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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

SHOT AT IN THE BED.

HOUSE BURGLARIZED AND YOUNG LADIES NEARLY MURDERED.

Robber Entered House of Mr. W. W. Horn Saturday Night and Attempted to Kill Misses Ritch and Jordan—Fired at but Made Escape—Another Burglary the Same Night.

A man whose only identity is that he is a negro went into the house of Mr. W. W. Horn Saturday night did his best to kill Miss Margie Ritch and Miss Jordan, one of the graded school teachers. He fired his pistol two or more times almost in their faces and it is almost a miracle that one or both of them were not killed. One bullet went through Miss Ritch's hand, grazed her neck and buried itself in her pillow. The other went into the bed near the foot. The course of the bullets showed that the first was fired directly over the young women and the other was fired from the foot of the bed. No one in Monroe has ever had such a frightful experience as overtook these young ladies. They stood the shock remarkably well, and all during Sunday received scores of callers who went to express their sympathy. The object of the burglar was evidently to secure money and his attempt to murder was in consequence of the young ladies being awakened while he was ransacking drawers and trunks.

The crime occurred something after three o'clock Sunday morning. Miss Ritch was aroused by a noise in her room and by the flash of the electric light which hung near the foot of the bed. With rare presence of mind, she made no outcry, and happening to have her arm over her face, held it there. She could tell that the man was near the bureau and that he was flashing the light on and off and searching the room. She remained quite still for what seemed to her a very long time. The burglar became suspicious that she was awake and went to the head of the bed and peered into her face, and being satisfied that she was awake, told her not to make a noise or he would shoot her. This awakened Miss Jordan by her side, who began screaming, then the man began shooting. The young ladies think that he fired three shots at this time, but only the two bullets were found. Having discharged his pistol the man ran out of the door of the room into the hall. Here he encountered Mr. Kirby Hough coming out of the room adjoining, who fired two shots. This turned the burglar back and he ran through the room of the young ladies, and again fired, either in the room or as he was getting out of the window. Tearing away the screen over the window, he jumped out on the front porch and to the ground. Messrs. G. B. Caldwell, Hall Wilson and others, who were sitting up just across the street at the home of Mr. I. B. Bourn, whose body was a corpse, heard the shots and screams and got out in time to see the man jump from the piazza roof and run around the house. Mr. L. S. Presson was also aroused in his home across the street and got out in time to see the man. None of them could make out anything as to his identity. Mr. Wilson quickly went for the bloodhounds and had them there in thirty minutes, but they would not take the trail at all.

When Mr. Hough saw the man in the hall there was not light enough to tell whether it was the burglar or some member of the household and he dared not fire directly at the object. Mr. and Mrs. Horn rushed from their room down stairs when the alarm began, and were at the foot of the stairs in the act of going up as the man was at the head to start down. But for the presence of Mr. Hough just at this time, who frightened him back, the second would no doubt have met Mr. and Mrs. Horn point blank on the stairway, and having the loaded pistol in his hand,

would likely have killed one or both of them.

An investigation showed that the burglar had entered a window in the dining room by raising a wire screen. He went to the kitchen first and helped himself to food. His way then led through the dining room again and parlor to the hall, then the length of the hall to the foot of the stairway, which is in the rear, and on to the rooms above.

During the early morning hours Ed Smith, a negro about town, was seen prowling about, and when questioned, said he was looking for liquor. He made an apparent attempt to go off on the six o'clock train, but was arrested by officer Barrett and some young men on suspicion. He was carried to the home of Mr. Horn for the purpose of identification. No one had seen the man more distinctly than to tell he was black, and thick shouldered. The young ladies stated that they would probably be better able to identify the voice than the person of the man, as they both heard him say very distinctly that he would kill them if they screamed. Smith was held on a charge of carrying concealed weapons to await any developments.

So far as is known the burglar carried off nothing but a few small pieces of jewelry.

Just before the exciting occurrences above, a negro entered the Caldwell boarding house. The down stairs doors are not locked and he had no trouble in getting in. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ingram were sleeping in the room near the head of the stairs, and this room he was in the act of entering when Mrs. Ingram was awakened. She roused her husband and they both saw the negro very plainly, and Mrs. Ingram could very accurately describe him. He had his hand on the knob of the door and had it half open when discovered. Mr. Ingram called to know what he wanted and the fellow deliberately pulled the door after him and ran down stairs. Mr. Ingram expected to see him go out the front door and so ran to the window to see if he could identify him, but on reaching the first floor the fellow ran through the hall and out the back door. On the outside he whistled, as if calling a partner. Mr. Ingram was seen with considerable money the afternoon before, as he had it to pay off hands who were working on the various contracts that he has in town, and this is the supposed object of the attempt.

Boy's Skull Crushed in Cane Mill.

