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Hon. D. H. MacLean, from Harnett county, is in the city.

Br. Brog Gaa, Dakin, hence, arrived at Glasgow on the 6th inst.

Saw your money by buying your Building Supplies from Walker & Pric's.

Steamship Regulator, De ne, hence, arrived at New York on the 7th inst.

The feminine proverb is: A bird on the bonnet is worth two on the toot.

'Boys, don't spend too much time on your toilet; the girls are too much absorbed in their own to notice it much.

One of eminent learning says that such as would excel in arts must excel in industry—except an industrious drinker.

Messrs. E. G. Barker & Co are in receipt of a cargo of 1400 barrels fresh Rockland lime, which they are selling low.

Barque J. S. Ward, Atkinson, and schooner John Douglass, Parker, both loaded with guano, sailed from New York on the 29th ult., for this port.

The Directors of the First National Bank of Wilmington have declared a dividend of three per cent., payable on and after the 12th inst.

The two important events in the life of man are when he examines his upper lip and sees the hair coming, and when he examines the top of his head and sees the hair going.

Peter Leitch, colored, who was found guilty of the death of his wife's paramour, was to have been hanged to-day at Lumbertown, but we are informed that the execution did not take place.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. Thos. B. Henderson, who has been seriously ill at his residence in this city for the past three weeks, is now on the mend and we hope to see him on the streets in a few days.

Christmas Fire Dogs and Fire Irons Fluting Machines and every sort of Hardware at lowest sort of cash prices at JACOBI'S.

The use of Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Renewer will keep the hair from falling out.

Entirely Recovered.
 NEW YORK CITY, June 19, 1879.
 H. H. WARREN & Co.—GENTLEMEN—
 I hereby certify that my wife has been using Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver Cure for Bright's Disease, and she is now entirely recovered. When all physicians' remedies failed, she was induced to try your remedy, and received beneficial results from the first bottle. After taking four bottles she was entirely cured.
 Yours truly,
 ROBERT B. FITZGERALD.

Prognostications
 The observations taken at the Signal Station are always valuable and correct, but figures do not notice the general reader. A most significant fact about the weather, and one we wish to put on record, is the blooming of certain plants.

We notice in the woods that the yellow jessamine, which blooms in March and April, the white violet, which seldom comes sooner than March, and the yellow buttercup, which flowers from February to April, are in bloom now.

You can buy No 1. Heating and Cook Stoves at almost any price by going the Factory Agency, at JACOBI'S.

City Court.
 One individual, whose verdant appearance indicated that he was from the rural districts was arraigned for being drunk and down last night. In consequence of the truly rural characteristics in the case, the Mayor dismissed the defendant with a warning in regard to his future conduct.

Georgiana Gause, colored, charged with being drunk and down, was the next case, and was fined \$5 or told she could go below for ten days. Not having the spondulicks, the defendant went down to the C. P.

Wm. Norment, colored, charged with disorderly conduct, was then brought up to the bar of the Court, but after hearing the evidence the Mayor reserved his decision. This concluded the proceedings and the Court adjourned.

THE BLACK CAP.

Execution of Allan Mathis for the Murder of Reuben Herring—The Sentence of the Law Carried Out in Private—The Murderer's Last Hours on Earth—History of the Crime, &c., &c.

Allan Mathis, the man who first corrupted Reuben Herring's wife and after a criminal intercourse with her which continued for more than five years, wound up the record of his sin by murdering the wretched and deceived husband, perished to-day on the gallows. The crime was committed in Pender county and the parties to it were all colored.

ALLAN MATHIS
 was a likely looking fellow, about 32 or 35 years of age, but one shade removed from a full-blooded African. He was of a slight build, some five feet eight or nine inches and with an intelligent look. He was condemned in the Superior Court for this county, December term, and was hung to-day. The condemned man has been attended for weeks past by clergymen, principally of his own color. Rev. J. G. Fry was with him last night and prayed and exhorted with him throughout the entire night. Mathis did not profess religion as he had been a member of the Baptist Church some years ago but he died, he is said, thoroughly penitent.

THE HOUR APPROACHED.
 As the last hour approached the crowds which had been swarming around the jail enclosure and which were especially thick on Fourth street, became very dense, although there was no disturbance. Within the jail yard about forty or fifty persons had been admitted while of this number probably two-thirds were assembled on the scaffold awaiting the appearance of the condemned man. The hour specified by the Sheriff was 12 o'clock and as this hour approached and was numbered only by minutes, the excitement became intense. Finally, promptly at the stroke of twelve, Mathis, surrounded by his spiritual advisors, left the cell and the sad procession took its short way through the outer doors of the jail and around to the South end of the building, where as we have previously described, the gallows was erected.

