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TRAGIC DEATH OF YOUTH.

Charleston Orphan House Boy Meets Death at Wilmington—Foul Play Suspected.

Wilmington, N. C., Aug. 10.—The supposed murder of a youth, on whose life was \$2,500 insurance, the gutting of the Rock Springs Hotel, combination hotel and boarding house, on the wharf, the arrest of J. C. Holly, about 40 years old, proprietor of the house, erstwhile preacher of the Sanctification faith, constituted the sensational features of a tragic fire, which occurred in this city early this morning. When arrested, and after being warned that he need not make any statement that would incriminate himself, the defendant stated to the justice who issued the warrant, in the presence of several persons that nobody but he and the boy and his God knew the circumstances surrounding the death of the youth.

The seriously burned body of the youth, Edward Cromwell, 19 years old, who is said to have come here four months ago from an orphan home in Charleston, and was cook at the hotel, was found lying on the floor of his room, in his night clothes, nearly an hour after the fire was discovered. Capt. W. P. Monroe, assistant chief of fire department, who was first to enter the room, testified at the coroner's investigation today that the body was lying parallel with the bed, which showed no evidence of having been disturbed, his feet to the wall.

The theory that the youth fell from the bed. The mattress, he testified, was saturated with kerosene oil and under the head of the dead man was found a counterpane also saturated with oil, while two large empty oil cans were found in an adjoining room. Other witnesses testified to hearing noise as if of a struggle about midnight in the room of the youth. Lawyer J. H. Scull testified that on Monday, acting as notary public, he signed a certificate of transfer of an insurance policy for \$2,500 from Cromwell to Holly, the premium on which, he was informed, was paid by Holly, who had applied for insurance to the amount of \$5,000, the company refusing more than \$2,500.

The autopsy performed on the body failed to disclose any evidence of violence, but the stomach was distended and the lungs congested, which the physician says could have been caused by smoke. The physician was satisfied that the body was burned before death, but could not say as to whether narcotics were used, as a chemical analysis only can determine this. The coroner's jury will resume its investigation tomorrow.

MAYOR GAYNOR IS RESTING WELL.

Unless Blood Poison Sets In, Chances Good.

New York, Aug. 11.—At 1:30 o'clock this morning Mayor Gaynor's condition was unchanged. He was sleeping.

New York, Aug. 10.—William J. Gaynor, mayor of New York, lies in St. Mary's Hospital tonight with two segments of a split bullet, fired yesterday by James J. Gallagher, who sought to assassinate him, still buried in his neck and mouth, but he has shown not one alarming symptom. It is beyond human power to say whether he will recover, for not even the most renowned specialists can say whether blood poisoning will be the aftermath, but as yet the mayor's temperature has given no cause for alarm on this score. Every indication is that the wound is healing nicely.

Bulletins today and tonight did not vary in their tone of optimism and so hopeful were attendants that Mrs. Gaynor, after an almost sleepless vigil at the bedside, left the mayor's side late today for a forty-minute spin in an automobile.

Quartered in a large and well lighted room in the hospital the mayor chats pleasantly with those who are allowed to see him and confidently says he will be out in a few days.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

NEW SEWER LINE WILL PROBABLY BE CONSTRUCTED.

City Engineer Authorized to Advertise For Bids For Same When Plans Are Ready—Dugan Street May Be Widened—Laws of City to Be Recodified.

City Council held a regular meeting Tuesday night in the Council Chamber. Present: Mayor Jennings; Aldermen Wright, McLaurin, Cuttino, Wilder, McKeiver, Rhame and Booth.

The minutes of July 26 were read and confirmed.

Mr. J. R. Kennedy appeared before council asking that his plant, The Kennedy Bros., be made exempt from taxation for a period of five years, according to the ordinance providing that, at the discretion of Council, manufacturing plants be made exempt from taxation for a period of five years after establishment, provided such plants ship their products to other towns.

Messrs. Wright, Booth and Rhame were appointed a committee to investigate whether The Kennedy Bros. come under this ordinance, and report back to council at their next meeting.

