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MORE ABOUT THE MURDER.

Mr. G. C. Goodman Also Writes And Gives Some Additional Facts.

Mr. George C. Goodman, of No. 3 township, sends us the following in regard to the murder that occurred on the Phifer place above town just after the surrender. Mr. Goodman had not seen Mr. Weddington's article about the tragedy when he wrote:

Mr. Editor:

I notice in a recent issue of The Tribune an article from Mr. Jno. A. Sims, asking about a man being killed at the Bob Phifer place above town. The facts are these: Just after Lee's surrender and after the most of the army had passed, going home, there came to Mr. Tice Cline's at what is now the Phifer place, two men with a couple of horses and asked to spend the night. They said that they did not want to sleep in the house, but in the yard, as soldiers usually did. They were permitted to tie their horses under the trees in the yard and there spend the night. The next morning a little girl, by the name of Quillman, who made her home at Mr. Cline's, came running in the house in an excited manner and said that she believed that the man in the yard was smothering. Mr. Cline's son, Frank, who had just returned from the army, remarked, "The devil; you can't smother a soldier," and went out to investigate. To his surprise the horses and one of the men were gone. When he raised the blanket off of the man lying there he discovered that he had been hit on the head with an axe.

The man never regained consciousness and died some time that day. My recollection is that he was buried at Mt. Olive, but will not be positive as to that. There were no papers on his person by which his name could be known.

There is no one of the Cline family now living except Miss Jennie, an only daughter, who married a Mr. Martin and, if living, is at or near Longtown, Miss. I expect Mr. Frank Willford was there and saw the man for he lived in two or three hundred yards of Cline.

There was not much said about it. I do not think they ever held an inquest, for dead men were very common then, and there was no good feeling in the country for horse thieves and robbers which were from the worst element of both armies.

G. C. GOODMAN.

A Pleasant Surprise.

Ever since coming to Concord circuit in November there has been an almost continuous stream of good things coming to the parsonage. Chickens, eggs, butter, fresh meat, canned fruit—these are among the things that gladden the hearts of the preacher and his family. But on New Year's Day the climax came. Brother Shinn brought a large fat goose for dinner, and just when it was ready Bro. Arthur Winecoff and Bro. Ritchie drove into the lot with two well loaded wagons—corn, chickens, fruit—well, Olivet knows how to pound a preacher, and we have much goods laid up for many days, and there is included in our stock a fine fat possum.

For all these things we are very thankful and we pray God's richest blessings upon every one who has so kindly remembered us.

W. T. ALBRIGHT.

Will Not Be a Candidate.

In a card in Tuesday's Statesville Landmark Judge B. F. Long, of the Superior Court, says he will not be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. He gives among his reasons that Judges Hoke and Brown are both serving their first terms and he does not desire to create dissension in the party by entering the race and that he does not feel like devoting time to a campaign which he feels is needed in the discharge of his present duties as a Superior Court judge.

Sun Changes the Calendar of Chinese.

Nanking, China, Jan. 2.—The first official act of Dr. Sun-Yat Sen, president of the new Chinese republic, was to change the Chinese calendar. He made New Year's day the first day of his presidency, thus making the commencement of a new era and making the Chinese year begin henceforth on the same day as the year begins in most other countries of the world.

Mrs. J. C. Leslie and Miss Emma Ross Leslie, who have been visiting at the home of Mrs. E. C. Leslie, left yesterday afternoon for Charlotte, where they will visit relatives for several days before returning to their home in New York.

SCHOOLS REOPEN

AT MT. PLEASANT.

Both Have Splendid Openings After Holidays—Mont Amoenia Girls Return—Social Affairs and Personals.

The New Year arrived on time, and so did the opening hour for Mt. Pleasant's two splendid schools. And they began work. The attendance is most flattering, indeed, and is a complete refutation of the statements made not long since that the rolls of the schools would be perceptibly reduced at this time. The Collegiate Institute is going its usual gait in its accustomed way. Chief interest, however, has centered in Mont Amoenia Seminary in the improvised quarters. Would the young ladies return? The question has been asked a million times. In answer, we are pleased to say they are here. No doubt about it. Not only are the regular students here, but many others, knowing the conditions as they are, asked to be received, but were advised not to come because accommodations were not available at this time. (Is Mt. Pleasant a good place to conduct a school?) The community feels justly proud of the students. They are loyal. They have proved it. And to them belong all honor for the noble stand they have taken for the school they love. There is but one Mont Amoenia Seminary and that one is in Mt. Pleasant. The school and the town are one. To separate them is to destroy the soul of the school. The work in the school room is starting off nicely, just as though there had been no fire.

