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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

Little Girl Murdered.

Two Negroes Under Arrest on Suspicion While Police are Searching for Evidence.

Asbury Park, N. J., Nov. 14—The brutal murder of little 9 year-old Marie Smith, whose mutilated body was found on the shore of Dead Lake yesterday, may ultimately cause two deaths. Mrs. Peter Smith, the girl's mother, is on the verge of insanity and attending physicians declared today that she may not survive the shock.

An armed guard protected all night the lock-up where Thomas Williams, colored, and another negro named Wynn, with whom Williams lived, are under arrest. The guard was lessened today, but effective precautions are being taken to prevent any outbreak.

The crime is the most brutal in the history of New Jersey. The little girl had been mistreated and had been strangled with her hair ribbon. Her clothing was nearly torn from her body. Her tiny fists were clinched above her head as though she had thrown up her hands to protect herself. There was a long, deep gash in the skull.

The chief of police hopes to get evidence against Williams today to charge him with the crime. The negro, a big bulking fellow, known as "Black Diamond", is somewhat famous locally as a prize fighter.

He was employed at the home of Mrs. Della Jackson, an aunt of the little girl, and last Wednesday, when Marie disappeared he was chopping down trees upon Mrs. Jackson's estate. The police believe that the gash on the girl's head was made by Williams' axe.

Both prisoners were put through the third degree today in the hope of wringing a confession from them. Williams was stolid and stubborn, but Wynn said that he knew nothing about the crime until the finding of the body yesterday and told a tolerably straight story, although the lynch threats which had been made against the pair had frightened him until he was scarcely able to talk.

The assailant of the girl had tried to remove the traces of his crime by setting the woods on fire. The body was covered by leaves and brush, but had not burned.

A stained towel and silk handkerchief were found in Wynn's cabin by the police. These were microscopically examined today by medical authorities. Coroner Robert W. Purdy had a physician examine the remains of the little victim today in order to build up further the case against the negro.

There were nicks in the blade of the axe which Williams was using last Wednesday, and the police declared that if they could show by signs of blood that the same weapon had been used in striking the girl upon the head the case against the negro would be secure. The body was discovered by W. S. Benson, a florist, who had searched the woods about Asbury Park every day since the child disappeared.

The suspicions of the police at once turned against Williams.

He had two revolvers in his possession when found. The police compelled him to strip himself of all his clothing. Marks looking like bloody finger prints were detected upon his clothes. A microscopic examination of

To Fight For New County.

A special from High Point to Monday's Charlotte Observer says:

A delegation composed of Messrs. W. J. Armfield, J. Elwood Cox, W. H. Ragan, F. N. Tate, J. J. Farris and W. T. Parker went over to Thomasville yesterday afternoon to confer with some of the business men of that place in regard to the proposed new county. The gentlemen from here were highly pleased with the interest the Thomasville people are taking in the matter and everybody here feels that the neighbor city will do all it can to induce the Legislature that meets in January to create the new county.

A committee of about twenty of men representing all the sections included in the territory for the new county. Maj. Frank S. Lambert of Thomasville was elected chairman and Mr. J. L. Armfield of Thomasville and Mr. J. J. Farris of High Point, secretaries. The members of this committee will begin at once to make an aggressive campaign among the rural districts to ascertain the consensus of opinion in all the sections, and at the same time explain to the people the advantages of the new county. Saturday, November 26, a general meeting of all interested will be held at the school auditorium in this city, at which time the committee appointed will make a report of the progress that has been made. With the interest that is now being taken in the project and considering the men who are backing the move, it begins to now look like a sure go.

It is reported here that the Asheboro people will raise no objection to giving up the section of Randolph county that is included, because it is situated from 25 to 30 miles from the present county seat, making it very inconvenient for these people to transact their legal business. Mr. J. E. Kirkman, one of the newly elected Representatives from Guilford, is a resident of this city and can be counted upon for his hearty support in the matter, and a number of people here are of the opinion that the State Senator and other Representative, who both live in Greensboro, will not make a strong fight against the move. Just what attitude Lexington people will take is not yet known, but it seems hardly probable that they will fight it since Thomasville has expressed a willingness to join the new county. All over the State fair-minded men readily see the need of it and do not hesitate to say that High Point should be the county seat of a new county.

Will Promote Beauty.

Women desiring beauty get wonderful help from Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It banishes pimples, skin eruptions, sores and boils. It makes the skin soft and velvety. It glorifies the face. Cures sore eyes, cold sores, cracked lips, chapped hands. Best for burns, scalds, fever sores, cuts, bruises and piles. 25c. at J. T. Underwood's next door to Bank of Randolph.

these was made today to see if they tallied with the prints of the dead girl's fingers.

Further mystery was added to the case today by the report that Mrs. Jackson, the girl's aunt had been missing for two days. The police were completely at sea over this added mystery element in the case.

A BLESSING IN DISGUISE.