J. A. Pinson, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist church, came before council, asking that he be allowed to cut down a tree near the corner of Washington and Dingle streets, as the tree mentioned obstructed the building of the new church which is now in construction. He also requested that a light be placed on this corner.

He was advised to present his request to remove the tree to the Tree and Park Commission, and his request for a light on the corner of Washington and Dingle streets was granted.

Mr. L. I. Parrott presented a petition from residents of the Jordan neighborhood, signed by many citizens of this city also, requesting council to fix that part of Purdy Street, which was excavated for making pipe and brick, before the time arrives for the hauling of cotton to market.

Mr. Parrott was advised that this work had been ordered done, and that the street would be fixed in the course of a few days.

Mr. I. C. Strauss, city attorney, reported that he had made arrangements whereby rights of way could be procured for the proposed new sewerage line.

His work was approved, and the Clerk and Treasurer was authorized to pay for said rights of way upon warrants of the city attorney and city engineer.

An ordinance was passed allowing George D. Shore & Brother to lay a side-track across Dingle Street into the Graham property on S. Sumter Street.

Mr. Strauss urged the necessity of recodifying the ordinances of the city. On motion, the clerk and treasurer was authorized to get in shape and have printed the ordinances in code form.

Amendments were offered to the ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Regulate the Use of Public Vehicles." The clerk and treasurer was instructed to get these in shape by next meeting, when the ordinance will be adopted as a whole, when amended.

Mr. McLaurin, for the finance committee reported insufficient funds in the city treasury, and was authorized to borrow for the city \$3,000 at 6 per cent for 90 days.

The city attorney was authorized by council to make a contract with the county that upon delivery by the city of a convict to the jail, the city should receive \$4 per month from that day for each prisoner so delivered, the contract to last two years.

On motion it was authorized that that part of South Sumter street, near the A. C. L. Railroad, be fixed, as it is in bad condition, caused by water standing on said street.

Messrs. Booth and Rhame for the committee on public works reported that Miss Ellis had offered to donate (2) feet to the city on the south side of Dugan street to widen said street, providing that the city move back her fences, and pay \$50 to her, as a small building for which she is now receiving rent, would have to be torn down to allow said improvement.

It moved and carried that Miss Ellis' offer be accepted with proviso that she would not compel council to pay the \$50.

The city engineer reported that the expense of the curbing on North Church street would be about \$187 for concrete only and \$200 for brick curbing.

He reported, also, that he had prepared plans and specifications for a new septic tank and was preparing

BOOK ON SLAVERY DAYS.

Negro Minister Writes Book—Scene, the Frierson Plantation in Sumter County.

Columbia, Aug. 9.—The Rev. I. E. Lowrey, a colored preacher, formerly of Charleston, but now of Columbia, has written a book bearing the title: "Life on the Old Plantation in Antebellum Days." Several competent judges have examined the manuscript, and they say it reads like a fascinating novel.

The book contains biography, poetry, and descriptive narrative, and fiction. What is remarkable about the book is, while the whole is a continuous story, yet each of the thirteen chapters composing the book, is a story in itself, and is independent of the others.

The scene of the story is laid on the Frierson plantation, at Shiloh, Sumter County, S. C., on which Lowrey was born a slave, in 1850. In the first chapter, a very interesting description of the old plantation is given. The second is devoted to the proprietor of the old plantation and his family. It deals with the breaking up of the old plantation and the separation in 1865.

The book is nearly completed, and Lowrey has not yet decided whether he will print it in book form, or sell the manuscript, and let it be published as a serial. The Rev. I. E. Lowrey being a minister, and the owners of the old plantation having been Christians, it is very natural that a religious vein should run through the entire work. Lowrey thinks that there are some things about slavery that ought to be forgotten, and that there are some things about it that should never be remembered. It is about these latter things, which he has written in his book. The title of the book, and its contents are entirely original. Lowrey claims that no other author—white or colored—has ever written along this line. It is something new in the realm of negro literature. Lowrey has been patiently at work on the book for nearly four years, and says it is the best literary work of his life.

NEW FERTILIZER COMPANY.

More Competition for The Fertilizer Trust.

