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NEWS OF ARKANSAS

Death Ends Case.

Govan Beard, the negro, who was in prison at Marianna under sentence of death, charged with a criminal assault on Annie Hartley, a white woman living at Helena, died recently of consumption. The negro was convicted solely on the evidence of the Hartley woman. After his conviction the woman confessed that she had sworn falsely and that the negro had not assaulted her. The judge, before whom Beard was first tried held that he had no right to reopen the case on the strength of this confession, however, and Governor Davis was appealed to. He refused to pardon the negro, and the case was then appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States, where it was pending at the time of Beard's death.

Murders, Attempts Suicide.

Dave Kinloe, the negro minstrel who slew J. N. Kent of Pike county, at Hot Springs, attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat. Feeling against the negro is intense at Hot Springs, where the killing was done, and mob violence is feared. The negro's victim was a man of considerable prominence and wealth in Pike county, where he owned several farms. His wife is said to be prostrated with grief, and his little 6-month-old child may die as a result of the tragedy, because of the mother's condition.

Fight in County Jail.

Johnson Baker, a farmer who lives near Mountain Home, and is confined in the county jail charged with shooting and seriously wounding a boy named Walker, became involved in a quarrel with Jerome Wells, a neighbor, who had called at the jail to see him, and struck him with a large piece of iron, crushing his skull. Baker then cut his own throat with a large knife in an attempt to commit suicide, and it is thought he will die as a result of his injuries.

Highwayman Kills Victim.

Ed Robinet of Newport died recently from the effects of wounds inflicted by a negro highwayman. He was riding along the road when he was met by the negro who fired without warning. He was then robbed and left by the roadside. The robber afterwards met Ed Peeg, a negro and took from him \$50 and a bottle of whiskey, and constable Stone and a young man by the name of Harris, shooting and robbing both of them. Young Harris is in a critical condition.

Survey Has Been Completed.

The survey of the Little Rock-Pine Bluff interurban has been completed. The road extends from Little Rock toward Galloway, along the line of the Rock Island. There is a general way the line follows the Arkansas river, taking the northeast side, to a point near Pine Bluff, where the river is crossed. Efforts are now being directed to securing right of way for the line, and a part of this has already been secured.

Is Without Water.

The water famine which has been threatening the city of Fayetteville, owing to the low stage of the water in White river from which the city draws its supply, has at last become a reality, and Fayetteville is without water except for the meagre supply obtained from the few wells in the city.

Still Branching Out.

George H. Adams, business manager of the Pine Bluff Graphic and Helena World, has assumed the business management of the Citizen's Daily Bulletin, Hot Springs. Rev. W. T. Amls, former editor and manager will remain with the paper in an editorial capacity.

Arrested After Four Years.

James F. Holcomb was arrested at Earnheart recently, charged with the murder of an old man by the name of Mott four years ago. He was the owner of a shingle mill at Ingleside, in Jackson county, and Mott was his partner. It is alleged that he killed Mott after a quarrel over a misunderstanding in a business matter.

Excelsior Plant At Batesville.

A K. Goodnight has decided to move his excelsior plant from Wisconsin to Batesville. Mr. Goodnight has also a sawmill in Indiana which he will move to Batesville to be operated in connection with his excelsior plant.

Woman Found Dead.

Sadie Carter, a woman who had been living alone in Argenta for the past two years, was found dead by neighbors in the house she occupied, recently. Death was found to have resulted from natural causes.

To Improve White River.

An organization has been formed at De Vall's Bluff looking to the improvement of White river. The organization will be known as the White River Navigation Association, with Hon. Eugene Lankford, circuit judge, president, and H. R. Whyte, secretary.

White Man Kills Negro.

Arthur McCloud, a negro, was shot four or five times and instantly killed at Nashville, by William Gaines, white. Both men lived at Rosedale, about 12 or 14 miles northwest of Nashville.

Last Spike Driven.

The laying of the steel between Nashville and Ashdown on the Memphis, Paris and Gulf railroad has been completed, the last spike having been driven at Ashdown in the presence of a large crowd gathered to welcome the work train. Through service will not be inaugurated for some time yet, as all the ties have not been placed under the tracks.

