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### HIS CHIN SHOT OFF BY HIS OWN HAND

#### A Drunken Man Mutilates Himself Horribly.

#### HE CAN NEVER EAT AGAIN

#### His Jaws Hang Down Useless. His Death Probable

#### DIPS HIS FINGER IN BLOOD AND WRITES

#### When Asked What Physician He Will Have He Traces Thus the Name "Harding."

#### Wife and Children Leave the Home.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Winston-Salem, N. C., Aug. 15.—Mr. William Spillman, of Yadkin county, was brought to the hospital here today with his chin shot off, done by his own hands. There is practically no hope for his recovery. Attending physicians say if he lives he will never be able to eat as the chin is off and his jaws hang down.

Mr. Spillman went home intoxicated about 4 o'clock in the afternoon and began breaking up the crockery in the house. After a short time spent in this way he took his gun out, fired it, re-loaded the weapon and then went back into the room, sat down in a chair and placing the muzzle of the gun under his chin again fired, taking off the entire chin.

The instant it was done, wild with pain, he ran screaming to the road and back to the house, where those attracted by his cries, found him lying on the ground bleeding profusely.

His wife and child were in the house at the time, but the mother took her child and went out.

A paper found in the chimney corner told where he desired to be buried, and requested them all to do right. When asked if he wanted a physician he nodded and when asked whom, wrote the name "Harding" in his own blood on the floor with his finger-nail.

#### CATHEY PLEADS GUILTY TO CHARGE OF BURGLARY

#### He Quietly Pronounces the Words That Under North Carolina's Law May Send Him to the Gallows.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Charlotte, N. C., August 15.—James Cathey pleaded guilty this morning in the recorder's court to a charge, which if proven, will land him upon the gallows. Burglary, a capital offense in North Carolina, was the charge against Cathey. When his name was called he arose, said simply "Guilty" and sat down. The recorder apprised Cathey of the gravity of the crime, but he declined to change his plea and appeared unconcerned.

Harris Johnston, who swore out the warrant, lives four miles from Charlotte. Johnston found a window and door to his house wide open when he awoke, and an investigation disclosed the fact that seventy-five cents in money was missing from his son's trousers and several jugs of wine from a closet. Cathey at first denied the offense, but the jugs were found at his home and later he admitted entering the house of Johnston. Cathey will receive an immediate trial as superior court is now in session.

William Redwine, a native of Union county, and for many years a resident of Monroe, died in St. Peter's Hospital here after an illness of many months. The deceased was a son of Dr. Redwine, of Monroe, one of Union county's most prominent physicians. He leaves a wife and nine children.

W. C. Holt, Jr., who was yesterday selected as chief marshal of the Mecklenburg Fair, has declined to serve and another marshal will have to be elected.

#### EVIDENCES OF GROWTH.

#### Postoffice Receipts, no Empty Houses, Big Tobacco Breaks.

(Staff Correspondence.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., August 15.—The receipts of the postoffice here are steadily increasing every quarter. Sixty-four new lock boxes and four lock drawers have been ordered to accommodate the increased demand.

Recently the National Directory Company has numbered the buildings in Rocky Mount. There are over 1,200 numbers—residences and business houses. Rocky Mount by a recent private census shows a population in the incorporate limits of something over 5,000. I learn that this, under the bill before Congress, if passed, will entitle her to the city delivery and, it is believed, that she will have it in the near future.

The long distance Bell Telephone Company has arranged to locate an office here and soon one can talk from Rocky Mount to all points North and South.

Building is going forward here more than ever. Several handsome residences are now in course of erection, others contracted for. The new, large, handsome brick market house to be built on a beautiful lot near the Bank of Rocky Mount, will be one of the most complete, convenient buildings of the kind in the State. On the ground floor will be the various compartments conveniently arranged with refrigerators and all other necessary equipments for the market

business; also the fire department. In the basement will be the station house. On the upper floor will be the mayor's court room, Clerk's office, Superintendent of Public Instruction's office, firemen's hall and police headquarters.

There was the largest break of tobacco here today since the opening of the season. It is estimated there were about 225,000 pounds sold at an average of from 10% to 11 cents, amounting to something over \$20,000 paid out today by the banks.

A man told me today that it was a hard matter to find a house to rent in the town. He had been trying to get one for some months and had just succeeded. Houses are often rented by the time they are started.

Reports from this vicinity are of fine crops, which bespeak for Rocky Mount in the fall and winter months a good business and prosperous people.