A reception was given the students of both institutions at the Collegiate last night.

Misses Ora Fisher and Mary Heilig gave a miscellaneous shower at the home of Miss Fisher Tuesday morning from 9 to 12, complimentary to Miss Ella Rosa Moose, who becomes the bride this evening of Mr. Lee Evans Foil. A delicious salad course was served.

Miss Ruth Misenheimer also gave a linen shower yesterday afternoon complimentary to Miss Moose. The pleasures of the hour were greatly augmented with a course of delightful refreshments. These showers in their abundance, were in keeping with the clouds above them.

Mrs. Sallie Misenheimer entertained a number of her friends at dinner last Thursday.

Mr. Ray McEachern, who is with Mr. C. G. Heilig, dropped a large plow shovel on his foot last week, causing a wound sufficient to keep him in his room for some days.

Rev. and Mrs. L. D. Miller are visiting at Hickory.

Mrs. J. B. McAllister, of Concord, is visiting here.

Miss Bessie McEachern is spending the week with friends in Concord.

Miss Helen Misenheimer spent last week in China Grove.

Mr. Jesse Peck, student in the commercial college in Charlotte, spent his holiday vacation at home.

Mr. Pleasant Council of J. O. U. A. M gave an oyster supper Saturday night in their hall complimentary to their friends. The New Year was given a great big introductory. The order is in fine shape and growing all the while.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barnhardt have returned to their home at Winston, after spending the holidays with relatives here.

Dr. J. H. Matthews, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Matthews, was married last Wednesday to Miss Bertie Cameron, of Vass, where Dr. Matthews is now located. The bridal couple are spending a few days here.

Miss Mamie Beatty, of Charlotte, Miss Margaret Bost, of Hickory, Miss Mary Poole, of Craven, and Miss Wilhelmina Antley, of Orangeburg, S. C., came in yesterday to be present at the Moose-Foil nuptials this evening.

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Linker-Brown.

Mrs. John H. Rutledge will entertain a number of friends at a linen shower Friday afternoon in honor of Miss Eva Brown, the occasion will be the announcement of the engagement of Miss Brown and Mr. William Linker, who will be married Wednesday evening January 10th, at 7 o'clock. The marriage will take place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Brown, on South Union street.

The announcement will be received with interest throughout the city and county, where both the contracting parties are well known. Miss Brown is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Brown and was reared in Concord where she is known and liked by a wide circle of friends. Mr. Linker is a well known young man of the city, being connected with the Bell & Harris Furniture Co.

'TRED!'



From The Charlotte (N. C.) Evening Chronicle.

'NOTHING BUT DEATH CAN KEEP ME OUT.'

Taft Thoroughly Aroused to Gravity of Situation in Republican Party Determined to Let His Attitude be Generally Understood.

Washington, Jan. 3.—"Nothing but death can keep me out of the fight now."

President Taft is reported to have made this statement to White House callers today and to have added that he had no objection to the statement being made public.

It undoubtedly was intended to set at rest all reports that Mr. Taft might withdraw from the race for the Republican nomination for President in favor of Colonel Roosevelt.

The President is said to be thoroughly aroused to the gravity of the situation in the Republican party and determined to let his attitude be generally understood. He has declared that under no circumstances will he withdraw his name from consideration by the Chicago convention next June and has asserted that his position has not changed in any particular since he first entered the White House.

Mr. Taft told friends and party should be called upon to stand for re-election he would be glad to do so; that he felt under obligations to the party for having made him President, and was willing to abide its decision in the convention. He adheres to this position, according to announcements today and will not quit the race until the nominating ballots are cast at Chicago.

It was stated today that some of Mr. Taft's friends have gone so far lately as to advise him to openly break with Colonel Roosevelt and to challenge the latter to make plain his intentions. The President has declined to do this. The White House has been fairly flooded with callers lately who have brought word to President Taft that Colonel Roosevelt so far has declined to say that he would accept the nomination if it were tendered to him.

He also has been reported to the White House that Colonel Roosevelt believes an organized effort is being made to "smoke him out" and that he declines to be "smoked" either by the Taft or LaFollette forces.

The President has listened to all these reports with an indulgent smile but has refused to indicate whether or not he believes them. It is vehemently denied at the White House, however, that Mr. Taft has sent any "messengers" to Mr. Roosevelt on any subject whatsoever.

The President has been urged for weeks to make a more progressive campaign in his own behalf. He has replied that he did not think political activity comported with presidential dignity. He has consented that his friends carry forward the fight as vigorously as they desire and he will lend what assistance he properly can.

