

ACCUSED NEGRO HELD

Thompson to Face Jury on Woman's Charge.

TELLS A STRAIGHT STORY

He Declares His Explanation Satisfied Husband Who Hunted Him with Shotgun—Mrs. Hodges Sticks to Statement that He Made Advances Which Justified Her Fright.

William H. Thompson, the negro who was arrested Tuesday night near Lanham, Md., upon the charge of an attempt to assault Mrs. Ellen Hodges near Bladensburg, was given a hearing before Judge Dahler, in the Hyattsville Police Court, yesterday.

When Judge Dahler's court opened a crowd of curious spectators filed in and took seats close to the railing. The prisoner was brought into court by Deputy Sheriff Garrison, who arrested him at the farm of T. F. Houser, near Lanham, where Thompson is employed. He was about the most composed person in the room, and did not seem to realize the seriousness of the charge against him, which, if proven, involves capital punishment.

Woman Tells Her Story. Mrs. Hodges was the first witness called. She testified that she was on her way to visit neighbors, when she observed Thompson approaching her. When he got within fifteen feet of her, she looked up to say good morning, and as she did so, she said, Thompson assumed an improper position. She screamed and started to run, and, as she thought, Thompson pursued her. She said she ran so fast that when she reached the house she fell in a faint into her husband's arms.

The negro testified that he was coming from Bladensburg with a load of ice, and that he got down off the wagon at a shady spot to rest. When he returned to the vehicle, Mrs. Hodges suddenly came upon him. She started to run, and he called after her that she was not going to harm her. He ran up to the top of a bank and saw her fall into her husband's arms, after which he climbed upon his wagon and drove off. He was driving leisurely along the road, when Mr. Hodges appeared with a gun, which he held ready for action. After explaining the circumstances to the husband, the negro said, Mr. Hodges appeared to be satisfied that he meant no harm to his wife, and he was surprised when Deputy Sheriff Garrison arrested him.

Employer Sides with Negro. While he was of the opinion the negro gave a straightforward story, there was doubt in the mind of the judge, and he held the negro for the action of the grand jury in \$500 bail. It is understood that Mr. Houser, his employer, will furnish the bond. Mr. Houser said yesterday that he believes the negro is innocent of any wrong intentions.

NEGROES PLAN RECEPTION.

Colored Business Men Will Entertain National Delegates.

Plans for the entertainment of delegates to the national convention of the Negro Business Men's League, to be held in Baltimore, August 19, 20, and 21, were discussed last night at a meeting of the Negro Business Men's League at the District of Columbia at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church.

After the adjournment of the national convention in Baltimore, the delegates will come to Washington, where they will be the guests of the local organization. Preliminary arrangements for their entertainment while in the National Capital were discussed, but no definite action was taken.

Booker Washington, president of the national organization, will be among the visitors. It is expected he will be asked to address a meeting of the negro business men and women of Washington.

USED PRESSURE ON ARIAS.

Panama Situation Was Smoothed to Avert Intervention.

Little news regarding the withdrawal of Senator Ricardo Arias, minister of foreign affairs, from the Presidential race of the republic of Panama, became known in Washington yesterday.

On Friday July 10, ten days before the Presidential elections, cable dispatches were sent by Senator Jose Augustin Arango, Panama minister to the United States, and by William Nelson Cromwell, attorney for the Panama republic, to private persons in Panama, recommending that Senator Arias be urged to withdraw his candidacy because of the probability that the United States would intervene and establish a provisional government before the Presidential elections to prevent disorders.

LOUIS KROOLER INDICTED.

Former Employee of Jeweler Here to Be Arrested.

The District grand jury yesterday returned an indictment for embezzlement against Louis Krooler, formerly an employee of Abraham Raboy, a jeweler, of this city. Krooler is charged with the appropriation of a considerable amount of jewelry belonging to the firm. A detective will be sent to Chicago to bring Krooler to this city. He is now under arrest in the Illinois city. The alleged offense is said to have been committed March 24 last.

