

TRAGIC PLEA.

Former South Carolina Governor in Boston Court.

FRANLYN J. MOSES BEGS MERCY FROM A JUDGE.

Charged With Giving a Check When There Were No Funds to Back It.

Franklin J. Moses, ex-governor of South Carolina, was before Judge Brown in the second session of the municipal criminal court Boston, Thursday morning charged with giving a check for \$50 in payment for an overcoat, said check having been drawn on a South Carolina bank in which it was learned the ex-governor had no funds.

Then again, it was further learned that after Moses got the coat he pawned it.

His honor the ex-governor met both those claims. Concerning the money transaction, he said that at the time he gave the check he honestly believed that there was money in the bank to meet the face value. A few days after he got the coat he learned by letter that there was no money there, and at once telephoned to Mr James A Hawkes, the tailor. He informed him that he expected a party from the south in a few days with money for him with which he expected to pay his obligations on the aforesaid coat, as well as other outstanding bills.

Mr. Hawkes seemed to take it all right, and, when, the ex-governor offered to return the coat until the money arrived, the tailor told him to keep it. But the ex-governor, feeling that the coat was unpaid for, decided as a matter of honor that he would not wear it until the tailor had been settled with.

"As Mr. Hawkes," said he, "didn't want it returned and as I would not wear it until I had paid for it, I decided to place the coat in a safe place."

So the ex-governor pawned the coat. He pawned it, he said, with a pawnbroker with whom he had done business in the past and with whom he felt the coat would be safe until called for. That was the story of the affair as told by the white-haired old gentleman in the dock. He further argued that criminal intent was necessary in the commission of a crime and his connection from first to last with the coat transaction failed to show that.

He then asked the judge for permission to say a few words before sentence, if in his honor's opinion the crime with which he had been charged had been sufficiently proven against him. Judge Brown nodded for him to proceed.

Ex-Gov. Moses thereupon gave vent to a burst of oratory which consumed from a half to three-quarters of an hour. He spoke slowly, feelingly, and with what appeared to be a good deal of sincerity.

"For years and years," he began, "my name and my picture have been printed in the newspapers of the country, together with what purported to be a sketch of me, couched in such language as to induce the readers to believe that I ranked among the noted criminals in the country.

"For the past two years, at least, I have had to live through a condition of affairs more trying and more humiliating than which it would be hard to find. In a word, I have had to bear and suffer the ignominy of being pointed out as I walked the street a criminal of criminals. Can a more painful punishment than that be inflicted upon a man of gentle birth? No, the confinement within the four white walls of a prison could never be as agonizing."

Mr. Moses then deftly referred to the coat. Then came a pause. Locking one hand within the other, the ex-governor again addressed himself to the past. "For years," said he, "I have shrunk from giving to the people a true history of my life. I shrunk, be it said, because the extenuating circumstances were as shameful as the crimes themselves. But now, your honour, considering that I am at the threshold of future life, I have made up my mind to tell what for 15 years I have shrunk from telling, namely, the true history of my fall.

"In 1872, when I occupied the position of chief magistrate of one of the proudest states in the union, I was driven by social ostracism, despite my position and the councils of the men high in public life, to seek relief in that alone which seemed to be able to give rest to a mind ill at rest, namely, to the use of morphine. From morphine I next took to using opium. In fact, in 1876, the time when the republican party surrendered

the state to the opposition, I had become so addicted to its influence that I could not live without it."

Then he told of his sojourn in New York, where for a time he sunk to the lowest depths of degradation. In fact, so low did he sink that he became an inmate of one of the lowest and vilest opium dens of that large city.

Then it was that he committed his first crime. He was arrested for it and later on expiated his offence by a term in prison. That arrest he now looks back on as one of the most fortunate things that ever happened to him. Indeed, had he not been arrested and confined at that time, and by his confinement deprived of the use of drugs, he would have died within a very short time within the walls of the opium dens.

"The use of opium," said he, running his fingers through the silver-white hair, has left me old and palsied at the age of 58."