The Democratic Press in the main, seems to think that the Republican party is down and out in this State for all the time, on account of the recent Democratic landslide, but in this, they will find themselves mistaken, as they have been in most other prophecies. While it is a little hard for Republicans to see, in the present defeat a blessing for the future of the party, yet the defeat is beyond question a blessing in disguise.

For the last few years we have had too many factions in the party for effective work.

The present defeat has taught these factions that they must get together and use their ammunition on the enemy and not on each other. It will not surprise us to see a great Republican victory follow this defeat in 1912.

The Charlotte Chronicle has already seen the handwriting on the wall and has the following to say in a recent issue on this line:

If there are those who think that the Republican party in this State will give up and quit, they would do well to undeceive themselves. There will be a new alignment and a reorganization of the forces for the presidential year and the fight will be even more vigorous than it was in the recent campaign. It is not probable, either, that the party will have the handicap it labored under this year. The old scores have been evened up, bloody faces will be washed and the next campaign will see the Republicans united and out for business. The probabilities are, too, that the Democrats will be fortified by too much confidence. The licking of the Republicans in this State will only do them good and put them in a more troublesome mood for the next fight.—Shelby Aurora.

A BOLD HOUSE ROBBERY.

There was a bold robbery just outside the corporate limits of Wadesboro Wednesday night about 2 o'clock. Some one entered the home of Mr. Ed. S. Marsh who lives on the Chesterfield road and walked through several rooms in which members of the family were sleeping. Entrance to the home was made through a parlor window and it is supposed that the burglar first entered the room in which Mr. Marsh and his sons sleep. Mr. Otho Marsh found his pockets had been robbed of about \$2.50 in cash. The clothes of a younger son, Ed, were also searched and among other things a New Testament was stolen. Failing to find Mr. Marsh's pants, the burglar left this room and went through others. While he was in Mrs. Marsh's room, she heard some noise and called to her husband. This alarmed the intruder and he ran against a door trying to escape. Finally he found the window through which he entered and got away before Mr. Marsh reached the room. There is no clue to the robbery.—Wadesboro Ansonian.

Only Once.

The fool must be answered according to his folly. Says a writer in the Kansas City Journal:

"How often does your road kill a man?" asked a facetious traveling salesman of a Central Branch conductor the other day.

"Just once," replied the conductor.

UNION COUNTY MURDERER TO BE ELECTROCUTED.

The Supreme Court has affirmed the conviction of Charles B. Plyler, who was tried at Monroe early in August last for the murder of Carter Parks, his brother-in-law. Plyler was tried with two negroes, George Mayhew and John McManus, and the jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree against Plyler and Mayhew, and not guilty as to McManus. Plyler was sentenced to death in the electric chair on September 15, but sentence was not passed upon Mayhew. Justice Allen taking under consideration a motion to set aside the verdict against him. Plyler got a stay of execution pending his appeal, and now the Governor will set the day of execution upon receiving a copy of the Supreme Court's certification to the Union county superior court of the affirmation of the sentence.

Plyler and Mayhew were taken to the Lee county jail immediately after their conviction, their counsel having made a motion to that effect on the ground that they would not be safe in the Union county jail because of the alleged strong feeling against them in this county, and the motion was granted. The sheriff of Lee county has just reported that Plyler tried to kill himself when he got the news that his sentence had been affirmed.

Democratic Majorities in Randolph.

The county canvassing board met in Asheboro last Thursday and went through the form of canvassing the election returns. Below is given the majorities as reported, but their correctness is not vouched for by the Bulletin:

Auditor, Col. W. P. Wood, 125.
Hon. Robert. N. Page, Congress, 127.

Clerk of Court—W. C. Hammond, 188.

Sheriff—J. W. Birkhead, 198.
Coroner—Dr. Thomas I. Fox, 256.

Treasurer—J. P. Phillips, 258.
Surveyor—J. D. Welch, 271.

For House—O. R. Cox, 273; H. B. Carte, 286.

Register of Deeds—G. T. Muddock, 325.

For Senator—Charles A. Armstrong, 261.

Col. R. L. Leinster Succeeds Gen. Armfield.

Governor W. W. Kitchin has issued a commission to Col. R. L. Leinster as Adjutant General of the North Carolina national guard, to succeed the late Gen. J. F. Armfield. Colonel Leinster was for 15 years closely associated with General Armfield in military service and was in charge of guard headquarters at Statesville since the death of his life long friend and superior officer, whom he now succeeds.

Asheboro Rt. 3.

The ground is getting too hard to plow in this section.

Miss Angie Spencer spent the past week at home.

Chester Bulla spent Sunday at Mrs. Spencer's.

Mrs. A. E. Tillman who has been ill for several days does not improve much.

Misses Ida and Ethel Lowe, and Emma Ridge visited at Mrs. Jeff Vuncannon's Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Osborne and daughter are visiting at J. W. Yeargin's this week.

