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HE DIED IN A HAY WAGON

Only Companion was Jasper Mayes, a 16-Year-Old Boy.

TOO MUCH STIMULATION THE CAUSE

Drank Full Pint Corn Whiskey at one Time—The Remains Brought to Durham for Interment.

James Redmond, of this city, son of W. T. Redmond, died suddenly in the country some six miles west of Durham Tuesday afternoon. At the time of his death he was in a wagon with Jasper Mayes, a young fellow about sixteen years of age, and Mayes had an experience that he will not soon forget. For a while he drove along with the dead man in his arms and then laid him back in the wagon and ran off for help.

As soon as possible after the sudden death was reported to the family here and an undertaking was sent out and brought in the body, reaching here about 11 o'clock Tuesday night. The remains were taken to his father's home on Burch avenue, and prepared for burial.

The best story of the sad death of Mr. Redmond is that he died as the result of over-stimulation. Young Mayes told the story and said that Mr. Redmond went with him to get a load of hay. On the way to the point where the hay was to be loaded, said the youth, Mr. Redmond stopped him and asked him to wait awhile. In about an hour, continued the boy, Mr. Redmond returned and when he came back he had two pint bottles of corn whiskey.

After getting back, continued the boy in his story, Mr. Redmond took a drink from one of the bottles and also gave him a drink. Later Redmond took one or two other drinks and the bottle was nearly empty. Then the other bottle was opened and the boy said that Redmond drank all of this the entire pint—without stopping, that is without replacing the stopper in the bottle. In less than an hour he fell over against him, seemed to have something like a fit and then death tells the remainder of the story. This is the statement made by young Mayes the only witness to what he says occurred and the only one present when Redmond died.

Speaking of the death the boy said that when Mr. Redmond fell over against him he thought he was drunk. Then there were evidences that he was having a fit or something of that kind and he became scared. Placing his arm around the man he drove on for some distance, finally reaching the hay stack from which they were to get the load of hay.

When he lay the burden back in the wagon and ran to where some men were at work and asked them for help. When they arrived Redmond was just as he had been left, there were no pulse and he was getting stiff. They removed him from the wagon, wrapped him in quilts and attempted to warm and rub life back into him. But he was dead, and everything indicated that he must have died when young Mayes says he fell up against him and seemed to have a fit. It was the quivering of death that he noticed.

Mr. Redmond was the oldest son of W. T. Redmond and was born on November 26, 1867. He would have been 40 years of age had he lived until next November. Many years ago he left here for the South and was an

FOR A NEW COURT HOUSE

County Attorney Prepares Bill to Allow Commissioners to Sell and Build.

Below is the full text of a bill introduced in the legislature relative to a new court house for Durham county, which will explain itself:

"The general assembly of North Carolina do enact:

"Section 1. The board of county commissioners, of Durham county, are hereby authorized and empowered to select and purchase a site for the building and erection thereon of a new county court house, and to levy and collect a special tax for the purpose of building a new court house, on the site so designated, and issue bonds in payment therefor, for such amount and to run for such time and bear such rate of interest as they may determine.

"Section 2. The said board of commissioners are further authorized and empowered to purchase additional land to be used as a farm in connection with the management of the county home and work house.

"Section 3. To carry out the purposes of this act the said board of county commissioners are hereby invested with the power of eminent domain.

"Section 4. Nothing in this act shall be construed to compel the county commissioners of Durham county to purchase said land or to build a new court house.

"Section 5. That the board of commissioners of the county of Durham are hereby authorized and empowered to sell and convey, by and with the consent of the board of aldermen of the city of Durham, the present property now owned and used for a court house and jail site, and if they shall determine to sell the same the said board is authorized and empowered to subdivide the same into convenient lots, and offer the same as subdivided at public auction after thirty days notice, to the highest bidder, or to offer the same as a whole to the highest bidder, and make and execute deeds or deed in fee simple to the purchaser thereof. And the board of aldermen of the city of Durham are hereby authorized and empowered to join in the execution of said deed or deeds to the purchaser thereof. And the said board of commissioners are further authorized and empowered to purchase other additional property as a court house and jail site, and erect building thereon and hold the same subject to the trust now existing on the present property in favor of the city of Durham.

"Section 6. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification."

If you expect to get a premium knife do not wait longer, but send in at once.

engineer for quite a long time. He returned to Durham less than a year ago. He was not married. Recently he had been spending much of his time with his aged grand mother, Mrs. Polly Redmond, out near the reservoir. He left father, three brothers one sister. His brothers are W. P. Redmond, this city; Charley Redmond, of Tarboro, and Thad Redmond, of Rocky Mount. The only sister, Mrs. Nodie Crabtree, who lives here.

