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## THE PAPER OF THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE AND WITH THE PEOPLE.

### PISTOL IS DRAWN BY SHEM WELL

Exciting Encounter Between Baxter Shemwell and Zenobian I. Waiser.

Another tragedy was narrowly averted here last Friday afternoon when a difficulty arose between Messrs. Z. I. Waiser, of Lexington, and Baxter Shemwell, of Asheville. The gentlemen met on Main street, just below Moffitt's store. After a brief conversation, Shemwell called Mr. Waiser a d—rascal. The latter stooped to pick up a rock and as he arose, found himself looking into the muzzle of a revolver held in the hands of Shemwell. Shemwell commanded Mr. Waiser to drop the rock. He did so, and after a few moments of breathless suspense to the crowd of onlookers, turned and walked away.

The facts leading up to the difficulty, so far as they can be ascertained, are as follows: Messrs. Waiser & Waiser, of Lexington, Glenn, Manly & Hendren, of Winston, are attorneys for a Mr. Bernard, who has a mortgage for \$6,000 on a tract of land owned by Shemwell and located near Lexington. Some time ago Mr. Bernard instructed his attorneys to begin foreclosure proceedings against Shemwell unless a compromise could be effected. After some correspondence, Waiser & Waiser notified Mr. Shemwell the suit could be compromised for \$3,000. To this letter Mr. Shemwell made a very discourteous reply, telling them to "step to g—" and that "the best thing you can do is to attend to your own affairs. If this is not plain enough, I will make it plain when I see you."

Mr. Shemwell arrived here Friday on the noon train from the West. About 6 o'clock Friday afternoon Messrs. Z. I. Waiser and Harlee McCall were walking up the street and when near Moffitt's store they met Shemwell, who stopped Mr. Waiser and said: "Did you get my letter?" Waiser replied: "We did." Shemwell said: "Did you understand it?" Waiser replied: "It was very plain." After a few other words, Shemwell made the following remark to Waiser: "You are a d—rascal and your brother is one also." At these words Mr. Waiser stooped and picked up a rock. As he raised up he was confronted by a pistol in Shemwell's hands, pointed straight at him. "Drop that rock!" commanded Mr. Shemwell. Mr. Waiser hesitated "Drop it!" again rang out the command. At the second command Waiser dropped the rock. The two men stood and gazed into each other's eyes for possibly half a minute; then Mr. Waiser turned and walked slowly on up the street.

Later Mr. Waiser informed his brother and law-partner, ex-Attorney General Zeb V. Waiser, of the difficulty. The latter placed a pistol in his pocket, unconcealed, and came on up street from his home. He met Z. I. Waiser and the two brothers walked by a residence where Shemwell was sitting on the porch, Zeb remarking that he didn't propose to be run out of town by anybody.

The affair created intense excitement in Lexington and the streets were lined with people who watched the encounter. Shemwell went to the depot in a short time, and later boarded a passenger train for the West. While at the depot he was approached by chief-of-police Heitman, who informed him he had a warrant for him. Mr. Shemwell replied he didn't propose to be arrested, but finally gave a \$50 bond for his appearance at trial Monday afternoon at 2 p. m.

Monday his attorney received a letter from Mr. Shemwell stating it was impossible for him to be here for trial Monday afternoon but that he would arrive Tuesday. He failed to appear, however, and judgment nisi for \$50 was entered against him and his bondsmen.

MR. SHEM WELL'S STATEMENT. A reporter of the Asheville Citizen interviewed Mr. Shemwell in Asheville and that paper published the following yesterday morning:

Mr. Shemwell, when seen about the difficulty said he did not care to have anything in the papers about the trouble at Lexington, but that the facts are: "As a result of some words over a \$6,000 mortgage that Waiser and Waiser were trying to sell to me for \$3,000, and which had been offered to me for \$1,500—a fact of which they were not aware."

"Z. I. Waiser picked up a big rock with which to assault me. I made him drop it by producing a pistol."

"The ex-Attorney General Z. V. Waiser, armed himself with a big revolver, and with blood in his eyes rushed up town, and on his way passed me. He did no damage, by the way."

"Being tired of this 'bosh' and naturally a peaceable man, I left town on the first train, after being put under a \$25 bond to appear before Mayor John H. Moyer, at any time when I might happen to return to Lexington."

"This is all that I will say about the matter, and I hope that the matter is at an end."

### A NEW FACTORY BUILDING.

Lexington Upholstery Co. Gives Contract for a New Home.

