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BUSINESS MEN'S CLUB HAS AN EVENING OF PLEASURE

Banquet on Tuesday Night Well Attended and Much Enjoyed—Officers Chosen for Ensuing Year.

The annual banquet of the Covington Business Men's club, held in the dining room of the First Methodist church Tuesday night, brought together an enthusiastic gathering from the town with a representation from various parts of the county. Among those from outside the town were Messrs. R. K. McBride, Sidney Tinkler, John H. Simonton, A. M. Moore, R. S. McDill, Edgar Quisenberry, W. M. Bigham, Jr., R. H. Matthews, A. A. Kelley, R. L. Smith, E. A. Harold and L. K. Baird. The toastmaster, Mr. R. B. Baptist, on account of illness in his family, was unable to attend and Mr. L. E. Gwinn had to be pressed into service at the last minute. He proved to be the right man in the right place and discharged the duties of the position to the satisfaction of all.

Divine blessing was invoked by Rev. R. A. Clark. Secretary George A. Sanford made a report of the work of the club for last year and some suggestions as to what it is hoped will be accomplished in the coming year.

Toastmaster Gwinn announced the officers and board of directors for the ensuing year, namely, W. F. Bringle, president; J. L. Garner, vice-president; E. L. Worrall, vice-president; Ivo McFadden, L. O. Baltzer, L. C. Moore, G. A. Girdner and C. B. Simonton, directors.

Theme for the evening: "Co-Operation and Community Building". Discussion opened by C. B. McClelland.

The churches—"The City Church", Rev. R. P. Walker; "The Country Church", Rev. T. R. Davis.

The schools—"The Rural Schools", H. H. Robison.

Good Roads—"From the City Man's Viewpoint", A. B. Cobb.

The Professional Man—"The Lawyer", Hon. Wm. Simonton.

The Citizen—"Law Enforcement in the Town", W. V. Bringle.

The Business Man—"The Banker", Peter Fyfe; "The Merchant", E. H. McFadden; "The Farmer", A. M. Moore.

Several of those who were assigned places on the program were unable to be present, namely, Mr. B. O. Duggan, "The City Schools"; Mr. J. C. Chism, "Good Roads"; Dr. L. A. Yarbrough, "The Physician"; and Mr. S. H. Bass, "Law Enforcement in the Rural Districts".

At the conclusion of the regular program, Toastmaster Gwinn called for speeches and the following responded briefly: Messrs. E. A. Harold, R. H. Matthews, W. M. Bigham, Jr., A. A. Kelley, R. W. Sanford, J. W. Darby, C. B. Simonton and W. F. Bringle.

On motion, President Bringle was instructed to tender the thanks of the banquet to the ladies for the elegant supper served.

Mr. Bringle announced that the officers and board of directors would meet in the club rooms next Tuesday night and organize and plan for the year's work. He stated that it would be the purpose to have monthly meetings and that the effort would be to make these meetings interesting for the members.

An effort will be made to make this one of the best and most profitable years in the history of the organization. Everyone left the banquet hoping and believing this could be done.

YEGGMEN DEMOLISH BUILDING

An excessive amount of nitroglycerine used by yeggmens who blew the safe of the Century Grain and Feed Co., Aulon, Tenn., early Monday morning almost demolished the building, says the Memphis Scimitar of January 22.

Every window in the office was blown out, a brick chimney knocked over and a gaping hole in the ceiling by the heavy steel door, which was hurled across the room. A man residing across the street told the police Monday that he heard the explosion at 1 o'clock, but supposed it to be a thunder and went back to sleep.

An investigation made on Monday morning revealed that the yeggmens had not obtained a cent for their efforts, despite the damage inflicted. While the big door, weighing several hundred pounds, was blown almost through the ceiling, the inner doors to the cash vault had held. The compartment contained about \$50.

When the manager arrived Monday morning the office looked like it had been visited by a cyclone. Bricks from the fallen chimney littered the floor, broken glass from the windows was everywhere, the big door was on the far side of the room and in the ceiling was a jagged hole which it had made in rebounding.

He lost no time in communicating with the police. By means of tracks in the mud, they found the yeggs had entered by climbing over the roof of a shed and forcing an upper window.

