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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

## BATTLE WITH WIFE MURDERER

### After Cutting His Wife's Throat Man Was Trapped by Officers And Sells Out Dearly.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 19.—Adam J. Boehler, who held a squad of fifty policemen at bay for eight hours this morning, was shot and killed shortly before noon by city detectives who forced their way into Boehler's stronghold in a downtown rooming house after the man had been partially overcome by the fumes of formaldehyde forced into the room through holes cut in its walls and floors.

Boehler and the police, the latter stationed at half a dozen points of vantage in neighboring buildings, exchanged an intermittent fire throughout the morning while others of the attacking party succeeded in reaching the floor above that on which the man was entrenched. Holes were bored through the floor and quantities of formaldehyde were poured into the room. When all appeared quiet in the room where Boehler was holding, four detectives stormed the barricaded door and in the exchange of shots Boehler's body was riddled with bullets.

Throngs of persons crowded the streets in the immediate vicinity of the building and did not disperse until the final act in the tragedy occurred.

Spaulding Parsons was shot and probably mortally wounded; Jesse Wooten, police officer, was seriously wounded and Charles Davis, a policeman, was slightly hurt early today as the result of an attempt to capture Adam J. Boehler, a tinner, who almost severed his wife's head with a razor last night. Boehler was supplied with ammunition, and barricaded himself in a rooming house in the central part of the city and efforts to dislodge him were fruitless.

Policemen armed with riot guns had been stationed at positions commanding all the exits of the building. It was not thought that Boehler, who had declared his intention to fight so long as his ammunition would hold out, could be taken alive.

Parsons, who is a drug clerk, was shot through mistake by Police Sergeant Julius Brett, Wooten and Davis who were standing guard in a hallway just outside the room occupied by Boehler were fired on by the fugitive.

Boehler who came to Memphis from Indiana in a house boat, attacked his wife, from whom he was separated in a boarding house where she had apartments with her four-year-old daughter. Other occupants of the house heard the two scuffling but the only witness to the killing was the child who met officers who had been summoned with the announcement that "Papa has killed mamma."

The mama was found lying on the floor, her throat cut. She died within a few minutes. According to the child Boehler, after cutting the woman's throat, deliberated a moment, washed his hands and left before the policemen arrived.

Boehler was traced to his rooming house on Main street near Adams street, where he had entrenched himself after driving his roommate from the room. A demand that he surrender was replied to and a moment later, Parsons, attracted by the shooting appeared on a balcony of an adjoining building. Brett, armed with a riot gun was standing guard on the street fifty yards distant and when he saw the figure of the man and an exclamation of warning from a bystander, opened fire. One of the bullets lodged in Parsons' abdomen, another in his leg and another in his thigh. It is not thought that he can recover.

Wooten and Davis were shot an hour later. Opening the door just enough to put forth the barrel of his rifle, Boehler opened fire in the darkness. One of his bullets struck Wooten in the right shoulder and passed through his body. His right lung was perforated and while his wounds are serious it is not regarded as necessarily fatal. A bullet grazed Davis' face but after the abrasion was dressed he resumed his post with the besieging party. Boehler's fire was returned but is not thought that he was wounded.

The building where the man was holding forth is an old four story structure and the only means of exit are narrow front and rear stairways and a window.

He was in a room on the second floor toward the center of the building.

All the other occupants of the house made hurried exits when warned by Boehler's room mate.

Fragments of a hydroaeroplane and clothing which were washed ashore and identified proved that Aviator Horace Kearney and his reporter companion, Chester Lawrence, met disaster soon after they left Los Angeles, Cal., Saturday, on their proposed flight over the ocean to San Francisco. The exact circumstances surrounding their death will probably always remain unknown.

Governor Donaghey, of Arkansas, who will retire from office January 1, issued pardons last week to 316 State and 44 county convicts as a protest against the convict lease system in vogue in Arkansas. As a result three convict camps will be abolished. Several camps where convicts are engaging in building good roads, however, will be continued in operation. The convicts pardoned were serving sentences of from 1 to 15 years.

