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## CASE OF DIVINE RETRIBUTION

SISTER OF OBE DAVIS FULFILLS MOSAIC LAW.

N. C. Grubb, Murderer, Blockader, Wife Beater, Law Breaker and Wealthy, Meets His Reward.

The simple story of Grubb's finish is as follows:

H. Clay Grubb, the leading citizen of Boone Township, and one of Davidson County's most widely known citizens, was shot and killed by his wife, Emma F. Grubb, at their home near Churchland Saturday morning at about 1 o'clock. The news of the killing created a sensation, the like of which has not been known in Davidson County in many years. The first word of the tragedy reached Salisbury before day break and at an early hour Sheriff Shaw, of Davidson County, was on the scene. Coroner Peacock, who lives at Thomasville, was notified, and was on hand by 10 o'clock. He summoned and swore in the following jury:

John W. Lambeth, S. W. Fink, Dermont Shemwell, George F. Morehead, J. C. Hedrick and Charles Swisgood.

The killing was witnessed by three children of Mr. and Mrs. Grubb, young Zeb V. Grubb, 15 years old, and their two daughters, Misses Beulah and Edna Grubb. The first witness called was the boy.

He said that his father came home Friday night only slightly intoxicated. He continued drinking after he came home and by 10 o'clock he was very drunk. Mrs. Grubb had gone to her room and the girls had gone up stairs to their room. A little after 10 o'clock Mr. Grubb entered his wife's room and began to curse her. This was followed by violence, the drunken man dragging his wife from the bed and beating her savagely. The boy ran in and begged his father to let the mother alone but he responded by cursing his son and ordering him from the room. The boy did not know how long this continued. He said that he went out of the house to be away from it. Finally the noise ceased and he returned to the living room and saw his father on the davenport close to the door, apparently asleep. About 30 minutes, the boy thought had elapsed, when his mother entered the room with a pistol in her hand and advancing toward the davenport, fired at her husband, while he was yet asleep or just waking up. The boy was not certain whether the shot was fired when his father was asleep or not. At the first shot Grubb leaped to his feet and went toward his wife, who had fired twice more and he fell dead.

Miss Beulah Grubb, who was examined next, said that when her father became boisterous and abusive, she and her sister, Miss Edna, went to their rooms and after 10 o'clock he began beating her mother. She could hear her mother's screams and the sound of the blows. After he had beaten her for some time he called to his daughters to come down, telling them that he was going to kill their mother, his son Zeb and then he was going to kill Lester Davis, Mrs. Grubb's brother. When Miss Beulah went down she found her mother in a terrible condition. Her face was covered with blood and blood was oozing from her shoes. She was barely able to stand up and was begging piteously for mercy. Her father continued to beat her mother over the head, using a pistol, which he held in his hand throughout the whole affair, and threatening death to the whole family.

Finally, after he had tired of beating Mrs. Grubb, he lay down on the davenport and said he would rest awhile. The last thing he said before going to sleep was that he would kill his wife as soon as he got up. He was asleep in a minute or two. Several minutes elapsed, during which Mrs. Grubb sent her son Zeb to the kitchen

for her pistol and crept out of the room, going to her own room. Miss Beulah said that her mother later came around on the porch and sat down at the door, on the outside, close to the davenport on which lay her husband. When he made a movement as if to rise Mrs. Grubb ran in and shot him three times, killing him almost instantly.

The other daughter, Miss Edna Grubb, corroborated her sister's statements and added a few other details of importance. She said that after her father had beaten her mother with his fists he seized her by her hair and dragged her from the room and onto the automobile shed in the rear of the house, where he got his pistol. He then dragged her back into the house, using the pistol as a club and beating her every step. He struck her once across the side of the head with such force that she dropped to the floor and was almost unconscious. She thought for awhile that her mother was dead. Mrs. Grubb revived slightly at last and asked to be allowed to get some water from the porch. Thinking that she was planning to escape, Grubb clutched her skirt and followed her to the porch, holding the pistol on her and telling her that he was not going to let her go to her brother, Lester Davis, but was going to kill her and settle with Lester later. He brought her back into the living room and threw her down on the davenport, telling her that he was going to kill her as soon as he rested.

