

GEORGE MILLS HANGED.
HE PAYS THE PENALTY OF HIS CRIME AT THE GALLOWES.
 The Will of the Late Dr. Hawkins to be Contested: A Curious Illness Still: A Western Union Telegraph Operator Prosecuted: City Politics.

ARGUS BUREAU.
 RALEIGH, May 4, 1895.
 A crash on the trip felt the end of a hangman's rope, the feet touching the ground with every slow rotation of an unconscious body, and you have the story of the execution of George Mills. The drop fell at 11:40 o'clock; 15 minutes later the physicians, Doctors J. R. Rogers and A. T. Cotton, of Morrisville, pronounced the murderer dead.

The condemned man was visited in the jail by Rev. Dr. N. B. Cobb, Rev. Tuttle and Rev. Levi Branson, who prayed with and read scriptures to him. Mills said he was ready and willing to die. At the gallows Rev. Tuttle offered prayer.

Mills made quite a lengthy talk on the gallows, saying that he felt the Lord had forgiven him for his crime and that he was glad to have made a full and complete confession. He then prayed long and fervently, said good-bye to all those on the gallows platform and was guided to the trap. His arms were bound and the black cap adjusted. As this was being done, Mills said, "What is ever you are going to do I want you to do quick." His wish was gratified for the next instant Sheriff Page pushed the lever which released the drop. Death came from strangulation. A coffin, bought by his brother, Tyse Mills, was in the yard and the body was immediately carried to the cemetery where the burial takes place this afternoon in the old burying grounds.

A sensational piece of news has just reached my ears. This is that the will of the late Dr. W. J. Hawkins is to be contested. Dr. Hawkins was one of Raleigh's wealthiest citizens. His will divided his property quite unevenly between his relatives and children. I will send you particulars to-morrow.

Col. T. M. Argo tells me that the suit of Mrs. Cram against W. C. Cram is to be compromised. Mr. Cram will have to pay a considerable amount. The papers are now being drawn up and the case will be heard this afternoon. A settlement is a certainty and thus all the sensation lovers duped, for there will, of course, be no "racy" trial.

The city election comes off next Monday and the result is very much in doubt. The doubt exists all on account of that obnoxious divine, Rev. D. H. Tuttle, of whom I have several times had occasion to write. The Rev. gentleman has quite a story—almost fantastical following—having announced that he will vote for no party that does not pledge itself to pass an ordinance requiring bar rooms to close at 6 in the evening and to have no screens, etc. in front of the doors. He has 75 followers, all formerly Democrats, who will vote for Wynne, Republican. So close is the vote here that this small number of deserting Democrats may hold the balance of power.

Rev. Tuttle is much criticized here on account of his stupidity and because he practically pledged himself, by taking an active part in the primaries, to vote the Democratic ticket. The fact is simply this: Russ was too honest to pledge anything without authority; Wynn will pledge anything to occupy the mayor's seat.

A curious still, illicit of course, was on exhibition at the Revenue department today. It was home made and consisted of an ordinary lard bucket, on top of which was an old water bucket, the cap. The worm was fashioned from an ordinary piece of iron piping. The capacity of the still was three gallons.

Mr. Edgerton, manager of the Western Union telegraph office here, has been prosecuted for contempt for charging W. W. Smith 50, instead of 25 cents for a telegram to Elizabeth City. Mr. Edgerton says the case will be carried to the U. S. Supreme court.

Mr. Pott gives me this clear statement of the disagreement of the Standford-Ellington jury: "The question submitted to the jury was whether or not Mr. Standford demanded the office from Mr. Ellington but Judge Starbuck on consideration decided to withdraw this issue from the jury, it being immaterial. The jury was out all night and no conclusion had been reached. This morning it was ascertained that seven believed the statement of Mr. Ellington that no demand had been made; five the statement of Mr. Standford and Mr. Farnell that the demand had been made."

The marriage of Mr. Will V. Coley to Miss Sue Harris, of this city, is announced.

A TRAGEDY IN HIGH LIFE.

The Son of Governor Brown of Kentucky and Mrs. Fulton Gordon Killed by the Husband of the Unfaithful Woman.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 30.—A bloody shooting affair took place this afternoon, when Arch Brown, the son and private secretary of Governor Brown, was shot and killed by Fulton Gordon. Brown and Gordon's wife had been intimate and Gordon suspected the wrong doing of the pair. Brown and Mrs. Gordon entered a house and Gordon, who followed, found them in bed. Gordon began the shooting and Brown returned the fire. Mrs. Gordon was shot during the melee and killed by her husband. The guilty couple were completely taken by surprise, but Brown had prepared himself for such a visit. Gordon was not injured, although he was covered with blood and was thought to have been shot. He is, however, in convulsions. Mrs. Gordon was a Miss Nellie Bush, of this city, and belongs to one of the most prominent families in the State. She eloped with Gordon about ten years ago. Young Brown was recently divorced from his wife. When the divorce was published, although no woman's name was mentioned, it is understood that the reason for the divorce lay in Brown's intimacy with Mrs. Gordon. On account of the high connections the murder has caused a great sensation.

