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One Dollar a Year.

## KILLED ON TRACK.

**Mr. W. H. Hallman of Marshville Lost His Life While Sitting on a Track in Charlotte Sunday Night.**

*Charlotte Observer, 18th.*

With a speeding rescuer lacking but thirty seconds in which to save his endangered life, William H. Hallman of Marshville was struck by an outgoing Seaboard freight train near the Louise mill last night at 8:45 o'clock and instantly killed. The man was hurled into a ditch on the south side of the track some twenty feet from the spot where he was struck. His body was not mangled.

It is the old, old story of drink and of the strange but seemingly common impulse which moves one under the influence of liquor to seat himself on a railroad track. In the case of Mr. Hallman this was not so unaccountable, for he had previously been for a considerable while an employee of the American Machine and Manufacturing Company, on his way from his home at No. 17 South Harrell street, came up the Seaboard in the eastern section of the city, he met a man at the Louise avenue crossing who said, "There's a man sitting on the track back there. I tried to get him to move, but he wouldn't do it."

A few yards further on he found the man referred to.

"My friend, you're in a mighty dangerous place here," he said. "If you were to go to sleep and a train would come along you'd be killed."

The man, however, refused to budge and muttered something about not being asleep. Not wishing to get into trouble by trying to move the stranger against his wishes, Mr. Dellinger left him. He had gone only a few hundred feet, rounding the slight curve which lay just to the west of Hallman when he heard the whistle of the outcoming freight train bound for Monroe. At once he thought of the man he had left behind, turned and dashed to save him. Faster and faster, nearer and nearer the engine No. 688 of the train bore down upon him from behind as he ran ahead on the track.

Soon the engineer saw him and whistled shrilly. But between the train and the man ahead a cut intervened sufficient to cut off the view, and while Engineer John Winslow saw Dellinger and Dellinger could see Hallman distinctly, the first could not see the last. In a second or two the train had come so near that Dellinger was forced to leap from the track and watch the train plunge onward on its mission of death. He found the body of the deceased man by the track, shouted to the trainmen and they came back and helped him. The engineer remarked to one that he did not see Hallman until he was within 10 feet of him. Evidently he reversed at once for the train ran but a few car lengths before it was brought to a halt.

The body was conveyed to the Seaboard passenger station, where it was held, pending the arrival of a brother, Mr. J. F. Hallman, from Marshville on the 11 o'clock train.

Mr. Hallman had gone to Charlotte to spend the day with his wife's brother, Mr. Vernon Williams. Mr. Hallman was well known all along the Seaboard in this section. He was quite a popular man. He was not known as a drinking man, though sometimes he drank some in a very quiet way. He was a Mason and a member of the Baptist church at Marshville. He was twice married, the last time to a daughter of Mr. J. T. Williams, now of Jackson township. He was 42 years old, having been born in Lincoln county, a son of Andrew and Susanna Hallman. For the past five or six months he had not been in the railroad service, his last position having been that of section foreman for the Seaboard at Polkton.

He is survived by a wife and an infant son, six months of age. He has also two brothers: Mr. J. F. Hallman of Marshville; Mr. B. L. Hallman of Lilesville; and a sister, Miss Laura Hallman of Lilesville.

The Dixie has two fine pictures for tonight, "As it is in Life" and "Capital vs. Labor." Two full reels.

## Wingate Commencement.

The annual commencement of Wingate School begins next Friday night, the 22nd, and closes Monday. The full program is as follows:

Friday, 8:00 p. m.—Poe and Athenian contests. Reciters—Poe: Ellie Bivens, Pauline Bogan, Selma Chaney, Emma Redfearn, Annie Womble; Athenian: Bessie Bogan, Cornelia Hamilton, Naomi Hinson, Bessie McIntyre, Ethel Snyder.

Saturday, 8:00 p. m.—Joint debate by Gladstone and Philosophian Societies. Query: Resolved, that trusts are responsible for the present high cost of living. Affirmative: Furman M. Barnes, Gladstone; Edward J. Williams, Phi. Negative: Loyd E. Sutton, Phi.; James B. Long, Gladstone. Alternates: Floyd L. Whitehead, Gladstone; Bard A. Williams, Phi.

