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NOTED CARROWAN TRIAL IS RECALLED

Mr. John K. Hoyt, Sr., Relates Interestingly an Account of Trial

AND ALSO ITS TRAGIC ENDING

Some days ago in talking with Mr. John K. Hoyt, Sr., of this city we learned that he and one other, Chief of Police H. J. Fowler, are the only two persons residing in Washington now that were present when Washburn Carrowan, attempted to assassinate Judge E. J. Warren and then took his own life. The trial was one of the most noted in the history of Beaufort, before or since. Carrowan killed one Lemuel L. Adams, a school teacher in Hyde county and the case was moved to this city. A full account of this famous trial was published in pamphlet form, being the work of the late Major Thomas Sperry, one of the counsel in the case. In the article below Mr. Hoyt gives an interesting account of its horrible and tragic end.

(BY MR. JOHN K. HOYT, JR.)

At the request of several friends I shall endeavor to write a description of the famous trial which took place at the courthouse, in Washington, N. C., during the early part of the last half of the nineteenth century. A trial, famous not only for the eminent men and distinguished counsel employed on the part of the prosecution and defense, but also for the horrible and tragic ending. And for this last feature alone, it stands unexcelled in the annals of the trial. I said I would write a description of the trial, but that cannot be, for I know little or nothing of it. It is of the terrible ending I would speak, for I was present, was seated near the prisoner and had an unobstructed view of his actions. I was a mere

lad at the time just entering my "teens," but my eyes were very wide open that day and the shock and horror of the thing, can never be effaced from my mind.

Of all the crowds that thronged the court room that day and saw the tragedy there are, perhaps, but two left living, who were then citizens of Washington, Mr. Moses Fowler and myself.

Not only was the ending of the trial dramatic to the last degree but the events and the scenes that led up to it would furnish rare food to the reader in quest of stirring and thrilling incidents. Once more was the trial old saying verified that "truth is stranger than fiction."

There was a preacher who dwelt in Hyde county, who was also a farmer, Mr. G. W. Carrowan. He was a man of gigantic stature and remarkable strength. A man who would attract attention at all times and everywhere because of his size and commanding presence. He also bore the reputation of being an eloquent preacher. In the same neighborhood a schoolmaster, Mr. Lemuel Adams, disappeared; he disappeared utterly and completely and no traces of him could be found. Then came whispered rumors of foul play. Mr. Carrowan had been heard making threats against Mr. Lemuel. The neighbors organized searching parties; the country was scoured in all directions; the woods and swamps were diligently searched—but all in vain. The last of the days agreed upon for the hunt was drawing to a close. At the setting of the sun the quest was to end. Just as the sun was gliding the tree-tops, one of the searchers entered a glade in a swamp and seated himself upon a fallen tree to rest and wait for the sound of the horns that call the hunters together. Now this man had spent much of his time in the woods he knew somewhat of nature and nature's laws; he had two eyes and saw things. And as he sat there on the log waiting he saw a thin line of dead grass. It was like a small cord and it ran a few feet straight in one direction and turned at right angle and ran two or three feet, then another turn, another straight line and another turn and then back to the beginning. This was no freak of nature. The man knew that well enough. If he had been charged with making out a grave that is the way he would have done it. In a moment he was down upon his knees. A glance sufficed to convince him that the sod had recently been lifted and carefully replaced. A thrust of his hand into the soft ground told him that the underlying earth had recently been disturbed. He sprang to his feet and sounded a call for his comrades. Several of these presently came to him. Then there was a hurried digging with excited hands and then—and then, there was exposed a ghastly find that told its horrible tale of a foul murder foully done.

Mr. Carrowan was one of the men who had joined in the search. That night he disappeared. It was rumored that he had fled to Tennessee.

The next chapter in the story opens with the confession of a young negro man, who belonged to Mr. Carrowan. He told how Mr. Carrowan had waylaid and shot Mr. Lemuel, and how he, (the negro) had been compelled to help carry the body of the dead man into the recesses of the swamp

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OLD FELLOWS CELEBRATE

A Most Interesting Program Headed of Last Night.

Phalanx Lodge No. 19, I. O. O. F., celebrated in fitting style last evening the thirty-second anniversary of the order of Odd Fellowship in America by giving a most attractive and unique program. The exercises took place in their hall in the Taylor building on West Main street. Quite a number of visitors were present and enjoyed the exercises of the evening immensely—so much so that we hear nothing but the highest praise on the streets today.

Mr. C. G. Morris, the Noble Grand, presided over the meeting and conducted same in a way to command admiration and praise from not only the members but the visitors.

On account of the death of Mr. and Mrs. Guy B. Hardy's child, Mrs. Hardy being a sister of Mr. Edward L. Stewart, the orator of the evening, his oration was read by Mr. W. O. Ellis, assistant postmaster of this city. The oration was in keeping with Mr. Stewart's reputation as a speaker and was one of the features of the evening. Those who heard the oration are complimenting Mr. Stewart. There is no more magnetic speaker to be found in this section of the state.

Not only was the speaking of high order but the music as well. It was an occasion long to be remembered. The Odd Fellows in Washington are in a most flourishing condition. Some of the city's best men are members. We congratulate the order upon their exercises last night. It was worthy of the organization.

Funeral This Afternoon

The funeral of Mary Elizabeth, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy B. Hardy took place this afternoon from the residence of 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. H. B. Bearright, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The interment was in Oakdale. The funeral services were private showing the high esteem in which this bright little jewel was held in the community.

The sympathy of the entire city goes out to the grief stricken parents.

