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One Dollar Year.

PAID FOR ANOTHER'S CRIME.

Man Who Was Sentenced for Life for Murder of His Own Family is Cleared After His Death.

A rag-picker named Joseph today confessed to the assassination April 21, 1901, of five children of a farmer named Briere, in the vicinity of Charles. The father of the children was found guilty of the murder and sentenced to life imprisonment. He died in prison.

The trial of Briere attracted the attention of the whole of France. Four of his daughters, aged respectively 14, 11, 6 and 4, and his son, 7 years of age, were found in his one morning stabbed and beaten to death. The farmer was arrested and charged by the police with the crime. According to a theory advanced by the police to prove a motive for the crime, Briere, who owned a small farm near Cerancez, wished to marry a woman of considerable wealth. Circumstantial evidence led to the conviction that the farmer, considering his family an encumbrance, murdered his five children in order to carry out his wishes.

Briere stoutly maintained his innocence throughout the trial, declaring that two tramps entered the house during his absence and killed the children. He added that he returned while the murderers were robbing the place and that they attacked him and left him for dead. During the trial the judge got down from the bench and gave loud expression of his opinion of the guilt of the prisoner while the spectators shouted, "Kill him, kill him!" A specific incident of the trial occurred when Briere's surviving daughter, who, the police declared, only escaped the fate of the other children by not responding to Briere's invitation to go to see him, went on the witness stand and sobbingly protested that her father was innocent and begged the court to restore him to her.

The "Pomato."

Somewhere we have read that Burbank, the wizard out in California who can gather figs of thistles and make dollars grow like apples on the trees, has perfected a plant he calls the "pomato," a combination of the tomato and Irish potato that produces potatoes underground and tomatoes on top. Last week we saw such a combination, but Burbank had nothing to do with it. Mr. W. B. Hunt of Tyro fetched a bunch of potato tops to town clinging to which were small, green balls that looked like young tomatoes and which, when cut open, revealed an array of seeds just like a tomato. The plants produced Irish potatoes in the ordinary way. Mr. Hunt plants the "Copper Eye" potatoes, and says that after several seasons the seed will "run out," that is, the type of potato changes from spotted to all white or all blue tubers. Last spring he planted new seed but did not have quite enough to finish out a row so he planted some of the potatoes he had raised last year. Last year he had tomatoes near the potatoes, but none this year. In the part of the row where he planted the home-raised tubers these tops grew which produced the tomatoes.

W. E. Bell and Laney W. Baker Granted Their Freedom.

Governor Kitchin pardons W. E. Bell of Union county from a 4 years' sentence to the penitentiary after two years' service, on the ground that the judge now says he had much doubt as to the intent of the prisoner to commit the embezzlement of which he was convicted. He was a sewing machine agent.

Another pardon is for Laney W. Baker of Union county, serving 30 months in the State prison for betrayal under promise of marriage. That the prisoner has already been sufficiently punished, is the view taken by the Governor and prosecutors. He has served 22 months.

Mr. Parker Slated for Congressional Race.

The Republican Congressional convention of the seventh district, and the Republican Judicial convention of the tenth district will be held here at 3 o'clock, August 9th. J. J. Parker of Monroe is slated for the Congressional nomination and Charles Holton of Asheboro, nephew of the district attorney, is named for the solicitorship. It is said there are several names suggested for judge but none is known.

Death of Mrs. R. L. Stewart.

Mrs. Sarah M. Stewart, widow of Mr. Robt. L. Stewart, died at her home in Monroe last Wednesday morning, at the age of 67 years. She had been sick a long time and for the past seven months she was confined to the bed. She suffered untold pain and was very anxious for the end to come in order to be relieved from her suffering. Stomach trouble was the cause of her death. Funeral services were held at Central church Thursday afternoon and the interment was in the Monroe cemetery. Messrs. Robt. Crow, W. B. Houston, Pickett McLarty, W. S. Lee, J. E. Stewart and W. B. Love were pall bearers.

Mrs. Stewart's maiden name was Phifer, and she was a sister of Mr. W. H. Phifer and Mrs. E. A. Armfield. She was reared in Vance township, and was married to the late R. L. Stewart in 1867. They spent most of the time on their farm, and later at Unionville, where they moved to educate their children, and finally lived some years in Florida. On the death of Mr. Stewart eight years ago, Mrs. Stewart built in Monroe and moved here, where she has since lived.

