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AN ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE

Mrs. Annie Wilson, Wife of B. H. Wilson, Cuts Her Throat With Knife.

THOUGHT THAT SHE WILL RECOVER.

A Sunday Morning Tragedy That Came Near Being Fatal—Result of Long Illness—An Old Table Knife Used.

Just before the beginning of church services on Sunday morning, there was enacted a horrible tragedy on Holloway street, only a few yards away from the First Baptist church, and immediately below the Methodist church, of this city. It was at this time that Mrs. Annie Wilson, the wife of Mrs. B. H. Wilson, made a desperate effort to end her life with an old table knife, which she secured from the dining table. A very painful wound was inflicted, but the arrival of friends prevented Mrs. Wilson from finishing the rash deed.

The knife used by the desperate woman in the effort to end it all was an old table knife which she had sharpened on a brick, leaving a very rough and ragged edge. The wound was just under the chin, in the fleshy part of the throat. But for the fact that the knife missed the main arteries and wind-pipe, the wound would have immediately proved fatal. Doctors Mann and Olive arrived quickly on the spot, and everything possible to relieve the suffering of the woman was done, and she was then carried to the hospital.

From the appearance of things soon after the terrible deed, it was evident that Mrs. Wilson had intended to make a complete job of it. She was alone in her room at the time, the other members of the family being elsewhere in the house. She locked the door and all windows, lowered the shades, thus making the room as dark as possible, and then hid herself in a closet. Kneeling down she drew the knife across her throat. It was in this position, with blood streaming down her neck, that she was found.

Possibly the coming of several members of the family to the door hastened the act, and upon finding the door locked it was broken open and the struggles of the suffering woman were heard in the closet. This was opened and she was found to have the bloody knife still in her hand.

The exact cause of the rash act is not known but it is generally thought that her mind had become mentally unbalanced on account of continued sickness and bad health. During the past few years she has been in extremely poor health and has suffered a great deal. Mrs. Wilson came here sometime ago from Chatham county and is from a good family of that place. She is 35 year old and has a husband, several children, brothers and sisters. She has made Durham her home for a number of years and has a large number of friends among our people. Late-ly, it is said, she has acted very strangely and it has been necessary to keep a close watch over her. This accounts in a measure for the quick discovery of her after the attempted effort to end her life and the members of her family were fortunate enough to find her before she made a further attempt.

The latest report from the hospital, where Mrs. Wilson was carried, is that she is resting well, unless other complications set in, it is thought that she will recover.

A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Large Gathering Of Young Folks At Hurdle's Mills.

Seldom have we enjoyed an occasion better than we did Saturday evening July 11th, 1908, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Daniel, when their daughter, Miss Eugenia Pearce, celebrated the 21st anniversary of her birth. It was a beautiful day and a large crowd were present to partake of the hospitality of these people who endeavored to make it a pleasant occasion. The musicians were Miss Ruth O'Briant, organist, Dixie Long, Banjo, Colon Wilson, Violin, and a part of the H. M. Vocal class and indeed the music was fine, but the best feature of the day was when the refreshments have arrived, when the crowd assembled around a large table on the beautiful lawn in front of the house which was lighted by the starry heavens and the moon which was throwing out her golden rays of brightness, and partook of refreshments which consisted of ice cream, lemonade, cake, pickle and various kinds of fruit.

Among those present were: Miss Ruth O'Briant, of Durham; Miss Bannie Parker, of Hillsboro; Walter K. Long, of Rocky Mount; Henry Wilson, of Hillsboro; Henry Parker, of Hillsboro; Henry Brewer, of Raleigh; Misses Bannie Blackard, Colon Wilson, Dixie Long, Iva O'Briant, Iva Harris, Sudie Holeman, Annie Coleman, Gertrude O'Briant, Amelia Coleman, Annie Breeze, Bera Bradsher, Earle Long, Ara Hall, Annie Horton, Myrtle Laws, Ella Horner, Lula Bradsher, Mary Hawkins, Eva Moore, Annie O'Briant, Fannie Hawkins, Jodie O'Briant, Messrs. John O'Briant, Charles Holeman, Jr., Claude Holeman, Arthur Long, H. G. Laws, Eugene Ferrell, F. W. Blackard, A. F. Bowles, Otis Blackwell, Ira Rimmer, Ira Hawkins, Jasper Rimmer, W. C. Hawkins, E. G. Horton, Elijah O'Briant, Ernest Moore, Elijah Phelps, Hugh Moore, John Horner, Walter Hawkins, T. O'Briant, C. F. Harris, Floyd Hawkins, Otho Hawkins, W. T. Hawkins, R. H. Bradsher, C. E. Long. The following Mesdames were also present: T. O'Briant, John Horner, Otho Hawkins, Oma O'Briant, Iris O'Briant, Annie Hawkins.

It was a very enjoyable occasion long to be remembered by all who were present. It was midnight before the crowd disbanded and returned to their various homes hoping to attend another such happy occasion some day soon. Miss Pearl received a large number of presents as a reminder of a large host of true friends. DREAMER.

