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WILL BE TRIED FOR HIS LIFE

WIFE SLAYER NOW IN RIGHT MIND.

John L. Gregory, Who Killed His Wife During the Night of January 10, 1905, and Who Was Pronounced by a Jury Too Crazy to Plead to the Bill of Indictment, Brought Buck Tuesday Night From Raleigh, Where He Has Been Confined in the State Department for the Criminal Ivanue-Gregory Has Been Declared Sane by the Authorities at Raleigh and Will Be Placed on Trial for His Life .- Story of the Tragedy.

Wadesboro was shocked Wednesmorning, January 11th, 1905, to learn of a murder that had been enacted in South Wadesboro the night before. The issue of the Messenger and In telligencer of Thursday, January 12th, 1905, contained the following story of the tragedy:

"South Wadesboro was the scene, sometime Tuesday night, of a most horrible tragedy. John L. Gregory, while insane, shot his wife through the head with a single barrell shot gun, blowing nearly all the top of the skull off. The woman was asleep at the time and, apparently, did not move a muscle after she was shot, as her position in bed was a perfectly natural one for sleep. The 10-yearold son of the couple was asleep in the room at the time of the tragedy but was not awakened by the firing of the gun, and did not know that his mother was dead until parties went to the house twe or three hours later to investigate the matter.

"It is supposed that Gregory left the house immediately after firing the fatal shot, as he appeared at the home of his brother, Mr. Henry Gregory, about three miles northeast of town, about 2 o'clock Wednesday He aroused his brother and told him that he had killed his wife and wanted him to let him in the house. He had a pistol and fired it once in the yard, and his brother refused to open the door until he laid the pistol on the porch. As soon as Mr. Henry Gregory could dress the two men came back to town and John Gregory was placed in the custody of Policeman David Crawford, who carried him before Esq. G. W. Rogers, and Squire Rogers committed him to jail.

in the cotton mill, and the day before the tragedy the former gave notice that he was going to leave the next day and asked that the amount due him be paid to Mr. W. N. Jeans. The night of the tragedy he is said to have upbraided his wife about other men, and told her that he was going to leave her.

"A representative of the M. & 1. went to the jail vesterday to see Gregory. The man was dressed in his best clothes, and was lying on his cot during conversation that ensued. On being asked how he felt he said that his head hurt him very much. In answer to another question, he said he did not know why he killed his wife. This is the same answer he has given every one who has asked him his reason for committing the crime.

"For two years prior to last August Gregory, who is 35 or 40 years old, lived on Mr. Wat Winfree's after a short time and went to work at the cotton mill. He has always born a good character."

Gregory remained in jail until the April term of criminal court, 1905. During this term of court, which was presided over by Judge Ward, he was brought to trial. His attorney, Mr. John T. Bennett, raised the question of his sanity, and a jury was first empaneled to pass upon that issue. The jury answered the issue in favor of Gregory, whereupon the judge directed that he be carried to Raleigh and imprisoned in the state department for the criminal insane until he was sufficiently res'ored to plead to the indictment in the cause.

Recently the authorities at Raleigh notified Sheriff Martin that Gregory was in his right mind, informing the sheriff at the same time that if he did not come after him the prisoner would be released.

In response to this notification Deputy Sheriff Pearl Martin went to Raleigh Tuesday afte Gregory, returning with him Tuesday dight. Gregory, who is now in jail, weighs over 200 pounds and appears to be in the hest of health. He says, we understand, that he does not remember anything about the killing of his wife. He will be placed on trial at the

January term of criminal court for his METHODISM IN WADESBORO.

A peculiar feature connected with the homicide, now recalled by Coroner Fenton and by Dr. J. H. Bennett, who conducted the autopsy on the body of Mrs. Gregory, is that there was no sign of shot about the head or in the bed on which the dead woman lay, Wadding was found on the bed, and it is the opinion of both the coroner and the physician that the shot were removed from the shell before the fatal shot was fired. Possibly this may have been done for the purose of badly frightening the woman without killing her.

