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EY-MAYOR McCUE HANGED.

Pays the Penalty of His Life for the Murder of His Wife.

Made no Statement on the Gallows Confessed to His Ministers That He Slew His Wife, and He Alone is Responsible for The Deed.

Charlottesville, Va., Feb. 10.—Ex-Mayor James Samuel McCue was hanged this morning in the city jail yard, for the murder of his wife, Mrs. Fannie Crawford McCue, on the night of the 4th of September last, at his home on Park Street. The prisoner walked to the gallows unaided in his shirt sleeves. He was accompanied by his pastor, Rev. Dr. G. L. Petrie, of the Presbyterian Church, Sergeant Rogers, and two guards. The prisoner never spoke a word after ascending the gallows. He made the foregoing statement to his ministers, this morning, in his cell:

"J. Samuel McCue stated this morning in our presence and requested us to make it public, that he did not wish to leave this world with suspicion resting on any human being other than himself; that he alone is responsible for the deed, impelled to it by an evil power beyond his control and that he realized his sentence as just."

"(Signed) George L. Petrie, Harry B. Lee, John B. Turpin."

The body of McCue was carried by his friends to "Brookville," Albemarle county, the old home-stand, to be buried by the side of his father and mother. McCue was a native of Albemarle county, a well-known young lawyer, and has been the mayor of Charlottesville for the last three terms. He married Miss Fannie Crawford, of the Valley of Virginia, nineteen years ago, and there were four children by the union: William, 18 years old; Samuel O.; Harry W.; and Ruby, a beautiful girl of ten summers.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CASE.

Mrs. Fannie M. McCue, wife of J. Samuel McCue, former mayor of Charlottesville, was murdered in their home in that city on Sunday evening, September 4th. McCue claimed that an intruder had entered their bedroom just after their return from church, and while they were preparing to retire.

Later, the wife was found beaten and shot to death in the bathtub. McCue offered a liberal reward.

A coroner's jury immediately began an inquisition. Before it concluded its work McCue was arrested, charged with the murder of his wife. The accused retained brilliant counsel. He was indicted at the September term of court, was arraigned and pleaded not guilty. The case was set for trial at the October term.

Great difficulty was experienced in getting a jury. Just 163 veniremen were summoned before twelve jurors were accepted. The cost for jurors and mileage was \$1,865.09.

Hearing of testimony was begun October 25th. Instructions were offered and argued, the case elaborately argued and given to the jury before noon November 5th. In less than thirty minutes the jury reported a verdict of guilty. Motion to set aside the verdict was refused. An appeal was allowed the petition and record prepared and forwarded to the appellate court January 3rd, 1905. The court refused the writ of error.

Subsequently counsel for McCue filed a supplementary petition, urging the importance of the issue presented. The court, after due consideration, handed down an exhaustive written opinion, denying the writ and emphatically declaring the verdict a just and a justifiable one.

Since that time no further step has been taken until the announcement yesterday that Messrs. Machen and Moncre, of Alexandria, had arrived in the city and were preparing to appeal to the Supreme Court of the

United States for a writ of error. Meanwhile the Governor was flooded with letters and petitions urging clemency.

ARCHER NEWS.

Mr. A. F. Whitley is quite sick. We are glad to state that Mrs. E. J. Eason, who has been quite sick, is improving.

Mrs. Charles Ellis and Miss Attrice Ellice recently visited the family of Mr. N. B. Barnes.

Misses Ava Wall, Ellie Whitley and Ada Hinton, of Clayton, were visitors in this section last week.

Mr. John R. Woodard, of Micro, is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wall.

Miss Jennie Chamblee, of Nash county is visiting her sister, Miss Ruth Chamblee, who is teaching near here.

Mr. Vick Whitley happened to the bad luck to cut his toes off his right foot last week. It is feared his foot will have to be amputated.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. Edna McLamb, which occurred at her home near Benson last week. She was the sister of Mr. William Stancil of this section.

Last Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. W. J. Bissitt, Mr. Samuel Suggs and Miss Cleo Taylor were married. The ceremony was performed by Rev. William Everett, of Clayton. The attendants were Luther M. Barnes and Miss Florence Kitchin, W. Lester Stancil and Miss Cassie Murphy. After the ceremony the happy couple returned to the groom's home at Clayton.

Feb. 13th. S. L. W.

KENLY NEWS.

Mr. J. M. Beaty, of THE SMITHFIELD HERALD, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Alford, of Lucama, spent several days here visiting relatives.