Columbia, Aug. 11.—Further competition for the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company in this territory is promised through the commissioning today of the Congaree Fertilizer Company, with an initial capitalization of \$100,000, to build a large mill at Columbia. The incorporators are J. J. Lawton, of Hartsville, R. R. Bratton, of Yorkville, J. T. Stevens, and C. J. Shannon, Jr., of Camden, and LeRoy Springs, of Lancaster.

Y. M. C. A. Collections, Aug. 11.

Bank of Sumter,	\$61.00
Farmers Bank & T. Co.,	47.00
Sumter Savings Bank,	30.00
First National Bank,	10.00
Total,	\$148.00
Previously reported,	3,842.00
Total,	\$4,090.00

plans and specifications for the construction of the proposed new line, and for the repairing of the old line.

It was moved and carried that he advertise for bids, when he is ready.

Mr. McKeiver, for the opera house committee, reported the open closet in the rear still being used, and Mr. Booth suggested that the mules be moved into building belonging to the city, but now used by the DuRant Hardware Company.

It was moved and carried that this be done, and that a part of the building thus vacated be cut off, and that closets to be connected with the sewer be placed therein.

There was no report from the Fire committee.

Mr. Wright, for the Police committee, reported lights not burning last month, and fines collected amounting to \$157 and \$0 days labor.

He stated, also, that it was necessary to elect a policeman to take the place of Mr. Boykin, who has resigned.

Applications for this place were received from: H. A. Jones, J. D. Rodgers, R. L. Scurry, G. J. Williams, and Geo. Hatchell.

Mr. Williams was elected.

On motion, it was agreed to extend West Bartlett street across the North Western Railroad as far as the city limits.

The city attorney urged the necessity of a traffic ordinance, and Messrs. McLaurin and McKeiver were appointed by the Mayor as a committee to prepare such an ordinance.

A number of bills were presented and ordered paid.

Council then adjourned.

CANDIDATES AT GAFFNEY.

LYON'S DENUNCIATION OF EVANS FEATURE OF MEETING.

Attorney General Declares Evans' Statements False—Other Office-seekers and Their Speeches.

Gaffney, Aug. 10.—There was no such excitement in the campaign meeting here today, the only action being furnished by the attorney general and the man who is running against him.

B. B. Evans read an editorial from the Laurensville Herald criticising Mr. Lyon, and the attorney general in reply read a letter dated May 11, 1899, to the Augusta Brewing Company, written by W. T. Crews, then beer dispenser of Laurens county. This letter was written on the stationery of the Laurensville Herald and was marked "Personal." Mr. Lyon said this letter explained the editorial. In this communication to the Augusta brewers, "inducements" appear in quotations. The letter was unearthed in the graft investigations when first commenced, and with "a bouquet of graft letters" was printed in the State at the time.

The meeting was called to order in the Star theatre by E. H. Decamp, chairman of the county Democratic committee. Rev. F. W. Greeg opened the meeting with prayer.

For Lieutenant Governor.

The candidates for lieutenant governor were the first to speak. E. W. Duvall opened, C. A. Smith following. Both candidates spoke of the necessity for economy in the State's business affairs and discussed the whiskey question.

B. B. Evans next spoke. He made his usual charges and then repeated his challenge made at Columbia, saying: "If any reputable committee of bookkeepers will prove my statements misleading, taking the report as a basis"—referring to the report of the winding up commission he held in his hand—"I will withdraw." He said that the statement Mr. Lyon read at Spartanburg declaring his statements misleading did not prove them so. He read an editorial "from a county newspaper" but it referred to "The Herald" in the text.

Mr. Lyon opened by referring to his tremendous vote in Cherokee four years ago. He said that then a certain afternoon paper called it "Lyon-itis." He hopes for another attack. Mr. Lyon at once took up the matter of the editorial read by Evans. Mr. Lyon said when a man found opposing him if one will pick beneath the skin, will be found that he is either a grafter or would like to be. He then read the following letter addressed to "Mr." Herman, manager Augusta Brewing company, Augusta, Ga.

The Letter.