DR. CLINO GETS OFF LIGHT.

Veterinary Surgeon Who Caused Sc Much Talk Here Found Guilty of Carrying a Concealed Pistol.

Readers of this paper probably alias Clino, who came to Wadesboro efficient services. several months ago and established back to that place for trial. A Statesfollows:

"In the city court Wednesday Dr. E. A. Clino entered a plea of guilty to carrying concealed weapons and was fined \$50 or six months on the chaingang. It seems that the many other charges that were head of the veterinary surgeon went glimmering into space, as this was the only true bill the grand jury returned against him.

"We are informed that the case pending against him in Tattnall county has fizzed out. The word comes from over there now that Dr. Clino told the man he bought the mule from that he had no money in bank to meet the check given supplies and missions. bim in payment for the mule. This being true there will probably be no prosecution

Daughters of Confederacy Elect Officers Communicated.

Anson Chapter, U. D. C., met in the library yesterday afternoon and elected officers for the ensuing year. The same officers were re-elected, and good work during the year. "Gregory and his wife both worked the personnel is as follows: Mrs. R. E. Little, President; Mrs. J. 1, Dunlap, 1st Vice President; Mrs. W. A. Ingram, 2nd Vice President; Miss Elsie Bennett, Rec. Secretary; Miss Nannie Howard, Asst. Secretary; Mrs. V. Boshamer, Treasurer; Mrs. Frank Bennett and Mrs. R. T. Bennett, Historians; Mrs. Clarence Burns, Cor. Secretary.

It was decided to send \$10 to the George Davis monument, in Wilmington; \$10 to the scholarship at the State Normal. This scholarship is supported by the chapters of U. D. C. throughout the state and educates two daughters of veterans.

On Monday, December 7th, Anson Chapter will present a portrait of Jefferson Davis to the Wadesboro graded school. This will be marked with place, about three miles northeast of appropriate ceremonies, and a comtown. Last August he moved to mittee was appointed to arrange for Concord, but returned to Wadesboro this occasion. December 6th is the anniversary of Pres. Davis' death.

Thanksgiving Meetings.

Communicated.

Beginning Nov. 23rd, a series of meetings for one hour each day in the week, except Thanksgiving day, will be observed by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, at the following homes:

Monday, Mrs. W. P. Ledbetter. Tuesday, Mrs. J. W. Gulledge. Wednesday, Mrs. I. H. Horton. Friday, Mrs. J. H. West.

The object of these meetings is to have a kind of annual thanksgiving or glad festival in memory of God's goodness to us as individuals in a Christian land, and as members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Soci-

We hope every woman in the town will attend these meetings. They will begin promptly at 8 and close at 4 o'clock. Is one hour each day too much of our time to give?

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by the Methodist Church Here For the Year 1908.

The current year has been one of remarkable growth for our Wadesboro Methodism. One year ago we had, as roported in the Conference journal, 346. The year closes with at 5 a. m. at his home in the suburbs 421 members, or a net gain of 75.

Our people have built, and are furnishing, the best parsonage in the conference. One of the nine rooms is devoted to the pastor's study, and is being furnished at a cost of about \$100. About two-thirds of the cost of the parsonage has been secured in money and good subscriptions, and the other third will be forthcoming. The parsonage building committee, composed of W. P. Parsons, H. W. Little and U. B. Blalock, has done its work well, and these brethren should have not forgotten Dr. E. A. Cline, be commended for their faithful and

I would be ungrateful not to menhimself here as veterniary surgeon. tion the work the Ladies' Aid Socie-It will be remembered that he was ty has done in the consummation of arrested on warrants sent here from this enterprise. In construction and Statesboro, Ga., and finally carried furniture they have put more than \$500 into the building. The young boro paper of the date of the 13th ladies have wrought well in furnishinst., tells the result of his trial as ing the dining room. I take this method of thanking all who have in any way contributed to this enter-

The salaries of the pastor and of the presiding elder were fixed at supposed to have been hovering over the \$1,200 and \$150, respectively, and are paid with some little margin. The district distributing board assessed this charge on benevolences \$428. This amount has been paid with an overplus. Our Sunday school is increasing in interest, number and liberality, \$158 having been raised for

> Our foreign missionary societies now number 154 members, or 129 more than the journal reported last year. / Our home mission society is in its infancy, but starts off with 13 members and will doubtless grow to be much larger. The Epworth League is young, but has done some

During the year the church has paid for all purposes \$4500, or about \$13 per capita, not counting the new members.