## Winners in Boys Corn Club.

The following prizes were awarded to the members of the Boys Corn Club of this County:

W. B. Tyson, of Jackson township, made 91 30-56 bushels on an acre and won first prize, \$7.50.

Inness Huntley, of Lanes Creek township, made 83 bushels per acre and won four dollars as a prize.

Bright Funderburk of Buford township, made 79 bushels on his acre and won a pair of shoes worth \$3.50.

H. Lee Ashcraft, of Marshville township, made 71 43-56 bushels on an acre and won a prize of \$3.

Frank Norwood, of Jackson township, made 70 1-4 bushels on an acre and won a \$2 prize.

Bomar Hudson, of Jackson township, made 63 bushels on an acre and won a \$2 dollar prize.

Paul Flow, of Jackson township, won a \$2 prize for growing 69 29-56 bushels on an acre.

Samuel Auten, of Jackson township, made 53 1-2 bushels on an acre and took a \$1 prize.

Sam Lee Walkup, of Jackson township, made 52 bushels on his acre and won a \$1 prize.

James Helms, of Jackson township, made 50 1-4 bushels on an acre and his prize was one dollar.

The following contributed to the Boys' Corn Club premium list:

W. H. Belk & Bro., \$3.50 pair of shoes; contributing one dollar each: English Drug Co., Dr. J. B. Eubanks, J. H. Lee, Crow Bros., R. V. Houston, R. N. Nesbit, Ashcraft Bros.; contributing 50 cents each: T. J. W. Broom, J. M. Fairley, T. J. Gordon, Lee Howie, A. L. Funderburk, W. S. Walkup, J. Z. Green, J. R. Ashcraft, Polk Bros., Sikes Co., J. W. Laney, K. B. Laney, Miss Addie Baucum, Walter Benton, W. T. Stewart, W. S. Lee, H. B. Adams, Jr., Flow and Phifer, J. E. Edriss, I. D. Crowell, J. W. Richardson, J. W. Lathan, W. A. Eubanks, A. J. Brooks; contributing 25 cents each: C. E. Rushing, W. C. Steele, W. C. Hamilton, T. Z. Secret, L. F. Lathan, T. A. Price, P. W. Plyler, M. L. Threatt, N. A. Funderburk, H. M. Baucum, J. C. Baucom, T. L. A. Helms, J. W. Ashcraft, S. S. Richardson, J. A. Baucum, A. A. Secret, A. H. McLarty, R. L. Gordon, P. V. Richardson, J. P. Doyd, I. C. Ezzell, J. C. Sikes, J. N. Price, W. L. Pratt, W. G. Long, W. Clontz, H. L. Price, A. M. Price, G. C. Smith, W. J. Sims, R. C. Ratchford, John Griffith 30 cents; those contributing 10 cents: L. T. Marsh, V. B. Parker, J. V. Tomberlin, C. E. Lee.

## Rushing-Horn.

Last Wednesday afternoon, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Horn of Unionville, Miss Leora Horn was married to Mr. Bryce Rushing of Marshville township. The relatives and a few friends only were present at the pleasant event. The officiating minister was Rev. M. D. L. Preslar. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left for the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rushing, in Marshville township.

## Williams-Bivens.

Mr. H. F. Williams of Wilmington and Miss Vergie Bivens were married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Minnie Bivens, four miles north of Marshville, last Friday night. The wedding was a quiet affair and Rev. A. Marsh officiated. After the ceremony the couple left for Charlotte to visit the parents of the groom. Thence they will go to Wilmington, where Mr. Williams is in business. They are young people who have many friends and relatives in the county.

## Miller-Parker.

Mr. E. J. Miller of Jefferson and Miss Beulah Parker of Lanes Creek township, were married last Thursday night at the home of the bride's parents, Esq. and Mrs. B. F. Parker. Rev. M. D. L. Preslar officiated.

The bride is one of the brightest young women in Union county, and has been a successful teacher. The groom is in the rural mail service at Jefferson and is a man of standing and character. Both have many friends in both counties.

