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MR. CYRUS E. SIDES COMMITTS SUICIDE.

Well Known Farmer of Rocky Ridge Kills Himself With a Shot Gun.

The family and friends of Mr. Cyrus E. Sides, one of the most prominent farmers of No. 11 township, were shocked Wednesday morning to hear that he had shot himself, inflicting wounds which resulted in his death in about three hours after the act was committed.

Mr. Sides used a shotgun and the entire load entered his side near the heart. The shooting was done about 6 o'clock, and Mr. Sides lingered until 9:20. Dr. F. O. Rogers was immediately summoned, but the unfortunate man was beyond human aid. A large hole was made in his side where the discharge of the gun entered.

No one was in the room when the sad affair occurred. Mr. Sides and his son, Mr. Roy Sides, were at home at the time.

For some days it had been noticed that Mr. Sides was not in his usual position mentally, but no thought was entertained that he contemplated ending his life. He was one of the best men in the county, and had always been prominent in church work and in all good work. His death is a loss to the community.

Mr. Sides for some days had been laboring under the hallucination that he was poverty-stricken, and that he was in danger of starving or freezing to death. He was a well-to-do man and owned some fine farming property. Before he shot himself he barred the door of his room. His son, Mr. Roy Sides, had gone out to see about killing some hogs, and was not in the house at the time. Mr. Sides was the victim of acute melancholia, and there is no doubt that the act was that of a man insane at the time it was committed.

On account of the fact that coroner G. H. Richmond failed to qualify, the county is without a coroner. The appointment of a temporary coroner devolved on Clerk of the Court M. L. Widenhouse, who appointed Mr. C. A. Isenhour to sit on the case. A jury was at once appointed, and an investigation of the fact of the suicide.

Mr. Sides was 60 years of age. He leaves his wife four sons and one daughter, namely: Messrs. R. T., J. W., Arthur and Roy Sides and Mrs. Kertie, of Rowan county.

STATE NEWS.

S. L. Brown, assistant superintendent of the Masonic Orphanage, at Oxford, was chosen superintendent Tuesday to succeed Col. W. J. Hicks, resigned.

The Catholic School at Asheville, the sisters of the Hillside convent, have purchased the Victoria Inn property there for \$40,000, and will convert it into a convent.

Dr. W. P. Ivey of Lenoir, who had a very narrow escape from death in a runaway accident last Saturday, continues to improve slowly. For about eighteen hours his life was despaired of but now he is doing nicely.

The board of trustees of Greensboro Female College announced Wednesday their decision to erect a new \$25,000 dormitory building to provide rooms for 72 students and plans and specifications have been asked for architects.

Monroe Journal: The Journal has often spoken of the prosperity of many of the colored people in this county. A few days ago a colored farmer went into a Monroe bank and deposited \$400, which he had saved up and had become afraid to keep in the house.

Charlotte thought she was going to have a sensation Sunday when a Christian Scientist, a woman, died and it was soon that she had not had medical attention. The coroner summoned a jury to investigate but the county physician seems to be a practical man and when he was brought in he said he knew of no law requiring any one to have a physician if he did not want one.

Mr. C. J. Harris Buys the W. R. Harris Home.

Mr. Chas. J. Harris has purchased from Mr. W. R. Harris, of Asheville, the handsome home of the latter on North Union street. Mr. Harris left Concord some time ago for Asheville to make that city his home, and since that time his former residence has been for sale. It has been occupied for some time by Mr. Jno. K. Patterson and family. Mr. Harris, the purchaser, will not move into it till next spring, and in the meantime Mr. Patterson will continue to occupy it.

TODAY'S WEATHER REPORT.

Cloudy tonight; warmer in interior; Friday fair; colder in north portion; brisk west winds.

See The Times for Job Printing.

EX-SHERIFF HARRIS BUYS PEOPLES' DRUG STORE.

Took Charge Tuesday—Will Have His Two Sons Associated With Him in the Business.

Quite an important business change in the city took place Tuesday. It was the transfer of the Peoples' Drug Store to ex-Sheriff Harris and his two sons, Messrs. G. R. and D. M. Harris.

The Peoples' Drug Store is an incorporated company and the 44 shares of stock were owned as follows: G. H. Rutledge, 42 shares; Jno. L. Miller, 1 share; J. M. Sills, 1 share.

The entire stock was purchased by the Messrs. Harris, and the new officers of the company were elected as follows: President and Treasurer—J. F. Harris.

Vice President—G. Roland Harris, Secretary—D. M. Harris.

