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HOCH HANGED FOR MURDER OF WIFE.

Convicted Wife Murderer Paid the Death Penalty Friday.

KEPT HIS NERVE TO LAST.

His Death Does Not End the Fight Being Made by His Attorneys—Hoch Goes to His Death Asserting His Innocence—He Showed Fine Nerve on the Gallows.

Chicago, Ill., February 26.—Johan Hoch, convicted uxoricide and confessed bigamist, was hanged in the county jail Friday for poisoning his wife, Marie Welcker, here.

He faced death with a prayer on his lips for the officers of the law who took his life, and save for the words "Good-Bye," his last utterance was an assertion that he was innocent of the crime for which he paid the extreme penalty of the law.

The last scene in the career of Hoch, came at 3:30 in the afternoon, while his attorneys were still making desperate efforts for a little more time on earth for him. His death, the lawyers say, has not ended the appeal that was made in his behalf, and although the man himself is dead, they promise to carry the case to the supreme court of the United States.

The time set for the hanging was between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. Shortly after 9 o'clock Hoch's attorneys appeared in the office of the clerk of the United States circuit court where they filed an application for a writ of habeas corpus on the broad ground that Hoch was held in peril of death in direct violation of the fourteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States, which declares that no state shall deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction of the law. As soon as the application for the writ had been filed, Attorneys Maher and Comerford, who were acting in behalf of Hoch, hastened to the jail, where they informed Jailer Whitman and Deputy Sheriff Peters that application for the writ had been made, and asked them to delay the execution until the court had either given or refused the writ. The jailer and the deputy sheriff agreed to wait. The attorneys then returned to the court and appearing before Judge K. M. Landis, asked that the writ issue forthwith, if it was found that it was drawn in proper form. After some consideration Judge Landis replied:

"The application for the writ is denied. The proper remedy was a writ of error from the supreme court to the supreme court of the United States. The writ is fatally defective, and cannot be made good."

Attorney Maher then asked for an appeal from the decision of Judge Landis, which was also denied.

As soon as it was known that the application for the writ of habeas corpus had been denied by Judge Landis, preparations were commenced at the jail for the execution of Hoch.

At 1:32 o'clock Hoch stepped on the drop, beneath the cross beams. His face was pale but his manner was composed and his courage unsurpassed. He stood erect, his heels close together, his shoulders back and his gaze directed over the heads of the crowd to-

ward the far end of the corridor. The Rev. J. R. Burkland, who was reciting the prayers for the dying as the procession approached the scaffold, continued them while Hoch was preparing for execution. Deputy Sheriff Peters spoke to Hoch, asking him to move backward as he was not squarely on the drop. Hoch glanced down at his feet, moved quickly to the rear and again resumed his military attitude.

As soon as the voice of the clergyman had ceased Hoch spoke up in strong, clear tones and with a pronounced German accent, saying:

"Father, forgive them; they know not what they do. I must die, an innocent man Good bye."

He bit off the last two words in a crisp, incisive fashion and just as soon as he had uttered them the drop fell.

Dr. McNamara, a county physician, was at Hoch's side the instant he fell and declared that death had been instantaneous, the neck having been broken.

While the execution of Hoch was in progress Attorney Edward Maher was still making desperate efforts to induce Judge Landis to sign an appeal and grant Hoch a supersedeas until his application for a writ of habeas corpus could be tested by the federal supreme court. Judge Landis repeatedly declined to grant an appeal.

Not the Bridgers Grocery Company.

We desire to state that at the time the execution was levied upon the grocery stock recently purchased by Mr. A. E. White, it was not owned by the Rev. Mr. Bridgers, but by the Lumberton Grocery Company. There was no claim, whatever, against Mr. Bridgers, who is assisting Mr. White in closing out the stock.

YOUNG MATRONS' CLUB HAS ENJOYABLE MEETING

Delightfully Entertained at the Home of Mrs. T. W. Hutchison last Thursday.

The Young Matrons' Club was delightfully entertained on Thursday, February 22d, by Mrs. T. W. Hutchison and Mrs. A. O. Osborne at Mrs. Hutchison's home. The house was beautifully decorated with flags in honor of Washington's birthday.