H. B. HARDY.

#### ODD FELLOWS BANQUET.

#### Members of Golden Belt Lodge Pass an Evening of Unalloyed Pleasure.

(Special to News and Observer.) Rocky Mount, N. C., Aug. 15.—Golden Belt Lodge, No. 163, Odd Fellows, gave tonight in their banquet hall a banquet and musical entertainment. There were 150 invited guests.

The program, as rendered, was: Song by the lodge, opening ode, invocation by the chaplain, a solo by Miss Minnie Griffin and one by Mrs. C. W. Woodward, of Wilmington; address by Rev. Brother Chas. Fetter, piano solo by Mrs. W. D. Thomas, address by Rev. Brother R. C. Beaman. His subject was the Rebekah Lodge.

The prime object of the banquet and musical was reviving the Rebekah Lodge, and the arrangement was under the auspices of the ladies. Rev. Brother Gaston Battle was toast master. A delightful piano and violin solo was rendered by Captain J. D. Bullock and Mrs. J. D. Thomas. The evening throughout was pleasant and delightful. The lecture of Mr. Beaman was just as might have been expected. The music was of a high order, as well as the toast speeches. This lodge now numbers 75 to 80 members.

### THIS BOY HAS NERVE

#### Shoots the Man Who is Beating His Aunt.

#### Tommy is Only Ten Years Old, But no Woman Ever Had a More Chivalric Defender.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Wilmington, N. C., Aug. 15.—Angered because he saw him fearfully beating his aunt, Thos. Overly, 10 years old, this morning shot and painfully wounded Geo. W. Bundy, who boarded at the house where the shooting occurred and who made trouble because of some petty jealousy. The boy's aunt, Miss E. A. Squires, a maiden lady, was so badly injured by Bundy that she had to be sent to the hospital. Another lady in the house was also fearfully beaten before the boy came pluckily to the rescue of the women with the pistol which he repeatedly snapped at Bundy before and after it had fired. The boy was discharged by the mayor and commended for his action, his mother being in the house and in danger of the savage man's wrath. All the parties came here from Charlotte about three years ago. Bundy boarded at the house where the shooting occurred and is about fifty years old.

The first bale of new crop cotton to reach Wilmington this season came today from A. J. Cottingham, of Maxton.

#### FOUR SOIL FOR "INDEPENDENTS"

#### The Democratic Elements of Warren Grit Don't Agree With Them.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Littleton, N. C., August 15.—A large and enthusiastic Democratic mass meeting was held today at Jacks River township, Warren county. A pleasant feature of the occasion was a delightful Brunswick stew and fish fry, given by the people of that section.

Dr. L. J. Picott, of Littleton, and Mr. Jno. H. Kerr, of Warrenton, were the speakers of the occasion. The speeches were well timed, practical and full of sound and useful advice defying all tendencies, to so-called independentism. Speeches were frequently applauded, showing plainly that there were no independents present. Warren will hold her own against independents.

#### Education and Local Taxation

(Special to News and Observer.)

Hillsboro, N. C., Aug. 15.—Thursday was a notable day for the district of Caldwell Institute. The people from surrounding neighborhood turned out to hear the instructive lecture of Mr. Alderman on "Education and Local Taxation." The trustees met and took the proper steps to establish a rural graded school.

Rev. H. L. Swain, of Tyrrell county, has been elected principal of the Hillsboro school for the ensuing year. We congratulate the committee on their selection.

#### Blackburn Declines Joint Discussion.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Salisbury, N. C., Aug. 15.—Hon. Theo. F. Klutz today received a letter from Hon. E. Spencer Blackburn, in which the latter declines to engage in a joint discussion with Mr. Klutz in his Congressional district.

### CONCORD IS STRUCK BY A BESOM OF RUIN

#### A Disastrous Storm Followed by a Cyclone.

#### CHURCH FALLS IN RUINS

#### Other Damage Wrought Making the Losses About \$50,000.

#### MANUFACTURING PLANTS DAMAGED

#### Electric Light and Telephone Wires Torn Down.

#### Roofs Ripped Off, Farms Injured and Barns and Outhouses Wrecked and Splintered.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Concord, N. C., Aug. 15.—Concord was visited by an electrical storm Wednesday night that did considerable damage, but last night at 8 o'clock a cyclone struck the city that destroyed property to the amount of fifty thousand dollars besides ruining many beautiful shade trees that the place is famous for.

The Cannon and Odell manufacturing plants are greatly impaired, one end to the new addition of the former and the north side of the latter being blown in. Machinery and manufactured goods in both were extensively damaged. The roofs of both buildings were carried away.

