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THURSDAY, NOV. 29, 1906.

**Death of Victor D'ana**

To the many people in Hickory who since his childhood have known Victor D'ana, the news will come with a terrible shock that death in its most tragic form has overtaken that brilliant, handsome boy. For a number of years Victor spent his summers here and warmly attracted to him all those with whom he was associated. But his mental calibre was innately delicate, and he often brooded over scenes and incidents of the past for which, had he only realized it, he himself was not in any way censured. He grew up to be a young man of splendid talents and possessed of all the arts and graces. Wherever he went he made friends. After graduating from the Kentucky State College with distinction he became a civil engineer and obtained employment from the rail-road. But at intervals brooding over past troubles produced habits that were to be regretted. During such an interval he appeared at a livery stable in Salem, Oregon, which he had often patronized, and requested to be allowed to spend the night. One Gholson who was then in charge, rudely and violently thrust him out and called the police. Victor was taken to the station house but was soon released by his friend, the mayor.

But in his highly nervous state he did not realize what he was doing. In a frenzy he went to the stable and shot Gholson who had brutally refused him a night's lodging and then flying to the grounds of the blind institution he took his own life.

That his mind was temporarily deranged appeared very clearly from the fact that he repeatedly declared that he had been ineradicably disgraced by his expulsion from the stable and by his arrest. It seems regrettable from every point of view that Gholson did not have kindness of heart sufficient to give Victor D'ana the courtesy which most men would have shown a dog.

The remains were brought back to Hickory and laid to rest among the many friends who had known and loved the poor boy in life. He has no enemies here and if he meets no harsher judgment than has befallen him in Hickory the memory of his mistakes will be blotted out forever.

**Funeral of Young Victor D'Anna.**

The body of Victor D'Anna did not reach here until No. 35 came in Thursday night, and the family decided to have the funeral as early as possible next morning; so, at 9:30 a. m. Friday a few relatives and friends gathered at the residence of Mr. L. R. Whitener; and Dr. Murphy, who had loved the boy in his infancy, and been proud of the promise of his manhood read a few of those sublime passages of Scripture that we have so often heard above our dead. A prayer full of feeling and earnestness followed, and then the procession set out for the cemetery. The pall-bearers were Dr. J. H. Shuford, Messrs. Adrian Shuford, Robt. Martin, J. L. Cilly, Fred Abernethy, Will Clinard.

Through a perfect autumn day, along streets where the late

flowers bloomed still, they bore the boy who had so often trodden those ways in all the joyousness of childhood, the pride of his youth. In "God's Acres on the hill" they laid him away to await the final judgment by the side of those who had loved him in life. He sinned, he suffered, he gave his wrecked life to save those he loved from sorrow, he thought. God be merciful to him and all of us, miserable sinners.

A. Motz, of Lincolnton, was in town Monday.

**Death of Mr. R. M. Whitener.**

Mr. R. M. Whitener died at the home his son on the 27th. He had been a sufferer for a long time from a cancer of the face and for some days his death had been expected. He was 81 years of age, and was a native of Catawba county. He moved to Hickory with his son's family about a week or ten days ago.

A good citizen and an earnest Christian, he lived an upright life, and died the death of the righteous, bearing his affliction patiently, and doing his duty in every relation of life.

**A Runaway this Morning.**

The horse that pulls the delivery wagon for the Shell Grain & Feed Co., while left by the driver standing on the street this morning (Friday) became frightened and ran with the wagon and played smash in the front of Umstead's store, knocking down the sign post and smashed out a large glass in the big show window breaking china ware, toys, etc. The animal was not hurt, the only damage to the horse was the harness badly broken up.

**Drunkenness and Crime.**

Robert Helton, a noted character, living in East Hickory, went hunting Thanksgiving Day, and came home drunk. There was quarreling between him and his wife, then the report of a gun; and the little eight-year-old boy rushed out screaming to the neighbors that his father had shot his mother. When the horrified women ventured in, they found the poor wife with a ghastly gun-shot wound on the back of the head laying bare the skull over a surface some inches across. Medical aid was summoned and the victim of drink and a husband's brutality is doing well now. Helton is held here waiting the development of the case. Public anger is strong against him.

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- Wool Jeans Cloth for 19c.
- 12c yard wide Percales for \$3-4c.
- Men's and Ladies heavy and fine Shoes at greatly reduced prices.
- Big lot of Samples for Children and Men in heavy Shoes at actual cost to make, \$1 pair.
- Ladies \$1.25 goat Shoes for \$1. Just in.

**CLOTHING.**

Closing out all we have at less than cost; all kinds of Overcoats for Men and Boys, \$2.48 to \$9.98  
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