The present force at the drug store will be retained for the present, and there will be no changes until January 1. They are: Messrs. Will and Roy Sappenfield and Eugene Brown.

The Peoples' is one of the prettiest drug stores in the city, and enjoys a good business.

Jurors for January Court.

At the meeting of the County Commissioners Monday the following jurors were drawn for January court: First Week—T. F. Sides, C. A. Klutz, Wm. Biggers, J. M. Fisher, W. W. Linker, Geo. A. Jenkins, J. L. Easley, W. N. Spears, A. F. Heglar, S. W. White, L. D. Bost, R. W. Fink, Frank Bramley, Thos. A. Honeycutt, J. D. Crisco, J. S. Kiser, Chas. R. Andrews, D. A. Caldwell, O. C. Hoover, Lawrence Klutz, J. T. Hartman, M. L. Buchanan, J. F. Hathecock, E. L. Fisher, W. L. Ezell, D. P. Winecoff, W. H. Peninger, M. B. Barbee, G. R. Winecoff, W. H. Furr, W. M. Helms, W. L. Robinson, Jno. W. Kiser, Travis Shoe, D. M. Clay, W. L. Holland.

Second Week—Chas. Billings, Zeb M. Stafford, M. C. Tucker, Jason Earnhardt, J. A. Green, Jno. A. Cline, Chance E. Hopkins, A. P. Widenhouse, J. L. Wilkinson, Roy E. Dry, A. N. Lentz, C. A. Fisher, A. D. Harvel, W. C. Sides, Jas. S. Russell, Wm. H. Staneill, Thos. M. Alexander, J. D. Calloway.

Negro Who Killed Mr. Wiggins Not Identified.

A Salisbury special of the 12th to the Charlotte News is as follows:

The negro Ed Davis, who was brought here Friday night from West Virginia by Sheriff McKemie, of Rowan, and supposed to be the party that shot and killed Mr. W. A. Wiggins, a conductor on one of the Salisbury street cars, five years ago, had not been satisfactorily identified yet. Several parties who claimed to have known the negro who killed the street car conductor, have seen Davis, and while they express the belief that the man under arrest is the right one, still they are not as confident about it as they would like to be.

Davis will be held in jail here until parties who were on the car at the time of the shooting come here and see the man in custody.

Whiles general opinion is that the right man has been captured, still there is just enough doubt about the matter to cause the officers to await further evidence before bringing the party to trial.

The man under arrest admits that he was living in Salisbury at the time of the murder, still he says that he had nothing to do with it and did not even know the man who did the shooting.

The Orphean Quartette Tonight.

One of the very best musical attractions that has ever been here will appear at the Central graded school building tonight. It will be the Orphean Musical Club, composed of four male singers, with cornet, mellophone and baritone trombone. The programme of the concert will be varied and a variety of music will be offered that will please the most exacting.

Another Lot of Shears.

The Times and Tribune have just received another lot of two gross of the celebrated 8-inch Spring Tension Shears, which are being given away to every subscriber who pays a full year in advance. Come in and get a pair.

The Cline Bros., Co., beginning Saturday, December 17, will sell out their entire stock of shoes, hats, shirts, underwear, etc. at big reductions for cash only. See big ad in today's paper. They also have a full line of Christmas goods, and they want you to come and see them.

Mr. R. H. Bost has decided that he will not have the sale of land and personal property that he has had advertised.

PENSION MONEY ARRIVED.

Cabarrus County Gets \$4,468.00 to Distribute to Confederate Pensioners.

Clerk of the Court Widenhouse Tuesday morning received from Auditor Dixon the checks to be distributed to the Confederate soldiers and widows of soldiers in this county who are entitled to them. The total amount of these checks is \$4,468.00.

There are three soldiers of the second class in the county, who receive \$60 each. These are the ones who lost an arm above the elbow or a leg above the knee while in service during the civil war.

There are five in the third class, which is composed of those who lost an arm below the elbow or a leg below the knee. These get \$48 each.

There are 94 in the fourth class, which is composed of those who are three-fourths disabled by disease, wounds or old age. These get \$26 each.

BARN BURNED IN NO. 10.

Horse and Cow and Five Head of Cattle Burned to Death—Nothing Saved from Building.

A barn belonging to Mr. A. Hamilton, of the southeast corner of No. 10 township, was burned to the ground last Monday night together with all its contents. A horse, a cow and five head of cattle were burned to death, and all forage, etc., in the barn. All these belonged to Mr. Hamilton's tenant, Mr. P. E. Perry. A lot of roughness and a rake outside the barn belonged to Mr. Hamilton were also burned.

