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Midnight Intruder Killed Groceryman in His Storeroom.

Greensboro, Sept 26 — A mystery which seems to be composed of a bunch of hopeless tangles, becoming more elusive of solution as it is investigated, attends the death of J. H. Taylor, the West street groceryman, whose body with two bullet holes in it was found stretched cold on the floor of his store yesterday morning. The circumstances are so strange and confusing that the coroner's jury, after sitting on the case all day, submitted a verdict that death was due to bullet wounds fired by an unknown hand or hands, then being dismissed.

There were no eye witnesses so far as is known and there is no certain information as to the time Mr. Taylor was killed Wednesday night, although from piecemeal reports it is believed the death occurred during the midnight hour, or sometime between 10 o'clock and midnight. Investigations in the store yesterday morning showed there had been a fierce struggle and that the muzzle of the pistol was close to the body of the dead man when one of the shots was fired, for there were powder marks on his hand, his clothing was burned, the right sleeve of his shirt was torn, and a strip of moulding had been pulled loose from the side of one of the counters, while articles packed in the store were scattered about the store near the body of the dead man.

That Mr. Taylor had been surprised during the night by some intruder seemed evident, for in his hurry from his bed room to adjoining the store he overturned a chair, scattered some articles about the room and rushed out in his underclothes and top shirt, clad in which was his body when discovered. It would seem too, that he met his death from his own pistol, although this is not positively known. The pistol which was the calibre, cannot be found, and always kept it by him in his bedroom. Presumably the intruder snatched this gun from Taylor's hand and after firing the two shots, took the gun away with him.

The main theory as to his being aroused and of his subsequent death is that a burglar had broken into the store through the rear door, which was standing open yesterday morning with the wooden button lying on the floor and the lock torn loose, and that the burglar, surprised by the lights and the ap-

pearance of the proprietor, crouched on the floor and grabbed him, upon which the struggle ensued. Another theory is that some enemy of Mr. Taylor's although it is not known that he had any, could have entered the store and slayed his man, although there are few facts or circumstances to show this, while no one knows of any cause that anybody in the world would have for killing Mr. Taylor.

His death was first discovered between 5:30 and 6 o'clock by Robert King who passed by the store to get a package of cigarettes while on his way to work. Trying the front door he was unable to make an entry, and noticing the side door was open he went around there and walked in. He was dumfounded to find the body of the proprietor stretched before him between the two counters at the rear of store, rushed out and gave the alarm.

He first informed Policeman J. M. Pugh, who had just gone off night duty and was at his home nearby, 1009 West Lee street. Mr. Pugh telephoned to the police station, and Chief Isley, Sheriff Stafford and Coroner Wood were soon on the scene. The store was still in the condition, supposedly, in which it was left after the murderer made his escape. The body was cold and stiff.

The feet were toward the adjoining bed room where Mr. Taylor slept while the head was toward the front door, the body lying on its left side. The bleeding had been mostly internally, as there was but little blood on the floor.

The inquest by the coroner was secret, none being present except the jury and the witnesses, whose names the coroner withheld pending further developments. The members of the jury were: G. F. Paschal, C. C. Buchanan, J. C. Ferguson, William Earl, J. R. Pitts, and J. W. Snow. The verdict delivered about 5 o'clock was that the jury was not able to locate guilty party. "Party came to his death by a gun shot fired in the body by some person or persons whose identity we have been unable to discover."

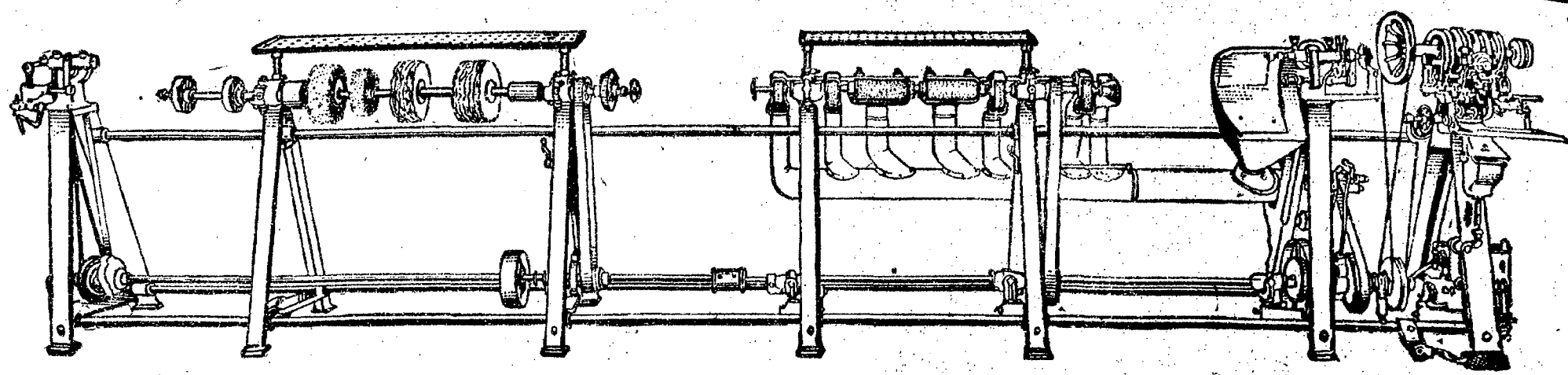
Mr. Taylor was 50 years of age.