STABBING AT MT. CARMEL

Two boys, Ed Bussey, aged 17, son of Mr. A. B. Bussey, and Jack Peterson, aged 15, son of Mr. Nelson Peterson, of the Mt. Carmel vicinity, got into a tussle at the store of Hill, Moore & Co., at Mt. Carmel, Saturday. Bussey is stated, tripped young Peterson up, who lost control of himself and stabbed him in the left breast, dangerously near the heart, inflicting quite a deep wound. The young man, we learn, lost quite a good deal of blood, but his wound is steadily improving and no fears are entertained by his friends as to his ultimate recovery.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

First Presbyterian Church
The pastor, Rev. R. P. Walker, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject: "The Prayers of the Saints". Evening subject: "Business Methods". Special music at both services.

The Sabbath school, Mr. J. J. Miller, superintendent, begins at 9:30 a. m. Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick will arrive Monday morning. Preaching 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. daily. Bro. Harper will lead the singing. The members of other churches and the public at large are cordially invited to these services. The members of other choirs are especially asked to come to the choir and assist with the singing.

First Methodist Church
Rev. Robt. A. Clark, Pastor
Sunday school promptly at 9:45 a. m. Be on time.
Ladies' bible class, 10 a. m.
Men's bible class, 10 a. m.
The pastor will preach both morning and evening and will be glad to see as large attendance of the membership as possible. All are welcome.

Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:30. We are having a very interesting study of our Lord's "Sermon on the Mount" at the Wednesday evening prayer service. You come. A hearty welcome always awaits you at the Methodist church.

First Baptist Church
Charles E. Wauford, Pastor
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.
The B. Y. P. U. will meet at 6 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to worship with us.

DEATH OF D. A. SHERRILL

Mr. Dabney A. Sherrill died at his home, at Brownsville, Monday morning at 6 o'clock. Mr. Sherrill suffered a stroke of apoplexy while in a barber shop Saturday and never regained consciousness afterwards. Prior to the attack, however, he had been in a poor state of health for quite a long while. Mr. Sherrill's remains were buried at Tabernacle church, Haywood county, Tuesday morning.

The deceased was a son of the late Hosea Sherrill, of the 8th district of this county, and he was born and the greater part of his life was spent there. He was 57 years of age at the time of his death. His wife, who was Miss Carrie May Taylor, of Brownsville, together with two sons, survives him. He is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Oscar Hall and Mrs. Maggie Wylie, of this county, and Mrs. Kate Kyle, of Trenton.

The deceased had been a member of the Presbyterian church for many years. He was a man of genial manners and had a great many friends in this county, who will learn of his passing away with feelings of the deepest sorrow.

PRESBYTERIAN REVIVAL

In the First Presbyterian church a series of revival services will begin next Sunday, January 28. Beginning Monday, Dr. Kirkpatrick, of Memphis, will preach at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Dr. Kirkpatrick, pastor of the brick church, is one of the most eloquent and scholarly preachers of Memphis. He is especially gifted in holding revivals. During simultaneous meetings in the Presbyterian churches of Memphis, Dr. Kirkpatrick did the preaching in the church of which he is pastor and that church had more conversions than any other church in the campaign. During 1916, Dr. Kirkpatrick has held two union meetings at Sallito, Tenn., and Searcy, Ark. Both of these meetings were very successful. On account of his duties as pastor, Dr. Kirkpatrick can not accept all of the invitations extended him. Covington is fortunate in securing his services. Make your plans to hear him, beginning Monday, the 29th.

BASKET BALL

Local basket ball fans are pleased to hear the announcement that final arrangements have been made for something interesting in the way of a big double header on Friday night, February 2, when the Lucy high school comes with both boys' and girls' teams for games with the local high school. This will be the first game since the holidays, and, although bad weather has limited the practice, the local athletes are working hard now to make these games live and interesting. While both teams have been defeated this year, they have played fast ball and never surrendered until the final whistle blew.

From all indications, the Lucy teams are going to offer some good competition, for the rivalry for athletic supremacy between the two schools is strong. You can't afford to miss these games if you want something fast and snappy in the basket ball line.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS

To Tipton County Teachers and Prospective Teachers:
The next examination for teachers will be held March 30 and 31. As this is the last examination for teachers until the middle of July, it will be necessary for all who expect to begin teaching before September 1 to take this examination.

No teacher can legally receive pay for teaching who has no contract with the board of education, and no board can contract with a teacher who has no certificate.

