

HARGIS KILLED BY SON.

GOVERNMENT KENTUCKIAN MEETS VIOLENT DEATH.

Final Outcome of a Quarrel—Dead Man Was Prominent in Politics and Accused of Being Connected With Many Killings.

Jackson, Ky., Feb. 6.—Former County Judge James Hargis, for many years member of the State Democratic executive committee, accused of complicity in many killings and a prominent figure in the feud which has disrupted Breathitt county for several years, was shot and killed in his general store here about 7:30 p. m. today by his son, Beach Hargis. The son fired five shots in rapid succession at his father, who fell dead while his clerks were waiting on customers. The exact cause of the murder has not been learned, but it is supposed to have been the result of differences which have existed between father and son for some time. The two are reported to have had a severe quarrel several months ago, when the father, it is alleged, was compelled to resort to violence to restrain his son.

Young Hargis, it is said, had been drinking heavily of late. He came into the store this afternoon and was apparently under the influence of liquor. Judge Hargis, it is said, spoke to the son about drinking and a quarrel resulted.

Father and son stepped behind a counter, when the son, after a few minutes' conversation, drew a revolver and fired five shots. Four took effect, Judge Hargis falling dead. The young lady stenographer and the employees in the store fled in flight.

BASEBALL NOTES.

The baseball scouts who were coming on picking up a bunch of new class players from the State League have struck a snag. The State League teams hold their players under reserve and the higher class leagues cannot annex the players without paying for their release. This has been finally settled to the satisfaction of all by an official notice from Secretary Farrell.

Secretary Farrell has notified the Columbia club to drop communication with McLaughlin and Richardson, as Columbia cannot deal with them.

Richardson, the pitcher who was with Sumner in the State league last season, is now in the city and he was yesterday informed of the decision of Secretary Farrell in regard to the holding of the players by the teams of the State league. He was told by the secretary of the local club that he and McLaughlin, the outfielder, also with Sumner last season, would have to secure their release before Columbia could negotiate with them. Richardson says that he is very anxious to play with Columbia and that if he is released from the Sumner club, as he has requested, he will do his very best to make good with the local club.

If Chester wants baseball, all that must be done to secure a team and money is the raising of the proper amount to put a team in the field and guarantee certain other expenses necessarily connected with running the league. The preliminary steps have been taken, and Chester can have a place in a four-team league with Rock Hill, Sumner and Orangeburg as the other members. If the necessary amount of cash is raised. Steps will be taken shortly to organize; and a liberal response is expected from all.—Chester Reporter.

Finlayson, formerly of Cheraw, S. C., who was the star pitcher in the Hudson river (N. Y.) Baseball League last season has been signed by the Brooklyn team for a tryout this year.

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5,000 PAIRS OF SHOES TO POOR. "Big Tim" and "Little Tim" Sullivan Make Gift.

New York, Feb. 6.—Along the Bowery this afternoon many persons were carrying home new footwear and gazing the Sullivans. For the shoes were gifts from "Big Tim" and the presentation was made by "Little Tim."

Every year ex-Congressman Timothy D. Sullivan makes a big distribution of shoes to the poor of the lower East Side.

This year 5,000 pairs were distributed to holders of tickets that had been presented at the Christmas dinner provided by Mr. Sullivan to the unfortunate of his district.

TUMULTUOUS CONVENTION OF FLORIDA REPUBLICANS.

Really Two Conventions Met at Same Time in the Same Hall—Taft Sentiment Strong and He Was Endorsed for Presidency.

St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 6.—Florida Republicans stand conspicuously in the limelight today as being the first to hold their convention to select delegates to the national convention and it is said here that the strenuous and exciting scenes enacted today are merely a forecast of similar scenes in other Southern States, caused by the desperate effort being made by the anti-Roosevelt Republicans for control in the national convention.

The convention held today will go down in history as one of the most remarkable ever held by any political party. It was really two conventions held at the same time in the same hall. The progress of business being frequently stopped by knock-down and drag-out fight.

The officeholders' faction was called to order by the chairman of the State committee and they proclaimed themselves as the regulars, but they did not succeed in carrying out their pre-arranged programme. The Taft sentiment was too strong for the leaders to hold in check and strong resolutions were adopted emphatically endorsing William H. Taft for the presidency. On the other side of the hall, the contesting convention took the conservative action and chose delegates absolutely untrammelled by any instructions, they being given positive assurance by Jos. N. Stripling, who led the movement, that despite the fact that they were branded as bolters by the other convention, the delegates they named would be seated in the national convention.

