

A VERY BRUTAL CRIME.

Drunken Companion Locked Man in Building and Then Set the Structure on Fire—Burning Body Finally Taken From Building and Cast Into River—Victim Will Die.

The Wentworth (Rockingham Co.) correspondent of the Reidsville Review sends that paper the following account of a very brutal crime committed near Wentworth:

"It seems that Will Davis, Bill Cheshire, William Johnston (and Davis says three other men) contributed to purchase a gallon of mean corn whiskey and after securing the same the parties gathered at a selected spot, near the head gate of the Spray canal, at which to drink their 'hell's broth.'

"It was not long before a dispute arose as to Cheshire's drinking more than his rightful share of the contents of the jug. Will Davis struck one of the party, whereupon the crowd seized Davis, and putting him in a watchman's house, which stood on the banks of the canal, they barricaded the door and proceeded to set fire to the house.

"Davis screamed and cried and begged for life, piteously imploring them not to burn him alive, but the inhuman and cowardly wretches, it is alleged, turned deaf ears to the cries of the suffering man until the house was nearly consumed by the fire; then they released Davis and pitched him in the canal, evidently expecting him to drown, but there was a pipe line in the canal and Davis threw his arm around the pipe, thus saving himself from a watery grave.

"The drunken party immediately left the scene, thinking Davis had been effectually disposed of; but not so, for Davis crawled out on the canal's bank and quickly raised the alarm, secured the necessary assistance to reach his home and sent for physicians, who found him in a horrible condition.

"Warrants were issued at once and Bill Cheshire and William Johnson were carried before Davis in a crowd of other men and Davis unhesitatingly pointed out and completely identified Cheshire and Johnson as being two of the five who committed the horrible crime.

MEETING OF PRESS ASSOCIATION

The North Carolina Editors Hand-somely Entertained by People of Lenoir—Several Speakers Addressed the Convention.

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Press Association which met at Lenoir last week came to a close Wednesday evening. About 100 of the newspaper fraternity were in attendance and all seemed to have a good time, and if they did not it was their own fault for the Board of Trade of Lenoir and the people generally of the town did everything possible to make the editors' stay pleasant.

The kindness of the Southern Railway in furnishing a special car from Raleigh added to comfort and conveniences of the party and was appreciated. The Carolina and Northwestern Railway took the special car at Hickory and carried the party on to Lenoir. The officials of that road did everything possible to make it pleasant for the scribes.

The first session of the convention was held in the auditorium at Davenport College on Monday evening, and the address of welcome was delivered by Lieut. Governor W. C. Newland. On Tuesday the convention was addressed by Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt; Dr. W. F. Few, President of Trinity College, and by Dr. John A. Ferrell, who has charge of the campaign against the hookworm in this State.

Mr. Wade H. Harris, editor of the Charlotte Chronicle spoke on "Cash Basis of the newspaper," and W. C. Dowd, Editor Charlotte News spoke of best means to secure local advertising. The convention went on record as favoring good roads and recommending that State convicts be used in road construction. A resolution was passed favoring a uniform rate for advertising for weekly papers and a committee of five, of which W. I. Underwood, of Greensboro, is chairman, was appointed to consider the rates, etc., and with power to act. It is understood that Chairman Underwood will call a meeting of the committee to be held in Greensboro in the near future, at which time a uniform rate for weekly papers will be agreed upon as well as other matters that will greatly benefit the advertising field.

Mr. J. J. Farris, editor of the High Point Enterprise was elected President of the Association for the ensuing year. The next meeting will probably be held at Morehead City.

Cities and Race Vitality.

The Napoleon was so drained the flower of French manhood that even today the physical stature of the average Frenchman is nearly half an inch below what it was at the beginning of Napoleon's reign.

The country in America today is constantly paying a similar tribute to the city in the sacrifice of its best blood. Its best brain, the finest physical and mental fiber in the world. This great stream of superb country manhood which is ever flowing cityward is rapidly deteriorated by the softening, emasculating influences of the city until the superior virility, stamina and sturdy qualities entirely disappear in two or three generations of city life.

Professor Morse when telling the story used to say that he was too humiliated to answer.

Armaire Etiquette. The question of an armchair was once a matter of high state in the fortunes of Prussia. This was in the year 1696, when the Elector Frederick on visiting at the Hague that Prince of Orange whom his father and he had been instrumental in raising to the dignity of king as William III. of England was informed that during the interview the king would be seated on an armchair of state, while he (the elector) would be accommodated with an ordinary settle or stool.

An Essay on Woman. A woman is sometimes fugitive, irrational, indeterminate, illogical and contradictory. A good deal of forbearance ought to be shown her and a good deal of prudence exercised with regard to her, for she may bring about innumerable evils without knowing it. Capable of all kinds of devotion and of all kinds of treason. "monster incomprehensible," raised to the second power, she is at once the delight and the terror of man.—Amiel.

A Bird's Nailed Wire Fence.

There may be seen about the roadsides in Central America a brown wren about the size of a canary which builds a nest out of all proportions to its apparent needs. It selects a small tree with horizontal branches growing close together. Across two of the branches it lays sticks fastened together with tough fiber until a platform about six feet long by two feet wide has been constructed.

I like detective stories; I read them. I write them, but I do not believe them. The bones and structure of a good detective story are so old and well known that it may seem banal to state them even in outline. A policeman, stupid, but sweet tempered, and always weakly erring on the side of mercy, walks along the street, and in the course of his ordinary business finds a man in a Bulgarian uniform killed with an Australian boomerang in a Brompton milk shop.

That was a remarkable hand you held just now," said the commercial traveler to his companion at cards.

Major d'Ariandes, like many another French soldier, was tired of waiting for promotion and opportunities to distinguish himself. He seized an opportunity to enjoy a little excitement and at the same time remind Louis XVI. of his baffled ambitions. He made a balloon ascension, which at that time was thought to be a very risky affair.

Her Triumph. "Maria," Mr. Dorkins said, with a note of exaltation in his voice, "I turned a trade today that netted me a clean \$2,000."

Pickled Steel.

"To keep the iron and steel used in building big ships from rusting," said an engineer, "is a matter of supreme importance. The admiralty is very particular that every piece shall be painted the moment it is ready for building purposes. But the steel plates form a hard black surface, called 'mill scale,' in the process of manufacture. This clings tenaciously to the plate, and if it is covered with paint and afterward the plate gets damaged then the scale peels off, taking the paint with it, and leaving the steel bare. The plate is then liable to rust corrosion, a serious danger to the ship.

The One That Chose to Pay. Three men had been out on a spree, and on the way home late at night they made a wager that the one who did not do as his wife told him should pay for a champagne supper the following night.

The Antiquity of Man. It has been known during a long time that in western Europe man existed during the glacial epoch.

Improving on Shakespeare. "In a Jacksonville court," said a Florida congressman, "a lawyer quoted Shakespeare: 'Who steals my purse steals trash.'"

The Gilded Man. At the headquarters of the Orinoco Spanish traditions located the land of El Dorado, "the gilded man," a potentate whose country was so rich in gold dust that he had his body anointed with oil and sprinkled with gold every morning, so that he shone in the sun as though gilded.

Corrupted freemen are the worst of slaves.—Garrick.

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