MRS. J. F. MISENHEIMER DEAD.

Passed Away Here This Morning at The Home of Her Son-in-Law, Mr. G. T. Crowell.

Mrs. J. F. Misenheimer died this morning at 10:30 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. T. Crowell, on Corbin street, after an illness of several weeks. Although Mrs. Misenheimer had been ill for some time there was nothing to cause apprehension by the members of her family until this morning when she grew suddenly worse, death resulting in a few minutes. Mrs. Misenheimer was 70 years of age and had lived here a number of years where she was known and highly esteemed by a large number of friends. She is survived by two children, one son, Mr. P. M. Misenheimer, of No. 5 township, and one daughter, Mrs. G. T. Crowell, of this city. She had been a consistent member of New Gilead Reformed church for many years. The funeral will be held there tomorrow afternoon and will be conducted by Rev. Paul Barringer, of Mount Pleasant. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock, and the funeral party will leave Mr. Crowell's at 12 o'clock.

Pastor Pounded.

On Thursday, December 28, the pastor and family were again remembered by his loyal and devoted people. The pantry, crib and granary were sought and became store-houses of good things. Thus from the above it necessarily follows that the horse, cow, pigs and poultry were also remembered. On the following Monday others came with similar gifts. Indeed the pastor and family have been pounded abundantly, well and truly. However no bumps have been raised, no bruises and scars are in evidence, because the "club" used was not that of the truant or enemy, but of the real, true and devoted friends. For all this we are grateful to God and thankful to the church. And on account of it all we enter with zeal, earnestness and enthusiasm upon the duties of another year, devoutly praying God's continued blessing upon our church, Sunday school, friends and community.

JNO. J. LONG.

Double Wedding.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Rinehardt, December 24, 1911, quite an interesting event took place, the marriage of two of their daughters—Miss Martha to Jesse K. Cox, of No. 8 township, and Miss Mabel to W. A. Pless, of Rowan county. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John J. Long. After congratulations had been extended all retired to the dining hall, where an elegant and sumptuous supper was enjoyed. These two happy couples carry with them the best wishes of their many friends.

Penny Column Ads. are CASH.

MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Regular Meeting Monday—Consider Matters of Making Register of Deeds Office Fire Proof.

The board of county commissioners held their regular monthly meeting Monday and but very little business other than the usual routine of pay orders and making settlement of the monthly claims came up for consideration.

A matter that received considerable consideration at the hands of the board was that of making the register of deeds office fire proof. After receiving a number of bids the board appointed Messrs. W. W. Flowe and John A. Barnhardt to report on the bids at a called meeting to be held January 10, when the matter will finally be settled.

The usual number of pay monthly bills for the county home and chain gang including supplies and medical attention were paid as were the expenses of the road supervisors in the various townships for expenses in road work.

Christmas Exercises at St. John's Church

The children, young people and choir of old historic St. John's rendered the beautiful Christmas service by Rev. Wm. Steinbicker, music by Emanuel Schmauk, published by the Lutheran Board of Publication, Columbia, S. C., on Christmas Day at 11 o'clock a. m., to a very large and attentive audience. The music was excellent and inspiring rendered by the choir. The children rendered their part of the programme to the delight of all the listeners. Two excellent addresses were made by Messrs. Homer Ritchie and Clyde Ritchie. The former choosing for his subject, "The Significance of Christmas;" the latter, "The Christ Child." Every member of the Sunday School, every member of the Home Department and several visitors received a handsome treat, consisting of candies, oranges, apples, nuts and raisins. Over (300) three hundred such treats were given on this happy occasion to make glad the hearts of the recipients. The pastor and wife each received some very valuable presents, thus evidencing the high esteem in which they are held. The children, too, were remembered in the same way by the good people of this dear old church. An offering was taken, the greater part of which will be applied to missions. The entire service was in keeping with the great event celebrated, and the past record of the custom of our church. Our gratitude to God as a church, as a community, and as individuals is both great and profound.

Death of Mrs. Moses Bost.

Mrs. Melissa Bost, widow of the late Moses Bost, died Monday at her home in No. 6 township, after an illness of more than a year's duration. Mrs. Bost was about 80 years of age and was a native of this county, where she was held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. She is survived by two children, one daughter, Mrs. Columbus Goodman, and one son, Mr. John D. Bost. The funeral was held today at St. John's church, of which the deceased was a life-long member. The service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. J. Long.

Quite Marriage in West Durham.

