

# The Concord Daily Tribune

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## DIES BY HIS OWN HAND ON HIS WIFE'S GRAVE.

### Mr. W. H. Skinner Committed Suicide Saturday Evening in Oakwood Cemetery.

The body of Mr. William H. Skinner was found Saturday evening about 7 o'clock lying beside the grave of his wife. He had killed himself not long before with a British bulldog pistol, which was found near him.

Several ladies who were in the cemetery arranging flowers on the graves of loved ones, saw the body of a man lying close beside a grave. It was thought at first that he was in a drunken stupor, but on closer examination it was seen that there was blood on his shirt on the left side. There was no man near, and the ladies went at once to the home of Mr. W. W. Morris and telephoned to the Chief of Police. Policemen Braswell and Earnhardt went to the scene, and at once recognized the dead man as Mr. Skinner.

Mr. Skinner was seen in the cemetery as late as 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and he could not, therefore, have been dead long. His aim was sure and deadly. The ball entered just below the heart and ranged upward. Death must have been almost instantaneous. Coroner Caldwell was summoned but it was decided that an inquest was not necessary, as notes found on the dead man's body told too plainly the story of self-destruction. The body was at once moved to Craven Bros. undertaking establishment, where it was prepared for burial.

Mr. Skinner was about 60 years of age. His wife died about two and a half years ago. He came to Concord from Wilson when quite a young man, and made his home here almost ever since. He was a tinner by trade and a fine workman. He worked many years for Mr. W. J. Hill and afterwards was in business here for himself. He left Concord a year ago, and had since made his home in Charlotte. His family has been broken up, and in his loneliness he felt, no doubt, that there was nothing to live for.

Mr. Skinner came to Concord last Monday, and every day last week visited his wife's grave at the cemetery. No doubt when he came here the intention to take his life was in his mind. From a conversation at the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. Jno. M. Young, it was evident that this was his purpose.

In Mr. Skinner's pocket two notes written on an old bill head were found. They are numbered one and two and are as follows:

Note No. 1.—"I am a lonely father; no home to go to; just left my two children. Fr and dear C. I saw all of them I care to see. Mother is in heaven, I don't know where I will go. Life is no pleasure to me since I lost her. I have no mind it is a blank. This is for one of my children and no one else."

Note No. 2.—"I have done a better part by some than I ever got credit for. Salisbury depot. My eyes is failing. Concord is my next place and I hope it will be my last."

Mr. Skinner leaves seven children as follows:

Mrs. H. B. Lentz, of Salisbury; Mrs. Powell, of Virginia; Mrs. J. F. Hathcock, of Virginia; Mrs. Edgar Barrell, of Boston, Mass.; Mrs. W. E. Snider, of Winston-Salem; Miss Willie Louise Skinner, of Salisbury; Mr. Charles S. Skinner, of Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Hathcock and Miss Willie Louise were the only children who were able to attend the funeral, which took place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mr. Skinner married Miss Fannie Keesler, a sister of Mrs. Jno. M. Young, of Concord, and Prof. R. L. Keesler, of Charlotte.

## Labor Dispute With Southern Roads.

Railroads operating in the territory south of the Potomac and east of the Mississippi have applied to Chairman Knapp, of the Interstate Commission under the Erdman act, to settle a dispute with their men over a question of wages.

Chairman Knapp and Commissioner of Labor Neill held a conference later with E. P. Curtis, vice president of the Order of Railroad Conductors and Val Fitzpatrick, vice on the subject. It is likely that the matter will be given to a board of arbitration for settlement.

## A \$40 Sewing Machine at Your Own Price.

A splendid high-grade sewing machine will be given to the highest bidder by the Concord Furniture Co. on June 30 at 4 o'clock, p. m. Make your own bid on it any time you choose. The one making the highest bid will get the machine. All you have to do is to go to their store, enter your name and make a bid. You will find full particulars in a large ad in this paper. The store will be open every night until 9 o'clock.

## THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES.

### To be Held Next Saturday—No Contests for Nominations.

The Democratic primaries for the various county, district and State offices will be held next Saturday throughout the county. The primaries will be held at 3 o'clock p. m. in all the townships, except No. 12, where they will be held at the various wards at 8 p. m.

