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One Dollar a Year.

THE KILLING OF JOHN MOREE.

His Daughter Tells, at the Inquest, How the Shooting Occurred.

Testimony of Ommie Moree, before coroner's jury, March 28:

Last Sunday evening Mr. Simpson came to our house and I opened the door. He said, "Hello, Ommie," and I said, "Hello, Miller." He then said, "Where is old man John?" He threw out an oath and said, "I am going to kill him." I said, "No, please don't, Miller. Go on off." He says, "Give me a drink of water." Mr. Sellers got the water and gave it to him. After he drank the water he asked where is old man John, and I told him I did not know where he was. He asked which way to go, and I told him to go back the way he came. He had not been gone more than ten minutes before I heard cursing. I ran to the door. Mr. Clarke was getting out of the buggy and Mr. Simpson was pulling up pistol from the buggy. Papa said, "Boys, I have told you all to stay away from my house time and again." Then they began shooting. When Mr. Clark shot he ran up the road. Mr. Simpson stayed until he shot out and then he began to drive off as fast as he could. Papa came to the house calling for gun and cartridges and he took the gun and went back and made one shot with breechloader after he got back. I carried him to the house and he told me he was killed. This was done at my house in this county last Sunday, March 26, this year. Father and Mr. Simpson shot together. Mr. Clark, Simpson and father were all shooting. Mr. Simpson shot my father, taking rest on the buggy top. Mr. Clark shot towards father. I do not know how many shots were fired, but there were lots of them. Father said, "Boys, I have told you to stay away from my house," and I know it for a fact that we had told them so time and again. There had been some trouble previously because Mr. Simpson and Mr. Clark had come to our house and had been some shooting. Fusing several times and shooting once before this.

Mrs. Goodwyn was in sight when I looked out, but was running and hollering and there had been no shooting done. Father loaded the pistol but did not shoot it, however. He shot a gun. He had not been hit when he came back and reloaded his pistol. He fell in the potato patch. When Mr. Simpson took aim and shot, father fell. Then he came back and got shotgun and reloaded his pistol and went out and shot the gun. When I went to him he was coming towards me and said, "Ommie, I am killed," and threw his arm around me.

Father did not complain of being shot until after the shooting was over, but fell on his hands during the first shooting. There were lots of shots fired while Mr. Simpson had aim on father. There had been angling shots before by both sides. Simpson took aim. Those angling shots were not fired at any one directly. I got to the door before the shooting began. I do not know where Mr. Sellers was. I did not go out on the porch with Mr. Sellers when he handed the water to Mr. Simpson. I tried to keep father from going back when he came for the cartridges. He said he was going as he had told the boys to stay away from there time and again and he was going to see if he could not keep them away. The buggy had just turned into the neighborhood road when the shooting began.

Pineland Dairy Buys Some Fine Cows.

Mr. E. C. Williams, proprietor of the Pineland Dairy, went to central New York, in the great dairy section, and bought ten fine Holstein cows and a young bull for his herd. The cattle arrived last Friday and attracted a great deal of attention. They are the finest bunch of dairy cows ever seen here. The Holstein is the greatest milker of all the dairy breeds. One of the cows which Mr. Williams bought has made a record of more than ten gallons per day, and several of them have made records of seven and eight gallons. A man came with the cows to feed and milk them on the way. Cows of this kind can be landed here at a price ranging from one hundred and twenty-five to one hundred and fifty dollars. This figure is not high compared to the price of ordinary cows here.

Every family has need of a good, reliable liniment. For sprains, bruises, soreness of the muscles and rheumatic pains there is none better than Chamberlain's. Sold by all dealers.

Recollections of an Old Citizen.

The Journal receives subscriptions almost daily from people who have lived in this section, and though living away are still interested in things hereabouts. In giving his subscription the other day, Mr. Miles Throat of Jefferson said: "I was born and reared in Union county and a paper from up there appeals to me. I can remember very well when the public square was in trees and shrubbery and an old fence row ran along where Franklin street now is. I remember the first man who was publicly whipped for crime in the county. He was whipped for stealing a pig. He got thirty-nine lashes on the bare back, but it transformed him from a worthless into an industrious and prosperous farmer. I am 76 years old and weigh more than I ever did." Old citizens are always interested in the news from the old county and they are among the most valued subscribers of the home papers.

