

# NEWS NOTES

Winston-Salem, N. C.—Freeland Tharpe, a member of an excellent family was convicted in Wilkes Superior Court today of secret assault with intent to kill his sweetheart, Miss Bell, a school teacher, who refused to marry him.

Tharpe put up a plea of insanity, and if a new trial is not granted the case will go to the Supreme Court. Miss Bell was shot twice by Tharpe, and her recovery was regarded as miraculous.

Mount Airy, N. C.—Harvey Nester, charged with the killing of William Johnson at the mill of Johnson and Miller, in Surry County, on February 24 1909, was brought back from Tennessee to Mount Airy by Sheriff Hayes last Friday.

Spartanburg, S. C.—Angered by her husband who remonstrated with her because she whipped her daughter, Mrs. Frank Shuler, of Ellboro, too late seized a pistol and shot her husband in the heart. He died almost instantly. There had been ill feeling between the couple for some time.

Durham, N. C.—This afternoon there was an explosion in the storage house of the Thomas White company, wholesale grocery merchants. In which four men were hurt and the fire department was called as a matter of precaution. None of the men were seriously hurt, but they all had a narrow escape.

New York.—Relentless warfare will be waged against the "Black Hand" societies by the police of this city, and it is hoped other cities as a result of the murder of Lieutenant Joseph Petrosini, the noted detective of New York, in Palermo.

Miss Elsie Selden Baxter has returned from an extended visit to Norfolk and Old Point Comfort, where she has enjoyed the social life and many brilliant functions given during the "Home-coming" fleet week, a number of which she was the guest of honor. The Virginia Pilot makes the following not in its social columns: "Mrs. Frank S. Hope, who has been entertaining a house party at Willoughby Beach for two weeks, returned home Saturday. Among the party were Miss Mary Hope, Miss Elsie Baxter, of Elizabeth City and Miss Marjory Bartlett of Annapolis, Md. The members of this party were guests of honor at many functions on the fleet ships during their stay at the beach."

IF THE OLD MAN CATCHES YOU.  
(Monroe Enquirer.)

An Ohio preacher, wanting to get up a little notoriety turned loose on his congregation a few days ago, a lot of wind-work about kissing. Said the Ohio preacher: Kissing is worse than drinking. It surely is, parson, if the old man catches you at it.

New York.—Leaving a not of bitter complaint that because of his age he has been the victim of ostracism by employers and had been unable to get work for two years past. Wm. Rapp, a machinist took his own life by shooting today. Rapp had a wife and five children.

Albany Ga.—Desperately wounded in an automobile accident ten miles from here, and almost blinded by blood streaming from two long, deep wounds in her scalp Mrs. J. T. Donaldson of Blakely, Ga., rushed her husband seriously injured to this city for medical treatment late this afternoon, after lifting the car from his unconscious form and repairing the mechanism so the machine would make the trip.

Newport News, Va.—While attempting to thrash her 20-year-old son because he refused to go home with her Mrs. Agnes Franklin a buxom widow of a sea captain, dropped dead in a pool room in Hampton, Va.

Wakefield, Mich.—Mrs. Matt Pikaaw last night killed her two boys, age 6 and 7 years. While they were in bed asleep she cut their throats with a razor. The father was at work in the mines. The only reason she gives for the act is that she could not bring them up properly.

City Boarder (to farmer)—This seems pretty poor.  
Farmer—The pastor here ain't what it ought to be.  
City Boarder—And yet I say lots of milkweek in the field this morning.

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I built up my lands with good houses, two-room, three-room and four-room houses, painted them all and built a barn at every settlement for the protection of the mules and wagons set out fruit trees, peach trees, fig trees, etc. at every settlement, thinking that I might build up a reliable and a permanent tenantry, but I have found out that the dearest thing to a negro's heart is absolute untrammelled, absolute freedom to do as he pleases, work when he gets ready, quit when he pleases ride up and down the road, go to church on Sunday with a bottle of liquor in one pocket and a pistol in another. This is his main thought and only ambition and when they are restricted in any of these pleasures, no matter how good the house, no matter how good the clothes you furnish them, how much rations, how good the land, they will break away from any restriction and rent a place where they can do as they please, live on half rations and in rags, and be better satisfied than to have discipline, although it be just and fair and enable them to live on the fat of the land.

This is my estimate of the negro, having dealt with him intimately for thirty years. He is the most destructive, the most wasteful creature that lives, at the same time he is good natured and accommodating; but I believed that he has deperiorated more as a farm laborer in the last few years than at any time in his history. It has gone to the point where the negro tenant lays down all kinds of work as soon as he gets a boy big enough to plow, really he don't have to be big enough to plow. If he can reach the top of the plow handles, not big enough to put the gear on the mule, they start him out, and then the renter himself becomes a loafer.

When white men came to me to rent land I thought it best to have a good understanding to start with. I asked them how much labor they proposed to hire. They said they did not propose to hire any, they had labor of their own families, and all they wanted was an opportunity. They wanted to work. I had been getting negroes and paying negroes to work for thirty years. I decided I would give these white people a chance. In addition to cultivating the land that was already open, my understanding with them was that I had 100 acres of land on the place which I proposed to have cleared and would give them the use of it two years free of rent. They readily agreed to take it all in, making about seventy acres to the plow. Such a proposition would have paralyzed a crowd of negro laborers, and although they might have agreed to do it, it would have been almost impossible to get it done. To my astonishment these white men have gotten fifty acres of this land almost ready for the plow and will take in the entire 100-acre tract this year. One of them has actually bought a grindstone, something that I never knew a negro to do in my life. Another important thing, not a single one of these men has asked me to advance him a dollar, and every negro renter will have the audacity to step up to his landlord and want from ten to twenty dollars to "Christmas one," no matter how deep in debt he may be. I have made up my mind to quit this business of paying for work before I get it and then begging people to do it. My idea is now to displace the negro with white men as renters, or as buyers, as rapidly as possible.—Southern Ruralist.

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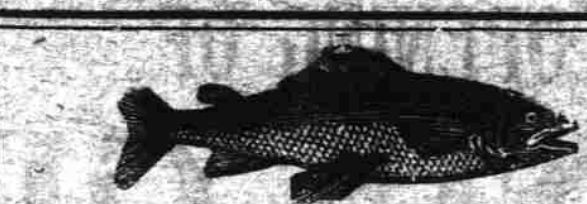
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