The Wadesboro church is able and willing to take its place among the desirable charges of the conference, and our people are determined to make it one of the best,

The pastor and family are profoundly grateful for all the kindnesses shown them, and pray the church's success in the future may be even more abundant.

The editors of our local papers have been more than kind in publishing church notices, for which they have our thanks. J. H. WEST.

BRASINGTON-ROSS.

Invitations reading as follows have been issued;

Mrs. Mary I. Ross requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter Mary Harriet

Mr. James Thomas Brasington on Wednesday evening. December seconat half past five o'clock at the home of her uncle Mr. J. G. Boylin Wadesboro, N. C.

Last Spring Mr. J. Tomps Martin, of this township, bought a mule and a horse from Mr. E. C. Griffin, of Marshville. He gave a mortgage on this property and two additional head of stock for \$212, part of the purchase money due Mr. Griffin. Later Mr. Martin sold the mule to Mr. R. J. Turner and the horse to Mr. Joe Martin, Mr. Martin still later selling the horse to Mr. Charlie Cowick. Monday and Tuesday Mr-Griffin's representative was here looking for the horse and mule, and the present owners settled the matter with him for the present by giving bond to either take up the mortgage or return the stock by a given date. Mr. Tomps Martin, it is said,

"Doan's Ointment cured me of eczemi that had annoyed me a long time. The cure was permanent."-Hou. S. W. Matthews, Commissioner Labor Statistics Augusta, Me.

has left home.

REV. A. B CAUDLE DEAD.

Messenger and Intelligencer

A Summary of the Work Accomplished He Passed Away at His Home This Morning at 5 O'clock After a Long Ili-

> Though not unexpected, the news of the death of Rev. A. B. Caudle was a great shock to the citizens of Wadesboro this morning. He died of town on the Morven road. Mr. Caudle had been in failing health for year, and since the month of July his condition has been precarious.

> Mr. Caudle was born in Lanesboro township, this county, 63 years ago. He received the usual education of boys of that day, and when the war between the States came on he enlisted and made a gallant soldier. For several years he has been chaplain of the Anson chapter of Confederate Veterans. Immediately after the close of hostilities he married Miss Mollie Liles, daughter of Mr. David Liles, of Union county.

About 34 years ago Mr. Caudle moved from this county to Monroe, where, for a number of years, he engaged in merchandising. About 18 years ago he entered the ministry of the Baptist church. He was a strong and earnest expounder of the Word and served many of the strongest churches of his denomination in this and Union counties.

Five years ago Mr. Caudle moved his family to Wadesboro and opened a furniture store. On going into the furniture business he did not stop preaching, but devoted a considerable portion of his time to his ministerial duties.

Mr. Caudle was a splendid citizen in every sense of the word. He was not only a good preacher, but an eneigetic and progressive business man as well. His wife and five children, four daughters and one son, survive him. The daughters are: Mrs. J. G. Winfield, Mrs. D. V. Mauney, Misses Leola and Inez Caudle, all of Wadesboro. The son is Mr. T. L. Caudle, one of Wadesboro's leading attorneys.

The funeral will take place in the Baptist church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. The interment will be in Eastview cemetery.

BETTERMENT WORK.

Helpful Organization Formed by the Ladies of Wadesboro.

On Friday of last week a number of ladies met in the graded school auditorium, for the purpose of organizing an association for the betterment of public schools. This is to be a part of the state movement which was begun several years ago and is still growing. Bettterment associations have been organized in almost every section of the state, and there is not a community with a school in it which does not need one.

