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THE TILLMAN ACQUITTAL.

The verdict of the jury in the case of J. H. Tillman, who was tried for the murder of N. G. Gonzales, whom he shot down without word or warning, has been condemned by press and public all over the United States and especially in the South. The following editorial by Charles H. Henry appeared in the Free Lance:

It is perhaps useless to complain of the verdict of the Lexington county jury which has acquitted J. H. Tillman of the murder of N. G. Gonzales. His conviction has never been expected since Judge Townsend granted a change of venue from Richland to Lexington, where the people were prejudiced in favor of Tillman and against Gonzales.

It is, however, probably the most unreasonable verdict that was ever reached in South Carolina. There was less to base a plea of self defense on than in any case that has ever come within the knowledge of the writer. The idea of self defense was, as stated by one of the lawyers, only a fiction and the real defense was that Tillman was justified in killing Gonzales because of editorial attacks made on him.

Of course, he was not, but it was not hard to make a politically prejudiced jury give the prisoner the benefit of the prestige of his family and excuse an act that was as cowardly a deliberate murder as was ever committed.

Everything that Tillman had in his favor was thrown away when he waited five months after cause for anger had been given.

Even with the verdict of acquittal Tillman will not go unpunished. The 12 men who sat on the jury at Lexington may exonerate him, but he will wear through his life a stigma that nothing can ever efface and his heart will be gnawed by a remorse as merciless as the pistol bullet that pierced the vitals of his victim. When he destroyed Gonzales' life he ruined his own.

The verdict is no credit to South Carolina and none to Lexington county, but is one of the features of society as organized in the South.

The Charlotte Observer in an editorial referring to the acquittal of Haywood and Tillman concluded as follows:

But God Almighty has implanted a conscience in the breast of every man, and there are two men, acquitted of murder in the two Carolinas within the past two days, and set free, who will be haunted to their graves by two white faces.

The Bell Telephone Co., and the citizens of Asheville are still squabbling. The facts in the case seem to be that the Bell Co., is trying to fool the people into accepting a contract that is full of loop holes.

How fortunate it is that the telephone system in Polk is owned and operated by conscientious citizens of the county who have a desire to do right and are not continually seeking to "bleed" the people financially, as is true of the corporation mentioned above.

The citizens of Polk are to be congratulated on the good service they have received since the system has been in operation.

MILL SPRING.

The trade is improving in our town.

The market wagons are passing daily to and from market.

All listen! We will soon hear two new saw mill whistles.

Miss Annie Belle Walker spent last Sunday night at Esq. J. J. Lambright's.

Another devoted worker passed through town last Sunday, viz: Rev. John Walker.

Joseph G. Edwards and wife entertained quite a number of guests last Sunday.

O. T. Baynard is repairing the Benton cottage, which is to be occupied by H. K. Finger.

Mrs. A. C. Boone may be home ere this is published, as we are expecting her on the 21st.

Rev. W. M. Whiteside and family of Columbus, also three of his lady students passed through town last Sunday.

"Jack Frost" was very kind to defer his visit until the nineteenth, giving us ample time to harvest that which was sown.

We are glad to report that the Mill Spring Baptist Sunday school is still progressing. We invite one and all to join us in this glorious work.

John Byars was thrown by his horse one day last week and badly hurt. Dr. Edwards had to make ten stitches in the gash which was cut across his chin and cheek. He also knocked four teeth loose.

Miss Delia Mitchell wishes to thank her many friends for the beautiful bouquets presented to her weekly. And especially the little ones who always enter her room with such cheerful faces and sweet smiles, leaving sunshine for the shut-in one on making their exit.

It is reported that Messrs. Finger and Anthony anticipate living at Mill Spring five years. We certainly hope the report is true. We are much pleased with the two families in every respect, especially in Sunday school work. The school at Bethlehem is rapidly increasing in members and interest.

SALUDA.

The old depot at the top of the Saluda grade has been torn down, the lumber removed and the site cleared.

S. D. Staton is building an addition to his store on Depot street which will add a second story and double the floor space.

M. H. Wagoner is contemplating moving his livery and feed stables to Aiken, S. C., for the winter season. Aiken is a popular winter resort and the liverymen do a good business there.

J. H. Cordes of Charleston, who spent the summer here for the benefit of his health and was to have remained in the mountains several weeks longer, was taken sick recently and returned to his home last week.