When the fire was discovered about 1 o'clock at night, it had gained such headway that nothing could be done to save the building and contents. The loss is about \$1,000 and there was no insurance.

Mrs. Johnston's Child is Seriously Burned.

The Salisbury correspondent of day's Charlotte Observer gives the following particulars of a deplorable accident in the former city:

"Julia, the four-year-old daughter of Mrs. William Johnston, was fearfully burned from the waist down at the home of her mother on North Main street at noon today. Coming in contact with a stove her dress caught fire and but for the presence of the mother in the room the little girl would probably have been burned to death. Mrs. Johnston grabbed a comfort which she quickly wrapped around the burning child. The injuries will not prove fatal."

Mrs. Johnston was ofore marriage Miss Jessie Sims, of Concord, and is a daughter of Mr. John A. Sims.

New Pressing Club to Use Vacuum System.

Mr. M. Rupley Pounds will on January 1 establish a cleaning and renovating establishment which will operate what is known as the vacuum system. Vacuum cleaners especially made to clean clothing will be used. These draw out from the garments all dirt, dust, moth eggs, etc., and cleans them in a thorough and sanitary manner.

Mr. Pounds has rented the room formerly used as an express office, in the Allison building.

Ice Plant to be Moved and Capacity Doubled.

Mr. Arthur B. Pounds, who some time ago bought the property below the Concord foundry, on which the laundry formerly stood, expects to erect thereon soon an ice plant. The present plant near the depot will be moved there and the capacity doubled. The plant now has a capacity of 10 tons a day and this will be increased to a 20 ton plant.

The Friendly Bible Class.

The Friendly Bible Class of St. James Lutheran church will give their second entertainment of the season in the lecture room of the church tonight. Rev. J. J. Long, the new pastor of St. John church, will deliver the address of the occasion. A special musical programme will be rendered and an elaborate refreshments will be served. All the men of the church are cordially invited to be present.

Big Auction Sale of Lots.

Messrs. Lowe & Teeter will, on December 21, at 10 o'clock sell to the highest bidder a number of lots on East Depot and Meadow streets. There will be free carriages and a brass band and a lot of presents will be given away. See big ad on our second page today for further particulars.

Big Special Clothing Sale at the White-Morrison-Flowe Co.

The White-Morrison-Flowe Co. will, beginning Thursday, December 15, have a great ten days' special sale of clothing and overcoats. This includes their entire stock of men's and boys' clothing, and these they offer at reductions ranging from 15 to 50 per cent. See big page ad. on page three today.

CHAIN GANG PROPERTY.

Report of Committee Appointed to Make Inventory and to Appraise It.

Messrs. C. L. Ervin, D. A. Caldwell and G. T. Crowell, who were appointed a committee to examine and appraise the chain gang property of the county made its report this week. They found the total value of all the property to be \$8,537.83. The following shows the property and the valuation of each part:

Camp, cells, kitchen and contents, commissary, rations, clothing, etc.	\$1,074.43
Engine, crusher and other articles	2,000.00
Sixteen head of mules	2,000.00
Wagons and harness	300.00
Cement, piping and machine for making same	625.00
Stable, crib, boxes, wire fence, blacksmith shop, tools, etc.	150.00
Wagon wheels, junk, coal, paint, oil, etc.	158.00
One half interest in steam roller	1,000.00
Road tools, plows, scoops, screw jacks, mortar buggies	140.00
Wheel scrapers	100.00
Horse feed, corn, hay and oats	196.70
Township plows and water tank	100.00
Seven township road machines	500.00
Lumber on hand	20.00
Four pigs on hand	24.00
One surveyor's transit, rod and plumb	150.00
Total	\$8,537.83

Carnegie Gives Ten Million to Establish Peace.

Andrew Carnegie has transferred to a board of trustees ten million dollars in five per cent first mortgage bonds, the revenue of which will be used to hasten the abolition of international war and establish a lasting world peace.

The formal transfer was made at a meeting in the rooms of the Carnegie Research Foundation in New York Tuesday. The trustees organized by choosing a president, United States Senator Elihu Root, the permanent representative of the United States at The Hague tribunal. President Taft has consented to be honorary president of the foundation.

The method by which the annual income of half a million dollars shall be expended is left by Mr. Carnegie entirely in the hands of the trustees. The foundation is to be perpetual and when the establishment of universal peace is attained, the donor provides that the revenue shall be devoted to the banishment of the "next most degrading evil of evils," the suppression of which "will most advance the progress, elevation and happiness of man."

