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MR. ROWLAND STILL LIVING.

After Attempt to End His Life by Cutting His Throat.

HIS CONDITION IS VERY SERIOUS NOW

Mr. W. B. Rowland, Well Known, Suffers the Wind Pipe in Effort to Take His Life Wednesday.

Durham people, especially the oldest citizens that have known "Bill" Rowland, school teacher, tobacco buyer and all round jolly man for many years, were shocked Wednesday morning when the news began to circulate that he had attempted to end his life.

Mr. Rowland was a character that all who knew him thought such an attempt would be far from his thoughts. Always jolly and lively, ready for an innocent joke upon his friends' never had it occurred to his friends, that he was tired of life and wanted to end it all. But such seemed to have been the case, and his many friends were almost incredulous when the news was told them.

He was carried to Watts hospital immediately after the attempt and since that time has been hovering between life and death, his only son that resides in Durham, W. B. Rowland, and other relatives, watching by his bedside.

Mr. Rowland was the son of George Rowland, of Granville county, and was born nearly sixty-two years ago. At the age of sixteen, when too young, he ran off to the war but never saw actual service. He attended Wake Forest college and graduated from that institution, following his college course by teaching school and later opening the first school in Durham, the old Academy, which is the only institution which many Durham people have ever attended. He married shortly after this experience, Miss Virginia Burns, of Person county. Four children are now living, Messrs. Will George, Edwin Rowland, and Mrs. John W. Jones, of Tarboro.

Mr. Edwin Rowland will come in on the first train from Boston where he holds a government position. Mrs. Jones arrived yesterday from her home. Mr. George Rowland came over from Henderson where he spends most of his time, and Mr. W. B. Rowland, who was sent to Roxboro by his father, was summoned yesterday from that place.

Mr. Rowland had been many years of his life a tobacco buyer and dealer and was in fact engaged to the present time in the business as independent buyer, dealt solely in leaf and was accounted the best of judges of tobacco. He had not given his his last few months attention to that industry and was little seen on the market recently.

The Trial Moved.

After exhausting the special venire summoned for the trial of Solomon Shepard and summoning more men and turning them down in the superior court, Judge Adams ordered that the case against Shepard be moved to Granville county for trial. This was brought about by the proposition of securing a jury, which seemed to be difficult, for what reason, Attorney Lovenstein, who represented the negro, said would be apparent.

However, Shepard is said to have been displeased at the turn of affairs, and asked that his attorney be dismissed. The result will be interesting when the case comes to trial.

LETTER FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER.

Farmers Union the Subject of Mr. Sutt's Epsilon.

Some weeks ago, you had something to say in regard to the Farmers' Educational and Co-operation Union of America, and in behalf of all true Farmers' Union men. I want to thank you for your able editorial, also the article on "The Purpose and Aim" of the Farmers' Union.

As you stated, the Durham County Farmers' Union was organized on December 3, 1909, with five chartered locals, the least number that a county can have to form a County Union. Mr. J. Z. Green, the State organizer was present, and made an "open" address, but few people outside of Union men were present. Judge Sykes and his court were holding "fort" when the time came for the Farmers to meet and we sat around the stove till the "Crier" adjourned the court. Judge Sykes, the city editor of the Herald, the Solicitor of the court walked out. The next day, we read in the Herald the report of the Recorder's court; but not one single line of Mr. Green's speech was reported—but the Farmers' Union is not "kicking" on not having its meetings published in the Herald, but we as subscribers to our city's papers had rather read something about "what the farmers are doing" than to read that "Jim Dick" was sentenced to the roads from the Recorder's court for 30 days for retailing.

The Farmers' Union is here to stay, and there is no organization that is growing more rapidly.

We have now 15 Local Unions in the county, and new members are joining at nearly every meeting. On last Saturday night, five of the most substantial farmers in this, the north east part of Oak Grove township joined the Union at Redwood; so the news comes almost daily that new members are "coming into the Union," and well they should, for if there is a class of people who are in need of a good strong organization, the farmer is that class.