She is survived by the following children: Mr. B. F. Stewart of Florida, Mr. Plummer Stewart of Charlotte; Rev. S. A. Stewart, missionary in Japan; Mr. Sidney Stewart of St. Louis, Mr. Cyrus Stewart of Monroe, Mrs. L. N. Presson and Misses Agnes and Annie Stewart of Monroe. She was a lifelong member of the Methodist church. Having been all her life a woman of great energy and activity, the forced inactivity of ill health bore heavily on her. She had all her life lived so that she was ready to die, and when health and activity left her, she was anxious for the end to come.

A coincidence with the death of Mrs. Stewart is the fact that her son, Rev. S. A. Stewart, was to be married last Wednesday, the day of his mother's death. Being so far away, the news of her death was not cabled him, and the presumption is that the marriage service took place at the time set. Mr. Stewart, whose first wife died not very long after they went to the foreign field, was married Wednesday to Miss Lannius, a missionary.

About \$150 Worth of Stamps Are Found in a Church.

Tuesday afternoon, while making the Methodist church at Catawba ready for the Statesville District conference, which met there yesterday, some young ladies found postage stamps of the aggregate value of \$151.25. The stamps were of the denominations of 1s, 2s, 8s and 10s and were wrapped in newspapers which had been checked in the back of a seat in the rear of the church.

How came the stamps there is not definitely known, but the postoffice at Sherrill's Ford was robbed in December, 1907, and it is believed the stamps found are a part of the robber's booty. In 1907 several stores in Catawba county were broken into and robbed of money, stamps, etc. The guilty party stole a horse from Brown & Cornelius and pursuers got so hot after him that the horse was turned loose at Catawba and the rider disappeared. It is believed now that he spent the day in the church and left the stamps.

Illegal to Loan Friend a Bottle of Whiskey.

A new rule in the operation of the State prohibition law has just been laid down by Judge Cook at Raleigh in a verdict of guilty of retailing in the admission set up as a defense by Ransom Baker of Wake Forest that he loaned a friend a bottle of whiskey. The judge holds that the act of loaning the whiskey really constitutes a sale. Prof. N. Y. Gully, dean of law at Wake Forest College, was defending the negro when the rule was made. It is probable that the case will go to the Supreme court to test this issue.

Boy Killed by a Fish.

Death in almost unheard of form was dealt for Laurence S. Baker, a 11-year-old Jacksonville lad, when he dived from a boat while bathing in Lake Worth yesterday. A stingaree, a huge, flat-bodied and gruesome species of warm water fish, was lurking just under the boat. One of the barbed spines which the fish carries on its whip-like tail pierced the boy's neck cutting into the jugular vein. He rose to the surface crying for help and bled to death in four minutes.

RED HOT RADICAL ROW.

Marion Butler and Congressman Morehead Trying to Capture the Chairmanship from Duncan and Others.

The fight in the Republican party organization in North Carolina as to whether the Duncan-Adams regime shall continue or the Butler-Morehead influences shall succeed to the party management and dispensation of Federal patronage, is now the stage center attraction to all Radicals who have the privilege of having anything to do with determining who shall be the "Boss Pie Dispenser" in North Carolina. Every Republican from now until the State convention meets at Greensboro August 10th, who is allowed to be a delegate from his county to that convention, will have thundered in his ears the volleys of accusation for and against the leaders of the contending forces.

The light artillery for the past two weeks has been sounding from Congressman Morehead's headquarters at Washington in the shape of franked letters and faked extracts from the Congressional Record, also franked, and from the headquarters of Marion Butler at Washington, and the personal mouthpiece of his, the Caucasian of Raleigh. All this rattle of musketry seems to have made no impression on the forces it was directed against, the old-line Republican hierarchy represented by Duncan, Adams, Meekins, Pritchard, Rollins, Lusk, et id omnis genus. At least there was no return shot made until it developed that on July 7th, Butler had gone down in Nash county and captured practically the whole of that county for his and Morehead's control of the State organization, in spite of the presence and protest of Assistant United States District Attorney Meekins. This victory was followed up by the surprising intelligence that on last Saturday United States District Attorney Holton had gone over to the county convention of Randolph, and after making an insurgent speech, had succeeded in having instruction passed for the voting of Randolph solid for the Butler-Morehead policy and chairman at the State convention. Again it was learned, that in the Guilford primaries last Saturday right under the nose of Editor Smith of the News, State Chairman Adams and other old-line influences, there had quietly been selected in the list of delegates to the county convention, many Butler-Morehead delegates. On the other hand strong opponents of the Butler policies were named as anti-Butler delegates, such influential names as G. S. Bradshaw, John Schultz, Z. P. Smith and Robert H. White appearing in the list. The anti-Butler-Morehead or pro-Duncan-Adams forces had had an awakening from the developments of the Nash and Randolph county conventions. They realized that the fulminations through the mails in franked letters and editorials in Butler's newspaper, in the absence of any literature or information whatever on the other side, were having effect and securing endorsement for Butler's real leadership.