All applicants must take the entire examination, including the reading circle books, in order to receive a certificate. H. H. ROBISON, County Superintendent.

LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. M. A. Sherrod has been on the sick list for the past few days.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sullivan and four children, of this vicinity, are all confined to their home with grippe.

—Beulah, little daughter of Mr. J. B. McDow, has been suffering from pneumonia for the past several days.

—Rev. A. W. Russell has been confined to his bed for several days with a severe attack of grippe.

—Will, little son of Mr. Will Fyfe, is suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

—There was a meeting of the local Masonic lodge on Friday night, at which time the M. M. degree was conferred.

—L. E. Gwinn, Jr., little son of Hon. L. E. Gwinn, who has been suffering from an attack of pneumonia, is improving.

—Mr. R. W. Bishop is moving back to the county from Savage, Miss., and will make his home on the D. W. Ruffin place near here.

—Mr. L. P. Fleming and family have moved here from Ripley and occupy the Dearing place, on Haynie street.

—Mr. Noble Somervell, who has lately been confined to his bed again on account of rheumatism, is able to sit up again.

—Mr. Spurgeon Hadley and family, who have been making their home near Stanton, have moved to Garland to reside.

—Mr. G. T. Ward has sold his stock of goods at Gilt Edge to Mr. G. L. Sturdivant, who will continue the business at the same stand.

—Mr. H. L. Hudson has been on the sick list at his home in Memphis for the past several days, but is improving and expects to return this week.

—Mr. Arthur Webb is employed at Dr. Ed Wall's horse-shoeing shop. Mr. H. G. McMillen, who has been working there, has moved to Memphis.

—Mr. Jack Stitt, who was lately operated on for appendicitis at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Mollie Stitt, is still steadily improving.

—Mr. W. A. Menefee, who lately underwent an operation for removal of the tonsils at the Good Samaritan hospital, Memphis, was able to return home Tuesday evening.

—Mrs. Mabel McMurray, who has been suffering from blood poisoning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Murphy for several days, is steadily improving.

—Etta, little daughter of Mrs. Etta Sloan, of the Gilt Edge neighborhood, who was seriously burned by accident about three weeks ago, is reported to be steadily improving.

—Sarah, daughter of Mr. E. A. Mashburn, of the Mt. Lebanon neighborhood, died Saturday night at 11 o'clock and was buried on the day following at Mt. Lebanon graveyard.

—The real estate firm of Sullivan & Hopper has sold to Mr. J. E. Dew for Miss May Hill her house on Boyce avenue for a consideration of \$850. Possession will be given February 1.

—Mr. W. T. Watkins, of the Mt. Carmel vicinity, sustained a fall at his home Friday and his hip was badly sprained, although he is again able to be up.

—Mrs. W. J. Turner, of this vicinity, who was operated on for appendicitis at the Huffman House Tuesday, by Drs. Newman and Yarbrough, is steadily improving.

—Mr. E. W. Cochran, who lately returned from Humboldt, is preparing to go into the plumbing business here again and will be located in the rear of V. L. Ogilvie's place of business.

—Mrs. Albert Massey, who has been on the sick list, is again able to be at her post in the school room at Pheasant. Dr. R. F. Taylor, of that place, who has been suffering from pneumonia, is able to sit up.

—Mr. C. W. Kincaid, of Mattoon, Ill., stopped over here Wednesday on his return from Houston, Tex. Mr. Kincaid and Mr. W. F. Bringle left the same night for Grenada, Miss., to look into an important land deal.

—Manager J. R. Gill, of the telephone exchange, has moved his business offices to the office lately occupied by C. P. Noell. Dr. L. J. Lindsey will later occupy the suite of rooms of which Mr. Gill's late office is a part.

—Mrs. R. B. Baptist was able Sunday morning to return from Memphis, where she lately underwent an operation in St. Joseph's hospital. Her friends will be glad to know that her improvement is steady.

—Mr. A. Laxton, of Kerrville, came up Wednesday morning and has taken charge of Mr. J. C. Sullivan's meat market. Mr. Sullivan will now devote his attention to the real estate business.

—Baker Lemmon Chapter, U. D. C., will be entertained next Saturday afternoon by Misses Ella Cummins and Gracy Key Malone. The meeting will be called to order at the home of Miss Malone, on College street, at 8 o'clock.