Durham, Dec. 31.—A marriage of a Concord groom and a Durham girl took place Wednesday, but somehow it missed the newspapers. The bride was Miss Mary Tilley of West Durham and the groom Mr. Guy T. Bost. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few friends by Rev. W. P. Constable. Mr. Bost came here about six months ago. The bride is known well in West Durham. (The groom is a son of Mr. A. G. Bost, of Concord.)

Mrs. Melissa Bost.

Mrs. Melissa Bost, nee Foil, was born April 9th, 1833, and departed this life January 1, 1912, aged 78 years, 7 months and 22 days. She was married to Moses Bost May 21, 1850. Four children were given to their union, three daughters and one son. Two of the daughters preceded her to the spiritual world. Her body was laid to rest in St. John's cemetery, service conducted by her pastor. May the dear Lord comfort the sorrowing ones.

Mrs. N. L. Graham returned to her home in Charlotte Tuesday night, after spending several days with Mrs. Watson at the Baptist parsonage.

Misses Laura Ridenhour and Adele Pemberton have returned to Winston-Salem to resume their studies at Salem Female Academy.

BIG REAL ESTATE DEAL.

Mr. J. F. Cannon Buys Wallace Cook Property, Including Eighteen Houses and Fifteen Lots.

One of the largest real estate deals ever consummated in Concord at one time was made Tuesday when Mr. Joseph F. Cannon purchased a large area of property situated in the section lying between the Locke and Gibson mills and the York Furniture factory, known as the Wallace Cook property. The purchase includes 18 houses and 15 building lots. The consideration was not given.

Mr. Cannon states that he will begin at once the development of the property and that many improvements will be added. It is situated along the route of the proposed car line and when this is completed will be of easy access to every section of city. A survey will be made at once, the property divided into building lots and the development work started on a large scale.

WORK BEGUN ON CAR LINE EXTENSION.

To Be Extended to Gibson Mill at Once, Then Down South Union Street.

The rails, tools and laborers for extending the street car line to three miles in length arrived Tuesday and work began Wednesday. The extension work will begin at the Locke mill and the Gibson mill at the same time making the connecting link in the center. On the South Union extension work will begin at the Lutheran church corner and go down the street. When the above sections of the line are completed the section in main business block of city will be connected. The construction work is under the direction of Mr. A. E. Mills, of Greensboro.

'Boys of St. James' Banquet.

The boys of St. James Lutheran Sunday school held their first annual banquet on New Year's night in the lecture room of the church. About fifty boys, with a few young men and adults who were in charge, assembled. An interesting programme was rendered, the Hon. M. B. Stickley, superintendent of the Sunday school, presiding. Dr. John Reed, accompanied by Miss Mary Lewis Harris, offered several pleasing selections upon the violin. Recitations were given by Masters Miles Wolff and Guy Jensenhour. Prof. Francis H. Ball held the rapt attention of his youthful hearers for thirty minutes in a delineation of the principles of the "Boy Scouts." Refreshments were served, of which all partook with keen pleasure. When this delectable part of the programme was ended, the gathering was called to order, and it was decided to make a permanent organization of the "Boys of St. James," a committee appointed to draw up appropriate articles for such an association. The boys unanimously vote thanks to all who had contributed to make the undertaking a success. They were enthusiastic in their praise of the good time they had had.

Among those in charge in addition to those mentioned above, were: Messrs. W. A. Foil, W. J. Weddington, A. C. Cline and Kay Patterson.

Joint Commission Holds Important Meeting in Charlotte Today.

The joint commission of the Evangelical Lutheran synods of North Carolina and Tennessee on consolidation of North Carolina College and Lenoir College has been called to meet in Charlotte at St. Marks' Lutheran church today, Thursday, January 4, at 11 o'clock.

The commission will consider plans for the uniting of North Carolina College and Lenoir College and the bringing together of the two synods in support of one female college. The meeting is held at this time in order that a report may be rendered to the special convention of the North Carolina Synod which will be held at China Grove on January 16 to consider the rebuilding of Mont Amoenia Seminary.

The McIver Statue in Capitol Square

Raleigh, Jan. 3.—The heroic bronze statue of Mr. Charles D. McIver, distinguished educator and founder of the State Normal and Industrial College, was placed today on its finely polished marble pedestal, closely veiled to await the unveiling ceremonies that will take place some time in the spring when a duplicate statue is ready in Greensboro. The two cost \$7,000 and are a loving tribute from the school children of North Carolina and the educational co-workers of the lamented Dr. McIver.

Mr. Shakespeare Harris is spending the day in Charlotte.