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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

PRIEST KILLED WOMAN.

New York Murder Mystery Cleared Up by Confession of Young Catholic Priest that He was the Guilty Party.

New York, Sept. 14.—With the arrest early today of the Rev. Hans Schmidt, assistant rector of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church, charged with the murder of Anna Aumuller, a domestic, the mystery surrounding the finding of parts of the dismembered body of a girl in the Hudson river was solved. Schmidt, according to the police reports, confessed, and at the time of his arrest attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a safety razor blade.

According to the police and attaches of the district attorney's office, Schmidt's confession was full and absolute. In it he is quoted as saying that he killed his companion with a butcher's knife and cut up the body with a knife and saw. The deed was committed, the police say, shortly after midnight on September 2, in an apartment in Bradhurst avenue.

PUTS BODY IN RIVER.

Five bundles, wrapped in bed clothes and papers, were made of the six parts. Five times Schmidt left the apartment house with a bundle to cross the Hudson river to the Jersey shore. Five times he leaped over the stern of the ferry boat and gave the river his burden. Then he returned to his church.

In the apartment the police found a marriage license issued in New York last February and bearing the names of the priest and the murdered woman. According to the confession of Schmidt, he went through a marriage ceremony with the girl. In this ceremony Schmidt was both priest and bridegroom; there were no witnesses.

TRACED PILLOWSLIP.

A pillowslip led to Schmidt's apprehension. This pillowslip, stained with blood and soiled with the filth of the river, was wrapped over a portion of the torso. The detectives traced the pillowslip to its manufacturer; the manufacturer traced it to the dealer; the dealer traced it to Schmidt. The police tracing Schmidt and the girl, knew all about both of them hours before they arrested him. The priest was dressed in full clerical garb when Inspector Faurot entered his rooms in the parish house of the church. The inspector produced a photograph of Miss Aumuller and asked Schmidt if he knew the girl.

The priest, after a moment of hesitation, inquired whether his visitors were police officers. He then asked permission to change his clothes, and it was when he left the room, Inspector Faurot declared, that he attempted to cut his throat.

According to the police, Schmidt signed a detailed confession, in which, among other statements, is this:

I'M GUILTY, HE SAYS.

"I am guilty; that I can say. I must suffer the penalty. There is nothing else for me to do. But I loved Anna Aumuller. She wanted me to marry her and I procured a marriage license. She trusted me.

"I am a priest and ordained to perform the marriage ceremony, so when she insisted upon a ceremony I married myself to her. There was no need of any other priest doing it. It was just as absolute as if I had called in another person with authority to perform a marriage ceremony. She was my wife.

"I met Anna Aumuller two years ago at the parish house of St. Boniface church. She was employed as a servant there. I became infatuated with her. I loved her.

"I killed her because I loved her so much. She was so beautiful, so good, I could not let her live without me.

"I had made up my mind that she and I could not live together. I was a priest and must remain with my church. I could not let her go away from me.

"I cut her body into six pieces. I made trips to the Port Lee ferry each time with a part of her precious body in a bundle. When the ferry boat reached the middle of the stream I would throw a piece into the water and when the boat reached the other side of the river I would return and go back to the flat.

CONFESSED TO SUPERIOR.

Early today Schmidt had said to the Rev. Father Huntman, rector of St. Joseph's church, that he would hear no more confessions and when asked for his reason, he said:

"I have something of importance to tell you." With his superior, Schmidt then retired to the study where the latter told all that had transpired in the Bradhurst avenue flat, where according to his alleged confession, he murdered the girl. Father Huntman conferred with his other assistants and it was agreed that the authorities should be notified. The police, however, were even then on Schmidt's trail, and his arrest followed shortly.

Schmidt was taken to the Tombs. President Wilson tentatively agreed Wednesday to the first public unofficial engagement since his inauguration. It is to attend the inauguration of Professor A. T. Ormond as president of Grove City College, Pa. Dr. Ormond was a professor at Princeton 27 years and was closely associated with the President there.

