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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

## Shute Brothers Divide Property.

Messrs H. A., J. R. and J. T. Shute, who have always done business under co-partnership as J. Shute & Sons, have dissolved their copartnership and divided their property. In passing the real estate deeds among themselves the largest holdings of private real estate ever passed at one time in this county. Their large real estate possessions in the town and county were divided equally among the three and deeds for each were given by the others. A value was placed upon each piece and the selections then made by lot, agreeable to all. Each division carried a part of the valuable business houses and its quota if minor pieces. Each of these gentlemen is now the sole and individual owner of the following:

H. A. Shute: The two city blocks upon which are situated the new store rooms erected last summer on Franklin street and the block upon which the stable occupied by Fowler & Lee is, The Gloucester Hotel and the Houston lot back of it, the Express office block at the depot; two lots known as Cy Medlin lots two known as Shade houses; four south of town known as Uriah Robinson lots; two houses at end of Franklin street; Doster house and lot in front of Presbyterian church; 65 acres of farming land near town known as Broom land; 116 acres Billie Helms place; 59 acres on Charlotte road.

J. T. Shute: Opera house and post office block; brick yard tract and sewerage system; hardware building on LaFayette street; eight houses and lots near cemetery; three houses near the county home; two Hinson houses on Bryan street; Doster house on church street; Ezzell lot near G. C. McLarty's; 194 acres Crook land; 121 acres Lewis Williams land; 90 acres Ayecock place.

J. R. Shute: Bank of Union block; Central Hotel; both ginning plants and 19 acres on Bear Skin; lumber yard and old Methodist church building; Capt. J. W. Whitfield house and lot; 72 acres Sikes land near oil mill; 229 acres on Charlotte road; 10 acres Tom Simpson gin place; 10 acres Polly Harris place; Enoch Hart corner on Franklin street. Besides this there were some holdings in Cabarrus county that were divided.

## Started the Thing Unbeknownst.

The other day when Mr. D. B. Snyder left his automobile in front of T. C. Lee & Co.'s store near the oil mill, Mr. Lee Griffin went out to look it over. He inadvertently touched the touchous spot about it and off the thing started, making straight for a telephone pole down the road. Mr. Griffin being in the fix of the man who was obliged to catch his horse, put out after it. But when he caught up and yelled who! it had no effect and the machine shot right on with him trotting along side of it. When it was about to smash its nose against the pole some one hollered, "grab the reverse lever," and Mr. Griffin grabbed like a drowning man catching at a straw. But he made a fortunate grab and saved the day as well as the machine. Ever since then he has been looking at machines afar off.

## Had Lived in Three Centuries.

Mrs. Mary Rodriguez, a native of Mexico, died at Baskerville, Cal., Monday, at the age of 123 years, 7 months and 11 days. She was born November 1, 1788. A fall in which she sustained a fractured hip compelled her to spend the last five months of her life in bed, but heretofore she had hardly known illness and retained all of her faculties.

## Change of Appointment.

Rev. G. C. Brinkman, having accepted an invitation to preach a sermon at the unveiling of a monument to the late L. W. Hagler at Waxhaw, by the Woodmen of the World, next Sunday at 2 o'clock, his appointment at Bethlehem has been changed to 10, a. m., and no services at the arbor.

The editors of the Marshville Home and the Waxhaw Enterprise will please not fight over our heads.

## Indian Trail Young Lady Married.

(Correspondence of The Journal)

On Sunday afternoon, the 12th inst., Mr. Will Burnett of Matthews and Miss Bright Broom of Indian Trail boarded the train at the latter place, and all here just thought he was taking his best girl up to Charlotte to spend the day as they had been in the habit of doing. But, alas! there was a greater significance to their special trip, and this glorious Sabbath day Charlotte was too small a place for this romantic couple this time. They only stopped long enough to get a turnout, and then went speeding on their way to the land where all love-sick souls are want to go, and there at the beautiful home of Esq. W. O. Bailes they were happily united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The happy couple will make their home in Matthews. They have many friends who wish them all that a married life can give, and the writer would say may heaven's richest blessings rest upon them and give them a long and happy life.

Mr. Willie Swindell of Kimberlin Heights, Tenn., has recently been visiting his friend and schoolmate, Mr. Thomas Smith.

Mr. James Ritch of this place has gone to Blacksburg, S. C., to engage in the restaurant business. We were very sorry to give up such a good citizen as Mr. Ritch, but here is wishing him much success in his new business.

Mr. Willie Baker has been appointed depot agent at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey Yandle gave an ice cream suppy at their home last Saturday night.

Mr. Tom Conder of Columbia, S. C., is visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. W. B. Houston and children of Monroe spent a few days here the past week visiting Dr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald.

Mr. L. A. Conder has just returned from Newberry, S. C., and expects to spend the summer at home.