Another account says that Brown and Gordon's wife were in the house at 1025 Madison street and Gordon followed them there and caught them together. He at once attacked Brown and shot him fatally. Brown returned the fire and injured Gordon. Gordon then turned his weapon on his wife and shot a bullet through her stomach, killing her instantly.

At the time of his marriage Gordon was a clerk at the Galt house. Shortly afterward Gordon and his wife moved to Frankfort and he became proprietor of the Canyon house. This he continued to run until the World's fair, when he sold out his establishment and moved to Chicago. Gordon was watching his wife and Brown and saw them enter the house. He waited a few minutes and then rushed in, finding the guilty couple in bed. He opened fire immediately and Brown returned it. Nine shots were exchanged, Brown firing four. Gordon, as soon as Brown fell, shot his wife.

Gordon left the house immediately. A few minutes later Brown's corpse was found in the upstairs room. The following telegram was taken from his pocket.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 28.
 "Archie D. Brown, Frankfort, Ky."

"Don't write any more. Come Tuesday. Meet me at 10 a. m." It was pursuant to this telegram that Brown met Mrs. Gordon this morning. It was a brief but sanguinary battle that was fought in the front room of the second floor of Lucie Smith's house. As soon as Gordon gained admittance a duel to the death evidently began. Brown had a 35-calibre revolver which was found empty after the tragedy. Six bullets pierced Brown's body and three that of Mrs. Gordon. "I shot both of them. They are both dead. Come with me and I'll show you where they are," said Gordon to the officer who arrested him.

Gordon said to Officer Lappalle on the way to the jail that he had suspected the couple for some time and about a week ago he found that his suspicions were correct. He went to the house this morning and found them. He drew his pistol and fired five shots at Brown, by which time the Governor's son had his pistol in play. Brown fired two shots at Gordon. Then the latter grappled with him and took his pistol away from him and shot at him with his own weapon. After shooting at Brown he shot at his wife as she was going down the steps, striking her just as she reached the bottom. She fell dead outside the door.

Brown's body lay on the floor of the room in which he was killed until 2 o'clock when it was removed by undertaker King. The body presented a horrible appearance, being covered with blood from head to foot. There were three wounds in the breast, one of them being over the region of the heart; two wounds in the head, one being in the centre of the forehead. There was another in the centre of the stomach and another in the right arm.

Mrs. Gordon's family is one of the most prominent in this State. Her mother was once State librarian and her grandfather was Judge Zackariah Wheat, Chief Justice of the Court of appeals of Kentucky.

The coroner's jury renders a verdict of justifiable homicide.

THE ROSTER CORRECTED.

Cove Items.

COVE, N. C., May 1.

A few drummers were in our town last week.

Mr. B. D. Babank, is talking of picking peas this week if it doesn't continue to rain.

Miss Hattie White came home from Trenton Friday, where she has been going to school. But on account of so much rain has not returned.

Mrs. Geo. Smith, died Monday night after a long and continued illness of about ten months.

Mr. Samuel Moore, of Fort Barnwell and Mr. E. T. Ipeck, of Asburn, come to our town Sunday, intending to return Sunday on business yesterday.

Dr. F. F. Jones, went up to Dover on business yesterday. We are glad to have the doctor in our midst and wish him much success.

A. T.

W. G. HOLLOWELL.

Bryan, Jas. D., Corporal, promoted to Capt. and killed at Bristol Station, Raleigh, N. C., lost a finger at Fredericksburg.

Davis, W. E., wounded, twice in battle.

Dees, J. E., wounded at Bristol Station.

Denmark, J. J., promoted to Lieut. and killed at Bristol Station.

Faloutch, Wm., killed at Petersburg.

Flowers, Wm., killed in battle.

Gardner, J. B., wounded, Bristol Station.

Goodrich, Richard, transferred to 2nd Reg., and killed at Malvern Hill.

Holloman, R., killed in battle.

Holloman, E., killed at Bristol Station.

Howard, J. D., killed at Bristol Station.

Howell, Wm. M., killed at Sharpsburg.

Hollowell, W. G., lost a leg at Bristol Station.

Kilpatrick, S. B., wounded at Bristol Station.

Knight, W. A., promoted to Adjutant and killed in battle.

King, Allen, lost arm at Sharpsburg.

Mosses, W. C., died from wounds received at Bristol Station.