A Four Months' Old Baby Alone on Train.

A Monroe man who got on the train at Salisbury a few days ago, noticed a tiny baby lying on a seat alone. When the train got to Concord there was a hubbub among the train crew, for no one claimed the tiny traveler. The story is told by the Concord Tribune:

A four months old baby traveled alone and unaccompanied on train No. 7 Friday afternoon from Salisbury to Concord. The infant, with its mother, boarded the train at Richmond. At Salisbury the mother got off the train and did not return before leaving time, No. 7 pulling out and continuing its journey with the baby occupying the seat alone. It is said that the mother got off at the station with the intention of again boarding the train before it departed but failed to reach it in time.

When the train arrived here Conductor Lynch went to Chief of Police Bager, who was at the station, and told him of his young passenger, asking the chief to keep the infant until a message was received from Salisbury. The chief told the conductor to take the little passenger on to Charlotte and communicate with the officials at Salisbury from that point. While they were discussing the matter a telegram from Salisbury arrived instructing the conductor to send the child back on train No. 46, which was due about 25 minutes after No. 7. On receipt of the telegram the baby was given to Chief Bager to keep until the northbound train arrived.

The chief took the little charge into the waiting room and there awaited the arrival of the train. The chief handled his charge carefully and tenderly, even though a little awkwardly. Accustomed to dealing with big, burly, obstreperous offenders the sudden change to a dainty, dimpled little prisoner was such a new and novel experience that the chief was not altogether prepared for it. The baby appeared to like the treatment for a time, however.

The little fellow gazed around and finally caught sight of the chief's big, brass buttons. The little fingers touched and toyed with them and seemed highly amused. The chief responded to the touch and he and baby were getting along fine. The buttons soon lost their charm and the baby began to whine. The chief was helpless. He possessed a night stick, pistol and handcuffs, weapons that had brought many a grown and fighting offender to howl in humble submission, but which he found utterly useless in stopping a faint whimper from his little charge.

The chief made faces, whistled, jumped, baby up and down, but all in vain. He did not know the art. Just as he had exhausted all known methods in the art of quieting fretting babies, a lady in the station kindly came to his assistance. She took the little infant and told the chief that she was going off in train No. 46 and would care for the child. The baby liked his new custodian and in a few minutes was speeding on toward Salisbury in her care, asleep and satisfied.

As the messages sent about the child were signed by railroad employees no names of the woman or child were given and the officials here did not learn of their identity. The child was returned to the mother in Salisbury and from a passenger on train No. 35 last night it was learned that they passed through here on that train going south.

Negro Woman Threw Body Before Train.

Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 8.—Standing with her hands before her face as the train from Winston-Salem, No. 238, pulled into the local yards last night, a negro woman whose name is given as Carrie Belt, threw herself under the wheels of the engine and was gored to death. The woman came up the track just a few seconds before the engine reached her and stood ready for the leap.

Engineer M. C. Teague said he was running about 15 miles an hour, having just passed the coal chute. He saw the woman first when he was in about 25 feet of her, and she stood there with her hands before her face. As the engine reached her she gave a leap and fell straight across the track. The train was brought to a stop immediately, and her horribly mangled body was found still under the cars. After the train unloaded its passengers it ran back and picked up the remains, which were taken to an undertaker.

Trainman Killed Every Seven Hours.

New York, Sept. 12.—"A member of the Brotherhood of Trainmen is killed every seven hours and 15 minutes and every nine minutes a man is maimed."

This was the testimony today of William Lee, representing the Order of Railway Trainmen at the meeting of the arbitration commission in the controversy between 42 Eastern railroads and their conductors and trainmen over the employees' demands for more pay and shorter hours. When this statement was challenged by Elisha Lee, counsel for the railroads, William Lee cited statistics from the Interstate Commerce Commission's report. This report on June 30 gave 3,635 railroad employees killed in the United States during the year.