Seaboard Puts in More Telephones.

The Seaboard Air Line, which was the first railroad in the South to supplant the telegraph for train dispatching, has just placed orders for additional telephone train dispatching equipment covering more than 600 miles, with two complete circuits.

The first division being equipped centers at Hamlet, with extensions to Wilmington, 111 miles away; Columbia, 106 miles, and Rutherfordton, 157 miles—a total of 371 miles with 36 telephone stations. The second division extends from Jacksonville to Tampa, with branches to Orlando and Venice, Fla., a distance of 255 miles, with 38 way station equipments. The dispatcher on the second division will be located at Jacksonville.

These installations are the result of two years' successive use of the telephone on other divisions of this road, extending from Richmond to Raleigh, with a branch to Portsmouth, and from Raleigh to Monroe.

Recorder's Court.

Will Davis, assault and battery; \$20 and costs.

E. J. Steele, assault and battery; costs.

Bud Ireland, violating ordinance 76; \$1 and costs. Assault and battery with deadly weapon, \$4 and costs.

John Broom, retailing; \$60 and costs.

Alman Davis, violating ordinance 76; costs.

Ed Walker, trespass; costs.

W. J. Trull, assault and battery; \$10 and costs.

Lee Trull, assault and battery; \$10 and costs.

D. F. Shepherd, assault and battery; not guilty.

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(These cases were a fight between Messrs. Lee Trull and Dock Shepherd, and one between Dock Shepherd and W. J. Trull.)

C. W. Hamilton, disposing of mortgaged property; judgment suspended on payment of costs and promise of good behavior.

Vernon Starnes, assault and battery; not guilty.

Henry Outlaw, concealed weapons; costs.

Lon Rogers, assault and battery; \$3.50 and costs.

Dock Yow, assault and battery; \$5 and costs.

Cull Crook, assault and battery; \$5 and costs.

G. Stegall, disturbing peace; \$1 and costs.

Calvin Ingram, assault and battery; \$2.50 and costs.

John Hargett, assault and battery; \$10 and costs.

Tax Assessors.

The county commissioners have appointed the following assistant tax assessors for the county:

Lanes Creek—B. F. Parker.

Buford—W. T. Laney.

Sandy Ridge—G. W. Sutton.

Jackson—R. T. Sistare.

Vance—W. D. Hawfield.

Goose Creek—I. A. Clontz.

New Salem—H. T. Baucom.

Marshville—F. W. Ashcraft.

Monroe—A. C. Johnson.

Chief Justice Flow is the chief assessor for the whole county and the assistants work under his direction. As the law requires that the assessors shall visit the house of every man, the commissioners are having some difficulty in getting men to take the places. The town commissioners have appointed L. R. Helms, B. A. Horn and Rufus Armfield town assessors.

ARTISTS OF ABILITY TO SING.

Monroe to Enjoy a Rare Musical Treat Thursday Night.

The appearance here of the English Grand Opera Company is an occasion of interest in Monroe, and the cast of "Cavalleria Rusticana," as arranged with the pleasing little operetta "The Rose of Auvergne," preceding, is certainly a combination to conjure an ideal musical entertainment.

It is the first production of grand opera here in a long while, and American playgoers, ever appreciative, will enjoy it greatly.

Among those included in the cast of "Cavalleria Rusticana" are the following well known artists:

Guillaume, tenor, who abroad alternates with both Caruso and Bonci, is at present on tour in the way of preparation for his next season's contract in New York.

Bertha Helman, two seasons ago appeared on numerous occasions with Hammerstein at the Manhattan and last year as the coloratura soprano at the National opera house in the City of Mexico.

C. Pol Plancon, baritone, sang last winter with the Grand in Boston. He is a nephew of the elder Plancon, the basso.

The ladies' orchestra, under Nellie Chandler, the Boston conductress, will render a program of popular selections from New York successes.

