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Death of George H. Duncan.

Norwood, Colo., Feb. 23—Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, Gomer Thomas shot an mortally wounded George H. Duncan, whose death followed in less than five hours. The shooting occurred about six miles southwest of Norwood. The first reports that were current here—in which a loaded quilt in the hands of Duncan figured—were utterly without foundation, as will be shown by the state's main witness, Frank Reddick. He was in company with Duncan when they were overtaken by Thomas and heard all that was said. His unimpassioned testimony will prove this to have been one of the most cold-blooded murders that the annals of any community record. A careful investigation of facts have been made and given below:

Some time ago, Duncan borrowed twenty dollars from Thomas, to be used in the purchase of a horse. Asa B. Perry had a mortgage on the horse, and Duncan had secured permission from Perry to trade the horse to Tom Sullivan for two unbroken colts. This had been done and Reddick was helping Duncan to get one of the colts home, when Thomas overtook them, having been to Sullivan's, and having learned that the trade had been made. He rode along with Duncan and Reddick for a hundred yards, chatting pleasantly about the kind of horses the colts would make—never giving the least sign of dissatisfaction, until suddenly he reined his horse and said to Duncan, "You did not treat me right about those colts; I want you to give me a mortgage on them for twenty dollars." Duncan replied that he could not, because he had transferred the mortgage given for the horse he had traded, adding that Thomas could have one of the colts if he would take it for what it was worth. Nothing more was said, but Thomas put spurs to his horse, and, heading for home, yelled: "I'll get something that will make you give me a mortgage!" Duncan called to him to come back and settle it some way, but he paid no attention. This happened near the cabin where Johnson has his saloon.

Duncan rode on to the Scott Leach place, and was there advised by Reddick to go home by an unusual way, lest he be overtaken by Thomas, though it was not thought that he would make trouble. However, Thomas returned in a little while, with a rifle, and noticing Duncan's tracks in the snow, started in pursuit. At Reddick's suggestion, Scott Leach started across to intercept Thomas, but was too late. He heard two shots, and, hurrying on, saw the smoke from the third—and fatal—shot.

The ball entered the hip and lodged, and poor Duncan fell from the horse to the ground. Thomas wheeled his horse and rode to the home of Fred Anderson, whom he told what he had done. He was advised to come to town and give himself up to the authorities, which he did. Meanwhile the dying man lay helpless, with his face and hands in the snow, for the greater part of an hour, before a wagon could reach him. He was terribly chilled, and the loss of blood was so great that his hands were never warm again.

Dr. Bolinger has been summoned, but could do nothing for the stricken man, who, struggling desperately for life while in the arms of Ed Quaintance, expired in great agony at 8:15.

Thomas says the first two shots were fired to stop Duncan, and

that riding near-r to the unarmed man, he again demanded a mortgage, and that while standing near—he had dismounted—with his gun cocked, it discharged accidentally. Thomas had ridden not a rod less than six miles since he had the conversation with Duncan, and had time to think it over.

Duncan was a native of Ashe county, North Carolina, and drifted into Colorado but a few years ago working in Ridgeway previous to coming to Norwood, where, for a time, he plied his trade as a shoemaker, later tiling on a homestead, on which he and his family were living when the head of the family met his tragic end. He was thirty-four years old and is survived by his mother and four brothers in North Carolina and a wife and five children here.

Thomas is a Kentuckian by birth and is well known by T. H. Cunningham, of Redvale, for whom he worked as a teamster on two different occasions—the first time at Marble, Colo., coming from New-castle, Colo., where he had been employed as a coal miner. He accompanied Mr. Cunningham to this locality and worked under him on Lilyhans ditch. The slayer of Duncan has the name of being thrifty and honest is small of stature and a marked blonde, is middle aged and single. He was taken to Toluicide by Deputy Sheriff Dusham on Monday.

The funeral services over the body of Duncan were conducted at the homestead Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Knight, interment took place at Norway Wednesday after the coroner's jury had viewed the remains and rendered a verdict to the effect that George H. Duncan came to his death from the effects of a ball from a gun in the hands of Gomer Thomas. The jury consisted of Sam Isaacs, Al Hoyt, P. R. Steeb, Jay H. Martin and George Skinner.

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A scientist claims that we think with our toes, which probably accounts for the fact that people who wear tight shoes are narrow minded.

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POLL TAX BRIBERY.

News and Observer.
When the wise men were framing the suffrage amendment, they made the payment of poll tax a prerequisite of voting, as had Mississippi, Louisiana and other States. They so fixed the time for paying the poll tax as, in their judgment, would make it impossible for candidates to buy votes by paying the poll tax. The law provides that the poll tax must be paid by the first Monday in May of the year in which a man wishes to vote. The May date was selected because no convention or primaries are held before May and it was argued that fixing the date before any nominations and six months before the election would leave no inducement for one man to pay the taxes of another, even if the law permitted it. That was the purpose of the framers of the law, but in some counties that purpose is said to have been thwarted by politicians who gave the sheriff a sum of money and took poll tax receipts which were delivered later to the voter if he would vote as the party paying the taxes desired. In some of the counties this evasion of the law seems to have reached large proportions.