NOTES ON BUILDING.

G. W. Scott will soon erect a two-story brick house and store at 224 Sixth street northwest, at an estimated cost of \$3,000. Plans for the house were prepared by A. H. Sonneman, architect, and the builder is A. R. Taylor.

Bernard Leonard has received official permit to erect three two-story brick houses at 128 to 132 Third street southwest, for which T. F. Holden drew the plans, and which J. J. Deery will construct. The cost of the houses is approximately \$5,000.

George S. Cooper has prepared plans for a residence for himself at 199 S street northwest. J. K. Kirby will construct the house. It will be three stories high, with basement. The plan is of the Spanish type, and the interior will be in mahogany, with white trimmings. The cost will be about \$11,000.

The George A. Fuller Company, commissioned by Mrs. S. R. Pitt to construct new residences on New Hampshire avenue and Dupont circles has started, and that the exterior walls of the houses will be well under way before the advent of cold weather. The plans for this house were prepared by John Russell Pope, a New York architect. The cost of the house will be about \$150,000.

CRACK PATROL TEAM OF ALMAS TEMPLE.



PRIZE WINNERS AT ST. PAUL.

Reading from left to right, bottom row—S. G. Barnard, C. H. Longacre, E. F. Geyer, S. N. Recher, C. F. Cummins, A. C. Crook, Dewey and J. E. Wallis. Second row—W. S. Quinter, J. H. Simms, W. C. Smallwood, First Lieut. C. A. Stewart, Capt. Frank E. Gibson, Second Lieut. Joseph Davies, J. Crosby, G. Efferen, and C. C. Grey. Third row—W. W. Georges, M. A. Hess, C. A. Stevens, J. Leaman, C. W. Hoover, H. W. Eitel, F. Repetti, and G. W. Robinson. Bottom row—H. E. Wallis, C. Teabower, H. Harper, C. R. Samson, J. McPherson, S. H. Deckman, J. E. Nyman, and G. W. Wiegand.

AMBROSE FINDS WAY

Will Use Pass Books to Probe Building Association.

ATTORNEY DAVIS IS AROUSED

Counsel for Deposited Official of Company Whose Affairs Are Entangled Severely Scores Receiver.

Miller Is Sued by Man Who Alleges Checks Have Gone Astray.

In accordance with the expressed wish of William Earl Ambrose, receiver for the First Co-operative Building Association, depositors began pouring into his office in Louisiana avenue yesterday with their passbooks.

It is the plan of the receiver to audit each one of the available passbooks individually, in an effort to find the true financial status of the association.

This measure was adopted as the only possible method of ascertaining the condition of affairs, since the records and various books of the association cannot be found.

Other matters are rapidly being completed for the straightening out of the situation. Yesterday afternoon the office furniture and other supplies were moved from the association building in Georgetown to Mr. Ambrose's quarters, and it is expected that actual work will be begun in the next two or three days.

Ambrose Would Jail Miller.

Henry E. Davis, attorney for the former secretary, J. Barton Miller, yesterday criticized the receiver for causing his client's arrest, and termed the whole affair an indignity to Mr. Miller and the latter's wife.

Mr. Ambrose, in defending his attitude in the matter, said yesterday: "I do not regret the proceedings. I only wish Miller had been committed to jail."

The receiver is still skeptical as to Miller's condition of health and thinks Miller is not as ill as he appears.

Attorney Davis made the following statement yesterday relative to Mr. Ambrose's action in placing his client under arrest: "I make no pretense of disguising my resentment at the action of the receiver in visiting Mr. Miller's home and subjecting him and his devoted young wife to the indignity of yesterday's proceedings. I had personally assured both the receiver and his counsel that I had no objection to their coming to the city or attempting to evade any process upon me, and that I would accept of any reasonable terms that they would suggest. I have had from the start to be helpful to the receiver and those in whose interests he is acting. My most unfortunate complication affairs has been seriously affected by this proceeding, and I am almost tempted to say that my indignation in the matter is quite reversed."

