

WIFE'S MOTHER ON THE STAND

Surprise Sprung in Beattie Case—Mrs. Owen Says Daughter Was Sad and Had Crying Spells.

A SCATHING ATTACK MADE ON TESTIMONY

Effort of the Defense to Show That Scherer, Detective, Approached Defense's Witnesses.

Chesterfield Court House, Va., Aug. 28.—A scathing attack upon Detective Luther Scherer's testimony was made by counsel for the defense when the Beattie trial was resumed at 10:30.

Did Beattie tell you he failed to stop at any houses along the way because he knew there was a physician at the Owen home where he was talking his wife?

Scherer admitted he has discussed the case with Paul two times and with Beulah perhaps 30 or 25 times. Referring to Scherer's testimony Saturday, Carter pointed to the alleged conversations between Beattie and Scherer after the murder.

After Scherer left the stand Sheriff Gill was asked by Prosecutor Wendenburg to bring into the court house the blood stained clothes worn by Beattie the night of the murder.

A woman, veiled in heavy black, suddenly was brought into the court room at 11:50 o'clock, and took the stand. She was Mrs. Owen, the mother of the dead woman. She came in a taxicab. Her entrance was dramatic.

"Your name?" asked Wendenburg, simultaneously as Beattie's clothes were brought in.

"Mrs. R. V. Owen."

"Your home?"

"Dover, Del."

"You were the mother of the dead woman?"

"Yes."

"I wish you would tell the jury all about your daughter's living happily with her husband," said Wendenburg.

There was a pause while counsel for the defense conferred. The presence of the woman in mourning caused a sensation in the court room.

Her coming was entirely unexpected. Beattie edged nervously.

Asked concerning Mrs. Beattie's home life, Mrs. Owen said: "She was sad and had frequent crying spells. The witness spoke in a low, weak voice. Facing the jury she lifted her veil, showing a pale, wrinkled face, but she did not look at the prisoner.

SURVEY OF STATE FROM THE CAPITAL

Wake County's Medico-Legal Battle Comes to a Head—Damage to Cotton Crop.

Gazette-News Bureau, The Hotel Raleigh, Raleigh, Aug. 28.

Ninety-three candidates, including one woman and three negroes stood the examination today to practice law in North Carolina.

A Child Drowned. Sherwood Rogers, aged eight years, fell from a rock into the Cape Fear river at Buckhorn hydro electric plant late yesterday, and was drowned in 30 feet of water.

Authoritative announcement is made of the purchase of the Academy of Music building by Dr. J. R. Rogers, H. E. Litchford, ex-Judge R. W. Winston and F. K. Ellington from a Charlotte man, who formerly owned the building.

Depreciation of Cotton. Reports from many counties in this section are to the effect that the cotton crop has been damaged at least 25 per cent. during the present month.

Fine Russian Bloodhounds. Victoria II, bred in the imperial kennels of Moscow, Russia, and her son, Prince, were taken to the county home this afternoon, where they will remain.

New Building Site at University. Dr. J. Y. Joyner, state superintendent of public instruction, has returned from Durham and Chapel Hill, where he went in the interest of his work.

Legal Battle Brought to a Head. With the declination of Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary to the state board of health, to honor the suggestion of D. T. Johnson, chairman of the board of county commissioners, as to the appointment of a new sanitary inspector, the legal and political battle that has been raging between Dr. J. J. McCullers, appointed by Dr. Rankin, and the board of county commissioners, was fairly brought to a head.

Statesville Boy Dies After Running to Fire. Statesville, Aug. 28.—Fire, which began in the boiler room of the Statesville Lumber company's plant near the depot at 11 o'clock Saturday morning, completely destroyed the plant and considerable lumber.

Washington, Aug. 28.—With the designation of 23 post-offices as postal savings banks, beginning business September 23, in Florida, Missouri, New York, and North Carolina, the post-office general fund is expected to be increased by \$1,000,000.



New York Herald and The Gazette-News.

UNCLE SAM'S LATEST

RACE TROUBLE FEARED, STARTED BY A FIGHT

The Fight Started Over a Pint of Whiskey—One Man Was Killed.

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BOUGHT ONE COFFIN AND PROVIDED TWO CORPSES

Georgia Deacon Becomes Angry, Kills Another Deacon and Suicides.

ALLEGED ASSAILANT OF HENRY GIVES HIMSELF UP

Information has been received here by the revenue department that one of the men, who is alleged to have been implicated in the shooting of Deputy Collector Henry, during a raid on moonshiners in Wilkes county a week or two ago, has given himself up to the authorities.

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Zonia Nance Admits Being Connected With Still—Denies Shooting.

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MANY KILLED IN WILD STAMPEDE

Moving Picture Film Parts; an Excited Boy Raises the Cry of "Fire" and Panic Ensues.

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Mostly Women and Children—Twenty-Six Taken Out Dead and More Than Fifty Injured.

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