## Mr. Melton Gone to Montrose.

Mr. D. J. Melton of Buford township, being in bad health for some time, recently went to a hospital at Chester. Here they diagnosed his trouble as pellagra, and advised him to go to a specialist in Wilmington. He did this and there was told that he had no symptoms of pellagra, but had tuberculosis of the throat, and was advised to go to a hospital. Wishing to be as near home as possible, he went to Charlotte. Here they advised him to go to Montrose, in Cumberland county, the State's Sanatorium for tuberculosis, and he went there last Friday.

## Crops Good Elsewhere.

"I was in Anson, Richmond, Hoke, Cumberland, Robeson and Scotland last week," said Mr. T. J. W. Broom yesterday, "and corn is exceptionally fine, and lots of it there, but cotton is spotted. On some fields you see cotton knee high and just coming up in another. In these counties the farmers are praying for dry weather. They have been wet two weeks and the grass is about to take them. I find that in the eastern part of the county there has been more moisture than in other sections of the county. If we get rain this week crops will grow very fast."

## Examination for Postoffice Clerk.

An examination for postoffice clerk at Monroe under civil service rules will be held at the courthouse July 11 at 9 o'clock, by Mr. John Fullenwider, who has been appointed to hold it. Applicants must be between 18 and 45, male or female. Women must be unmarried. Male applicants must be 5 feet 4, and weigh not less than 125. Full information can be had from Postmaster Love.

## Hogs Killed by Lightning.

Four fine thoroughbred hogs weighing on an average of 715 pounds each, belonging to Col. T. Y. Williams, were killed by lightning Monday afternoon, on his plantation south of town. The hogs were under a tree, which was struck by the electric bolt. Some sheep were also under the tree, but they escaped unhurt.—Lancaster News.

## Woman Killed on Track.

(Charlotte Observer, Monday.)

Unheeding the whistle's siren shriek, the headlight's glare and rumble of the approaching train which stood clearly revealed in the semi-light of breaking dawn, an unknown white woman about 65 years of age, calmly walked into death yesterday morning at 4:10 o'clock. Apparently the fatal collision was the result of carelessness, or a miscalculation of her nearness to the track. She was struck about the waist by the wooden beam of the engine's pilot and instantly killed.

The accident occurred on the Seaboard Air Line Railroad about four miles east of Charlotte. A special freight train running on the schedule of No. 19 was headed for this city. The woman was walking in the opposite direction towards Sardis and Matthews. When Engineer R. L. Barrett first saw her she was 100 yards distant from the train, walking on the south side of the track. He blew his whistle and watched her cross over to the other side, clear of the track. The next time he saw her she was 25 yards away and had strayed too close to the track for safety.

The train was stopped within half a length, not having been running very fast. The woman's body was brought to this city and placed in charge of Coroner Z. A. Hovis, who was awakened.

Mr. Hovis, though an undertaker himself, sent the body to the establishment of J. M. Harry & Co. and held an inquest there in the afternoon at 2 o'clock. A jury consisting of Messrs. G. H. McGinn, William Johnson, R. E. Cochran, W. E. Long, M. M. Wallace and J. O. Thomas rendered a verdict that the woman met death as a result of her own negligence. Five railroad men, members of the crew, testified. Only two had seen her prior to the accident, the engineer and a brakeman who was riding in the fireman's cab at the time. The latter saw her cross the track, but did not see her thereafter.

The identity of the victim being quite unknown efforts were at once made by the railroad company and others to find out her name. She was badly used up by the contact with the engine, chiefly about the upper portion of her body. The ribs and arms broken and the scalp lacerated. She was evidently of advanced age, her hair being quite white.

## Farmer Killed in Lancaster.

Lancaster, S. C., June 18th.—Joseph Snipes, a white farmer, is dead and Albert Cunningham and Manly Cook, young white men, are charged by Coroner King's jury of inquest, held to-day, with killing him. The homicide occurred yesterday afternoon about 16 miles east of Lancaster.

According to the testimony taken at the inquest, Snipes lived on Cunningham's farm and was working a crop on shares. The men had some trouble Friday, when Cunningham told Snipes not to work his mule any more. Yesterday Cunningham went to Kershaw and, on returning in the afternoon, accompanied by his friend, young Cook, was informed that Snipes had been working the mule. Cunningham and Cook then went to Snipes' home on the place, finding him out in the yard. After some words, one of the men, it is said, shot at Snipes who ran into the house, followed by both men, where a number of shots were fired. Snipes was hit in the body, neck and both arms by four of the bullets.

Cunningham and Cook were also shot, the former in the arm and the latter in the hand, though Snipes, it is said, did not do any shooting. It is thought that Cook and Cunningham accidentally shot each other.