Musgrave, N. W., wounded in battle.

Musgrave, W. S., wounded in battle.

Nichols, Wm., died from wounds received at Sharpsburg.

Noble, Richard, promoted to Lieut. and killed at Sharpsburg.

Overman, Ezekiel, wounded in battle.

Parker, Jas. H., killed at Bristol Station.

Parker, Richard B., wounded at Bristol Station.

Parker, Nathan, killed at Sharpsburg.

Parker, James K., (Uncle Jim), an honorary member of the Co., the father of the three above named, visited the company about once a month and supplied all our needs, died recently at the age of 81.

Pike, Jno. W., wounded Aug. 25, '64.

Pines, G. P., killed near Richmond.

Rowell, Henry, died in hospital.

Ryder, Adam, N., died.

Roberts, Jno. T., wounded.

Rodgers, Jas. L., wounded.

Rhodes, Bryant, wounded at Sharpsburg and killed at the Wilderness.

Sasser, E. B., died from wounds received at Bristol Station.

Snipes, Tobias, wounded at Sharpsburg, furloughed and died at home.

Smith, Jos., shot in the head at Fredericksburg.

Smith, Stephen J., killed at Sharpsburg.

Sloum, T. W., promoted to Lt., resigned, and joined the cavalry, and wounded in arm.

Wood, Mike, badly wounded and disabled at Bristol Station.

Ward, Richard, slightly wounded in arm at Sharpsburg.

Ward, H., wounded at Bristol Station.

Warrick, E., wounded at Bristol Station.

Lee-Yelvington.

(Special ARGUS Correspondence.)

On Tuesday evening precisely at 8:30 o'clock there was a quiet and beautiful marriage in the parlor of our esteemed townsman Mr. Gaston Yelvington. The contracting parties were Mr. Frank Lee, a very popular and well known merchant of Wilmington, and Miss Alice, the beautiful, charming, and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Yelvington.

The attendants were Misses, Lillie Peacock, Rena Sanders, Nellie Pool and Carrie Graves, together with Mr. Henry Grimes of New York, Mr. A. M. Hubbard, of Wilmington, Mr. R. E. Lee, of Mount Olive, Messrs. R. O. Cotton, and Jno. A. Narron, of Smithfield. The immediate relatives and intimate friends of the family were also present.

The ceremony was impressively performed by Dr. Solomon Pool, pastor of the Methodist church.

The bride was apparelled in a beautiful travelling costume, made of very fine material, and held in her hand several large Marshal Neil roses, the gift of the groom.

After the marriage rite was over, the guests were invited to the dining room, and seated at the table with such good things as would appease the appetite of the most fastidious epicure. The presents were many and costly which was a clear betoken of the esteem in which the agreeable couple are held.

They left on the 10:35 fast mail, North bound for the cities of New York and Philadelphia, with showers of good wishes for a pleasant trip and a prosperous married life. As the train pulled off the writer said: "Go it! ye prisoners, shackled in Hymen's chains."

Smithfield, N. C., May 1, 1895.

THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

Cove Items.

COVE, N. C., May 1.

If there is any newspaper more than another of the score or so of really great Democratic dailies of the country that possesses and deserves the confidence of the people that paper is the Baltimore Sun. It is tried, true, trusted and sagacious. And here is one of the greatest utterances.

"The sound common sense of the people will always prevail in the end. When there is business depression and distress men will listen to all kind of quack remedies. But now when the revival of prosperity men are not so apt to resort to these. From the West comes cheering news of financial good sense. The Democratic committee of Iowa have met in conference and declared against silver inflation. An honest money league has opened headquarters in Chicago. In the same city the Iroquois club probably the most influential Democratic organization in the West has declared against free coinage by a vote of two to one.

Mr. McCreary, of Kentucky, is making the fight for the Senate on the sound money platform against Senator Blackburn, who is for free silver. In the Southern States, the leading Democratic newspapers are strongly opposing free silver. The tide has been turned against silver inflation. Mr. Cleveland in his recent letter took the lead and the Democrats will follow their leader."

And the Atlanta Journal, another guiding light for the South and Democracy says:

"Every new industry, every rise in the price of a farm product, every increase in wages, every fresh enterprise, every sign of business revival, every promise of great crops—all these fight against the effort to put our currency on a silver basis. As the clouds roll away things look brighter to everybody except the dyed-in-the-wool silver monometallists. They will not know what to talk about when matters get all right and they are getting that way rapidly. As the country becomes happier and more hopeful their worry increases. Their arguments are being answered by the course of events and they don't like it one bit.

There is every reason to believe that by the time the great parties come to make their platforms next year the country will be so prosperous that a promise to make them better by the unlimited coinage of silver will be laughed to scorn by the people.