During the afternoon the guests were set to work upon two guessing contests, which proved very amusing. The first was a T-test, the prize for which Mrs. Proctor and Mrs. Loving out. Mrs. Loving was the winner. The second contest was an anagram, Mrs. Robert Lawrence winning the prize.

After the contest a delightful luncheon was served by Misses Loving and Osborne.

There were present besides the members Mrs. Preston Shaw, Mrs. W. B. Loving, Mrs. A. E. Baker and Mrs. C. B. Skipper.

Great Convention at Nashville. The Students Volunteer Movement Convention is held once in every student generation. Last year the great convention was held at Toronto, Canada. This year it is to be held in Nashville, Tenn., from Feb. 28th to March 4th. The indications are that it will be the largest that has ever been held in the United States. More than 4,000 delegates will attend from all parts of the world, representatives coming from all the foreign fields. It is stated that 2,000 would-be delegates have already been turned away, there being no room for them.

RED SPRINGS NEWS AND COMMENT ON LIVE TOPICS

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, Feb. 24.—Did it ever strike you what a useless stream Lumber River is and what a power it might and will yet be made. To look at its mildly flowing power, coming as it does away up from somewhere in Moore county, it does seem that nature intended it for more usefulness than to float down a few pine logs and the production of a few scaly fish. And by the way, what has become of the steam launch that was intended to launch a new era for pleasure loving Lumbertons?

The Grays (I put the Grays first) and the Blues are to have a reunion next Saturday at Southern Pines. It is best, we suppose, that it is time to shake hands over the "bloody chasm" and try to forgive our enemies, as we hope to be forgiven ourselves, but we needn't try, nor ought we to forget. It will take generations to do that, and before that time we may be as well off as our enemies.

We sometimes think we would like to give the farmers some advice, but when we recall to mind the amount of such stuff that we swallowed in times past and of what little good it did us, we conscientiously refrain from administering the dose. This time we would like to simply suggest the advisability of reducing their cotton acreage. Now don't get huffy, we merely make the suggestion. "The Study of Browning" has

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Number of Important Deals in Robeson County Realty last Week.

We give below the deals in real estate made during the past week; Hester Ivey to Richard C. Iver, \$100, in Sterlings township; J. P. Brown to I. M. Thompson, \$250, in White House township; Henry Wessel to N. J. Thompson, \$1,000, in Britts township; Gough & Prevatt to Bryant Bros. \$2,875, in Lumberton; Rowland Land & Imp. Co. to Mrs. Mollie Moore, \$600, in Thompson township; Mrs. Jane Blacker et. al. to Moses Blacker et. al. \$650, in Lumberton township; R. M. Davis to Trustees of Smyrna Baptist Church, \$10, in Britts township; J. W. Smith et. al. to Wm. Lamont, in Blue Springs township. Two deals of \$1,300, each; Wm. Lamont to R. M. McQueen, \$300, in Blue Springs, Betsy J. Townsend et. al. to T. J. Parham, et. al. \$400, in Burnt Swamp; J. K. Bullock to J. P. Barnes, \$90, Sterlings township; Jas. R. Taylor to Willis Taylor, et. al. \$25, in Britts township; J. T. Taylor et. al. to J. P. Willoughby, \$66, Wm. Lamont to A. A. McLean, \$2,005, Blue Springs township; J. B. McLeod to N. B. McLellan, \$600, in Thompson township; Mary Kitchin to J. A. Kitchin, \$60, Alfordville township; Frank Perry to B. F. McLean, \$35, Maxton township; R. H. Gibson to C. C. Baxley, \$75, Burnt Swamp township; R. C. Tarlton to H. J. Weasell, \$200, in Lumberton township; H. J. Wessel to R. C. Tarlton, \$75, in Lumberton township; Trustees of Maxton Methodist Church to J. P. Wiggins and Hector McLean, \$1,500, Maxton township; Steven Dilliard to Frank Gough, \$10, in Lumberton township; J. H. McLean to Rowland Murphey, \$150, in Wisharts township; J. D. Harrell and wife to Thos. Harrell, \$50, Lumberton township; O. C. Norment to Lucy Robbins, \$100, Benj. McDougald to Pink Campbell, \$200, Lumber-

