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One Dollar a Year.

KILLED HIS OWN BROTHER.

Jesse C. Edwards, One Time in the Hospital for Insane, Shoots His Brother Without Apparent Cause.

As Cyrus Edwards of Anson county returned from church Sunday and walked into the house, his brother, Jesse C. Edwards, picked up a pistol and killed him instantly. Jesse then put on his Sunday clothing and went to the home of Mr. H. B. Edwards, where he was later persuaded to give himself up, and was carried to jail at Wadesboro.

The dead man and his slayer are sons of Mr. James T. Edwards, a substantial citizen who lives in Anson county near the New Salem line. The neighborhood is not from the one where the Curran and Thomas tragedy occurred two weeks before. Neither of the brothers had been married and both lived with their parents, who are quite old, and the mother at least is very feeble. Some two or three years ago Jesse Edwards was sent to the hospital for the insane at Morganton, but after staying four or five months escaped and came back home, walking all the way. As he seemed to have improved his people did not send him back. He was working this year in the crop with his father and brother, and it is reported that he had taken up an idea that his brother was trying to cheat him. He is about thirty years old.

Another Account.

The Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer gives this account of the killing:

Yesterday Cyrus went to preaching at Flint Ridge church, after which he drove to the home of his parents, reaching there about four o'clock. As he drove up his father and mother and brother, Jesse, were sitting on the front porch. He hitched his horse and, just as he stepped on the porch, Jesse rose from his chair and told him he must take back something he had done or said. Cyrus replied that he had nothing to take back, whereupon Jesse drew his pistol. Cyrus then jumped behind his mother for protection, but this did not deter the desperate man, who immediately reached around the woman who bore him and, pressing the pistol against the left side of his brother, fired three times in rapid succession. The fratricide immediately left the house, and the wounded man sat down in a chair, remarking to his father as he did so that he was killed. These were the only words he spoke, as he immediately fell from the chair and expired. The bullets all entered the left side below the heart, two of them passing entirely through the body.

Edwards has not yet employed a lawyer but there is no doubt that insanity will be pleaded when he is brought to trial. In June, 1907, Edwards was sent to the State hospital at Morganton for treatment because of his mind. After staying at the hospital six weeks he escaped and returned home. The hospital authorities, so far as known, made no effort to recapture him and in Jan., 1908, the clerk of the court received his discharge, the reason for the discharge being given as his improved condition.

On the 14th of July Cyrus Edwards and another brother, J. W. Edwards, went before Clerk of the Court Dunlap and procured examination papers for Jesse Edwards in requisition of lunacy proceedings. Edwards was brought here on the 19th of July and sent back home on the recommendation of Dr. J. M. Covington, Jr., county physician. At this time the proceedings were not formally dismissed and Thursday afternoon Edwards was again brought before the clerk of the court. At this hearing Dr. Covington stated that so far as he could tell there was nothing wrong with Edwards' mind, and that he did not think his release would be a menace to the community in which he lived. After the hearing Edwards was given his liberty.

Sent Poisoned Candy.

Parsons, W. Va., Dispatch, 20th.

John L. Hartshaw is in jail here today, held without bail on a charge of sending poisoned candy to Ellen Navelle, the pretty daughter of the wealthiest land owner of Grant county. She lives at Williams. It is alleged that Hartshaw compelled the girl to promise to marry him and sent her strychnine in candy when she refused to carry out the alleged pledge.

Official Vote Union County Democratic Primary, August 20, 1910.