The ex-governor next sketched his life in this part of the country, claiming in a proud voice that from the day he was arrested in New York down to the present time he never touched a drug of any kind. To the use of drugs he lay the blame for his fall. The crimes committed, he said he was not really guilty of, but did claim that he was guilty of using the drugs which made the commission of crime possible.

He wound up with a plea for a chance to settle with the tailor. He didn't want to go to jail again, because he didn't want to leave as a legacy to his children the memory of their father having been beyond the reach of mercy. Judge Brown then sentenced him to the house of correction for four months. Mr Moses asked if his honor would make it the common jail. Judge Brown would not. Finally, after Probation Officer Keefe took a hand, the court and the ex-governor compromised on Deer Island for the same number of months.

UPPER QUEENSBURY.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

Jan. 9.—We had a light snowstorm yesterday, and the roads though very good previously will be much benefited.

William B Parent who has been at work hauling lumber out of the ice, for a short time is getting his section of the river duty well cleaned.

Wm. Hazelton is engaged extensively in the lumber business on the grounds of John Major.

James Clark and James Hallett, of Caverhill, are hauling lumber to the river and are now boarding with Mrs Keetch. Mr. Alex. McLeod, of Southampton, was in this place a couple of days last week hauling hay.

Mrs. S. W. Parent spent last Tuesday with Mrs. A. C. Whitehead.

Mr Ward Hagerman spent last Sunday with friends at Scotch Settlement. Daniel Keitch sold six head of beef cattle to a Fredericton butcher a short time ago.

Mr A C Whitehead, is now travelling, taking orders for farm machinery to be delivered early next spring. He is assisted by Mr. Hugh Taylor of the Massey Harris Co. They are meeting with very good success.

WAASIS NOTES.

Jan. 13.—The people around here have been busily engaged hauling stones for the bridge they are building at Oromocto.

Wesley McFarlane, who has lately started in the barber business here, is getting along nicely.

The roads are in excellent condition for driving.

A dance was held at the residence of Mr and Mrs P Lawney, Friday evening, Jan. 10, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Miss Kinney, of Maine is here visiting her sister Mrs Warren Nason.

Mr and Mrs. D C Grass, gave a birthday party in honor of their little daughter, Miss Alice who was ten years old. Supper was served at four o'clock and about thirty-five was present.

AROOSTOOK GIANT DEAD.

John Brostrom of Woodland, Maine died there last week at the age of 32 years. He was said to be the tallest and strongest man in all Aroostook county and the feats of strength frequently performed by him in past years had won for him a reputation for strength that was known from one end of the county to the other.

He stood 6 feet 6 inches and weighed over 200 pounds. Though tall he was not ungainly for he carried just enough flesh to make him the perfect specimen of a well developed man—not excessively fat, but of such build as to give him great muscular strength together with a quickness of movement that made him a perfect athlete.

The room in which he died was on the second floor and it was impossible to bring the remains down by the stairs and they had to be taken out of the house by the way of the window.

SCRAPS OF SCIENCE.

A scientist who has made a study of the planet declares that there is snow on the moon.

There are 28 pounds of blood in the body of an average grown up person, and at each pulsation the heart moves 10 pounds.

While cyclones and tornadoes are different phenomena, the former appear to give rise to the latter. Tornadoes almost always break out, if at all, on the southeasterly outskirts of a cyclone.

A period of 5 seconds between a dash of lightning and thunder means that the flash is a mile distant from the observer. Thunder has never been heard over 15 miles from the flash, though artillery has been heard 120 miles.

Sir Robert Ball asserted that every 100 years the sun loses 5 miles of its diameter. To allay anxiety, however, he mentioned that the diameter of the sun is 860,000 miles and that 40,000 years hence the diameter would still be 858,000 miles.

Miss Jennie Sinclair, of New Maryland, is visiting friends in this city.

Change in Business.

John J. Weddall contemplates making a change in his business, and requests all persons whose accounts are overdue to make immediate settlement.

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