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MONROE JOHNSTON HANGED

A Negro Burglar Meets Death From the Gallows at 11:15 Today—He Professed Innocence Before the Trap Was Sprung That Hurled His Soul to the Mysterious Beyond.

Special to THE STANDARD.

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 8.—Monroe Johnston, a negro, was hanged in the Mecklenburg county jail today. The trap fell at 11:15 a. m. His neck was dislocated and died in fourteen minutes after the trap was sprung. Johnston fell a distance of four feet and ten inches. His body was removed from its dangling position at 11:45. He professed innocence of the crime for which he was convicted and robbed of life. He was nervous and had taken only a cup of sweet milk for his breakfast. He was dressed in a black suit ready for his yawning coffin which was placed in readiness to receive his lifeless form when the penalty was paid. His body was turned over to relatives at 12 o'clock and carried to the country.

The execution was not a public affair but the jail was filled with newspaper reporters, curious people and a corp of detailed officers.

From Sunday's Charlotte Observer we clip Johnson's crime.

"Mr. A O Shields and family live in Long creek township. On the night of January 8th, 1896, Mr. Shields and family retired as usual. At 1 o'clock Miss Maggie Shields, who was sleeping in the room over her father, was aroused by some one feeling over her bed. She said: 'Who is that?' The answer came in a low tone: 'Never you mind, you keep quiet.' Miss Shields sprang up in bed. As she did so the man who had spoken to her drew a pistol and fired twice. Neither ball touched her. She grappled with the man. She fought heroically, but he was too much for her. He threw her ten feet, her face and breast striking a trunk. He then left her in a semi-unconscious condition and went down into her father's room. Mr. Shields had in the meantime heard the noise above, and was in the act of leaving his room to go and see what was the matter, when the door opened and the negro entered the room. The negro opened fire on Mr. Shields. One ball struck him on the left side. The negro then ran. Mr. Shields described the negro at the time as being yellow, of average size, and medium weight.

He said on the stand that the negro was Monroe Johnston; that he recognized him by the flash of the pistol.

Johnson was arrested by Officer Black, and taken by Sheriff Smith, Chief Orr and Officer Black to Mr. Shields'. He was reassured of Johnson's being the man. The trial was an interesting one. Mr. Walter R Henry was appointed to defend Johnson. He did so well. But for Mr. Henry he would have been hung before now. Some thought there was a doubt as to the negro's identity, but the jury who tried the case did not. They rendered a verdict promptly of guilty, and Monroe Johnson hung by the neck on the scaffold in the corridor of the jail, until he is dead, dead, dead.

A Canadian editor named Tardivel wants a poet to pay him \$50,000 for something he (the poet) wrote about him. But he should remember that it isn't easy to make decent rhyme to a name like that.

Lady Friends Invited.

A unique entertainment will take place at the New South Club rooms tomorrow night. A spelling match has been arranged for and the evening promises to be one of great merriment. The match will begin promptly at 8 30 o'clock. All lady friends are invited to be present.

A Sad Accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard live near Mocksville, but are both sick of pneumonia.

A neighbor, Mrs. Jackson, kindly took their infant and little 7-year-old girl to take care of while they are sick. On taking them home they had to cross a swollen stream. Mrs. Jackson directed the little girl to wait till she carried the babe over, but on looking round she found the little girl coming after her, who, becoming frightened, grasped Mrs. Jackson and all lost their balance and fell into the stream. Mrs. Jackson succeeded in saving the infant, but the little girl was drowned. The terrible news is withheld for fear of fatal effects on the sick parents.

Gone to Iredell Court.

Iredell court began on its second week this (Monday) morning, and as the civil cases are supposed to come up, a number of our citizens are in attendance, being witnesses in the case of W Ward, who is suing the Odell Manufacturing Company for damages sustained by an accident. Ward was employed as a weaver and while working one day, a shuttle flew from its place in the loom, striking him in the temple causing him to lose the sight of an eye. Judge W J Montgomery, W R Odell, Will Robbins, R F Coble, Charles Stratford, Jake Carter, W A Wood, Dr. L M Archey and J B Caldwell are among those who went to Statesville Sunday night.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* is on every wrapper.

Honor to Whom Honor is Due.

DEAR STANDARD:—I beg leave to make a few corrections in an item which appeared in your issue of Saturday. I speak of the narrow escape of the Concord High School building, on Friday last. It was stated, I think, that the building was saved by the timely intervention of Messrs. W R Thompson, Aubrey Hoover and Hal Jarratt. Now one of the most active workmen in that most exciting incident was, I am sure accidentally, unmentioned. The person is Master R P Gibson, who was very much hurt that his heroic labors were unnoticed.

Hoping that this will appear in your issue of Monday, and correct the error, under which the people of Concord are now laboring, I remain, sincerely yours, J. R.

When bilious or costive, eat a Castor, candy cathartic, cure guaranteed, 10c, 25c.

A Good and Valuable Book.

New State Directory for North Carolina in limited edition, price \$5 sent postpaid. Order at once of LEVI BRANSON, Raleigh, N. C. d&wap11

Wedding at Rockwell.

On Thursday afternoon at three o'clock, Miss Minnie Fisher, a pretty young lady of Rockwell, was married to Mr. John Miller, of the same community. The ceremony was performed at the bride's home, Rev. Paul Barringer, of the German Reformed church. After the ceremony a dinner was given in honor of the young couple.—Salisbury World.

Sunday Marriages.

Mr. John Carlee, a railroad employe, and Miss Lizzie Holloman, of Charleston, S. C., were married Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E N Thomas at the Cabarrus Mills. Rev. B F Davis officiated.

Mr. James M Walker and Miss Nonie M Robbins were married Sunday afternoon at the home of the bride at Cannonville, Rev. McGee officiating.