First Report of the Tumultuous Convention Said to be Ergoneous—Sensation Caused at Nation's Capital.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Reports here today that partisans of Taft sent out false reports of the Florida State Republican convention have caused a sensation. Representative McKinley of Illinois, a Cannon booster, gave out two telegrams he received from St. Augustine to the effect that anti-Taft forces captured the convention. This is the direct opposite of what was sent out by the Associated Press.

The Taft boom has been principally a propaganda anyway. Aside from the fact that the president is said to favor Taft and that the big jovial secretary of war has hosts of personal friends among the newspaper correspondents, who see him in the White House at the end of the rainbow and go chasing off after him, there never has been anything to the Taft boom.

The efforts to color the news reports in his favor have only been laughed at. The falsifying of reports is quite another matter and the anti-Taft people here as well as the fair-minded of all affiliations are incensed about it. The claim is made that there is an organized scheme on the part of the Roosevelt administration, which is backing Taft, to send out reports from all the Southern conventions, where there will likely be two delegations so as to make it appear that the Taft delegates in every case are the regular ones and the others irregular.

COTTON FIRE AT GREENWOOD.

One Hundred and Sixty-three Bales Damaged or Destroyed.

Greenwood, Feb. 6.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed and damaged 163 bales of cotton belonging to the Southern Cotton Oil Company here today. The cotton was "seconds," or what the oil mill men call linters, and was stored under a shed in the rear of the main mill building. There was no insurance on the cotton, and Capt. F. S. Evans, manager of the plant here, says that the loss will amount to about \$3,250. The alarm was turned in at 3 o'clock and the department responded very promptly, doing good work.

"Bert Barber, of Elton, Wis., says: 'I have only taken four doses of your Kidney and Bladder Pills and they have done for me more than any other medicine has done. I am still taking the pills as I want a perfect cure.' Mr. Barber refers to DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. They are sold by all druggists.

LYNCHED BY FLORIDA CITIZENS.

Jack Long, a Well Known Farmer, Hanged to a Tree for Alleged Murder.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 6.—Jack Long, a white man, was lynched near Newberry, a milling town near here, today. Long was accused of the murder of Elias Sapp, a prominent farmer, and was taken from the town jail by a crowd of 200 men, carried to the scene of the crime and there hanged to a tree.

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TWO STATE ROADS ADVOCATED.

Plan to Dispose of State Farms and Put All Convicts to Work on the Highways.

The vote taken on the question of issuing \$300,000 bonds and the defeat of the same in Anderson county on the good road question has prompted me to renew a suggestion that I put forward about six years ago in reference to the building of two grand State roads by convict labor. I am still of the opinion that convict labor could not possibly be put to better use than in building macadam State roads, in preference to keeping them on State farms raising cotton and corn in competition with the farmers of our State. The main question is, who receives the benefits, and profits of what they produce of all kinds each year? I would like for some one to tell us if the taxpayers of the State receive either directly or indirectly any benefit or profit from the labor of the 800 (on an average) convicts annually sent to the penitentiary. Some one may say that they are at least self-sustaining. Well, grant that they may be, is this enough in a State like this, where we have such poor roads and so much talk about devising plans to improve them?

As long as the writer can remember, the farmers have been expected to work and improve the public highways. Then tell me, under the present labor system, what time the farmer has to devote to the working of public roads? He can't obtain sufficient labor to work the farm properly, let alone public roads. Hundreds of them have told me that they would willingly pay a quarter or even a half mill more on their taxes each year to defray the expenses of the convicts, guards and engineers while building two grand State roads, which could be accomplished in about three to four years with about 800 convicts, and when finished would be by long odds the most enduring piece of work that our State has ever undertaken since the grand feat of assisting so nobly in freeing this country from the tyrannical rule of the British.

My plan would be to sell the State farms and everything contained thereon, except the animals, carts and wagons, at good prices, convert the proceeds to building public roads as far as it would go. In public roads you will have something tangible, beautiful and serviceable. In State farms you have neither.

