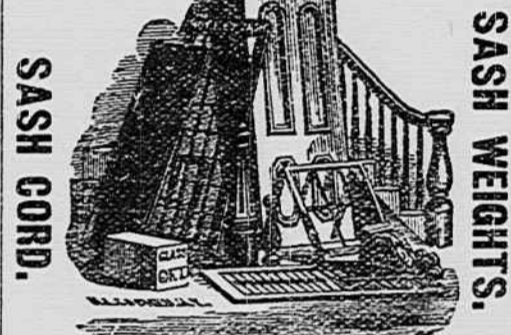
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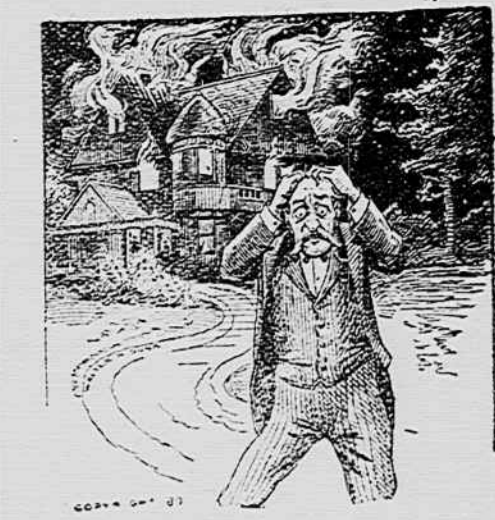
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Between Blacksburg, S. C., and Marion, N. C.

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\*Daily except Sunday. Trains Nos 32 and 33 connect at Blacksburg with trains on the Gaffney Division. Train No. 32 leaving Shelby at 6:30 a. m., connects at Blacksburg with train No. 36 on the Southern Ry., going North, with twenty minutes for transferring, etc. Passengers leaving any points on this line between Shelby and Blacksburg can go to Charlotte, N. C., and return the same day, having three hours and twenty five minutes for the transaction of business in Charlotte. It connects also with the Vestibule on the Southern going South, and connects at Yorkville, S. C., with the North bound train on the C & N W R., with thirty minutes margin for transferring, and connects at Rock Hill with train No. 33 on the Southern Ry., going South, with ample margin of time for transferring, etc. The best connection this train makes at Catawba Junction with the S A L, going North gives eleven hours lay over, going South, twelve hours and forty-three minutes, but nearly all the lay over is in daylight. Connects at Lancaster, S. C., with train on the C & N W R., for Chester, with a lay over of a little over three hours, and connects at Camden, S. C., with the Charleston Division of the Southern Ry. for all points South.

Train No. 33 leaving Camden at 12:05 p. m., going North makes close connection at Lancaster, S. C., with the L. C. & R. Ry., for Chester, S. C. Connects with the S A L, at Catawba Junction, both North and South, with a lay over of about six hours. Connects at Rock Hill with train No. 34 on the Southern Ry., going North. This gives a lay over of five hours in daylight at Rock Hill, which will prove a pleasure to passengers. Makes connection at Yorkville with train on the C & N W R., going South, and makes close connection at Blacksburg with train No. 12 on the Southern Ry., going North. Also with the Vestibule train on the Southern Ry., going North.

Train No. 11, leaving Blacksburg at 8:10 a. m., will get passengers from the South from train No. 36 on the Southern Railway for all points between Blacksburg and Marion, N. C., and will connect at Marion, N. C., with the Southern Ry., both East and West. Train No. 12, leaving Marion at 4:45, with the arrival of the Southern Ry. train from the West, makes good connection at Blacksburg with the Southern Ry. in both directions.

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