

## SIDNEY BARRIER SHOT AND KILLED.

### A MIDNIGHT MURDER AT BUD GOODMAN'S NEAR-BEER STAND.

Another Mysterious Killing Added to the Already Big List in Cabarrus—Two Men Under Arrest—Coroner's Jury Sifts Testimony—No Clue as to the Perpetrator Develops.

Just on the eve of the passing of the last few remaining days of the first month of the new year a murder was added to the history of crime in this county, when Sidney Barrier, a young white man of Rimertown, was shot and killed at H. A. Goodman's near beer stand about two miles from the city on the Mt. Pleasant road, about 12 o'clock Saturday night.

Sheriff Honeycutt was notified and went immediately to the scene of the murder. On account of the fact that the office of coroner is vacant, it was necessary to arouse Clerk of Court Widenhouse and get him to appoint a man. He appointed Mr. J. W. Cline, who qualified and at once proceeded to begin the investigation. The following grand jury was quickly selected and empanelled: Hamp Blackwelder, N. A. Blackwelder, Ed Isenhour, Luther Byles, E. W. Ridenhour and R. J. Phillips.

Luther Penninger, H. A. Goodman, Robert Goodman, Conard Lipe and John Blackwelder were the witnesses examined. Safrit, Motley and Platt were not examined. The following is the substance of H. A. Goodman's testimony:

"Barrier came to the near beer stand early in the night and remained there several hours. Later in the evening I asked him if he would help me serve the trade, and he consented to do so. For several hours a number of people visited the near beer stand and Barrier was kept busy assisting in serving them, but about 10 o'clock the crowd dispersed and only a few people were left in the store. Those who remained were: Luther Penninger, who came to the stand with Barrier, John Safrit, constable of No. 6 township, Conard Lipe, John Blackwelder, Robert Goodman, Jim Platt and George Motley, who were sitting in the storeroom engaged in a general conversation.

"Barrier and Safrit became engaged in a rather heated argument as to whether the proposed railroad through No. 6 township would build a depot at Rimertown or not. Barrier contended that the railroad had promised to build the station and Safrit differed with him. While the two men were discussing the matter Platt and Motley went out of the store and were hitching their mule to a buggy.

"As the discussion continued both men displayed signs of anger and I told them if they were going to fight they would have to get outside, whereupon Barrier arose and challenged Safrit to go on the outside with him and settle the argument. Safrit paid no heed to the challenge and remained sitting on a barrel about the center of the store, but Barrier continued his way to the door. Just as he stepped out of the entrance a shot was fired. He staggered several feet, falling against a buggy wheel. We immediately rushed to his assistance and just as I ran out of the door towards Barrier he fell in my arms and said: 'Bud, I am shot; I am going to die,' and he had hardly uttered these words before he expired.

"On account of the darkness of the night I was unable to identify the dead man, and thought that it was my brother, Robert, and called to someone to bring a light. When the light was produced I saw that it was Sidney Barrier. I told Platt and Motley, who had their buggy to go to the chain gang camp, only a short distance away and phone to the city and notify the officers. They went to the camp but said the gate was closed and they proceeded to come to the city. In the meantime two other men went to notify the officers."

Goodman's testimony was substantiated by the other witnesses in every important particular with the exception that the other witnesses, except Robert Goodman, would not state that Motley and Platt were on the outside of the store at the time of the killing. They all said that they were not sure of this fact.

When the officers went to the near beer stand to make the investigation Motley returned with them but Platt declined to go back. After the testimony had been concluded the Sheriff, at the instance of the coroner's jury, arrested Motley, who was at the inquest. The jury decided to arrest Platt also, and he was found Sunday morning about 6 o'clock at a house near Furr & Bost store, a short dis-

tance from the pump station. The two men are now in jail. The jury adjourned until this afternoon at 1 o'clock.

When Motley and Platt came to the city they went to the City Cafe and Motley gave Mr. Robert Suther, manager of the business, his pistol, a 32 magazine-Colts, and asked him to keep it for him. Those who were in the Cafe state that both of the men were under the influence of liquor, Platt being more so than the other man. They also state that Motley insisted on Platt going back to the beer stand with him but this he declined to do, whereupon Motley returned. Platt stayed in the cafe for some time, and it is said that he cried several times before leaving there and at times talked freely of the murder but told several different tales concerning it, stating at one time that he was at the beer stand and at the other times that he was not there. He became so drunk that he was told by the night policeman that if he did not go in he would be locked up and he complied with the request.

