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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

Shrouded In Mystery.

Samuel S. Kearns Found In Dazed Condition--Remained Semi-Conscious Till Death--Circumstances Surrounding Death Seem Suspicious.

On Tuesday morning August 14th, Samuel S. Kearns who resided in the Salem church neighborhood, Concord township was found lying on the floor in his home, dazed and irrational. Mr. Kearns lived alone and the last time he was seen was on the previous Saturday. His brother Lee Kearns, going to the residence on Tuesday morning made the discovery and summoned the neighbors and called a physician from Denton. An examination of the hapless patient disclosed bruises on his face and body and that the blow flies had already been there and had gotten in effective work.

It is claimed that the doctor made a test for paralysis, but the body was sensitive to every test, refuting the prevailing idea that the patient had been paralyzed.

After lingering in a semi-conscious condition till Wednesday night Mr. Kearns passed to the great beyond, without having revealed any probable cause for the state in which he was found.

Since the burial of the deceased on Friday it has been pointed out by some of the neighbors that certain valuables in money and papers, especially his last will bequeathing his estate are missing from the house and this naturally gives rise to suspicion that probably foul play was used which theory is also sustained by the bruises found on the body of the victim.

It is not known how much money Mr. Kearns had on hand, but as he was a prosperous farmer, he probably had several hundred dollars in ready cash in the house, and as he lived alone, a designing party could have easily dispatched his victim and gotten away with the booty without detection.

EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS ADJOURNS.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 22--The extraordinary session of the 62nd, Congress marked by the passage of the Canadian Reciprocity bill, vetoed tariff revision legislation, the Statehood and other important measures, adjourned sine die at 3:02 o'clock this afternoon.

President Taft, who had just vetoed the cotton bill, the last of three revision bills, adversely acted on, was present with members of his cabinet.

Presiding officers of both houses delivered short speeches felicitating the members, regardless of party, upon the good will shown during the session and expressing best wishes for them during the recess of Congress. The regular session of Congress will begin on December 4.

Atlantic Coast Inventors.

The following patents were just issued to Atlantic coast inventors, reported by D. SWIFT & CO., Patent Lawyers, Washington, D. C., who will furnish copies of any patent for ten cents a piece to our readers.

VA. James C. Pettit, Crewe, System for locating errors in calculation.

N. C. John L. Latta, Hickory, Pump; James C. Lodor, Wilmington, Lock; J. C. Moore, North Wilkesboro, Combination shoe.

CHARLOTTE SHORT ON WATER

Charlotte Aug. 21.--The Charlotte water situation become so acute yesterday that the city authorities ordered the tank car lines to resume night and day operations between the city and the Catawba river. Since this service had been dispensed with for some days it took quite a while to get things running nicely again.

Upon the arrival here late Saturday of the big pressure filter which the Charlotte authorities had purchased from the city of Asheville, the citizens at once thought it would be only a matter of a short while until they would be served with filtered Briar creek aqua pura. The residents had another think coming to them, however, for the big filter which for some while previous to the installation of Asheville's gravity water system had been the means of purifying the Swannanoa fluid for the mountain metropolis, rebelled at the idea of spending the test of its days at Briar creek.

The big mass of steel behaved itself very well while in the land of the Sky and was loaded on the flat car without mishap.

Upon its arrival in Charlotte the city fathers contracted with J. P. Carr to convey the filter to Briar creek. Trouble was Mr. Carr's portion for although he thought he was getting the strongest wagon in Charlotte, it proved helpless under the weight of the monster from filter. The wagon wheel was crushed into numerous small particles before he had proceeded very far; another wheel was supplied, but more trouble came before he went much further. Tonight the filter is somewhere near Briar creek and may possibly be placed in a day or so.

A Very Mean Man

Secretary Wilson of the United States Department of Agriculture says that about the meanest man he ever heard of was the one in a Southern state whose boy asked him for the use of one acre of ground to plant in corn so that he might compete for a prize, and the father told the boy he did not believe in such foolishness. The boy persisted, however, and the father finally pointed to a rough hillside, overgrown with brush and spotted with stumps and stones, and told him if he would grub that acre and move off the stones, he could have it. The boy went to work and finally cleared it. Then the old man said, "That acre is too good for me to lose. I think I will plant it myself." The boy cried and the father finally said, "Well if you will clear another acre besides that I won't take it away from you and you may plant it and do what you please." Thereupon the boy again went to work and cleared the second acre. He planted it in corn after our directions, and as a result he made eighty-eight bushels. At the same time his father planted and cultivated the adjoining acre, using the old way. He made just eighteen. Since then the old farmer has been converted to our way of farming. He goes with his boy to the agricultural fairs, and tells about the eighty-eight bushels of corn they raised on an acre, saying, "That is what me and my boy done."