## Parker-Austin.

Miss Emma Austin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Austin of Wingate, and Mr. F. S. Parker of Lancaster, were married in Meadow Branch church at Wingate last Wednesday evening at seven o'clock. Rev. D. M. Austin officiated. The marriage was quite an elaborate affair. The sister of the bride, Mrs. E. B. Bivens was dame of honor, maid of honor, Miss Kate Austin, ring bearer, Clara Grace Bivens, the ushers were Messrs. J. E. Austin, B. F. Usher, R. L. McWhirter and E. B. Bivens. The attendants were Miss Minta Parker and Justice Prof. Buck, Miss Lora Griffin and Mr. L. A. Russell. Miss Mary Hamilton was soloist and Miss Verdine Snider pianist. Immediately after the ceremony the party were given a reception at the home of the bride and afterwards the couple took the train for Lancaster, where they will live. They are both popular young people and have many friends. The groom is a native of Lancaster and had been a student at Wingate school.

## KILLED BY RUNAWAY MULE.

### SUNDAY TRAGEDY AT WAXHAW.

Son of Mr. E. G. Yarborough Thrown from Buggy and Died Yesterday Morning—Mule Became Frightened at Cigarette—Caused Another Runaway—Dead Young Man Showed No Marks of Violence.

Raymond Yarborough, the twenty-year-old son of Mr. E. G. Yarborough of Jackson township, was thrown from a buggy in Waxhaw Sunday evening and died from the effects yesterday morning.

The tragedy occurred just after dark. The boy had spent the day in his community and attended church at Rehobeth, his home church, and in the evening drove over to Waxhaw. He was standing with his buggy and mule in front of the Rone drug store preparing to start home when the mule started. Mr. Yarborough struck a match to light his cigarette and this frightened the mule. As the animal started, he sprang into the buggy, but failed to get the lines up in time to control the mule. The animal dashed to the left and near the A. W. Heath Company's hardware store. Mr. Yarborough was thrown out. No one saw him fall, and just how or where he fell, the fatal blow is not known. The supposition is that he either struck a telephone post or a tree that was near, and then fell to the cement sidewalk. He was taken up unconscious and carried to the home of his uncle, Mr. Green Austin, nearby. As there was no serious marks on his body, only a slight scratch on the head, his injuries were thought not to be serious. Some time in the morning he became conscious and was raised to a sitting position in the bed, when he fainting. The internal injuries must have been extreme.

He died about seven or eight o'clock in the morning. Dr. Guin, who was with him, had just gone to breakfast, not anticipating that the wounded young man would die so soon, if at all.

The remains were interred at the old Waxhaw Baptist church today. The grief stricken family have the warmest sympathy of all in the tremendous loss that has come to them in the Christmas time. Raymond was a popular young man, wide awake, energetic and likable. He is survived by his parents, one brother and three sisters.

## A Unique Spelling Match.

Last night the ladies of the local betterment association at Rock Rest held a most unique and interesting spelling match for the purpose of raising money to paint the interior of the school building. The rule was that each speller agreed to pay ten cents for every word he missed and to keep it up as long as his pocket book would hold out—if his nerve was as strong as his pocket book. Some of them were not. Mr. Tom Ashcraft fainted when he had spelled up a dollar and a half's worth, and others dropped by the wayside. Mr. John H. Williams, a staid citizen of the community, spelled till his change got low and his heart weak. The honor of the occasion was carried off by Mrs. Ashcraft, widow of Maj. J. B. Ashcraft, who used to be a teacher. She is perhaps about the best speller in the county. They gave her about everything in the blueback, and finally quit without having won a cent of her money, for they could not find a word that she could not spell. Mrs. Ashcraft is one of the old time spellers.

## Ginner's Report.

The seventh cotton ginning report of the Census Bureau for the season, issued at 10 o'clock Friday morning, announced that 12,424,853 bales of cotton, counting round as half-bales, of the growth of 1912 had been ginned prior to Friday, Dec. 13, to which date during the past seven years the ginning averaged 89 per cent of the entire crop. Last year to December 13 there had been ginned 13,770,727 bales, or 88.5 per cent of the entire crop; in 1908 to that date, 11,904,269 bales, or 91 per cent, and in 1906 to that date, 11,112,789 bales, or 85.6 per cent.

## The average ginnings per working day during the period December 1 to 13 was 57,031 bales, compared with 95,392 bales last year. The daily ginnings however, were more than in 1910 and 1909 but less than in 1908 and 1907.