So far but little interest has been shown in the primaries. There are no contests for the county offices, there being only one candidate announced for each. This is, we think, the first time this has happened in Cabarrus politics. (The candidates announcing themselves are as follows:

Clerk of Court—M. L. Widenhouse. Sheriff—J. F. Harris. Register of Deeds—J. B. McAllister.

Treasurer—C. W. Swink. Cotton-Weigher—W. B. Boger.

Mr. L. T. Hartsell is spoken of for the Senate, and it is hoped he may be prevailed upon to accept the nomination. Mr. W. L. Morris, of No. 11, is wanted for the House.

The following have been mentioned for county commissioners: Messrs. Jno. A. Barnhardt, Rufus Cline, Jno. W. Cook, Geo. W. Dry, C. W. Bost, W. W. Flowe, Jno. W. Propst and W. Reece Johnson.

## Pretty Expensive Fun.

Sallie Ervin, a colored woman of this city, was tried in the Recorder's court this morning, charged with damage to property, belonging to M. L. Brown & Bro. She hired a horse at Brown's stable yesterday afternoon and drove over to Tournament street, where she met up with two of her friends and invited them for a drive. They had a good supply of liquor, and after imbibing pretty freely of the liquid they proceeded to break a few speed records along Tournament street. While they were driving off "barleycorn" began to have its effect, with the result that Sallie was unable to keep the steed in the middle of the road, and the buggy soon departed from the straight and narrow path, landing in a ditch and scattering the three colored damsels, booze and all, along the highway. The buggy was turned completely over and the top broken. The Recorder decided to allow Sallie to pay Brown Bros. \$10.00 damage to the buggy and taxed her with the costs in the case, the whole amounting to \$18.60. She was given until tomorrow to pay the fine and if she is unable to do this she will be sent to jail for thirty days. In the meantime Sallie is in the lock-up.

## Surprise Marriage in No. 6.

A marriage that created no little surprise among the relatives and friends of the contracting parties was consummated yesterday afternoon at the home of Rev. T. R. Lingle, in No. 3 township, when Mr. L. Sid Barrier and Miss Mamie Peninger were united in matrimony. Only a few intimate friends of the young people were aware of the forthcoming event. The parents of both the contracting parties did not know that they contemplated such a step until after the ceremony was performed. The groom came to Concord Saturday afternoon and had a friend to secure the license for him. Yesterday afternoon he and the bride were out driving, together with Miss Ophia Barrier and Mr. Clyde Gillespie, of Salisbury, and the young people drove to the home of Mr. Lingle, where the ceremony was performed. Both of the young people are well known in Concord, the groom being a brother of Mrs. Reece Long.

## A Dog's Obituary.

We are asked to publish the following which was written by little Miss Emma Winecoff:

Saturday, June 18, Bonnie, the little fox terrier of Mrs. S. P. Heardy, died at twelve o'clock. She was 6 years of age and was loved by every one, not only her master and mistress but by every one who knew her. She had been taught many tricks and learned many. Among these was when one of the old hens deserted her little chicks and Bonnie adopted them and took care of them until she died. She attended church every Sunday and was very attentive during the sermon. Bonnie will be missed by every one but her memory will last as one among the brightest and most sensible dogs.

The condition of Maj. H. A. London, of Pittsboro, who has been critically ill with facial erysipelas since Monday, is somewhat improved and strong hopes are now entertained for his recovery. Two doctors and two trained nurses have been daily attending him and his severe illness has been of the deepest concern to the people of the State.

Master Jno. Stedman, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. C. L. Ervin, will return tomorrow to his home in Oxford.

## MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

### A Narrow Escape—Children's Day Observed—Other Items of Interest.

Drs. Moose and Wallace had a right exciting experience as well as a narrow escape from serious injury Friday afternoon. Dr. Wallace had over from Concord and, accompanied by Dr. Moose, went to see the small-pox patients on Mr. John Kindley's farm. They were driving Dr. Moose's horse and on their return to town, in making a sharp turn, the buggy was overturned, causing the horse to run away. Both occupants were thrown from the buggy but escaped unhurt. The buggy top was broken, but no great damage was done to the vehicle. How it all happened with so small damage done is almost a miracle.