In such circumstances can the boy be blamed for leaving the farm?—Exchange.

Asheboro Public School

Opens Sept. 7th.--The Teachers--Prospect Good For Prosperous Year.

By order of the school board the next session of Asheboro Graded schools will open Thursday morning Sept. 7th at 8:45 o'clock.

The school proper will open at this time but the classifying of those students that did not receive promotion cards and students that are entering school here for the first time will take place Wednesday morning Sept. 6th at 9 o'clock. It is important that this schedule be complied with.

The prospects for a good school are most flattering. Of last year's teachers we have Miss Erwin in first grade, Miss Stimson in the second, Miss Miller in the fourth, Miss Byerly in the seventh and Miss Wilson in the eighth and ninth. Miss Cora Womble of Moncure, N. C. will have charge of the third grade. Miss Womble is an honor graduate of Littleton Female College and comes highly recommended. Miss Bertha Penn from Stella Va. will take the fifth grade in hand. Miss Penn has had several years experience in the Virginia schools. She was educated at Farmville, Va. and during the past summer attended the University of Virginia summer school. Miss Penn will most assuredly make good.

Miss Mary Wilkinson of Reidsville, N. C., will teach the sixth grade. Miss Wilkinson has for two years taught the sixth grade at Jamestown High school in Guilford County and was elected for the third year but decided to cast her lot with us. Miss Wilkinson is from our Normal College and has had valuable experience.

In short our teaching staff inspires us with the feeling that this will be our best years work. Of course we ask the cooperation of the patrons of the school. We trust they will continue to deal frankly with us and we will continue to tell them directly just what we want. They are invited and expected to visit the school at any time they have the time. A limited number of boarding students will be welcome.

O. V. Woosley, Supt.

SEVENTY-TWO HUNDRED PEOPLE TREATED FOR HOOKWORM DISEASE IN TWENTY DAYS IN FOUR COUNTIES.

In the counties of Sampson, Robeson, Columbus, and Halifax 7260 victims of hookworm disease have been treated at the State and County dispensaries. Nearly double this number have been examined. During the first five days the dispensaries were open only 615 cases were treated whereas during the last five days 2808 were treated. During the twenty days there were treated in Sampson 1682 cases; in Robeson 1352; in Columbus 3047; and in Halifax in 12 days 1169 cases. The County Boards of Education, to show their spirit of cooperation, are having sanitary privies installed at all the school houses being used as dispensaries.

After about two weeks the dispensary work will move into new counties. Cumberland, Onslow, Wayne and Northampton counties have made the necessary provision to have the dispensaries next. The Commissioners and people generally are highly pleased with the work of the dispensaries.

IN MEMORY OF Y. H. COX.

"When a good man dies his friends do weep".

On August 12th it became our most painful duty to lay to rest the remains of Yancey H. Cox, and while we bow in humble submission to the will of God, we regret keenly the loss of this friend and neighbor from among us.

We would, therefore to refresh our recollections of his past life, take a retrospective look into the mirror of memory, and see there reflected the noble virtues of his character.

In writing an obituary, it is not seldom that the good qualities of a man are enlarged upon while the less admirable traits are minimized. In the case of Y. H. Cox this is not necessary. His life lies before us as an open book. It needs no shades. It needs no colorings. Let us merely read the truth from its varied pages.

Y. H. Cox was born in the year 1846. At an early age he was left fatherless to face the realities of life alone. He had meagre educational advantages, gaining most of his knowledge by observation and experience. By his unusual perseverance he was soon far in advance of his contemporaries and began to teach school. For nineteen years he instructed in the public schools of the county. He was converted in his youth and afterward joined the Society of Friends. To this church he was loyal till his death. He entered into public life in his early manhood and was always a zealous advocate of the cause of right. He was an eloquent orator, a fluent and forceful speaker. He was among the first to advocate the cause of prohibition in Randolph county. He was surveyor and county treasurer, and in short, he was anything he tried to be. Was equal to every occasion. Strong, resolute, manly--man that he was--master of circumstances.

Thirteen years ago he retired from public life on account of certain conditions of health which to some extent incapacitated him for its trying perplexities. He then devoted his entire time to farming and stock raising, with an increasing practice as veterinary surgeon.

He pursued this occupation until his death which occurred Aug. 10th 1911.

"Who will take the place of Y. H. Cox in our community" is a question that has been asked over and over again. It would be difficult to find a man who has not been benefitted in some way by Y. H. Cox, no night so dark, no weather so cold, but that he would go to the aid of his neighbor. He was better to his friends than he was to himself. In matters pertaining to religion he was liberal. He cared little for creed. Only the essential thing interested him. He always encouraged his children especially those engaged in religious avocations, with this familiar admonition of his, viz: "Go a-head and do all the good you can". How they should all feel encouraged by remembering these words of his. He loved his children dearly and had an intense interest in each of their noble lives.