Beautiful Millinery Openings.

The various millinery opening last Friday and Saturday were very beautiful and elaborate. Not only did the ladies of Burlington come out in great numbers to see the picturesque headwear, but Graham, Elon College, Haw River and Mebane were represented by many of the fair ones who thronged the streets with buggies, automobiles and many came on the train. All the openings were elaborate and we must confess we have puzzled to try to decide which of the hats are the prettiest, but have been unsuccessful in rendering a decision.

Aerolane Went Wrong.

North Wilkesboro, Sept. 23. — An ovation of Paris, Eugene Sodat, drove his machine a Curtis type, through two fences, over or through a number of buggies and against the stalls before it could be stopped today. It was his first attempt at the fair grounds. Strange to say, he escaped with only a few bruises, but his machine was damaged to the amount of \$300 or \$400. His last flight was a success, but he had been in four accidents, one of them at Fayetteville.



NEW SHOE REPAIRING SHOP

Foster Shoe Company announce the opening of their new shoe repairing shop in the rear of the second floor of the Foster Building Thursday October 9th, 1913.

For quite a while we have realized the need of an up-to-date shoe repairing department in connection with our shoe business which is growing at a rapid rate.

We believe that the best is none too good for the many friends of the Foster Shoe Company and in looking over the different makes of machinery, it did not require but a few minutes of our time to decide that the Goodyear Shoe Repairing Outfit was the only machine. So we have just installed a Goodyear Shoe Repairing Outfit, that almost human-like machine, the greatest shoe machinery in the world, the same machine as used in all the leading shoe factories. We have secured the services of one of the best shoe makers and shoe builders in the state to have charge of the shop.

We feel that we can appeal to the friends of Foster Shoe Co., to give us their entire business in this line feeling that if you do this all will be benefited.

In putting in the New Department, we have spared no pains in giving the good people of Burlington, Graham and surrounding vicinity, one of the best equipped shoe repairing shops in the South.

We shall operate this new shop in connection with our shoe store and you shall have that same kind and courteous treatment that has always characterized the Foster Shoe Store.

We will be fully equipped to rebuild your shoes, attach rubber heels or any other repairing that your shoes may need. We will use only the best grade of sole leather, rubber heels and findings coupled with the highest grade workmanship. Our prices will be just as reasonable as conditions will permit. Don't fail to attend our opening on Oct. 9th, and see this wonderful machine in operation.

Bring your work with you, if you cannot come or send us your work, phone 16, and we will have our boy call at your home for it.

Your friends,

FOSTER SHOE COMPANY

BURLINGTON, N. C.

PIEDMONT OPERA HOUSE

Friday Oct. 3rd

Geo. M. Cohan's Musical Farce

"THE LITTLE MILLIONAIRE"



The best theatrical offering of the season. A rare treat, with Hazel Burgess and Bert Leigh, and a chorus of pretty girls.

Prices \$1.00 75, 50. Seats on sale Monday morning 10 o'clock at Freeman's.

Death of Walter L. Holt.

Mr. Walter L. Holt formerly connected with the Elmira Mills of this city but recently connected with the Holt-Morgan Mills of Fayetteville died Wednesday morning at Richmond where he had been receiving treatment at a hospital. He was the brother

of Col. Robt. L., J. H. and W. H. Holt of this city. E. C. Holt of Wilmington, Capt. Sam Holt of Ernest Holt of Texas. He will be buried beside his daughter at Fayetteville.

FRESH fish and oysters L. B. Gross Fruit stand Saturday.

CAPUDINE LADIES! DO YOU SUFFER with Monthly Headaches? Take CAPUDINE for them. The prompt relief is magical.
 10c. 25c. 50c. A BOTTLE AT ALL DRUGGISTS.

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