Children's Day exercises were given at the Methodist church yesterday at the evening service. The programme was an excellent one and was carried out by the children to the smallest details in a way that reflected great credit upon themselves and those who had the work in charge. The exercise was enjoyed very much.

The Mt. Pleasant Council of the Junior Order observed yesterday its annual decoration day. A special committee went to Concord to decorate the graves of their deceased members there, and the whole Council attended the decoration exercises in the afternoon here.

Considerable damage is reported to have been done the wheat crop by the rains of last week, though it perhaps is not as great as was at first supposed.

Rev. J. P. Miller, pastor of the Lutheran church, entertained the ministers of the town at dinner Friday.

Work is progressing nicely on the new flour mill which is being erected by Foid Bros. on their lot near the Tuscarora Cotton Mill. Score another manufacturing enterprise for the town without a railroad.

Dr. G. D. Moose leaves tonight to attend the meeting of the medical association at Wrightsville.

Quite a number of young people spent yesterday at Misenheimer's Springs.

Miss Mary Heilig leaves tomorrow for Jefferson, S. C., where she goes to spend the summer visiting relatives.

Miss Margaret Bost, of Hickory, is visiting her friend, Miss Ella Moose.

Prof. G. F. McAllister is home from Asheville where he attended the meeting of the Teachers' Association.

Mr. Roy Webster, of Gaffney, S. C., spent a few days here last week.

Mr. Chas. Thayer goes to Salisbury tomorrow to spend some time with friends and relatives.

Miss Anna Belle Barrier leaves Thursday for Hickory on a visit to Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Keller. Later she will go to Murphy to spend some time.

Mr. Nip Dry, who is in the employ of the International Harvester Company, is home from a trip on the road.

Miss Nina Nussman and Mrs. C. F. James are guests at Misenheimer Springs.

Mt. Pleasant, June 20.

## Forest Hill News.

Rev. F. L. Townsend, of Lincolnton, returned to his home this morning after spending several days in the city with Mr. Eli T. Goldston. Mr. Townsend preached to a large congregation Sunday morning and night at Forest Hill Methodist church.

Miss Dorothy Dixon returned to her home in Charlotte last Saturday after spending some time in the city with her friend, Miss Lena Hall Fisher.

Messrs. W. Keighley and J. L. Foville, of Howard & Bullough Company are in the city erecting machinery at the Locke Mills.

Mrs. Margaret Vance left today for Charlottesville, Va., where she will attend the Summer School for six weeks. She will be accompanied by her cousin, Miss Beulah Johnson, of Mooresville.

Messrs. R. F. Coble, Chas. Forest and Sam T. Forest spent several hours in Salisbury yesterday, making the trip in an automobile.

Mr. J. C. Keler, of Kings Mountain, has arrived in the city and accepted the position of overseer of cording at the Locke Mills.

A lamp exploded Saturday night at the home of Mr. G. W. Petrea on North Church street and for a few minutes the room was ablaze and threatening to burn the house. Mrs. Petra and daughter bravely attacked the flames and in a few minutes had them under control. Mrs. Petra received several painful burns on her hands and arms. The fire alarm was promptly turned in and the fire company as promptly responded but luckily for all, there was no fire for them to fight.

Seven of the Asheville dentists' offices were entered by unknown thieves last Saturday night and gold, used for filling purposes, together with large quantities of false teeth, valued in all at about \$1,500, was taken. No clue to the robbers has yet been found.

Miss Mary Plaster spent yesterday at her old home in Enochville.

## ROOSEVELT BACK AGAIN.

### A Welcome that Will go Down in History Greeted Him on His Return.

Theodore Roosevelt set foot on home shores Saturday for the first time in nearly fifteen months and received a rousing welcome in New York.

Though hot and sultry, the weather held fair until the marine parade, the exercises at the Battery and the march up Broadway and Fifth avenue to Central Park had been carried through with punctuality and precision. Then it rained great guns. A torrential thunder shower, accompanied by a high wind that did much damage, swept suddenly down on the home-ward bound visitors but cleared again shortly before 5 o'clock.