Be it resolved that the neighborhood and surrounding country have lost its most useful citizen; that every neighbor has lost his best neighbor; that every man has lost his best friend; and that the bereaved family sustains

Randolph Agricultural and Educational Fair, Oct. 31 Nov. 3d.

Township Committees.

(Continued from last week.)

New Hope Township.

Grady Thornburg	Miss Cynthia Thornburg
Irvin Lassiter	" Sallie Hicks
Jesse Luther	Mrs Wilson Hill
Arthur Loflin	" H. G. Lassiter
M. W. Garner	" Jno N. Kearns

Concord Township

Marvin Kearns	Mrs C. C. Hubbard
Lee M. Kearns	Mrs Fannie Skeen
Carl Nance	Miss Tura Cameron
Will Parrish	" Troy Nance
Ernest Ridge	Maggie Horney

Liberty Township

O. A. Brower	Mrs P. P. Jones
W. F. Swaim	" J. Rom Smith
Wade Hardin	" Lucy Swaim
Jno. Devinney	" W. H. Hardin
Wm. A. Brown	Miss Ida Williams

Asheboro Township

Zell Brown	Mrs W. D. Stedman
Grover C. Redding	" Chas Smith
Jno. M. Hammer	Mrs W. A. Coffin
C. T. Loflin	Miss Etta Blair
H. E. Moffitt	" Laura White

Providence Township

Arthur Staley	Mrs Abe Adams
Jno. Frazier	" S. E. Coble
Wister Routh	Miss Alma Barker
Glenn White	" Sarah Wood
Cecil Fields	" Ollie Redding

Coleridge Township

J. G. Lowdermilk	Mrs W. R. Craven
F. C. Caviness	" W. F. Bray
Waite Lambert	" Amos Hinshaw
Coley Gee	Miss Edna Caviness
Thos. A. Cox	" Aline Moffitt

Cedar Grove

Jno. Rush	Mrs. Mattie Lassiter
Roba Tant	Mrs Mattie Lassiter
E. E. Vuncanon	* Miss Mamie Luck
Hal Kearns	" Maie Ashworth
Irvin Cox	" Rosa Barnes

Franklinville Township

Jim Letterloh	Mrs Elwood Ferree
Jno. R. Brown	Miss Berta Ellison
M. F. Hinshaw	" Julia York
L. F. Fentress	" Mamie Ellis
W. P. Conner	" Clara Conner

Brower Township

Robert Tysor	" Mrs B. F. Brown
Garrel Suggs	" C. M. Tysor
Wister Moffitt	" Wm. Moffitt
Thos. Maness	Miss Mattie Beck
Clyde Gatlin	" Mattie Leach

Negro Burned By Mob.

Coatesville, Pa., Aug. 18--Zachariah Walker, a negro desperado, was carried on a cot from the hospital here tonight and burned to a crisp by a frenzied mob of men and boys on a fire which they ignited about a half mile from town. The negro who had killed Edgar Rice, a policeman of the Worth iron mills, last night, was first dragged to the scene of the shooting begging piteously for mercy. He had been arrested by a posse late this afternoon after a search which had stirred the countryside. When the posse finally located him, he was found hiding in a cherry tree and with the last bullet in his revolver shot himself in the mouth, falling from the tree. He was removed to the hospital and placed under police guard.

A greater loss than we can find words to express. Together with the family let us all hope and strive to meet him in Heaven and when the perplexities of life gather thick about us, when the clouds of disappointment hang low, when we begin to feel discouraged let us remember his paternal advice to his children--Go ahead and do all the good you can."

—A Friend.

Store and Postoffice Burned.

Spencer, Aug. 18--Fire, which is supposed to have been started by rats, destroyed a large two story store and postoffice building at Barber's Junction, Rowan county early today, entailing a loss of \$5,000 with \$3,000 insurance. The fire started at 2 a. m. and E. A. Barber, the postmaster who was asleep in the building, had a narrow escape from burning to death. A large stock of merchandise and all the mail in the building was burned.

Roosevelt Heard From.

Pittsburg, Aug. 21.--Former President Theodore Roosevelt in a letter to Alexander P. Moore, editor of The Pittsburg Leader, made public today, says:

"I must ask not only you, but every friend I have, to see to it, that no movement whatever is made to bring me forward for the nomination in 1912. I should esteem it a genuine calamity if such a movement were undertaken."

The Leader has been advocating the nomination of Mr. Roosevelt for President in 1912.

Mrs. Sidney Anderson and daughter of Greensboro are visiting Mrs. Annie M. Robins.