Miss Edna corroborated her sister as to the pistol and other matters and said that after her father had fallen asleep, she helped her mother to crawl through the room, she slipped around the back way and helped her mother to crawl through the window. She advised her to run away. Mrs. Grubb told her that she was not able to go, she was so badly hurt, and that she believed that she could never stand another blow. They were sitting on the porch, close to the door, the mother crying, when they heard Grubb move as if to get up. The daughter says that the mother screamed and ran into the room and shot three times.

When the taking of testimony was completed the coroner was requested to bring his jury to Mrs. Grubb's room, as she wished to make a statement. They found her swathed in bandages almost from head to toe. The bridge of her nose was broken and one ear was split from a blow with the pistol of her husband. Both arms had been horribly bruised and lacerated and her legs were a mass of bruised flesh. Her injuries are serious and very painful, but she will recover. She was very cool and self-possessed and told a story that confirmed the testimony of her daughters in every detail. She said that she was convinced that her husband would have killed her if she had not shot first and she killed him to protect herself and children.

After hearing the evidence the jury retired for a few minutes and returned with a verdict that "the deceased, H. Clay Grubb, came to his death from a gunshot wound at the hands of his wife, Emma F. Grubb, and that she was justifiable in her act."

The Grubb place was overrun with people. All of the neighbors for miles around were there and all of them had stories to tell. A Mr. Barnhardt, who lives on the place, told of seeing Grubb chase his wife around the house with a pitchfork four weeks ago and one of the daughters told of her father throwing diarrhea, etc., at the mother a short time ago. His friends, to judge from things they said, had been expecting something to happen for the past two years, but all looked for serious injury to the wife or children.

But the talk of the neighbors was not all to his hurt. Many told of the fine work he had done of recent years toward the upbuilding of the community and

his willingness to help every worthy cause. He was a big-hearted, generous, good-natured man, and kind to his family when not under the influence of liquor, and numbered his friends in the county by the score. His neighbors say that to him is largely due the wonderful progress Boone township has made during the last two years in road building. At the time of his death he was engaged in rebuilding, at large expense to himself, a section of the central highway through Tyro township, and it is known that he had planned many other things for the good of his country.

Mr. Grubb was a man of quick temper, ready to resent an affront and was often in trouble. About nine years ago he shot and killed his wife's brother, Obe Davis, and this killing cast a shadow over his life that he was never able to escape. He and Davis had had a business misunderstanding and both threatened to kill the other. Grubb "drew first" and killed Davis. The case was removed to Rowan county for trial and Grubb was found not guilty, his plea being self defense.

Mr. Grubb's real estate holdings were large. No one knows how much he was worth. He told a friend in Lexington a short time ago that he was worth half a million dollars, but that he owed about \$125,000. He owned 5,500 acres of land in Rowan and Davidson counties, the most of it being first-class farming land and a great deal of valuable real estate in Salisbury, including the "Grubb Building," Salisbury's skyscraper. The home place, with about 300 acres in it was in his wife's name.

The funeral of Grubb was held at the house Sunday afternoon, Rev. V. M. Swain, of Lexington, officiating, and the interment took place at the Grubb private cemetery near the home. Those who were present say the attendance was unusually large, probably 8,000 people being present. Mrs. Grubb, however, still suffering from her brutal treatment, was unable to attend. She had the body brought to the door of her room and viewed it before burial. Grubb was a member of the Salisbury Lodge of Elks and the floral offering by this lodge was conspicuous.

Minister Praises this Laxative.

Rev. H. Stubenvoll of Allison, in praising Dr. King's New Life Pills for constipation, writes:—"Dr. King's New Life Pills are such perfect pills no home should be without them." No better regulator for the liver and bowels. Every pill guaranteed. Try them. Price 25c at druggists.