Criticizes Ambrose's Course. And I am at a loss to account for certain expressions indicating some hesitancy on my part to respond to the receiver's requests. The fact is that I informed the receiver, in advance of receiving a call by him upon me, that any such call would be useless, and when on Monday afternoon I was served with a written demand for certain books and documents, of some of which I had just before been called for their production by 3 o'clock of that afternoon, I was compelled to reply that prior to 3 o'clock I did not know it at the time, the receiver's attorneys, who were in the city on account of those engagements, required me to defer attention to his demand until the following day by noon, or when I had prepared myself to reply, and did reply. It was not until my reply to meet the demand, although I did not know it at the time, the receiver had applied for a warrant for Mr. Miller and had arranged for his service in anticipation of my reply, and it was this warrant service which was insisted upon last night, in the face of Mr. Miller's physician's solemn professional assurance that his patient had been removed from home only at a serious risk to his health.

Got Combination of Safe.

From the first I have shown every disposition in the direction indicated of being as helpful as I am able to the association and its members. On the very first morning that I saw Mr. Miller, in response to his request, I obtained from him the combination to the safe, and spent more than an hour in Georgetown in the endeavor to find somebody to give it to, and finally did give it to the president, who, at my request, had been notified by the clerk in charge of the company's office that I would be accessible at his convenience, and in the meantime I have done or said nothing inconsistent with the disposition thus manifested.

Under the circumstances, it is not wholly surprising for me to feel the resentment which I have mentioned. It is, perhaps, just as well for the receiver and those in whose interests he is acting that I leave my office to-day for a three months' absence abroad, being thereby removed, for the time being, from the field of operations in which was associated with me in Mr. Miller's behalf Mr. John E. Lasker, who will probably be found more tractable than I fear I would be were I to remain in charge.

Miller Is Again Sued.

An additional suit against J. Barton Miller was filed in the District Supreme Court yesterday by Richard B. Travers.

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ST. SWITHIN SAYS NO

Clear Day Predicts No Rain for Forty More.

COOL SPELL IS PROMISED NOW

Pleasant Drop in Temperature Brings Joy to Washingtonians. Yet Two Heat Prostrations Are Reported—Official Maximum is 87, While Street Thermometers Are 95.

In this month is St. Swithin's Day. On which it is said that the full forty days after it will be more or less some rain diabolical. This Swithin was saint, I know. And Winchester's bishop, also. Who in his time did many a feat. For which he is reported to have done. But whether this were so or not. 'Tis more than you or I do know. Better it is to rise between. And to make lay while sun will shine. Than to believe in tales and lies. While idle monks and friars drive.

There have been hot days this summer, and it will probably be hot again, but it will be dry for forty days—that is, if there is anything to the superstition, of St. Swithin's Day, which was yesterday, and to bear out the superstition, the weather man has promised cool and clear weather for a few days.

Many were the exclamations of joy yesterday morning from the tired sleepers when they awakened and fished around the foot of the bed for a sheet and counterpane; many were the dreams of seashore resorts and cool mountain sojourns late in the morning, and many were the grumbles when the rising bell rang—all because the long-hoped-for break in the hot spell had come.

Mercury Takes a Rest. The overworked mercury dropped about 10 degrees during Wednesday morning, going down from 93 degrees to 83 in about ten hours.

Yet, despite the decided change in the temperature and the coolness, two heat prostrations were reported yesterday. William Hamilton, a negro, ten years old, of 225 Willow Tree alley southwest, was overcome by heat about 2 o'clock. He was sent to the Emergency Hospital, Wesley Beach, thirty years old, of 230 I street northwest, was taken sick at Thirteenth and U streets northwest about 2:30 o'clock. He was sent to his home by Sergeant Duggan, of the Eighth precinct. His illness was caused by heat.

