

DR. W. J. CLONTS' SHOT AND KILLED One of Best Known Physicians In Buncombe SLAIN BY MAIL CARRIER O. M. West In Jail at Asheville Charged With Firing Three Bullets Into Body of His Victim at Alexander

Asheville, Aug. 11.—Dr. W. J. Clontz, 59 years old, of Alexander, N. C., eight miles from this city, one of the best known physicians in this section of the country, was shot and killed on the streets of Alexander about five o'clock this evening by O. M. West, three bullets, any one of which might have caused death, taking effect in the breast and left side. Dr. Clontz died less than half an hour after the shooting, which is said to have been the result of a feud of four years' standing.

West, who is a rural mail carrier, met the deceased in front of the post office and with no other warning, it is said, than the remark: "I hear you are going to kill me, throw up your hands." West, a 44-caliber revolver, and fired point blank at the doctor, who fell to the sidewalk, bleeding copiously from the three wounds inflicted.

West surrendered to a local constable and was later brought to this city by a sheriff's deputy and lodged in jail charged with murder, but being refused up to 11 o'clock tonight.

Various reports are afloat as to the cause of the shooting, and the general drift of these points to domestic difficulties dating back four years ago, just prior to the death of Dr. Clontz's wife. During this period, it is said, "bad blood" had existed between the doctor and West, and neighbors allege that threats had been frequently bandied between the doctor and the mail-carrier.

The deceased is survived by three children, two married daughters and a son, the latter being unmarried. It is expected that the inquest will be held late tonight.

FARMERS ALLIANCE MEETING IN ORANGE

Representatives From Twenty Counties Assemble in Hillsboro Today for Annual Meeting—Raleigh Men Attend.

Representatives from twenty North Carolina counties, constituting leaders in the Farmers Alliance, will assemble in Hillsboro, Orange county, this morning for a two days' session of the organization. The program for the members of the organization will include the general discussion of topics looking to the advancement of farm conditions and interests affecting the continued welfare of the organization. The meeting will hear the report of Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham and the matter of converting the property of the Alliance in Hillsboro into a farm life school will receive attention of the members of the organization. The sessions of the Alliance will continue through tomorrow.

Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham, Editor Clarence H. Post, J. B. Parker and J. W. Denmark, will compose a Raleigh party that will attend the annual session of the Alliance, one or two of the members of the parties leaving Raleigh last night in order that they might be present in the first deliberations of the executive committee.

WILMINGTON SENDING STRONG DELEGATION

To Protest in Meeting in Raleigh Today Against Railroads' Proposal For Adjustment of Rate Controversy.

Wilmington, Aug. 11.—A strong committee, composed of fourteen prominent citizens and headed by J. Allan Taylor, who is spokesman for the city when it comes to rates—freight rates—left tonight for Raleigh where tomorrow morning they will attend the freight rate conference.

They will protest against the proposal of the railroads as submitted to the Corporation Commission for the adjustment of freight rates on the ground that in the reduction of rates as proposed Wilmington is left out altogether, and that such a course would mean her commercial death. Strong resolutions were adopted by the Chamber and a copy of these have been sent to Governor Cragg, Wilmington and other tidewater points want to share with the Piedmont towns, relatively, in the reduction in freight rates. This the proposal of the railroads does not provide. Wilmington will carry the matter to the United States Supreme Court if relief cannot be obtained otherwise.

LAWSON HORNER FINED TEN DOLLARS AND COSTS

Tried on Charge of Beating His Uncle Because the Latter Reported Lawson's Father for "Cruelly" Beating a Child.

Durham, Aug. 11.—The case against Lawson Horner, charged with beating his uncle, Louie Lee, was tried before the recorder this morning and the young man was fined \$10.00 and costs, which amount to something like nine dollars. Horner is nothing more than a boy, and he jumped on his uncle because the older man had reported Hugh Horner, Lawson's father, for whipping his daughter.

Young Horner whipped one of his daughters last week and Lee reported to the police station that he had been cruel in the punishment of the child whipping her with a horse whip, and leaving great gashes on her person. The father was arrested and his trial will be held tomorrow morning.

GIVES BIRTH TO BABY GIRL.

Mrs. John Russell Pope, Formerly Miss Sadie Jones, is a Mother.

New York, N. Y., Aug. 11.—Mrs. John Russell Pope, formerly Miss Sadie Jones, whose marriage to the New York architect was one of the most famous of last year in Wilmington, where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pemberton Jones, have a country estate, today gave birth to a baby girl at her home in this city. It was said tonight that the mother and baby were doing nicely.

