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## NEGRO MURDERER CAUGHT

**Geo. Swan, Slayer of Mr. Chas. Gibson at Red Springs, Arrested Near Hamlet—Taken to State Prison.**

Geo. Swan, the negro wanted for the murder of Mr. Charlie Gibson at Red Springs on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock about 2 miles from Hamlet by Mr. E. C. Tennant, an overseer of public roads. Swan was found asleep in an old barn by a negro that was working with Mr. Tennant and the negro told Mr. Tennant that he knew where Swan was and would tell him if he would give him \$100 of the reward. Tennant told the negro he would do so. Swan offered no resistance at all and it is said that he seemed to be relieved when Mr. Tennant took charge of him. Sheriff E. C. McNeill was notified at once and he and Chief H. H. Redfern left on the afternoon train for Hamlet and carried Swan to Raleigh Friday night, where he was placed in the State penitentiary. The sheriff feared an attempt of some mob violence, which is the reason for carrying Swan to Raleigh.

Swan says that after the shooting he never carried about Red Springs at all but kept traveling all the time. He went to Gibson and from there to Clio, S. C., thence to Florence, where he spent some time. Then he came to Pembroke and from there he went to Hamlet and said his intentions were to go to Hoffman, near which place he has an uncle, and then come back to Lumberton and give himself up to Chief Redfern. Swan claims that he did the shooting in self defense.

## Rumors of Stampede to Roosevelt Throw Taft Forces into Panic.

Chicago Dispatch, 16th.

Another day of conferences, caucuses and counting of delegates brought no solution to the presidential tangle confronting the Republican national convention tonight. During the day the city rang with rumors that a break had come and that a stampede of Southern delegates to Colonel Roosevelt had begun. The Roosevelt headquarters made public letters bearing the names of five delegates from Georgia and five from Mississippi, heretofore counted solidly in the Taft column, declaring themselves for Colonel Roosevelt as the only hope of the party. Earlier in the day Timothy Woodruff of New York had announced that he had given Colonel Roosevelt assurance of his support.

These statements for a time threw the Taft headquarters into something of a panic. Members of the Georgia and Mississippi delegations were hastily summoned and there was a return of composure when it was learned that four of the five Georgia delegates who had supposedly signed the letter to Colonel Roosevelt had not yet reached the city. Later the Taft headquarters claimed to have telegrams from these delegates denying that they had deserted him.

## Christian Endeavor Convention at Wilmington.

The Lumberton delegates returned today from the State Christian Endeavor convention in Wilmington. They say it was one of the best ever held in the State.

They captured three of the State offices. Rev. R. E. Steele was re-elected president and Captain J. P. Russell was elected State treasurer, and also superintendent of transportation.

The speeches were all good. The State Union was reorganized, new officers were chosen, and three times as much money was pledged as for last year.

## Which End Must be Muzzled?

This morning a citizen of Lumberton stepped into The Robesonian office and requested that The Robesonian ask the question as to which end of dogs the town ordinance demands should be muzzled. He says that dogs are running at large on the streets with muzzles dangling about them, but the dogs' biting ability is just as good as if there was no muzzle in the business at all.

## HEAD SNATCHED OFF.

**Horrible Death of 9-Year-Old Boy at Dresden Cotton Mill—Head Snatched Completely Off While Playing at Mill—Not an Employee.**

There was a horrible accident Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Dresden cotton mill when Albert Laughter, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Laughter, was caught in the machinery and killed instantly. The little fellow was in the basement under the mill playing with Evans Williams, 11 years old, who is an employe of the mill. He had a large cotton cord thrown around his neck and was trying to throw the loose end over an iron pipe that was hanging within a foot or so of a moving shaft when the cord caught around the shaft, snatching the little fellow's head completely off and stripping the body of its clothes. The little Williams boy was the only eye witness and he says that it all happened in a flash, that he tried to rescue Albert and in the effort he had some skin knocked off of two of his fingers.

Coroner Rancke held an inquest and the verdict of the jury was that death was the result of an accident for which no individual or the mill was directly responsible. The little fellow never worked at the mill at all, but his parents worked on the night force and lived in a cottage near the mill. Mr. G. F. Brietz, superintendent of the mill, had warned the boy of the danger of playing about the mill and only the day before had sent him home.

This was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Laughter. The funeral service was conducted Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. R. L. Caraway, pastor of the Lumberton circuit, and interment was made in the cemetery at the county home.

## RED SPRINGS BUDGET.

### Two Marriages—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, June 15.—Miss Mary Williams is visiting friends in Washington, D. C.

Misses Ellen Cox, Ethel Gibson and Margaret McEachern attended the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union, which convened in Rowland last week.

Mrs. Munely and daughter, Miss Mamie, of Bennettsville, S. C., are spending several weeks at Hotel Red Springs.