The silver monometallists should stop their howling and join the procession that is moving toward better times.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society.

The following is the report of the ladies Benevolent Society for the first four months previous to April 1st, '95:

Balance for Dec.	\$ 2.87
Received from donations	102.50
Received from dues.	30.00
	215.37

DISBURSE:	Dec., '94	\$15.87
	Jan., '95	25.35
	Feb.	54.90
	March,	26.50
		\$122.62

MRS. H. L. GIBBS, Treas.

Recognition of Cuba.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 2.—In the Assembly to-day Mr. Pavry introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Cubans are engaged in a struggle to throw off the yoke of Spain and establish their national independence, and

WHEREAS, It is feared that Spanish soldiers may repeat the barbarous atrocities which characterized the war of 1893; therefore, be it,

Resolved, By the Senate and Assembly of the State of New York that we extend to the patriots of Cuba our sincere sympathy in their fight for liberty, and

Resolved, That we respectfully, but urgently request the President of the United States to take proper steps to ensure to the citizens and soldiers of Cuba the rights of belligerents under the rules of modern warfare, and

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, duly attested, be forwarded to the President of the United States and to the Secretary of the Department of State.

The statesman who sells his vote for a railroad pass, sells it cheaply, but most people are apt to suspect that he is better paid.

WORK OF A CYCLONE.

Towns Destroyed, Houses Wrecked, People Killed and Injured.

Sioux Centre, May 3.—Sioux county was devastated by a terrific cyclone this afternoon. The storm came from the northwest and struck Sioux Centre, a small town forty five miles North of Sioux Centre, a small town 45 miles North of this point, at 4 o'clock. The telegraph reports from the scene of the storm were very meagre, the wires being down, but it is understood that a considerable number were killed and injured. The first received by the Sioux City and Northern railroad from their agent at Sioux Centre. The dispatch read as follows:

"A cyclone passed three miles northwest of here. A school house near town was blown down, teacher killed and injured. The whole country in the track of the storm is devastated. Sioux City and Northern tracks between Perkins, and Doon are washed out for several miles."

Dispatches from Sioux Centre at 8:30 o'clock say that twenty school houses and at least three residences and barns near that place were swept away. At the school houses two teachers and three pupils were killed and many injured. One who escaped says that at least a hundred people must have been killed.

Parties have been sent out from Hull, Sioux City and Orange city, neighboring towns, but their work is being carried on in total darkness and in the midst of a tremendous wind and rain storm. It is consequently progressing slowly. A number of bodies have already been recovered, although the exact number cannot be learned.

It is said that Perkins, a small town between Sioux Centre and Doon, was directly in the path of the storm and was almost entirely wiped out. The wires leading to it are all down. The tracks are all washed out and the roads cannot be safely traveled over, owing to the manner in which they were guided by the rain. It is consequently no easy matter to reach it. Physicians have already set out from Hull, Orange city and Sioux Centre, but are meeting with every conceivable obstacle in their effort to reach the scene of the storm.

Late this evening news was received from Sibley to the effect that a storm struck there at 5 o'clock p. m., destroying the house of John Waterson and injuring Waterson and his son. The Sioux City and Northern train which arrived at 10 o'clock this evening brought several passengers who witnessed the storm. They reported that thirteen dead had been brought into Sioux Centre at 6 o'clock p. m. It is estimated that fifty people must have been killed. The Northern train barely escaped a smash up in a washout near Doon, but was stopped by section men before it passed upon the dangerous territory.

As near as can be ascertained, the towns which suffered were Perkins, Sibley, Doon, Hull and Sioux Centre. There is every indication that the number of lives lost will reach seventy-five or a hundred. Four school houses were destroyed while the schools were in session.

Gordon a Physical Wreck.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 2.—The story of how Fulton Gordon learned of his wife's intrigue was disclosed to-day. Mrs. Gordon had corresponded with Brown in the name of Paralee Mitchell, a negro servant. The letter came addressed in the care of Gordon at his office. One day last week he forgot to bring one of the letters home and his wife's uneasiness betrayed her. The next letter was opened. When a few days later Gordon put together the fragments of a note his wife had written, in which she mentioned that his suspicions had been aroused, Gordon saw the word Tuesday on another note. He got a friend to show his wife Tuesday and the tragedy followed.

Gordon is in bad shape and in danger of losing his mind from the ordeal he has had to undergo. Since his release from jail he has repeatedly fainted while in conversation with his attorneys, and is almost a mental and physical wreck. Evidence is being gathered to show that Brown fired the first shot. A bullet hole in the door entered the wall in direct line with the side of the bed on which Brown lay.

The funeral of Brown took place at Henderson to-day. It was largely attended. The services were simple and the sermon brief. Business was practically suspended.

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