The Lippard Mill was also in the line of the storm this was almost destroyed. The wind played with other buildings not so large as a child would wish his toys.

Depot street suffered great loss. St. Andrew's Lutheran church, recently built, was entirely demolished. One dwelling house, belonging to W. C. Coleman, was raised to the ground. The roofs of several residences were scattered to the winds.

In the business portion of the city the roofing on the rear of the Gibson drug store and that of Dayvault Bros. store was blown off and carried some distance away. The skylight on the Stroud house was also damaged.

Farms near Concord were greatly injured, barns and outhouses were completely wrecked and splintered into kindling wood. Electric light and telephone wires are torn down, one of the live wires of the former falling on one of the large transfer horses to the Miltonion bus, killing it instantly. The storm did not extend far into the country, causing little injury to growing crops.

#### CHAVEZ HEARING POSTPONED

#### The Sheriff Will Allow no Inquest Over Allen's Body.

(By the Associated Press.)

Tampa, Fla., August 15.—The preliminary hearing which was to have been granted today to Manuel Chavez, the Cuban who yesterday killed Charles J. Allen and dangerously wounded Mrs. Allen, has been postponed. Mrs. Allen's condition is critical, but she is under the surveillance of a detective. A coroner's jury organized to hold an inquest on Allen's body, was refused admittance to the undertaking establishment, the proprietor declaring the sheriff had ordered him to prevent an inquest being held. Chavez, who is confined in jail here, says he was assaulted by Allen, whom he claims he owed for a buggy. He states that Allen called him into his house and assaulted him. In the altercation he shot Allen and Mrs. Allen, who attempted to separate them, was also shot.

#### Death of Dr. James Petty.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 15.—Dr. James R. Petty, of Winston, died in the hospital here at 3 o'clock of gastritis. He was a native of Chatham county, twenty-three years old, unmarried and a promising veterinary surgeon. He leaves two brothers, Dr. R. S. Petty and M. G. Petty, of Greensboro. His sisters are Mrs. J. S. Long, Greensboro, and Mrs. W. A. Ellington, Wake county.

#### Three Killed by Dynamite.

(By the Associated Press.)

Anniston, Ala., Aug. 15.—While blasting a grade on the Eastern Alabama Railroad, forty miles south of Anniston, yesterday, Foreman Johnson, of Birmingham, and two negro members of the construction crew, were instantly killed by a premature explosion of dynamite.

The road is in the course of construction and the men had finished preparing a blast when the explosion occurred.

#### Publisher Found Dead in Bed.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Aug. 15.—Charles H. Smith, the publisher of a magazine called the "American Home," and said to have been a retired army officer of the rank of colonel, was found dead today in bed at a hotel in West 26th street, where he resided with his wife. Heart disease was pronounced as the cause of his death. He was 67 years of age and has a son in Norfolk, Va.

#### Middletown, N. Y., Aug. 15.—Luther B. Marsh, the noted spiritualist and jurist, died here this evening.

### A BACK SEAT FOR THE POWER SUIT

#### The Hearing Nominally on Again Yesterday.

#### BUT IT WENT FAR AFIELD

#### How the Plaintiffs Were Provided in Similar Actions.

#### AGAINST THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD

#### Most of the Day Was Devoted to an Inquiry Into

#### to This Matter, and Some of the Testimony Makes Interesting Reading.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Aug. 15.—The hearing before Special Examiner Richard A. Mable, in the suit of Peter Power against the Northern Pacific Railroad directors to prevent them from turning over the stock of the company to the Northern Securities Company, was continued today. Little attention was paid to the Power suit, however, the most of the day being devoted to inquiry into the means whereby plaintiffs were provided in the similar actions against the Great Northern Railroad, one of the constituent companies in the merger, which actions were based on the holdings of Mrs. Ellsworth Ives Chapman and Milton P. Bouden, shares of Great Northern stock. The price was 189%. She paid by check on January 19, \$18,994.10. Delivery was made to Mr. Chapman. I do not remember whose check it was.

"In relation to the Bouden stock. In the conference with Judge Lancaster it was understood that suit could only be brought by a stockholder. Governor Van Sant said he would have nothing to do with any 'strike.' He would not touch the case unless it was understood that the action would be carried to the Supreme Court of the United States if necessary. It was after that that Mr. Bouden qualified and he authorized the suit."

"Did not Judge Lancaster send you word he would have nothing to do with the Great Northern suit if it was to be a strike?"

"I understand he sent some message," said Mr. Weidenfeld.