The company has been carefully selected from the best grand opera talent available and if all reports from towns and cities where the organization has appeared quite recently are true the musical treat of many years is in store for the music lovers.

The concert of twenty minutes, preceding the rise of the curtain, will be especially entertaining.

WORKING HARDER THAN EVER

Another Successful Week Only Makes Contestants Start in With More Determination for Another—A Cash Prize Now Offered.

Mrs. W. C. Perry.....\$79,100
Miss Maude Stallings.....\$78,700
Mrs. T. C. Horton.....\$42,325
Miss Nell Curlee.....\$155,700
Miss Annie May McCall.....\$95,350
Miss Katherine McDowell.....\$51,200
Miss Kathleen Whitfield.....\$16,275

That is the way the vote stands this week. The contest for subscribers for The Carolina Democrat goes right on with renewed energy by the working contestants. Miss Stallings, Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Horton have enrolled several hundred subscribers. Only workers who secure one hundred subscribers are recognized in the contest as active workers. As there are several handsome prizes besides the Piano, there is room for more active workers. Only active workers will be called in on the prize distribution. It is very easy to secure one hundred subscribers.

For every bunch of ten one-year subscribers, I will this week give 50,000 votes. This is the time to pile up the votes.

For the next two weeks a special cash prize of Five Dollars in gold will be given the contestant who turns in the largest number of subscribers. This five-dollar gold piece goes to the contestant who brings in the largest number of subscribers before April 25th.

MISS MAUDE TAWNEY,
Contest Manager.

Jackson Monument to be Unveiled Tomorrow.

The monument erected on the spot where stood the cabin in which Andrew Jackson was born, will be unveiled tomorrow by the North Carolina society of the D. A. R. The 12th of April was selected because it is the anniversary of the Halifax convention. The party will come down on the Charlotte train in the morning and go to Waxhaw on the local, thence immediately to the spot, six miles south of Waxhaw. Luncheon will be served by the ladies of Waxhaw. The program is as follows:

Prayer—by a local clergyman.

Song: America—by all present.

Address of welcome—by R. L. Stevens, Esq.

Reply by Mrs. John Van Landingham, State regent of North Carolina.

Song (selected)—by Waxhaw school.

Address—by Hon. E. R. Preston, Benediction.

Miss Inez Furr of Emmanuel church neighborhood is visiting at Mr. M. L. Flow's.

Local and Personal.

Mr. W. L. Funderburk and Mrs. Jeanie Moser were married yesterday by Squire A. C. Johnson, at the home of Mr. E. B. Funderburk.

Mrs. William Baucom died at her home in Goose Creek yesterday of pneumonia. She was a widow, 53 years old, and a daughter of the late Mr. A. J. Austin. She leaves six children, most of whom are grown. She was a good woman.

Mr. B. H. Benton has sold his stock of groceries in Bentonville to Mr. John Thomas Helms who says he expects to open up a first-class store. Mr. Helms has had some experience in the mercantile business and will doubtless make a success.

Three full reels at the Dixie tonight: "The Sailor's Return"; "Grandmother's War Story, the Romance of a Southern Heroine"; and "Getting Sister Married," the biggest laugh in months. Don't miss it.

The store of Benton, Crow & Co. was broken open Thursday night and about fifty dollars' worth of goods stolen. The goods were found next day by some little boys stored in crevices in the old gin building at Bear Skin bridge. No arrests have been made.

The Governor of the State has offered a reward of one hundred dollars for the arrest of the murderer of Ella Richardson, whose body was found stashed in a trunk at Hamlet on March 21st. The murderer is supposed to be a negro named Will Darrah.

If there are still some boys who would like to join the corn clubs, they should send their names at once to Prof. R. N. Nisbet at Monroe. And if there are districts that contemplate voting a local tax this year, they should start at once in order to get the benefit of the levy this year.

Yesterday afternoon fire destroyed the house of Mrs. E. D. Funderburk of Dudley, in which she and her sister, Mrs. Mary Plyler lived. Everything was lost, including some valuable papers, except \$20 in money. From this building another one near by in which Raymond Funderburk lived, caught and was destroyed. The total loss was heavy with no insurance. The fire started from the stove fire.