Hon. W. C. Dowd, ex-Speaker of the Legislature, was elected Tuesday to the House from Mecklenburg without opposition to fill a vacancy.

AN OLD MONUMENT.

New Monuments at Old Cemetery—Too Frightened to Report Violation of Speed Law.

Rehoboth Correspondence Waxhaw Enterprise.

A massive and imposing monument has lately been erected in the cemetery at Six Mile church to the memory of the Heath families who are buried there.

The Woodmen of the World have also placed a handsome monument over the grave of Sov. J. J. Perry, who died last spring.

Among the older monuments at that place is one erected to a Connecticut man who died nearly a century ago and about whom we have been unable to gather any information further than the inscription on the stone, which we append in full below:

In Memory of Anson Selzer, son of Lot and Mehitable Sizor of Middletown, Conn., who died September 5, 1828, AE 32.

Stop traveler, as you pass by; As I am now so once was I. As I am now so you must be; Prepare for death and follow me.

To stand alone in the silent beautiful City of the Dead and read this begets a train of thought and you turn away repeating, "As he is now so I must be."

We don't know the exact speed limit prescribed for automobilists over the public roads of South Carolina, but some of them are hourly breaking the laws of safety. We rode several miles the other day with an accommodating chap who had blown out a tire and was too drunk to fix it. He was plinking toward Charlotte on three legs, so to speak. At points where there were signboards warnings to slow down, he whirled along at 25 miles per hour, and on stretches where there was nothing but lumber wagons in his way, his speedometer crawled up to 42. I suppose I ought to be grateful for the free ride, to say nothing of some proffered liquid refreshments, but blame me if I had not been so scared when I got off I'd have chalked down his number and been delighted to see him plank over a few plunks for the benefit of Lancaster county's good roads fund.

May Give Out Gin Figures.

The census department has made a ruling which allows cotton statisticians in each county to give to the local papers the number of bales of cotton ginned in each month in their districts. Up till this season this was not allowed. Now, however, the statisticians must not of course give out the number ginned by any particular gin, nor must he give out any report whatever till it has been verified in Washington. The department, under the new management, feels that the home people are interested in an entitled to know these figures as quickly as possible, hence the ruling. Mr. R. K. Helms, the statistician for this county, reports that he finds that only three bales were ginned in this county up to September first, as against one last year. The crop in North Carolina is later this year than in any year since 1910, while in the whole belt it is ahead, owing to the early opening in the dry districts of the west. This year in North Carolina only 188 bales had been ginned to September first.

First Since the War.

State Journal.

For the first time since the war we have a tariff that was not made by the beneficiaries thereof. "Give the Democrats time," said Senator La Follette in explaining his vote in favor of the bill, "and they will make a tariff on a free trade basis."

He also said that this was a protection bill. Whether it is or not, the tremendous point that has been gained is the fact that the beneficiaries of the tariff were not able to dictate the bill as they have been doing for fifty years. Since the interests have been temporarily unhorsed, the bill ought to mark the beginning of the abolition of every restrictive measure possible until we shall have approached as perfect freedom in trade as our system of raising revenue will permit—until such time as a revolution in that system will permit the abolition of all custom duties. If this bill is sufficient of a reform measure to serve to open the eyes of the people to the true principles of trade, there can be no doubt that natural causes, unhampered by restrictive legislation, will assert themselves to make the United States a natural (free) trade country. But that is a far cry into the future. For the present tariff reformers ought to be mighty well pleased with what has been done.

Mr. Flow's Crop Report.

Monroe, N. C., Sept. 14, 1913. The Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Sirs:—Abnormal weather conditions, productive of retrogression of an acute character, have marked the passage of the week. The plant on low lands is still doing fairly well, but these lands constitute a very small per cent of the acreage of the county. The boll is rust stricken and insect infested areas, are opening rather freely, and some cotton is being marketed, most farmers seem disposed to sell at and around 13 cents. Condition to date, 77 per cent.

