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Nine-Tenths of the People in High Point and many hundred in the surrounding territory read the Enterprise. Advertisers take notice.

PASSING OF JOE JACKSON

Shot And Killed Yesterday Afternoon By High Point's Chief of Police.

CASE OF KILL OR BE KILLED

Coroners Inquest Exonerates Officer Gray From Any Blame Whatever--The Verdict Elicits Loud Applause

An account of the killing of Joe Jackson by Chief of Police Gray was told of us briefly and correctly as opportunity would permit in a special of the Enterprise issued directly after the occurrence yesterday afternoon and distributed to hundreds of people who eagerly sought information in regard to the affair.

Witnesses at the coroner's inquest testified that Jackson abused Officer Gray and followed him for some time. The first time Mr. Gray walked away when Jackson followed him, renewing his abuse. At this time officer Gray was standing near Gray's meat market on south Main street and was looking in another direction when Jackson grappled him. Jackson threw his left hand around officer Gray's neck and the right around his body. With the right he tore Mr. Gray's pocket and succeeded in getting hold of his (Gray's) pistol. With a quick jerk officer Gray got his hand loose and fired twice while Jackson had him in his clutches, but both of these shots went wild. He then made a more desperate effort and jerked away from Jackson, firing at him two more times.

The third of the shots entered the breast and the fourth the head. Jackson died immediately. His body was taken to the undertaking establishment of J. W. Sechrist to await the coroner's inquest.

As soon as Officer Gray saw that he had killed Jackson he remarked, "I am sorry, but I had to do it." He was visibly affected over the fact that he had killed a man.

The shooting was done in self-defense and there is no criticism whatever for the officer. Jackson held malice toward Chief Gray and yesterday was heard to say he would kill Gray before long and to emphasize his threat he showed several people a long knife with which he said he intended to do the job.

Among those who was an eyewitness of the shooting was W. H. Ragan, chairman of the county commissioners, whose testimony to the coroner's jury gave a very graphic account of the whole affair. He said Gray had just passed Jackson and was leaning against a telephone pole when without warning, Jackson jumped on him and placed one arm around Gray's neck while with the other he tried to secure the pistol. Both men fought desperately for fully five minutes when Gray fired twice without effect and he then succeeded in wrenching the pistol which was already in Jackson's hands away from him and turning quickly fired sideways, one shot

the other entered the head just above the left eye.

The Coroner's Inquest.

Dr. J. P. Turner, coroner of Guilford County, came up on the evening train and held an inquest over the dead body of Joe Jackson, who was shot by the Chief of Police of High Point, C. L. Gray, and after inquiring into the facts and circumstances of the death of the deceased, from a view of the corpse and a consideration of all the testimony to be procured, the jury found that Jos. Jackson came to his death from gun-shot wounds received at the hands of C. L. Gray while the said Jackson was attempting to kill Gray; that Jackson had made divers threats to kill Gray and that Gray had been warned of the same; that Jackson was a most desperate and dangerous man, and that the homicide was entirely excusable, because done in self-defense, and C. L. Gray was exonerated from all blame whatever. The jury was composed of the following good and lawful men: A. M. Rankin, E. M. Armfield, J. A. Lindsay, A. B. Horney, Chas. Ragan and A. P. Staley. The coroner was assisted in examination of witnesses by Mr. Jno. N. Wilson, county attorney and Mr. Wescott Robertson, city attorney.

When the coroner announced the result of the inquest there was a great demonstration of approval in the way of loud clapping of hands on the part of the citizens, who unanimously sympathized with Chief Gray in being compelled to shoot Jackson.

Jackson's Record.

It is a bad one. He is the person who several years ago unmercifully cut and beat ex-chief of Police Joe Hoffman who was trying to arrest him. He has threatened the life of several of our citizens on several occasions. He has served one term in the penitentiary and been on the chain gang several times, and has also been indicted for counterfeiting and tried in the federal court for that offense. This and other offenses not in mind at this writing go to make up Jackson's bad reputation.

Jackson was married and is survived by his wife and two children, for whom sympathy is expressed. The burial took place this afternoon. The services at the grave were conducted by Revs. J. M. Hilliard and Eli Beese.

Three Thousand Newspaper Men Within Gates of St. Louis.

A telegram from Editor J. J. Farris who is attending the National Editorial Association at St. Louis, says that there are 3,000 newspaper men in attendance. He reports the Exposition a gigantic success.

From Mr. T. B. Estes.

The Enterprise this week received a letter from Mr. T. B. Estes of Coeburn, Va., enclosing check for renewal of his subscription to the Enterprise. Mr. Estes married Miss Ida Burns of this city. At present he is engaged in the livery business at Coeburn. In his letter Mr. Estes says: "I'm near the place where Wentz was assassinated. We don't know just what to think about it out here. People differ as to opinion, some think he committed suicide, while others are of the opinion he was murdered."