Dr. R. D. McMillan left Friday night for Baltimore, Md., and from there he went to Havendale, Virginia, where he was married Monday evening to Miss Gertrude Garrison. Dr. McMillan was accompanied by his sister, Miss Genevieve McMillan and Messrs. Jesse McCallum and Kenneth Denny. After the ceremony Dr. and Mrs. McMillan left by boat for Washington and after spending several days there will visit western North Carolina.

Mesdames Taylor Morrow and B. F. McMillan spent Wednesday in Rowland.

Mr. W. Ernest Sikes and Miss Mabel Merle Croom were married Wednesday at the home of the bride, 610 Dock St., Wilmington. Mr. James Townsend, Dr. C. G. Vardell, officiating minister, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sikes, parents of the groom, and Miss Glennie Graham were those from here who attended the wedding. Mr. Sikes is one of our prosperous young business men and Miss Croom is a graduate of S. P. C. and taught last year in Philadelphia high school. We congratulate the happy couple and wish for them a long life of joy and prosperity. Mr. and Mrs. Sikes will spend their honeymoon in the mountains of western North Carolina, joining Dr. and Mrs. McMillan in Montreat.

Misses Margaret Williams and Sophie Klutz have returned from a pleasant visit to Mrs. Louis Hall in Wilmington.

Miss Alice de Vane, who holds a responsible position in Charlotte, is spending a while at home.

Mrs. S. A. Cotton and children are visiting relatives in Pittsboro.

Messrs. Arthur McRae and Douglas McMillan spent a few days of last week in Bennettsville.

## MURDER AND SUICIDE.

**Young Man Shoots and Kills Sweetheart and Self at Salisbury.**

Salisbury Special, 16th, to Charlotte Observer.

A tragedy occurred here tonight shortly after nine o'clock, when Frank D. Chunn sent a ball through the heart of his sweetheart, Miss Burnadette Roueche, and then turning the pistol on himself sent a ball crashing through his brain.

The young couple had attended services at Sacred Heart Catholic church together and had returned and were on the porch of the residence of an uncle of the dead girl where the shooting took place.

Charles Gable and Miss Hortense Roueche were with them at the time but had gone behind the house to a well to get water when a pistol shot was heard. Gable ran around to the porch and saw Chunn with the smoking pistol in his hand. On being asked what was the trouble Chunn pointing the pistol at Gable told him to stand back and turned the weapon on himself with the result as stated.

Miss Roueche died instantly while Chunn lived a half an hour but never regained consciousness. The shooting was done with a .38 calibre pistol. A wound was found on the temple of the dead woman and many are inclined to believe that she was struck before being fired upon.

Miss Roueche was the daughter of Mrs. Margaret Roueche and a niece of J. X. Roueche, one of the proprietors of The Salisbury Post. She was only 19 years old and was stenographer for the Salisbury Realty and Insurance Company, and was well liked and popular in the city. Chunn was 23 years old and a boiler maker at Spencer. He was a quiet young fellow and no one suspected that he was capable of the awful crime committed. His mother, Mrs. Blorinda Chunn lives in Asheville and he is a nephew of Misses Sallie and Maggie Chunn of this city.

Jealousy is supposed to be the cause of the affair. It is known that Miss Roueche refused to marry Chunn six months ago, although she still allowed him to pay her attention merely as a friend. What transpired between them tonight will never be known.

## Gaddysville Notes.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Gaddysville, June 14—Since my last letter we have had a torrential down pour of rain and it is also raining now. We expect this is going to injure young crops to some extent as well as the severe cold for June.

We are sorry to report that Master Alford Butler is suffering an attack of measles. Hope he will soon be well.

Mr. J. R. Branch was a Fairmont business visitor Thursday.—Mrs. Sarah Ivey and daughter, Miss Naomi, were the guests of Mrs. Ivey's sisters, Misses Butler, Thursday.

Glad to report that Mr. R. A. Gaddy is recovering from being sick.

Mr. C. P. McGirt is off on a vacation at Greensboro.—Mr. J. W. Gaddy visited relatives at Purvis Sunday.—Mr. Coke Gaddy has returned from a recent trip to Florida.

Mr. C. T. Lewis is recovering from a severe sickness.

Mrs. C. P. McGirt is spending a while with her parents.—Mrs. D. V. Rodgers and Masters Cecil and Robert were the guests of Mrs. Rodgers father, Mr. J. W. Andrews, Sunday.

Little Will.

## General Freight and Passenger Agent for V. & C. S.

Mr. G. Y. Jones, auditor and freight claim agent for the Laurinburg & Southern Railroad, with headquarters at Laurinburg, has accepted the position of general freight and passenger agent of the Virginia & Carolina Southern. He has a wife and two children and will enter upon his new duties here July 1. He succeeds Mr. S. R. Clary, who severed his connection with the V. & C. S. on the 1st inst., and moved to Washington, this State, where he now holds a position with the Coast Line.

