

CHAIN GANG FOR MURRAY.

SUPREME COURT SUSTAINS SENTENCE OF LOWER COURT.

The Negro Ex-Congressman Will Have to Pay the Full Penalty of His Crime.

Columbia, October 11.—In an opinion handed down today the Supreme Court sustains the verdict of the lower court in the case of George Washington Murray, the negro ex-congressman convicted of forgery and fraud against two ignorant negroes in the matter of a land lease, and Murray will have to serve his sentence of three years on the chaingang.

THE MURRAY CASE.

THE EX-CONGRESSMAN HAS NO IDEA OF FORFEITING BOND.

His Attorney Will Endeavor to Have the Case Reopened, Failing in That an Effort Will be Made to Secure a Pardon.

By the decision handed down Thursday by the tribunal of last resort in the State, the decision of the Circuit Court in convicting of forgery, Ex-Congressman George Washington Murray, stands affirmed, and the three year sentence in the State penitentiary must be served and the fine of \$250.00 imposed by the court must be paid.

Negro, though he is, there is something pathetic in the thought of his sudden descent from the lofty position that he formerly occupied to the low and degraded sphere in which he now finds himself placed—once a law-maker for the Republic, now deprived forever of the rights of citizenship—no longer able to vote or even to testify in a court of justice, a convicted felon, unworthy of belief.

The report that he expects to abscond and forfeit his bond of \$3,000 is wholly without foundation in fact. Murray was in the city, and stated Wednesday, that he was not sensible of any moral wrong that he had committed and tearfully asserted that he was the victim of circumstances, and that he felt sure that he would yet be righted.

His attorney, Maj. Marion Moise, will endeavor to have the case reopened, and failing in that, a petition will be presented to the governor for a pardon. Nothing will be left undone to keep the convict's stripes off the Ex-Congressman.

Of course you can "taste" at the grocer stores, but the grocers will hate you for it, all right, and say it is stealing. You can't help yourself when a woman abuses you; a grocer can't help himself when people steal things, and call it "tasting," but he can't hate a taster, and always does it.

PROHIBITIONISTS WANT OFFICE

Indications Are That Jos. A. McCullough Will Be Nominated for Governor and Rev. L. J. Bristow for Lieutenant Governor.

Columbia, October 11.—There are strong indications that the Prohibition executive committee will break out here at the Fair Week meeting with a State ticket, with Joseph A. McCullough for governor and Louis J. Bristow for lieutenant governor.

At the conference held here a few weeks ago both these men opposed nominations being made, but in today's issue of the Baptist Press, edited at Greenwood by Mr. Bristow, he nominates Mr. McCullough for governor and advocates putting out a ticket.

It is significant that the editorial favors county control of the question. "Let us have a prohibition law, but where it will not be enforced, let it not be a farce," says the editorial. "Where a majority of men are willing to write their names on a petition asking for the privilege of selling whiskey, the best thing to do is to allow them to sell it, under stringent regulations." McCaw.

New Cure for Cancer.

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JIM PADGETT TRIED

Convicted and Sentenced to Twelve Years in the Penitentiary.

Edgefield, Oct. 11.—The law which was allowed to take its course in the Jim Padgett case, has been vindicated.

About two months ago the negro so conducted himself towards a respectable little girl at Johnston that a lynching was avoided by sending Padgett to the penitentiary for safekeeping. He was brought here yesterday from the penitentiary and placed upon trial this evening for assault with intent to rape. He is a mulatto, 33 years of age, and his intended victim is a white girl, 11 years of age. She gave her testimony against him in a modest way. The jury retired to their room only long enough to write the verdict of guilty.

Judge Gage sentenced Padgett to 12 years' confinement in the penitentiary.

JOHN CAPERS' AMBITION.

HE HUNGERS FOR A FEDERAL JUDGESHIP IN THIS STATE.

Some of the Methods He Is Using to Further His Cause—Federal Patronage His Long Suit.

Columbia, October 13.—In anticipation of the contest being renewed at the coming session of congress for the creation of a new Federal judicial district in this State, the bill for that purpose being allowed to die last year by reason of the scramble between rival towns for Federal court houses, the scuffle for the judgeship, a fat lifetime job, is beginning, with John G. Capers, the Republican referee of this State, who has been holding down the job of district attorney for several years, as the central figure.

Mr. Capers' adherents say it is a practical certainty that he will get the plum if the bill passes, that the president has virtually promised it to him, and that he has the endorsement of many influential members of the bar throughout the State for the place. On the other hand it was the objection of the bar generally over the State to the elevation to a place of so much responsibility of a man of Mr. Capers record that so marred his prospects heretofore.

It was also objected to Mr. Capers that he has not been a resident of the territory proposed to be cut off into a new district, and the president intimated that this would be a potent objection. Recently Mr. Capers changed his legal residence from Charleston to Greenville.

And now comes evidence that Mr. Capers is using both his place as referee and his job as district attorney on the postoffice jobs of the State to advance his chances of floating into the judgeship, and this matter is to be brought to the attention of the president in a forcible manner. He is charged with working these postoffices to placate the bar in various localities. His friends say that he is a clumsy politician, but there can be no doubt of his energy. And it is not strange that he has a burning ambition to finally preside over a district as judge in which he was indicted a few years for a crime. A true bill having been found against him for extortion in a pension case, but the case was finally not pressed. It was charged in the last Republican convention here that the case was dropped because of the Capers and Trenholm influence being brought to bear, and because he promised to leave the State. Be that as it may, he was nevertheless afterward made district attorney. But if the South Carolina delegation discovers in time that he will get the judgeship there is little reason to doubt that they will strangle the bill to create the district.