The Union is not "looking out" for 10 per cent discounts—but any merchant, if he knows enough to run a store, knows that the more trade he can get, the better he likes it, and the more he will make and that he had rather sell 10 barrels of flour than one barrel, but in a few years, yea even one year, Farmers' Union men are not going to have to buy flour at all, nor meat, meal, not even molasses. The Union is fighting no organization—the Union is fighting the farmer. We need farmers who will think—farmers who will try to meet their own supplies, and not go crazy over 8 cent tobacco [average] and even 15 cent cotton. Tobacco should average 20 cents per pound for the farmer to "lay by" any money; cotton should bring from 18 to 20 cents per pound, and yet with these prices prevailing, the farmer that depends upon tobacco and cotton, and buys his "rations" at the stores, will have to go to the county home before he dies—if he should live long. If any of you "fellows" in the city know of any farmers of this class who are any "better off" now than they were last year, "trot'em" out, we want to see them.

We hope every farmer in the county will join, and he should join.

Our next County Union will be on Saturday 22nd, at 11 o'clock. Let all Union men be present.

Very truly,
S. M. SUITT,
County Secretary-Treasurer.

INTEREST STILL GROWING.

The Last Securing First Position for This Week.

MORE WORK BEING DONE THAN EVER.

Look at the Top of the Column and See if Your Friend Leads—if not Help Them Along.

The Recorder Popularity contest is growing in interest every day and every effort of some of the contestants is being put forth to securing their choice of one of the seven prize we are offering.

The vote this week shows that some work has been done by the contestants and the results show for themselves. However, those that have been having only a few votes should not lose sight of the fact that others that have been along with them have reached the top and should take courage from the fact that they may do the same.

If you find the name of your choice in the list and they need your support send in your subscription or renewal at once and add your strength to their vote. Every vote will count.

The following is the vote of each:

Miss Annie Reade Long	2510
Miss Irene Murray	2170
Miss Laura Tingen	2280
J. E. Ferguson	2220
Miss Julia Carver	1450
Miss Mary Fleming	1370
Miss Lona Sorrell	1560
Miss Bessie Markham	1495
Ben F. Hester	1525
Miss Corinne Bowling	1110
Miss Mamie B. Tapp	1345
Miss Flora Shephard	1005
Miss Helen Graves	845
Miss Pearl Lewis	1600
Miss Edna Featherstone	775
Miss Mattie Terry	1690
Miss Katie L. Johnson	695
Miss Blanche Shields	635
Miss Carrie W. Burch	470
Miss Bessie Pickett	450
Miss Eada Andrews	400
Miss Lottie Mangum	390
Miss Bertha Cole	325
Miss Ada Herndon	250
Miss Christine Rosemond	250
Mrs. Fred Markham	175
Miss Ola Cash	150

Death of James William Hamlin.

On January the 15th, 1910, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, death invaded our community and took from our midst our brother and highly esteemed friend, James William Hamlin, son of Mrs. Bettie Hamlin, who lives near Push. He had just reached the beauty and promise of young manhood, as he was in his 24th year when he was taken with that dreaded disease, pneumonia. His friends and loved ones watched with aching hearts as the disease was reaching its worst stage, but with a hope to the last that he would recover. All that love and medicine could do was done for him, but God, who doeth all things well, saw fit to remove him from our midst. I was over to see Willie a short time before he died, but did not ask him about his soul, but his past life had been such that we may know that it was well with him.

We shall meet him no more amid the familiar scenes of this earth, but we know whither his whole life tended and where to find him. He was laid to rest in Mt. Zion church yard, where he had been a member for several years, the church loved him, and the Sunday school prized him as no other, for he was always sure to be there. In every cause for the Master he was willing to do his part, the paths of duty were the paths he sought.

The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. N. C. Yearby, and the large crowd that attended showed the high

esteem in which he was held. He leaves a mother, two brothers, a sister and a host of friends, to mourn his death, but our loss is his eternal gain.

May God bless the bereaved and bring them all home together, some day a united family in heaven.

MAGGIE LAWSON.

Arrested and Discharged.

A young man giving his name as Raymond Stienmetz, and several names, to suit the occasion, was arrested last Friday charged with trying to defraud people of money. He had a hard luck story and worked several who came forward and informed that did not care to say anything for fear of being placed among the easy class.

When the trial came off he was discharged for lack of evidence.

While in jail Friday night, the keeper says that he attempted to end his life by the use of a pen knife. No serious damage was done and only a scratch on the chest result from the effort.

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