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The Prize Winners at Belk's.

At the sale last week Belk Bros. offered fifteen prizes free. A box was placed in the store and those who desired to do so wrote their name on a card and placed it in the box. Yesterday morning the box was well shaken and a little child drew out the tickets, the first drawn out getting first prize, and so on. The prizes and winners were as follows:

1. \$4.00 Halston Patent Oxford—Maggie Crowell, colored, Monroe.
2. \$2.00 Beautiful Muslin Petticoat—N. A. Ross, Unionville No. 1.
3. \$1.50 Man's Fine Cluett Shirt—Townley Stevens, Monroe.
4. \$6.00 Lace Trimmed Coat Suit—Ben Watts, colored, Monroe.
5. \$3.00 Queen Quality Oxford—Ben Houston, colored, Monroe.
6. \$1.50 Suit Case—Mrs. B. B. Helms, Monroe No. 9.
7. \$3.50 Stetson Hat—J. R. Pressley, Monroe No. 9.
8. Black Embroidered Fine Petticoat—J. Z. Nash, Monroe No. 9.
9. \$2.50 Pair Men's Pants—Mrs. Samatha Davis, Monroe No. 8.
10. \$3.50 Large Velvet Rug—Fannie Presson, Monroe No. 1.
11. Ladies' \$3.50 Hat—Mrs. M. W. Lockhart, Monroe.
12. \$1.25 Baby Billiken—Bright Hamilton, Monroe.
13. Unlucky Number: a Five Dollar Bill—Miss Minnie Jones, Monroe.
14. \$1.25 Ladies' Waist—J. M. Privett, Monroe.
15. W. B. Corset—B. B. Helms, Monroe No. 9.

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COTTON.

Three bales on local market yesterday, brought 15 cents.

The past week in the cotton market has been characterized by increased activity in the speculation and by frequent and at times violent fluctuations in prices. For instance, in a single day—Tuesday, July 19—prices broke \$4 a bale on July, \$3 on August, and \$1.25 to \$2 a bale on the later months. The break on Monday was traceable largely to a well organized bear raid. As a prelude to the bear attacks were sent broadcast, that the bull pool had sold out its holdings and that the deal in July was over. London operators and spot interests of prominence attacked the market vigorously. Many stop-loss orders were uncovered in the whole list and for a time support was lacking. Yet the general list has recorded a net advance for the week. Leading bulls denied in vigorous fashion that they had abandoned the deal and they followed this announcement with aggressive bidding and buying, not only of July and August, but also of the fall months. Moreover, much of the crop news has been unfavorable. Many believe that the situation in important sections of the South is such as to preclude the possibility of a yield of the requisite size. Trade reports in some cases are rather more favorable. In the local dry goods market the demand has improved and at some advance in prices.

Rural Carrier Editor Going to Europe.

In the city at the Yarborough House yesterday was Mr. J. Hampton Rich, editor of the Carrier's Messenger of Winston-Salem, who is on his way to the National Good Roads Congress at Niagara Falls, and to the International Good Roads Congress at Brussels, Belgium, being commissioned by Governor Kitchin to these meetings.

Mr. Rich will spend some time in Europe observing the roads of the continent. His paper, the Carrier's Messenger of Winston-Salem, is the official organ for the rural carriers of the South, and it carries news that is of interest to all rural free delivery carriers, to all other post-office carriers and to the public generally.

Texas Elects Anti-Prohibitionist, but Submits Question to People.

Oscar B. Colquitt, an anti-prohibitionist, was yesterday nominated for Governor by a plurality which will probably reach 60,000. Cone Johnson and William Poindexter, prohibitionist candidates, have only about a thousand votes' difference between them. These are now in favor of Poindexter, but may change as some heavy Johnson counties are yet to come.

Former Attorney General Davidson is about 20,000 votes behind Poindexter and Johnson.