Very truly yours, GEO. E. FLOW.

AT THE REX THEATRE.

Three Charming Features Every Night This Week.

Tuesday—"Death's Short Cut" is a sensational feature in which you will see "Rodman Law," the notorious dare-devil, in his sensational plunge over Stillwater Falls in an open boat in order that he might head off a wedding. "The Mutual Weekly" in this great feature you will see beautiful scenes from different parts of the world. "Her Two Jewels" is a beautiful love story.

Wednesday—"Dick's Turning Point" is a beautiful love drama. "Tale of Death Valley." In this feature a forged marriage certificate separates the sweethearts until the sun-baked desert gives up the secret of its dead. A dramatic, powerful story. "The Banker's Son" is another one of those charming love stories.

Thursday—"King Rene's Daughter" is a poetic drama from the "Danish of Heinrich Heine" in three reels.

Friday—"His Crooked Career" is one of those joyous Keystone comedies. "San Francisco, the Dauntless City," is an educational subject of great merit. "A Rural Romance." This picture is almost bordering on tragedy. It is a pretty love drama and is delightfully new in conception and forceful in treatment.

Saturday—"Heart Throbs" is a war drama in two reels. The girl refuses to wed Groves, who was her mother's choice. She falls in love with John, who becomes a rebel. The mother will not forgive the girl and sends her from the home. War scenes intervene and both John and Groves are shown amid the raging battle. John is shot and dies with his newly born babe in his arms. It is years after the war that the mother relents and takes the girl back to her. "One of the Finest" is a one reel masterpiece.

Stole First Because of Hunger and Then Because He Loved It.

Washington Dispatch, 8th.

"I was forced to steal to keep from starving," a young man giving his name as Claude Tate, and his home as Forest City, Rutherford county, North Carolina, told the detectives who arrested him here Sunday on a charge of committing a number of thefts and forgeries.

When first arrested he said he came from Richmond, then Atlanta and several other Southern cities, but finally admitted his home was Forest City. He is alleged to have taken a check book from Harrison Baker, from whom he rented a room, and admits forging Baker's name to several checks. Later he registered at the Raleigh hotel as Harrison Baker to make the check book look good. He ordered a suit of clothes sent to the hotel and while the porter waited for the money he disappeared. Next day he ordered another suit delivered at the Barker home. By that time the police had heard of the former transaction and arrested Tate. He is also charged with burglary from the office of a dentist when he went to have some work done.

Threatens to Read from the Pulpit.

Names of Those Receiving Liquor. In a sermon last Sunday night, Rev. Geo. D. Herman, pastor of the Methodist church of Wadesboro, talked about the evil of liquor drinking and especially drinking in secret, and in the course of his remarks Mr. Herman, according to the Wadesboro Messenger, made the following statement:

"If so much of this drinking is not stopped I am going to the express office and get a list of those who are receiving whiskey and read their names out from the pulpit and the amount received by them. If they are not ashamed to have whiskey come to their address I am not ashamed to read their names to the public. Secret drinking is ten times worse than that of public drinking, for it makes both a coward and a sneak of the man who is ashamed for his shortcomings to become known."

Dixie Theatre to Open Monday with Polite Vaudeville.

The Dixie Theatre will open Monday, Sept. 22, with high class vaudeville and moving pictures, introducing Harry DuVall Company, composed of five members who carry their own scenery and lobby displays. These people offer a series of tableau farce comedies intermingled with high class vaudeville specialties which will be clean and moral in every respect. Complete change of program every night.

Ground Itch.

Beulah, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Groome, has a very painful case of ground itch, and a badly swollen foot. This disease is now designated "hookworm." I believe, by the medical fraternity, it has prevailed on the plantations ever since I can remember, and I learned from my parents a home remedy which I never knew to fail, and have cured many cases with it. This is the red swamp alder, and red oak bark, boiled to a strong solution, in which bathe the affected parts, as hot as can be borne, and in aggravated cases I have used a corn meat poultice made of the solution. This is a splendid remedy for the sores and boils which often afflict the limbs and feet of children this season of the year.—Aunt Becky, in Scottish Chief.

