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HERO OF BANDIT STORY HELD ON MURDER CHARGE

STREET CAR CONDUCTOR WHO KILLED COLORED MAN IS BEING HELD IN JAIL WITHOUT BOND.

Newspaper That Made Hero of Murderer Now Silent on Facts. MAN IS BEING HELD IN JAIL WITHOUT BOND.

(Special to The Tulsa Star) MUSKOGEE, Okla., Jan. 28.—Although the daily press has been tactfully silent about late developments in the investigation of the killing Thursday night of last week of W. S. Williams by Wm. Linn, (white), street car conductor, who was hospitalized following the murder by newspaper stories in which Linn was featured as the hero of an attempted holdup and his victim the villain of the play, the hero conductor is now domiciling in the county jail without bond awaiting his preliminary hearing on the charge of murder. Immediately following the killing the daily press service flashed across the country in glaring head lines the thrilling story of a black bandit in an attempt to holdup the Hyde Park street car and the heroic action of the conductor in saving the street car company money by shooting and killing the alleged bandit. The chief of police had slated Linn for a position on the police force because of his bravery. Subsequent developments, however, has changed the entire color scheme of the story and instead of parading the streets of Muskogee and being pointed to as the hero of a thrilling attempted robbery, he has assumed the role of a common murderer and is being detained as such in the county jail. Williams, the murdered man, was a resident of Parsons, Kansas. At the time of his death he was visiting friends here. Investigation following his death showed that he was a man of good reputation. It also developed the fact that he was murdered by Linn. Full details of the killing will probably be brought out at the preliminary hearing next Tuesday. Friends of Williams are making efforts to employ special attorneys to aid in the prosecution of the conductor.

RACE DISTURBANCES FORCING COLORED PEOPLE TO FLEE

(Associated Negro Press) ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 29.—Colored people are fleeing from Hall County Race disturbances have been frequent in this section of the State for sometime past. This condition has led to much controversy as to the best means to ease the situation. The whites decided that only drastic methods could be successfully used because the colored people were determined to fight the issue to a finish. This conclusion developed into a wholesale disarming of the colored population. This was accomplished by the issuing of a general search order of the homes and a confiscation of all firearms thus discovered. Then a "Colored drive" was opened and the colored people forced to flee to other parts. Ganesville has gained in colored population as a result and chaos is prevailing in that section as one of the results. The governor has been asked to take steps to relieve the situation. Up to his time he has evinced no interest in the matter.

methods of living, but also involving life and death itself. While all other industry can refuse to take orders from customers, the utilities are not permitted to do so. They must continue to take them and get the necessary equipment in place to render service just as fast as their credit will permit them to borrow the necessary money from investors. Exorbitant market prices for coal, steel, labor and other products may result in other industries closing down for a period, but the utilities are precluded from this, the state public utilities commission exercising a watchful eye to see that there is no let up in the services rendered communities.

Refinancing The Street Car System John W. Shartel, general manager of the Oklahoma Railway Company, will represent the street and interurban railway systems of Oklahoma at the mid-year conference of the American Railway Association to be held in Chicago on February 10. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the subject of "Financing and Re-financing of Electric Railways." This is a matter of vital concern to traction companies due to the almost impossibility of getting added revenue to rehabilitate their lines.

White Way For Bartlesville Bartlesville is to have a spectacular White Way System. Single light ornamental standards are to be used. Nearly 75 per cent of the business frontage has been signed in favor of the improvement of the Bartlesville Gas and Electric Co.

The U. S. Geological Survey reports that in the month of October, 1920, the electric light and power plants in the United States produced 1,337,073,000 kilowatt hours by water power, of which Oklahoma produced 201,000. The total production by fuels for the United States was 2,396,305,000 kilowatt hours, of which Oklahoma produced 18,722,000. The total production by wood for the United States was 7,948,744 kilowatt hours of which Oklahoma produced 25,000. The grand total of kilowatt hours produced in the United States was 3,741,332,744 of which Oklahoma produced 18,948,000. It required 3,164,897 tons of coal 1,151,054 barrels of oil and 2,370,587 000 cu. ft. of gas to generate this power in the 48 states. The power plants in Oklahoma used 3,277 tons of coal, 16,581 barrels of oil and 512,383,000 cu. ft. of gas.