Sunday, 11:00 a. m.—Sermon, Rev. Josiah Crudup.

Monday, 10:00 a. m.—Declaimers: Boyce L. Biggers, Gladstone; George Medlin, Philosophian; G. Hamilton Davis, Gladstone; Boyce Sherrin, Philosophian. Orators: C. Winfred Baucum, Philosophian; Mark A. Griffin, Gladstone; Roy Sanders, Philosophian; Carl V. Tyner, Gladstone.

2:00 p. m.—Literary address, Rev. H. H. Hulten.

8:00 p. m.—Browning contest. Reciters: Ollie Davis, Carrie Godfrey, Sallie Griffin, Mary Hamilton, Mary Jones, Ruth May, Cora L. Tyner.

Marshals—Athenian: Mary Gaddy, chief; Etta Williams, Kate Griffin, Lee Griffin, Annie Jones. Poe: Pearl Stewart, chief; Grace Watson, Myrtle Outen, Edna Wimberley, Naomi Joplin. Browning: Sarah Parker, chief; Mary Simpson, Annie L. Bogan, Alice Simpson, Eva Martin, Bessie Gaddy. Gladstone: Mark A. Griffin, chief; G. Hamilton Davis, Roger R. Pitman, L. Gaston Prevatte, Royal W. Tarleton, Floyd L. Whitehead. Philosophian: DeWitt C. Belk, chief; Cooper C. Cornwell, J. Chatham Helms, J. D. Redfearn, Roland C. Williams, Bard A. Williams.

## Farmers Fight Deadly Sunday Battle.

*Lyons, Ga., Dispatch, 17th.*

Two dead, one dying and probably one or two slightly wounded are the results of a Sunday afternoon battle in a family feud of long standing, which took place late this afternoon in Emanuel county.

The dead are: A. S. Collins, a well-to-do farmer, and his son Willis Collins, both of whom died during the progress of the fight.

Marion Lewis is so badly wounded that he is expected to die at any moment.

The battle was between the family of Collins and the family of Lewis, and was the outcome of a dispute over a public road crossing. The two families reside less than a mile apart and the county line runs between their homes. They met in a lane this afternoon near the Lewis home. The members of the Collins family were armed with pistols while two shotguns were used on the other side.

Joseph Lewis, father of Marion Lewis, is alleged to have fired the shot that ended the life of the elder Collins. Tonight, however, he would make no statement. The sheriffs of both Toombs and Emanuel counties have gone to the scene of the trouble, accompanied by physicians.

As both families are well-to-do and well known, the shooting has created a sensation in both counties. It was known that they were not on the best of terms. Communication with the scene of the battle can be had only by a rural telephone line and details are meagre. However, it was learned that a dozen or more shots were fired and it was stated that the others who were wounded besides Marion Lewis, are not seriously hurt.

It was stated later tonight that three arrests had been made of survivors in the battle.

## Recorder's Court.

Ed Gatewood, assault and battery; 30 days.

John Lewis, disorderly conduct; costs.

E. A. Aldridge, embezzlement; nol pros on payment of costs.

Marion Blakeney, col., assault and battery; \$15 and costs.

Ella Cauthen, disorderly conduct; costs.

Eli Jones, larceny; 60 days.

E. Stowe, keeping liquor for sale; 30 days.

Gus Medlin, disorderly conduct; \$2 and costs.

Julia Redfearn, slander; nol pros and prosecutor taxed with costs.

Susan Mitchell, slander; nol pros and prosecution taxed with costs.

## THE GREAT BIG RAILROAD PROJECT.

### The Transcontinental, Undertaken Under the Auspices of the State.

#### The Great Proposition to Build a Road from Tennessee to Southport to Stop Freight Discriminations Against the Whole State—Will Come Through Union County and the People Will Soon be Called Upon to Vote on It—A Great Conception that is to Be a Reality.