How to Preserve Eggs.

During the summer months eggs are plentiful and cheap. Every year I put up a few in the water glass solution to be used when the eggs are scarce and high in price.

I make this solution by mixing one gallon water-glass with 12 gallons of water previously brought to the boiling point. The eggs are placed in stone jars with the little end turned down, and enough of the solution poured over them to thoroughly cover them.

Of course the eggs are not as good as fresh laid ones, but for boiling one can scarcely notice the difference.

Never put fertile eggs in this solution as they will not keep well. Take the males from the pens before you preserve any eggs.—E. M. Best, in The Progressive Farmer.

The Best Pain Killer.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve when applied to a cut, bruise, sprain, burn or scald, or other injury of the skin will immediately remove all pain. E. M. Chamberlain of Clinton, Mo., says: "It robs cuts and other injuries of their terror. As a healing remedy its equal don't exist." Will do good for you. Only 25c at druggists.

## BOB GLENN IN THE WEST.

The Ex-Governor is Touring the West and Making a Splendid Impression.

While the papers are suggesting the possibility of Ex-Governor R. B. Glenn running for the Senate, and he has announced that his decision in the matter will be made known early in September, he is not talking politics right now, but is out in the West making speeches which the papers say are good speeches, but all North Carolina knows that ex-Governor Glenn is a good speaker. The speeches were reported as being for the elevation of man making all sections have a better opinion of the South, for in these he always upholds the South and its policies and shows the world our side of the case.

The Perry, Iowa, Advertiser has the following to say of his address there:

"Then in the evening Governor Robert B. Glenn, of North Carolina, picked up the thread that had been spun from the individual mind and, placing them in the loom of the republic, wove a cloth of unity which he styled Patriotism, and bound the individual beside his fellows, fast and sure.

"Governor Glenn has all the Southerner's love and right of fair dealing. He advocates the recognition of every breathing, speaking human as a brother and sister, honoring them not for the position occupied so much as for work well done. He decries the tendency of the age, or rather the elimination of all ages, toward the infidelity of the iron heel of oppression upon the poor and the weak and the undermining of the generation to come in physical as well as moral strength.

"His utter hate of oppression, the deference and fawning to success when help toward that success was denied, his broad platform of rigid discipline for the child, kindly and lovingly administered where possible, all won the hearty applause of the audience which followed his reasonings and enjoyed his arguments.

"He is a great man in the nation today. He has held positions of honor and trust from his people. One sees how a citizenship could readily love the hale, bluff, good-natured, kindly old gentleman. He impresses you as willing to live in very truth striving always to live up to the letter to the ideal he pleads for.

"His closing remarks were a stirring thrilling appeal for patriotism, right living, protection of children, their enlightenment and betterment, the love of a flag of a united country, and a better, higher, purer, truer man and womanhood in our country."

To the Farmers of this Section.

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture will have a limited number of samples of material for the inoculation of Crimson clover, Barr clover, Red clover, Vetch and Alfalfa for distribution this fall.

Any one in this section of the State who expects to sow any one of these crops this fall for the first time should send in his application at once for enough of this material to inoculate seed for an acre. There is no charge for the material, but each man is required to report results. Applications must reach us at least a month before seed are to be sowed.

J. L. Buzas, agronomist, Raleigh, N. C.

Remarkable Cure of Dysentery.

"I was attacked with dysentery about July 15th, and used the doctor's medicine and other remedies with no relief, only getting worse all the time. I was unable to do anything and my weight dropped from 145 to 125 pounds. I suffered for about two months when I was advised to use Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I used two bottles of it and it gave me permanent relief, writes B. W. Hill of Snow Hill, N. C. For sale by all dealers.

