

Harvey Case's Body Found With Throat Cut and Bullet Wounds

Ambrose Green Discovers Body Near Brittain's Creek on Outskirts of City—People in Vicinity Heard Shots and Cries for Help Between 7:15 and 8:00 p. m.—Inquest This Afternoon.

Bloodhounds Sent For And Put On The Trail

Harvey Case, who lived east of the Southern Railroad, east of Balfour, was found dead in the old Asheville road about thirty yards north of Brittain's creek, with his throat cut and three bullet wounds, early this morning.

The last knowledge of the dead man was when he told his wife and four children, all of whom are sick, that he was going to town to get some lemons.

Several people living in the vicinity say that they heard shots and cries for help between 7:15 and 8:00 p. m., last night.

The body was lying in a muddy piece of road in a pool of blood and covered with mud, and was discovered by Ambrose Green, a

teamster, who sent word to the sheriff's office.

From the condition of the ground in several places near the railroad track to the road there is evidence of a scuffle and several trees show slight marks of blood, from which it would appear that the fight or murderous assault started there and continued to the road.

A coroner's inquest will be held this afternoon.

Sheriff Ballenger just previously to the coroner's inquest stated that as yet no warrants had been issued in the Case murder.

A thirty-two calibre revolver, containing four empty shells was discovered in Brittain's Creek this afternoon, at the railroad trestle and may have much to do in fixing the killing.

Cotton Mill Corn. Goes To Greenville

As a result of the work done by the committee of the Chamber of Commerce with relation to securing sites for manufacturing enterprises, a committee consisting of Stanley H. Wright, Chas. Rozzelle, and the Secretary, together with Mr. Wetmur, President, will go to Greenville today to try and present to J. E. Stine, engineer for a large cotton mill, the advantages Hendersonville has to offer.

Blue prints of property expected to carry the requirements of this large mill have been prepared, and backed by personal enthusiasm for the cause these gentlemen will make a strong pull for this city. Should in this case success not come to their efforts the process in other instances will be repeated until Hendersonville does get results from her campaign to secure manufacturers.

The company which the town is now trying to interest is a large company and its requirements are extensive.

Two tracts of land of 1,00 acres each have been investigated and found to have practically all the requirements of this concern. Detailed description as to water, lay of the land, location with relation to the town and railroad, and all matters touching the desirability of the two sites have been prepared and will be submitted. Among the big features of the requirements is the need for a water supply that will furnish some three million gallons per day. When one considers that this is about the amount of water which will be furnished the town by the new water system one can get an idea of the size plant the city is now seeking to interest. It is stated that at both sites offered the water problem can be satisfactorily met.

The committee is prepared to take care of any matter which might come up with relation to this county as a desirable section for a large mill such as this one is.

The town is lucky in having an experienced engineer, and a man who is much interested in this section, Mr. Stanley H. Wright, on this committee and his technical knowledge will stand the committee in good stead. Mr. Wetmur as President of the Chamber of Commerce will not fail to present the attitude of our citizens with relation to locating manufacturing establishments here.

MERCHANTS CONSIDER PLANS FOR ASSO'N

Merchants Hold A Very Successful Meeting.

Tuesday night, according to schedule, the merchants of the city met in the city hall for the purpose of considering plans for the organization of a retail merchants protective association in Hendersonville. About thirty-five of the most prominent merchants were present. W. F. Penny, of Brenner-Penny Company, called the meeting to order and explained its nature by referring to the advantages to be derived from such an organization on the part of both the merchant and buyer. Such an organization furnishes a medium through which the public can express itself by committees; where all civic organizations can send representatives and discuss the problems of the buying public and the merchants be able in turn to present their methods and views. As an illustration of this it is cited for an instance that the woman's club could appoint a committee to appear before a meeting of the organization and there present to the merchants any matters touching the retail business and the merchants would be then in a position to have personal contact whereby matters for the public good could be handled. In like manner a representative of the merchants association could meet with the Woman's Club in like capacity. It is believed that such intercourse would be a great thing towards getting our citizens to pull together.

Again, Mr. Penny brought out the necessity of organizing in order to have a medium of collecting information with relation to credit and all such matters as the retail merchants are interested in. Mr. Penny was emphatic in his remarks bearing on the pull-together spirit which such an organization would engender.

Several merchants expressed their views, all to the general effect set forth above. Mr. McWhirter was made secretary of the meeting and pending regular organization a committee of men was appointed to investigate and present plans and recommendations for permanent organization. The committeemen are W. F. Penny, H. Patterson, R. L. Edwards, L. J. Penny, W. A. Keith and Chas. Rozzelle.