After an interesting and inspiring address by Mrs. McIver, the ladies proceeded at once to the business of formal organization. The constitution adopted was similar to that held by all the local associations. The officers are: President, Mrs. R. E. Little; 1st Vice President, Mrs. R. L. Hardison; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. R. M. Mann; Secretary, Miss Rena Lassiter; Treasurer, Mrs. Clarence M. Burns; executive committee, Mrs. Boylin, chairman, Miss Hawkins, Mrs. Ingram, Mrs. Horton, Mrs. Henry.

The work to be undertaken by the association will be the enlargement of its membership, the improvement of the school grounds, the raising of a school library, the furnishing of the auditorium. The magnitude of the task will not discourage those who see its real need, but they need the co-operation of every man, woman and child in Wadesboro. If you cannot be an active member become an associate member and show that you are interested in the improvement of the city schools.

RENA LASSITER, Sec.

Monday afternoon one of Mr. L. J. Huntley's buss horses, while hitched to a wagon, ran away. In turning into thellot between Messrs. Robinson & Caudle's office and the stables of the Live Stock Co., the wagon, or what was left of it, hit a telephone pole, causing the horse to turn a complete somersault. Having the wind knocked out of him for a short time was the only injury suffered by the unional on account of the fall.

COLORED PEOPLE STIRRED UP.

Worshipful Master of Colored Masonic Lodge Emberales Lodge Funds and Causes Excitement Among the Membership Up and Down Pee Dee River.

Several years ago a colored Masonic lodge was organized across the river in Montgomery county and Tom Leak, who lived on the plantation, located in Montgomery and Richmond counties, of Mr. Jas. A. Leak, was made Worshipful Master of the same. Tom was the most prominent colored man in that entire section and always represented his community at all church and lodge meetings. He is a good looking mulatto and is said to be shrewd and bright.

For a long time, so far as is known, Tom acted honestly with the lodge and everything went along smoothly. Recently, however, it developed that he had not for a year remitted benefit assessments to headquarters at Raleigh and it is estimated that the amount of his embezzlements in this way is about \$300. It is also said that he borrowed money from every colored man in the neighborhood who would trust him, and in this manner secured something like \$200.

Tom, in some manner discovered that his defalcation was about to be discovered, so without saying good bye to any of his friends, he quietly left for parts unknown. The fact that he failed to remit benefit dues to headquarters at Raleigh caused his lodge to be suspended and Aunt Sallie Tyson, whose late husband was a member of the lodge, failed to get her benefit of \$225, to which she otherwise would have been entitled.

Tom's defalcation and flight caused great excitement among the colored people within a radius of several miles up and down the Pee Dee from Mr. Leak's place. As stated above, he was a prominent churchman and possessed the confidence of his neighbors to an unusual degree. The lodge has a large number of members and all of them are highly incensed. If they ever get hold of Tom again it will probably go worse with him than riding the lodge goat.

Judge Bennett Hasa Fine Turnip Patch In England fertile lands adapted to he growth of Swedes and turnips rent at five guineas per acre. I have acre in Swedes if carefully marketed will bring \$30. When stripped of the turnips all things are ready.

The next year will try the patience and expedients of our people in many ways. Corn crops along the rivers and big creeks are for the most part destroyed. Small grain crops are our resource in some ways. I have sowed wheat as late as January and got pay for my trouble. I wish it possible to spend nothin this winter. Lets live simply and keep warm. We eat too much habitually.

RISDEN TYLER BENNETT.

The Singleton Settlement.

There will be a talk at the Play Centre of the Singleton Settlement on "The First Thanksgiving," by Dr. McLendon, on Saturday night of this week. It is a Thanksgiving program, consisting of recitations by Janie James and Chap James, and a

Yesterday a mothers' meeting was held at the Play Centre, a club being organized of the mothers in the Settlement.

nomologue, done in costume, by Lottie

Coffee and other refreshments were served after a discussion upon the question of, "Why is There so Much Consumption Among Us."