Col. S. A. Jones, president of the South Atlantic and Transcontinental Railroad, writes The Journal that he expects to take up the matter of county elections just as soon as he returns from the West and North, beginning in Cleveland county and coming this way. Col. Jones spoke in Cincinnati last week and before the legislature of Ohio at Columbus. He is now in New York on business connected with the road. The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce recently passed strong resolutions setting out the facts connected with the undertaking, and we publish them below:

Resolved, that whereas, it has come to the knowledge of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce that a number of our fellow citizens in Western Carolina; and that the boards of trade of Knoxville, Tenn., of Greenville, S. C., of Waynesville, N. C., of Asheville, N. C., of Brevard, N. C., and of Hendersonville, N. C., during the past several years have at a heavy personal expense been jointly laboring, and have secured the passage of laws by the North Carolina legislature, through three consecutive sessions of that honorable body, without a dissenting vote, for the construction of a direct line of railroad east and west, under the control of the State of North Carolina, from the Tennessee coal fields via Knoxville, Tenn., across the entire length of the State of North Carolina to Southport, at the mouth of the Cape Fear river, to secure direct connections with Chicago and the great Northwest.

And whereas, the purpose of this co-operative work has been to secure a United States naval coaling station at Southport. And to secure a Chicago, Northwestern and Southport, and South American mail line. And to establish a freight rate basing port at Southport, N. C. To stop unjust freight rate discrimination against the commerce and the people of this State, maintained under the interstate commerce law, because of there being no rate basing port established in this State.

And whereas, we find that our fellow citizens of Western North Carolina have incorporated to be under State control what is known as "The South Atlantic Transcontinental Railroad," to extend from the Tennessee coal fields over the straightest and shortest practicable possible line to reach Southport.

And whereas, they have secured the indorsement of the said line, and said port by the legislature of this and other States.

And whereas, they have secured subscriptions by the act of the North Carolina legislature for the use of the State convict labor towards the construction of said line. And have further secured county bond subscriptions in exchange for stock at par in the said road, in the seven counties in Western Carolina, and a pledge in the counties of Tennessee through which the line will pass, to help build the road in a way that it will not increase taxes in any county across the State voting subscriptions to the road.

And whereas, it is shown that under the law and the charter that the Governor, chairman of the Corporation Commission, and the Auditor of the State of North Carolina, and their respective successors, will have absolute veto power over the issuing of the securities, and the receipts, and the disbursements of the road when it shall have been built, for the protection of the State and the people.

And whereas, we find that the precaution has been taken for the State's protection that no convicts will be delivered until evidence is filed in writing, acceptable to the Governor and the council of State of North Carolina that ample capital will be available as required above convict labor, and county aid, for the construction of the entire line.

And whereas, we find under the law that no county bonds can be de-

livered until the mile of road that the bond represents is accepted and approved by the Governor, and chairman of the Corporation Commission, and the Auditor of the State, as complete in first class condition, ready for operation and taxation.

And whereas, it is set out in the legal publications that have been distributed across the State by the president of the railroad company, that the contract for the construction of the road and building of the line has been let to one of the oldest, the strongest and the most reliable construction companies known on the American continent, being the firm of MacArthur Bros. & Co. of New York City and Chicago, whereby the contractors have obligated to take the convict labor and the county subscriptions and the securities allowed by the act of the legislature, and construct and equip the same in a manner acceptable to the Governor, chairman of the Railroad Commission, and the Auditor of the State of North Carolina.

And whereas, it is set out that all the preliminary work, including the agreement with the contractors for the filing of the evidence of ample capital available with the State, and for actual construction work to begin, so soon as the holding and the carrying of the elections in the counties from the eastern foot of the mountain to Southport is complete.

And whereas, a road of this nature has long been needed by the whole State of North Carolina, and that the opening of Southport harbor for a United States naval coaling station and the starting of a South American mail line will be of inestimable value to the whole State of North Carolina, as well as the whole South and West, and of great, direct and immediate value to the city of Wilmington.

Therefore be it resolved, that the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce commend the foresight, the energy, the enterprise and the public spirit manifested by our fellow citizens in Western Carolina. And we pledge the support and hearty co-operation of this Chamber of Commerce, and the city of Wilmington, in every legitimate way to hasten the success of this great undertaking, and urge that our fellow citizens in eastern counties and those across the State fortunate enough to be on the line of this road, cast the same unanimous vote for its construction, that is shown to have been cast by our sister counties west of Cleveland county, to the State line.