But inasmuch as "Uncle Joe" Cannon is credited with favoring the appointment of an additional district attorney and marshal in case there is a new district created, Mr. Capers is said to be opposed to the bill if he cannot get the judgeship, as a new marshal and new district attorney would too much cut into the fees.

The scene of Mr. Capers' activity among the postmasters is in the Piedmont section, at Westminster, Belton, Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood and in Congressman Finley's district on the North Carolina side of the State. At Belton charges of irregularity have been brought against Postmaster Horton, and a kinsman of United States Senator Latimer has been endorsed for the place. Senator Latimer, however, is sticking to Mr. Horton, in whose integrity and honesty that section has absolute confidence. He has an estate worth some \$40,000.

The Westminster postmaster has been charged with pernicious activity in politics, it is said, in addition to irregularities, and members of the bar have been given to understand that they might name his successor.

The Greenwood bar is also said to have been approached. It is felt the postmaster there will lose out. Information comes to Columbia to the effect that members of the bar there have been given to understand that they might name the next Greenwood postmaster.

Postmaster Link at Abbeville seems to be also feeling the results of Mr. Capers' great ambition to become judge, and some Abbeville lawyers are about ready to talk.

Persons close to Senator Tillman say he has been consulted by Mr. Capers on a number of occasions recently with regard to appointments in the upper part of the State. It is hardly necessary to add that he has received these approaches with ill-disguised contempt. McCaw.

Henry VIII, forbade playing cards except at Christmas, but the prohibition extended only to persons of humble rank. The games played in those days and during the succeeding century had names as barbarous as wore the people. We read of piquet, gleeck, lanterloo, bankafalet, pimero, cribbage, vequera, tick-tack, grand trick-tack, inn and inn, nobby, five card basset, and brag. The last migrated to America, where it became the present day: nobby is the present crib. Basset was brought over from France, and ombre, originally a Spanish game, was the predecessor of whist, and was played at odd three corners to les.

A FIRE IN LEE COUNTY.

Supposed Work of an Incendiary.—A Suspect Arrested.

Bishopville, October 12.—The fine two-story house belonging to the estate of John E. Muldrow, deceased, about six miles from Bishopville, was burned yesterday morning at about 4 o'clock.

The house was built by Mr. Muldrow some twelve years ago, he dying soon after its completion.

After his death his widow moved back to her maternal home, in Orangeburg, renting out the farm, including the buildings.

For several years it had been rented by Ben Cooper, a worthy, industrious negro, who cultivated the farm, raising good crops of both cotton and grain.

Nothing positive is known about the origin of the fire, but it is suspected that it was the work of an incendiary.

A thorough investigation will be made at once, and the affair probed to the bottom.

A suspect has already been arrested by our active deputy sheriff, Mr. H. E. Monneyham, who will continue to work up the case.

FRANCO-VENEZUELA CRISIS.

Situation is Regarded as Acute and Action May Be Taken at Once.

Paris, October 13.—For the first time since the trouble with Venezuela arose the situation is regarded as acute. President Castro's persistence in refusing to recognize the French representative at Caracas has exhausted the patience of the French government, which still insists that apologies shall be offered to Mr. Taigny, while the French Cable Company refuse to deal directly with Castro. The feeling is predominant—in official circles that the time has come for action against Venezuela with or without the cooperation of the United States.

The fact that the United States did not interfere in the Anglo-German demonstrations against Venezuela and the attitude recently assumed by that government toward M. Jusserand, the French ambassador in the United States is regarded as a practical guarantee for the government to act without fear of becoming involved in complications with the American government.

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Rev. Harold Thomas, assistant rector of St James Episcopal church, Wilmington, has resigned his rectorate, the same to be effective on October 31. During the month of November he will have temporary charge of Trinity church in Asheville, N. C.

Some Seasonable Advice.

It may be a piece of superfluous advice to urge people at this season of the year to lay in a supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is almost sure to be needed before winter is over, and much more prompt and satisfactory results are obtained when taken as soon as a cold is contracted and before it has become settled in the system, which can only be done by keeping the remedy at hand. This remedy is so widely known and so altogether good that no one should hesitate about buying it in preference to any other. It is for sale by all druggists.

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THE TAGGART CASE.

The End of a Disgusting Divorce Suit and Scandal.

Wooster, Ohio, October 13.—Judge S. B. Eason has decided in the Taggart divorce case and the decree is ready to be made public at 2:30 this afternoon when court convenes especially for that purpose. A prominent lawyer here who has closely watched the case believes the decision will be a bitter disappointment to Captain Taggart. He says Mrs. Taggart is to get a decree of divorce. He believes the younger child will be placed in the custody of its mother, while Captain Taggart will get the oldest boy.

Wooster, Ohio, October 13.—Capt. Taggart, the plaintiff in the celebrated Taggart divorce case, was granted a decree in a decision handed down by the court this afternoon.

There was a considerable frost in Laurens county Friday morning but the damage done was probably very slight.

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