The young man Wentz referred to was the son of a millionaire who mysteriously disappeared and for several months a continued search was made for him. As much as \$50,000 was offered for his body. He was to have been married in a short time.

Purchased by Mr. E. A. Bencil.

That desirable and valuable property on South Main St., known as the John Payne place, has been acquired by Mr. E. A. Bencil, who will make extensive

Knitting Mill.

The Enterprise is reliably informed that plans are now being formulated for a knitting mill to be established here at an early date. In fact the interested parties are already negotiating for the machinery for said mill. The capital stock will be taken mostly by home people. The company will manufacture ladies underwear. This is the kind of factory long needed in High Point as it will give employment to quite a number of female hands. The names of the promoters are withheld for the time being.

Street Improvements.

Mr. C. Markley, the contractor, has arrived with his force and has begun active operations on the street improvement work contracted for by the city. He has developed a very fine quarry of rock which insures strictly first class macadam for the streets.

Polk Miller.

Polk Miller, of Richmond, made his second visit to High Point this season last Friday night, and his second coming was enjoyed even more than the first. This time he brought a "plantation quartette" along and to put it mildly he completely captured his hearers. The singing of the quartette was the best ever heard here. The bass and tenor voices deserve special mention. We are always pleased to greet Mr. Miller.

Death of Mrs. Osborne.

Mrs. Osborne, widow of the late George Osborn, died at her home at 220 Willowbrook street. She has been in ill health for years but was taken with an acute attack of gastritis about three weeks ago. After much suffering she passed peacefully away on Monday. The funeral was held from the residence at 3 o'clock yesterday. Rev. G. F. Kirby had charge. Rev. Wm. Bagly spoke words of comfort to the mourning children of whom there are seven. The community enters heartily into sympathy with those who are left without the care of father or mother.

Seriously Ill.

Policeman Arthur Jordan, of the Greensboro force, remains seriously ill at the home of Mr. Nerlus Hodson in this city. The Enterprise with his other friends, hope for an early improvement in the condition of Mr. Jordan.

Mr. Penny Acquitted.

In the case of Geo. T. Penny and Joe E. Fraley for an affray the former was acquitted and the latter guilty according to his (Mr. Fraley's) evidence, so says the Greensboro Telegram report of the trial. Mr. Penny was also acquitted of the charge of forcible trespass to a house in Greensboro.

Will Go to New York.

Mr. Decker has resigned his position as operator for the Western Union at this place and in the near future will go to New York to operate a private wire for a well known broker house. Mr. Decker is an efficient operator, and the company loses a good man by his resignation. He is succeeded here by Miss Halley.

Attended Meeting.

Rev. Jno. W. Wilborn attended a Pythian meeting at Spencer Thursday night at which a member of the supreme lodge was present. He reports a pleasant time.

High Point Book Store.

A stock company has been organized here with an authorized capital of \$10,000 to run a book store and stationery business. The company will fit up the store room in the Field building very handsomely. The business will be under the management of Mr. George Brooks who will do all in his power to give High Point a first class book store, keeping all the latest books, maps, stationery, etc.

ANOTHER STEP FORWARD FOR HIGH POINT.

The Standard Mirror Works, of Pittsburg, Pa., Will Move Its Plant to High Point.

Through the efforts of The Manufacturers' Club, the Standard Mirror Works, a corporation of Pittsburg, Pa., has been induced to remove its plant to High Point. The officials of this concern have just spent several days here and as a result have purchased a location for the plant from the Kendall Development Co., opposite the High Point Buggy Co. Work on the buildings, which will be of brick, will begin immediately and the Company hopes to be in full operation in about three months. This enterprise will be of material benefit to the furniture industry of our city. We extend a hearty welcome to Messrs. Wineskie, McKnight and the other members of the company.

"Farmer Girl" and "Farmer Boy."

The Enterprise now has as its correspondent a "farmer boy" and a "farmer girl," both bright young people who write in an interesting way of the happenings in their respective localities. The young lady's name is Miss Bessie Briggs, of Jamestown, and the young man's Willie Collett, of Orinoco.

Rainbow Party.

There will be a Rainbow Party at the residence of Mrs. Joseph D. Smith Friday evening at 8 o'clock which is given by Mrs. Smith and other ladies of St. Marys Episcopal church, for the benefit of the church. There is promised a highly entertaining program, novel in arrangement and unique in every way. A large number of the young people are expected and the ladies hope that all of their friends may attend.

Reception at the Manufacturers' Club.

The Manufacturers' Club will hold a reception at the Club rooms tomorrow, Thursday night, from eight to twelve o'clock for the members of the Club and their lady friends. All members are requested to attend and bring the lady members of their families or others.

Mr. Bryant Elected Treasurer.