Resolved further, that the secretary of this Chamber of Commerce be requested to furnish a copy of this resolution to the following papers in each county through which the road is proposed to run: The Wilmington Star; the Wilmington Dispatch; the News-Reporter, Whiteville, Columbus county; the Robesonian, Lumberton, Robeson county; the Scottish Chief, Maxton, Robeson county; the Laurinburg Exchange, Scotland county; the Post, Rockingham, Richmond county; the Ansonian, Wadesboro, Anson county; the Monroe Journal, Union county; the Monroe Enquirer, Union county; the Charlotte Observer; the Charlotte Chronicle; the Charlotte Evening News; the Gastonia Gazette, Gaston county; the Cleveland Star, Shelby; the Asheville Citizen; the Asheville Gazette-News.

Adopted this the 15th day of March, 1910.

J. A. TAYLOR, President.

J. A. MCGLEACHY, Secretary.

## Sermon on Near Beer Saloon.

In his pulpit Sunday night, Dr. H. F. Chreitzberg, pastor of Central Methodist church, preached a sermon on the near beer saloon that has been opened in this city. He said that any man who opened a near beer saloon and said that he did not intend to violate the law was a liar. After showing the evils of such an institution, Dr. Chreitzberg said the one in this town must get out.

## Union Cases in Supreme Court

Several cases from Union county were heard in the Supreme court recently, and the decisions handed down last week. The case against the town of Monroe, brought by Mr. J. A. Crowell, in which he sued and obtained damages for the closing of Church street, was reversed. The court said: "Held, that the facts disclosing nothing more than a closing of a railroad crossing in order that an overhead bridge immediately above the crossing may be erected for the use of the public and evidently for public safety and convenience, while it may be that the plaintiff is inconvenienced and temporarily damaged, it is damnum absque injuria, and the judgment is reversed and action dismissed."

The judgment of W. M. D. Cuthbertson against Mr. J. A. Austin, obtained for \$1,000 on the charge of usury in a land deal, was sustained.

Suit of Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Doster against Messrs. J. R. English and S. O. Blair, won in the Superior court by the defendants, was sustained. The court said: "Plaintiffs mortgaged their property to bank, which foreclosed and property was bought by defendants and later resold to plaintiffs, plaintiffs giving their notes, which were later paid by them. Plaintiffs contend that defendants promised to loan them the money to buy the property and did buy the property for them and charged over 6 per cent. interest. Defendants contend that they bought the property outright and later sold to plaintiffs at a profit. The jury found that the plaintiffs had paid defendants \$669 more than they paid for the property, but that defendants did not knowingly take and receive over 6 per cent. interest on any money advanced to plaintiffs. In the present case, the essentials necessary to the plaintiffs' cause of action have been found against them, the jury having found that the defendants bought the property and later sold the plaintiffs at a profit and the defendants had not loaned money to plaintiffs at an usurious rate of interest."

## Death of Mr. and Mrs. Armfield's Baby.

Rufus, the little eighteen months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Armfield, died at six o'clock last Wednesday morning of measles and pneumonia. In January the child had pneumonia, and never recovered its strength, and when measles came on there was little hope for it. Every possible thing was done, even to the summoning of a physician from Charlotte, but the little one had no strength to fight another attack of the dreadful disease. The baby was the only son and had been here long enough to so endear it to the hearts of its parents that giving it up was a terrible blow. The funeral was conducted at the home on Thursday morning by Dr. Chreitzberg, and was attended by a large gathering of relatives and sympathetic friends. The floral offerings on the little grave were most beautiful. Mr. and Mrs. Armfield have the sincere sympathy of hundreds of friends in the loss of the little babe in whom their love and hope were centered. Of the twenty-three grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Armfield, some of them grown, this is the first one to die.