The next meeting will be held soon with the state secretary and officers of the Asheville association present. There will be a banquet for the occasion and particulars will be announced later. It was stressed that no policy seeking to control prices or business in any other way than by the establishing of a better credit system and a means of getting people together and engendering a more extensive fellowship and a better good will among merchants and customers. By-laws and constitution will be

REPORT OF RED CROSS NURSE

Total Number of Visits During Month of December 248

The meeting of P. H. N. Activities Committee was postponed from Jan. 1st to Jan. 8th. Because of bad roads and sickness few attended.

The Nurse urges representatives of each community to come to the monthly conferences when possible as this is the only way in which we can plan work to cover the whole county successfully.

The report for December follows: Total cases during month, 50; New cases during month, 45; Cases at end of month, 793; Total visits made, 248; Car miles traveled, 232; School children taking modern Health Crusade chores records to begin Health Habits, 262; Schools visited, 7; Children weighed and examined, 179; Children having neglected defects, 121; Nursing visits demonstrating necessary care, 5.

Christmas boxes sent by Sunday school classes, Baptist Mission Circles, City School, Interested Individuals, to twenty-seven families on our sick list. Letters of appreciation were received from three of these families.

The committee will meet again on first Monday in February at 3:30 in office of County Board of Education. Each member is urged to attend all these meetings.

A. W. HONEYCUTT, Chm. M. COLE, Sec'y.

GOOD GAME LAW IS NECESSITY

State Game Protective Association Formed.

As a result of the recent agitation looking toward the passage of a reasonable state and game law, there was an organization formed in Charlotte this week with the purpose in view of seeing to it that the proper framing and pushing of the right kind of a law for the whole state be piloted through the legislature. At the meeting in Charlotte certain work was laid off for each county and directors for the work in each county chosen. E. L. Ewbank of this county was appointed as director for the activities in this section. Mr. Ewbank reports that there is much sympathy for the enactment of a good game law and some fifty parties have already contributed funds to be used in the necessary way. Mr. Ewbank says that he will still receive contributions to the fund and any party interested may call upon him and get information with relation to the subject.

presented at the next meeting for ratification, and amendment if there is need for amendment.

SEC. OF STATE SUCCUMBS FROM PNEUMONIA

Held Position For 22 Years.—Was Highly Esteemed Citizen.

Col. J. Bryan Grimes, one of the best known public officials in the state, who has served as Secretary for twenty-two years, died yesterday in Raleigh. Col. Grimes had been suffering from influenza and an attack of pneumonia. It had been known in Raleigh for several days that he was dangerously ill but hopes for his recovery had been entertained.

He will be buried in Raleigh but the date of the funeral had not been fixed at the time of this writing.

Col. Grimes was a valuable citizen, and was attached to many organizations of a public nature. He was thought of most highly by all who came in contact with him, and as a public servant his services to the state have given him great prestige; his work as a public spirited man endeared him to the people.

Col. Grimes father was prominent in the civil war and came out of the conflict with the rank of major general.

The people of the state will mourn his passing. He was an experienced farmer, was a member of several societies, including that of the Knights of Pythias, Farmer's Alliance, the Farmers Union, the State Grange, the State Board of Agriculture, and the State Agricultural Society. He was instrumental in the formation of other societies of a public nature. His death will be felt as a decided loss to the State.

ANNUAL MEETING STOCKHOLDERS CITIZENS BANK

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of The Citizens National Bank was held at the directors rooms of the bank at 2:30 p. m., on Tuesday at which time the old board of directors and officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. The officers and board of directors being as follows:

E. W. Ewbank, President, C. E. Brooks, Vice-President, Brownlow Jackson, Vice-President, F. A. Bly, Vice-President, Directors, E. W. Ewbank, B. Jackson, C. E. Brooks, W. C. Rector, R. P. Freeze, F. A. Ewbank, F. A. Bly, C. B. Glazener, W. A. Cannon, Foster Bennett, W. A. Young.

The review of the year's business showed it to be the most successful in the history of the bank—the increase of business being far ahead of the increase for any like period since the bank was organized in 1914. Every year since this bank was organized there has been a handsome increase in the business of the bank until the assets of the bank are considerably in excess of a million and a quarter dollars.

The officers and directors of the bank were extended a vote of thanks and appreciation for their conduct of the institution.