The line of march in the lower city was through a seething whirlpool of enthusiasm. The tall cliffs of the canyon that is Broadway, were speckled with faces at the windows. Everything imaginable was waved aloft and aloft. Whirls of descending ticker tape, thrown from windows in the financial district filled the air with spirals.

Colonel Roosevelt was as enthusiastic as the crowd. He remained standing almost constantly throughout the two-hour journey.

In the excitement and suspense of waiting for the time when the returning marine parade should bring the colonel to his appointed landing point at the Battery there were many little incidents that showed the temper of the crowd. One stevedore unloading a ship laid down his hook to watch and wait.

"Hi," shouted the foreman, "you come back here or I'll dock you an hour."

"Dock me a week," shouted back the recalcitrant. "I'm going to have a look at Teddy."

Without exception, the evening papers declare the affair was a splendid tribute to the popularity and appreciation of the genius and ability of Roosevelt. There is nothing else to say. But the lack of real enthusiasm is indicated in all the reports, and the element of curiosity is made much of.

## NEW LONDON.

James Umstead, of Durham, spent Sunday at W. M. Ivey's.

Braek Talbert, of Kannapolis, is here visiting friends and relatives.

Messrs. H. L. Brown and Wade Russell, of Tuckertown, spent Sunday with friends here.

Miss Mary Crowell, of Virginia, Va., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Dr. J. I. Campbell, of Norwood, for a few days stay with her grandmother, Mrs. T. J. Crowell.

Mrs. Margaret Page, of Winston-Salem, is visiting her sister here, Mrs. Otho Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Will T. Huckabee, of Albemarle, visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Fannie Harris, of Albemarle, visited friends and relatives here, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mattie Moss left for Edgemont on last Saturday, where she will teach this summer.

Messrs. Krone Misenheimer and Grady Lilly, of near Rest, spent Sunday and Monday with friends here.

Wheat in this section is excellent, and there are good prospects for a tremendous yield this year.

Prof. Zeb V. Moss left Tuesday for Asheville, where he will attend the North Carolina Teacher's Assembly, which is in session there now.

Health in the village is excellent this spring, better than has been known for several years.

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W. H. Griffith, an expert sewing machine adjuster, is now in Concord. If your machine needs attention you had better telephone 398.

## Kind of Fertilizer to Use.

A. V. Editor:—Mr. C. R. Hudson has the following to say with regard to kind of fertilizer to use on cowpeas and other legumes:

On good fertile soil, cowpeas, soy beans and other legumes require only a small amount of nitrogen or perhaps none at all. However, they all feed strongly on phosphoric acid and potash, and should always have these substances applied to the soil. The red stiff clay soils where deeply plowed usually furnish considerable potash, but scarcely any phosphoric acid. I would prefer cotton seed meal to nitrate of soda for corn. I would apply half of it when the corn is planted, and the other half when it is from one to two feet high. Nitrate of soda should not be applied until the corn is bunching for tassel. Being very soluble, it may be carried off by rain before the corn can properly take it up. However, by proper farming, including the planting of large areas of legumes, the farmer should never have to buy any nitrogen. That is what we are trying to get into practice through our work.

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## Judge Long Unanimously Indorsed by Bar of His Home County.

To the People of the Tenth Judicial District: Whereas, Honorable Benjamin F. Long, Judge of the Superior Court for the Tenth District, has, as we believe, faithfully and conscientiously performed the duties of this high position during his first term, now closing, has borne himself with dignity in office and has rendered unerring and able service to the State, in recognition of his unquestioned ability, both as lawyer and judge, the record he has made, and his high character as a man, we, the undersigned, Democratic members of the bar of Iredell county, do hereby heartily and unanimously approve and commend his career upon the bench, and endorse him for another term, and we respectfully ask, at the hands of the Democratic party of the district, that he be renominated. This May 21, 1910.

J. A. HARTNESS,  
JAMES B. ARMFIELD,  
C. H. ARMFIELD,  
DORMAN THOMPSON,  
ZEB V. LONG,  
J. B. CONNELLY,  
L. C. CALDWELL,  
HARRY P. GRIER,  
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