Searching for Hidden Treasures.

Excavations are being made in the cossatot bottom near Lockesburg, in Sevier county in the hope of finding treasures supposed to have been buried there many years ago. For many years this digging has been slyly going on, owing to many stories of Spanish charts and curious marks on trees, but nothing of value has ever been found.

Water Famine Imminent.

Fayetteville is facing a water famine, as White river, from which the city is supplied, is nearly dry. A large well is being bored at the reservoir of the water plant in an endeavor to avert the threatened trouble. The town being situated on the top of the mountain, there are very few wells in the city.

Skull Fractured By Blow.

Dr. M. C. Burkett of Mayflower was assaulted recently at his home and his skull was fractured by a blow which he received. His wife and her son are being held by the authorities on suspicion of having been implicated in the assault upon Dr. Burkett.

Prosperous Vienna Beggars.

It has been proved that no fewer than 32,000 beggars are at present making a better living in Vienna than ordinary workmen. One notorious family of professional beggars recently gave a grand ball and a concert at a local hotel.

Surrendered To Officers.

J. J. Ferguson, a white man, living in Bradley county near Warren, hearing that a warrant had been issued for his arrest, went to Pine Bluff and surrendered to the officers. Ferguson is charged with illicit distilling, but claims that he is innocent of the charge.

Killed In Gin.

Portis Warmack was caught in the belt of a gin at Willaville recently, sustaining injuries which resulted in his death. One of his feet was jerked entirely off and the muscles of his legs were so lacerated as to necessitate the amputation of his leg above the knee.

Blew Out Gas.

Two Arkansans, Robert Kinney and S. W. Farmer of Joyner, barely escaped death from asphyxiation in a Memphis hotel recently. They had blown out the gas upon retiring, but a window, partly opened, saved their lives.

Attacked By Catamount.

J. C. George of Barham, while squirrel hunting on Morris creek, was attacked by a catamount which he succeeded in killing. The animal measured 42 inches from tip to tip.

Canning Factory at Mena.

The Polk County Horticultural Society is organizing a stock company for the purpose of establishing a canning factory at Mena. About \$5,000 is to be raised for the purpose.

Negro Shot By Another.

George Brown, a negro, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded by a negro named Tillman, at Argenta, recently, over a quarrel as to who should run things at a negro saloon.

Chair Tipped Over.

Miss Mollie Daniels, living near Siloam Springs, while sitting in a chair recently, tipped over backwards and struck the back part of her head. She is in a critical condition.

Bid For Encampment.

Harrison offers 200 acres of well drained land, with an ample supply of water, to the State to be used as a permanent camp ground for the Arkansas National Guard.

Hurt While Rafting Logs.

John Shepherd was painfully injured while rafting logs at Des Arc recently. One of the logs rolled over him crushing his collar bone.

Will Bore For Gas and Oil.

A company is being organized at Siloam Springs for the purpose of boring for oil and gas and a soliciting committee appointed. A paid capital of \$5,000 will be required to sink a test hole 2,000 feet or more.

Child Badly Burned.

A little 5-year-old child of Frank Guerrin of Hot Springs was badly burned recently. The little girl with some other children were playing around a bonfire which they had built, when her clothing caught fire.

Texarkana Man Suicides.

E. J. Richardson, a pioneer citizen of Texarkana, committed suicide recently by morphine poisoning. No cause can be assigned for his rash act.

Presbyterians in Session.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Synod of Arkansas, is in session at Searcy, with about 100 delegates present.

Fell From Freight Train.

Henry Robinson of Jonesboro was painfully injured by a fall from a freight train at Alfords recently.

State Capital Notes

Board Selects A Site.