Mr. J. W. Byrum of Waxhaw will leave about the first of the year for a year's stay with his three brothers and two sisters in Texas. Mr. Byrum has made the trip five times before this and is about half a Texan himself.

## Mr. J. J. Parker has offered a medal to the best debater at the county convocation, which Supt. Nisbet will hold this spring. Mr. Nisbet says that all arrangements for the commencement will be completed in time and made known to all the teachers and schools.

## JOY TO THE WORLD.

### The Christmas Season and Its Proper Celebration.

The Christmas spirit is the blessing the day brings and not the presents that too often mean nothing at all. It is the time to be at peace with all the world; to curb the passions and repress the evil that rises in our hearts; to lift up our eyes and see beyond the narrow circle of our lives.

This is the time for us to practice the Golden Rule, though all through the year we may be hard and cold. It is the day on which the genial currents of the soul should run full and free—the sunshine of our lives.

The burden of giving presents has overshadowed and obscured the larger blessing of the Christmas tide and we shrink back from what should be the happiest period of the year for fear we have not fulfilled the commercial obligations it entails.

From year to year we offer our readers the same advice and that is to read the "Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens and learn there how homes of poverty and toil may be radiant and beautiful because of the sweet spirit of the Christmas time. Lame and little as he was Billy Cratchit said Tiny Tim told him coming home from church on Christmas Day, "that he hoped the people saw him in the church, because he was a cripple, and it might be pleasant for them to remember upon Christmas Day, who made lame beggars walk and blind men to see."

Unbend. Go down on rust knees with the little ones at play. Let your concerns and interests go. Give yourself up to the merry season and enter into the spirit of the happy day. Of course you should be useful in throwing every beam of light you can across the threshold of the poor. Do not bother your head for one moment in trying to gain the favor of the rich.

For Christmas is the one day that belongs to the poor, and that man is at mighty poor business who attempts to charge it into a day for the rich. Any day will do for the prosperous, for every day is theirs, but on Christmas it is our duty to yield ourselves to the Christmas spirit and bless and brighten the lives that are bleak and dreary.

"A merry Christmas to us all, my dears. God bless us."

## BRYAN AND WILSON TALK.

### Go Over the Platform—Job Hunters Had Better Not be Too Anxious About It.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 21.—After a day of lengthy conferences in Trenton the most important of which was with W. J. Bryan, President-elect Woodrow Wilson returned tonight to his home here, tired and ready for rest. So far as light on the gossip as to Mr. Bryan's future relations with the administration, the conference between the two today was productive of nothing more than speculation. Mr. Wilson said very frankly that while he had talked about men for his cabinet with Mr. Bryan the name of the Nebraska was not mentioned. As to further conferences with Mr. Bryan, none was talked of or arranged, Mr. Wilson said.

Discussing tonight the subject of patronage, the president-elect made it evident that those who expect to get political appointments from him had better not try to manifest their ambition in person or apply directly to him in any way.

"I have a sort of general principle," he said, "that those who apply for offices will be the least likely to get them."

"Then a great number has been disqualified already," he was asked. "Yes," was the smiling reply.

The question reminded the president-elect of a letter he had received from an office seeker.

"One man wrote me," related Mr. Wilson "saying he was thinking of applying and would like to know from me personally what was the best way to go about it."

"There was no reply," he said. He added that he, of course, expected to take advice about patronage and would be guided in a great many appointments by the recommendations of members of Congress.

The summoning of Mr. Bryan to discuss legislative policies and the personnel of the cabinet was, the president-elect indicated, one of a series of steps which he is taking to determine upon the fitness of individuals for the cabinet.

Mr. Wilson intends, moreover, to carry out literally his plan of being the "best listener in the United States" and expects to continue to "take common counsel" for some time, perhaps as late as March 1, before making final decisions of announcements.

In view of Mr. Bryan's connection with the drafting of the Democratic platform today's conference concerned largely plans for carrying out the platform pledges.

The governor was asked if Mr. Bryan seemed to be in favor of any precedence in the order of legislation.

"We went over the platform in a general way," replied the governor, "with no special emphasis on one plank more than another."

