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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

## Confessed His Guilt

Before His Execution Beattie Signed Statement, Confessing Murder of His Wife--History of the Crime.

Richmond, Nov. 24.—Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., was electrocuted in the state prison this morning at 7:23. One minute after the shock he was pronounced dead.

Sometime before his execution, Beattie made the following confession:

"I, Henry Clay Beattie Jr., desirous of standing right before God and man, do on this the 23rd day of November, 1911, confess my guilt of the crime charged against me. Much that was published concerning the details was not true, but the awful fact, without the harrowing circumstances remains. For this action, I am truly sorry, and, believing that I am at peace with God and am soon to pass into his presence, this statement is made."

After the above confession was signed the attending minister gave out the following statement.

"This statement was signed in the presence of the two ministers and is the only statement that can and will be made public by them. Mr. Beattie desired to thank the many friends for kind letters and expressions of interest and the public for whatever sympathy was felt or expressed."

### STORY OF THE MURDER.

The crime for which Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., was executed was one of the most sensational in the criminal history of Virginia. Interest in the murder was country-wide owing to its unusual features and the swift movement of justice.

On the night of July 19, last, Beattie drove his automobile into Richmond, carrying with him the body of his wife which had a gaping shot gun wound in the head. He declared that a tall bearded man had accosted him on the Midlothian turnpike, five miles from Richmond and when he requested the man to make room for him in the road the stranger without warning had fired the shot which killed Mrs. Beattie. He added that he grappled with the man but was overpowered and the murderer had fled leaving the gun behind. This story of the crime was maintained by Beattie to the end.

For a brief time Beattie's story was given some degree of credence, but within a day or two suspicion began to point to him and he was kept under closest surveillance. Bloodhounds, taken to the scene of the crime, refused to leave the place, circling around the bloodspots on the road.

Beattie eventually transpired had thrown the shotgun into the tonneau of his automobile after the shooting but in passing over some railroad track not far from the scene it had been jolted out and was picked up later by a negro. This gun, which Beattie alleged had belonged to the mysterious highwayman, proved the means of sending the young man to the electric chair.

At the corner's inquest the weapon was identified by Paul Beattie, a second cousin of young Henry, as the weapon he had purchased for Henry with money furnished by the latter. Beattie was arrested immediately after the inquest. This was on July 21, and on August 19, one month after the day of the murder, the trial was begun before Judge Walter A. Watfield County Court-

## SCHOOL TERM TOO SHORT.

One hundred and one days of schooling for the poor children of North Carolina; ten months for the heathen children of Japan. That is the record, gentlemen of the jury; take the case. And we are not too poor to improve that record either. We give \$600,000 from the treasury direct to our high schools and colleges; we give \$225,000 from the treasury direct to our public schools. Those in our high schools and colleges are strong and stalwart boys and girls and young men and maidens, who have seen the light and who could manage somehow to make their way if the State did not furnish them a dollar those in our public schools are the children of the highways and hedges whose only chance for light is in the little school house by the road. The next legislature ought to make a direct appropriation of not less than \$500,000 to our public schools. Of course those who take no interest in the children of the woods will laugh at this suggestion and call it the mouthings of an ignoramus; but the people of North Carolina are not blind and they are not fools. They know a thing or two themselves, and they know that our appropriation can be doubled and that it ought to be doubled. Furthermore they can compel the Legislature to double it, if they will. We do not hesitate to say that our present educational policy is wrong and ought to be changed. We have allowed certain leaders to magnify the top rail and ignore the bottom. All the emphasis is put upon the very thing in our educational system that is of least importance, namely, the school for those already strong and no emphasis is laid upon that other class of schools that are trying in their poor way to save the needy and the weak! Oh for some powerful champion to arise and demand that the children of the woods be given adog's chance!

The people of North Carolina would rally to such a man and crown him with their honor. They are everlastingly tired of the dapper fellows who claim that the way to reach the bottom is to begin at the top. We have been working at the top for years, and have lengthened our public school term to one hundred and one days! There is a strong deep under current in favor of better public schools that only needs expression. Happy the man in our public life would hitherto suppressed and silent.—Charity and Children.

house, sixteen miles from here. The jury was made up almost entirely of farmers, and on this fact Beattie based his claim that he had been convicted, not for the murder of his wife, but because of his relations with Beulah Binford, a notorious young woman. He insisted to the last a jury composed of city men would have freed him. Beattie was defended by H. M. Smith, Jr. and Hill Carter. The prosecution was by L. O. Wendenburg and L. M. Gregory.