ton township; T. S. McMillan to Frank McAllister, \$100, Blue Springs township; J. A. McNeill J. J. McGougan, \$150, Red Springs township; E. C. Pate J. J. McGougan, \$815, in Red Springs township; J. A. McNeill to J. W. McGougan, \$160, in Red Springs township; R. C. Tarlton to Benj. McDougald, \$50, in Lumberton township; B. Godwin to R. C. Tarlton \$100, in Lumberton township; Peter Paul to E. Bullock, 77 acres in Alfordville township; A. J. Prevatt to T. H. Britt, \$400, in Back Swamp township; Everett Philips and wife to Jno. F. Philips, \$100, Back Swamp township; Lum. Edwards to W. T. Carter \$100, in Britts township. H. Bass to W. T. Carter, \$200, in Britts township. A. W. McLean and wife to D. A. McLean \$400, in Maxton township; J. D. McCormick to Butters Lbr. Co. \$500, Maxton township. C. R. McBryde to J. K. McGirt, \$100, in Maxton township S. J. Taylor and wife to Butters Lbr. Co. \$225, in Wisharts township; Mrs. Gatsie Bullard to Butters Lbr. Co., \$25, in Britts township; A. S. Pittman to Butters Lbr. Co., \$175, in Britts township; J. D. Taylor to Butters Lbr. Co. \$75, in Wisharts township; James Hammond to J. Hammond, \$255 in Thompson township; J. S. Oliver to A. C. Oliver, \$2,300, in White House township; H. T. Oxendine to O. H. Lowrie \$125, Burnt Swamp township; J. M. Sellers to Beaufort Lbr. Co., \$65, in Britts township; Jos. McLean to S. J. Lawson, \$40, in Britts township; S. J. Lawson and Mary Ann Lawson to Beaufort Lbr. Co., \$200, in Britts township; F. W. Collins to Beaufort Lbr. Co., \$50, in Britts township; James Hammond to J. Hammond, \$50, in Thompson township.

at last arrived in this place. I suppose it is the intention of the Club to try and find out what the poet was thinking about when he wrote about what he didn't exactly understand himself. It may well be very interesting, but we would rather—vell we'd rather go sleep.

We are not surprised at seeing ignorant and uneducated people, bigoted in their religious views, but some of our religious papers don't seem to be much above the "Submerged Tenth." Without sacrificing any of the fundamental truths of our religion, the educated man of today should have the charity that suffered long and is kind.

A call meeting of Fayetteville Presbytery met here last Tuesday to receive Rev. Mr. Jepkin in the Presbytery. Anyone listening to Dr. Hill, who conducted the theological examination would naturally wonder why he is not now occupying a chair in some of the colleges.

Give us 10 cent cotton for a few years and we will be as independent and as saucy as a sleek negro. Financially and politically we will be entirely independent of the North, and will then be able to hoe our own (cotton) row.

Yesterday was Washington's birthday. The only indication of it was seen in the closing of the Bank and postoffice. It should be more generally observed by our people.

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Mr. Evander Bullock Thursday purchased of Mr. Peter Paul 77 acres in Alfordville township, the consideration being \$4,000.

Messrs. D. K. Gregory, Fred. Roberts and O. Bracev attended a social at the home of Mr. Hubbard Lewis Friday night.

SUICIDE AT CEDAR CREEK.

Sad Death of Young Lady—Kills Herself Instantly.

Wednesday morning Miss Carrie Hair, daughter of Mr. Miles, of Cedar Creek township, and granddaughter of John B. Hair, both men prominent citizens of the county, obtained possession of a gun in the house, and shot herself through the head, causing almost instant death.

Miss Hair was about 25 years of age, and no possible cause can be assigned for her tragic act of self-destruction other than delicate health and a long existing state of melancholy.

It is stated that at the time of her death she was engaged to be married.—Fayetteville Observer.

Young Girl Shoots Man.