A 32-calibre pistol was found yesterday morning at the foot of the high embankment on the Mount Pleasant road about thirty feet from where Barrier was shot. The revolver was found by Charley Earnhardt, who with a number of other people visited the scene of the murder.

It developed that Motley purchased his pistol, a 25-calibre Colts, from the Ritchie Hardware Co. Saturday morning when this firm was closing out its stock of fire-arms at a greatly reduced price on account of the recent fire, but at the time he purchased no bullets and this is the only hardware store in the city that sells that size cartridge for a pistol of this particular kind.

When Motley and Platt were arrested no weapons were found on their persons.

A representative of this paper went to the jail this morning to see the two men, but on advice of their attorney they made no statement concerning the shooting. They are both natives of this county and have a number of relatives who believe in their innocence and who are standing by them in their trouble. Motley is from No. 2 township and Platt from No. 1 township. They are both occupants of the same cell in the jail.

The dead man was a son of Mrs. W. D. Barrier, of Rimertown, and was a hard working young farmer. He was about 21 years of age and possessed a very friendly and affable nature, although he had the reputation of being rather wild and reckless. He was married last June to Miss Mamie Penninger, daughter of Mr. Amos H. Penninger, of No. 6 township, who with his mother survive him.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Rimertown. The coroner's jury met this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock but no new evidence was submitted and they postponed the trial until Wednesday at 1:30 o'clock.

### Holton Will be Confirmed This Week.

The nomination of District Attorney Holton, which has been held up in the Senate, is likely to be confirmed this week writes Mr. Tom Pence to Sunday's News and Observer. Mr. Holton arrived in Washington and conferred with the North Carolina Senators, assuring them that he had been misquoted with reference to speeches that he had delivered in the last North Carolina campaign. It had been charged that Mr. Holton had attacked the memory of the late Judge Merrimon, and citizens of the State, but he denied this and produced newspaper accounts of his campaign utterances to show that he had been falsely accused.

Both of the North Carolina Senators were urged to prevent the confirmation of the district attorney who was recently nominated for a fourth term by the President, but they are satisfied with Mr. Holton's disclaimer and will place no obstacle in the path of his confirmation by the Senate.

### The Superior Court.

Cabarrus Superior court opened this morning, Judge Crawford Biggs, of Durham, presiding, and Solicitor Wilson, of Gastonia, representing the State. Up to the noon hour the machinery of the court had been set in motion and the criminal docket taken up. There are very few cases on the docket at this time and none that have created unusual interest.

The following compose the grand jury: G. R. Winecoff, foreman; E. S. Fisher, L. D. Bost, R. W. Fink, W. N. Furr, S. W. White, D. A. Caldwell, D. P. Winecoff, A. F. Hagler, D. M. Clancy, William Biggs, J. W. Kizer, J. S. Kizer, W. N. Penninger, Travis Shoe, J. L. Early, William Shears, and J. T. Hartman; Petit jury: Frank Brumley, J. M. Fisher, G. A. Jenkins, W. L. Holland, Lawrence Kluttz, W. N. Helms, T. L. Sides, J. D. Crisco, C. A. Kluttz, T. A. Honeycutt, W. H. Harkey and J. R. Pless.

### DEATH OF MR. W. F. CANNON, JR.

Cabarrus Young Man Dies in Baltimore After an Operation for Appendicitis.

Mr. W. F. Cannon, Jr., died Saturday evening at 7 o'clock at Baltimore where he was a student at the University of Maryland, after an illness of three days of peritonitis. Mr. Cannon was taken ill early Wednesday morning with an acute attack of appendicitis and rushed to a hospital where he underwent an operation by one of the best surgeons of Baltimore. Peritonitis developed and his condition grew gradually worse until his death Saturday evening. His parents received a message early Thursday morning advising them of his serious condition and his father went immediately to Baltimore.

When his father arrived all hope of his recovery had been abandoned by the physicians, and although he was conscious and recognized his father, his condition was so critical that he died a few hours after Mr. Cannon arrived.

On account of the popularity and bright promise of the young man the first news of illness brought countless inquires from scores of people in the city and throughout the county concerning his condition, evidencing the esteem and friendship of scores who anxiously awaited a report from his bedside.