Miss Janie McNeal spent several days this week in Benson with her sister, Mrs. W. J. Hooks. We are sorry to note that Mrs. R. T. Renfrow is still very sick. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. E. R. Wooten, of Rocky Mount, Division Superintendent of the A. C. L. R. R., made a business trip here Friday.

Miss Maggie Whitley has resigned as music teacher in Kenly Academy and will teach a class in Selma this spring. She returned to Selma Tuesday.

We are glad to say that Mr. W. T. Bailey's little daughter, Adna Lee, who was so severely burned last week by falling in the fire, is rapidly improving and will soon be well.

Misses Daisy Osborne and Annie Strickland, teachers in the Lucama High School, and little Miss Eva Lucas spent Saturday and Sunday here visiting at the home of Mr. J. G. High.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Hales, from near Archer Lodge, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Hales' mother, Mrs. W. T. Bailey, who has been very sick, but glad to say is much better now.

Feb. 15th. REX.

Fraud Exposed.

A few counterfeiters have lately been making and trying to sell imitations of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, and Colds, and other medicines, thereby defrauding the public. This is to warn you to beware of such people, who seek to profit, through stealing the reputation of remedies which have been successfully curing disease, for over 35 years. A sure protection, to you, is our name on the wrapper. Look for it, on all Dr. King's, or Bucklen's remedies, as all others are mere imitations. H. E. BUCKLEN & CO., Chicago, Ill., and Windsor, Canada.

—Mrs. Susan Williams, who has been spending sometime here with her sister, Mrs. R. H. McGuire, returned to her home in Oxford Tuesday. Mrs. McGuire accompanied her.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Jack London, the author of "The Call of the Wild," has been nominated for Mayor of Oakland, California, by the Socialist party.

Chicago, Feb. 13th.—Twenty-four families were made homeless by a fire which destroyed the four-story flat building at 166 Webster Avenue, entailing a loss of \$100,000. There was a panic among the occupants of the building, but all escaped.

Atlanta suffered greatly from the blizzard last week. The city was 76 hours without telegraph communication with the outside world. The telegraph companies' losses are enormous, the Postal Company claiming alone to have sustained more than \$50,000 damage by the storm.

The members of the President's cabinet have all tendered their resignations and on the 6th of March all will be nominated for reappointment, with the exception of Mr. Wynne, who is to be appointed consul general at London. Mr. Cortelyou will be nominated on March 6th for Postmaster General.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 14th.—Fire broke out in the Hotel Brevot at 2:30 this morning and the building was gutted by 7:30. The loss is a quarter of a million. Three hundred guests narrowly escaped, but all are believed to be safely removed. Five firemen were injured. The thermometer was 20 below zero last night.

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 13th.—Fire which destroyed the Battle House, Mobile's historic hotel, Commercial Hotel, and several adjoining buildings, was got under control at daylight to-day. The total loss is about \$400,000. No loss of life, but Fire Chief Price and Fireman McMahan were injured by falling bricks.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 14th.—Official returns for the first year of the war, not including Port Arthur, show that 130,439 officers and men passed through the hospitals going north. The figures, it seems, show 77,000 returned to duty. These figures do not include the number killed on the field of battle. The showing is considered remarkably good.

Andrew Carnegie has announced at New York that he would go to Cleveland to testify against Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, who is under arrest in that city charged with obtaining large sums of money on alleged securities bearing Mr. Carnegie's name. It is alleged that the signatures were forged. Mr. Carnegie's announcement was made after a subpoena ordering him to appear in court at Cleveland on March 6th had been served.

Tokio, Feb. 11th.—The Japanese captured an eminecesouth of Changchua on Thursday morning, February 9th, driving off companies of Russian infantry. The Russians have continued shelling Field Marshal Oyama's center and left since Thursday last. The Russian dead who were buried after the battle of Heitoutai totalled two thousand. The Japanese on that occasion captured two thousand rifles.

Madrid, Feb. 13th.—King Alfonso is proving most intractable in the matter of marrying the daughter of the Duke of Connaught, or any other lady selected for him as consort. He and the Queen mother, it is understood, frequently have heated arguments on the matter. He declares that he is not ready to marry before he is twenty years old, while members of the court are arguing that an early marriage is necessary to maintain the dynasty.

Agonizing Burns

are instantly relieved, and perfectly healed, by Bucklen's Arnica Salve. C. Rivenbark, Jr., of Norfolk, Va., writes: "I burnt my knee dreadfully; that it blistered all over. Bucklen's Arnica Salve stopped the pain, and healed it without a scar." Also heals all wounds and sores. 25c. at Hood Bros., druggists.