## Break Wheat Land at Once.

Land that is now lying fallow and is intended for wheat, should be broken at once and kept worked with a disk harrow every few weeks until time to sow wheat. Land plowed in July or the first of August will usually make two or three times as much wheat per acre as land that is not plowed until time to sow wheat. The writer has tried the experiment and knows whereof he writes. An experiment in Kansas in 1911 gave similar results, though even more striking than those obtained in North Carolina. In Kansas, land well broken July 15 and cultivated every three weeks until wheat was sown, yielded about four or five times as much per acre as that where the land was not broken until they were ready to sow wheat. If you are going to sow wheat there should be no time lost in plowing the land, provided it is not lying fallow. But if it has a crop of peas or a crop of corn on it, that is a very different proposition. In that case, when the time comes, cut off the peas or harvest the corn and disk the land well and it will be ready to sow to wheat.—T. B. Parker, in The Progressive Farmer.

## Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury.

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescription from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by druggists. Price 75c per bottle.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

## Sow Oats Early this Year.

It is not too early to begin planning for getting the oats sowed early enough this fall. Year after year oats are sowed during November or left until February or March, that might have been put in during the latter part of September or during the first half of October, if the work had been better planned.

It is better to sow oats in cotton, either broadcast or in drill, two drills between each row, early in October than to sow them next February. It is always a difficult matter for the cotton and corn farmer to get the oats in early enough, but every effort practicable should be exerted to get them in before the middle of October and in the northern part of those sections where oats are sowed in the fall, they should be sowed by September 15.—The Progressive Farmer.

Go to the Mocksville picnic on next Thursday, August 14th.

## Mothers! Have Your Children Worms

Are they feverish, restless, nervous, irritable, dizzy or constipated? Do they continually pick their nose or grind their teeth? Have they cramping pains, irregular and ravenous appetite? These are all signs of worms. Worms not only cause your child suffering, but stunt his mind and growth. Give "Kickapoo Worm Killer" at once. It kills and removes the worms, improves your child's appetite, regulates stomach and liver and bowels. The symptoms disappear and your child is made happy and healthy, as nature intended. All druggists or by mail 25c. Kickapoo Indian Medicine Company, Philadelphia, Pa., St. Louis, Mo.

## Value of Cover Crops.

A few of the valuable features of a cover crop may be named as follows:

1. It prevents loss of soil fertility by washing. Lands that lie bare during the winter may lose more plant food by leaching than is used by the crop that grows there during the summer.
2. It furnishes grazing to stock at a time when food of all kinds is scarce. It also produces health and vigor in animals and keeps up a good flow of milk of dairy cows. Any successful system of live-stock production is largely dependent upon winter as well as summer grazing.
3. If we ever establish an enduring and prosperous agriculture in the State we shall have to get humus (vegetable or organic matter) into our soils. Growing a wintercover crop is one of the ways of doing this. All farmed lands should grow at least two crops per year, a sale crop and a soil-improvement crop whether this is left on the land or first fed to stock and then returned there. A decline in soil fertility is not always due to a lack of nitrogen, potash or phosphoric acid. It is often due to the absence of humus.

## Suffered Eczema Fifty Years, Now Well.

Seems a long time to endure the awful burning, itching, smarting, skin-disease known as "eczema," another name for Eczema. Seems good to realize, also, that Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment has proven a perfect cure.

Mrs. D. L. Kenney writes: "I cannot sufficiently express my thanks to you for your Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. It has cured my eczema, which has troubled me for over fifty years." All druggists, or by mail 50c. Pfeiffer Chemical Co., St. Louis, Mo., or Philadelphia, Pa.

## North Carolina Joins the National Highways Association.

As the result of action taken at its annual convention at Morehead City, North Carolina, the North Carolina Good Roads Association has become the North Carolina Division of the National Highways Association. This amalgamation of the state organization follows closely the amalgamation of the Ohio Good Roads Federation with the National Highways Association, which took place last week.