The thermometer at the weather bureau registered a minimum of 71 degrees at 10 o'clock last night, the maximum having been 87 degrees at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. At Affleck's the minimum was 83 degrees, and the maximum 95 degrees.

Predicts Cool Weather. Prof. Grielt reported last night that a cool wave will reach the Atlantic coast Saturday or Sunday, moving eastward from the Rocky Mountains. The Weather Bureau issued the following forecast: "A barometric depression that now covers the Rocky Mountain districts will move over the Plains this Thursday, cross the Central valleys and Lake region Friday and Saturday, and reach the Atlantic States Saturday night or Sunday, preceded by rising temperature, attended by local rains and thunderstorms, and followed by two or three days of fair and cooler weather. This depression will cause rain in the corn and wheat belt."

DISTRICT WORK AWARDED.

Commissioners Announce Contracts for the Present Year. Awards for all street and highway improvements to be undertaken in the District in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1908, were made and announced by the Commissioners yesterday. At noon on Monday the bids were opened in the board room of the Municipal Building, and after a careful scheduling and examination of all bids submitted, the following awards were made:

To the Cranford Paving Company, of this city, the entire contract for asphalt paving of the total amount being, approximately, \$150,000.

To the Washington Tile and Block Company, the contract for asphalt block paving, the amount being about \$60,000.

To G. B. Mullin, the contract for grading Albemarle, Rittenhouse, and Forty-first streets, and Western avenue.

To W. F. Brenner Company, contract for grading Minnesota avenue.

To Stutler & Ready, contract for grading Kearney street.

Held for the Grand Jury. Daniel Nolan and Joseph Truman, under arrest for the alleged larceny of two nopolas valued at \$80 from the Norris Warehouse, on the waterfront, about a month ago, waived preliminary examination before Judge Kimball, in Police Court, yesterday morning, and were held in \$1,000 bail each for the action of the grand jury.

Luna Park Vaudeville. The vaudeville show at Luna Park next week will abound in clean, first-class comedy, that will make you forget any gloom you may feel, and offers artists of high reputation, including J. Bernard Dittlyn, late of George Cohan's company, and a comedian of note; Frank Tinney, a pianist, dancer, and wit; the De Muths, grotesque and whirling dancers; Marion and Della, society sketch artists; Tom Hebron and his friend "Crutch," in a unique dancing act, showing how a one-legged man may outdo a two-legged one if he tries, and Lamont's trained cockatoos, the best act of its kind in the world. The usual concert by the American Regimental Band, Sunday afternoon and evening, with vocal solos by Miss Marie Laurent.

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New List of Officers Picked at St. Paul.

WASHINGTON TEAM WINNER

Washington Mason Captures First Prize in Competitive Drill at St. Paul — Twenty-five Contestants Take Field—Movement Made to Abolish Wines at Lodge Banquets.

St. Paul, Minn., July 15.—The office of outer guard of the Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine went to the Minneapolis man to-day at the meeting of the Imperial Council at the auditorium. The election was on the second ballot and closed a spirited campaign, in which the leaders for honors have been Noble Overhine and Noble W. F. Kendrick, Lulu Temple, Philadelphia.

The other officers were simply "moved up one," there being no contest over any office but that of outer guard.

The new officers are: Frank C. Roundy, Chicago, past imperial potentate; Edwin L. Alderman, Marion, Iowa, imperial potentate; George L. Street, Richmond, Va., imperial deputy potentate; Frederick A. Hines, Los Angeles, Cal., imperial rabbi; J. Frank Trout, Fargo, N. Dak., imperial assistant rabbi; William J. Cunningham, Baltimore, imperial high priest and prophet.

The fight over the outer guard, the lowest position in the list, is explained by the custom of moving all officers up step by step, a step every year, until the outer guard becomes chief potentate. There were a number of other candidates for outer guard besides Overhine and Kendrick, and these received scattered votes.