STATE NEWS LETTER

More Evidence Needed in Telephone Rate Case

The hearing upon the application of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. for an increase in rate is postponed to Feb. 1. The Corporation Commissioners stated that additional evidence had been requested to be presented by the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce. If no objection is made by the telephone company to the evidence introduced by the Chamber of Commerce, a final hearing will probably be held upon Feb. 1.

COWETA NOTES.

We are sorry to announce that the death angel visited the home of Miss Nanie Nead, Friday morning, and now she is numbered with the dead. She left many friends to mourn her loss. Friday, the 21st, death also entered the Benbo home and now John Benbo, one of the early pioneers of Coweta is, lying in the silent tomb, leaving a wife and sister, and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

Still the People Will Marry. Mr. Willie Burse announces his marriage to Miss Ardell Tucker and they will make Coweta their home. Mrs. Dr. Carter and Mrs. Rev. Pearson has not forgotten their home mission duties at the death of Miss Neal, they, too, representing the missionary society of Mt. Rose, taken upon themselves the responsibility of paying the entire expense of the sickness and burial of one of the less able sisters.

The people of Coweta should take their hats off to such sisters as those. The best thinking people of this town compliment the action of the Home Mission society, but there are a few, headed by a certain preacher, who is connected with this church, that oppose not only that but everything for the uplift of the town. The reporter wishes to state to those parties to be careful for those living in a glass house should not throw stones. Mr. C. Hurst has purchased a beautiful 10-acre piece of land joining the town.

WAHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—The Howard University Faculty and students recently held a meeting in the University Chapel in the interest of Mr. Herbert Hoover's European War Relief movement. In transmitting the contribution of \$56,78 to Chairman Arthur S. Moses, of the European War Relief Council for the District of Columbia, Dr. Emmett J. Scott, Secretary-Treasurer of the University, stated that although the amount was small, it testified to the very great interest of those connected with the University in helping those who are so greatly suffering in Europe at this time.

A Peculiar Business There is one business in the period of readjustment, through which the country is passing, that is in a peculiar position, and unlike any other, it can't—

Close down its "factories" because of high labor or material costs, lay off employees, refuse to take orders because the prices its customers offer do not equal costs of production and give a profit. This peculiar business is that having to do with the production and communication services. Regarding how difficult the working conditions may be, it must grind away 24 hours a day, for a lapse of functioning would be disastrous, not only upsetting all business and

SOUTHERN PEOPLE WILL RECEIVE NO SPECIAL MESSAGE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—"I have no message to the people of the South that I would not utter to all the United States." This is the heart motif of the message which President-elect Harding has written at the behest of Clark Howell, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, to the South. Mr. Howell, it appears, is one of the prominent Southern men who is very anxious that a genuinely new era shall be opened for the southland. The Howell type of Southerner affects to be heartily tired of the present tangled situation which he says, is operating to the great economic and business disadvantage of their section of the country.

The "Race Problem" is, of course, at the bottom of the entire situation. This is acknowledged on all sides by all complexions of men. "What is the Republican Party going to do about the South's fears in relation to the loudly expressed ambitions of its present day colored citizens?" is the question uppermost in the minds of all Southerners. Hence, the request of the editor of the Constitution. He, with other white Southerners, want to know and know so sincerely that they can literally taste it.

Mr. Harding's message had not evaded the direct question it is declared by prominent men here, black and white, but, in his effort he has clearly called to the attention of the South the fact that the problems of the country are not sectional in character but apply, with equal force, to all the country. "Let us have oneness of Americanism," he declares in another instance of the "Message." In the matter of Southern appointment, Mr. Taft is the only leading Republican who has worried himself with the fear that Mr. Harding may so far forget the Southern that he will appoint colored men to first class Federal positions in the South. Why, no one has been able to answer intelligently. Up-to-date the President elect has said nothing which would indicate his attitude in the matter of appointments outside of his cabinet, and a good deal of this has been tentative nature.