Still Quite Ill

The condition of Mr. James W. Hodges of Old Ford, is still precarious. He has been confined to his home for the past several weeks. Mr. Hodges is between seventy and eighty years of age and one of the county's popular citizens. It is to be hoped that he will yet be spared many years. He is a brother of the late Sheriff R. T. Hodges.

Chamber of Commerce

There is to be an important meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at their rooms this evening at 8:30 o'clock. Every member is urged to attend. Business of importance is to be transacted.

THE GOVERNOR HERE

Governor Ritchie Arrived in the City Last Night From Raleigh.

His Excellency, Governor William W. Ritchie, arrived in the city last night from Raleigh and spent the night at Hotel Raleigh. He left this morning for Small, N. C., this county, where he made the annual address to the school at that place. The governor went from this city in Small in the automobile of Mr. C. W. Thomas and was accompanied by Messrs. E. A. Daniel, E. W. Ayers, Fred W. Ayers and Mr. Thomas. The party is expected to return to the city sometime this evening.

Standing Committee

The standing committee of the Diocese of East Carolina of the Episcopal church in this state, was held in this city yesterday. Several rectors and laymen were present. The meeting was harmonious. The condition of the diocese was found to be in first class shape.

The council of the diocese will meet next month in the town of Fayetteville.

Recorder's Court

In yesterday's paper the case of Richard Beaman was erroneously reported to us. The following is correct: Richard Beaman, Lenoxy. Six months on public roads.

Richard Beaman, Lenoxy, judgment suspended. The punishment in former case considered sufficient in both cases.

CHILDREN MARCHED OUT WHILE BUILDING BURNED

Gloucester N. E., April 25.—Two hundred school children marched in safety from the public school building at New Amsterdam while fire raged about them yesterday, according to dispatches just received here. The blaze started in the fence room. The bell for the customary fire drill sounded and the children marched out without the slightest panic, despite the rapid advance of the flames.

The building was completely destroyed and several residences adjoining were damaged.

RASH BALL

National League
Boston, 3; New York, 6.
Philadelphia, 10; Brooklyn, 3.
Chicago, 10; Cincinnati, 8.
Pittsburg, 2; St. Louis, 1.

American League
Washington, 3; Philadelphia, 7.
New York, 8; Boston, 11.
Cleveland, 6; Detroit, 9.
Chicago-St. Louis postponed.

THE WEATHER
Showers tonight and Friday.

PUBLIC LIBRARY HELD TONIGHT

Of the Various Committees at the Y. M. C. L. Rooms.

"AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?"

All the Work is Voluntary—Will You Not Join the Faithful Workers—The Public Library Means Much for the Future of Washington.

There will be an important meeting of the various committees of the Public Library Association at the Y. M. C. L. tonight at 8:30 sharp.

All who are interested come and help us "Am I my brother's keeper?" Let us answer this question by our earnest efforts in helping in this noble, charitable work. Let us cheer others who volunteer. All the work is voluntary; many are giving their valuable time. Will you not join these faithful workers? There is, in our midst, many who are unfortunate, poverty stricken, and thirsty for knowledge—men, who have been deprived of the benefits of good reading. This Public Library will not fail, but you as a citizen, must shoulder your share of the responsibility. The cause is charity, success must be ours.

Truth forever on the scaffold,
Wrong forever on the throne,
Yet that scaffold sways the future,
And behind the dim unknown
Standeth God within the shadow,
Keeping watch above his own.

Note the new names. Help us to reach 200 by Friday night.

- 1 Mrs. Charlotte McConnell.
- 2 J. H. Small.
- 3 W. K. Jacobson.
- 4 Mrs. J. W. Dally.
- 5 Miss Mary L. Cowell.
- 6 J. B. Latham.
- 7 Mrs. H. W. Carter.
- 8 Mrs. A. L. Betts.
- 9 Mrs. S. R. Fowle.
- 10 Mr. T. J. Harding.
- 11 Mr. W. L. Vaughan.
- 12 Mrs. J. C. Rodman.
- 13 Joe F. Taylor.
- 14 S. C. Bragaw.
- 15 Mrs. S. C. Bragaw.
- 16 Mr. N. L. Simmons.
- 17 C. F. Bland.
- 18 Miss Bethany Campen.
- 19 J. B. Sparrow.
- 20 Mrs. W. P. Baughman.
- 21 Mrs. W. R. Bright.
- 22 Miss Florence Winfield.
- 23 P. Q. Bryan.
- 24 H. S. Ward.
- 25 J. A. Sullivan.

- 26 N. C. Newbold.
 - 27 Dr. Jno. G. Blount.
 - 28 E. W. Ayers.
 - 29 D. M. Carter.
 - 30 C. E. Leons.
 - 31 Mrs. H. Wirwall.
 - 32 Geo. E. Hicks.
 - 33 L. H. Mann.
 - 34 Hannis T. Latham.
 - 35 Mrs. J. H. Hodges.
 - 36 R. H. Broom.
 - 37 C. M. Brown, Jr.
 - 38 W. B. Norton.
 - 39 W. W. Batteredwaite.
 - 40 B. L. Susman.
 - 41 E. A. Daniels.
 - 42 Mrs. F. A. Nicholson.
 - 43 D. M. Field.
 - 44 E. R. Mison.
 - 45 H. Clay Carter.
 - 46 P. J. Berry.
 - 47 E. T. Stewart, Jr.
 - 48 Miss Rachel Ramley.
 - 49 J. L. Capehart.
 - 50 Harry Soaman.
 - 51 Frank Wright.
 - 52 Mrs. Frank Rollins.
 - 53 P. T. Phillips.
 - 54 M. A. Smith.
 - 55 H. B. Bearright.
 - 56 Jesse Warren.
 - 57 P. Orleans.
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