CANDIDATES.	North Monroe	South Monroe	Wingate	Marshville	Lanes Creek	Armfield's	Prospect	Wilson's O. Store	Waxhaw	Marvin	W. Sandy Ridge	E. Sandy Ridge	Indian Trail	N. Goose Creek	S. Goose Creek	Unionville	Olive Branch	TOTALS
Clerk of Court:																		
D. A. Houston	417	247	56	214	114	109	101	121	137	39	90	83	126	48	14	66	43	2025
Sheriff:																		
John Griffith	424	243	57	233	113	107	94	126	124	39	87	81	127	51	17	63	50	2036
Treasurer:																		
J. Walter Laney	384	249	54	194	107	113	120	94	40	24	57	78	96	44	14	60	34	1762
R. T. Sistare	27	12	3	25	10	4	7	30	105	15	34	5	10	5	6	4	4	302
Register of Deeds:																		
M. C. Long	165	97	19	38	39	45	26	7	5	8	9	10	21	20	7	34	4	554
R. C. Griffin	35	31	26	160	57	29	9	2	3	3	3	7	9	9	1	8	5	397
J. David Simpson	13	13			2	3	40	96	121	19	19	20	12	2	1	2	9	372
J. Ed. Stewart	237	125	17	50	23	38	52	21	23	9	60	48	86	24	10	29	32	884
Commissioner:																		
Jerre C. Laney	328	213	30	98	54	99	110	92	96	17	52	50	69	31	9	41	18	1407
Hiram T. Baucom	226	116	43	208	105	53	55	78	79	24	41	62	70	41	17	56	52	1326
Thos. J. Gordon	325	218	46	176	95	76	77	115	125	39	90	57	101	46	15	54	42	1697
Wm. G. Long	237	186	43	149	92	62	54	89	103	36	85	55	76	37	12	43	30	1389
Surveyor:																		
R. W. Elliott	327	228	54	228	111	98	89	122	131	39	89	73	101	47	16	57	36	1846
Coroner:																		
J. S. Plyler	319	225	54	209	114	103	106	122	148	39	91	71	98	46	16	52	29	1842
Representative:																		
R. V. Houston	364	127	17	91	53	71	57	97	84	18	77	54	95	33	10	36	20	1304
Henry McWhorter	86	65	21	119	70	14	76	85	57	23	15	31	16	4	9	11	37	739
John C. Sikes	259	206	43	111	45	82	78	40	98	23	54	44	24	25	7	32	15	1186
J. E. Broom	29	51	21	78	22	12	4	16	33	4	6	11	90	12	2	10	3	404
W. A. Love	59	33	14	25	23	26	13	13	13	5		24	26	29	9	48	8	368
Recorder:																		
Robt. L. Stevens	314	209	40	160	74	64	57	36	84	17	47	69	103	33	10	28	19	1364
Lee M. Howie	52	23	2	2	14	6	5	9	1	2	2	6	10		3	4	5	144
C. Vance McNeely	94	28	15	78	44	40	58	86	53	22	42	5	15	19	6	34	18	657

The above table gives the vote in all the precincts in the county, at which primary elections were held for the nomination of Democratic candidates. No election was held at Futo because the tickets were not on hand. The tickets had been sent out but did not reach the polling place. The executive committee met yesterday and canvassed the vote and declared the following nominees: Clerk Superior Court, D. A. Houston, no opposition. Sheriff, John Griffith, no opposition. Surveyor, R. W. Elliott, no opposition. Coroner, J. S. Plyler, no opposition. Recorder, R. L. Stevens. Representatives, R. V. Houston and J. C. Sikes. J. E. Stewart and M. C. Long will run the race over for register of deeds. J. A. Gamble was declared the nominee for cotton weigher at Waxhaw, and Mr. Ellis May at Wingate, he having received a majority of one. T. J. Gordon, J. C. Laney and W. G. Long were declared nominated for county commissioners. J. Walter Laney was declared the nominee for treasurer.

The votes for cotton weigher at the different places were as follows: Wingate—J. W. Outen 29, E. S. May 30. Waxhaw—J. A. Gamble 251, J. H. Richardson 35, E. C. Godfrey 34, T. M. Haywood 21, Eugene Secrest 8, J. R. Eason 20. Marshville—J. V. Trull, 149, B. F. Black 192, S. D. Moore 18, M. O. Bowman 43, J. E. Jerome 19, L. Hamp Moore 7, J. Walter Dean 15.

Monroe—Luther Williams 454, C. B. Barden 446, John Thomas Helms 233, J. A. Crowell 125, W. J. Walters 93.