The Carnegie Library Board met the first of the week and selected as a site for the proposed new library building, three lots at the southwest corner of Seventh and Louisiana streets, and the dreams of the public spirited and the literary inclined citizens of the capital city, in which loomed up a handsome and commodious public library, are about to be realized. No definite plans have as yet been made but it is expected that Edward L. Tipton of New York, the architect who has designed many of the Carnegie libraries throughout the country, will be here within a few days, and commence work on the plans at once. The library project was broached about a year ago and in a quiet way that gave no presage of the present splendid realization. H. F. Auten, Mayor Lenon and T. M. Mehafty were at luncheon when the latter gentleman casually mentioned that he had been to St. Louis for several days gathering information from one of the libraries in that city. This gave rise to the natural query, "Why isn't there a library in Little Rock?" Suffice it to say that before the gentlemen separated after their luncheon, they agreed to propose the question to a number of other business and professional men of the city. Some time later there was another luncheon at which some 15 citizens sat. Before it was over they had subscribed over \$6,000 toward a library. A Library Committee was then appointed, with H. F. Auten as chairman, and within a few days they had raised over \$20,000 as a public subscription. Following the appointment of the board, negotiations were carried on with Andrew Carnegie which finally resulted in the securing of a donation of \$88,100 for the building alone.

To Commercial Congress.

Acting Governor X. O. Pindall Tuesday appointed the following delegates to represent Arkansas at the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress to meet at Muskogee, November 19-22.

Little Rock—Roy D. Campbell, Julian Blass, W. S. Holt, J. E. Osborne, Jack Murray, Guy D. Tucker and Gordon N. Perry.

Memphis—Charles C. Reid.

Beaufort—John Q. Wolf and Ernest N. Hill.

Memphis—George Legate.

Fort Smith—Ed Cravens, J. F. Weaver and George Senkel.

Yellville—J. C. Floyd and Charles Hand.

Carlisle—J. P. Hagen and Smeade Powell.

Harrison—J. S. Rowland and Frank Pace.

Mountain Home—J. C. South and Wylie Dyer.

Searcy—S. S. Brinkley, Jr.

Augusta—P. R. Andrews, John D. Eldridge and Marshall Patterson.

Helena—John I. Moore, J. E. Bush, Ed S. Rhoady and Bruce Macon.

Marianna—James E. Wood.

Lonoke—Joe T. Robinson.

Pine Bluff—W. H. Langford, John M. Gracie and J. F. Rutherford.

Magnolia—H. Minor Wallace.

Arkansas City—Henry Thane.

Cummins—Walker Jones.

Berry Took Charge Monday.

L. P. Berry Jr., of Marion, Crittendon county, who was recently appointed assistant adjutant general to succeed J. E. Martineau, who was appointed chancellor of the Pulaski district to succeed Judge Jesse M. Hart, who was appointed associate justice of the Supreme Court to succeed the late Justice E. Riddick, assumed the duties of his position Monday. It was not known whether Mr. Berry took the oath of office at his home, which he could do, or whether he decided to wait until he arrived in Little Rock before qualifying for the position. Since his salary begins from the time he is sworn in it is presumed that he had already had the oath administered to him before coming to this city. Maj. E. B. Jett has been engaged in preparing a roster of the Arkansas National Guard, which he had completed for delivery to the new assistant adjutant general upon his arrival.

Cotton Gins On The Way.

The three cotton gins, purchased for the state convict farm at Dallas, and which have been on the way to Varner ever since October 5, arrived Saturday morning about 9 o'clock from Texarkana and left Little Rock over the Valley route for Varner at 11:30 o'clock and should by this time be at their point of destination. The Iron Mountain officials were notified that the state would not tolerate any unnecessary delay in their transportation from this city to the convict railroad station. The car containing the three gins was billed from Dallas October 5, and did not leave the Texas Pacific yards until October 19. The balance of the delay occurred while the car was in transit from Dallas and while sidetracked in the yards at Texarkana.

Prison Sentence Given.

Mayor W. C. Faucette of Argenta, and Frank Cumlock, former mayor of Baring Cross, who were convicted by a jury in the Pulaski Circuit Court on a charge of conspiracy to bribe the jury in the trial of State Senator A. T. Gross, were sentenced by Judge Robert J. Lea Tuesday morning to pay a fine of \$100 and to be imprisoned in the county jail for a term of three months. They were granted an appeal and released on \$500 bonds.