Washington Victory Popular. Washington's victory in the championship competitive drill, when the Arab Patrol of Almas Temple of the Mystic Shrine from the Capital City won first place, was a popular one, and Capt. Frank E. Gibson was overwhelmed with congratulations.

The finale to the magnificent drill by Almas Temple Patrol was the newest surprise of its resourceful captain, and "Almas's Victory," as he aptly named it, symbolized the winning of the United States championship in the drill.

A vast multitude witnessed the great exhibition and cheered the contestants from time to time as they made their telling points in what is said to have been the finest exhibition of fancy drilling ever put up in the world.

Twenty-five patrols drilled. They included teams from Buffalo, Newark, Columbus, Chicago, Saginaw, Minneapolis, Grand Rapids, Cleveland, Boston, and Toledo.

Next to the drill, chief interest centered in the recommendation made by Imperial Potentate Frank Roundy, in his address to the convocation, that the use of intoxicating liquors at all shrine banquets be discontinued. Many of the Nobles are averse to dispensing with the "game" drink.

Louisville is still the favorite for next year's convocate, with Seattle a close second. Receptions were held by the various temples attending the convocate.

OUTING AT THE BEACH.

Potomac Commandery and Mizpah Chapter Visit Seashore. About 300 persons enjoyed an outing and excursion to Chesapeake Beach yesterday, given under the auspices of the Chicago Club of Potomac Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, and the Mizpah Chapter, No. 8, of the Eastern Star.

The party went down by special train in the morning. After the picnicers had splashed about in the bay for an hour or two and then devoured the contents of their lunch baskets, they returned to the shore for a game of tennis and a series of athletic events, for which several prizes had been donated by local merchants.

There were dashes for little men and babies for big men. One event was exclusively for the ladies, and some of them displayed amazing fitness of foot. Lots of fun was created for the spectators by a sack race for men and a potato race for the women. Ladies' tennis, for which prizes had been donated by local merchants, was also a feature.

W. H. Harrison was the chairman of the executive committee, which had the excursion in charge, and he was ably assisted by Mrs. N. R. Morgan, of the order of the Eastern Star. Chairmen of the other committees were Dr. Charles T. Lindsay, arrangements; Mrs. M. L. Hunt, prizes; L. Towery, J. public comfort; John W. Proctor, tickets; Mrs. W. H. Harrison, badges, and R. A. Daw, advertisements.

WILL OF C. H. BOND FILED.

Widow, Once Miss Bacon, of Washington, Gets Local Property. A special dispatch to the Washington Herald from Boston last night said: "Mrs. Isabella Bond, widow of the millionaire, Charles H. Bond, who committed suicide by drowning in his bathtub at Nineteenth street, Washington, by the terms of the will, filed to-day."

Mrs. Bond was Arabella Bacon, of Washington. The other property owned by Bond in Washington, and situated in Fourteenth street, New York avenue, Tenth, and F streets, is left in trust.

WEDDED IN VIRGINIA.

Mr. Trenis and Miss Bragg Go to Fredericksburg for Ceremony. Paul Laporte Trenis and Miss Margaret Elsie Bragg, both of Washington, were married at Fredericksburg, Va., yesterday by Rev. J. H. Hendlerite. The ceremony took place in the Presbyterian manse at that place. Immediately after the ceremony the young couple left for Washington, and arrived here early in the afternoon.

To the many friends of the young people their marriage was a surprise. Mr. Trenis, who is well known from the congratulations of his friends when his marriage became known.

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All Democrats and others who believe in the election of William J. Bryan to the presidency in the United States are invited to enroll as members in the District of Columbia Democratic Association. Membership cards can be obtained from the officers of the Association at the corner of the Club Building, 10th and F streets, N. W., Washington, D. C., or by mail, enclosing 5 cents.

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TO-DAY. Remnant Day—Note that mill and factory remnants are included with the store remnants, so that quantities are comparatively great in some instances. Read through the list below carefully. Be a morning visitor—if you would secure the best bargains.