Mr. John H Talbert and Miss Isabelle Swearingen were united in the holy bonds of matrimony Sunday.

Mr. Wm. F Winecoff and Miss Florence Tucker, of Cannonville, were married Sunday evening.

Ten marriage license were issued last week, five late Saturday evening within an hour's time.

Forest Hill News.

The mumps have about subsided on the Hill. Cause: Material "playing out."

Brother Arnold preached two very interesting sermons to his congregation yesterday. He gave as his text, for the morning service: Acts 4:8. Evening service Acts 5:29. Both texts were well handled and made plain to everyone present that we should live by faith as Stephen did, and "we ought to obey God rather than man" and do all we can for Christ's sake.

Capt. J M Odell has gone to Bessemer on a business trip.

Our Sunday School is now in a flourishing condition. Thirty new names were added to the roll yesterday, which makes the number now enrolled 582. Nearly all the members were present, and every teacher answered when his or her name was called, save one, and that one sent a substitute.

Mr. Haywood Dennis, who has been quite sick with a gripe for several days past, we are much pleased to state, is so much improved in health as to be able to take charge of his work in the mill again. Several members of his family have been suffering with the same disease, but all are convalescent.

We do not like to "brag," but we believe we have as good moral, and the best church-going people of any community of its size in the State, or we might say, the South. Judging from the number in attendance at the Methodist church Sunday night, we will venture to say if the other churches in the neighborhood were as well attended, there could not have been much more than a "corporal's guard" left at home, and we have yet to see a single man under the influence of liquor, which speaks well for our "end of town."

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

SPECIAL SALE,

—OF—

Some goods and finds at such a small part of the cost as to make it funny for everybody but ourselves.

This week and next week, the last two weeks of January, beginning with this day, Tuesday, January 19th, we will give our customers and patrons the chance to buy any of the following:

About 50 boys' coats at 35 cents. The lining and thread and buttons would cost about that much.

About 40 men's coats at 75 cents. It's worth that much to make them if somebody gave you the cloth.

About 100 pairs of Men's pants at cents. This is less than half price.

Then if you want a vest you can have your choice of about 50 vests at 35 cents. Whole suit \$1.85. Not to be sneezed at without snuff, or grinned at without teeth.

A SMALL LOT OF LADIES FINE SHOES!

at 50 cents. Not a third of the average cost.

About 100 pairs of ladies fine shoes in button and lace of Zeigler's, Reed's and Padan Brothers make, to go at 75 cents, not over one-third of the average cost.

Also a small line of Eastern-made fine shoes at 75 cents. None in the lot but cost over \$1. Don't miss this lot. They won't be here many days.

A small lot of men's Heavy English ties, and high cut brogans, working shoes at 50c. A better lot at 75c. These are regular \$1.25 shoes. Boys work shoes at 50 and 65 cents.

A small lot of men's suits, good and servicable, but not guaranteed all wool at \$2. Plenty places where they will ask you \$2.50 for a single coat not any better.

To close our boys knee pants suits, in fine goods, we give you choice for \$2. This line includes all we have that cost over \$3.

All the foregoing stuff is in favor of the buyer. FUR FOR BOYS, BUT DEATH TO FROGS! You are the boys, we are the frogs.

NOW FOR A FEW THINGS

IN FRESH NEW GOODS.

Now don't swoon away, but just remember that it gives us as much pleasure to be able to sell these things cheap as it gives a hungry man satisfaction to eat. We bought them for less than value and we sell them the very same way. Men's satin calf hats, Sunday shoes, at 85 cents. Men's good English ties, high cut brogans at 75 cents. Men's heavy oil grain English Ties and Creoles at \$1. You never saw them for less than \$1.25. You can't buy them now in lots of 1,000 pairs from any factory for less than \$1.10. Ladies glove grain lace and button shoes, solid leather all through except counters, at 60c. Children's oil grain polkas 40 cents. Boys' long pants 50 cents, worth \$1.

CANNONS & FETZER

A WORD TO THE WISE.

Election returns are nothing compared to the results you receive by trading with Dry & Wadsworth, who are wide awake and up-to-date. People are apt to believe what they see and the Doubting Thomases can be quickly convinced of the truthfulness and correctness of what we say by calling at once. 'Tis only a few days till 'Xmas and everybody is beginning to look around for Santa Claus. His headquarters this time are at the

FURNITURE : STORE.

He says if you like comfort and ease buy one of Dry & Wadsworth's Big Rocking Chairs or the Ladies' sizes for your wife. Or if you want to sleep well and rest easy buy one of the Raleigh Wire Spring Mattresses, best in the world, or one of the handsomest lounges. They have them at all prices from \$4.00 to \$25, and to make your parlor look up-to-date and in style buy a parlor suit and to fit up a room nicely buy one of these handsome suits, the prices are low.

'AIN'T IT THE TRUTH.'

Yes sir, We have everything in the furniture line. Chairs of all descriptions Tables all sizes and styles. Big lot of Pictures, Window Shades, Curtain Poles, Ladies' Desks, Office Desks, Wardrobes Sideboards, China Closets and everything to make a home pleasant and a wife happy. Beginning from today and during the holidays we propose to give to each cash purchaser a nice and useful piece of furniture, consisting of Hat Racks, Music Racks, Comb and Brush Shelf, Book Shelves, Corner Brackets, Medicine Cases, What Nots, etc. This is no fake 'Sure Go.' The prices of the articles meantime are from 15 cents to \$6. The value of the present will be governed by the amount of the cash purchase. These sales will continue until the above mentioned articles have all been given out. Come at once and get the choice presents.

Yours to Please,

DRY & WADSWORTH