"Then why did you go to Mr. Thomas to procure a plaintiff instead of suing yourself if you had any grievance or redress?" queried Mr. Guthrie.

"I think Mr. Thomas had the stock. I really cannot answer the question," replied Mr. Weidenfeld.

Mr. Weidenfeld said he never heard Peter Power's name until after the suit was filed, and he first learned of the suit through the newspapers.

Milton F. Bouden, managing clerk for Thomas & Thomas, brokers, was called by Mr. Guthrie. He said that Mr. Thomas called him into his office one day last January and said:

"I have given you four hundred shares of Great Northern Railroad Company stock and a suit will be brought in your name."

Continuing, in reply to questions by Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Bouden said the value of the stock was about \$80,000 and that he still held it. He had not paid for it. "How much stock do you own now?" asked Mr. Guthrie.

"Two hundred shares," was the reply. "When did you take possession of them?"

"Today," said the witness.

"Is it not a fact that these shares were given you today that you might swear you owned the stock?" continued Mr. Guthrie.

"I took those shares from the safe because the subpoena served upon me called for their production here."

"Do you know what perjury is and the penalty for perjury is?" pursued the questioner.

"I do," returned Mr. Bouden.

"What became of the other two hundred shares?"

"They were sold."

The money, he said, was placed to his account.

Mr. Bouden said he never saw the complaint filed in the suit and never authorized the action. He felt all that to Mr. Thomas, who told him when he gave the stock that the suit was to be brought. Mr. Thomas told him that Mr. Weidenfeld was interested in the suit.

to Mr. Weidenfeld. Mr. Thomas promised him that he should be put to no expense in the suit and that Weidenfeld would foot all the bills.

E. R. Thomas, formerly of the brokerage firm of Thomas & Post, but now senior member of the firm of E. R. & C. F. Thomas, was the next witness.

"What did Mr. Weidenfeld say to you about this suit?" he was asked by Mr. Guthrie.

"He told me suits were being brought against the constituent companies to the Northern Pacific merger and that Governor Van Sant and Judge Lancaster advised some big Northern holder should be among the plaintiffs as a guarantee that the suit was for principle and not as a strike," came the reply.

"What did you say?" was the next question.

"Well, I told Mr. Weidenfeld that I owned 400 shares of the stock and if a principle was at stake I was willing to help him. I told him I did not desire my name mixed up in it and that I would make over the stock to Bouden, in whom I had full confidence. The suit was to decide the validity of the merger."

"I was interested as a broker in that question. Many people seemed to doubt the validity of the merger and I, among others, wanted it decided."

"Do you not consider it an unusual transaction to make a clerk a gift of so large a sum of money that he might masquerade as a plaintiff?" asked Mr. Guthrie.

"I do not. It is a common enough practice in Wall Street," said Mr. Thomas.

Edwin Post, board member of the dissolved firm of Thomas & Post, said he first learned of Bouden's connection with the Northern Pacific suit when he read it in a newspaper. He spoke to Mr. Thomas and at his request Mr. Thomas went to J. P. Morgan & Company and explained that the transaction was an individual matter of his own and had nothing to do with the firm.

By agreement adjournment was taken until Tuesday at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Lamb said he would produce Peter Power at that time probably and by the following morning positively, when the proceedings for his disbarment are to be heard by Judge Lacombe.

### HILL BOOM BUSTED

#### But a Bare Half a Dozen at Warrenton Meeting.

#### Negro Convention Would Have Nothing to do With it and Cussed Out Things.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Warrenton, N. C., August 15.—The attempt to have a convention or mass meeting of any kind here today to nominate or endorse Judge T. N. Hill, of Halifax, for Chief Justice against the Democratic nominee, Judge Walter Clark, was a colossal failure. It fell flat and everybody except the half dozen who participated are laughing at it.

There were half a dozen people who gathered in a private room in a conclave.

Captain J. P. Leach, of Littleton, came over and was the ring leader. He had two or three unknown men with him. In the six were S. L. Crowder, of Ridgeway, who was in the State Treasurer's office while Treasurer Worth was in charge. Another was O. H. Wycoff, of Ridgeway.

There was a negro convention here today, but it would not let Leach and his few followers have anything to do with them. One negro cussed out the aggregation in particularly blue words.

Leach and his confers left here about five o'clock and they were as discouraged a set as ever drifted out of Warrenton.

The affair was simply a bust. The Democrats of Warren are the straight article and will have nothing to do with such an aggregation.

#### TO CABLE DEATHS FORTNIGHTLY.

#### It Costs \$1.50 to Wire an Officer's Death, \$30 to Wire a Private's.

(By the Associated Press.)