Seaborn, the thirteen year old son of Mr. James T. Arhgett of Vance township, met a horrible death last Wednesday afternoon. His head was crushed in a cane mill, and the poor boy died in thirty minutes. Of the many accidents that have been due to cane mills, none has been more horrible than this. Hands and arms are the usual toll taken when anything goes wrong.

The lad was at a neighbor's house where he was working at the mill. It was an old time mill with two rollers in a frame and a long lever to which the horses are hitched to carry it round. As this lever goes round it goes barely above the frame work. It was between the solid frame and the lever that the boy's head was caught and crushed like an egg shell. Blood spurted from his nose and mouth, and in thirty minutes he died. A more distressing thing has not occurred in that section. Seaborn was a good boy, very industrious, and well liked by everybody.

Notice of Quarterly Conference.

The 4th Quarterly Conference for the North Monroe and Lee-Morlee Charge will be held at Center on next Saturday at two o'clock. Dr. J. R. Seroggs, the Presiding Elder, will preach at two o'clock and hold the conference immediately following.

There will be no preaching on Sunday at Center.

This is the last conference for the year and all the officials are urged to be present as there will be business of importance for consideration. W. T. Albright, P. C.

MORE TROUBLE FOR COTTON

Insects and Disease Come Along and Pile Up On Short Crops and Low Prices.

When the dry weather and the consequent short crop had hit the farmers good and hard in this section, the price of cotton took a tumble and this piled up trouble. But now another blow has hit the farmers, and but for the fact that it came to late to do a great deal of damage, it would have been the worst of all.

This is the depredations of an insect called the army worm or the cotton caterpillar. The worm seems to have come all over the State at the same time. It has appeared in various sections of this county, especially in the western part. The worms eat the young bolls first and then fire in and clean up the leaves, and even take to the grass. They come as if by magic and quickly turn a green field in to a scorched one. Fields of twenty to fifty acres have been seen with not a single green leaf left.

In addition to the worms mentioned above there is another appearing in sections, though not as bad. This is in the shape of a disease. The agricultural department has sent out a bulletin on this disease, which says:

It is most easily recognized on the boll, where it forms ulcer-like spots, which, as they age, become pink in the centers. The spot may enlarge so as to affect the entire boll. The diseased part of the boll usually fails to open and often the contents rot. Enquiries from various sections of the State are being received almost daily at the Experiment Station concerning the disease. It has also been especially severe in Alabama and Georgia during recent years, so severe in the latter State that the Legislature has made a special appropriation for its investigation.

Although the disease is seen more prominently on the bolls, it also occurs on the leaves and the stems. Cotton growers should know that this disease is carried from season to season on the seed, and that seed from a sick boll, even though very slightly diseased, may raise a diseased plant, and this in turn may spread the disease to the whole crop next season. There is no satisfactory treatment and the one point to be remembered is that seed from diseased fields is likely to carry the disease, in fact, almost sure to do so. Even seed from clean fields which has passed through a gin in which diseased cotton has been ginned is dangerous. It is of utmost importance for the grower to be sure that his cotton seed does not come from a field or from a region where this disease prevails.

Death of Cattle.

Mr. W. E. Funderburk, who is doing a large business in buying mountain cattle, fattening them, and furnishing local butchers, has a large pasture in Chesterfield county, to which he sent many cattle. That territory has not been cleared of ticks, and Mr. Funderburk got quite a bunch of cattle down there and could not get them back over the quarantine lines. Some time ago several head died. One day last week he got word that six more had been found dead. They were lying together in a pile, and all seemed to have died about the same time. Mr. Funderburk got Dr. Watt Ashcraft to go down and make an examination. Dr. Ashcraft pronounced death due to tick fever. Mr. Funderburk has lost thirteen head in all.

Mr. Joseph Bowman died at his home in Union county this morning at 4 o'clock. The deceased was an uncle of Mr. W. W. Bennett and Mrs. J. T. Williams of Wadesboro. Messrs. Bennett and Williams, accompanied by Mr. F. E. Covington, will attend the burial, near the former home of Mr. Bowman this afternoon at four o'clock. — Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer.

After this week we will run our gins only three days in each week, commencing next Tuesday, the 17th, and will gin Tuesday, Thursday and Friday each week. Indian Trail Supply Co.

Town Property Valuation.