On Saturday evening the committee of boys on tennis, will begin work on the grounds. The committee on play-ground games will lead the girls in the latter from two to four o'clock. The library will be open at these hours, also.

Another Date For Hearing at Kinston in Blewett Falls Matter,

Kinston Dispatch, 18th.

At a hearing in chambers tonight Judge Lyon continued the case of Sheppard vs. the Rockingham Power Company, to be heard before him in Kenansville, Novem ber 27th. The continuance was by consent of both parties, that additional affidavits might be filed. The object of this action is to abolish the voting committee of the power company and prevent an intended reorganization of the Rockingham Power Company. Mr. Thomas W. Davis, of Wilmington, represented the piaintiffs and Judge J. E. Shepherd, of Raleigh, appeared for the defendants.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. John D. Leak returned last night from Columbia, S. C. where she spent a week with Mrs. L. V. Dibble. Mrs. T. B. Wyatt will remain in Columbia another week.

Mrs. Laurence Mauney and daughter, of King's Mountain, and Mrs. J. A. Baldwin, of Charlotte, spent last night here, on their way to Ansonville to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Redfern.

Mrs. J. T. Gaddy, of Cedar Hill, was taken, Monday, to a hospital at Salisbury for treatment.

Messrs, H. W. Little, P. R. Bennett, E. C. Griggs and C. L. Bowman attended court at Chesterfield Monday and Tuesday.

home from an extended visit with relatives in Clifton Forge, Va., and Washington, D. C.

Miss Emma Rose has returned

Mayor Brock and Alderman W. M. Morton attended the convention of mayors in Charlotte Tuesday.

Mrs. W. A. Smith, of Pineville, is risiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Wall, of Lilesville,

Mrs. A. J. Williams, of Richmond county, is visiting ber sister-in-law, Mrs. J. A. Liles.

Miss Bertha Hasty, of Charlotte, is visiting relatives here.

THE "DEESTRICK SKULE."

This Mirth Provoking Comedy Will Be Given at the Graded School Tomorrow Night.

The "Deestrick Skule," a three act comedy giving the morning session, recess and afternoon session of an old field school of 50 years ago, will be given at the graded school auditorium Friday night, Nov. 20, under the auspices of the Baptist Ladies' Society. The ladies have secured Miss S. C. Battaile, of Nashville, Tenn., to assist them with the program. Miss Battaile has given the "skule," which is her own arrangement of the play, over 200 times in as many cities to packed houses. Governors, Congressmen, lawyers, doctors, editors, preachers and business men, with their wives and daughters, take part in the entertainment.

The "skule" is an exaggeration of tne old school days, but it will be very much enjoyed by all who attend. The New Orleans Times-Democrat says, "It is two hours of solid fun," and, judging by the fun the "skollars" are having at the rehearsals, the Times-Democrat must be

About forty well known ladies and gentlemen of Wadesboro will appear in the "skule" here. Among them are: Mr. F. E. Thomas, as the skulemaster; Miss Bessie Ashcraft, Mrs. Honeysuckie; Messrs. J. M. Wall, J. C. Marshall, T. B. Henry, Capt. John Little, and others of the skule committee; while Sissy and Buddy, Mike, the giggling girl, the crying girl, the boy who drinks water, Nosegay and all the other "skollars" will create no end of fun when "skule" takes up Friday night.

Everybody is going to see the "skollars" Friday night.

Conference to be Invited to Wadesboro.

Rev. J. H. West, who has served Wadesboro station most satisfactorily during the conference year just closed, left Monday night for Asheville, where the Western North Carolina Conference convened yesterday.

Tuesday night Mr. John W. Gulledge, who is a lay delegate to the Conference, left for Asheville. Mr. Gulledge will make the leading speech inviting the Conference to hold its next session in Wadesboro, and, if zeal in the good cause will bring us that henor we know he will be successful in his efforts, which will be ably seconded by others.

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