# PHE STATE DISPATCH.

A REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO THE UPBUILDING OF AMERICAN HOMES AND AMERICAN INDUSTRIES.

# VOL. IV.

BURLINGTON, N. C., NOVEMBER 29, 1911.

# WHO WILL BE FIRST?

We have a large number of subscribers who are in arrears without assistance, he took his on subscription. We need the money and will appreciate. place between the guards and be- it if you will come forward with the goods. The label on 54 years. She had suffered for Burlington, N. C., Sunday, Dec. it if you will come forward with the goods. The label on six or eight weeks with cancer 17, 1911. Everybody invited, your paper will tell how much you are behind. If you are of the liver. She leaves a hus-Sunday School Teachers and ber was as dramatic as anything paid up this does not mean you; it not send us a dollar or he had done since first he com- two and we will continue to dish out the news. We mean business.

eracted by the law. He main- light.

narkets arkets: pecause , that tained. pre that

Y-

ny ily er pi-

50

sy

8

C.

use the t is not e from other ly. To in the he "top ompetias the

some vou are

is the bse Leaf

s, Banare un-

RY CLAY BEATTIE, JR. ended, he swayed just a trifle, but quickly recovered. Then Sonfesses His Guilt Before gan his march to the unknown. His entrance to the death cham-Going to Death. manded the public eye. He halt-Richmond, Va., Nov. 24-Hen- ed for a brief moment on the ry Clay Beattie, Jr., went to his death at dawn today, the self- with an inscrutable smile that had

with intensity, but did not flinch

He stood during the reading, as

is the custom, and when it was

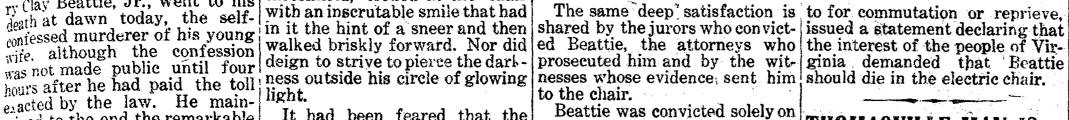
tained to the end the remarkable It had been feared that the nerve he had exhibited since prisoner would flinch when the circumstantial evidence. There first he was accused of killing his dread moment came to seat him- could be found no one who had wife on the lonely Midlothian self in the chair. There was no seen the fatal shot fired, nor any turnpike last July. His last ex- trepidation and not a hint of hes- person who could deny emphatipression was a smiling sneer itation in Beattie's attitude. Still cally Beattie's illogical story of when he observed the chair that wearing his pecular smile, half the tall, bearded stranger, the was to launch him into eternity. amused and half cynical, he step-The confession was made pub- ped lightly into the seat, settled in the face of damning circumlic in the rotunda of a downtown himself as though he had been hotel, by the Rev. Benjamin Den-bis, one of the ministers who had labored with Beattie to repent. Ing the straps and clamps by stantial evidence, so linked as to be practically conclusive, is clear-ed away by the slayer's pothu-ministers by ministers are straps and clamps by As a matter of fact, it was ac-placing his arms and hands in the knowledged by the minister, Be- proper positions. The only indiattie first admitted his guilt No- cation that he was under a ner-

the fruitless appeal for a com- During the few brief seconds sational in the criminal history of mutation of sentence was made to Governor Mann. It was not until yesterday that he would While the attendants were step-until the training on of the Virginia. Interest in the murder was country-wide, owing to its unusual features and the swift agree to its being put in writing ping back out of the light he movement of justice. for his signature. Then all hope squeezed himself back as though On the night of July 18 last,