The Light Bearers of Central Methodist church will give a public entertainment Sunday night, at the usual hour for service. The mite boxes which the children have had during the quarter will be taken up at this meeting, and everybody who has one is requested to bring or send it to this meeting. The audience will be asked for a contribution to help swell the amount the children may bring in.

There was a general meeting of the congregation of the Presbyterian church Wednesday night, at which reports of the work of the church year, which closes March 31st, were read. Nearly \$8,000 had been contributed for all causes, and there were gratifying evidences of progress. Following the meeting a reception was tendered the congregation by the ladies in the Sunday school room and delicious refreshments were served.

Messrs. Belk Bros., J. R. Simpson and S. B. Bundy are preparing to build a large mercantile structure on their lots on Lafayette street. The old wood building that has stood there for years has been sold to Mr. G. M. Tucker and will be torn down. The new brick building will be two or three stories high and will contain two big store rooms. J. R. Simpson & Co. are moving their goods to the old Central hotel office and the Amusee picture show is moving into the building north of its present stand. The work will begin right away.

Registrars and Judges.

The following are the registrars and judges of election for the election on the Salisbury railroad bond proposition, to be held in Buford and Goose Creek, May 13th:

South Goose Creek—Registrar, E. J. Griffin; judges: A. A. Secrest, Allen Baucom.

North Goose Creek—Registrar, I. C. Clontz; judges: John E. Hagler, W. F. Robinson.

Irby's—Registrar, W. P. Plyler; judges: W. T. Laney, D. C. Montgomery.

Armfield's—Registrar, R. W. A. Rogers; judges: W. A. Eubanks, P. L. G. Whitley.

CUTTING OUT SMALL GRAFT.

Useless Jobs at Washington City Amounting to Enormous Sum Cut Out by Democrats the First Thing—Take Out the Little as Well as the Big Graft, Says Champ Clark.

Washington, April 8.—That the doorkeeper of the House of Representatives had his thirteen-year-old daughter on the payroll as a "clerk to the doorkeeper" at a salary of \$1,200 a year with an extra month's pay, was one of many unique discoveries made by Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer of the ways and means committee while investigating useless positions on the House payroll. Palmer's retrenchment program was unanimously adopted by the Democratic membership, reflecting the greatest of credit upon the young Pennsylvania member who has come to be recognized as one of the strong leaders of the House. The position as "clerk to doorkeeper" will be abolished.

Although the clerks' document room and all the offices therein was abolished by statute in 1895, the salaries aggregating \$6,260 went right on. The Republican machine needed the patronage, and why be discouraged by a little thing like a statute? Six useless but expensive House committees will be abolished. Saving, \$12,000 a year.

A saving of \$3,000 a year will be effected through dispensing with the services of two attendants to the old library space. These positions were created when the library was in the Capitol. The library was removed many years ago. Since then the two attendants have had nothing to attend to but blank space. It was an easy job.

Two night watchmen charged to the folding room will be dropped. Seventy-four policemen are on duty at the Capitol, and unless the two stalwart Republican night watchmen watched the police, it is difficult to understand how they put in their time.

Here is another illustration of wastefulness in running the government: Before the telephone was invented a telegraph wire was constructed between the Capitol and War Department for quick communication. Since the telephone has come into existence it has been used exclusively. But the jobs of the two telegraphers remained. At last they are to be abolished. Saving, \$2,800 annually.

"During the Spanish war," says Mr. Palmer, "somebody's friend told somebody's cousin that somebody's aunt had heard someone say that a plot was on foot to dynamite the Capitol. Thirty-eight extra policemen were added. They have remained ever since."

The Palmer committee believes the danger is now over, and will have thirty-four private policemen and one lieutenant given a permanent leave of absence. Saving, \$39,000 annually.

Retrenchment in the House alone sums up as follows: Saving under speaker, \$2,320; saving under clerk, \$39,970; saving under sergeant-at-arms, \$47,050; saving under doorkeeper, \$31,340; saving through abolishing extra month's pay, \$50,000; saving through abolishing six useless committees, \$12,000; saving through abolishing speaker's automobile, \$6,000. Total annual saving, \$188,680.