Snipes was about 35 years old and leaves a widow and several children, who were witnesses to the tragedy.

Upon the rendition of the jury's verdict this afternoon, Coroner King issued a warrant for the arrest of Cunningham and Cook and placed it in the hands of Sheriff Hunter who will bring the parties to jail, if the condition of their wounds will admit of their removal.

Haven't yet heard of any "hail as big as heneggs."

## Recorder's Court Proceedings.

June 13 to June 20th.

Horace Allen, larceny, 4 months on roads.

Plummer Helms, perjury, bound over to next criminal term of Superior Court, under bond of \$100. In April a man named Lon Cook was indicted for making an assault on Plummer Helms. After the assault, Helms, who was drinking, gave an account of the fight to five or six persons, saying that Lon Cook hit him with a chair. At the time of Cook's trial, Helms swore that he didn't know whether Lon Cook hit him or not. He said that he was too drunk to know anything about it. The Sub-Recorder at the hearing of the perjury case considered this evidence probable cause, and bound him over to court to answer the charge.

Connie Staten, assault and battery, to be hired out by commissioners for thirty days.

Dollie Rivers, assault and battery, to be hired out by commissioners thirty days.

David Horne, larceny of two boxes cigars from the Henderson-Snyder Co., 6 months on roads.

David Horne, larceny of rain coat from Austin & Levy's market, 4 months on roads.

Gilbert Davis, assault and battery, \$10 and costs.

Horace Redfearn, assault and battery, \$15 and costs.

Ab. Cook, assault and battery, \$10 and costs. This man plead guilty to beating his wife.

Walter Belk, assault and battery, not guilty.

Herman Springs, disturbing entertainment of school, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Ernest Taylor, violation of ordinance 76, \$3 and costs.

Tom Price, assault and battery, judgment suspended on payment of costs. Subject to be reopened when certain witnesses appear.

## The Normal College.

We desire to call attention to the advertisement of the State Normal and Industrial College which appears in this issue. Every year shows a steady growth in this institution devoted to the higher education of the women of North Carolina.

The college last year had a total enrollment of 909 students. Eighty-seven of the ninety-eight counties of the State had representatives in the student body. Nine-tenths of all the graduates of this institution have taught or are now teaching in the schools of North Carolina.

The dormitories are furnished by the State and board is provided at actual cost. Two hundred appointments with free tuition, apportioned among the several counties according to school population, will be awarded to applicants about the middle of July. Students who wish to attend this institution next year should make application as early as possible, as the capacity of the dormitories is limited.

## Tried to Blow up Chain Gang Guard.

An unsuccessful attempt was made Thursday by a member of the chain gang force, negro convict named Stinson, to kill Guard Williams by exploding some dynamite near the officer. Mr. Williams was knocked down and rendered unconscious for a short while. On recovering consciousness he observed that the convicts were running away. Quickly rising and seizing his gun, he ordered the convicts to halt, which they did, none escaping.

Stinson has been entrusted with dynamite to blow up stumps, etc., in the road. The incident occurred near Caston branch west of town, where the gang is now at work.—Lancaster News.

## Charged with Beating Wife to Death.

A Spartanburg special says: Because she objected to her husband's selling whiskey, Mrs. Mary Lawter, who recently came to Arlington in a remote section of this county, from near Saluda, N. C., was so severely beaten by him with a hickory stick that she died from the effects of it, according to the finding of a coroner's jury, which rendered this verdict at the inquest held by Coroner J. S. Turner Tuesday evening.

## Who Comes in this Week?

Last week we put in three new phones where there had been none before. People are realizing that a phone is needed in every house. And they are also realizing that those who frequently need phone service are not doing right in running over to a neighbor's house and using a phone that someone else is paying for. We have been frequently asked since these little talks have been running "Whom do you mean; what are you striking at?" We have tried to make plain all along that we mean to break up this continual beating that many people have been guilty of (imposing on both us and their neighbors) if we could and if we couldn't we were determined to let the public know just what the practice is. And if you are continually using other people's phones, we mean you, and you are the one who is doing the beating. That ought to be plain. We do not want anyone to take a phone who does not need it, but we do want those who use them to pay for them. Of course a great many people who have been engaged in this practice did so because they never stopped to think about it. But hereafter there is no reason to continue it.

Very truly,  
W. H. Norwood, Mgr.  
Monroe Telephone Company.

## Convicts Killed by Collapse on Railroad.

Newport, Tenn., June 18.—Four convicts were killed, 12 seriously injured and 14 convicts and 3 guards slightly injured today in collapse of a bull pen near near Waterville, N. C., in the heart of the Smokies, where two railroad companies are engaging in a war for the monopoly of the East. The convicts were all negroes, the property of the State of North Carolina, and were being worked in connection with the construction work of the Transcontinental Railroad.