New Yorker Alleges that Knights of Pythias Order is Insolvent.

A New York dispatch of the 13th to the Baltimore Sun is as follows: Alleging that the organization is insolvent on its showing, Milton G. Becky, a lawyer ent a letter to the Attorney General at Albany calling on him to begin action against the Knights of Pythias, one of the largest of the fraternal orders, to cancel their certificates to conduct a life insurance business in this State, and appoint a receiver of all assets and property in the State.

Mr. Bucky tells the Attorney General that information supplied by the Supreme Lodge of the order shows that at the present time it is carrying insurance of the fourth class amounting to \$20,667,500, with cash on hand to pay this amounting to \$615,568.

With the letter Mr. Bucky sent copies of communications from the central organization to a client of his, and it is on information as to the business of the order given in these letters that the lawyer bases his request for the appointment of a receiver.

Verdict in Sides Suicide Case.

The following is the verdict of the coroner's jury which made a thorough investigation as to the cause of the death of C. E. Sides. "We, the undersigned, find that C. E. Sides came to his death by his own hands with a shotgun fired by himself.

"C. A. ISENHOUR,

"CORONER.

"W. D. DEJARNETTE,

"JACOB SHOE,

"J. S. KIZER,

"R. E. WEANT,

"— — — GARMON.

Mrs. B. L. Umberger and child, Mary Belle, who have been quite sick with pneumonia, are now out of danger. Miss Della Cook, a trained nurse of Charlotte, who was with them in their illness, has returned home.

Miss Julia Foster will leave Saturday for her home in Spartanburg to spend the holidays.

STATE FARMERS' UNION.

Large Number of Delegates Attend Meeting at Greensboro.

The North Carolina Farmers' Union met in annual session at the State Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro Wednesday morning. About three hundred farmers, representing almost every county in the State, were present at the morning session or arrived during the day.

Charles S. Barrett, of Georgia, president of the national union, arrived Wednesday and was present at all sessions to discuss the work and lend aid and encouragement to the meeting. The principal matters to come up are the consideration and adoption of plans for enlarging the scope of the work, and creating better facilities for agricultural education. The plan that has been suggested by some is to have county agricultural schools. If this plan is approved by the State union the matter will be carried to the Legislature this winter and request made for appropriations to be used in establishing and maintaining the schools.

At last night's session the following officers were elected: H. Q. Alexander, Mecklenburg, president; J. M. Templeton, Wake, vice president; E. C. Faires, Kings Mountain, secretary-treasurer; J. Z. Green, general organizer; A. C. Shuford, Catawba, chairman; P. R. W. Plyler, Union; W. H. Moore, Pitt; I. M. Coggins, Chatham; Dr. J. H. Smith, Surry, executive committee. The principal business discussion was education along agricultural lines in high schools. A petition was adopted memorializing the legislature to provide for the teaching of agriculture in the rural schools and to provide better and larger facilities for higher educational institutions.

When the session of last December was held there were only 935 locals in the State now there are more than 1,500. The membership a year ago was 20,000 during the last year it has more than doubled. Forty-five counties were organized; 20 more have been organized since that time. Last year there was 3,631.04 in the treasury, while today there is more than \$10,000.

LOCAL AND OTHERWISE.

Marriage license has been issued to Mr. Marshall Bagley and Miss Cora Fry.

Ladies' Handbags at Gibson Drug Store, nearly all styles, priced from \$2.50 to \$12.50.

A high class comedy film, "A Deal in Indians," will be run at The Auditorium today.

Miss Sallie Umberger, of Rowan is visiting at the home of Mr. B. L. Umberger, on the Kannapolis road.

Elders B. L. Trece, Williams and Taylor, will preach at New Zion Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Miss Austin of the graded school teaching force, will leave Saturday for her home in Maxton to spend the holidays.

The graded school will celebrate North Carolina Day tomorrow. The exercises will begin at 11:30. Patrons and friends of the school are invited.

There will be preaching at Keller Reformed church next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock a. m., and at New Gilead at 2 p. m., by Rev. Mr. Cox, of Lexington.

The funeral of the late Mr. C. E. Sides was held this afternoon at Rocky Ridge Methodist church, conducted by Rev. W. P. McGhee, assisted by Rev. T. W. Smith. The interment was made at Rocky Ridge cemetery.