"Economy in public expense, that labor may be lightly burdened," has but just begun in Washington. One department after another will be taken up by the Democrats, and wherever they have the power, they will abolish useless offices and substitute a business administration for wastefulness and extravagance.

An Unreported Speech.

Speaker Champ Clark made an important speech recently that has not as yet been printed in any newspaper. It was made in caucus, at which no newspaper men were present. It was a private, heart-to-heart talk between Clark and his Democratic party fellows. Here is what Mr. Clark said, not for the public, but for the ears of the Democratic members of Congress:

"I congratulate Mr. Palmer and his associates upon their retrenchment program. I congratulate them with all my heart and strength.

"There is only one way to economize, and that is for each man of us to begin economizing at home. To start the ball rolling I propose to do a little economizing on my own book. I am going to cut down my office

staff. Then I shall go further. I am going to save the people \$6,000 by doing away with the Speaker's automobile. If I cannot legally get rid of it, I will run it into the Potomac. The Republicans will say it is cheese-paring and peanut politics, but the people have some sense, and they will know that if we begin by giving up our own little grafts that we will then be morally fortified to go after the bigger ones. And I don't care what the Republicans say. I will cooperate with any man in this House who can find a place for sensible economy. I do not care whether it is a little economy or a big economy that is proposed, I will work with any member to bring it about if it is a sensible one."

A Republican View.

"The legislative program outlined by Speaker Clark will meet with public approval. It is progressive and only radical to those who hold that legislation in the interest of the general public is radical and should be opposed."—Philadelphia North American Republican.

Democrats Keep Promises.

The Maine legislature, Democratic in both branches, has just adjourned, after a session lasting thirteen weeks, during which every pledge that had been made by the Democrats in last fall's campaign was substantially kept.

News in Lanes Creek Items.

The son of Mr. Albert Grant was very seriously injured some days ago while helping work around a wood saw. The saw caught his leg and would probably have cut it off had it not been for nearby help.

Mrs. J. C. Moore has been seriously ill for the past week.

Miss Ethel Helms, daughter of Mr. H. M. Helms, and Mr. Hurley Riggins, son of Mr. Jack Riggins, were married in Chesterfield on the 2nd.

While dynamite is a good means of getting up stumps, Mr. T. E. Williams and sons have found a better and safer way. They are using an improved stump puller, and it does the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baker, who left some months ago to make their home in south Georgia, have returned and will continue to live here. The climate down there did not agree with them. Their neighbors are glad to have them back.

The Jenkins school, taught by Miss Carrie Presson, will close next Saturday.

Mrs. J. J. Cox and her son, Mr. J. B. Cox, left a few days ago for south Georgia.

No Remedy in Sight.

The Wadesboro Ansonian, discussing the high cost of living, points out the great expense to which merchants are put in delivering purchases—much of which might be obviated. One firm, it reports, tells of sending its delivery wagon to the same house twelve times to deliver small telephone orders, the whole amounting to less than a load for the wagon. Another carried a load of broad a mile and a half—the profit on the sale being one cent. Another was asked to send a 5-cent spool of cotton beyond the town limits in order to be exchanged for one of another number. These instances may appear to be extreme, but we are confident that the average retail merchant would have no trouble in duplicating them from his experience without overestimating his memory to do so.

None the less, we cannot see much hope that the matter will be remedied. Modern business competition requires the retail merchant to go to the limit of possibility in delivering purchases to customers; if he does not his competitor will make havoc with his trade. Equally necessary it is that he put on at least the appearance of cheerfulness when sending his man and wagon on a three-mile jaunt for the sake of a one-cent profit. Under these conditions the buying public has become badly spoiled. The merchant perforce shows eager appreciation of the business given him, no matter how small its volume or great the lack of foresight bestowed upon the transaction by the customer. Allowed an ink to take an ell is strictly in the line with human nature, and the latter has been found somewhat difficult of serious modification.