Where and how these State roads should be constructed, my plan would be to build one from some central starting point to the coast and go as near up the centre of the State as possible to the North Carolina line. The second one should be started also as near the centre of the eastern boundary of the State as possible, and go as near due west as possible till the Georgia line is reached. The intersection of those two State roads would, I think, be somewhere close to Claremont depot, in Sumter county. Then as soon as it is known by actual survey where the roads will be located, the counties through which they will go, as well as the other counties contiguous thereto, could with their county changeings, prepare themselves to construct lateral public roads of clay and sand, or any other durable material that may be most convenient, to connect with those two State roads. Therefore, it would be a complete network of fine roads throughout the State.

In Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, England, Ireland and Scotland, and, in fact, all the civilized nations, you will find those durable macadam public highways, made of broken rock, and in those days they did not have the advantage of the powerful rock-crushing machine that we have in modern times. All the rock broken for those roads was broken by hammer in the hands of the peasantry of those countries. With our improved machinery of all kinds for road building in our possession, why can't a great nation like ours with so much wealth, do even better than they. In the county of Spartanburg, I am told by a gentleman who was on the spot, that the gang there build at the rate of a mile a day of excellent clay roads. He said they were building both clay and macadam roads in that county. If they should vote to issue \$200,000 worth of bonds in Spartanburg county for road improvement, with a taxable property of \$17,000,000 and with a levy of 1 mill, they can pay the interest on the bonds and pay them off in 17 years. This is real pluck on the part of the Spartans.

Macadam roads may not be more than 15 or 18 feet in width of crushed rock and as much wider as desired of clay on the edge.

For argument's sake, we will say that the two State farms turn into the State treasury about \$20,000 per year. Pray what is that paltry sum from about 800 able bodied men, overseers, horses, mules and cattle, compared with the lasting benefits of excellent public highways. If the roads were completed according to this plan, I venture to say that the clear saving to the farmers as well as

to all others in the State, would be at least \$200,000 per year. Now, see how much you have lost on working State farms in the last 15 years, figure it up for yourself. It is needless to say that our legislature will have to handle this question. Pass an act authorizing the governor to appoint commissioners to sell the State farms and also to empower them to make all necessary arrangements for surveys, rights of way, etc., to carry into effect and bring to a successful termination the foregoing scheme.

Finally, I will only say here that the member of the legislature who will offer a bill and successfully carry it through both houses will deserve from the people of his State a gold crown studded with diamonds, rubies and pearls.

George W. Reardon. Sumter, S. C., Jan. 15, 1908.

DR. MAXCY LEE DEAD.

Darlington County Physician, Who Killed His Father and Who Was Pardoned Last April, Passes Away.

Darlington, Feb. 9.—Dr. Maxcy Lee, who, on Oct. 5, 1899, shot and fatally wounded his father, Dr. H. G. Lee, who for this offence was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment in the State penitentiary, and who was pardoned by Gov. Ansel on April 6, 1906, died last night at Hartsville and was buried this afternoon. Cirrhosis of the liver, superinduced by excessive drinking and aggravated by an injury which he received about ten days ago, when his automobile ran away with him and he was thrown out, caused his death.

Dr. Lee was a man of naturally fine mind, and he started life with splendid prospects, having been afforded the best of educational advantages. Whiskey and drugs caused his downfall. They were responsible for the killing of his father. Dr. Lee, the elder, was a man of ability and wide popularity. Father and son were practicing medicine together, and were apparently devoted to each other. But on the fatal day both, the testimony showed, were drunk at home; they quarreled, and the father was shot to death by the son. For days and weeks following the son was in a condition which did not permit him to understand or give proper attention to his affairs. But the trial was held within a month, and he was convicted.

From time to time following his incarceration in the State prison at Columbia efforts were made to have him pardoned, but, chiefly because it was shown that he was apparently still continuing the use of drugs and because physicians said that if released he would again drink to excess, the petitions were denied. Last April Gov. Ansel, upon the recommendation of physicians that he had discontinued taking morphine or cocaine, granted him a full pardon. Dr. Lee then opened a drug store at Hartsville.

Through all his troubled life Dr. Lee retained scores of friends in Darlington county, and by all of these his sad career is lamented. He made friends for himself even while in prison, for the service he rendered to the sick incarcerated there was most valuable.

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COUNTESS DIVORCED.

Earl of Yarmouth and Wife Granted Legal Separation Without Contest.

London, Feb. 5.—The countess of Yarmouth, who was Miss Alice Thaw, of Pittsburg, was granted a divorce from the earl today by Sir Birwell Banes, sitting in the chancery court. The earl did not contest the suit.

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