Death of Mr. Joseph Broom.

Mr. Joseph Broom, an old Confederate soldier, died Thursday after an illness of five weeks, during which time he was carefully nursed by his grandson, Mr. Lee Broom. He was born two miles south of Monroe 78 years ago last March, and lived in this locality all his life. He served the full four years of the war as a member of Co. A, 48th Regiment, and though in all the hard service that his regiment went through, he was not wounded. However, after the war he was nearly helpless for four years from rheumatism. He was keeper of the county home several years in the 80's and afterwards worked at the carpenter's trade. The remains were buried in the Monroe cemetery, services being held by Elder Henry Taylor, Mr. Broom being of the Primitive faith. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Hiram Helms and Mrs. Hampton Griffin, and one brother, Mr. M. A. Broom, and one daughter, Miss grand sons, Messrs. H. V. and C. B. Lemond of Richmond, attended the funeral.

Financial Report.

The various missionary societies of the Union Association have contributed the following amounts to missions during the quarter ending August 31, 1913:

W. M. S.—Marshville, \$3.05; Wingate, \$25.59; Shiloh, \$5.00; Hopewell, \$5.10; Mill Creek, \$5.20; Monroe, 1st church, \$26.00.

Subsides — Marshville, \$1.50; Wingate 12.20.

Y. W. A.—Wingate, \$5.00. Royal Ambassadors — Livingston Chapter, Marshville, \$2.75; Height Moore Chapter, Monroe, 1st church, \$6.45; Laura Moore Chapter, North Monroe, \$5.00.

Total \$102.55. The annual meeting of the W. M. U. of the Union Association will be held with the church at Mill Creek Thursday, Sept. 25, 1913, the anniversary session beginning at 10:30. All the societies are requested to be represented.

Sincerely,

MRS. F. B. ASHCRAFT.

Death of Aged Lady in Lanes Creek Township.

Pageland Journal.

Mrs. Laura Rorie, widow of the late William Rorie, died at her home in Lanes Creek township last Thursday morning, and was buried at Philadelphia church Friday. Mrs. Rorie's maiden name was Horne, a grand-daughter of Ephraim Horne, who moved from Virginia and settled a tract of land, which was granted him, near Hornesboro. She was born in 1822, and was therefore 91 years old. She was married to Mr. Rorie about 1843 and they moved to Arkansas, where Mr. Rorie died after a few years, and then the widow and her four children moved back and settled in Lanes Creek township before the Civil War, and she lived there until her death last week. All of the children are dead save one son, Mr. W. T. Rorie of the Beulah section, who is now about 70 years old. A great number of grandchildren and great grandchildren survive.

Mrs. Rorie had been blind several years, and had been in an almost helpless condition for some time. Her mind was unusually strong until two or three years ago it began to fail her. In her death, probably the oldest person in the township passed away.

Unionville Items.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Loflin of Savannah, Ga., are visiting Mrs. Loflin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Seccrest.

Misses Clara and Fionnie Purser and Amy Helms left Tuesday for Linwood College, Gastonia, N. C., where they will enter school.

Mrs. Jennie James returned Monday from Laurinburg, where she was the guest of Mrs. G. H. Russell for a week.

Miss Lizzie Brewer left Wednesday for Statesville, where she goes to enter Statesville female college.

Miss Ella Presson is visiting her brother, Mr. W. B. Presson. Mrs. Presson leaves shortly for Montana, where she will receive medical treatment.

Messrs. Steele and Sikes closed a very successful meeting here a few days ago. Much interest was taken and great good accomplished.

Mr. W. A. Love, who has been in the Charlotte Sanatorium for the past three weeks, is much improved and is expected home at an early date.

The Farmer's Union rally, which was held here on the 6th, was quite a success. The address given by Dr. Alexander was a good one.