Charlotte, Special.—Susie Hannon, the 13-years-old daughter of the notorious Dave Hannon, shot and killed Mr. H. G. Stack, a flagman on the Southern Railway, at her father's home in Concord, Saturday night at 10 o'clock. The story that came to Charlotte was to this effect: that Stack and a young fellow Rich had been to see the Hannon girls earlier in the night and had gone away. Stack had left his muffer in Susie's room, and returned to get it, but the girls having other company, would not let them in. Stack insisted, but in vain. He went to the window of Susie's room and knocked. The girl told him that if he did not go away she would kill him. Stack persisted and was shot dead in his tracks. His friends Ritch caught him as he fell. The Hannon, father and daughters, were arrested and locked up.

WESTERN STATES ARE IN THE LEAD OF THE LIST

Five of Them Show the Largest Increase in Number of Industries and Manufacturing

A report prepared by Chief Clerk Rossiter, of the Census Bureau, for the use of the Congressional committees on manufactures, discloses the fact that in the percentage of increase in number of industries and value of products five of the far Western States lead the list.

In Oklahoma in the last five years the amount of capital invested in manufacturing has increased 351 per cent; the value of the production has increased 200 per cent; the number of establishments, 107 per cent., and the number of employes 147 per cent.

Indian Territory ranks on a par with Oklahoma, with an increase of 200 per cent, in the value of manufactured materials, 215 per cent, increase in capital invested, and an increase of 160 per cent, number of establishments.

A Double Marriage.

Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 23.—There was a double marriage of runaway couples in the register of deed's office today, Mayor McMillan performing the ceremony. The parties were James Perkins and Miss Nettie Davis, and David G. Wilkes and Miss Marry Davis. Two couples accompanied them from Parkton, their home, all coming in buggies. Quite a crowd witnessed the ceremony, and much interest was manifested by the public when the brides were left on Hay street while the grooms bought candy and soda water. The four couples drove to Raeford tonight.

LAUNDERING CO. ELECTS OFFICERS

Plant for Maxton's New Laundry Has Been Shipped.

SOON TO BE IN OPERATION.

Enthusiastic Drill of Maxton Guards Thursday Preparatory to Annual Inspection on March 6th—Mr. A. A. McLean Continues Quite Ill.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Maxton, N. C., Feb. 24.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Laundering Company held here last Wednesday the following Directors and Officers were elected: P. E. Linnell, J. S. McRae, T. O. Evans, H. C. McNair and J. B. Weatherly, Directors and P. E. Linnell Pres., H. C. McNair, Vice Pres., J. B. Weatherly, Sec. & Treas. The plant has already been shipped and the stockholders expect to have the laundry running shortly.

There was an enthusiastic drill of the Maxton Guards Thursday the 22nd, preparatory for the annual inspection which will be held on the 6th of March. Quite a good deal of interest was shown, and the boys are determined to make the Company one of the best ever in town.

Drs. D. M. Prince and W. G. Shaw were in town Friday, where they were called to be at the bedside of Mr. A. A. McLean, who we are sorry to report is still very sick.

Mr. Thomas B. Russell, of Sycamore Hill, returned recently from a visit his brother Ex Gov. Dan'l L. Russell of Wilmington; who has been quite sick.

Robeson County District No. 1, Maxton, has voted local taxation for schools, same having been reported by the State Superintendent of Education.

Dr. J. C. McKenzie, of Parkton, arrived last night to be at the bedside of his brother Mr. M. G. McKenzie, who is quite sick.

Miss Flora McKinnon has returned home after a long stay in New York State and Asheville, N. C.

Miss Hallie Austin, of Red Springs, is visiting at the home of Mr. Angus Shaw this week.

Mr. S. R. Townsend, of Red Springs, was in town Friday and Saturday on business.

Capt. J. W. Hall of Lumber Bridge passed through here Thursday on his way to Lumberton.

She Cut Her Own Throat.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 24.—Mrs. Nina May Dupree, the young woman whose throat was cut at the home of a well known citizen just outside of Atlanta, some weeks since, has confessed that she inflicted the injury upon herself. She was found unconscious in the home where she had worked on the return of the family from the city. She declared later that she had been attacked by a negro who had cut her throat. Poses were organized and a search of the vicinity was made, but no trace was found of the alleged assailant. Mrs. Dupree went to the home of her mother in Alabama and a letter from the mother to the lady for whom Mrs. Dupree worked here, brought the information of the confession.

Miss Bessie Bridgers returned Friday from a visit of several months to relatives in Portsmouth and Milwaukee.