Will File Appeal At Once.

Attorney General W. F. Kirby has announced that he will waste no time in filing his appeal in the state capitol case, in which the Pulaski Circuit Court overruled his demurrer to the petition for a writ of mandamus by W. B. Alexander, state capitol commissioner, to compel the state auditor to honor his warrant on the state capitol fund. At the recent meeting of the Capitol Commission, bills amounting to about \$15,000 were allowed, but none of the vouchers had been presented to the auditor, each claimant knowing that they would not be honored. There is in the state treasury to the credit of the state capitol fund about \$200,000. It is estimated that the tax of one-half mill levied for the state capitol will bring in next year about \$150,000, which is acknowledged to be a conservative estimate, as the increase in assessments in the state this year will amount to about 10 per cent, making the total assessed value of property in Arkansas about \$300,000,000. Should the Supreme Court uphold the decision of the Pulaski Circuit Court in overruling the Kirby demurrer there will be available next year for the completion of the state capitol about \$350,000.

Withdrawals Are Limited.

Little Rock banks have adopted the course pursued in other cities to prevent possible runs, and from now until the flurry is over, cash withdrawals by depositors will be limited to \$50 per day, except to meet pay rolls. However, clearing house certificates for balance on deposit will be issued upon request. These certificates are a new variety of emergency currency available for banks alone. It is authorized by an organization of banks, secured by bonds or other collateral, and is advocated by bankers as the best means of securing an elastic currency. It differs from the bank note, in that it is restricted to the payment of daily balances at the clearing house. Shipments of currency to country correspondents have been discontinued and institutions to which the recommendation applies have already decided to require notice of withdrawal of deposits. A number of bankers from various parts of the state have been here within the past few days inquiring into conditions, but it is said that practically none has been after currency, and that all believe they will be able to hold their own.

Hall For Conventions.

Secretary J. F. Letton of the Little Rock Boosters' Club, is endeavoring to create enthusiasm in the prospect of a big convention hall in the capital city. His idea is to raise the money by popular subscription. "This may sound like a large amount to raise in this way," he said, "but this is the manner in which Kansas City raised the money for its convention hall, and there is not a finer one in the country. When this is considered the task does not seem to be of such stupendous magnitude. There are many national conventions which could be brought to Little Rock were there such a convention hall, which it is now impossible to secure. A determined effort will be made to bring the Trans-Mississippi Congress here, and there are many such meetings that would come here had the city a suitable meeting place to offer. Not only conventions, but many other meetings, would use the convention hall, and in this way it would soon be made to pay more than the expense of keeping it."

Want Commercial Congress.

Plans for the bringing of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress to Little Rock in 1908 have been discussed by the members of the Board of Trade, and all of the 20 delegates who will represent Arkansas at the congress to open at Muskogee, November 19, will work throughout the session to accomplish this. Little Rock is amply able to care for the delegates to such a convention, and the united efforts of all the delegates appointed from this state will be made to bring them here next year. Last year in Washington the congress for 1907 was tendered to the Little Rock delegation, but they did not believe the town could entertain the congress properly, so declined the honor. The city is now in shape to entertain a convention of this magnitude and wants an opportunity to do so.

Will Go To Supreme Court.

Prof. S. D. Lucas is having prepared a petition for a writ of quo warranto to be presented to the Supreme Court, with a view to securing the position of superintendent of the blind school. The Pulaski Chancery Court recently decided that it had no jurisdiction in the Lucas-Futrell controversy, and that Prof. Lucas' only course of procedure was through quo warranto proceedings.

Reward For Alleged Murderer.

Acting Governor Pindall has offered a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of Wiley Stevenson, a Phillips county negro, who was recently indicted by the Phillips County Grand Jury on the charge of murder in the first degree. Stevenson is alleged to have killed his wife, Nora Stevenson, near Helena, October 6.

Will Build New Church.

Members of the congregation are making arrangements to erect a new Baptist church at Womble.