The Lever bill to remove the special tax of 10 cents to a pound from colored oleomargarine is tied up in the House committee on Agriculture. A desperate fight was made to bring it out but the vote stood 10 to 10 when the roll of the committee was called.

## GET READY FOR THE PARCELS POST.

### Law Goes into Effect January 1st and there are many points that You Should Know — Special Stamps Required — How Packages Should be Prepared for the Mail.

Mr. Willie Love, of the Monroe post office, tells the Journal that there is great interest manifested in the new parcels post law which goes into effect the first of January. Of course the people are at sea as to just what the requirements are, and hence the following information will be timely.

In the first place, anything that is not of a very perishable character and not liable to cause injury may be mailed, and any size that is not more than 72 inches in both girth and length combined, and does not weigh more than eleven pounds.

The price depends upon the weight and distance. The country is divided into zones. The first zone is a distance of fifty miles, the second is 150 miles, the third is 300, the fourth is 600 miles, and so on. Besides this there is a local rate applicable to packages to be delivered at the same office at which they are mailed and on rural routes therefrom.

The local rate is five cents for the first pound and one cent additional for every additional pound, making the maximum of eleven pounds cost fifteen cents.

In zone one, a distance not to exceed fifty miles, the price is five cents for the first pound and three cents additional for each additional pound, making the maximum of eleven pounds cost thirty five cents.

In zone two, a distance not exceeding 150 miles, the price is six cents for the first mile and four cents additional for every additional pound, making the maximum of eleven pounds cost 46 cents.

In zone three, not exceeding a distance of three hundred miles, the rate is seven cents for the first pound and five cents additional for each additional pound, making the maximum of eleven pounds cost 57 cents.

In zone four, not exceeding 600 miles, the first pound is eight cents and six cents additional for each additional pound.

This runs on up the scale till the package may be mailed anywhere in the United States for twelve cents for the first pound and twelve cents additional for each additional pound.

Parcels weighing four ounces or less are mailable at the rate of one cent for each ounce or fraction of an ounce, regardless of the distance. Parcels weighing more than four ounces are mailable at the pound rate. A fraction of a pound being considered a pound.

Parcels must be prepared for mailing in such a manner that the contents may be easily examined at the office of mailing. Stamps are often placed across strings with which packages are tied, thereby rendering them first-class, and doubling the postage.

A parcel will positively not be accepted for mailing unless it bears the name and address of the sender or which is required. It is permissible to write or print on the covering of a parcel the occupation of the sender and to indicate in a small space a brief description of the character of the parcel, but ample space must be left for the full address, and the necessary stamps. Inscriptions such as "Merry Christmas," "Please do not open until Christmas," "Happy new year," "With best wishes" and the like may be placed on the covering of the parcel in such a manner as not to interfere with the address.

Parcels may be insured against loss in an amount equivalent to its actual value, but not to exceed \$50, for a fee of ten cents.

Fourth class matter will no longer be admitted to the registered mails because of the insurance feature mentioned above.

Parcels will under no circumstances be accepted for mailing until distinctive parcel post stamps have been attached. Ordinary postage stamps are of no value on this class of matter.

Much time will be saved, and the mails often advanced by using a little precaution in the preparation of mail for mailing before bringing it to the office.

## Free Health Almanac.

The State Board of Health is just issuing a free health almanac for 1913. This marks a new departure in health literature for this state. The almanac is intended to replace the time worn patent medicine almanac. Besides being an almanac, it gives a lot of valuable information on the common diseases, minor ailments, and just such practical things about health and disease as every member of the family should know. Furthermore it gives a list of the most important dates in the history of North Carolina, which has been especially compiled for this purpose. You won't miss the jokes and stories in this almanac either. The two classes of people that need this almanac are those who are sick and those who don't want to get sick. If that includes you, send a post-card to the State Board of Health at Raleigh and ask for a copy of the 1913 Health Almanac before they are all gone. Better do it today.

All of the nickels spent on the New York street cars on Christmas day will go to the street railway employees as a Christmas gift from the operating companies.

## Local and Personal.

Miss Mary Stewart of Asheville is down to spend some time with relatives.