Henry Toler Dead.

Just as we go to press we learn that Mr. Henry Toler, one of the County Commissioners, died yesterday morning. No particulars.

CLAYTON NOTES.

Mr. E. L. Hinton is having the old Cable house remodelled.

Mr. Jesse J. Ellis spent several days in Greensboro last week. Mr. Thad Hinnant, of near Wendell, was in our town Wednesday.

Messrs. Oscar and Hezekiah Jones spent a delightful evening in the Mount Moriah section Sunday.

We learn with pleasure that our esteemed townsman, Mr. J. J. Ferrell, is steadily improving in health.

Mr. Walter Barham, formerly of this place in the livery business and now near Archer, was here Wednesday.

Mr. R. H. Gower, our popular representative in the General Assembly, spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hales, of Oneals township, spent Saturday and Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Bud Bissett.

Mr. Marshall Holland returned Monday from Four Oaks where he has been to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Johnson.

Mr. C. M. Bray, of the Factory Hill, has left his wife and two-weeks-old child. His whereabouts at present are unknown here.

Mr. C. W. Carter, local secretary of the anti-saloon league, went to Selma Monday to confer with the other members of the county league in reference to asking temperance legislation.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Barnes are attending the Barnes-Bagwell marriage at the home of Mr. Barnes' mother. The contracting parties are Miss Jennie Barnes and Mr. J. J. Bagwell.

The literary class of Clayton High School are preparing to give one of the greatest entertainments of the season on Washington's birthday, February 22nd. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

Mrs. C. W. Carter gave a most elegant Valentine party Tuesday evening. The program in part was as follows: Recitation by Mrs. Will H. McCullers, music by Mrs. McCullers, song by Miss Lessie Ellis, music by Miss Claudia Mitchell, song by Miss Cleve Barnes, refreshments by the charming hostess, then a short tete-a-tete. All present expressed themselves as highly charmed by the generous and courteous hospitality of the genial host and charming hostess.

The "Sack" party at the Baptist parsonage last Friday night scored a success financially as well as socially. The net proceeds were in the neighborhood of \$35.00, in fact something over that figure. The first on the program were the little folks who had the floor from 4 to 6. Every little heart was gladdened by the good things which had been prepared for them. Next came the married folks from 6 to 8. They were charmed by the gracious reception given them. Last but not least came the young folks. No pains had been spared in making this one of the most enjoyable events of the season. Taking it all together, this was one of the most unique social events ever gotten up here, and all who attended extend to the Philathea Class hearty approbation of their mode of entertainment.

Feb. 15th. YELIR.

Grave Trouble Foreseen.

It needs but little foresight, to tell, that when your stomach and liver are badly affected, grave trouble is ahead, unless you take the proper medicine for your disease, as Mrs. John A. Young, of Clay, N. Y., did. She says: "I had neuralgia of the liver and stomach, my heart was weakened, and I could not eat. I was very bad for a long time, but in Electric Bitters, I found just what I needed, for they quickly relieved and cured me." Best medicine for weak women. Sold under guarantee by Hood Bros., druggists, at 50c. a bottle.

BENSON NOTES.

Miss Ida Adams, of Raleigh, is visiting Mrs. Dr. Moore this week.

Mr. Lonnie Adams is having a nice dwelling erected on Main Street.

Miss Meta Harper, of Dunn, visited relatives and friends in Benson recently.

Dr. W. H. Rowland has gone to Lumberton, where he will spend some time.

Mr. W. H. Croon, of Pitt County, has recently moved to Benson and will make this place his home for some time.

Messrs. Arthur Oneal & Bro. have purchased the grocery business of Mr. M. H. Langdon and will continue the business at the same stand. We wish the new firm much success.

We learn that Dr. Justice, of Kenly, will locate here soon for the practice of medicine. We heartily welcome Dr. Justice to our town and predict for him much success.

Rev. J. W. Suttle filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church here last Sunday morning and night preaching each time one of the most able sermons we have ever heard.

Messrs. Finch and Tant, of near Spring Hope, have opened a large store of general merchandise on Main Street. They are men of business talent and we predict for them much success.

Rev. D. F. Putnam preached two most interesting and impressive sermons at the Baptist church Sunday morning and night of last fifth Sunday, which were greatly enjoyed by all present.

Mr. J. E. Stewart has sold his mercantile business to Messrs. I. J. Smith & Son, who will continue to run the business at the same stand on Main Street. Mr. John Smith is manager of the business and asks his friends to give him a call.

