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A HORRIBLE CRIME.

A Father, Daughter and Grand-Daughter Murdered and Burned in Granville and Girl Outraged—Negro Arrested.

(Raleigh Dispatch, 20th.)

Last night between 8 and 9 o'clock, in Granville county, near Hester, there was found in the ashes of a burned house the charred bones of three people, later identified as J. L. Sanders, a farmer, his 20-year-old daughter, Mattie, and his four-year-old granddaughter, Irene Overton. A blood bespattered well house with a knife beside it gave the clue and this morning Nathan Montague, a young negro of the neighborhood, was arrested. In his house the bloody skirt of the girl and other parts of her clothing were found, with blood and hair on the negro's clothes. He was arrested by the sheriff of Durham county, taken first to Durham and then brought to the State's prison in Raleigh for safe keeping.

The negro had been working at a hog killing in the afternoon at which the young girl also attended. The evidence is that he went to her father's house at night, killed the father and little child by means unknown, then assaulted the girl and after outraging her cut her throat in a struggle in the yard. His next step was to set fire to the house to conceal his crime. The girl's mother was in Oxford and this probably saved her life.

Just before the fire, neighbors heard three shots and a pistol was found near the well house. Sheriff Wheeler had learned of a mob gathering and by a misleading route got away from it. A report of a mob forming to go to Durham caused the negro to be brought to Raleigh. He denies his guilt, but the condition of his under-clothing gives undoubted evidence against him.

It is said that the Governor will be petitioned to order a special term of court to try the negro and Gov. Kitchin has said that he will do that if the people want it and he can get a judge and solicitor. There will be a regular term in Granville beginning February 6. When a special term is called there must be 20 days notice.

Two and a Half Million People Affected by Floods and Famine in China.

(Victoria, B. C. Dispatch, 21st.)

News was brought by the steamship Aymeric today of floods that have caused great loss of life and of a severe famine in the Anhui Province of China, affecting two and a half millions of persons. Rev. E. C. Lobenstein, a retiring missionary from North Anhui, said:

"So desperate were the people that thousands banded together robbing any who had food supplies, and for weeks scarcely a night passed without many murders. The floods caused great loss of life. The rapid rise of water swept away scores of villages, thousands of persons being drowned. A railroad engineer reported that one of the bridges near there had been choked up with bodies and he had been imprisoned two days in the upper part of a temple before being rescued by a boatman.

"The situation during the winter will be terrible—far worse than during the famine three years ago. The starving can be reckoned by hundreds of thousands, and relief committees should be organized at once."

Funeral of Mrs. Ann Eliza Higley.

The funeral of Mrs. Ann Eliza Higley, an account of whose death appeared in Monday's paper, took place Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of the deceased on Sixth street. The service was conducted by Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, and the interment was made in the old cemetery on Fifth street. The pallbearers were Messrs. K. M. Biggs, John Wishart, S. McIntyre, R. D. Caldwell, C. H. Freeman, Frank Gough.