the 23rd day of November, 1911, coniess my guilt of the crime tharged against me. Much that was published concerning the de-tails was not true, but the awful ing and acting upon the reports the Midlothian turnpike, five miles from Richmond, and when he had requested the man to make tails was not true, but the awful ing and acting upon the reports the Midlothian turnpike, five miles from Richmond, and when he had requested the man to make tails was not true, but the awful ing and acting upon the reports the Midlothian turnpike, five miles from Richmond, and when he had requested the man to make the body mortuary room, which adjoins the doub absurber. There it lay the shot which killed Mrs. Beatcomstances, remains. For this for four hours until an undertak- tie. He added that he had grapaction I am truly sorry, and beer, authorized by the Beattie pled with the man, but was overfamily to prepare it for burial, powered, and that the murderer face, tearing away his teeth and lieving that I am at peace with God, and am soon to pass into removed it to his morgue. Later had fled, leaving the gun behind. His presence, this statement is it was taken to the Beattie home This story of the crime was mainwhere funeral services, attended tained by Beattie to the end. only by the family, will be held. For a brief time Beattie's story The shock that killed Beattie was given at exactly 7:19 o'clock Interment in Maury cemetery will was given some degree of credthis morning. Three distinct follow Sunday. and separate times the current When the funeral cortege mov- suspicion began to point to him, was turned on, and at 7:23 o'clock es to the cemetery Sunday after- and he was kept under the closest it was shut off. Drs. W. T. and noon the morbid will not find surveilance. Bloodhounds, taken St. Julien Oppenheimer a minute places near the grave to satisfy to the scene of the crime, refused later announced that death had their curiosity. been instantaneous, The 22 per-The police have received orders the bloodspot on the road. sons in the death chamber thereto clear the cemetery during the upon filed out, and the end of aservice there, and to permit no ed, had thrown the shotgun into one to enter the burial ground the tonneau of his automobile aflengthy and costly battle for save the Beattie's and their ter the shooting, but in passing In addition to the two physidead. cians there were gathered in the death house when Beattie apalone with its grief. The window out and was picked up later by a peared, the 12 witnesses to the shades in the residence are drawn negress. This gun, which Beattight and no movement is seen tie alleged had belonged to the electrocution, as required by law, the Revs. John J. Fix and Bensorrow, neighbors and towns- the means of sending the young jamin Dennis, Major James B. Woods, superintendent of the people who would like to offer a man to the electric chair. penitentiary, the electrician and word of consolation and sympathy four deputy wardens. The room are remaining away from the weapon was identified by Paul with an attack of appendicitis both almost new, one of those home. The idly curious did not Beattie, a second cousin of young while at Graham, Friday, Nov, wonderful "Kitchin Cabinets," was flooded with light from a share in this feeling, however, Henry, as the weapon he had pur- 17th. group of incandescent lamps set for the same general crowd that chased for young Henry with in a low ceiling and a light that stood in the down pour before money furnished by the latter. swung on its cord immediately dawn at the penitentiary gates Beattie was arrested immediately Leo's Hospital, Greensboro, frigerator, a lot of brown leghorn was on hand throughout the after the inquest. This was on where he was operated on and chickens etc. afternoon hoping to catch a July 21, and on August 19, one thought to be improving. Satur glimpse of some member of the month and one day after the day striken family. They maintained of the murder, the trial was betheir vigil until darkness drove gun before Judge Walter A. Wat- he could not live through the them away. Events moved so rapidly dur- house, 16 miles from here. ing the day that Richmond still The jury was made up almost is gasping. The sudden product- entirely of farmers, and on this death. The body was carried to dall at the Christian Parsonage. ion of the murderer's confession fact Beattie based his claim that Grey's Chapel Sunday, where Only a few friends being prescaused a profound sensation. he had been convicted, not for There had been rumors of the the murder of his wife, but beexistence of such a document, cause of his relations with Beulah Mr. Cates was 39 years old and a but the rumors were based on Binford, a notorious young wonothing tangible. Emphatically man. He insisted to the last that When the preliminaries were and persistently they were denied a jury composed of city men by the family of the slayer, by would have freed him. Beattie the attorneys who had taken part was defended by H. M. Smith, threw back an iron-studded door in the celebrated case and by the Jr., and Hill Carter. The prosprison authorities. The ministers ecution was conducted by L. C. refused to discuss the reports, Wendenburg and L. M. Gregory. putting off all interrogators with The trial moved swiftly, though the simple statement that "they many witnesses testified, and on Burlington Reformed Church, he simple statement that they many witnesses testiled, and on oped for a confession," The acknowledgement of his incomplete and prayer, the incomplete and p hoped for a confession," crime by Beattie was nowhere jury, in chorus, instead of received with more quiet joy than through its foreman, declared in the executive mansion. Gover- Beattie to be guilty of the murder nor Mann, who resisted all pres- of his wife. Motion for a new sure brought to bear upon him trial was denied, and November to commute the sentence or to 24 set as the day for the execuissue a reprieve, has worried him- tion. self into a state bordering on On November 13th the Virginia nervous breakdown through en- Supreme Court of Appeals refustertaining the fear that he might ed to grant an appeal on a writ of ty years after the Chicago fire in which he set forth in excellent The McNamaras are in part gobe permitting an innocent man to error, and two days later Gover. Mrs. O'Leary's cow is acquitted terms the duties of church mem- ing to be tried by special corfeet away kroning out the death Warrant. Beattie listened to it! go to his doom.

to the chair. Beattie was convicted solely on in the face of damning circumstantial evidence, so linked as to mar-nacknowledgement of a murder that has held the interest of the whole country.