We are pained to note the very sad death of Mrs. Willis Johnson which occurred last Saturday morning. Mrs. Johnson was a very good woman and will be greatly missed by her many relatives and friends. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

There is a move on foot by the fraternal orders of this place to erect a large building here to be used as a lodge room by the Masons, Knights of Pythias, and Jr. O. U. A. M. and also to be used as a business building. We think this a very good movement and hope the matter will continue and be made a success, as a building of this kind is greatly needed here.

The Anti-Saloon League of this place held its last regular meeting Thursday night, February 9th, at the Baptist church. After a large crowd had assembled and the regular order of business was disposed of, Prof. Allen, principal of the Benson Graded School, gave a very interesting lecture on the physiological effect of alcohol on the human system. Next on program was a temperance recitation by Miss Lottie Link which was well rendered. Much interest was manifested and we think much good is being accomplished by the Anti-Saloon League at this place. The next meeting will be held at the Free Will Baptist church on Thursday night, February 23rd.

SOLON.

Peking, Feb. 13th.—An Englishman, who just returned from a three-day's visit in Mukden, reports the predominant feeling among Russians, both civilian and military, to be discouragement. Everybody spoke of the early occupation of the city by the Japanese as a foregone conclusion. The visitor formed the opinion that the discouragement among military men was intensified by the fact that Gen. Kuropatkin has his headquarters in a train, as if ready at any time to retreat northward, and by the fact that extensive preparations are being made at Tie Pass to give battle to the Japanese, which implies a previous Russian defeat at Mukden.

SELMA NEWS.

Mrs. Bailey Ellis went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. Alex Green left Tuesday for Greensboro.

Robert Millard Nowell, Esq., has bought a fine horse.

Mr. N. E. Edgerton went to Raleigh Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Alex Martin, of Summer-ville, S. C., is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. W. Vick.

Mr. R. P. Jones, superintendent of the Navassa Chemical Works, went to Raleigh Sunday.

Mrs. Cooper, of Franklinton, arrived last Wednesday to accept a position in the graded schools.

Miss Pauline Hood left last Sunday to teach at the Hamilton school house about three miles from Princeton.

Mrs. W. H. Call has been elected Music teacher in the Selma Graded School to fill the position made vacant by the death of Miss Lois Bass.

Miss Rena Edgerton, who is now teaching at the Capps school house, spent Saturday and Sunday with her brother, Mr. N. E. Edgerton.

The Southern has put new coaches on its passenger trains on this division, which is a great improvement and adds much to the comfort of the travelling public.

Our new mail carrier, Mr. W. G. Britt, was right badly hurt Tuesday morning while carrying the mail to the depot. He caught his foot under a wire which had both ends frozen in the ground and fell heavily forward on his face, cutting and bruising his face and nose. He is still at work but looks badly.

Another "old vet" has left us. Last Saturday morning about half past six "Uncle Simon" Brown answered the last roll call and passed over the river. "Uncle Simon," as he was called by all, lost a leg in Virginia and was a good and true soldier. He was a good farmer and his word was his bond. He was always a good Democrat and took a great interest in the affairs of his party. A good man has left us. He left a wife and one son to mourn their loss. He was buried at his home place about four miles from Selma Sunday afternoon. Feb. 16. SENEX.

The Ward Bill Passes Senate.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 11th.—The Senate opened at 10:30 A. M., to-day with prayer by Dr. A. H. Moment. The only feature of interest in the proceeding of the day was passage of the Ward Liquor Bill on its third reading. When it came up, several amendments were offered, tending to modify the law, but the Senate was not inclined to hear them and they were lost by larger majorities than by which the bill passed first and second readings yesterday. One amendment, however, was passed, making it clear that the bill is not intended to change or modify the present Watts law.

When the bill came up on its third reading Senator Stubbs sent an amendment that this act should not apply to towns where liquor is now manufactured in accordance with the Watts act. It was defeated 9 to 18.

Senator Zollicoffer sent an amendment that this act should not in any way be construed to repeal or modify the Watts act. It was accepted.

Senator Williams declared that the Democratic party in the next campaign would have to go down in defeat or not put forth as candidates the men responsible for this legislation.

Senator Eiler sent an amendment that the act should not go into effect until July 1st, 1906. It was defeated. The bill then passed its third reading and will now go to the House.—Wilmington Star.

New York, Feb. 11th.—Frank Bill, a sailor on the steamer Orizaba, was removed as a suspicious case to the Swinburne island quarantine on the arrival of the steamer yesterday from Colon. The man was said to be suffering from yellow fever.