

PRISONER SET FIRE TO THE CITY JAIL

Charged With Setting Fire to the Houses in Frog Alley.

HUGHES AN OLD OFFENDER

Similar Action in Jacksonville Caused Death of Fellow Prisoner—Sent to Asylum But Returned to Gainesville.

John Hughes, a negro painter well known in Gainesville, having been arrested here, was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of having set fire to the houses destroyed by fire in Frog Alley Monday morning.

Hughes was incarcerated in the jailhouse, and Tuesday night Officer Kite was notified that the prisoner had set fire to the city prison. Before the officer reached the jail, however, the means of a bottle of water which had been left with Hughes, subdued the flames.

He was arraigned before Justice Colman yesterday, but owing to the fact that the prisoner had himself put the fire in the charge of incendiary, could not be sustained, and he was discharged.

An Old Offender.

It is the general opinion that Hughes could not escape by means of a hole through the wall of the jail and became alarmed and exploded the flames. He set fire to the jail while in prison in Jacksonville two years ago and a fellow prisoner was badly burned that he died. Hughes was sent to the asylum after but finally returned to Gainesville. He is not regarded as a sane man and should not be permitted to be at large.

JUDGE COLMAN'S COURT.

McLendon Charges Henry McCoy With Larceny.

H. McLendon had a warrant issued for the arrest of one Henry McCoy for taking some old clothes from his house. It seems as though McCoy had been rooming with McLendon and working for him also. An arose some dispute about a chest and McCoy was told to leave the house. It developed in court that McCoy had carried some things away with him that belonged to McLendon. Chief had arrested, but the defendant said that he had returned the things to McLendon, as they had been taken through mistake. The sides had a good story, but after examining the evidence together the court decided that there was no evidence to convict McCoy of larceny. McCoy admitted that he carried the things away, but said it was through mistake and returned them.

DEATH OF W. A. HARMAN.

Went Away at Odd Fellows' Sanitarium Wednesday Morning.

W. A. Harman, after an illness of two weeks, died at the Odd Fellows' Home Wednesday morning. Harman came to Gainesville from Florida. He had visited several towns in the State, was most popular with Gainesville and had intended to make this city his home. He was a brother-in-law of C. Spencer of this city. He had been in Jefferson, Ohio, and had been 34 years old. He was a splendid young man and had a bright future before him.

He leaves a wife, two children and a mother to mourn his loss. The community extends sympathy to the bereaved ones in their hour of affliction.

Wreck on Seaboard at Hampton.

There was a wreck on the Seaboard at Hampton yesterday which delayed the noon train several hours. The train was wrecked and derailed on the main track so that the train for Tampa had to go via the route to Hampton city and then to Jacksonville and Tampa. The train was delayed about 10 hours. There was no one hurt. The wreck was cleared and the train was cleared and the Key train came back.

NEWS OF CITY AND COUNTY CONDENSED

Wanted—Two papers of the 9th of April and 1st of May. We will give 10 cents for the first paper of each of the above mentioned dates and 5 cents for the second.

Dr. J. W. McCollum and wife, who are spending several weeks at Passover, Ga., write that they have both been quite sick, but are feeling better now and think that the trip will prove very beneficial to them. They will leave in a few days for Rabun Gap, Rabun county, Ga.

J. W. Barwick of Tampa has been in the city for the past several days. Mr. Barwick has traveled a great deal and says he has never seen an inland town with which he was more favorably impressed than he is with Gainesville. He seriously contemplates locating here, and in case he does so he will engage in a business which will greatly redound to the benefit of Alachua county.

John Owens, a former Gainesville boy, and at one time an employe of The Sun office, was in the city yesterday from Jacksonville. He is now running as conductor of a freight train on the Atlantic Coast Line between Jacksonville and Newberry. Johnnie's old friends are glad to learn that he is doing well and trust that he will continue on the road to promotion in his chosen avocation.