The trial moved swiftly, though many witnesses testified, and on September 8, after 53 minutes of consideration and prayer the jury, in chorus instead of through its foreman, declared Beattie to be guilty of the murder of his wife. Motion for new trial was denied and November 13, the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals refused to grant an appeal on writ of error, and two days later Governor Mann, who had been appealed to for commutation or reprieve, issued a statement declaring that the interests of the people of Virginia demanded that Beattie should die in the electric chair.

## The Randolph and Cumberland Railway.

Present length and Proposed Extension--Bond Election Called--Other Information

We hope to be able to publish next week a map of the plans of the Randolph and Cumberland Railway Company. In the meantime it may be of interest to make a brief statement of these plans.

The Randolph and Cumberland Railroad is in operation from Cameron, in Moore County, on the main line of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, through Carthage, the county seat of Moore County, to Hallison, on the Norfolk Southern Railway, formerly the Durham & Charlotte railway. An extension of four miles is just being completed to the new town of McConnell on the south side of Deep River. The present road is about 22 miles in length. Active steps are being taken to extend the road from McConnell north through Randolph County to Asheboro, Greensboro and High Point.

Elections have been called in six townships in Randolph County and five townships in Guilford County. The plan is to follow up Deep River passing, in a distance of about 30 miles, twelve cotton mills already in operation and at least five good undeveloped water powers. The townships which will vote December 11th on the question of subscribing to the stock of the railroad are Pleasant Grove, Coleridge, Columbia, Franklinville, Randleman, and New Market in Randolph County and Sumner, Gilmer, Morehead, Jamestown and High Point in Guilford County. Elections have been arranged for in townships in Davidson, Forsyth and Yadkin Counties and will be arranged for in Asheboro, Cedar Grove and Concord, in Randolph County, and in the townships north of Greensboro if the citizens in those places give sufficient encouragement. It is also planned to extend the system southeast from Carthage to Southport, but this will not be taken up until the present purpose of giving the important cities and towns in Randolph, Guilford and Forsyth Counties an immediate and direct connection to the Seaboard Air Line Railway is accomplished or assured. When the immediate plans are carried out connecting

the above towns with the Seaboard Air Line the road will be something over 100 miles in length. It is a safe statement that no 100 miles of road in the State or perhaps even in the South, will handle more business, and the important thing is that this business is now all in existence and just waiting for this outlet. The road will be solidly and well built with 72 pound rails and a maximum grade of 1 1/2 per cent.

A very important part of system will be the division from Central Falls to Asheboro and from Asheboro to Farmer. It is not known yet whether the New Hope people want the road extended into their township, but if they do and are willing to help in the way the Concord people are taking hold, it is understood that the Randolph and Cumberland people will consider the matter with a view to extending to New Hope and perhaps also to some point on the Winston-Salem Southbound Railroad, perhaps Whitney.

The Randolph and Cumberland people have asked us to caution the citizens generally about being too ready to believe all sorts of rumors and wild stories about the plans of the company, and particularly as to the effect the proposed bond issues will have on the taxes.

There is naturally great opposition in some quarters to the building of any competitive railroad, and it is probably that many of the will statements about the tax to pay the interest on the bonds are at least helped along by parties opposed to the building of any railroad.

It may be of interest to know that a statement covering the various townships in Randolph County is being prepared by Mr. Hal M. Worth County Tax Assessor, which will be made public in the papers or in the form of circulars. This statement will give the actual figures of the present valuation, rates, etc., together with his estimate of the probable increase in valuation by the time the railroad is completed.

spirit that we escape from the realm of embarrassments and burdens. Into a spiritualized Christmas we everyone can enter the rich and the poor, the high and the low, the small and the great.

"In preparing, then, our Christmas presents, let us get ready to give some of the things which Jesus gave. Along with the many gifts which are priceless, let us give thoughts to someone who needs it, sympathy to someone who craves it, praise to someone who deserves it but does not get it, kindness to someone whom the world has overlooked, affection to someone who is starving for it, inspiration to someone who is fainting because of the lack of it. One's Christmas does not consist in the abundance of the things which he receives or gives away, but in the spirit of good will which fills his heart."

Rev. S. T. Barber, the new pastor of the Asheboro Methodist Episcopal church preached his initial sermon to large congregations Sunday morning and evening. The new pastor preached plain, strong, practical sermons, making a good impression on his congregation.

## METHODIST PROTESTANT APPOINTMENTS

Among the appointments made by the Methodist Protestant conference in annual session at Henderson last week are the following:

Asheboro station, T. M. Johnson; Richland circuit, C. H. Whitaker; Why Not circuit, J. H. Stowe; Lincoln, L. H. Hatley; Halifax, J. E. Pritchard; Uwharrie, Joel Trogon. W. E. Swain was reelected president.