—Mr. Earl Bell and his mother, Mrs. Bettie Bell, left Wednesday for New Orleans, where the former will attend the meeting of the Western Fruit Jobbers' association. From there they will go to Biloxi, Miss., where Mrs. Bell will remain for some time with relatives. Mr. Bell will go from Biloxi through the Texas gulf country.

—Cotton is selling at from 14 to 16½ and seed at \$40 per ton.

—Miss Sue Jarrell, who has lately been very sick, is some better today.

—Mr. Virgil Grimsley, who has been on the sick list for a week, is able to be up.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Forsyth, who has lately been very sick with pneumonia, is reported some better. Mr. Dock McLennan has been confined to his bed with pneumonia for several days.

—There will be a special meeting of the county court Saturday morning at 10 o'clock to consider some important bills pending before the legislature.

—Dr. J. P. David, of Mack, who has been suffering from blood poisoning at the home of his father, Mr. W. J. David, near Leigh's Chapel, is improving. Drs. Sale amputated the thumb of his right hand about 10 days ago.

—Dr. Wm. Murray's horse ran away with him on the square Wednesday afternoon. The buggy struck a wagon wheel, was overturned and badly wrecked and Dr. Murray was thrown out and sustained several painful bruises.

—Four produce dealers in Covington, Messrs. Marks & Anderson, H. R. Rose & Co., N. P. Garrett and N. J. Joy, have done a land office business in buying, selling and shipping rabbits during the past two weeks, handling in this way more than 1,300 hares.

—The little four-year-old son of Mr. J. I. Bell, the night operator at the I. C. depot here, got a fall Monday night and his leg was broken above the knee. His father is attending his bedside at his home at Henning and his position is being filled by Mr. H. B. Toombs, of Fulton, Ky.

—Mr. Jack Byars died at his home at Stanton Monday morning of pneumonia, following an attack of measles, and was buried at Charleston graveyard the same afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The deceased was a son of Mr. W. D. Byars, and was born and reared in the 15th district of this county. He had, for some time, been engaged in the blacksmith business at Stanton and had many friends who sincerely regret his untimely passing away. He is survived by his wife and several children.

—As an instance of the good results of advertising, it may be noted that the E. E. Stephenson Hardware Co. ran a half page ad in the last issue of the Leader, telling of their closing out of hardware, farming implements, etc. The advertisement attracted a great rush to the store and in three days' time the greater portion of the stock had been disposed of. Mr. Stephenson expressed himself as greatly pleased with the results of his advertising and said he thought he would have no trouble in disposing of the remainder of the stock.

THE PARLETTE LECTURE

Tipton county, and more especially the town of Covington, was indeed fortunate in having Ralph Parlette give one of his famous lectures in Covington on last Thursday night.

Comparatively few people came to hear one of the greatest lectures that was ever delivered in the town. Those who missed this lecture have lost an opportunity to better prepare themselves for every problem of life.

Mr. Parlette is rightly called "The Orator of Good Cheer", "The Philosopher of Joy", "The Helper to Happiness", "A Preacher in a Thousand Pulpits" and "The Humorist Who Helps Humanity". In having Mr. Parlette on this return engagement, Covington joins with a thousand cities and towns that have re-engaged him from two to twenty times. And all who have heard him on these two occasions are anxiously looking forward to his coming again with the chautauqua in the summer.

All who heard Mr. Parlette on last Thursday night are continuous in their praise of the message that gave them such cheer and uplift. All join with many preachers, professional men, and men in the business world, who tell of the inspiration to succeed gotten from his lectures.

BOARD OF STEWARDS MEETS

A very delightful and enthusiastic meeting of the board of stewards of the First Methodist church was held Monday night at 7:30 in the study of the pastor, Rev. Robert A. Clark, at the parsonage. This was the regular monthly meeting and, on invitation of the pastor, was held in his home.

In addition to the regular business of the board the pleasure of the occasion was added to by the presence of the former pastor, Rev. John T. Myers, who spoke to the board of his present charge, and also spoke of his pleasant relations with the board here in other days.

After the business of the board was over, chocolate and wafers were served by Mrs. Clark, assisted by Mrs. J. H. Flippin.

The members of the board pledged themselves, as a whole, to stand back of the pastor in any effort he may put forth to advance the interests of the church.