JOHNS-DRAUDY.

Popular Young Couple Married at Montecito.

Mr. John Draudy and Miss Doshia Johns were married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Wm. Johns of Graham, Judge Dekle of Starke officiating.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mrs. Johns, and Mr. Draudy is to be congratulated upon winning such an accomplished young lady for his wife.

Mr. Draudy is the son of a wealthy farmer of Lake Butler and a nice young man.

After congratulations the bride and groom left for their future home at Lake Butler.

A number of friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony, and all wish them a long and happy life.

MELROSE PERSONALS.

Melrose, July 24.—Miss Flora Morris left Saturday for a trip to Jacksonville, Savannah, Atlanta and other places, returning in December.

Mrs. Bessie McRae, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McRae, returned yesterday to her home in Evinston.

Dr. W. C. Barnett of Sarasota, Fla., is in town for a few days.

Dr. and Mrs. Curtis of Orange Heights spent Sunday in Melrose at Mr. C. P. Huffman's.

Geo. Rose of Westmoreland, N. Y., came a few days ago to see his mother, Mrs. S. L. Rose-Ward, who has been confined to her bed several weeks.

News recently came of the death of Mrs. C. J. Whaley (nee Alvis Barnett) of Charleston, S. C. Less than a year ago she left here a bride and her many friends are saddened by her untimely death.

Several of the Melrose boys have gone to Lake Geneva for a week's camp.

Mr. Geo. Nun of Perry, Ga., is visiting his brother-in-law, Rev. T. H. Sistrunk.

Orrin Husband of Lakeland was in town recently for a few days.

J. W. Malphurs' Patent.

J. W. Malphurs of this city has secured a patent which may make a rich man of him some day, as it is regarded by railroad men who have seen it to be absolutely the safest and best thing on the market.

This patent is in the nature of an automatic cap coupler, so arranged that it never fails, and will never part until released by a lever.

Mr. Malphurs has the model, which works like a charm. He has been offered a thousand dollars for the patent, but refused, because he feels sure that it is a coming fortune for him.

Death List Recites 23. Detroit, Mich., July 24.—Banner Higgins, aged 29, of Iowa, Mich., one of the injured in the Pure Malt wreck at Salem, Mich., on Saturday, died late Sunday night at St. Mary's hospital, bringing the total number of dead up to 23.

MISCONCEPTION OF THE SOUTH

Won't See Us As We Are, But Stick to Black Mammy Period.

DO NOT SEE TRUE PICTURES

Southern Cities Have Their Waterways Where Pure Water Comes From Artesian Wells—Death Rate of Florida Cities Low.

Walter Page, in a recent article in The World's Work, among other things says:

"It would be an incalculable gain if men's conception of the South—especially of the lowland South—would now be made anew and made directly from facts, not from traditions or old memories. The tourists see post-card pictures of old 'mammys' (the 'mammy' is practically a defunct institution), of an old negro man in rags driving an ox, of a little grinning Sambo eating a watermelon, of a former slave cabin, and the like. The railroads run, of course, along the barrenest ridges of land, for good engineering reasons, and the tourist hotels keep the grotesque things in sight. The literature of the era of slavery, or of the era of war, or the romances which have to do with these periods; and the people of the best-known books about the South are either the heroes of aristocratic origin, or the poor devils whose origin was unknown. Some of the Southern folks themselves, too, think of the land and of themselves, and of other folk, less by fact than by traditions, most of which are exaggerated and some of which are altogether untrue.

"The effect of these ludicrous misconceptions is a real hindrance to knowledge and a check to growth. Most persons, for example, think of the South Atlantic coast cities as unhealthy. They will recall yellow fever epidemics, forgetting that yellow fever has now no more terrors for the South than smallpox has for the North. They think of bad water. Yet Jacksonville, Fla., for instance, has its waterworks in the very heart of the city, where the supply comes from artesian wells, and its death rate (of the whites) is among the lowest of cities of the United States. The same freedom from disease is found in Savannah, and, indeed in most of the coast cities.