Our townsman Mr. S. Bryant, Secretary & Treasurer Naomi Falls Mfg. Co., one of the largest cotton mills on the river, has been elected Treasurer and General Manager of the large interests of Randleman Mfg. Co. Mr. S. G. Newlin has been elected President of the Company and will continue his active relations with the Company. Mr. Bryant's new duties will not interfere with his management of his other Mills. Mr Bryant's numerous friends here will congratulate him as well as the company on these new relations. He is one of the best cotton mill men in the south and we bespeak continued prosperity of the mills under his care.

Biscoe Suffers Serious Fire.

A big fire at Biscoe, Montgomery county, Friday afternoon, entailed a loss of about \$15,000. The buildings consumed were the depot, general offices and railroad eating house of the Aberdeen and Ashboro Railroad, the Adams Hotel, the residences of C. C. Crocker, C. C. Martin, Mrs. Burt and several other smaller houses.

To be Unveiled Sunday Afternoon June 12th.

For several days there has been at Barbee Marble Works a monument which will be erected to the grave of the late Chas. J. Hepler who is buried at Fairgrove, near Thomasville, N. C. Mr. Hepler died in a hospital at Baltimore Aug. 23, 1903. His home was in Kansas but he was reared in Davidson county. Mr. Hepler was a member of the Woodmen of the World, which order erects a monument of unique and beautiful design to the grave of every member at a cost of \$100, free, which is one of the many pretty features of the order. The Camp here of this order, Piedmont No. 62, being the nearest one it was given the duty and honor of taking in charge the unveiling of said monument, which will occur the second Sunday in June, the 12th, to which, the public is invited. The contact of making the monument was given Mr. Fred G. Barbee, a member of Piedmont Camp No. 62 Woodmen of the World, of this place. Those who have seen the monument pronounce the work of the best and the design a very pretty one.

ONE OF THE GREATEST NEEDS OF HIGH POINT

Is a More Healthy Public Spirit—Our Public Schools the Best Investment.

Our little city is great in undertakings and great in accomplishments. The history of her achievements, in the last ten years, has filled the State with pride and wonder. Her future is bright with promise and radiant with hope. Greater things are in store for her, and coming days will witness more wonderful deeds performed by a people whose faith is large enough to remove mountains.

One of the greatest needs of the town is a more healthy public spirit. Envy, jealousy and narrowness must be rooted out and our people need to come closer together and meet on a higher plane of fellowship, and, while the spirit of money making is good in its place, the good citizen needs to be filled with other desires also. There is something better, nobler in life than profit sharing. There is a wealth that is not counted in dollars and cents—that does not find its chief joy in the number of town lots or farm acres possessed. It finds expression in good deeds for others; in kind words of encouragement and hope; in helping others to bear their burdens.

The tread mill of life continually grinds out labor and sorrow and pain, and while the process is going on angelic hands can gather flowers and lay them on the graves of dead hopes, and say to the troubled soul, we are brothers—brothers in sorrow as well as joy.

Our city is progressing rapidly and our needs are being supplied. Another public school building north of the railroad is under way, and among all our investments, our public school is the best. It will teach our children the principles of the Golden Rule, and through this medium our children will come into possession and enjoy that higher and better life.

Our manufacturing industries are becoming diversified as evidenced by the silk mill, the car shops and mirror factory. Work of paving our streets has begun. All these improvements will add more attractions to our city. If our Board of Aldermen could only see their way clear to run the electric lights all night, it would be another step in the march of progress.

High Point is a great town. None have excelled her in her day and according to her opportunity. We believe that all things needed will come in their own good time. Our people are building a city which shall be known throughout the world. It takes time, it takes courage, it takes money and brains. Let our best men rule. Let no one try to block the way but in all things pull together. Help in the administration of the law and help one another.

The Enterprise Extra of Yesterday.

The Enterprise very seldom indulges in "shop talk" but thinks it accomplished a newspaper feat, as the "fraternity" would call it, yesterday afternoon in being able on a minute's notice to issue an Enterprise Extra telling of the killing of Joe Jackson and having it on the streets and in the hands of hundreds of people within a half hour after the occurrence. For an hour the Enterprise office was thronged with seething humanity anxious to get our extra and it kept our presses busy for an hour or more supplying the demand.

GOV. BOB TAYLOR.

At The Auditorium Wednesday Night May 25th.

Gov. Bob Taylor will be in High Point May 25th in the Auditorium, subject, "The Fiddle and the Bow."

"This world is a hanging garden of beauty to those who love; it is a harp of a thousand strings to those who laugh and sing."—Taylor. Admission 75c, 50c, 25c. Tickets on sale at Mann Drug Co.

Will Deliver Annual Address.

Geo. H. Crowell will deliver the Annual Literary Address at



Monument to be unveiled at the grave of the late Chas. J. Hepler, at Fairgrove, near Thomasville, by Piedmont Camp No. 62, Woodmen