Retired Georgia Planter's Advice to Kidney Sufferers

Regarding the wonderful curative merits of our Swamp-Root, I cannot say too much. After suffering severely for three years or more with severe pains caused by weak kidneys, I was finally induced to try Swamp-Root through a testimonial I read in one of the newspapers. It was in such a condition that I was obliged to arise from my bed six or eight times every night. I purchased a fifty-cent bottle and before it was used I felt so much relief that I purchased a one-dollar bottle and by the time this was taken the old pains had left my back and I could sleep the whole night through. I am a retired planter, 70 years of age, and owing to Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, I am in the best of health and feel like a boy. I am always glad to recommend Swamp-Root to those who are in need of it.

Sincerely yours, C. E. USSERY, Bowersville, Ga. Personally appeared before me, this 8th of September, 1909, C. E. USSERY, who subscribed the above statement and made oath that the same is true in substance and in fact.

T. H. McLANE, Notary Public.

Letter to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You. Send to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling all about the kidneys and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention the Raleigh Daily News and Observer. Regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores.

CALL FOR JUSTICE TO ALL THE STATE

Railroad Proposal of Freight Rate Reduction Is Condemned As Unfair and Unjust

Protesting against agreement to the proposals of the railroads on freight rate reduction, and in explicit terms giving "unmeasured censure" to the Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard Air Line for their part in the proposed adjustment as being unjust and unfair "in the purpose to inflict a mortal blow to the commerce of Wilmington," the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce has adopted the following resolutions.

The last General Assembly created a legislative commission, of which the governor was made chairman, to confer with the railroads on an interstate business in North Carolina looking to a reduction of freight rates to an equitable basis, and in pursuance of its authority the commission has had several conferences with the railroads. At these conferences the principal cities of the State have been represented, and at the first conference held in Raleigh on April 19th representatives from Wilmington, speaking for the Tidewater section of the State, stated their position in regard to an adjustment of freight inequalities in substantially this language: "There are undoubtedly many inequalities in the structure of interstate rates in the Carolina territory. We are thoroughly in accord with the effort to adjust them. Speaking for the Tidewater section of the State, we make no specific demands, and whatever reductions are eventually agreed upon will be satisfactory to us, provided they are made uniform in their application."

At this conference the Legislative Commission submitted a proposition to the railroads carrying a reduction of about 25 per cent average to interior points, but made no provision for relief of water points. The Wilmington representatives promptly upon the presentation of the proposal, in open meeting, protested the absence of relief for water points, and the Legislative Commission then and there accepted an amendment to their proposal making the reductions apply alike of all points in the State.

"At all subsequent conferences between the Legislative Commission and the railroads, the principal cities of the State being represented, the principle of exact equality in freight rate reductions to all sections was directly recognized and members of the Corporation Commission, parties to these conferences, frankly admitted the soundness of Wilmington's position. "During the progress of these negotiations the public mind became greatly enflamed, and most drastic proposals, emanating from responsible sources, threatening reprisals in various form. In the midst of this temperate state of mind interviews given out by the Wilmington representatives to the local press counseled conservatism and strict submission of business discontinuance. The negotiations failing, the Governor called an extra session of the Legislature, and the matter was since then the subject of conference between the railroads and the Corporation Commission, until a few days ago when the Corporation Commission submitted a proposal from the railroads which is now in the hands of the Governor for consideration of the Legislative Commission. From an important examination of the proposal these results are deduced: "The railroads propose an adjustment of freight rates on the basis of proportional rates on inland western business of something more than 20 per cent average to interior points, but offer no reductions whatever to water points or territory immediately tributary thereto. Such an adjustment would make radical new alignments whereby interior non-competitive points would be put on a substantial parity with Wilmington, without the party with Wilmington without the proposed adjustment, but the Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard Air Line deserve and have our unmeasured censure for their part in the purpose to inflict a mortal blow to the commerce of Wilmington."

"Second, That we pledge ourselves in behalf of Wilmington and territory tributary to resist by every means within our resource the acceptance of the railroads' proposal, having full confidence that the Interstate Commerce Commission would upon due hearing restrain the hand of speculation. "Third, That the Governor is war a copy of these resolutions with the earnest request that he decline to give serious consideration to any proposition looking to an adjustment of freight rate inequalities which does not treat on equal terms of advantage all sections of the State.