BELTS, 9c. Some worth \$1.00. The maker's surplus stock and drummers' samples of leather and white wash belts, nearly two thousand in all. Be early—to-day's early visitors will carry off these worth \$1.00. Two great tables full, on first floor.

\$1 to \$2.25 Bags, 59c. Leather Bags, latest styles, in greatest variety; retailed until now at \$1 to \$2.25—to be 59c to-day, because the maker closes his season and the Palais Royal representative secures his entire surplus stock.

25c to 50c Collars and Ties. 12c to 15c. The Laundered Linen Collars are to be 12c—and note that latest styles in all sizes are here, some, hand-embroidered, being worth 50c. At 15c, none worth less than 25c, are Mull Bows, white and colors, some with colored dots and embroidery edges; also Mull Ties, with colored embroidery edges; also Ascot Stocks, Jabots, Four-in-hand Ties, Dutch Collars, and Stocks.

Reduced to 50c. Some were \$5.00. Some are in frames 22x24 inches. You'll find that all are more or less shopworn—that's why you secure choice of \$2 to \$5 Pictures at only 50c. Take elevator to fourth floor. Note that a ten (10) cent bottle of gold paint will cure the hurts of most of the frames.

The Palais Royal, G St., 11th St. A LISNER.

ALL FAVOR LICENSE LAW

Commissioners Approve Measure to Regulate Builders. Examination to Be Required Before Contractors Are Allowed to Handle Building Operations.

All three of the District Commissioners are in accord with the proposed law to be presented to the next session of Congress which will require the builders in the District to be examined and licensed before they are allowed to handle any building operation.

Engineer Commissioner Morrow has on several occasions expressed his approval of the proposed law and made assurance of his support thereto. Yesterday Commissioners Macfarland and West added their approval to that of Maj. Morrow. Commissioner Macfarland said: "The Commissioners will undoubtedly renew their recommendation to Congress that a law be enacted requiring all builders to be licensed and restricting the construction of buildings to such licensed builders."

"I believe that the opposition to such a measure, which was so strong before as to prevent any action on the matter, will be overcome by the new facts which the Commissioners will be able to bring to the attention of Congress."

"This, with the improvement of building regulations which will come as a result of the report of the commission of experts appointed by the Commissioners last year, and on an increase in the number of building inspectors, will improve the conditions here."

Commissioner West also made a statement yesterday adding his approval to that of his colleagues.

McGUGAN—Suddenly, on Tuesday, July 14, 1908, at 10:30 a. m., J. BYRON, husband of Nellie G. McGugan. Funeral from his son's residence, 1224 North street, Thursday, July 16, at 11 a. m. Interment private.

RABBIT—On Tuesday morning, July 14, 1908, at 1:30 o'clock, THOMAS RABBIT, in the seventy-second year of his age. Funeral will take place from the residence of his son, Charles F. Rabbit, 1013 Third street northeast, on Thursday morning, July 16, at 8:30 o'clock, thence to St. Aloysius' Church, where a solemn high mass will be sung for the repose of his soul at 9 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Interment private.

SHEAHAN—Suddenly, on Tuesday, July 14, 1908, at Colonial Beach, Va., JOHN SHEAHAN, native of County Leitrim, Ireland. Funeral from his son's residence, 1224 North street northeast, Thursday, July 16, at 3 a. m., thence to Holy Name Church, where mass will be said for the repose of his soul. Interment in Mount Olivet Cemetery. Friends and relatives invited.

WRENZ—On Tuesday, July 14, 1908, at the residence of his father, 187 Mintwood place, NORMAN E. WRENZ, only son of Norman W. and the late Ella F. Wrenz, in the seventeenth year of his age. Requiem high mass at St. Aloysius' Church, Friday, July 17, at 10 a. m. Relatives and friends cordially invited to attend. Interment private.

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