Henry Lincoln Johnson is on the ground, but he has nothing to say about the question of appointments. Henry Lincoln may be playing "possum" no one knows. But he is keeping mum, just the same and sawing wood, maybe. Dr. Emmett Scott declares he is not in politics and therefore has nothing to say about appointments. In fact every body is up in the air on this important point and the result is a political fog so dense and thick one can almost cut with a knife. In the meantime Mr. Harding has laid aside the affairs of state for the moment and is playing Golf in the balmy climes and under the blue skies where Federal appointments are not heartily in evidence and the only colored appointments that he has to worry about are the caddies who carry his clubs around the links.

OKMULGEE TOPICS AND EVENTS

Miss Marie N. Williams of Tulsa was here Friday doing business for the Tulsa Star. Through the courtesy of Dr. C. P. Wallace, Miss Williams met a number of our business and professional men and women.

Mrs. Lizzie Dabbs of Mt. Pleasant, Texas, is a guest of her brother, Samuel F. Manuel of 819 East Third street.

Rev. T. W. Stevenson of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 4 miles South of Boley in the Husk neighborhood, will begin the erection of a four thousand dollar (\$4,000) brick church Monday. Rev. Stevenson has served as moderator of the S. W. Creek and Seminole convention for the past seven years. Mr. E. Cross, a leading race man of Capital Heights, has erected sev-

eral rent houses. He is a lover of Race papers. Rev. T. M. Gatewood, presiding elder of the Tulsa District of the C. M. E. Church passed through the City Monday. The Quarterly Rally of St. Paul C. M. E. Church will begin Sunday, Jan. 29th and continue to Feb. 6th. Dr. Cray delivered one of his characteristic addresses at the C. M. E. Church Thursday night while Mrs. Brown sang to the delight of all present. Mrs. Ludia Tuggle was a guest of Miss F. L. Dean Sunday. Mr. Randolph who lives on 17th and Alabama received a lick in his eye losing the sight of same. A chip of wood caused the misfortune. Remember the Bazaar which starts at the M. E. Church Monday

night and continues all the week. Rev. E. M. Madden, pastor. Rev. J. C. Williams, pastor of Mt. Olive Presbyterian Church, has been ill the past three weeks, but is improving. Tickets are being engaged rapidly by those wishing to be patrons of the Path Brown entertainment to be given at Dunbar High School, Feb. 11th. Several from out of town are asking to be placed on the list of patrons. A large delegation of citizens attended the Smarter Set entertainment at Muskogee on the 26th inst. The Ministerial Alliance is doing much toward giving the right kind of instruction to our people relative to Race patronage, right living and a needed change in their relation to each other.

Attorney D. J. Wallace is spending the week in Oklahoma City where he hopes to assist in bringing the condition of the affairs relative to race development before the makers of the laws now in session. We are glad to see Mr. Berry House able to be about the house once more and hope soon to have him with us again in the business world.

This is TEST week at the school and all children have the best of department to their credit. Lawyer J. H. Stevens has been appointed guardian for Theodore Sneed whose guardian his father died recently. We are sure that this growing estate will be well managed. Rev. Fisher preached for the First Baptist Church last Sabbath. Sabbath School at the above church was good in spite of the weather. Collection, \$8.13.

The county association of teachers meets this Saturday, 29th in the auditorium of Dunbar. Judge D. J. Wallace returned today from Oklahoma City where he has been attending the Inter-Racial Commission. He is a member of the educational committee of the Inter-Racial commission. This committee, working in conjunction with a like committee of the State Principals' Association succeeded in having bills drawn to secure amendments to the separate school laws. Bills looking toward correcting the evils of the present separate school laws were delivered to two senators and two representatives by D. J. Wallace and G. W. Carry who will introduce same in each house respectively. It is believed that the bill drawn by Judge Thurman of the Inter-Racial Commission will be passed by the State Legislature now in session. The Inter-Racial Commission and the State Teachers' Association and the State Principals' Association are behind the bill with all the force, power and influence at their command.

Prof. E. M. Castleberry (white) and Dr. H. T. S. Johnson of the M. E. Church of Tulsa, were elected organizers. Both men are broad, honest and well educated and sure of results. They will proceed to organize Inter-Racial Commissions in each county of the State.