Dr. E. B. Goelet has been elected vice-president of the Henderson-Polk Medical Society, which is the local branch of the State Medical Association and every practicing physician in these two counties is requested to join.

The Saluda Seminary opened recently with five teachers and the matron. About thirty boarding students and one hundred dry pupils are in attendance. Miss F. Delia Sheldon is the principal and Mrs. E. M. Clifford, matron.

Tests made recently on the spur safety track one mile below here proved satisfactory. A coal car loaded with brick was turned loose at the top of the grade, took the spur track at a high rate of speed and stopped a short distance up the spur without accident.

Ginning.

My Cotton Gin and Grist Mill are now in operation. Gin for the 20th. Bagging and ties included. Prompt attention. : : :

JOE B. PAGE,
LANDRUM, N. C.

Taxes!

I will be at the places named below for the purpose of . . .

Collecting Taxes for 1903.

All Persons are Requested to Meet Me Promptly and Pay Their Taxes.

- J. M. Putnam, Tuesday Oct. 20th, 1903.
- Melvin Hill, Wednesday Oct. 21st, 1903.
- John McFarland, Thursday Oct. 22nd, 1903.
- Pearidge, Friday, Oct. 23rd, 1903.
- Mill Spring, Saturday Oct. 24th, 1903.
- Lynch Whiteside's Mill, Tuesday Oct. 27th, 1903.
- Pink Williams, Wednesday, Oct. 28th, 1903.
- Lyan, Friday Oct. 30th, 1903.
- Tryon, Saturday Oct. 31st, 1903.

W. C. ROBERTSON, Sheriff,

Columbus, N. C., October 5th, 1903.

LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY THE BALLENGER COMPANY.

Corn, per bushel	\$.80
White beans, per bushel	2.50
Colored " " "	2.00
Mountain Irish Potatoes	75
Sweet	.50
Baldwin apples	1.00
Corn meal	.85
Compound lard, per lb.	.11
Kettle rendered, " "	.12 1-2
Country butter " "	.20
Eggs " doz.	.20
Hens, each	.30
Broilers " 15 to	.20
Clear side meat, per lb.	.12 1-2

In gambling it is well to quit playing when the game is at its best. In advertising it is best to go it all the stronger when returns prove that it isn't a game of chance, but a sure means to an end.—Jed Scarborough.

Central Industrial Institute.

A well equipped School for both sexes.

Primary, Intermediate, College Preparatory.

A temperance community with good moral and social surroundings. Special attention given to students who have been deprived of early educational advantages. Good Literary Societies. A good library and reading room open to all students without extra charge. : : :

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A good winter laying strain. Eggs for hatching and stock for sale.