In Swell Streets.

"So, too, of the people as well as of the places. While men elsewhere have been talking and writing of 'crackers' and 'poor white trash,' the sons of the people that they have been writing about have built fine residences on the 'swell' streets of every Southern city. They are manufacturers and bankers and the leaders of great enterprises; or they are the owners of cotton farms, or of cabbage farms, or of lettuce farms, or of lumber mills, and of everything else that denotes prosperity. The sons of some of the men who were rich generations ago, are also, of course, doing similar tasks. The point is that the Southern man or the Southern land of the old books and of the romances is now not representative and is, in fact, often hard to find.

"I am tired of the incredulity of men," said a long-time resident of Florida—a man who went there from Iowa many years ago. "When I go to see my old kinspeople they expect me to talk about alligators and chills and fever. I never see an alligator except the little ones that are caught for the tourists, and I have never had chills and fever, nor any other illness since I left Iowa. I have an artesian well and my home is drained—as many homes in Iowa are not. Chicago has more sunstrokes in one summer, I venture to say, than Florida has had since the white man first came here. And there are better roads about this town and more automobiles than in any town of the same size in Iowa."

"Sanitation and intensive culture of the soil and the general organization of the industry by modern methods have, of course, brought changes so rapidly in the seaboard South—in these communities where there has been a modern organization—that the changes are well nigh incredible. And they run through the whole range of life—from everyday work to the warp and woof of men's thought and character."

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PENSACOLA'S MAYOR DIED YESTERDAY

Result of Strenuous Work During Campaign for Re-Election.

HAD VERY HARD FIGHT

But Won Out After One of the Most Exciting Contests Ever Witnessed in Deep Water City—Was Very Aggressive.

Pensacola, Fla., July 24.—Charles H. Bliss, mayor of Pensacola, died at 3 o'clock this morning.

Mayor Bliss was re-elected last month, after one of the most exciting municipal campaigns in the history of the city. His work in the contest caused a physical breakdown that resulted in a complication of disease, from which he could not recover. The funeral will take place on next Friday.

Mayor Bliss during his first administration proved to be an admirable chief executive. His aggressiveness and his strenuous advocacy of certain reforms caused him to incur the enmity of certain people, but all agree that he worked for what he conceived to be to the best interests of the city.

SERMONETTES

BY J. MARVIN NICHOLS.

Don't keep your kisses for the cold and pallid cheek. There is no feeling in the shadows of the tomb. It's too late.

A certain man came across his friend and asked: "Can your wife keep a secret?" "I don't know. She never tried," replied the wag.

The memory of "the good-night kiss" in the stormy years which may be in store for your little one will be like a far-off, steady star to guide them. "My father, my mother—loved me!" Lips all fever-parched will become dewy again when the tender memory rushes over them in after years. Kiss your child before he goes to sleep. The hour may come when you would give the world's gold just to touch those ruby lips once more.

I have known of men who refused to stand by another in an unfortunate hour. They preferred waiting to see how the charge turned out—true or false—on this changing tide of public opinion they are willing to rest their devotion. Repudiate him forever! The friend that forsakes in the evil hour is unworthy of your trust when life runs smoothly. It breaks a bond for which there is no welding. They are frozen vipers warmed by your own heart-blood. They repay by the burial of their flags in the heart that once blessed them. You don't need a friend behind whose fawning smiles there slumbers the possibility of a forsaking. Stand by the suffering heart—be that suffering just or wrong. There is nothing that so clearly marks the really heroic.

To the Teachers and School Officers of Florida:

For fourteen years I have given freely of my time in an effort to maintain a creditable school journal for the teachers of Florida. This has been with me entirely a labor of love; for while The Sun has always paid the initial cost of publication, the "little things" have been my own.

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