## "THE BUILDING OF A CITY."

**Address Before the Lumberton Industrial and Commercial Club by Mr. Chas. N. Evans, President of the Southern National Bank of Wilmington.**

Mr. Chas. N. Evans, president of the Southern National Bank, Wilmington, addressed a good audience here Monday evening in the K. of P. hall in the Lumberton Cotton Mill office building on the subject of "The Building of a City."

Something after 8:30 o'clock Mr. R. D. Caldwell, president of the Industrial and Commercial Club, at whose invitation Mr. Evans came, made a few remarks expressing his appreciation of the response to the invitations sent out and he announced that Mr. Stephen McIntyre would introduce the speaker of the evening. Mr. McIntyre is always at home on a job of this kind and in the course of his remarks said, "that of the cities in North Carolina Charlotte is the Manchester, Wilmington the Liverpool and the greatest town between them is Lumberton, and the speaker, who has lived in Charlotte and now resides in Wilmington, will tell us how to build a city."

In the beginning Mr. Evans told his audience that he was no orator and did not claim to be anything other than a banker and after having had an automobile drive through and around town he felt that it would be immodest for him to try to tell the citizens of Lumberton how to build a city, because he was convinced that Lumberton had already taken the initiative in city building. He said that he had always been interested more or less in the building of cities in the capacity of a helper in every way that it had been possible for him to render service, and that he hoped, in the course of his talk, to be able to express some thought or make some suggestion that would help the people of Lumberton in their efforts to make the town a great city. He congratulated Lumberton on its school building, handsome churches and other buildings and said that the First Baptist church is one of the finest churches he ever saw. He said that in Wilmington they often had inquiries about the Lumberton factories, and the answer always given is "they are good;" and he congratulated Lumberton, that they could say this. Mr. Evans said that the Industrial and Commercial Club should take the initiative in the progress of things in and about the town, in this way things would be started and completed that otherwise would never be done. He expressed himself as being of the opinion that Lumberton's club, in active members, is better than the club in Wilmington, and he impressed upon his audience the necessity of a town's having a live and wide awake club. He said that the Greater Charlotte Club of Charlotte had been worth as much to the city as a new railroad would have been. It built the Selwyn hotel and he told of many other things of wonderful effect that the Greater Charlotte Club had been largely responsible for in the great development of that city. He also mentioned some great things that had been accomplished in Wilmington through the club there. He does not think that cities should grant to corporations perpetual franchises for it often hinders progress, and he cited several instances where towns and cities had been greatly hampered in progress because of this one thing. Mr. Evans said that he favors the commission form of government for towns and cities and his argument in favor of it was convincing. He says that under the present method of government too many people have a say-so in the doing of things, and the officials are not paid enough to justify them in giving their time to the proper management of affairs, therefore, the business of but few towns is conducted on business principals. He said that the government of a city or town is just what the people would have it, for they all have to do with the election of officers. If the government is bad the people are responsible for it and if it is good they are entitled to the credit. He said that

the newspapers are a great power in the progress of a town and that they should have the hearty and warm support of the people. He impressed upon his audience the importance of advertising, and said that towns should advertise at home and abroad. He said that live banks are among the valuable assets of a town and that they should always be interested in the town and should aid in every possible way in its development, and this he said he felt sure the Lumberton banks are doing for Lumberton. He said he was for seven years secretary of the State Bankers' Association, and with a degree of pride the record of the Bank of Lumberton was always singled out. He congratulated the town on its banks and said that in city-building they would have a large part to play. The streets are the veins and arteries of a city, therefore, they must be kept clean and in excellent condition if we would have healthy towns and cities. He congratulated Lumberton upon its street building. He said that civic associations, and other similar organizations under the management of the ladies are great powers in the progress of a town or city. The ladies had done wonders in Wilmington. He put much stress upon the necessity of perfect sanitation; health is not to be valued in dollars and cents.

Mr. Evans spoke for about an hour and it was an excellent address. He arrived Thursday afternoon at 6 o'clock from Wilmington and returned Friday morning. While here he was a guest at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Evans, Sixth and Pine streets. He was at supper Thursday evening at the Waverly hotel with several of Lumberton's prominent business men, among whom were Messrs. R. D. Caldwell, A. W. McLean, C. V. Brown, H. M. McAllister, E. L. Holloway and T. C. Evans.

Lumberton's new brass band furnished some music.