The men killed were: Albert Wynn of Goldsboro, serving sentence of 10 years for receiving stolen goods; Will Green of Raleigh, serving sentence of four years for murder; Henry Paul of Newberne, serving sentence of 3 years for larceny; Clarence Walker of Western North Carolina, serving sentence of 7 years for larceny. All four men had only a few months of their time to serve, one or two being due to leave the camp in August.

Major Wynn of Goldsboro, convicted at the same time as his brother who was killed, and Sylvester Parham, serving a thirty year sentence for murder, are not expected to live.

Capt. J. E. Hoskins of Raleigh, who was in charge of the prisoners went down with the pen and had to be dug from the debris, suffered several painful injuries. Guards J. E. Nichols and Ed McKerny had narrow escapes from death, but were only slightly injured.

## The Deacon Cut Up Turble.

Savannah, Ga., June 18th.—A mad scramble for windows and doors interrupted the sitting of a jury of elders at the Clifton Baptist church, five miles from here to-day, when deacon Joseph Smalls, who was on trial for card playing, drew a revolver and covered the jury and audience while he forced them to listen to his defending argument.

The hearing was going along smoothly but applause shook the building every time a point was made against the defendant. Just before the jury began the consideration of their verdict, Smalls arose and said he was determined to give his side of the case. When he drew his revolver, he quickly cleared the house of all except the scared conference members. Flourishing his pistol, he waxed eloquent and before he knew it, two of his hearers jumped behind him and pinioned his arms, while others came to disarm him. At this point Smalls' mother entered the church armed with a butcher knife and promised to make more trouble, but she soon was quited. Police were called from Savannah and Smalls was taken to the station. The elders continued their session and Smalls was deposed as a deacon.

## Two Big Articles.

The issue of The Democrat of the 23rd will contain two great big articles that everybody about here will be interested in. One is the continuation of the discussion of the four big candidates for the Senate by Bloomsby, the Raleigh correspondent of The Democrat. These articles are attracting attention all over the State, and people everywhere are guessing who wrote them. They have made a great hit. The other article is a splendid write up of Monroe and Union county by a most gifted writer, who has travelled in the past few years in nearly every State in the Union. This is a page article, and one that you will be proud to send to your friends elsewhere.

The coming issue of The Carolina Democrat will show the paper increased to eight pages. The publishers are anxious to have as many of the home people subscribe as possible. The paper is going elsewhere, and it is expected to make it a credit to the town in which it is published, though it is not a local newspaper. Other articles of an exceptionally high character are in course of preparation, and every issue will contain enough good reading matter to make it worth a year's subscription. One dollar pays for the paper till November, 1912.

## Tried to Follow Sweatheart to Grave.

Washington, N. C., June 18.—Despondency caused by the death this morning of his fiancée at the Fovle hospital here, after a very short illness of appendicitis, drove Charles Ricks, the eldest son of Sheriff George E. Ricks of this town and county, to attempted self-destruction about 4 o'clock this afternoon. The rash act was committed in young Ricks' room at the home of his parents and a razor was the means used, a deep gash being cut in his throat.

Young Ricks was very devoted to the young lady. He had been in a low-spirited and depressed condition all day and his mother had been constantly at his bedside. She happened to leave the room for a few moments and Mr. James McClure, a friend of Ricks, coming in in the meantime, had gone up to his room to try to cheer him up a little. Finding the door locked, McClure suspected something wrong and hastened to call the family. The door was forced open and young Ricks found lying on the bed with a deep gash cut in his throat and the bed covered with blood.

## Heavy Storm at Danville.

Roanoke, Va., June 18.—A cyclone, wind, rain and electrical storm swept over this city this afternoon inflicting damage estimated at \$100,000 to \$250,000, chiefly in the unroofing and flooding of cotton mills, tobacco factories, storage plants, destruction of trees and shrubbery, chimneys, awnings, porches, telegraph and telephone poles and electric transmission poles and wires. The trolley service of the city was suspended and tied up for 24 hours. The entire telephone service of the city is out of commission and the entire city is isolated.

## Death of a Good Colored Man.

Rev. J. R. Robinson, an aged and respected colored Baptist preacher, died Tuesday night of apoplexy, at his home in the eastern portion of the county. He was buried on Wednesday at the colored people's New Hope burying ground, many whites attending the services. The deceased enjoyed the confidence and respect of both races.—Lancaster News.

## Thousand-Year-Old Seed has Germinated.

Greeley, Col., June 17.—After lying in the tomb of an Egyptian mummy for probably more than a thousand years ten grains of wheat sent to a Greeley farmer and planted west of here, has germinated.

From it eight stalks of wheat have grown and this promises a variety of wheat.

Mr. A. S. Dockery of Rockingham is critically ill with typhoid fever. Mr. Dockery is a well known young lawyer.