THANKSGIVING DAY—ORPHANS' DAY.

The work of the orphanages of North Carolina appeals most strongly to reason and to sympathy. These institutions are worthy of the heartiest support of our people and they have a large place in their interest and gifts and efforts.

At the Thanksgiving season minds and hearts turn especially toward our orphanages and many are the practical expressions of gratitude made to this cause by a people richly blessed.

These love-prompted gifts to carry on this blessed work with these little ones surely must be acceptable to God, the Father of the fatherless.

It seems that, here in North Carolina, Thanksgiving Day has been specially set apart as "Orphans' Day" and we rejoice that this is true. The contributions made at this season help very much indeed in the support of our various orphanages.

We trust that even larger offerings will be made at this Thanksgiving season than ever before to the end that these institutions may be the better able to perform their service. They need funds for maintenance, for improvement and for the extension of the work.

THE REV. IRL R. HICKS 1911 ALMANAC.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks Almanac for 1911, that guardian Angel in a hundred thousand homes is now ready. Not many are now willing to be without it and the Rev. Irl R. Hicks Magazine, Word and Works. The two are only One Dollar a year. The Almanac is 25c prepaid. No home or office should fail to send for them, to Word and Works Publishing Co., St. Louis, Mo.

PREVENTIVE TREATMENT FOR OAT AND WHEAT SMUT.

Bulletin 212 of the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station by Dr. F. L. Stevens which has just appeared from the press gives full directions for preventing the various smuts of oats and wheat. These are due to little living parasitic plants which grow within the wheat and oat plants. They cause large loss, cutting down the yield of grain often as much as 20 percent or even 30 percent, while the stinking smut of wheat does much greater damage by injuring the milling quality of the grain. The formalin treatment which is thoroughly effective and costs almost nothing, is described and recommended for oat smut. The same treatment is even more effective than the ordinary blue-stone treatment for the stinking smut in wheat. The loose smut of wheat can be prevented by a modified hot water treatment coupled with separate growth of seed in a protected seed plat. Director C. B. Williams, West Raleigh, N. C. states that those diseases cause thousands upon thousands of dollars of loss every year to the oat and wheat crops of the State and that this bulletin was prepared especially to give farmers at this time the latest and most effective means of combating these diseases. He states that a copy of this bulletin may be secured by any resident of North Carolina free of cost upon application to him.

POLITICAL CORRUPTION REBUKED.

We haven't any tears for Senator Bob Taylor, who was defeated for governor in Tennessee Tuesday by the fusion candidate, nominated by the Republicans. We believe in the Democratic party and what it stands for as a party and we also believe firmly in the principle of party government, but when the people, who compose a party in any section of the country, do that for which they should be punished, we are not opposed to seeing them get their medicine. No, sir, we are not for our party, "right or wrong." Taylor sacrificed himself trying to save the Patterson element of the party from defeat and there was a lot of talk about the "saving the party at any cost". The party, or rather the crowd who called themselves "the party", didn't deserve being saved after disregarding the moral side of about every question that faced it and standing for the lowest order of politics. If such men dominated the party all over the country and it stood everywhere else as it has done there, we would change our politics. Neither friendship, gratitude nor party allegiance demands that we do that which is wrong for the sake of favoring any person or party.—Wadesboro Ansonian.

The Tennessee spirit would put the ringsters out of business in Randolph. But at present Randolph county people would rather submit than resist. Some Randolph people seem to enjoy corruption and bossism.

THE PESSIMIST.

There are some people who are always "looking for trouble". If it rains they, are sure the crops will be drowned out before it stops, and if it is dry, they are sure that everything will be burned up before it rains. Their discouraging outlook is like that of an old lady who watched the first trial of a new trolley line in her town.

A crowd had gathered to see the first car make its initial trip. A great deal of preparatory work seemed to be required by the motor-man, and as the people stood and watched every movement, this old lady, to whom the idea of a car being able to move without any visible propelling power was incomprehensible, kept remarking, "It'll never go. It'll never go."

Finally everything was adjusted to the motor-man's satisfaction. He turned the switch, and the car sped away down the track.

The old lady's eyes opened wide. She watched the car for a moment, and then with amazement still written upon her features, but with firm conviction in her voice, she turned once more to the crowd and said, "It'll never stop!"

Ramsaur.

Mr and Mrs J. H. Yow of Greensboro but formerly of Ramsaur visited at B. S. Scott's Sunday and Monday.

W. H. Watkins recently purchased two beautiful cornan pigeons, the first ever seen here.

A. L. Jones is displaying a beautiful line of vases, bowls, dishes and numerous Xmas goods

Jesse Brown and Mrs Benjamin Cheek two of our most highly esteemed colored citizens were joined together in holy bonds of wedlock Nov. 13, the interesting ceremony being performed by Rev. D. J. Emerson of Sanford.