Frank, Cannon, Jr., was a quiet, reserved young gentleman, a lover of his home and his friends and went about among his associates always manifesting and kindly, yet unpretentious manner, and was known as what way termed a quiet young man, but beneath his outward reserve was a strong and magnetic personality. In gracefully summing up the life of this young man, whose untimely death in the beauty and handsome strength of young manhood, it may be said he was a Christian young gentleman, a pride and joy to his parents, a blessing to his brothers and his friends, and a prince among his kind.

At the time of his death he was a member of the Junior medical class at the University of Maryland, having completed the first two years of study at the University of North Carolina. He was 22 years of age. Mr. Sidney Buchanan, a classmate and intimate friend, came with the remains last night on train No. 29, as a representative of the class.

The funeral was held this afternoon at 1 o'clock at the home, conducted by Rev. J. E. Summers, and was attended by an unusually large crowd. The interment was made at Poplar Tent.

### Special Meeting of N. C. Classis.

Salisbury Post, 25th. A large attendance of ministers and laymen was present at the special meeting of the North Carolina Classis in Faith Reformed church yesterday afternoon.

The pastoral relations of Rev. J. L. Yearick and the East Rowan Charge, comprising the congregations of Lower Stone, Ureinus at Rockwell and St. Luke's was dissolved.

The request of the latter two to be constituted a separate charge was met by the appointment of a commission consisting of Dr. W. B. Duitera, Revs. C. B. Heller, M. M. Noacker, W. H. Causey and M. G. Lentz. This committee met subsequent to adjournment of Classis and determined to hold services and confer about the situation, at Lower Stone, Tuesday, Feb. 14th, at 10:30 a. m.; at St. Luke's the same day at 3 p. m., and at Rockwell at night.

The time for the annual meeting of Classis was changed to Wednesday, May 3rd.

The call from Gilead charge to Rev. Dugan C. Cox was confirmed and a committee was appointed to install him. Mr. Samuel J. Kirk was accepted as a worthy young man for the Gospel ministry.

### Bet Themselves Naked.

A poker game was raided at Cadillac, Mich., Saturday night, at which the police found two of the players, youthful ones, stripped naked, their clothing heaped in the jack-pot on the table.

The two young men had been steady losers in the game, but at last they got good hands at the same time. So did the winners of the evening. The two losers soon parted with what little money they had left, and then one started the real fun by casting his peektie into the pot. This was the cue. Collars, shoes coats, pants, shirts and underwear followed. They were wondering what next to bet when the police called.

Miss Margurite Brown, who has been visiting Miss Lois Brown in Winston-Salem, will return home this afternoon.

Mrs. R. W. Stokes, of Charlotte, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. J. Braswell.

## CONCORD BOND BILL PASSES THE SENATE

### SENATOR HARTSELL'S BOND BILL PASSED FINAL READ- ING TODAY.

To Pay School Teachers More—Asheville's Police Commission Abolished—Amending the Divorce Law.

Special to The Times.

Raleigh, January 30.—The Legislature assembled at noon. The Hartsell bond bill for Concord passed final reading in the Senate.

New Senate bills included the following:

For Teachers Training School in the mountains.

To make from 7 to 5 hours for voting.

The Asheville Police Commission was abolished.

In the House Spainhour presented a resolution calling for a committee to recommend better equalization pay of State employes in the interest of school teachers. Purpose is to cut salaries of best paid clerks and increase pay of school teachers. Referred.

By Norman, bill amending divorce law so as to allow divorce after separation of ten years, even if children are living, provided they are 21, or are married.

A long calendar of unimportant bills was disposed of.

Raleigh, January 28.—Senator Hartsell introduced a bill for the maintenance and permanent improvements at Jackson Training School, at Concord. The bill appropriates twenty thousand each year for two years for maintenance and nineteen thousand each year for two years for permanent improvements.

By Gardner, to change name of A. and M. College for colored at Greensboro to North Carolina Industrial Institute, to avoid confusion with the white college.

House refused the increase of salary to law clerk to Attorney General.

A bill by Roberts amending the divorce laws so parties separated ten years may be divorced whether living in the same state or not.

Most of the time in the House consumed by discussion of Connor change of venue bill, enabling Judge to use discretion when defendant applies for removal. It was not finally disposed of. LLEWEXAM.

### Pastor Russell's Prophecy Is Dramatically Challenged.

Washington Dispatch, 29th.

When Pastor C. T. Russell of the Brooklyn Tabernacle, Brooklyn, N. Y., speaking today at Convention hall on the millennium, announced that Christ would return to earth in 1915, he was dramatically challenged by W. A. Cuddy, an evangelist of Atlanta, Ga. In the rapid-fire exchange of words that followed, the crowd became excited and a panic was averted only by the suppression of Cuddy, who was led aside by friends.