Mrs. R. H. Farr of Clinton will arrive tomorrow to spend some time with relatives and friends.

Mrs. H. M. Ulmer left Sunday night for Mooresville to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. T. J. Griffith and son have gone to Thomasville to spend some time.

Mrs. C. N. Simpson, Jr., left yesterday for Oxford to spend Christmas with her parents.

Dr. Mrs. Bennett Gaddy of Charlotte came down Saturday and will stay till Thursday with relatives.

Mr. Ray Funderburk, who is teaching at Mt. Holly, has come home to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Funderburk.

Mr. Oscar Hamilton, principal of the Hemmingway school of Wilmington, has come home to spend Christmas with his relatives.

Mr. M. P. McNeely, who is teaching at Wade, N. C., is spending the holidays with relatives in Jackson township.

The freight depot will be closed all day Christmas. If you have goods there better get them out today.

Mrs. T. N. Rogers of Macon, Ga., is visiting the family of her father, Mr. Bud Siggers, of Goose Creek township.

Mr. L. C. Sherrin and family of Mt. Holly have come down to spend Christmas with the former's father, Mr. G. W. Sherrin, of this township.

Mrs. Jane Broom and children left for Braxton, Ga., Friday. Mr. Broom has been in Georgia some time.

Mr. Thurman McRae, who is a travelling salesman in West Virginia and adjoining states, is home to spend the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McRae.

Mr. A. J. Calef, auditor of the Columbia National Life Insurance Company, spent some time here last week, with Mr. W. K. Mahone, the general agent of the company.

The appointment of Rev. M. T. Steele, has been changed from the Unionville Circuit to Marshville circuit. Mr. Steele has already taken charge of his new field.

Dr. Ray Griffin, who is assistant physician at the State Hospital at Morganton, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents at Wingate. Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Griffin.

Mr. J. W. Shepherd of Chattanooga, Tenn., accompanied by his family, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Susie Shepherd. He is engineer for a large power company.

There will be a reception at Central parsonage to the members of the congregation from three to six o'clock, the occasion being the fortieth anniversary of the marriage of Dr. and Mrs. Weaver.

Elder Samuel McMillan, of Tennessee, will preach at the following places on the dates named: Marsbyville Springs, December 29th; Marsbyville 29th at night; Pleasant Grove, 30th; Jerusalem 2nd; Crooked Creek, 3rd.

Mr. J. D. S. Plyler, who is in the cotton business with J. E. Sack & Co., has received a barrel of fine apples as a Christmas present from his brother, Mr. W. B. Plyler, who has been living in Ohio for fifteen years.

The store of Mr. R. W. Elliot, five miles south of town, was broken into and robbed last Tuesday night. About forty dollars worth of goods were taken, including ten dollars in cash and a lot of gun shells and cartridges. No arrests have been made.

Mr. J. E. Efrid has sold to Mr. W. S. Charles a large and handsome monument to cost \$700, and to be erected in Elmwood cemetery, Charlotte, at the grave of Mrs. Charles, who died last spring. Mr. Charles is well known in this county, where he has done much work for the Woodmen.

Mr. J. C. Smith, whose headquarters are at Columbia, came home to spend Christmas. Since arriving he has received a letter from the American Tobacco Company, with whom he works, inviting him to be present at an informal dinner at the Knickerbocker hotel in New York City on the 28th, as a guest of the company with all expenses paid from the time of leaving home. Mr. Smith will leave Thursday for New York.

Mrs. H. S. Estridge has received a check from the manufacturers of Velva syrup, at New Orleans, for five dollars, it being the third prize in a cake making contest held by that company. There were contestants from all over the country and to win one of the prizes is quite an honor. The company writes Mrs. Estridge that in consequence of the large receipts of cakes and candy received in the contest, the poor of New Orleans have been given nearly seventy-five large hampers of cakes and candy.

Mrs. George Moore, 61 years old, and her mother, Mrs. Mary J. Wilson, 82-years old, were found dead in their home near Columbia, Mo., Wednesday, their heads crushed in with an axe. The discovery was made by Lee Moore, a son, who had called to prepare a Christmas tree for the woman who lived alone on the out-skirts of Columbia.