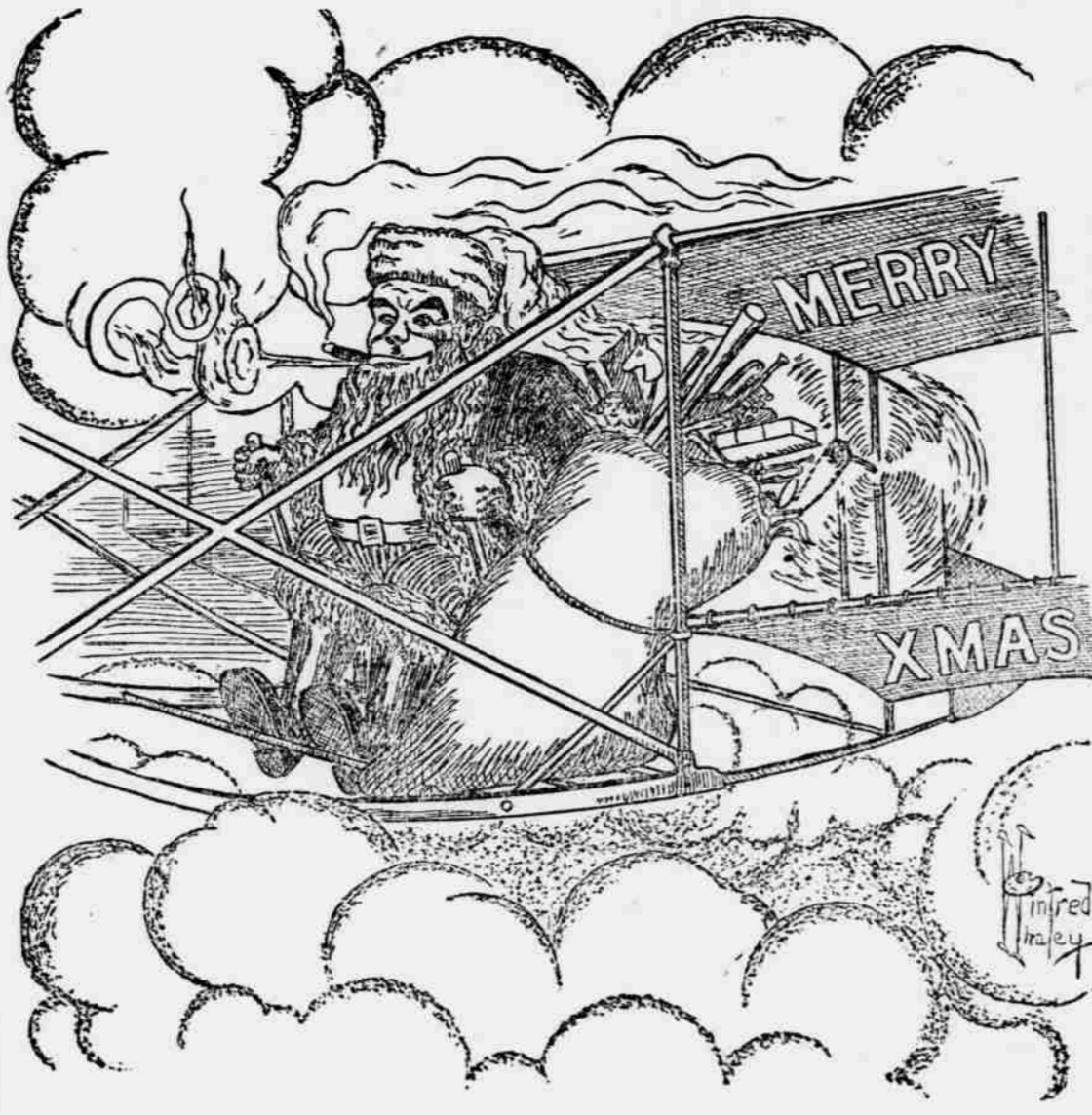
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LOCAL BRIEFS.

—Rev. F. Weiss will preach at the Gospel tabernacle Sunday on the following subjects: 11 a. m., "God's Christmas Gift to the World"; 7 p. m., "The Wonderful Councillor."

—Licenses have been issued for the marriage of Virginia E. Gaddy and R. W. Bullard; Annie McPhaul and Hector F. Currie; Novella Reece and Troy Johnson; Lone Barnes and E. B. Stone.

—Mr. Albert L. Friedman, who has been with Mr. A. Weinstein for about three months as salesman and advertising manager, expects to leave Sunday for Baltimore, Md., where he will spend the holidays with home folks, and thence he will go to Newport, Pa., about the 15th of January, where he expects to engage in the mercantile business.