The Lexington Upholstery Co. has purchased a tract of land situate on Salisbury street, in the rear of Mrs. Minnie Layden's residence, and has let the contract for a new factory.

### BRIDE WEIGHS 175, GROOM 75.

Marriage of Lindsay L. Cutting, to Miss Mary Ray.

Lindsay Cutting, Lexington's seventy-five pound midget, was married at Fort Mill, S. C., last Wednesday night to Miss Mary Ray, of Salisbury. Miss Ray is a large and handsome young woman, weighing possibly 175 pounds. Mr. Cutting is less than five feet high and it is doubtful if he can balance the scales at seventy-five pounds. The couple arrived here Thursday night on a visit to relatives of the groom.

Lindsay is a son of Mr. R. C. Cutting, of this place, and has been living in Salisbury for several years.

### SEVENTY-TWO POUNDS OF GOLD.

Messrs. Armfield and Jones Receive \$13,260 for Gold from Iola Mines.

Messrs. E. M. Armfield, of High Point, and M. L. Jones, of Candor, Montgomery county, visited Charlotte last Thursday, carrying with them seventy-two pounds of crude gold. This represented the output of the Iola gold mines, of Montgomery county, for the past seven weeks. Messrs. Armfield and Jones are the principal owners. They turned over their gold to the United States Assayer in Charlotte, and received \$13,260 for it.

The Iola mine has been in operation for only two years, but is one of the best paying mines in the State. The output last year was one half of the total production of gold in this State. The cost of operating the mine is about \$1,600 per month, and the profit for that period of time is about \$8,000.

### House and Feed Stuff Burned.

While threshing wheat at Mr. A. A. Michael's, of Michael, last Saturday a spark from the thrasher engine fell in a quantity of feed stuff stored in a near by house and set the building on fire. The house, together with a lot of hay and fodder, was consumed. Mr. Michael's barn, which was located only a short distance from the burned house, was saved by very hard work.

### Randolph Superior Court.

Randolph county Superior court convenes at Asheboro next Monday, July 27th, Judge W. R. Allen, of Goldsboro, presiding. Our Mr. Dorsett will be present during the opening days of court and will be pleased to renew his acquaintance with patrons of The Dispatch and will solicit new subscriptions and renewals to this paper.

### A Marriage.

Mr. Arthur T. Lambeth and Miss Ida Floyd were united in marriage at the parsonage near Pilgrim church Sunday morning, July 19th. They visited his parents Sunday and that night went to Greensboro, where he has a position. May they be happy and prosperous.

### Selling Stock in the Name of God.

We have received a circular from Evangelist Bill Fife—now selling mining stock in the name of God. If we are a judge of such matters, the "brother" has "fallen from grace." Even Dr. Cranfill did not plead with people to buy his stock. If you must get rid of your money, play the races. They are at least not hypocritical.—Biblical Recorder.

### Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses as follows have been issued by Register Owen during the past week:

A. P. Craver to Miss Ella Darr; Ernest M. Pope to Miss Sarah E. Hedrick; A. T. Lambeth to Miss Ida Floyd; Mason Jackson, colored, to Edna Reid, colored.

### Mr. Will F. Stoner, of Asheville, arrived here last Wednesday night and will spend a couple weeks visiting friends and relatives in the county.

### COUNTY TEACHERS INSTITUTE.

Very Successful Opening—Ninety Teachers in Attendance the First Day.

The Davidson county teachers institute opened in the court house here Monday morning at 10 o'clock, the opening exercises being conducted by Rev. J. D. Arnold.

The enrollment of teachers in attendance the first day was ninety—sixty-six men and twenty-four ladies.

After prayer by Mr. Arnold, county superintendent P. L. Ledford welcomed the teachers and visitors in a few remarks, and then introduced the conductor of the institute, Prof. Alexander Graham, superintendent of Charlotte graded schools, and the work of the session was commenced at once.

Prof. Graham is very favorably impressing the teachers and holds their undivided attention while he discusses in a favorable manner the subjects chosen.

Interest in the institute increases every day and the number of teachers and visitors in attendance yesterday was much larger than on the preceding day. The public has a cordial invitation to attend the sessions.