"Whereas, The adjustment proposed by the railroads is wholly at variance with the policy of the State to procure an equitable adjustment of freight rate discriminations, and whereas, The acceptance of the proposed schedule would work a comparable harm to Wilmington and other water points in the State, be it resolved by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, "First, That in our opinion the fact that the Southern Railway has no interest in the water points of North Carolina is primarily responsible for

GOVERNOR SUZZER MAKES A DENIAL

Issues a Statement in Which He Maintains That He Is Innocent of Speculation Charges

(By the Associated Press.)

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 11.—Governor Suzzler issued a statement Sunday night in which he denied that he had "speculated in Wall street" or used money contributed for campaign purposes either in his own name or otherwise. He denied ever having an account with Fuller & Gray or Boyer & Griswold, and declared he had never heard of those firms. "I do not know the members," said the statement, "and know nothing about the transactions with these firms testified to before the Frawley committee until recently threatened with exposure."

The statement declared that certain checks received for campaign purposes had been deposited to the governor's personal account, and that he had paid this money to the campaign committee. "Concluding, the governor said he believed the statement furnished by him to the secretary of state giving receipts and disbursements was "accurate and true."

Governor Suzzler's Statement.

"In view of the fact that the Frawley committee is about to make its report of the investigation it has been making, I am advised that it would be unwise for me at this time to make any detailed statement in reply to the matters that had been brought to the attention of that committee, but having promised that I would furnish the press a statement in fulfillment of that promise, I make the following brief reply to the matters that I am informed had been brought before such committee. "I deny that I used any campaign contributions for personal use. "I deny that I speculated in Wall street, or used money contributed for campaign purposes to buy stocks either in my own name or otherwise.

Never Heard of Firms. "I never had any account with Fuller & Gray or Boyer & Griswold. I never heard of these firms. I do not know the members, and know nothing about the transactions with these firms testified to before the Frawley committee until recently threatened with exposure and the alleged transactions were brought to my attention by the Frawley committee.

The stock matter with Harris & Fuller was not a speculative account, or matter, but a loan made upon stock as collateral, which stocks had been acquired and paid for years before my nomination for the office of governor and from other sources than Harris & Fuller. "Certain checks given to me for campaign purposes were deposited to my personal account and thereafter I paid the amount of said checks to my campaign committee.

"In filing my statement of receipts and disbursements with the secretary of state I relied upon information furnished me by persons in immediate charge of my campaign and in whom I had and have the most implicit confidence, and I believe the statement furnished by them to me to be accurate and true.

CATAWBA TO FIGHT RATE PROPOSITION

Delegation From Catawba County Arrived Last Night to Enter Protest Against Freight Rate Proposition as Submitted by Corporation Commission.

A delegation from Catawba county was among the first of the advance guards to arrive in the city last night to enter protest this morning to adjustment of the freight rate situation in the State as proposed by the Corporation Commission and the railroads as embodying the report submitted this morning to the Governor and other parties interested. Here to uphold the fight for the branch of the Just Freight Rate Association from Catawba county are Attorney John Mitchell of Hickory, a member of the Hickory bar who has been in the forefront of the fight in that section against discrimination in freight rates; George Shakespeare, of Lenoir, lumber dealer and furniture manufacturer; and A. K. Joy, secretary of the Hickory Chamber of Commerce. The Catawba delegation are vigorous in their opposition to the proposition as submitted to the Corporation Commission, and which report will come before the conference in the Governor's office. They contend that under the amendment proposed by the zone system, certain portions of the State is discriminated against and that the plan as a whole would not give the relief sought for by the people of the State.

CUMBERLAND BUYS ROAD MACHINERY

Commissioners Convinced That Two Machines and Engine Will Do as Much as 100 Convicts and Save Much to County.

Fayetteville, Aug. 11.—Convinced that they will effect a big saving for Cumberland county, the county commissioners have purchased two road machines and a engine. In testing the road building machinery for the commissioners gave it a thorough try-out before buying a three-mile stretch of roadway east of the Cap Fear was worked in less than three hours. This was just an average road. It is claimed that the apparatus bought will do more work in a day than 100 convicts. Long before they have finished the 100 miles of roads they are rebuilding the commissioners expect to bring about sufficient roads through its use to pay for the machinery.

INCREASING CAPACITY.

Gaston, Aug. 11.—The Gaston cotton mills company has awarded contract to erect additional building and has ordered 10,000 spinning spindles with accompanying equipment to manufacture cotton yarn.

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