—The following have come home from school to spend the holidays from Meredith College, Raleigh, Misses Dovie and Edna Prevatt, Ethel Williams, Lina Gough, Mildred McIntyre, Annie Ruth Caldwell; Peace Institute, Raleigh, Miss Agnes McLean; Elizabeth College, Charlotte, Miss Irene McLeod; Columbia College, Columbia, S. C., Misses Sallie Thompson and Bertha Barker; Presbyterian College, Red Springs, Misses Berta and Katie McNeill and Emma Higley; Davidson Medical College, Charlotte, Mr. Raymond Thompson; Wake Forest College, Mr. Lee Correll; King's Business College, Charlotte, Mr. Ed. Pope; Massey's Business College, Richmond, Va., Mr. Albert Boylin.

In the Mayor's Court.

The case against Oscar Edwards, who is charged with interfering with Policeman Strain when he was arresting T. O. McCormick at the depot Saturday night, the arrest and trial of McCormick being mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, has been continued until January 16. It is charged that Edwards interfered to such an extent that Policeman Strain had to rap him over the head with his bilie.

Geo. Roderick, who worked at the Lumberton Cotton Mills until about 30 days ago and claims Wilmington as his home, was tried before Mayor Rowland yesterday on the charge of taking a suit-case at the depot Tuesday evening belonging to Mr. Robt. C. Kornegay of Warsaw, and was bound to court in a bond in the sum of \$100, which he gave. Mr. Kornegay, who came to town to attend the marriage of his brother, mentioned elsewhere in this paper, missed his suitcase just before train time and asked the hotel porter about it. The porter found Roderick in possession of the grip and he claimed that it was merely a mistake, but the tag had been torn off and Policeman Strain arrested him. Roderick claimed that he had never been in court before, but Mayor Rowland says he found upon investigation that he has been in court in Wilmington a number of times.

A Small Blaze.

At noon today fire which started from a spark from the chimney did some small damage to the roof of a 3-room house belonging to the Seaboard Railroad Co., just across the tracks from the Seaboard freight depot, and occupied by Mr. M. L. Leviner and family. Mr. Leviner is section master on a special Seaboard force. The fire whistle drew the usual crowd and Chief Q. T. Williams and Mr. R. O. Edmund, of the fire department, went tilting down the sidewalk of Elm street with a hose wagon, but the fire was extinguished before they reached the depot. Between Third and Second streets they ran into the peanut roaster of Mr. R. T. Sanderson and scattered peanuts considerably; and Mr. Sanderson says they ruined his roaster completely. There was some damage, fully covered by insurance, to furniture that was moved out. The roof of this house caught fire at another place a few days ago from a spark from a passing engine.

MAXTON NEWS ITEMS.

A Young Thief Caught—An Entertainment for Carolina College—Death of Mr. Jas. Marsh—Personal.

(Correspondence of The Robesonian.)

Maxton, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Edwin Gibson returned to her home in Gibson Sunday night.—Misses Lillian and Elizabeth MacNair spent Sunday in Bennettsville, S. C.—Mr. Carl Pace came home today from Chapel Hill to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Pace.—Mr. John Allen McLean, Jr., who is studying law at U. N. C., came home last night for the Christmas holidays.—Mr. E. L. Wooten, of Rowland, spend Sunday in Maxton with his parents.—Miss Hallie Austin, who has been teaching at Concord this fall, came home Saturday night.—Mr. Lacy McLean, principal of the Concord graded school, came home Saturday for the holidays.

Saturday morning about 7 o'clock a very sad death occurred at the Maple Shad inn. Mr. James Marsh, of Fayetteville, a travelling salesman, who was stopping here for the night, died suddenly from a hemorrhage of the lungs. He called for help, but lived only a short while after the physician came. The remains were carried to Fayetteville Saturday night, accompanied by Mr. Byron McCallum.