Court for the Trial of Civil Causes.

Judge W. R. Allen began a two weeks' term of court yesterday for the trial of civil causes. Two cases were disposed of yesterday. Mrs. Georgia Mingus was granted a divorce from her husband, F. H. Mingus. In the case of the Equitable Manufacturing Company against E. A. Collins, the jury answered all the issues in favor of the defendant. This was on a contract for jewelry, which Mr. Collins claimed was taken on consignment to be sold, and the company claimed that it was bought outright.

Judge Allen is now busy going over the testimony in the case of John Mahew, the negro who was found guilty with Charles B. Plyler for the murder of Parks, with a view of determining whether or not a new trial shall be granted Mahew.

Is Carrie "In Our Midst"?

Charlotte Observer.

There is a persistent rumor that Mrs. Carrie Nation, late of Kansas, is touring this State incognito. The fact that on a single night this week in the vicinity of Thomasville two near-beer establishments were destroyed by dynamite and a third burned to the ground leads considerable color to this report.

Preparations for Opening of City Schools.

On Monday, September 5th, the city schools will open for another year's work. Some repair work is now going on, and the building has been thoroughly fumigated and cleaned. Present prospects indicate that in the matter of enrollment the coming year will surpass any that has passed, and with the able force of teachers who have been secured there is no reason why the standard of work should not measure well up to that of any preceding year.

Work has been started on the new building to be erected in north Monroe. This building, though it is to be neither large nor expensive, will fill a pressing need and will be sufficient for the demands of that community for some time to come.

It will be remembered that several teachers resigned at the close of the last year. They were Misses Edna Harris, Frances Alexander, Bright Ogburn, Nancy Watkins and Prof. C. E. Phillips. The list of teachers as completed for the coming year includes the following: Lancaster avenue: Misses Mary Davis, Florida Morris, Susie Covington, Mamie Robinson, Ona Long, Anna Blair, Annie Stewart, Bessie Widenhouse, Helen Morrow, Bessie Dunlap, Lillian Kibler and Prof. Horace Stewart; north Monroe: Misses Mildred Stephenson and Lydia Benton.

The rule adopted at the beginning of last year regarding admissions to the first grade will apply this year as last. No student will be admitted who has not passed his sixth birthday, and these will not be admitted after October 1st unless they shall be able to keep up with the work of the classes.

The citizens of Monroe are called upon to stand together in support of the schools that they may be made what they should be.

Major Houston Kills Dunham McManus.

Major Houston, a darky who has for a number of years been a clothing cleaner here, killed Dunham McManus, another negro well known about town, Sunday night. Major claims that when he went home Saturday night he found that his wife was gone, and on making a search found her at the house of a neighbor and that McManus was with her. On the approach of Major, McManus ran. The next night he got a gun and went to look for McManus to talk the matter over, and that the latter started to attack him and he shot. The other side say that Major called McManus out of the house where he was and shot him as he came out. A big load of shot went into the bowels of McManus and he died at 2 o'clock this morning.

Major is in jail. He was arrested Sunday night and carried to jail by Tom Davis, a negro. Tom seems to have acted the part of an officer from good motives. On one occasion when he had been arrested for some slight offense, Chief Laney took his recognition for appearance at the recorder's court and Tom skipped. Mr. Laney sent to Charlotte and brought

him back, whereupon Tom said, "Well, Chief, I am ashamed to see you, and I shore am going to do something sometime to pay for the way I treated you." Chief Laney thinks that Tom remembered his promise and made it good by hunting up Major and carrying him to jail Sunday night.

The Cocaine Peril.

Dunham Sun.

Some time ago we called attention to the continued growth of the cocaine evil in the South, especially among negroes, and gave an account of the effect of the drug on mind, body and character. We also called attention to the fact that the traffic in the natural product from which cocaine is manufactured was entirely unrestricted.

The nation is waking up to the extent of the peril and at the recent session of Congress a bill was presented which proposed to place the importation and sale of all narcotic drugs under the direct control and supervision of the Federal government. It failed of adoption, but much interest was aroused and it will come later. The evil must be checked and that in the near future.