We have been fairly swamped with Santa Claus letters and we have not been able to handle them all promptly on account of the great number. We print a batch of them today, and the others will follow as soon as possible.

Captain Andrew Jackson Beall died Wednesday morning shortly before 10 o'clock at his home in Charlotte. Since last June Captain Beall has been ill, but improved much during October and was able to be up street one or two times during the month. Capt. Beall was a brother-in-law of Mr. C. G. Montgomery, formerly of Concord, their wives being sisters.

Passenger Service on the Southbound.

The Winston-Salem Journal announces that on and after Saturday December 17, regular passenger service will be inaugurated on the Southbound between Winston-Salem and Whitney. It says that later, just as soon as stations can be completed and water tanks put into shape, the schedule will be extended over the whole line. It will probably be some time in January before the complete schedule will be in operation. Ample announcement, however, will be made. The trains will leave Winston-Salem at 7 a. m. and arrive at Whitney at 11 o'clock. The return train will leave Whitney at 12:01 and reach Winston-Salem at 4 p. m.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Prospect for a Railroad Good—Accident to Mrs. George Bost—Annual Debate—Other Notes.

Not many years since a delegation of Mt. Pleasant citizens boarded a train at Concord bound for Asheville and the Land of the Sky. Owing to some inadvertent causes they returned to Mt. Pleasant without as much as having railroaded beyond the yard limits at Concord.

In a similar way we have jumped on one railroad boom after another, but they have failed to pull us out. Thus there has arisen a school of sceptics in railroad matters, but now we have another road in prospect which promises no little for the town and community. If the information contained in recent issues of the Salisbury Post is reliable evidence—and we have no reason to doubt the Post's statements for it is assuredly in possession of valuable facts pertaining to the development of the industry—we are on the eve of realizing that for which we have long hoped. The printed statements are almost too good to be true. It is said that the point of uncertainty has been passed and that the road will be built in a fact. Mr. Miller, of Salisbury, has been engaged as chief engineer and will begin the survey of the line at an early date. From expressions heard, we believe this section is ready to do an encouraging part. However, sceptical we may have been, the present prospects certainly looks more favorable than any of recent date, and it is hoped that present claims of the promoters will be fully realized.

Mrs. Geo. T. Bost, of the Cold Spring neighborhood, is in a right serious condition, the result of falling into a stream last week. She was on her way to the home of a neighbor and in crossing a small stream the plank broke and Mrs. Bost fell into the ice cold water up to her waist. In the fall she also fractured the bones of the hip. She contrived to pull herself out on the bank where she lay for more than an hour before she succeeded in attracting the attention of her children. Latest information states that she is recovering very satisfactorily.

The Ludwig Literary Society will give their annual debate in the auditorium on the night of the 21st inst, the closing of school for the holidays. Formal invitations will be out in a few days. Mr. H. W. Mullis and Lawson Herrin have opened a restaurant in the room adjoining Mr. Mullis' grocery store. Married last Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Leffer, Miss Lucy Leffer and Mr. Matthew Shoe, Dr. J. M. Matthews, officiating. A number of our people attended the annual missionary sale at Bear Creek church Saturday. They report an enthusiastic day for missionary spirit. The proceeds of the sale amounted to \$120, which is about the largest on record.

Mr. J. O. Moore and family, of Concord, spent Sunday here. Mr. W. M. Axley, of Murphy, is spending a few days here. Mr. and Mrs. Chas Thayer spent Friday in Charlotte.

Mt. Pleasant, December 12.

Much Needed Telephone Put in at Depot.

The long needed telephone from the ticket agent's office at the depot to the telegraph office, which The Tribune has time and time again called attention to the necessity of such telephone connection between these two offices in order that the traveling public of Concord could ascertain the time of train was expected to arrive, has been established, and the inconvenience and delays that the people here have been subjected to for several months will be greatly diminished.

Mr. Campbell Cline arrived in the city yesterday from Mississippi, where he has been working for the Home Educational Co.

CONCORD MARKETS.

Cotton Market.	
Good Middling	14.50
Cotton Seed	.42
Produce Market.	
Pork	.12
Bulk Meat Sides	.15
Beeswax	.20
Bulk Meat Sides	13 1/2
Chickens	.25 to .35
Corn, new	.75
Corn, old	.90
Eggs	.30
Lard	.15 to 17 1/2
Flour, North Carolina	\$2.50 to \$3.00
Meal	1.00
Lady Peas	2.00
Cow Peas	1.50
Tallow	.3 to .50
Oats	.50
Salt	.65