Last night while the S. A. L. train was standing at the depot a thief was caught in the express office. The authorities had been missing money for some time, but were unable to catch up with the smart fellow until last night, when Policeman Dunlop, hiding in the office, saw young Charlie Aucun, colored, walk in, and take out of the cash drawer two ten-dollar bills. Mr. Dunlop arrested him and now they have discovered where the missing checks and bills were. Young Aucun, about twelve years old, had been working at the depot for a short while, carrying telegrams, etc., but now he will lose his job and probably his reputation in this town.

Last Thursday night Mrs. J. T. Poole gave a "noodle" entertainment for the benefit of the Methodist Carolina College. The entertainment was very much enjoyed, there was much fun in being taught how to make "noodle" soup. They made \$52 for the college, which will add much to the funds.

Maj. T. J. Wooten spent today in Laurinburg on business.

—An organ recital will be given at the new First Baptist church some time within the next ten days, possibly some night next week but perhaps not until January 2. Prof. Harry J. Zehn, who is at the head of the music department of Elizabeth College, Charlotte, has studied under some of the famous masters of Europe and is considered one of the foremost musicians of the State, will preside at the organ.

The Scotchman in His Own Country and in America—British Politics—Prohibition.

(To the Editor of The Robesonian.)

Through the courtesy of Mr. A. W. McLean, who visited Oban while on his recent European tour, I have seen a copy of the "Oban Times," of date December 10th, inst., and published in the Scottish Highlands. There is much in it of very great interest to those of us whose fathers were from the same country, the same section of country, and who yet remain as full-blooded Scotch as were our fathers, and as any who are now to be found in that picturesque region.

Our kinship is readily apparent. Indeed, reckoning from the names of those attending any public assembly of which mention is made in the Oban paper, one might suppose that the clans of Bladen, Cumberland, Harnett, Moore, Robeson and Scotland counties had gathered at some point in the Cape Fear district, this State. I notice, for example, an account of an enthusiastic gathering of the Glasgow Skye Association, presided over by Sir J. H. A. MacDonald, Lord Kingsburgh. Among those present were Dr. Neil MacInness, Messrs. Lauchlin Mackinnon, Wm. Campbell, Donald Macdonald, Kenneth A. Morrison, K. D. Mackenzie, Donald Macleod, Jas. Mackellar, W. J. MacAllister, A. Graham, M. MacQueen, A. S. Mackay, Wm. MacCallum, Matthew Macmillan, Alex. Torrie, Angus Macintosh, A. Macphail, Archibald Macpherson, John H. Sinclair, Dr. Norman Maclean, Prof. Magnus Maclean, Rev. Dr. Maclean, R. Bethune. In another column the death of Rev. Dr. McNeill, "a notable Highlander," is announced, while throughout the paper are to be found the names of MacEachern, Macintyre, Macrae, Stewart, MacArthur, Gilchrist, Black, and others, which have been familiar to me, and some very dear, since my earliest childhood. It will be noticed that in almost every instance the native Scot spells out the Mc, and writes his name as one word. Instead of McArthur, as it is usually found with us, he writes it MacArthur, McRae is Macrae, and so on with the other Maes.

The presiding officer of the Skye Association, Sir J. H. A. MacDonald, Lord Kingsburgh, is, we might say, connected with us in another way. His great grandmother was a sister of Allan MacDonald of Kingsburgh, husband of the celebrated Flora MacDonald. Allan MacDonald, it will be remembered, was a major in Gen. Donald MacDonald's command, and was present at the battle of Moore's Creek.

The struggle between the Liberals and the Conservatives is on, the principal issue being a diminution of the power of the House of Lords, the effect of which would be, as it seems, to make

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THE FINAL SUMMONS.

Mrs. Frederika Wessel Passed Away This Morning—Funeral Tomorrow Afternoon.

Mrs. Frederika Katrina Dorothea Wessel, relict of Capt. Jacob Wessel, passed away this morning at 2 o'clock at the home of her son, Mr. Henry J. Wessel, on the west side of the river, about a mile from town. The deceased would have been 79 years old next month. She had been ill for some time and her death was not unexpected. The funeral will take place from the residence tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock and the remains will be interred in the old cemetery on Fifth street, where her husband's remains were interred 23 years ago.