ON THE SCAFFOLD.
 At 12:02 o'clock the procession mounted the stand, the doomed man having the arm of Rev. J. G. Fry. As they moved slowly up the steps persons in the streets commenced shouting and kept it up until after the execution. Allan Mathis was dressed in a neat suit of brown jeans, but wore an old and much worn pair of brogans. Sheriff Manning read the order for the execution.

In response to a question asked by the Sheriff if he had anything to say, Mathis replied, 'I have said all I had to say and I have told the truth.' A hymn was then sung and during the singing Mathis frequently ejaculated, 'Lord, Have Mercy! Oh, Father Have Mercy.' 'Lord, I'll soon be with you.'

A prayer was offered by Rev. J. G. Fry and at its conclusion the doomed man said, 'I am much obliged to you ministers for being with me and what you have done. I have nothing against anyone and am ready to go.' Just at this point it was thought that the doomed man would give away, so weak and nerveless was he, but the prayer of the Episcopal Church, for such an occasion, read by the Rev. C. O. Brady, seemed to nerve him and give him strength.

"GOOD BYE"
 was said, Mathis shaking hands with those around him and saying he would meet them at Judgment. At 12:13 Mathis, in obedience to a motion from the Sheriff, stepped upon the trap and the rope was then adjusted and the black cap was drawn over his face. While this was being done he asked that the 'Rock of Ages' be sung for him as at his last breath he wanted to hear sweet singing around him.

At this moment he was seized with a kind of rapture of the senses and gave evidences of being about to break out into ebriety but the Sheriff laid a hand on his shoulder and advised him to be quiet and calm. The final preparations complete Sheriff Manning shook hands with him, bade him "good-bye" and at 12:15 the trap was sprung and amid a breathless silence the guilty but repentant soul of Allan Mathis passed from the earth. The arrangements were so carefully made and everything worked

so well that death was almost instantaneous. The fall was about 8 feet and the neck was broken. There were a few quiverings of the body, a few convulsive movements of the hands, and then all was still. In five minutes after the fall Doctors Walker and Lane began their examination and in ten minutes life was pronounced extinct and the body was lowered into the coffin. Funeral services were then held under the gallows participated in by the following colored ministers, viz: Revs. C. O. Brady, J. G. Fry, D. J. Saunders, A. M. Conway, E. Morton, G. W. Price, Sr., Cornelius Sampson and Robert Lucas. These concluded the body was carried to its last long home in the Potter's Field. Some idea of the expedition with which matters were conducted—an expedition, by the way, which was the result of careful and proper arrangements—may be formed from the fact that within twenty-five minutes of the moment when the drop fell the body of the executed man was on its way to interment.

HISTORY OF THE CRIME.
 There were three parties intimately connected with the tragedy, Allan Mathis, the murderer, Reuben Herring, the murdered man, and Lucy Herring, wife of Reuben, all of whom were colored.

CAUSES WHICH LED TO THE MURDER.
 For a longtime Reuben had been aware that a criminal intimacy was existing between his wife, Lucy, and Mathis, and had endeavored in every possible manner, even by an appeal to the law, to put a stop to it. His efforts, however, proved of no avail and the two continued in the most brazen adultery, utterly regardless of decency or the law. Mathis became so emboldened in his criminal conduct that he had repeatedly uttered threats against the life of Herring, should the latter again attempt to interfere with him.

DISAPPEARANCE OF HERRING.
 In the latter part of September, 1878, Herring was missing from his accustomed haunts and soon after Mathis also disappeared. Suspensions were aroused, and Lucy, the guilty wife, upon being questioned as to the whereabouts of her husband, gave many and conflicting statements. About this time she received a letter from Bladen county purporting to be written by her husband, and stating that he was on his way to Georgia and did not know when he should return. Being unable to read she carried the letter to a neighbor to read it for her, when it was at once identified as coming from Allan Mathis. She was arrested upon a suspicion which was now firmly fixed upon her, and after being placed in arrest, stated that Allan had told her that he had killed Reuben and had buried him at a certain place not far distant. A party went to the spot indicated, taking her with them, but there was no appearance of any grave, and they became satisfied that she had again misled them. In returning, however, they passed near the house occupied by Mathis, and in searching the premises found a hoe and a shovel with clay upon them. Further search revealed the fact that a well upon the lot had recently been filled up, and a comparison showed that the clay in the well and upon the tools was of the same kind. With this clue, they commenced clearing out the well, and soon came in sight of a dead body which was at once identified as that of Reuben Herring.