The following teachers are in attendance at the institute:

- Messrs. A. H. Evans, N. W. Barnes, W. P. Williams, J. R. Crouse, P. E. Wheeler, James C. Leonard, J. P. Michael, Joe Evans, M. H. Stone, G. W. Feozor, J. S. Sink, C. W. Rothrock, Wm. Gobble, David T. Andrews, R. E. Reid, J. A. Stone, R. T. Gordon, Z. V. Moss, J. P. Bennett, J. H. Beck, A. M. Surratt, Allen Jones, W. F. Carrick, W. V. Evans, Jno. H. Yokley, D. M. Feozor, J. A. Kinney, Wm. L. Young, B. C. Hayworth, Joseph B. Motesinger, James Sken, Olen T. Davis, A. W. Feozor, Jno. Q. Finch, M. L. Loftin, T. C. L. Sink, P. D. Elach, S. L. Varner, Harris Thompson, J. Taylor Barnes, Gaston A. Wright, Edward E. Teague, C. M. Bodenhamer, Harris P. Johnson, Arthur Wesner, E. C. Byerly, F. S. Miller, A. L. Stone, Jno. W. Moore, Harvey O. Craver, Jno. F. Wilson, W. T. Beck, R. F. Long, R. H. Owen, Chas. M. Yokley, R. F. Wesner, M. L. Craver, Geo. F. Leonard, Henry Byerly, Robt. L. Beck, Arthur L. Leonard, R. L. Yokley, W. T. Totten, J. Carl Sink, Wm. Gobble, J. Milton Varner, Ellis Summey, John Zimmerman, Arthur Lanning, Wm. Bowers, R. E. Leonard, J. A. Carrick, Robert S. Green, J. E. Varner, H. C. Myers, J. O. Bowers, T. H. Daniel, Carl J. Owen, W. C. Wilson, P. P. Motesinger, W. B. Hampton, Arthur Gallimore, D. M. Feozor.

### OLD SOLDIERS DAY.

Annual Re-Union A. A. Hill Camp on Thursday, August 6th.

The annual re-union of the A. A. Hill Camp of Confederate Veterans will be held at Lexington on Thursday, the 6th day of August, 1903.

The Camp will assemble in the court house promptly at 10 o'clock, a. m.

After the transaction of the usual business and the delivery of the Cross of Honor to those who have applied for it, the Camp will be addressed by Hon. B. F. Dixon, who has promised to be with us.

All who can must bring baskets of rations—one day's rations will do—and place them at Lowe's Grove, where they will be under guard, and dinner will be served there at the usual hour.

By order of C. M. Thompson, commandant, and F. C. Robbins, adjutant.

### A Sudden Death.

Obe Shaw, a citizen of Conrad Hill township, died very suddenly on Wednesday of last week. Deceased was about 60 years of age. He was buried at Mt. Tabor on Thursday.

Four hundred farmers were present at the opening of the Farmers State Convention at Raleigh yesterday. Gen. Ransom is presiding.

### DEATH OF JAMES W. HARRIS.

A Davidson County Young Man Dies Far Away From Home and Kindred.

Mr. James W. Harris, formerly of this county, died at Columbus Barracks, Ohio, on Sunday, July 12. Mr. Harris had been in the standing army for some time. He is a brother of Mrs. O. L. Stoner, of Fairmont, and a nephew of C. G. Harris, of Marsh, and of Mr. Ed. Harris, of Lexington.

His sister, Mrs. Stoner, received the following letter last Sunday giving particulars of Mr. Harris' death:

COLUMBUS BARRACKS, OHIO, July 17, 1903.

MRS. O. L. STONER, Fairmont, N. C., Dear Madam: I regret exceedingly to inform you that your brother Jas. W. Harris, who was discharged from the service on the 11th, instant, passed to the happy beyond on the 12th, instant, at noon. A telegram was at once sent to your address at Lexington, N. C., but notice was received that "party said have moved to Mass. some time ago." As it was impossible to reach you Mr. Harris' remains were buried at Green Lawn cemetery at Columbus, Ohio, at government expense and with military honors.

Your brother suffered from chronic gastro-enteritis, with chronic anemia and dropsy. He received the very best of treatment and attentions, and three doctors could not prolong his life any more. He died sitting in a reclining chair. As the end came he said to the nurse who had been with him during the last three months "O, do not leave me!" put his hand over his heart and as he was tenderly put to bed, he drew his last breath and was gone. In the morning he received your last letter, and spoke about going home, but realized that his hours were numbered.

If you need any other information from here I am willing to do anything I can. Very respectfully,

N. LOMMELZ, Hospital Steward, U. S. Army.

Mr. Harris was about thirty-four years of age. He had been in the army just three years, having completed his term of enlistment and receiving an honorable discharge on the day prior to his death.