The New York World is an ardent advocate of the measure and states its position as follows:

"The illegal use of opium, cocaine and morphine in the United States is steadily increasing in spite of all efforts to suppress it. So good an authority as Dr. Hamilton Wright, an attaché of the State department, who was an American delegate to the international opium conference, estimates that of the 400,000 pounds of opium annually imported into the United States fully three-fourths is used illegally, and that a like share of all the morphine brought into the country is consumed by drug fiends. As for cocaine, Dr. Wright declares that while 150,000 ounces are consumed yearly, only 15,000 ounces are used legitimately.

Dr. Wright's figures reveal an evil which, next to alcoholism is the most prolific propagator of vice and crime in this country. The illegal use of narcotic drugs in such enormous quantities is possible only under conditions which permit of their illegal sale. Pure food and drug act forbidding the sale of patent medicines containing narcotic poisons reaches only a small branch of the evil. What is needed is government supervision over the importation and sale of those substances in all forms and conditions, crude, refined and mixed. Such a measure is the only thing that will throttle a degrading vice which every year claims more victims than any pestilence that ever swept the country."

Thanks, Bro. Manning, the Walls Are Up.

Henderson Gold Leaf.

One of the best weekly papers in the State is the Monroe Journal, R. F. Beasley editor. And it is one of the most successful as well. As evidence of this fact Beasley Brothers, publishers, are laying plans to erect a new home of their own for The Journal.

WHY TEDDY WAS TURNED DOWN.

Correspondent Thinks that the Machine Politicians Refused to Let Roosevelt be Temporary Chairman of New York State Convention Because He is an Insurgent.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The American people will recall that Senator Henry Cabot Lodge's price-investigating committee found that no part of the 58 per cent. increase in the cost of living in this country in the last 10 years was due to the tariff. Political economists all over the land were sorely puzzled at this report.

The phenomenon can now be explained. The report of the minority of the committee, recently published, shows that the Republicans made no serious attempt to ascertain whether the tariff was responsible or not. Listen to this extract from the minority report:

"In examining the witnesses we (the committee) scarcely touched upon the territory of the highly protected commodities."

Lodge, who helped frame the Payne-Aldrich bill and takes the position that the ultimate consumer is a myth, saw to it that the investigations were confined almost exclusively to foodstuffs and cotton, and to the production, distribution and cost to the consumer of wheat, corn, beef, mutton and hog products, of which commodities the United States produces a large per cent. of the world's production, and which we export in enormous quantities. As to these articles it may be supposed that, when freed from the influence of trusts and monopolies, the tariff should not cut a large figure except that it increases the cost of their production.

Do you see the point, Mr. Consumer? Lodge had been assigned by Senator Aldrich to make a report, obviously for campaign purposes, which would absolve the tariff from all blame in connection with the awful increase in the cost of living under our system of excessive protection. Lodge evidently concluded that the safest way to accomplish this end would be to avoid asking any questions of witnesses concerning the advances in the prices of highly protected articles, such as the products of the sugar trust, the steel trust, the harvester trust and the lumber trust, all of which contribute heavily to the Republican campaign fund.

The Lodge report gave fifteen reasons for increased prices, and found that the tariff was "no material factor." This report is being used by the men who voted for the Payne-Aldrich bill in the hope it will prevent them from being retired to private life.

Tariff Increases Prices.

Senators Johnston of Alabama, Clarke of Arkansas, and Smith of South Carolina, the minority members of the Lodge committee, find that the three substantial causes for increased prices are:

1. Tariff.
 2. Trusts, combines and monopolies.
 3. Increased money supply.
- Owing to the tactics of the Republicans in avoiding highly protected articles, the minority members found themselves without sufficient data to apportion the degree of responsibility between these three causes but state "that the two first are the chief malefactors we have no doubt; and they are of our own creation or permission."

A Campaign Canard.

"Taft will no longer co-operate with Cannon and Aldrich, and Ballinger is to be retired."