## Town Taxes Due

To the tax payers of the town of Asheboro:

This is to inform you that the tax books have been placed in my hands for the collection of taxes. The taxes are now due and the town is sorely in need of money for the purpose of running schools and other necessary expenses of the town.

I hope everybody will try to make arrangements to pay me as soon as possible.

H. H. Kennedy,  
Tax Collector.

## THE DECEMBER WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION.

The December Woman's Home Companion is a specially illustrated and beautified Christmas number. It contains, aside from the usual illustrations, a great many pictures in color. Stories are included in greater number than usual and several of them are extraordinary presentations of the Christmas spirit--full of action and the best kind of sentiment. Some of the contributors of the fiction are: Jeffery Farnol, Mary E. Wilkins Freeman, Norval Harrison, Owen Oliver and Hulbert Footner.

One of the notable special articles in the number is entitled "What Christmas Might Be."

It is an eloquent plea by Charles E. Jefferson, pastor of the Broadway Tabernacle in New York City. Other special articles worthy of particular mention are "American Mural Decoration," "Flashlight Photography," "A Christmas Fallacy," "Last Minute Gifts" and "The Professional Parent."

The special departments for which the Woman's Home Companion is famous, are filled with good reading--such, for example, as a remarkable article on "The Healthy Baby," by Dr. Rogor H. Dennett, a great specialist in New York.

"A Girl's Chaities at Christmas," "Sam Loyd's Own Puzzle Page," and many other contributions.

The fashion, household, home decoration and remarkable for their interest and practicality.

### Saved Many From Death

W. L. Mock, of Mock, Ark. believes he has saved many lives in his twenty five years of experience in the drug business "What I always like to do," he writes "is to recommend Dr. Kings New Discovery for weak sore luags, hard colds, hoarseness, obstinate coughs la grippe, croup, asthma or other bronchial affection for I feel sure that a number of my neighbors are alive and well today because they took my advice to use it. I honestly believe its the best throat and lung medicine that's made Easy to prove he's right. Get a trial bottle free or a regular 50c or \$1.00 a bottle Guaranteed by J. T. Underwood.

## Murdered For His Money

Chas. L. Everhart Found Dead--Money Missing--Robt. Leonard In Jail.

While out rabbit hunting near Thomasville Monday, some boys discovered the dead body of Chas. L. Everhart, who had not been seen by his friends since Saturday. The alarm was given, and the coroner notified, who arriving on the scene found Everhart had been shot through the head, his face being terribly mutilated. Robert Leonard, cousin of the slain man was last seen with him and as suspicion pointed to Leonard as the murderer, he has been arrested and lodged in jail.

It is known that Everhart had as much as \$150. on his person, but when found his pockets had been rifled and the money was gone.

### MRS. JOHN W. JOLLY DEAD.

Left Property to Methodist Church.

Mrs. John W. Jolly died of pneumonia at her home on North Fayetteville St. at 2:30 o'clock Monday morning. The deceased was about 75 years old and had been in failing health for many years.

Mrs. Jolly whose maiden name was Hamlet was married three times, her last husband, J. W. Jolly, preceding her to the grave just one week.

A few years ago the deceased, arranged her business affairs so that at her death, all her real and personal property should pass into the possession of the Asheboro Methodist church and the Ladies Aid society of the church.

The funeral was conducted from the Methodist church Tuesday morning by the pastor Rev. S. T. Barber, and the body was laid to rest in the cemetery within a few feet of the church which she had so liberally endowed.

### GONE TO HER REWARD.

"Granny" Nancy Richardson slept the sleep that knows no waking on November 19th 1911. She had contracted a deep cold a few days before and rapidly grew worse until Saturday night November 19th when the spirit took its flight to the world beyond.

Her age was not known exactly as the record of her birth was destroyed by fire some years ago, but the older people of her acquaintance say she was 92 or 93. But whatever her age, she left evidence behind that she was prepared to go to the Master's call.

Three children survive her, Mrs. Jacob Ivey and Mr. J. P. Richardson of Millboro and Mr. Bud Richardson of Okla. "Granny" Richardson will be missed by many people in her neighborhood where she was so well known. Her mortal body was consigned to the tomb in the old Salem burying ground beside her late husband who was buried there forty-six years ago.

### Starts Much Trouble

If all people knew that neglect of constipation would result in severe indigestion yellow jaundice or virulent liver trouble they would soon take Dr. Kings New Liver Pills and end it. Its the only safe way. Best for biliousness, Headache dyspepsia, chills and debility 25c at J. T. Underwood.

Elbert Moffitt has gone to South Carolina where he accepts a position in a drug store.