BANKS SHOW STEADY GAINS

Banks Make Fine Showing—Healthy Condition of the Town Reflected in Statements.

As these lines are written the statements of the Bank of Fletcher and the Henderson County Bank are not available for a presentation of the figures comprising the resources as called for Dec. 29th, under the banking laws, and their resources will of course considerably swell the totals. However, by referring to the statements of the First Bank and Trust Company and the Citizens National Bank, in this issue of The Times, one will readily appreciate the stability and power of these two institutions and their ability to handle the financial affairs coming under their direction. That the combined sufficient evidence of the financial aggregate more than \$2,500,000.00 is sufficient evidence of the financial

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French Populace Strongly Support Their Government

French Government Gave Vote of Confidence to Poincaré—Movement of French Troops into The Ruhr District Approved by The Assembly—Much Cheering.

While the French Government realizes the seriousness of the move it has undertaken in commencing occupation of German territory as provided for in the treaty should Germany fail in her payments of the stipulated amounts, the French people seem to be backing the government and the parliament has overwhelmingly voiced its approval by giving Poincaré a vote of confidence by a vote of 478 to 86.

The Germans are making no move except to withdraw the German ambassador from Paris. What moves they are liable to take in a diplomatic way are not foreseen, nor what will be the ultimate attitude of other governments are yet to be learned.

In the meantime American troops have been recalled from the Rhine and the French are carrying out their plans, apparently backed by Belgium. Movements of troops continue. This government, of course has been keeping in touch with the situation and it is reported that Secretary Hughes has had several conferences with Ambassador Jusserand discussing the replies of the French government with relation to the problems which this country has been especially interested in and about which communications with the French Government have been taking place from time to time.

England has been more prominent than any other country as opposed to the French view of the German situation and what attitude she will take in regard to the determined French policy has not been announced. The English believe the French are making a grave mistake, or at least that is their pronounced attitude, and the French take the view that they are perfectly justified under the peace treaty in taking the action they are now taking. This is admitted, but many fear that the action will tend to discourage Germany and also pro-

duce a disquieting effect on other European countries and possibly drive Germany to an alliance with Russia, or possibly Turkey and thus open up a tremendous problem which could not be handled by France ultimately and which would perhaps draw the world into it.

It is of course hoped that the outcome of the movement will clarify the atmosphere and one way or another be the means of a speedy settlement of the difficult situation, and that in any case that a definite policy and action is better than suspended and uncertain action, and what the world most needs, according to contention of the best informed men is a stable policy and a definite programme. It will not be surprising if the French move will not after all clarify the situation and set something definite before the world and be the means of getting the whole matter settled in a shorter time than continued discussion and parleys without agreement.

THE FRENCH INVADE GERMANY

The German Ambassador has been notified by the German Government to leave Paris, as French troops have seized the Ruhr District in Germany and the U. S. troops have received orders recalling them from the Rhine and return home.

What the outcome from this situation will be is very doubtful, the opinion of the Russian press,—if it is of any value,—indicates that a new war is threatened.

With this invasion of the Ruhr by France, the great munition plants of the Krupp, at Essen come under the control of the French.

The Germans have moved the headquarters of the coal syndicates to Hamburg owing to this invasion.

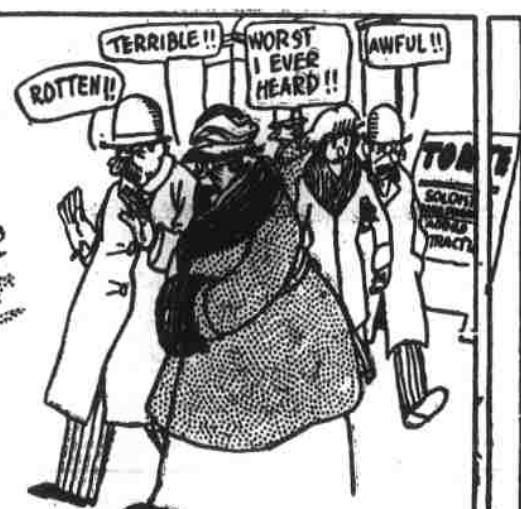
MR. RECTOR WILL GO TO KNOXVILLE

W. C. Rector will go to Knoxville this week to consult his physicians in that city. He will not likely be out of the city but a few days.

Locals



Artisans have completed the concrete walks around James Gless' home.



Bill Blowhard's reputation as a saxophone player is established.



For sale—An automobile; good paint, tires in fine condition; looks like a new car.