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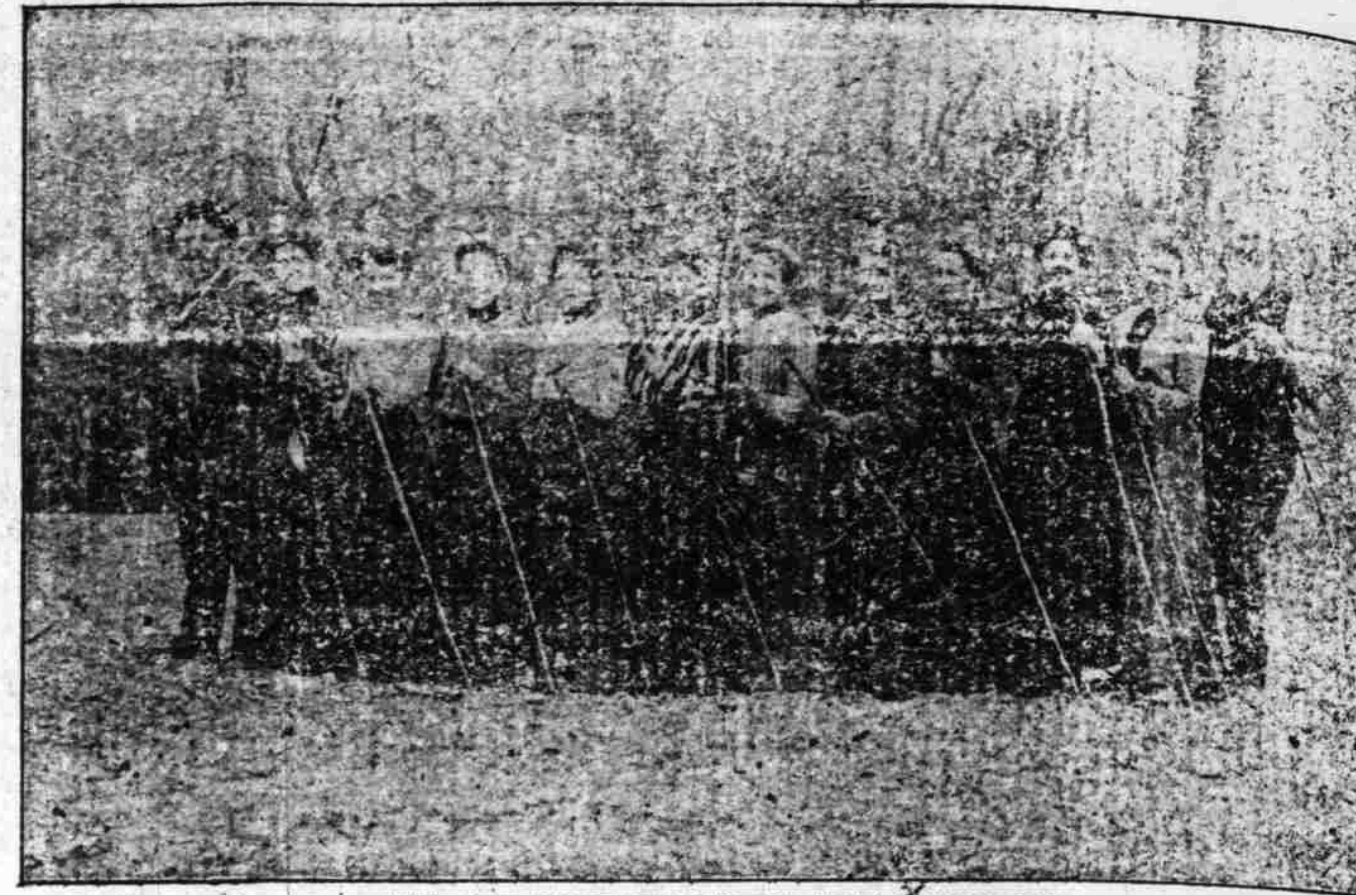
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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on every box. 25 cts.

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Now Open For Summer Guests.

The Inn is three thousand feet above sea level, nestling among the mountains, surrounded by a level serpentine drive two miles in length, with mountain peaks five hundred feet above, which, in turn, have winding paths to summits. The many springs which flow from these peaks form the head waters of the famous Shunkawakan Falls. : : A fine place to spend the Summer. Healthy climate, plenty of fruit and good spring water. For other information call or address



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Mrs. M. E. STEVENSON, Proprietress,
Columbus, N. C.

JAS. P. MORRIS
ATTORNEY AT LAW.

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COLUMBUS, - N. C.

TELEPHONES: Office: No. 7. Residence: No. 14.

A GOOD HOUSE

of six rooms and one-half acre lot in town of Columbus for sale. For particulars apply to

L. H. CLOUD, COLUMBUS, N. C.

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We will send THE POLK COUNTY NEWS one month FREE to a limited number of people in the county who are not now subscribers. Only one person in a family or household may avail themselves of this offer. Bring or send in your name or that of a friend whom you know is not now a subscriber. Read our 20c offer in another column.

NOTICE.

Having duly qualified as Executor of the last will and testament of Franklin Coxe, deceased, we hereby notify all persons having claims against said decedent to exhibit the same properly verified to us on or before July 15th, 1904, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said decedent are hereby required to make immediate settlement.

FRANCIS S. COXE, } Executors,
TENCH C. COXE, }
MARY MATILDA COXE, Executrix
of the last will and testament of Franklin Coxe, deceased.
Davidson, Bourne & Counsel,
This July 9th, 1903.

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THE POLK COUNTY NEWS, Columbus, N. C.

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Tryon Supply Co.,
TRYON N. C.

First National Bank of Spartanburg

GROSS ASSETS,	\$648,127
INDIVIDUAL DEPOSITS,	\$336,193
BANK DEPOSITS,	33,542
TOTAL DEPOSITS,	369,740
CASH ON HAND AND RESERVE AGENTS,	113,706

The FIRST NATIONAL BANK and its savings department, the FIDELITY LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY, have today assets amounting to **\$894,300.00**

AS STRONG AS THE GRANITE FOUNDATION UPON WHICH WE ARE BUILT.

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