Judge Webb, in his charge to the grand jury of Henderson Co., is reported to have shocked many people by the vigorous way he referred to this illegal practice. He declared that paying poll tax for the purpose of securing votes was "a most disreputable one and should not be countenanced by the honest electorate." He held that under the law poll taxes can be paid only by the voter himself and not by others whose purpose was to secure their votes, and the payment of poll taxes under such conditions was nothing less than bribery, and both the giver and the taker was guilty of bribery.

The use of money in politics has grown alarmingly, and the payment of poll taxes by candidates threatens to become a great evil unless checked. The charge of Judge Webb is salutary. Let the law be enforced and the practice broken up. The law imposes no poll taxes on any person over 50 years of age, and the county commissioners may relieve men too poor to pay the tax. All others should pay the tax and pay it themselves in time to vote. If they do not do so, nobody should be permitted to do so in order to control their vote.

You can never pray for another with your lips alone.

How Manure is Wasted.

Progressive Farmer.
Notwithstanding the great value of stable manure and the very limited supply on most farms, it is unfortunately true that a large per cent of the plant food in it is wasted instead of being returned to the soil, and in many cases much of the humus forming and bacteria aiding benefit that might be obtained from it is lost. Whenever manure is left exposed to the weather the soluble plant foods in it are quickly washed out by rains. If it is on the land where it is needed this does not matter, as the plant foods will be taken into the soil, but if the manure is lying in a hard packed barnyard that drains into a gully or creek, the best part of it is largely lost. Many farmers imagine that the manure left by their stock on the pasture is of little benefit, while the truth is that they get a much larger proportionate benefit from it than from that which is dropped in the stables. This is certainly true if the latter is thrown out under eaves of the barn or allowed to get hot and "frefang". Few farmers have any real idea of the great loss which occurs from their careless methods of handling manure. Experiments made by Roberts show that when horse manure is thrown in a loose pile and subjected to the joint action of leaching and weathering it may lose in six months nearly sixty per cent of its most valuable fertilizing constituents. When the liquid manure is wasted as is so often the case, fully two-thirds of the nitrogen and a large part of the potash in the manure is lost.

Whenever manure is allowed to heat until the sharp, acrid scent of escaping ammonia can be noticed the farmer is losing money again, for the most valuable plant food in it is escaping into the air. In fact, whenever decomposition sets in, there is likely to be some loss of ammonia. The mixing of lime or ashes with manure also tends to liberate the ammonia in it and should never be practiced.

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The Daniel Boone Memorial Association is assembling exhibits for the big day, April 30, and there is a movement to purchase a monument to perpetuate the pioneer type. A great many articles having historic interest have been gathered and Mr. J. T. Grant of Fairb, Rowan county, has agreed to include the same in the collection of relics. The preparations being made all tend to add a lot to the significance of April 30. The newspapers of the state have given space to the matter and the event has assumed more than local importance. The association, in making up its exhibits, is especially interested in continental money and would like to piece out an already valuable display of paper bills belonging to the revolutionary period—Lexington Dispatch.

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Watauga Railroad to Be Built.

Lenoir Special to Charlotte Observer.
The long hoped-for railroad from this place into Watauga county will be built. The company is incorporated and is called the Watauga Railroad Company. In accordance with the action of the directors in their last meeting, stock subscriptions are being taken and it is expected that the required amount will be forthcoming. The State by act Assembly, appropriated the labor of 150 convicts, taking stock in the company as compensation. The corporation originally capitalized at \$200,000, has been authorized by the stockholders to increase this amount to \$1,000,000.

For the present it is proposed to build the road from Lenoir to Boone, thence to Butler, Tenn. A branch line will extend to Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro. It is also intended to extend at a future date the line from Butler to Elizabethton and Johnson City Tenn. When completed there will be about 120 miles of road. The line will connect with the roads leading into the coal producing states and will furnish a shorter route for transporting coal to the seaboard than that afforded by any other road.

The local business of the road promises to be good from the start. It will traverse some of the best farming lands of the State, namely, the famous Yadkin valley and those of Watauga known far and near for their products in fruit and produce. The line will also do a great business in hauling mining and forest products abounding in the territory through which it will pass.

Rev. B. F. Hargett Entertains.

The Wilkes Patriot.
Rev. B. F. Hargett entertained a number of friends at the parsonage Friday evening, the occasion of his 50th birthday. He was the recipient of many useful and valuable presents and the guests, in turn, were served with an elegant repast. With some interesting games, merry conversation and delightful music, the evening was pleasantly spent. Mr. Hargett tells us that "50" seems to have been, incidentally, the dominant number of the evening. He had sent out 50 invitations, that 50 persons were present, and that full \$50 dollars worth of presents were given him; but that in appreciation the presents are worth 50 their intrinsic value.

Often The Kidneys Are Weakened by Over-Work.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.
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