City clerk and treasurer P. H. Johnson and Mr. W. C. Wolfe have completed the tax book for the City of Monroe for the year 1911. The book shows that there was listed for taxation on May 1, 1911, 937 lots, valued at \$962,289; 282 horses valued at \$24,395; 53 mules valued at \$5,185; 196 cattle, valued at \$4,343; 11 goats, value \$11; farming tools \$229; mechanics tools, \$1,217; household and kitchen furniture, \$49,600; provisions, \$594; firearms, \$1,173; libraries and scientific instruments, \$2,474; goods, wares and merchandise, 172,579; money on hand, \$4,357; solvent credits, \$195,693; cotton, \$600; musical instruments, \$17,136; bicycles, \$235; plated and silverware, \$2,634; watches and jewelry, \$7,153; all other personal property, \$151,753; bank stock, \$123,914; corporation excess, \$18,511, making a total of \$1,746,265. The tax levy is \$1.37½ on the \$100 valuation and the tax on property in the city is therefore \$24,011.14. There were 537 polls, 420 white and 117 colored given in and the tax on each poll is \$4.13 or a total poll tax of \$2,217.81, making a total of \$26,228.95.

The valuation of real estate in 1911 was \$962,289.00 in 1910 \$854,437.00; increase \$107,852.00. The valuation of personal property in 1911 was \$783,976.00; in 1910 747,022.00; increase \$36,954. Total increase \$144,806.00.

There is a decrease of about \$400 in the total amount of taxes due caused by a reduction in the levy of 12½¢, on the \$100 valuation and 37½¢, on each poll.

Union Baptist Association.

The Union Baptist Association met at Faulks last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. This is the first time that the meeting has been opened on Wednesday and the change proved very satisfactory, as it allows the pastors to attend and get away in time to make their regular appointments on Saturday. The meeting was a very successful one. The reports showed that there had been a gain during the year among the churches of 434 members and \$1123 in contributions. Rev. B. Craig preached the introductory sermon this year and Rev. E. C. Snyder was appointed to preach the same next year. Esq. V. T. Cheers was re-elected moderator and Rev. J. L. Bennett, vice moderator. Rev. Braxton Craig was elected clerk and Mr. F. B. Ashcraft treasurer. Mr. J. W. Bivens was appointed a committee to prepare a history of the association.

Dr. Sikes made a splendid address on education and Rev. L. Johnson, corresponding secretary of the State Mission Board, made a fine address on State missions.

The next session will be held at Macedonia.

Aldermanic Proceedings.

At a recent called meeting the aldermen passed an ordinance providing that hereafter the city will furnish all water meters, and for tapping the main, furnishing the meter and putting it on, make a charge of \$18. The city will take care of the meters and make all repairs.

At a meeting held last Wednesday night policeman Shepherd was made temporary street superintendent, and Mr. I. A. Honycutt was appointed special policeman to be in service when needed. Tax collector Crowell submitted his report of collections for the month of September as follows: Tax books, \$146.35; special licenses, \$73; miscellaneous collections, \$120.98; water and lights, \$923.72; total, \$1,264.72.

"Her Old Sweethearts."

The missionary societies of Central Methodist church will give an entertainment, consisting of a companion plays, "His Old Sweethearts" and "Her Old Sweethearts," and a Pantomime and Drill by the children. Miss Mildred Stephenson and Mr. Ney McNeely will impersonate the leading characters and they will be supported by some of the best talent of the town. Opera house Tuesday night, October 17th. Admission 15, 25 and 35c.

Rains or Cold Weather Will Advance Prices.

New Orleans, La., October 8th. —The weather will be the thing most watched in the cotton market this week. On the close of last week there were signs that the protracted spell of favorable weather that the cotton country has been enjoying was about to break up. If the signs prove correct, the market will become unsettled and the grip of the bears will be loosened to some extent.

Over the larger part of the belt the crop is so far advanced that there is little for frost to injure and more actual harm is probably to result from rains.

Rain on the open cotton would greatly injure the grade and thereby cost the farmers of the South millions, but either the rain or colder weather will advance prices this week.

Next to the weather the trade will be concerned over the spot demand. There were indications last week that Southern mills were buying quietly and it was reported that New England mills were calling cotton, while on one occasion continental spinners got in the market because they got the notion that a cold wave was sweeping the cotton belt. If anything like a good spot demand develops it will be hard for the bear side to hold the market down.

This will be the last week in the period to be considered in the next ginning report from the census bureau, and bearish forecasts of the amount ginned may be expected.

If October exports are to be large indication that way must necessarily develop this week.

Burned Human Bodies in Distillery.

Governor Kitchin offered yesterday a reward for Will McIntyre, wanted in Rutherford county for a most notable series of crimes. He operated a blockade distillery and it is now believed that he committed three murders for the purpose of robbery, and burned the bodies of his victims in the furnace of his distillery.

J. H. Miller disappeared September 7, 1906, and in November of the same year J. D. Atchley disappeared, and in 1908 there was a similar disappearance of L. B. Hines, each having been known to be at the blockade still just prior to their disappearance. It is only since the conviction of McIntyre for the blockading, the service of his sentence and his disappearance that suspicion has pointed to him as the perpetrator of the series of murders, and Solicitor A. Hal Johnson and numerous citizens of the section join in asking for the reward by the State.