More than 1,000 people hissed and hooted when Cuddy interrupted Russell and declared that 1915 was altogether too soon for the millennium. "Put him out," shouted several in the auditorium. "Let him stay, he's all right," cried others.

When Pastor Russell was able to proceed, he declared that the Bible supported his contention that the millennium was due soon. Cuddy burst forth again, charging Russell with "rank heresy" and with attempting to foist his views on weak-minded and ignorant people who never read the Bible. The crowd resented this and Cuddy was jostled about in the hall until he was out of hearing range.

### Golden Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Ritchie, of No. 6 township, will celebrate their golden wedding tomorrow, it being the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. One hundred invitations have been issued to the wedding, and the occasion will no doubt be a joyous and delightful one. Quite a number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie will go out from Concord. They have received many remembrances of the occasion from their friends here and elsewhere. Rev. E. L. Ritchie, of Burke's Garden, Va., Mr. G. T. Ritchie, of Portersville, Cal., have arrived to be present tomorrow.

Mrs. L. D. Miller, of Mt. Pleasant, is visiting friends in Hickory.

### MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Death of Mrs. Kate Foil—Farmers' Institute a Great Success—Accident Prevented by Weak Harness—Personal Notes.

Mrs. Katie Foil, widow of Edmund Foil, died last evening at 7:15 at the home of her son, Mr. Jno. Foil. Mrs. Foil had been an invalid for a number of years and her death had been expected daily for sometime. She is survived by one brother, Mrs. Leonard Kluttz, of St. Petersburg, Fla.; six sons, Messrs: L. J., Geo. W., W. D., Dr. M. A., and Jno. H. Foil, of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. Joe Foil, who resides in the country. She leaves no living daughters. The deceased was a devoted member of the German Reformed church, holding her membership at the time of her death at St. James church of this place. The funeral will be held this afternoon, conducted by her pastor, Rev. Mr. Schulenberg.

The farmers of Eastern Cabarrus held a most enthusiastic and profitable institute here last week. The meeting embraced three days and was in charge of Prof. Conover of the State Agricultural Department. All the sessions were well attended, interest and attendance increasing as the meeting progressed. Every department of farm life and farm work was discussed by practical men in a practical way. Prof. Conover paid especial attention to dairying and gave demonstrations in cream separating, proper methods for caring for butter and milk. An unusual amount of interest in this line, not merely by the farmers, but those of other vocations, was shown. Mr. Meacham, of the State farm at Statesville, was also present and made valuable lectures. Dr. McNairy, State Veterinarian, also did some valuable work, chief of which was his discussion of diseases among farm animals, tuberculosis in particular. At the close of his lecture forty farmers signed a request to the State Department to send an expert for the purpose of testing their cattle for tuberculosis. Doubtless many others will join this number by the time the expert comes. Our farmers are not going to keep diseased cows if they know it.

We would not have anyone infer from the foregoing that the farmer's wife was omitted, for she was not. Mrs. Wise was in charge of the ladies' department which met in the Junior Hall. Her talks on the domestic duties and the sick room in particular, were more than worth the time spent in going. She was rewarded for her good work by the presence of a large number of ladies at each session.

The Institute was a success. At its close the farmers unanimously adopted the following: "We, the farmers of Mt. Pleasant community, realizing the great adaptability of our soils for the profitable growth of many varieties of crops and live stock and realizing the great need of an experiment farm in the locality do,

Resolve, That we'll put forth every effort to get the State Department of Agriculture to establish a test farm in Cabarrus county.

In all probability a weak set of harness saved broken bones and perhaps one or more lives Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Frank Barrier came to town in a one horse surry, and left it standing at Seaford-Blackwelder Co.'s store while she attended to some shopping. There were three or four small children in the surry. A big touring car passed at a moderate speed. After the car had passed and all danger was supposed to be at an end, the horse to Seaford-Blackwelder Co. dray made a leap, dashed past the surry in the rear, caught the surry wheels with the dray and turned it completely over. The dray caught a telephone pole but the horse took the harness and went on at full speed. This caused the horse to the surry to make a high dive for safety which he did with such force and quickness that the harness gave way without moving the vehicle an inch. The children were badly frightened and shaken up but were not hurt. Had the harness held, there is no way picturing the results. The driver of the automobile could not be held responsible.

Mrs. Lee Barnhardt and children have returned to Black Mountain after spending a month with Mrs. Barnhardt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Lutz.