"Please send me a statement of the amount I am actually paying per barrel (by the carload) for the beer you have been shipping me. I have discovered that I have been paying more than other dealers—that is, the bills sent me call for more money per barrel than you charge some others, and I don't wish to pay more than other dealers.

"Now, you must let me know what you actually receive for beer, not what it is billed to me at. There will be no change in the management of the business, but I want my share of whatever 'inducements' are offered others. Otherwise I will appeal to the State board of control for protection. I know what I am talking about and you might as well be frank with me. I only want a just share of the benefits and if I get it all well and good in future.

"Yours respectfully,

"W. T. Crews.

"Beer Dispenser for Laurens County. "P. S.—Shyer informed me this morning that I would have to order another carload Monday but I want to hear from you first.

"W. T. Crews."

Mr. Lyon referred to his opponent in a manner decidedly scathing as "this man who thinks he is running for attorney general," and "this creature trying to oppose me." When the attorney general so described his opponent the crowd applauded loudly for Lyon. The attorney general was interrupted by frequent applause.

Mr. Lyon referred to A. W. Wood, who is a member of the winding up commission. Mr. Lyon asked if any of the people were so simple that they would believe Mr. Wood or his associates failed to account for a million dollars. He also said that he told Mr. Wood and the other members of the winding-up commission that if they printed a lump sum as the amount disbursed by him as his expenses, some liar would go about the State saying it was graft. So the itemized account was put in and still

JAMES HENRY RICE CHOSEN.

He Has Been Made Field Agent of National Audubon Society.

Winnboro, Aug. 10.—It was announced here today by James Henry Rice, Jr., the secretary of the South Carolina Audubon society, that he had been appointed field agent of the National Audubon society. The official notice of his appointment was received from T. Gilbert Pearson, secretary of the national association. The appointment is for five months and may be renewed at the end of the year. The new work will not interfere with the duties of Mr. Rice as State secretary.

JOE BAILEY FOR PRESIDENCY.

Endorsed for Nomination by Texas Democrats.

Galveston, Texas, Aug. 10.—After endorsing United States Senator Jos. W. Bailey for the Democratic nomination for President in 1912 and nominating a full State ticket, headed by Oscar B. Colquitt for Governor, and A. B. Davidson for Lieutenant Governor, the Democratic State Convention adjourned this evening. Both Colquitt and Davidson are anti-prohibitionists, notwithstanding that the party in the recent primary declared in favor of the submission of a prohibition amendment.

false statements are being made on every stump.

Mr. Lyon turned to Evans and said: "I challenge him to show where \$17,000 has come into my hands." Evans asked if the attorney meant for him to reply, and he said he most certainly did.

Evans then said: "I didn't say it came into your hands, but that it was placed to your credit."

That, Too, is False.

The attorney general said, "That too, is false."

Evans called back, "Well, the books say so."

The military men then held the floor. W. W. Moore speaking first. J. M. Richardson next and Charles Newnam closing. All spoke of things military, the discussion being flavored with talk on rifle ranges, target practice, etc.

The candidates for railroad commissioner discussed railroad rates and their qualifications for the office. G. H. Mahon was first, followed by O. C. Scarborough, James Cansler and G. McD Hampton.

T. G. McLeod was the first candidate for governor to speak. He made a strong local option speech. He repeated his belief that every man should have a right to his own opinion with the same rights extended to every county. He expressed a belief that prohibition would bring about a state of affairs worse than that now existing. The speaker was well received and was applauded on conclusion.

J. G. Richards was received with applause. He talked of education and his efforts in that direction, especially the establishing of scholarships. He said he was a farmer and has always been close to the soil. He told of his work in the general assembly and the result of some of his efforts there. He was applauded generously and seemed to be the favorite of the crowd.

C. L. Blease talked of local option. He said he supposed Cherokee had prohibition from the number of cases in mayor's court this morning. The speaker referred to a dozen convictions on charges of selling whiskey. He advocated letting well enough alone. He thought the State institutions are getting too much money. He was applauded.

J. T. Duncan then spoke.

Featherstone on Press.