Mrs. Wessel, whose maiden name was Cappelmann, was born in North Germany and was of an aristocratic family. Capt. Wessel came to this country when a young man and returned to Germany, where, in 1858, he was united in marriage to the deceased. He returned to America in 1866 with his wife and lived for a while at Elkton, Bladen county, moving in a few years to Lumberton, where Capt. Wessel was engaged for a while in the mercantile business.

One son—Mr. Henry J. Wessel—and three daughters—Mrs. Wm. Wilkins, who lives in Florida, and Misses Lena and Julia Wessel, who lived with their mother—survive.

At the Opera House.

Paul Gilmore and his excellent company delighted an audience that filled the opera house last evening in "The Bachelor." Mr. Gilmore was at his best and so pleased the audience that he had to respond to a curtain call at the end of the second act with a speech.

"The Orpheans," one of the numbers of the lyceum course, was the attraction Tuesday evening. This is a male quartette and the singing was good.

"The Four Pickerts," who have given pleasure to Lumberton audiences aforesaid, will be the attraction tomorrow and Saturday evenings.

New Graded School Teachers Elected.

At a meeting of the trustees of the graded school Monday evening Miss Sybil Hyatt, of Kinston, was elected to succeed Miss Leila May Gill, who had charge of the ninth and tenth grades, Miss Gill having resigned, as mentioned in Monday's Robesonian. Miss Hyatt is a graduate of Notre Dame College, Maryland, and she has had quite a bit of experience in advance teaching. Miss Isabella Wicker, of Moore county, was elected to succeed Miss Sallie McLean, who resigned on account of her health. Miss McLean had charge of the fourth grade.

MARRIAGE AT HOSPITAL.

Miss Mary Loula Earle of Florence and Mr. P. S. Kornegay of Warsaw—Second Class Graduated.

Miss Mary Loula Earle of Florence, S. C., and Mr. Perry S. Kornegay of Warsaw were married Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the Thompson hospital, where the bride had just completed a three-years' course in nursing. The groom is a traveling salesman with headquarters in Charlotte. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. E. Baker, who resigned the pastorate of the Presbyterian church here recently to accept a call to a church in Lynchburg, Va., and who came Tuesday morning for that purpose. Only the officers of the hospital and the patients the bride has nursed in Lumberton were present. Miss Josie Barksdale, a nurse at the hospital, was maid of honor, and Mr. Robt. C. Kornegay of Warsaw, a brother of the groom, was best man. There were no other attendants. The bride wore a green coat-suit and carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley; the maid of honor was gowned in white and carried white carnations. Mr. G. E. Rancke, Jr., played the wedding march. Many handsome presents were received. Elegant refreshments, consisting of a salad course, cream and cake, were served. Mr. and Mrs. Kornegay went Thursday night to Charlotte, where they will live.

Mrs. Kornegay's wedding day was also the day of her graduation as a trained nurse and immediately after the wedding short graduating exercises were held. Miss Mattie White, of Ten Mile, this county, was the only other graduate. The diplomas were presented by Mr. R. D. Caldwell, vice president of the hospital corporation. This is the second class that has been graduated at the hospital.

South Carolina Loses in Merger Suit.

(Columbia, S. C. Dispatch, 20th.)

After a trial lasting more than three weeks, a jury in the county court today returned a verdict in favor of the Southern Railway in the suit in which the State of South Carolina sought to dissolve the merger of the Southern and several State roads, the Asheville & Spartanburg Railroad, the South Carolina & Georgia extension and the Carolina Midland.

In his charge, Judge Shipp held that competition as used in the constitutional prohibition of a merger of competing or parallel lines, applied to lines that compete substantially and legally. Competition on business handled by connections with other lines at junction points on short stretches of parallel lines, the court held, could not be considered within the prohibitive clause. The State is expected to take an appeal.