The proposition to submit to popular vote a prohibitionist amendment to the constitution has carried by probably 20,000. This presents the situation of an anti-prohibition Democrat being nominated with a party demanding the submission of a prohibitionist amendment confronting him. This was caused by the prohibitionist split on candidates.

Harry Lewis Confesses.

Harry Lewis, the 18-year-old white boy who was arrested yesterday at Bristol charged with the murder here last Sunday of Henry F. Zachary, a miser of Mount Gilead, N. C., and at whose door the coroner's jury yesterday laid the crime, confessed to the killing today to a Roanoke police officer who went to Bristol for the prisoner. The confession was made in the presence of the chief of police of Bristol.

Lewis will be brought to Roanoke tonight. Zachery and the boy sought shelter in the stable during a rain-storm. Lewis was after a roll of currency he knew Zachery had, but failed to secure the money. The greenbacks, amounting to \$625.00, were found sewed in a secret pocket on an under pair of pants worn by Zachery by the police when the body was searched.

Mr. W. S. Blakeney and family have been spending some time at Unaka Springs, Tenn.

Capt. J. M. Odell of Concord died Thursday night of paralysis. He was about 80 years old and one of the foremost business men of the State.

Farmer's Union Meeting in Raleigh.

The North Carolina Division of the National Farmers' Union is to be in session in Raleigh for two days this week, and the outlook is for a great assemblage of farmers interested in the agricultural development of the State.

The sessions are to be on Tuesday and Wednesday and will be held at the A. and College, where the farmers will have the opportunity of seeing the big State plant for the education of farmers and of investigating the plans which are used to present modern methods of farming. The address of welcome will be made by Hon. J. S. Wynne, the mayor of Raleigh, and the response will be made by Dr. J. Thomas Smith of Westfield. There will be heard with great interest the address of Dr. H. Q. Alexander of Mecklenburg county, State president, who is active and energetic in looking after the interests of the organization.

There will be addresses of practical value by many leading farmers of the State and besides these there will be addresses by Dr. D. H. Hill, president of the A. and M. College; Major W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture; Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, members of the Department of Agriculture, and members of the faculty of the A. and M. College. It had been expected that Governor Kitchin would address the meeting, but he has been called to Scotland Neck by the serious illness of his mother and is not expected to be in the city.

Next Sunday will be Great Day at Rocky River.

Next Sunday, the last Sunday in July, is the time for the July meeting at old Rocky River Baptist church, located in the northern part of the county and it is a great day. For 134 year, without a break, this annual gathering has been held at this old church and even during the war the gathering was largely attended.

Rev. John A. Summey of Wadesboro is the pastor of the church and he has invited Rev. Roy W. Davis of Advance to preach the annual sermon this year. There will be two services with a dinner in the grove and the services will continue for a week, twice a day and a basket dinner each day.

The meeting house, although large, will not accommodate the people for the Sunday meeting—it never has before—but the grove of great oaks is large and an ideal location and the people will gather in little groups beneath the trees and exchange their confidences and experiences. Some will be present who went first to the July meeting when babes in the arms of their mother and others who have attended will be missed—they have gone up higher.

Want's Wife to Wed Again—Virginian's Unusual Will.

The will of Sheriff Clark H. Purcell, admitted to record here, is one of the most remarkable filed in the clerk's office, in that the testator expresses the hope that his widow, Mrs. Bertha Purcell, should marry again if it would contribute to her happiness. She and her husband are to enjoy his estate during her lifetime.

After her death the home place, to which he says the poor and distressed have always been welcome, is to be known as the Clark Purcell Home for Aged and Indigent White Women and Unfortunate Young Women of Frederick County, and is to be managed by a board of trustees. The revenues from the farm are to be divided among the poor of Frederick county. Provision is made for the education of a number of adopted children. The estate is worth about \$60,000.

Mr. Kope Elias, for years one of the best known citizens of western North Carolina, died Monday at his home at Governor's Island, Swain county. Mr. Elias suffered a stroke of paralysis at the home of his son, Dr. Lewis W. Elias, in Biltmore, on the night of October 18, 1909, and while after weeks and weeks of illness he was able to be partially about, he never recovered from the stroke. A few months ago he was removed to his home, "Governor's Island," where he spent his remaining days.

Mr. J. J. Montgomery of Buford township has a perfectly developed brown Leghorn chicken about a month old that has only one wing.