C. C. Featherstone, after opening his speech with an apology for some lack of his usual vim, occasioned by a slight indisposition, said that the mayor of Gaffney had sent him word that the liquor cases of today are the first since March. The speaker took a punch at the newspapers. He said that a Charleston paper is fighting him and that it advocates the retention of the dispensary in Charleston. He said that The State is fighting and that it advocates the retention of Richard's dispensary. He referred to the benefits of prohibition. He was applauded.

F. H. Hyatt told the audience that as he was the last speaker and as they were tired he would divide his time with them, and would speak only 10 minutes. He declared he would not thrust a whiskey talk on them, adding that if all "hot-air" spent on whiskey in this campaign was turned to whiskey all the audience might be intoxicated thereby. He then gave a 10 minutes' talk on business conditions. He was applauded.

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETS.

INTERESTING REPORT MADE BY HEALTH OFFICER.

Sanitary Conditions Have Been Greatly Improved—Mr. Geo. D. Levy Elected Secretary of Board—Action Taken to Prevent the Spread of Contagious Diseases.

The Board of Health met Monday at 6 o'clock in the council chamber, all members being present.

It was decided that the permanent secretary of the Board should be a member thereof, and Mr. Geo. D. Levy was accordingly elected.

The secretary was authorized to purchase a suitable book in which to keep the minutes.

The report of the Health Officer was then read and ordered incorporated in the minutes.

In this report Mr. Towles first thanked the board for the confidence placed in him and the honor bestowed upon him in electing him to the position of Health Officer.

He stated that he had made an every morning inspection of fish and meat houses, having seized and disposed of 277 bunches of spoiled fish.

He reported the meat markets in a fairly good condition, excepting Jones' Market, on South Main St., the license of which he recommended being revoked, as the proprietor refused to keep his market and meats in a sanitary condition.

He stated that he had given particular attention to Epperson's heifer pen, finding it in a fearful condition when taking charge, and that it is now about to be connected with the sewer.

The stores, on both sides of Main street, from the court house to the Jackson Hotel, were reported by Mr. Towles as having been inspected and seen cleaned as well as 458 house inspections having been made.

He reported giving out disinfectants to parties who had typhoid fever patients on their premises.

A number of rooms were reported being disinfected and collected for.

Report was made of supplies received from Mr. Reardon, the former Health Officer.

Mr. Towles stated, lastly, that he has taken time to study up the different diseases as they came to his attention.

The conditions surrounding the case of diphtheria at the residence of Mr. R. K. Brown were next taken up by the Board and the peril thereby caused to the community was discussed.

It was moved and carried that the strictest quarantine be placed over Mr. Brown's house. On motion it was agreed that when a contagious disease appears in the city, and the head of the family in which such disease is present, fails to co-operate with the Health Officer in safeguarding the public, that the president of the board of health be authorized to employ two special officers to preserve strict quarantine over the contagious disease existing.

The Health Officer was instructed to notify the keeper of the cemetery not to inter any body therein without a death and burial certificate.

On motion it was agreed that council be requested to provide a suitable office for the Health Officer, and that the same be fitted with proper furniture for preserving the records of the office. It was also recommended that the salary of the Health Officer be increased to \$70 per month, the said change to go into effect on August 15, 1910, the increase in salary deemed by the board to be merited on account of the energetic and untiring work of the Health Officer in the discharge of his duties, the result of which is evidenced by his report.

The board then adjourned.

Death in Bishopville.

Bishopville, Aug. 8.—Dr. T. B. Manning, who has been an invalid for the last three years, quietly passed away today at 2 o'clock. Dr. Manning came here from Marlboro county a number of years ago and began to practice his profession, which he continued with much success until a few years ago when he began to fail in health. The funeral arrangements have not yet been announced. Dr. Manning leaves a devoted wife and several children.

The Recorder's Court.

James Lewis, colored, was convicted of stealing a pair of shoes from Barnett's Repair shop on South Main street, yesterday, and was given a sentence of \$10 or twenty days.

When the officers searched Lewis they found in one of his pockets a pair of brass knucks, and the Recorder sentenced him, for carrying a concealed weapon, to pay a fine of \$15 or serve thirty days.

He took the days in both cases.