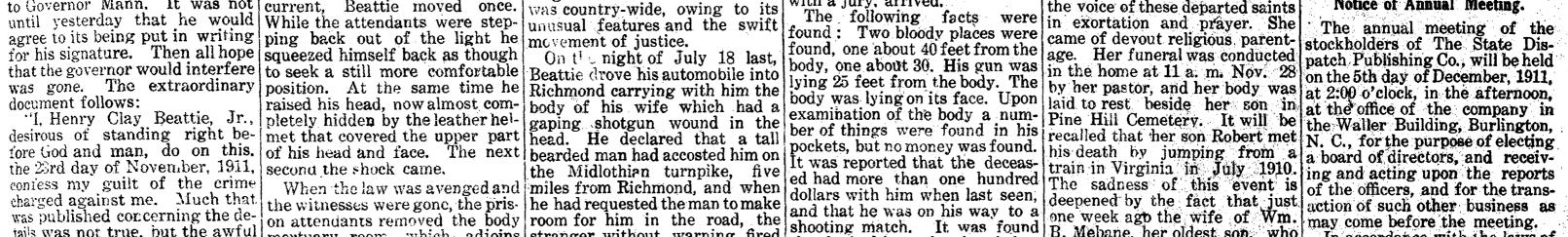
attie first admitted his guilt ino-vember 9, the day after he en-vous strain was disclosed by his towed the death cell and before tightly clenched left hand.



THUMASVILLE MAN IS FOUND DEAD WUUDS

suddenly Saturday morning, was found late this evening nearly three miles south of this place in baying the body. The boys were spreading the alarm as they ran. Soon a number of people gathered and guarded the body and waited until Coroner Peacock, with a jury, arrived.

PROPINICAM Death of Mrs. Mebane. Mrs. Margaret Foust Mebane. wife of J. Robert Mebane, died The Burlington Township Sunin her home in Burlington 1 ov. day School Association will con-27, 1911, aged a little more than vene in the Christian Church, band, two sons and six daugh- workers urged to attend. ters, also one brother and four sisters, she being the first of her First Session, 2:30 P. M. father's children to be called to Song the spirit land. In early life she Devotional Service-professed faith in Christ and Rev. A Rev. A. B. Kendall death at uswn today, the sen-in it the hint of a sneer and then shared by the jurors who convict-issued a statement declaring that united with Mt. Hope Reformed Song Church in Guilford county, Re- Words of Welcomecently she removed by certificate J. H. Vernon, Esq. to the Reformed church in Bur- Responselington. Her religious training Rev. J. D. Andrew was under the late Rev. Dr. G. Roll Call & Reports W. Welker together with the fol- Song lowing four laymen, viz.: her fa- Addressther S. E. Foust, her husband's father W. M. Mebane. John Corsbie and Daniel Welker. Under Song the devout training of these God Election of Officers Thomasville, Nov. 25. -- The body of Charles Lee Everhart, who mysteriously disappeared so was reared. The Hon. C. H. fearing men a blessing came to Intermission Mebane, now of Raleigh, Dr. C. Song Banks McNairy, proprietor of How to deepen the Spiritual life-Foot Hills Sanitorium, of Lenoir, a patch of woodland by two boys Rev. W. H. McNairy, pastor of The Baraca & Philathea Class-while out rabbit hunting, the dogs the new Heidelbery Reformed J. Van Carter baying the body. The boys were Mission in Lincolnton, the late Selecting place for next conven-terribly frightened and fied, Rev. C. A. Starr and the writer tion came in the next class and now Song when they get together always Benediction recall with great pleasure the vaited until Coroner Peacock, vith a jury, arrived. The following facts were ound: Two bloody places were Notice of Annual Meeting. found : Two bloody places were came of devout religious parent- stockholders of The State Disfound, one about 40 feet from the age. Her funeral was conducted patch Publishing Co., will be held



J. Van Carter, Second Session, 7:30 P. M.

Rev. A. B. Kendall J. Van Carter

mmodar engagiown fabut a ed else-

made."

justice had ended.

above the chair.

bersonalng time

an, a**nd** 

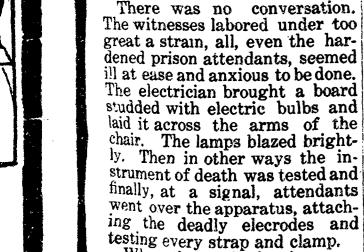


able.

ited :

00 Each.

ton N. C.



over, Superintendent Woods, accompanied by two deputies, VING and started for the death cell. Instantly the death chamber was plunged into blackness with the exception of a vivid circle of light from the hooded and powerful pany ngton lamp above the chair. The chair, an oaken bit of furniture. which, except for its straps and steel bands, might grace any library, was on a rubber mat. Alt but it was obscured, the dazzling rays from the low swing lamp throwing everything else into darkness so dense as almost to be felt. The little party in the chamber heard the superintendent a few

ence, but within a day or two to leave the place, circling around

Beattie, it eventually transpir-

over some railroad tracks not far.