Mrs. G. R. P. Miller and Mrs. A. Blackwelder attended the funeral of Mr. George Culp in Charlotte Saturday. Mr. Culp was a brother of Mrs. Miller, and had scores of friends in this community. Pneumonia was the cause of his death.

Miss Olivette Cline, of Concord, is visiting Miss Mary Heilig.

Miss Carrie Eudy returned from Charlotte Saturday where she had been with the Little-Long Co. during the busy season.

Miss Pearl Boger, of Concord, spent last week here.

Mr. DeWitt Barrier spent Saturday in Salisbury.

Mr. Jim James is visiting his brothers, Messrs. A. M. and C. W. James. Mr. James left here eleven years ago, having spent the greater part of his time since in the service of the U. S. Army.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Barrier will begin housekeeping this week in the residence belonging to Mrs. Mary Barrier on East Franklin street.

Mrs. W. A. Lutz and son, Cecil, returned from Salisbury today.

Mrs. C. D. Cobb, of McLeansville, is visiting her father, Capt. Jonas Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Corzina, of Concord, spent Sunday here.

Last we forget, No. 9 township is trying for fifteen thousand dollars and the railroad. Goose Creek township in Union county is glad to go twenty thousand dollars. Monroe goes sixty thousand dollars.

Mt. Pleasant, January 30, 1911.

### WHY

#### Grand Opera Should be Patronized and Encouraged.

Grand Opera is the highest attainment of vocal and dramatic art. It requires long years of endless study on the part of the artist and represents many thousands of dollars in its preparation. Who of us do not admire Wagner, Botner, Boy, Verdi, Mascagni, and dozens of other famous composers, both of the olden and modern schools, who have given to the musical world such beautiful verses as Parsifal, Il Trovatore, the Bohemian Girl and Cavalleria Rusticana? But what of the words of art without the singer to present an intelligent rendition of the score? Singers who have worked their way to the front rank by endless application and study until their brains fairly broil. Then again the grand opera singer must have temperament, personality and a keen conception of the artistic; in other words, "many are called but few are chosen."

We have at the opera house tonight the English Grand Opera Company assisted by their own ladies' orchestra, presenting Mascagni's masterpiece, Cavalleria Rusticana, and Offenbach's amusing operetta, The Rose of Auvergne, and in conjunction with the opera an orchestra recital of fifteen minutes preceding the opera, which certainly is a most alluring program. The company has been carefully selected from the best grand opera talent available and if all reports from the towns and cities where the organization has appeared are true, the musical treat of many years is in store for the music lovers of Concord and every available seat should be sold. The cast comprises:

Mr. William Nickon, late leading tenor of the National Theatre, Berlin, Germany, Mr. C. Pol Planeon, baritone of the Boston Opera Co., Miss Hestha Hymon, prima donna two seasons at Hammerstein, grand opera, New York; Miss Hellen Dickson, two seasons prima donna. Creators' Band, and Miss Ardix Ellworth, contralto.

The ladies' orchestra is a distinctive feature.

### Celebrates Birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Parish entertained at their home at White Hall, quite a large crowd of relatives and friends on Saturday, January 21, that being Mrs. Parish's 50th birthday. Those present were: Messrs. D. G. Bost, D. M. McDonald, C. A. Myers, Pink Dry, Tison Furr, George Furr, J. M. Barbee, Charlie Smith, Smith Parish. Among the relatives was a cousin from Haywood county, Lindley Corzina. After a splendid dinner was served they all proceeded to the front yard and had a picture taken. There were 45 present. We spent a delightful day at the home of Mrs. Parish. X.

### OUR BILL NYE FUND.

Mrs. J. W. Cannon	\$ 25.00
J. W. Cannon	25.00
Times	5.00
Tribune	5.00
Cash	10.00
Total	\$ 95.00

### Honor Roll of the Fisher School for Month Ending January 20th.

Rosa, Myrtle, Lena, Katie, Aanna Daisy, Susie, Mattie, Elsie and May Kluttz, May, Maud and Marie Fisher and Bessie Boger, Dwight Adam, Raymond, Hubert and Cletus Kluttz, Brittan Wilson, James Taylor, Ralph Bost and Odell Carter.

Misses Alice and Janie Haughton, who have been visiting Mrs. E. J. Braswell, left this morning for Raleigh to visit friends.

Mr. James Shepard spent yesterday in Laurens, S.C.

Use our Penny Column—8 pays.