The following members of the board were present: J. H. Flippin, H. R. Rose, G. A. Girdner, G. B. Gillespie, W. H. Bailey, W. L. Shelton, A. B. Cobb, I. R. Currie, John Dearing, S. R. Shelton, Jr., H. W. Sale, A. R. Hudson, J. L. Richardson, Lucian Cockrill, John Y. Peete, John Maley, Charles Elam.

The following were unable to attend: Thomas Addison, J. S. Ruffin, W. A. Barret, M. A. Sherrod, I. H. Lowenhaupt, C. N. Volz.

Nearly all actresses regard blue as their lucky color.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT COVINGTON SCHOOLS

Available Funds for School Improvements and How Expended—What Has Been Accomplished With It.

We give below the report of Superintendent B. O. Duggan to the School Officers' association, which recently met in Nashville:

In May, 1916, Covington voted a bond issue of \$20,000 to build an addition to the grammar school. The bonds sold at a premium of \$11,176 and, in addition to this, we received \$2,000 as our share of a \$25,000 county school bond issue, making the total of \$23,176 for school improvements.

Fifteen hundred dollars has been spent in repairing the colored school building, which now has eight class rooms and a study hall, 40x60 feet. The out buildings have been white-washed and a new fence put around the grounds.

When I took charge of the schools of Covington, in 1910, the grammar and high schools were taught in the same building. This building was the old Tipton Female Seminary—a frame structure, erected in 1852, to which had been added, in 1894, a brick front of four class rooms and offices for the superintendent and principal.

We have remodeled the old brick front and added to it eight standard class rooms and an auditorium, 60x70 feet. The auditorium will be furnished with opera chairs, electric lights and fans and a large stage.

The equipment throughout the building will be the best—new model desks, maps, globes, blackboards, electric lights and electric bells in each room, steam heat, modern plumbing.

The length of the building from front to rear is 115 feet and the average width 65 feet. A concrete basement is under the north two-thirds of the entire building. A room in this basement is being fitted for manual training for boys. The girls will get domestic science in the high school.

The unilateral system of lighting was adopted, and this gives us four rooms with east light, four with west, two with south and two with north.

The total estimated value of school property in 1910 was about \$25,000. The estimated valuation at present is as follows: Buildings, equipment and grounds, \$23,500; grammar school, \$36,000; colored school, \$5,000; gymnasium and athletic field, \$7,000; demonstration plot for agriculture classes, \$400; dormitory lot, \$600; making a total of \$36,500, an increase in valuation of school property of 166 per cent. in less than seven years.

In 1910, there were four teachers and 93 pupils in the high school. Now there are five teachers and 130 pupils. Last May, 32 pupils graduated from the high school, 11 boys and 21 girls. Of this number, 18 are in normal school or college, five boys and 13 girls.

In 1910, there were seven teachers and less than 300 pupils in the grammar school. This year, the enrollment is 384 and there are nine teachers.

In 1910, the colored school was a makeshift—dilapidated buildings, 320-a-month teachers, four of them besides the principal, an enrollment less than 200, attendance barely 50 per cent. We were ashamed of it. Today, the enrollment is 310 with eight teachers, five of whom have college or normal school training and three high school diplomas. The attendance which average 85 per cent. One of the eight teachers was sent to us by Supervisor S. L. Smith and, besides teaching in our high school, she supervises industrial work for the county schools. The interest in this industrial work among the colored people was immediate and intense. We are now proud of the colored school.

Summary

| | 1910 | 1917 |
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| Estimated value of school property | \$25,000 | \$66,500 |
| Total number teachers | 16 | 22 |
| Total enrollment in all schools | 572 | 824 |

Increase in value of school property... 166 per cent.

Inc. in teaching force... 37½ per cent.

Increase in enrollment... 44 per cent.

Teachers' salaries have increased more than 30 per cent.

The people of Covington are most responsive and the school spirit of the community is excellent.

Very respectfully,
B. O. DUGGAN,
Supt. of Schools.

MISS SIGMAN HONORED

Mesdames A. G. Smith and B. O. King gave a miscellaneous shower at the home of the latter, Tuesday afternoon, in honor of Miss Gussie Sigman, who became the bride of Mr. J. W. Trobaugh, of Munford, Wednesday afternoon, January 17.

The guests were met at the door by Mrs. Smith, who took them to the serving table where hot chocolate and sandwiches were served by Misses Bertha Wells and Gertrude Lyles.