On Saturday a large number of people attended the Durham district Sunday school convention, which was held at Duke's chapel. There were two sessions held, one at 10 o'clock in the morning, and another at which dinner was a part of the programme, was held later. Mr. J. D. Fletcher, president of the conference, presided over the meeting. There were present several ministers, including Rev. G. W. Fisher, pastor of the Durham county circuit. The dinner was served on the lawn, and there was plenty of good things to eat for every one present.

On Sunday the first service in the new Memorial church on Chapel Hill street was held, and the pastor, Rev. M. Bradsher, filled the pulpit.

LYON WINS CHAMPIONSHIP.

George L. Lyon Wins Championship In Trap Shoot Near Boston.

HE BEAT PROFESSIONALS LAST WEEK

Broke Ninety-One Out of a Hundred—His Score Marvelous.—Papers Give Him Boost—A Fine Record.

George L. Lyon, of this city, won the eastern championship in the handicap shoot at Wellington near Boston, Mass. last week. Lyon's score was 91 out of 100 targets, which is considered marvelous. At the end of the thirty targets it was found that Lyon, the amateur southern handicap winner, was in the lead he having broken 28 out of 30 targets. He shot from the nineteen mark with a twenty-one yard limit, at which were placed the following: Lester German, John R. Taylor, and Hawkins, professionals, George S. McCarty, H. E. Buckwalter winner of the preliminary handicap, and Chauncey Powers, amateurs.

Hawkins lead the professionals with twenty-seven out of thirty, J. A. R. Elliot second with twenty-six, and J. R. Taylor third with twenty-five.

The Boston Herald gave a fine write-up of Mr Lyon last week, and thinking that it will be of much interest to our readers, we publish it in full below:

"North Carolina sent up one of its youngest guns to the third eastern handicap, the blue ribbon of the eastern trap year, which was decided under the auspices of the Inter-State association over the traps of the Paleface Shooting association at Wellington yesterday when G. L. Lyon, of the New York A. C., but hailing from Durham, N. C. annexed the coveted trophy with a score of 91. He defeated A. B. Richardson, of Delaware by three birds while for third honors E. W. Maffet, of New York, and Dennis A Upson, of Cleveland, shot a tie of 87.

"When the star event, the eastern haddicap, was begun, ere many rounds had been fired, Lyon, Richardson, Moffet, of New York, and Dennis Upson, of Cleveland, last year's preliminary winner, pulled away slightly and battled man for man to the end. Lyon and Richardson both came away with a straight while, the remaining two of the quartet each dropped two birds.

"In the second round Richardson and Moffet failed at one each, while Lyon and Upson each connected with 13. It was in the following round at 20 targets that the North Carolina shot gained his winning hold on the trophy, for he smashed 17, and went with a tie with Richardson. The latter could not stay the pace in the last two rounds from home and at the end was three birds in the rear, and with a score of 91 Lyon added the eastern trophy to his list for the first time."

An Unapproachable Horse.
An Erie young man called to take his sweetheart out driving the other day, but when the stunningly attired young lady caught sight of the turnout the young man had hired for the occasion she feigned a headache and refused to accompany him.

"Why, Violet," asked the astonished mother, "why didn't you go with him?"
"Well, mamma," was the indignant reply, "I consider that a very foolish question on your part. How could I go when the horse he was driving didn't match the single thing I had to wear?"—Kansas City Journal.
Passes—Do widow's weeds ever bloom? Pardonous—Certainly! They produce orange blossoms.—Chicago Record-Herald.

REPUBLICANS HOLD MEETING.

Convention to Be Held August 15—Mr. Mangum for the Legislature.

The Republican executive committee held their first meeting on Saturday, when they met with Chairman J. W. Rigsbee presiding, and Secretary Bramham calling the roll. Every precinct in the county was represented, except one, Houston Barbee, of Cedar Grove township, having died some time ago.

It did not take long for the Republicans to transact business, for which purpose they met, and the date of August 15 was decided upon as the time for selecting delegates to the State convention to be held at Charlotte August 26. Every one thought that the time of the county convention at which the Republicans will nominate their men, would be named, but they decided to wait until the Democrats had taken further action. It was decided, however, to hold precinct primaries over the whole county when the delegates to the county convention will be chosen.

There was no dissatisfaction among the Republican men whatever, none clamoring for either an early or late primary; they merely wished to wait awhile before taking further proceedings. They all seem to be very hopeful and satisfied with the way things are going.

Up to this late hour seven democrats have announced their intention of running for lower house honors, and since only one of them can be chosen for this office, things are beginning to become quite interesting. In the Republican field one gentleman for the Legislature is being talked of, and it is generally conceded that Mr. D. C. Mangum will run. He is the only one yet to oppose the seven Democratic aspirers, but there will possibly be others in the field.

When the democrats nominate their ticket, the Republicans will know better what to do, and they are waiting for that day to come. As yet Mr. Mangum is the only one of them who has announced his intention of running for the office. He is now connected with the Durham post-office, and will perhaps stand a good chance of receiving the Republican nomination.

Mrs. C. H. McGee died Monday afternoon at her home on Lyon street, from a complication of diseases. Her death occurred at about 6:30 o'clock. She was 42 years old, and was a member of the Main Street Church, of this city. She leaves a husband and six children. The remains were shipped over the D. & S. to Barclaysville, near which place the burial will take place.

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