This is the gist of statements carried by the Associated Press, and obviously inspired by Republican campaign managers.

The information may be accepted as nothing more than a ruse. The Republican campaign managers played the same trick on the public in the last presidential election. The rumor was quietly started that Candidate Taft did not approve of Speaker Cannon. The inference was strong that Taft would not stand for Cannon as Speaker. This false rumor unmistakably helped Taft in the insurgent districts.

Immediately after Taft was inaugurated an attempt was made to defeat Cannon as speaker. The combined Democrats and Insurgents would have accomplished this end had not the President used all of the resources at his command to perpetuate Cannon as speaker.

Taft is not going to read Aldrich

and Cannon out of the party, because Aldrich and Cannon (and the special interests they represent) will not permit the President to have a re-nomination if he tries it. Mr. Taft knows which side his bread is buttered on.

Furthermore, there is no reason for discord. Taft, Aldrich and Cannon, and Ballinger, too, are all working to the same end. Their views are in harmony on big questions. No newspaper man can be here in Washington and know his business, and not know that Taft, Aldrich and Cannon are consolidated in a great political firm, and that this oligarchy has never had any serious dissension.

The three men are constantly paying each other compliments. It was just a short while ago that Taft eulogized Aldrich to the skies and referred to "Uncle Joe" as being in the Abraham Lincoln type of statesmen.

Taft, Aldrich and Cannon, and especially Taft and Aldrich, can have no break. They must sink or swim together.

Roosevelt vs. Taft.

Roosevelt will not indorse Taft or the Payne-Aldrich law, in the opinion of the writer. There never has been any doubt on this point in my mind, and I have expressed the view repeatedly in dispatches since March 4, 1909. But Roosevelt will indorse Lodge, tool of Aldrich and special Senate representative of the tariff trusts, railroads and other New England corporate interests. Nor do I expect to hear of Roosevelt campaigning for such genuine progressives as LaFollette. Roosevelt is playing for the presidency, and is jealous of LaFollette's popularity. At this stage Taft appears to stand a better chance of hauling down the next Republican presidential nomination than does T. R. This is because Taft stands right with the great corporate interests of the United States, and they control absolutely the Republican machine. Roosevelt was turned down in New York because the machine politicians know that Roosevelt is to be an insurgent. They feared that if they permitted him to be even a temporary chairman he might take advantage of the opportunity to weaken machine rule. The fight may be expected to be intensely interesting from now on. Keep a close eye on the political checker board, because a few intimations may be let drop which will show who is really in control of the government of this country.

What's This?

The Payne-Aldrich law is not now bringing in sufficient revenue to run the government, reports from the Republican press bureau to the contrary notwithstanding. The tariff law, the corporation tax, internal revenue receipts, and all other sources of revenue combined, failed by \$3,014,842.87 of producing sufficient funds to run the government during the first fifteen days of August.

Mule and Buggy Recovered.

The Sikes Company have recovered the mule and buggy that one J. W. Rollins drove off on the eighth when he eloped with his step-daughter, who had been married only a short time before. Posters describing the turnout, the man and the girl, were sent out over four states by Chief Laney and it was not long before word came from the sheriff at Columbia that the mule and buggy had been captured.

Messrs. V. D. Sikes and Bob May went down Thursday and identified the mule, the buggy and the harness, all of which had been sold to Rollins on a chattel mortgage. When the sheriff found the property it was in the hands of a man who claimed that he had bought it from another man who answered the description of Rollins. It is supposed that Rollins and the young woman took the train at Columbia, as nothing had been seen of them. Mr. Bob May brought the outfit back through the country.

Notice of Next Primary.

There will be a second primary held under the same rules, at the same time and places and with same managers as the first one, next Saturday, August 27th, in which the following candidates will run:

J. V. Trull and B. F. Black, for cotton weigher at Marshville;

C. B. Barden and Luther Williams, for cotton weigher at Monroe;

J. E. Stewart and M. C. Long, for register of deeds.

By order of the Democratic executive committee.

A. J. BROOKS, Chairman.