## New Grist Mill and General Wood Supply Business.

Messrs. E. B. Freeman and J. A. Boone, Sr., have purchased the buildings formerly occupied by the Lumberton Novelty Works, at the intersection of the Elizabethtown road and Virginia & Carolina Southern Railroad, also the wood mill and grist mill of the defunct company, and will open within about two weeks, when a new 20-horse-power gasoline engine will be installed, an up-to-date grist mill and general wood supply business. The buildings, which comprise one large building and sheds sufficient to shelter about 500 or 600 cords of wood, were purchased from Mr. Geo. G. French, who purchased the Lumberton Novelty Works at a receiver's sale conducted on June 6 by R. A. McLean as receiver, and the deal is contingent upon confirmation of that sale at the July term of court. The land upon which the buildings are located was purchased from Messrs. A. W. McLean and A. E. White.

Mr. Freeman is president and manager of the Freeman Printing Co. and will continue his connection with that company while devoting a part of his time to the new business, which will be managed by Mr. Boone.

## Dr. Frank J. Mallett Speaks for Boy Scouts at Opera House Tonight.

Dr. Frank J. Mallett captivated the great State Christian Endeavor Convention at Wilmington with his brilliant wit and inspiring sayings. He comes direct from the convention to Lumberton, and will lecture at 8:30 in the opera house. The band will play and cooling refreshments will be served. Admission, 25cts. for benefit of Boy Scouts.

The North Carolina Fire Underwriters' Association adjourned its fifteenth annual session at Raleigh Friday afternoon to meet in 1913 in Fayetteville. The association elected as officers R. E. Follon, Winston-Salem, president; W. B. Merrimon, Greensboro, and Ernest Deans, Wilson, vice-presidents, and W. E. Sharpe, Burlington, secretary-treasurer.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

—Middling cotton today, 11 cents.

—Miss Emma May Rozier and Mr. R. A. Rozier were married yesterday at St. Paul at the home of Mr. J. D. Clark, who officiated.

—There will be a regular meeting of St. Albans Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., tomorrow evening at 8:30 o'clock. This is the time for the annual election of officers and a full attendance is desired.

—Messrs. Lee Correll and Lee Stone returned Saturday from Rowland, where they had been assisting the Rowland baseball team in a game or so. Of course, the Rowland team won.

—The Seaboard is offering a special rate of \$7.45, round trip, to Norfolk, Va., account the World-Wide Baraca Philathea Union to be held there June 22-27. Tickets will go on sale the 19th.

—Mr. Robert E. Steele, Jr., came home Friday from Washington Lee University, Virginia, where he has just finished a course in civil engineering. For the present Mr. Steele has accepted a position with Mr. F. F. Wetmore.

—Mr. Jake E. Phillips, of Uvalde, Texas, is in town today with Mr. Giles Davis of Raft Swamp. He arrived at Mr. Davis' Saturday and will spend some time in the county visiting relatives. Mr. Phillips is a brother-in-law of Mr. Davis.

—H. Canady, Indian, who lives on route one about 6 miles from town, was in town Saturday and says that he had green peas for dinner at his home Friday. He says that his neighbor, E. Pone, also Indian, has plenty of them. Canady planted his peas in March and Pone in April.

—Messrs. J. A. Green, Jr., and B. S. Edwards have leased from Mr. G. S. McKenzie the Robeson Advance, which was established here in 1910 as a Republican paper and has changed hands four times, being independent for a while and now Democratic. Mr. Green has had some newspaper experience on the Greensboro Daily News and Mr. Edwards is a competent man on the mechanical end of a newspaper.

## Movements of the People About Antioch, Near Bellamy—War Declared on "Gen. Green."

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Antioch, June 14.—Rev. K. Barnes filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mercer, of Bladenboro, spent Sunday with Mrs. Mercer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Pittman.—Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Meares, of South Carolina, are visiting friends and relatives in this section.—Mr. Albert Smith, of Allenton, spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. W. W. Pitman.—Miss Addie Pittman spent Sunday with Miss Viola Smith.—Mr. Jim Clewis, of East Lumberton, spent Sunday in this section.—Miss Lula Duncan spent Sunday with Miss Mary Pittman.—Miss Rosa Mercer, of Route 5 from Lumberton, spent Sunday with Miss Maggie Pittman.—Mr. Walter Meares, of Lumberton, spent Sunday in this section.

The farmers of this section have declared war against "General Green." Don't think the battle will last long.

Mrs. B. C. Todd and two children, Master Dougald and little Miss Ava, spent Tuesday at Lumberton.

Mr. Wright Pittman spent Thursday near Hope Mills.

"Aunt Becky," write oftener. Your letters are very much enjoyed by "Blue Eyed Josephine."

President Taft in a special message to Congress on the 12th asked for an appropriation of \$100,000 to be expended by the revenue cutter service in caring for volcano victims near Kodiak, Alaska. In his message the President declares that he is in receipt of reliable information that as the result of the volcanic disturbances more than a thousand people are rendered homeless and that unless aid can be given them they are likely to suffer.