## Floyds Next Monday Night.

With a full line of new tricks, ocular illusions, and sleight-of-hand magic, the Floyds, ever popular Lyceum entertainers, will present a unique and highly diverting program at the opera house next Monday evening before an audience that, from present indications, will fill the house. The company is traveling under the direction of the well known Radcliffe Bureau and has been meeting with great success. The advance sale of seats here has also been very good.

Floyd has been mystifying American audiences for the past 20 years or more and has come to be recognized as one of the most expert exponents of a form of amusement that never grows dull. His sleight-of-hand manipulations are quite remarkable in their way and no smart observer has ever yet been able to "catch on." Moreover he is always bringing forth something new, probably being without a peer as an inventor of brilliant magical experiments. Comedian and humorist as well as wizard he adds fun to magic, the combination offering an irresistible attraction to those seeking an evening's pure amusement and recreation after a dull and tiresome day's work.

## Closing Exercises of Mt. Prospect School.

*Correspondence of The Journal.*

The closing exercises of the above school under the management of Prof. C. A. Plyler as principal and Misses Lessie Plyler and Nancy Lathan as assistants, came off Friday, the 15th. Dr. W. W. Bays preached the annual sermon and from the opinion of all present it was a masterly discussion from the text, "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church." Judging from all who heard it and in our opinion it was one of the greatest, if not the greatest, sermons we have ever heard. No doubt many good impressions that will prove a blessing to the community were made upon all.

Dinner was served at noon and if old earth ever groaned under her burdens, she did so on that day. Rev. A. W. Plyler delivered the annual address in the evening upon the subject, "Great ideals and how to obtain them." Words of praise of the address were not wanting by every tongue. In short it was a plain, practical, forcible discourse and no doubt will be an impetus to many a boy and girl to raise their aims to the highest pitch.

At 9 o'clock p. m. Dr. Bays delivered a lecture on "Love, Courtship and Marriage." Language fails to give it adequate praise. Some things are good—some are better,—but it was the best. No doubt many good seeds were sown that will produce fruit long after the sowers have passed over the river.

The crowd has been estimated by many at 1500. Lancaster county, Monroe, Waxhaw and other points were largely represented. The Tabernacle brass band, considering the short time they have been organized, furnished some excellent music. Mt. Prospect base ball team "licked it on" the College Hill team. Mt. Prospect never witnessed a more quiet, pleasant, profitable day.

One of the best sessions in the history of the school has just closed and teachers feel good, when words of praise from at least 90 per cent. of the patrons were expressed. Out of a census report of 150, with at least ten moving away, we enrolled 136 with a general average of about 110 per month, although having to contend with a severe winter and much sickness. No community in the county can boast more than Mt. Prospect over the improvements made along all lines in the last few years.

As to the future teachers of the school we know nothing. We cannot praise our own work, but only ask a fair, honest, impartial investigation of what has been done. "We tote our own skillets" and stand or fall upon our merits.

We predict great things for Mt. Prospect school if properly managed. Upon the boys and girls of Mt. Prospect, to whom we have become peculiarly attached, we invoke heaven's richest benedictions.

C. A. PLYLER, Principal.

## Owning a Home.

*Gaffney Ledger.*

Every laboring poor man should buy himself a town lot, get that paid for, and then work to make the necessary improvements. A little here and a little there will in due time produce you a home of your own, and place you out of the landlord's grasp. Remember that fifty dollars a year saved in rent, will in a very few years pay for your home; and the money it costs you to move and shift about, without a loss of furniture and time, will pay the interest on a five hundred dollar judgment against your property until you can gradually reduce it to nothing. You can all buy that way; why do you not risk it? If you fail you are no worse off; if you succeed, as any careful man is sure to do, you have made a home and established a basis equal to another's, which will start you in business.

## Unionville Building Changes Hands

The school building at Unionville, which has been owned for several years by Prof. O. C. Hamilton, has been sold and becomes county property. The board of education and the people of the district bear the expense of the purchase. The district is already a local tax public school and this is a movement to make the school stronger and better. Prof. Hamilton will still be connected with the school and the new movement is only for the purpose of strengthening.

IF is a mighty little word but if you are paying out good money for old candies, "if" stands between you and satisfaction. Why not get the best for your money? Best assortment of chocolates. Monroe Candy Kitchen.