It is alleged that human bones have been found that were from the furnace of the distillery. McIntyre is described as 25 years old, sallow, dark hair and eyes, crippled so that he ordinarily walks with one hand on his knee. He is believed to have had accomplices in the murders. The reward for him is \$200.

"Graustark" Well Played.

George Barr McCutcheon's "Graustark" was presented in the Bijou theatre last night before a large audience, when the costumes of dainty Miss Janet Waldorf as the princess attracted much attention. She appeared in exquisite gowns and made an admirable princess Yvete.

Henry King of Roanoke, Va., shares honors with Miss Waldorf. Mr. King was an ardent wooer as Glenfall Lorry. Joseph C. Gonyea impersonated Baron Dangloss and Louise Epstein did well as Princess Dawsbergen.

Joseph Belmont, the bellboy, was especially well suited for his part. Miss Allene Durano as Countess Dagmar and Miss Louise Huff as Countess Ysabel were also among the players who helped to make the play delightful, full of brightness and good acting. Others whose names appeared in the case were worthy of mention.—News Leader.

Never leave home on a journey without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is almost certain to be needed and cannot be obtained when on board the cars or steamships. For sale by all dealers.

Death of Mr. I. B. Bourn.

Mr. I. B. Bourn died at his residence on Washington street early Saturday morning of Bright's disease. He had not been in good health for some time and was forced to quit work some weeks ago to take a rest, and getting better, began work again but had to soon stop. Funeral services were held at the home on Sunday afternoon, by Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick of whose church he was a member. A very large gathering of friends paid their last respects to the deceased by attending and the floral offerings were unusually beautiful. After a brief service at the home the Masonic lodge took charge of the exercise and buried their deceased brother with their beautiful and impressive ceremony.

Mr. Bourn would have been 51 years old on the 24th of next month. He is a native of Clinton, S. C., and spent his life in railroad work. He began work for the Seaboard in 1890, and was continuously in its employ till his death. He began running a passenger train on the G. C. & N. before the road was fifty miles long, and soon thereafter moved to Monroe. He was a popular man on the road and among all his acquaintances, being of good nature and generous disposition. He is survived by his wife and his mother, of Clinton, and his brother, Mr. C. E. Bourn of Green wood, both of whom were present at the funeral, by two brothers in Massachusetts, who were unable to come, and by three sisters, one of whom only could get here, Mrs. J. J. Hennessey of Greenville, S. C. The other two sisters live in Lawrence and St. Louis. The pall bearers were Conductors Cason, Lancy and Steele, and Messrs. J. D. Warren, W. W. Horn and A. F. Forbes.

Survivors of Co. I, 53rd Regiment

Thinking that it might be of interest to the readers of The Journal, especially to the surviving members of Co. I, 53rd Regiment, North Carolina troops, who served under General Lee, I give below a list of the said company who are still living, so far as I can determine. Of course the list may not be entirely correct, but very nearly so. If I am in error, I shall be glad to be corrected by any comrade. Some of our company moved west shortly after the war and it is difficult for me to keep track of them. Here is the list:

Joseph A. Bivens, Charles E. Brown, Thomas Brooks, Archibald Curlee, Harrison Gaddy, Robert Gaddy, E. M. Griffin, J. Hampton Griffin, Samuel Haney, Stephen W. Hasty, Tobias Helms, Jerre Hinson, Aaron Hinson, John L. James, R. H. James, John Keziah, Harrison Liles, George Little, F. S. Lingle, Wm. Morgan, Roddie Pope, Jas. A. Richardson, Joseph Tomberlin, Hosea Tomberlin, Uriah Tadlock, W. M. Walden, H. P. Meigs, Total 27. Thomas J. Ashcraft, Joseph B. Bennett, Irvin Ross, and Jacob C. Griffin, have all died within the last 9 months. So let us, who remain, keep our armor on and be "ready to move at any moment," for we shall have to "strike tents" shortly.

Respectfully submitted,

H. P. Meigs.

Mooresville's Bee Well.

Mooresville Special.

Late yesterday afternoon the premises of Mr. B. W. Kerr, in the heart of town were literally covered with honey bees, a stray swarm having decided to take up with him. They began to settle on the corner of his well, and were there by the millions, as it appeared. Mr. Kerr got busy and made a hive in which to catch them, but instead the bees sought the roof of the well shed. They were left there. This morning at quite an early hour Mr. Kerr went out to look for his bees but they were gone. Not caring, but wondering what became of the bees, he sought to draw a bucket of water. When the vessel reached the top of the curbing, he found that he had a bucket full of bees, the little things having gone down into the bucket and the well. He has been drawing bees and honey from the well at various times all during the day.