Oyster Bay, August 15.—The President today gave orders that hereafter the names of the enlisted men of the army who died in the Philippines be cabled to this country once in every two weeks. When the volunteer army was in the archipelago it was the custom to cable the casualties, but on the withdrawal of that army the practice was discontinued.

While it costs an average of \$1.50 to cable news to this country of the death of an officer in the Philippines, it costs about \$30 for each enlisted man. This difference is due to the fact that the War Department has code numbers for all its officers, while the names of the enlisted men, together with their company, regiment, etc., must be sent in full.

#### Reward For Beddall's Murderer.

(By the Associated Press.)

Shenandoah, Pa., August 15.—The town council of the Borough of Shenandoah has offered a reward of \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who murdered Joseph Beddall. Another reward of \$200 for information leading to the arrest of persons who assaulted the town police, and \$200 for information leading to the arrest of all other persons who participated in the riot.

### THE EXPANSION OF AUTUMN BUSINESS

#### In Full Career in the West and Northwest.

#### THE OUTLOOK BRILLIANT

#### Handling of the Crops by the Railroads a Problem.

#### GREAT STRENGTH IN IRON AND STEEL

#### The One Bad Feature in the Business Situation

#### is the Continuance of the Dead-lock in the Anthracite Coal Region.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, August 15.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

"Weather conditions have been favorable and the country is a week nearer to realizing the largest harvest in its history. Fall trade in the Northern and Western sections has further expanded and in the West and Northwest may be said to be in full career, with every sail drawing and nearly the best of outlooks, both as regards agricultural yields and prices. The need of larger than usual quantities of money to move the crops is appreciated and confidence in the work of handling the crops with a minimum of friction is widely expressed, though a further seasonable tightening of the situation is looked for. The physical handling of the crops by the railroads presents a problem which must also be met and the possibility of a car shortage looms up second only to the necessary financing of the movement itself."

"The favorable trade features noted this week are the expansion in the fall demand for dry goods, hardware, groceries, shoes and millinery at leading markets North, West, East and Northwest, and more optimistic views expressed as to the large size of the Southern cotton crop and its effect on future business, the strength of iron and steel, caused by the curtailment of production in July as a result of shortages in fuel supplies due to the strikes and car shortages, the firmness in lumber, mills being heavily sold ahead and the continuance of the improved export demand for cereals, particularly wheat, with the steadiness in prices of actual grain which is in active request, while speculation is rather slow. The less favorable features noted are the restriction of trade in summer goods, caused by the cool weather, the continuance of the deadlock at the anthracite coal mines, with the growing nervousness as to supplies and prices if the strike continues until cool weather, and the unfavorable figures of July export trade, caused by the projection of last year's conditions into the present season."

"Cotton retains all the strength noted toward the close last week. Some cotton goods are rather easy in tone. Print cloths, while held at Fall River at three cents, are offered at 2 1/2c at other markets. Gingham are, however, strong and some advances are announced.

"Business failures number 181 against 178 last year."

#### THREE COWS POISONED.

#### Believed to Have Been the Deed of a Negro Boy.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Durham, N. C., Aug. 15.—At the residence of Mr. W. R. Cooper, on Ramsour street, at an early hour this morning or sometime during last night, an unknown party mixed some Paris green, salt and meal together and placed the mixture in a trough where Mr. Cooper's three cows could get it. They ate of the mixture and have been deathly sick ever since. The animals were drenched with antidotes today, and it is thought that two of them may recover. By inquiries at various drug stores, it is ascertained that a negro boy bought some Paris green at one place Thursday, telling the druggist at the time that he wanted it to put on cabbage to keep worms and bugs off. The boy has not yet been found.

John M. Flowers, who graduated at Trinity College in 1901, and is a brother of Profs. R. L. and W. W. Flowers, of the college faculty, will sail from New York next Wednesday for South Africa, where he will have charge of a factory for the American Tobacco Company. He goes to Cape Town.

The funeral services of Mrs. Lee Daniel, who died at her home on Burch Avenue, yesterday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock, of heart trouble, took place this afternoon from the residence. The deceased left six children. Only about six months ago her husband died.

Editor E. C. Hackney, of the Durham Recorder, who has been so ill, is now able to be out and look after his business.

#### Southern League.

(By the Associated Press.)

Atlanta, 6; Birmingham, 7. Memphis, 1; New Orleans, 3. Little Rock, 5; Shreveport, 4. Chattanooga-Nashville game postponed; wet grounds.