### Delightful Moonlight Picnic.

The beautiful country home of Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Beall, near Linwood, was the mecca of the pleasure-loving young people of Lexington on Wednesday evening of last week. The occasion was a moonlight picnic. The start from town was made about 7 o'clock and the evening was delightful for the drive of a few miles. Arriving at their destination the young people were cordially welcomed by Dr. and Mrs. Beall and by Miss Carrie Beall and Mr. Frank H. Beall. The genuine hospitality of the old-time Southern home was in evidence during the entire evening. A delightful repast was served on the lawn, which was lighted by candles. The rising of the moon near eleven o'clock was the signal for departure and the ride home was not the least of the many enjoyable features of the evening. The following were present:

- Miss Alice Burton with Henley Hunt; Miss Hankins with E. B. G. Taylor; Miss Louise Hanes with J. A. Lattimore; Miss Edna McCrary with David Ballard; Miss Creele with Joe Moffitt; Miss Veigh Hutchinson with Thomas Hinkle; Miss Nina Wheeler with Fred Hinkle; Miss Robertson with H. W. Dorsett, Jr.; Miss Nellie Trice with J. R. McCrary; Miss Kathleen Smith with J. H. Thompson; Miss Wini-fred Adderton with G. F. Hankins; Miss Rosa Moffitt with Geo. Dorsett; Miss Pearl Moffitt with Stanley Boring; Miss Nannie Cordon with Percy Grimes; Miss Julia Wiswall with Z. I. Waiser; Miss Maggie Slaughter with J. H. Alexander. Stags: W. F. Welborn and Wade H. Phillips. Chaperones: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mendenhall, Mesdames S. W. Finch and C. W. Trice.

### District Attorney Assassinated.

New Orleans, La., July 20.—District Attorney J. Ward Guley was assassinated in his office in Canal street shortly after 10 o'clock today by Clarence B. Lyons, a cotton roller.

The murderer after shooting the District Attorney turned the weapon on himself and put two bullets in his head. He will die. A grudge, which Lyons harbored for several years against the District Attorney, is responsible for the tragedy.

### Horse Stung to Death by Bees.

Rockingham, July 21.—Dr. N. C. Hunter, of this place, lost his horse in a very unusual manner yesterday. While making a call the animal was hitched near a beehive. The bees attacked the horse and completely covered him. He was cut loose and an effort made to crush the bees off, but so vigorous were the insects in their attack that all efforts at rescue were of no avail and the horse died in a very short time.

At this writing our fine battleship, the Kearsarge, is engaged in racing across the Atlantic at railroad speed. The performance is a reminder of the spring of 1898 when the Oregon made her famous run down one side of the American continent and up the other. The business of the Kearsarge is not so urgent. It is only an experiment to show what one of our big fighting ships can do in an emergency.

The wife of Granville Hyman was killed by lightning in Wilson county a few days ago. At the same time Mrs. Solomon Strickland and her two children were severely shocked, Mrs. Strickland's lower limbs being partially paralyzed.

### NARROWLY ESCAPED DROWNING

Nephew of Mrs. Geo. W. Montcastle Fell Overboard at Wrightsville.

William, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Erwin, of West Durham, N. C., had a narrow escape from drowning last Thursday. The little boy, who has been at the Seashore Hotel for several days with his aunt, Mrs. G. W. Montcastle, of Lexington, was playing on the pier next south of the Hotel pool room about 2 p. m., and in some way fell overboard. He floated a short distance and then sank to the bottom. An alarm being given, several bystanders rushed forward to rescue him. After being under water for fully five minutes his body was discovered in about ten feet of water by Capt. J. W. Willis, of the sharpie "Lila May," who dived for him and brought him to the surface.

"Capt. Willis was assisted in the rescue by Capt. B. W. and D. Wells. After bringing the body ashore the usual methods were used to bring him back to life and the Star is glad to note that they were successful. He was attended later by Dr. G. G. Thomas, who happened to be at the beach, and by Dr. A. H. Harris, of this city, who was telephoned for. At last accounts he was improving rapidly.—Wilmington Star.

### The Pope is Dead.

Rome, July 20, 4:20 p. m.—The Pope died shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon. His last moments were comparatively peaceful and painless, and were preceded by a period of insensibility. Around his bedside at the final moment were the cardinals, relatives and members of the papal court. Before lapsing into unconsciousness, the dying pontiff feebly moved his lips, his last articulate words being those used in bestowing the benediction. Gradually the shadow of death spread over the pontiff, his extremities became cold, his features assumed the rigidity of death, and Dr. Lapponi noted his last fluttering heartbeats, which gradually became slower and slower until they finally stopped. The news of the Pope's death spread rapidly throughout Rome, and caused the most pronounced sensation, the whole city being in mourning.

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