The following race men were present viz: R. Emmet Stewart, W. H. Twine, D. J. Turner, H. C. Hooker, G. W. Sawyer, J. H. Lilly, D. J. Wallace, Phillip Lewis and Roscoe Dungee. A bill is being prepared to secure better accommodation to the separate coach and Jim crow law. Judge D. J. Wallace and G. W. Carry will remain at the Capital this week working for the passage of this needed legislation.

EDITOR IS COMMENDED

Editor of The Tulsa Star, Dear Sir: Permit me, through the columns of your paper, to thank you for that excellent editorial on "The Y and Our Youth."

For breadth of vision and intensity of purpose no one need attempt to improve upon it.

It should be read by all members. It is a ringing challenge to every citizen who values human welfare, who sees human need, who is interested in his own child and the child of his neighbor, who wants a better Tulsa to heed its admonitions and line up without reservation with the Y. M. C. A. and its purposes. Your editorial bespeaks a brilliant mind and a heart susceptible of feeling the fundamental needs of humanity. May God bless you in your labors. Yours in a Great Cause. G. A. GREGG, Executive Secretary of Hunton Branch, Y. M. C. A.

THE OUTSTANDING RACE PROBLEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—The Fourth Annual Convocation of the Howard University School of Religion to be held February 22, 23, 24, 1921, will devote itself to the discussion of outstanding problems. The convocation will seek to answer the questions: "Can the White and Black and Yellow and Red and Brown races live as brothers in a common world? Are social classes and castes permanent lines of cleavage between men?"

The Convocation seeks to aid and encourage those upon whom falls the great task of promoting peace and good will among all men. The subject for discussion during the three days session will be: On Tuesday, February 22nd, "The Social and Economic Aspects of Brotherhood"; on Wednesday, February 23rd, "The International Aspects of Brotherhood"; on Thursday, February 24th, "The International and Interdenominational Aspects of Brotherhood." Among those who will speak at the Convocation are: Rev. Frederick Lynch, D. D., Editor of Christian work and Secretary of the Church Peace Union, New York City; Rev. William N. DeBerry, Assistant Moderator of the National Council of Congregational Churches, Springfield, Massachusetts; Hon. Wayne B. Wheeler, LL. D., Counsel for the Anti-Saloon League, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Jas. H. Dillard, Charlottesville, Va.; The Revs. M. W. D. Norman, D. D., James D. Bulner, D. D., and W. O. Carrington, D. D., Washington, D. C.; Mr. Arthur D. Call, Secretary of the American Peace Society, Washington, D. C.; Hon. Thomas Sterling United States Senator from South Dakota; Miss Mabel T. Boardman, Commissioner of the District of Columbia and President J. Stanley Durkee, D. P., Howard University. The Convocation Sermon will be preached by one of the eminent Baptist ministers of the country, Rev. Wm. P. Hayes, D. D., of New York City.

BRISTOL NEWS

The citizens here are very busy getting ready to farm. Prospects for oil is still good. Some drilling going on. The church work is not what it ought to be, neither the Sunday School or B. Y. P. U. Secret Orders are all the go. Good Masonic Lodges, Odd Fellow, K. of P., Wisemen and U. B. F. Mrs. Fannie Walker and her new husband, Mr. Jeb Unwise left for Indiana for a visit on the 15th of January, 1921.

The O. O. C. had a public installation at First Baptist Church on Thursday, Jan. 26th. They were installed by K. W. I. Mrs. Rebecca Turner. After some brief remarks on Calathians by Sister Turner, Mrs. Will Ellick one of our city teachers played some sweet selections. The newly elected officers were installed. Sister G. E. Ben, W. C., E. E. Jones, our W. Inx. All the officers were installed by Sister Turner. Madam N. A. R. Leslie age almost 100 years sang a solo and was cheered many times.

At close of installation the K. of P. brothers marched in and Mrs. Ellick played a march. Madam Leslie led the grand march for Calathians and K. of P. which was said to be the best ever had in Bristol. Every one out here likes the Star and I am in hopes to get many subscribers. Sister Rebecca Turner, G. W. INX

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Because of the illness of our linotypist this week we have been forced to reduce the size of the paper to four pages. For this reason several local ads and a considerable amount of news matter had to be left out. This is not offered as an excuse, but an explanation. —EDITOR.