Tonight the Beattie family is from the scene it had been jolted body was found. about the place. Respecting their mysterious highwayman, proved DEATH OF MR. W. N. CATES

At the coroner's inquest the son, in the picturesque little court

nor Mann, who had been appealed of that kick.

the load coming out through the body was turned over to Underment. taker Green until 8 o'clock tomorrow morning, when the coroner's jury will render their verdict.

and back of the right ear, and

Robert C. Leonard, who was last seen with Everhart, was arrested on suspicion and hurried to Lexington by automobile and placed in jail for safe keeping.

kind and sympathetic during the The preliminary hearing will be serious illness of our wife and held tomorrow at 1 o'clock and mother. May the kind Heavenly interest centers on the hearing. Eather repay each one for these Leonard claims to have left kind deeds. Everhart about noon at Frank Workman's store, and it was just at that time and place that all trace of the dead man was wiped out until today, when his dead

Mr. W. M. Cates was seized stove, a "Perfection" oil stove,

He grew worse in his home ers, four split bottom chairs, one and on Tuesday was taken to St. cheap bureau, one cot, one reday about 2 o'clock a message was received by his wife, stating

Mr. Ernest Hasting and Miss night. While preparing to go to his bed side another message Jessie Mebane were married Sunwas received, announcing his day evening by Rev. A. B. Kenfuneral and burial was conducted ent. They left on train No. 22 by Rev. J. D. Andrew Modnay. for Chapel Hill to visit his sister.

member of a very large family, there boing sixteen children. For the past several years he has the M-B. Smith furniture house to write you later. at the time of his death.

He was a man of an excellent

character, being a deacon in the two sons, one six weeks old and the other three or four years. He was a native of Durham county, and was married to Miss Ednora Routh of Randolph county several years ago.

History is remade slowly. For- cal address to the congregation

ing sick only 24 hours. The husband and children have the sincere sympathy of a host

Card Of Thanks

We desire to thank our friends

J. R. Mebane and Children.

For Sale.

few articles more or less useful

we would like to dispose of be-

tween this and the 7th of Decem-

ber. Among other things we

have a "Sunny South" cook

2 porch rockers, two parlor rock-

Rev. J. A. Hornaday.

Hasting-Mebane.

We, the undersigned, have a

and neighbors who have been so

J. D. Andrew.

By her pastor,

has been transferred on the books of the company, within twenty of friends in this sore bereavedays next preceding this election.

November 23, 1911, Dr. J. A. Pickett, Pres.

stock can be voted upon which

## Native of Alamance.

Rev. W. S. Clapp, who is a naive Alamance county boy now residing at Landford, Pa., writes that he has recently been called to the pastorate of Trinity Reformed church, Collegeville, Pa. This ehurch is attended by the Faculty and students of Ursinus College and is one of the charges in the Philadelphia Class of the Reformed church. This is quite an honor to Rev. Clapp to be elected to such an important field and especially so early in his ministry. Rev. Clapp has many friends throughout the State who will read of his success with pleasure. He having served as a supply in our sister county, Guilford, while but a ministerial student. He is a man of great force and our only hope is some day we may have him return to the land of snnshine and flowers and reside in Alamance.

### Death of Mrs. Huffman.

Mrs. Edna Huffman, widow of the late Daniel Huffman, died in her home between St. Marks and the Brick Church Tuesday evening, Nov. 28th, aged nearly 80 years. She leaves two sons, P. P. Huffman of Burlington and Thomas L. Huffman who resides with the mother and three sisters, Mrs. Mollie Clapp and Misses Annie and Laura Huff-As I have not decided what man. Her funeral will be held business, being connected with The 5, 10 & 25c. Store, will have Thursday the 30th by her pastor and her body will be laid to rest in the graveyard at St. Marks Reformed church where for a long time she has been a mem-

J. D. Andrew.

respondents or so it seems.

From Santa Claus. been engaged in the furniture day I can meet the children at in the home at 10 o'clock a. m.

> The installation of Pastor C. I. Morgan at the Lutheran church ber. Her health has been bad Synod delivered the charge to the years and no member of his conpastor. In pointed remarks he gregation appreciated a visit to showed what the true minister her home more thon "Grandma should be, do, and teach. At 3:30 Huffman. She was a very kind-Rev. V. Y. Boozer, president of hearted mother and a good neighthe northern Conference deliver- | bor. ed a very interesting and practi-

🐒 l bers.