Mathis had at this time returned to the neighborhood, and he was at once arrested and held with Lucy to await the decision of the Coroner's jury. An inquest was held and the verdict rendered was that the deceased came to his death through the instrumentality of Allan Mathis and Lucy Herring. Both parties were committed to jail without the benefit of bail, by the magistrate having charge of the preliminary examination. Subsequently, however, a *nolle prosequi* was entered as to Lucy in order that she might be able to testify in the case when it should come up for

THE TRIAL.
 Allan Mathis was put upon his trial for murder at the December term, of 1878, of the Superior Court of Pender county, Judge A. A. McKoy presiding. Having no counsel, Messrs E. T. Boykin, J. T. Bland and Bruce Williams were assigned by the Judge to conduct the defense. The State was represented by Swift Galloway, Esq., Solicitor of this Judicial District. The case, upon motion of counsel for the defense, was continued to the June term of 1879, when a change

of venue was prayed in the usual form and accompanied by the necessary affidavit, which was granted, and the case was removed to the December term of 1879 of the Superior Court of New Hanover county, Judge Eure presiding. In this Court the case was again called and heard, Lucy Herring, the adulterous wife, was placed upon the witness stand and the following is the substance of

HER TESTIMONY.
 On the morning of the homicide Lucy obtained permission of her husband, Reuben Herring, to go to the house of a neighbor, professing a desire to get a letter written. Failing to obtain writing materials at the house in question, she then went to the house of Allan Mathis, accompanied by the neighbor upon whom she had at first called. Here writing materials were procured, the neighbor wrote the letter for her and then returned to his home, leaving her and Allan together at the house of the latter. After awhile she two saw Reuben Herring approaching, having in his hand a large hickory stick, when Allan seized his gun and went to the door and warned Reuben not to come any nearer. Reuben paid no heed, however, to the warning, but continued to approach until he got within reach of Allan, when the latter stuck at him with the butt end of his gun, but Reuben warded off the blow by the use of his stick. Allan then retreated to the house, where he secured an axe and again went out of doors and struck at Reuben, hitting him in the side. Repeating the blow, he hit him full in the forehead, causing him to fall to the earth, where the body was partially concealed behind some sweetgum bushes. He struck the third blow while the body was upon the ground, but she did not know whether this blow hit her husband or not. Allan then took the body and threw it in the well, where it was found; and filled the well up with dirt.

The testimony of Lucy was corroborated by other witnesses and by a strong chain of circumstances, all of which pointed an uttering finger to Allan Mathis as the perpetrator of the foul deed. The case was given to the jury, which was composed of seven white and five colored men, in a clear and impartial manner by Judge Eure, and after a short absence, they returned and rendered a verdict of

GUILTY OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE.
 The sentence of the court was then prayed by the prosecuting attorney, when His Honor, Judge Eure, in an impressive manner, pronounced the sentence of death, and that the execution should take place in the jail yard of New Hanover county in the city of Wilmington on Friday, the 9th day of January, 1880.

THE CONFESSION.
 Mathis made three confessions before his execution to one of his spiritual advisors, Rev. C. O. Brady, of the St. Mark's Episcopal Church, colored, of this city, the second in correction of some errors in the first and the third and last in correction of an error in the third. The three being reduced to one simple statement, are as follows:

I had been seated on the piazza of my house in company with the woman, for whom I had been writing a letter. On finishing the letter I had gone into the house and put away the writing material. I came out again and when I got into the yard I saw a man concealed in the bushes. I returned to the house and told the woman of the fact, took my gun and went out again, when the man approached and attempted to strike me with a large hickory stick which he had. I warded off the blows as best I could with the butt end of the gun, retreating at the same time towards the house. When I reached the house I leaned the gun against the side of it and seized my axe, which was just inside the door. I then struck him with the axe, the blow hitting him in the side. The second blow hit him in the forehead, felling him to the earth, when I struck him the third time, also upon the head. In about fifteen minutes I took the lifeless body and buried it in the well where it was found.

The Body Found.
 A day or two before Xmas, Saml Davis, colored, was missing and nothing has been heard of him since until to day, but he was supposed to have been drowned as his bateau was found adrift in the North East river about 15 miles from this city. Yesterday the body of the old man was found near where he is supposed to have been drowned. There are no marks of violence on his person but an old handkerchief was tied around his head as though he had been suffering from headache. His pipe and stick were lying in the bottom of the boat when it was picked up.

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