The funeral and burial took place from the residence of W. T. Redmond Wednesday afternoon, conducted by J. H. McCracken, after which the remains were interred in Maplewood cemetery.

JACK BARKER IS CAPTURED

Arrested While Working at a Still in Lebanon Township.

OFFICERS MAKE A SUCCESSFUL RAID.

Entire Outfit Destroyed, Including 1,000 Gallons of Beer, 25 Gallons of Whiskey and an 80-Gallon Still.

Revenue Officers Jordan, Pool, and Banks went out in the northern part of the county Monday and succeeded in finding a large still in full blast, with five men at work. The still, beer and whiskey were destroyed and one man captured, that man being Jock Barker, husband of the woman that was dragged from her house by Freeman Jones, who was hanged here last Friday.

The still was found one mile east of South Lowell, near the Durham and Orange county lines, in the northwestern part of this county. When the officers approached the still five men were working, two being white and the others colored. The men working at the still scattered in every direction when they saw that the officers were coming. The officers gave chase and when they returned to the still one man had been captured and that man was Jack Barker, who could not run as fast as the others.

Then the work of destruction was begun, the beer stands being cut down, the furnace torn down and what could not be brought to town by the officers was destroyed. They found every evidence of what might be termed a first-class blind tiger distillery, they having everything fixed not only for the making, but for disposing of what they made. Among that portion of the property destroyed was a 25-gallon keg of whiskey, which could not be brought to town, and a considerable amount of low-wines was poured out.

Jack Barker skipped out from here sometime ago, probably a year or more, leaving behind four bonds, the aggregate of which amounted to some \$350 or \$400. He was charged in three cases with selling whiskey without license and in the fourth was charged with being a party in robbing a store in East Durham. In addition to having to face the charge of making liquor in violation of the laws he will probably have to face the other charges that were against him, as these were not crossed with leave to reinstate.

His Life Was Insured.

Some rather curious documents are filled out in the insurance business, but none that are more so than one that was filled out in Durham one day this week. This was the death certificate of Freeman Jones, who carried a small life policy with the Life Insurance Company of Virginia. In giving the cause of death the physician that was filling out the blank stated the cause was "neck broken," while the answer to the question of duration of last illness was "nineteen minutes."

The claim will be paid by the company, that is if the past is to be an indication of what they will do. The money will go to his wife.

Delos W. Sorrell, county attorney, went down to Raleigh Wednesday to carry the bills that the county commissioners ordered drafted, which appears in another column.

A BILL TO AMEND CITY CHARTER.

Aldermen of Durham to Be Given More Power Regarding Officers and Streets.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature by Representative Manning, at the instance of the present board of aldermen, that is of interest to the citizens of Durham. This is a bill to amend the charter of the city, giving more power to the board of city aldermen.

One provision of the proposed change is to give the aldermen power to employ an assistant city clerk and other officers if needed. Under the present charter it names the various positions to be filled and there is no provision for either bookkeeper or assistant clerk. This will give them additional power, also the power to create such new offices as are needed or desired.

Another section of the bill provides that no one person shall hold two positions in the city government and for the purposes of this act the school committees are officers. There is a proviso that this shall not apply if the city desires to make the assistant clerk also bookkeeper for the city.

One of the most important provisions of the bill is to get some system into the laying off of streets in the future. Heretofore the streets have been laid off by private parties just as desired and the result can be imagined. This feature of the proposed change provides: "That no individual, corporation, association or partnership shall open or lay out any new street or streets or sell lots abutting on same without first having had a plat of said proposed street or streets made and submitted to the board of aldermen of said city and approved and accepted by said board. The said board of aldermen may pass all necessary ordinances to regulate and control the opening of streets and alleys in said city."

Another section deals entirely with the street railway question. It given the aldermen power to regulate and prescribe the kind of rails to be used; manner and method of laying these rails, and to require the street railway company to lay grooved rails under certain conditions when this is desired or thought best. This same act gives the aldermen power to compel this as to future franchises and also as to any franchise now in operation. This grooved rail can be required where the streets are paved with brick, asphalt or other improved paving other than macadam. The act requires the company to keep its road bed in repair, where it is thought that repairs are needed, and that the company shall use the same kind of paving that is used by the city in any particular locality. The road bed is described as being that part of the street between the rails and eighteen inches on either side of the rails.

Another provision of the change in the charter will be to define, enlarge or add other duties to the chief of the fire department. In other words to leave this matter with the board of aldermen entirely.

The judgment of the court in the case of G. W. Vickers against the Durham and South Carolina Railway has been paid. When the case was settled in the superior court, giving Mr. Vickers \$642.50 the attorneys from the railroad gave notice of appeal, but later the amount has been paid by the company, which ends the suit.

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