When Miss Marguerite Hewett, of Covington, softly played "Showers of Blessing", the guests came into the room and the cord that held the large wedding bell was cut. The many lovely and useful gifts were showered down on the bride-to-be.

Many contests were enjoyed by all. Miss Lev Sigman won the prize for carrying the most beans on a knife across the room, while Miss Pearl King, of Memphis, carried off the prize for the best toast.

Miss Hewett sang "My Love Is Like a Red, Red Rose" and "The Perfect Day".

The evening was greatly enjoyed by everyone and the very best wishes for the bride and groom-to-be were expressed.

ALLEGED WHITE SLAVER IS FOUND NEAR THIS PLACE

Arrested in This County Sunday on a Charge of Violating White Slave Law—Confesses and Asks Trial.

The News-Scimitar thus tells the story:

Playing the part of a good Samaritan in 1914 and later a devoted lover to Miss Ophelia Hancock, a pretty brown-eyed, dark-haired girl of 18, got 52-year-old John W. Ferrell in trouble with the government.

He is held on a warrant charging him with violation of the white slave laws, and, according to Chief Deputy United States Marshal Tyece Taylor, the man has confessed to his guilt and asked United States District Attorney Hubert F. Fisher to get him an early hearing before Judge McCall, that he may be sentenced and start serving his term.

Ferrell was indicted by a federal grand jury in 1914, but escaped arrest until Sunday, when Deputy Taylor went to the farm home of George Fletcher, near Covington, where Ferrell was living, and after a short chase through the woods captured his man and returned to Memphis with him.

"I love Ophelia Hancock," began Ferrell. "She lived in Haynes, Ark., when I first met her. Her father abused her, so I persuaded her to leave home. She came to Memphis with me. She attempted to get work. Being a plain country girl, I guess, resulted in her failing to get enough work to live on. I moved to Hollywood, Miss. She followed and attempted to get work there, but she failed again. My heart beat fondly for her. I knew of her home hardships. I started giving her money to pay her board. She returned my affections. We lived happily at Hollywood until a sister of the young woman came from Indianapolis and stole her away one day when I was at work."

"Returning home I found a little note under the front door. It asked me not to follow, 'because I would get into trouble'. It was signed, 'Ophelia, who loves you.'"

"Do you still love her?" asked United States Marshal Stanley Trezvant.

"Yes, I do; because she was true, honest, and one of the most deserving women I ever knew," answered Ferrell.

While the arrested man claimed he had not been dodging federal officers "very much", he managed to keep hidden until one day last week, when Taylor received information of his whereabouts.

ROBBERY ENDS WITH MURDER

Hold-ups, robberies, etc., are so common in Memphis that they scarcely excite comment, but one so atrocious occurred there Saturday night as to put it out of the commonplace happenings of the city. Mr. Walter Hooser started out from his home with his little daughter, about eight years old. When some 75 yards from his home, they were overtaken by two negro highwaymen and the unfortunate man murdered in the presence of his little daughter.

They were walking along the street, the negroes following, and Hooser and his daughter stepped to one side to permit them to pass. They walked nearly past when they suddenly wheeled around and one of them flashed a pistol and a shot rang out and Hooser was fatally shot, dying almost instantly. The two negroes fled and the little girl gave the alarm.

The detectives and police began an active search for the negroes and landed two suspects in prison in the early hours of Sunday morning, who confessed that they had killed Hooser. The negroes gave their names as Clarence Merriam and Will Hudson, one 22 and the other 18 years old. Merriam confessed that he fired the fatal shot, but that it was accidental. As he flashed the pistol on his victim with the intention of robbing him, the pistol went off.

It was a bold hold-up with a bloody sequel, that should hang them both. Under the Bowers law, the most that can be done will be to send them to the penitentiary for life. Authorities are to be commended for the efficient work in landing these bold highwaymen in prison.

ROAD CONTRACTS LET

The county road commissioners, T. H. Taylor and R. L. Faught, have let the contracts for working the roads. The districts contracted and the contractors are as follows:

No. 2, Garner Dickey; No. 3, Jeff Maxwell; No. 4, Robert Pickard; No. 5, O. T. Meadors and Virge Pennell; No. 6, Scott Bros.; No. 7, Barney Simonton; No. 8, R. R. Jones; No. 9, James Phillips; Nos. 10 and 15, Claud Shoaf and W. F. Davis; No. 13, Dan Vandergrift. Districts No.