In connection with the above it might be observed that it makes some folks awful tired to look over some of the illustrated matter being sent out by the "good roads" association. For instance they hunt the very worst piece of road that can be found, get a buggy or wagon mired in it just as badly as possible, then photograph it as a typical Georgia road, North Carolina, Tennessee or some other states highways and strive to make it appear as its perpetual condition.

## SALISBURY MAN'S LUCKY FIND

Will Interest Readers of The Carolina Watchman.

Those having the misfortune to suffer from backache, urinary disorders, gravel, dropsical swellings, rheumatic pains, or other kidney and bladder disorders, will read with gratification this encouraging statement by a Salisbury man.

S. J. Horton, 208 W. Monroe Street, Salisbury, N. C., says: "For some time my kidneys were giving me a great deal of trouble. My back was very weak and lame and the kidney secretions were too frequent in passage, causing annoyance. Doan's Kidney Pills cured me and I have not had any kidney complaint since."

The above statement was given February 2, 1911, and when Mr. Horton was interviewed on March 2, 1912, he said: "All I said some time ago recommending Doan's Kidney Pills was correct. There is no doubt about Doan's Kidney Pills being a valuable remedy."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

## MR. DOUGHTON CUTTING EXPENSES.

He is Chairman of an Important Committee and is Kept Quite Busy.

Washington, Aug. 12.—At the first regular meeting held by the newly organized House Committee on Expenditures in the Department of Agriculture, of which Congressman R. L. Doughton is chairman, the committee decided to make a change in the system of rendering itemized accounts by the department which means a saving of approximately \$17,000 a year.

This is the first of several changes Chairman Doughton hopes to bring about to cut down the expenses of the Department of Agriculture by eliminating some of the unnecessary clerical labor, and thereby increase the amount available for the instruction and aid of the farmers.

As soon as Mr. Doughton was appointed chairman of this committee about months ago he set to work to acquaint himself with the duties of the committee, and went over all the old files and documents on hand. He was soon struck with the idea that a good deal of the itemized bookkeeping prepared by the department for examination by the committee was useless and an unnecessary expense. He took the matter up with the Secretary of Agriculture to gain his opinion and the solicitor of the department was also consulted to see if the change could be made in accordance with the law, and both gave a favorable opinion to the chairman.

As the financial records of the department are always open for inspection by the committee or any member of Congress, the committee today decided the preparation of the report was hardly necessary. Hereafter the report will be made up more intelligently and less cumbersome with a great saving in cost.

Mr. Doughton's committee is still working without a regular clerk. Although the new committees were all named about two months ago, no provision was made for paying the salaries to the committee clerks, and until such an appropriation is made the bulk of the work of the committee will fall upon A. J. Fletcher, who has been Mr. Doughton's secretary for quite a while.

## How the Trouble Starts.

Constipation is the cause of many ailments and disorders that make life miserable. Take Chamberlain's Tablets, keep your bowels regular and you will avoid these diseases. For sale by all dealers.

## How to Fight Bedbugs.

He is particularly obnoxious because he attacks when we are least able to defend ourselves, can live and whet his appetite for warm human blood for a year or more and is so flat that Mark Twain says he "can hide between the same layer." It is a common mistake that bats, swallows and pigeons introduce them into the house. The variety which infests them does not attack man. Wooden beds, carpets which extend to the wall and cracks in floors and baseboards afford excellent shelter. There are many poisons but the cheapest and best seems to be the liberal use of gasoline or kerosene, which are not only cheap and penetrating but kill the eggs as well as the bedbug. They may be applied with a rag, spray or sewing machine oil can. A word of caution as to the inflammability of gasoline is never superfluous.—Mrs. W. N. Hart, in The Progressive Farmer.

## Costly Treatment.

"I was troubled with constipation and indigestion and spent hundreds of dollars for medicine and treatment," writes O. H. Hines, of Whitlow, Ark. "I went to a St. Louis hospital, also to a hospital in New Orleans, but no cure was effected. On returning home I began taking Chamberlain's Tablets, and worked right along. I used them for some time and am now all right." Sold by all dealers.