Miss Inez Benton, who is teaching in the Wingate graded school, spent Sunday with home folks.

Mrs. Hargett is having her house near the Methodist church remodeled and will move to our village the first of October.

A Card of Thanks.

In the recent illness and death of our grandfather we wish to extend our heart-felt thanks to our friends and neighbors for their kindness to us. The helping hand that was held out to us in our dark hour of sorrow will ever live green in our memory.

The Lord was our Shepherd, we did not want; and we pray God may lead you to others who may need the helping hand and encouragement that you bestowed upon us. MR. AND MRS. LEE BROOM.

BROKE IN; ALSO BROKE OUT.

Visitor in Country Store Saturday Night Became a Lot More Anxious to Get Out Than He was to Get In—And Mr. Polk Peppered Him.

At one o'clock Sunday morning, Mr. J. S. Polk, who lives right near Polk & Sons store at Baker's Crossing, was awakened by a noise at the store which made him hold his head to the window and listen a bit. He decided that some one was trying to open the front door of the store and he called down to the central office to see if it were any of the home people. Receiving no answer, he got up, partly dressed, got his shot gun, and went towards the store. He found that his father's family had already been aroused by the noise and the young women who keep the phone central were very much frightened. Mr. M. A. Polk was up and when he found that a man had gone into the store he undertook to catch him. Mr. Polk expected him to try to get out the back door, and he did, but finding that Mr. Polk was outside, the man ran back to the front door and crawled out of the hole that he had gone in through. Just at that time Mr. J. S. Polk was coming up with his gun, but was afraid to shoot lest he hit his father. As the man got out he ran across the road towards where the women folks were, and Mr. Polk was again afraid to shoot. But as the man got out in a fair place towards the railroad, Mr. Polk took a couple of shots at him. At the first shot the man stumbled, but got up and continued to run. As the shells were loaded with number 8 shot he could not be hurt much even if he had been hit. Mr. Polk says that it was light enough for him to see the man well and that he and all the others were satisfied that he was black. The man had gotten in by taking an old axe from the yard and prying off the heavy wire that was across the door.

Backed Down Embankment.

Mrs. Frank Helms and children passed through a highly dangerous and unpleasant experience Sunday afternoon, when was nothing less than being thrown into a gully with a heavy surry and a mule on top of them. Mrs. Helms, who lives near Unionville, was returning with the children from a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anna Funderburk of Buford township. The accident occurred just on the south side of Richardson creek on the Wolf Pond road. As they were approaching the bridge from the other side, an automobile approached from this side, but stopped before getting to the bridge. Whether the mule got scared at this or something else is not known. But he stopped short in the road, turned half around and backed off the high embankment. Just as the back wheels went over the fall was so steep that Mrs. Helms and the five children all fell out the back of the surry into the gully. The vehicle rolled on down over them and the mule was pulled down with it. Only the fact that there was a deep gully into which they fell saved them from probably being trampled by the hoofs of the mule, for when the wheels of the vehicle struck the sides of the gully it held the mule off of them. Mr. Gullidge of South Carolina, who was driving the automobile, and Squire M. L. Flow, who happened to be passing, with some colored men, helped to get the mule and vehicle back up the road, and it was found that though Mrs. Helms and the children were badly shocked and bruised some they were not extremely hurt. But it was a narrow escape. The mule did not appear to be frightened at automobiles, for on coming on up to Mr. Wesley Helms, they met two machines.

Presbyterian Church Notes.

On Friday evening of last week a goodly number of Baraces gathered at the manse to celebrate the birthday of the pastor. The scheme was well laid, and the secret well kept, (only a few told their wives) consequently the surprise was very complete, and could only have been greater had the same people appeared at one time at Sunday school. During the evening, which was pleasantly spent in social intercourse, Senator Lemmond, being spokesman for the party, in very kind, cordial and appreciative words, presented Dr. Gurney with a gift that is conceded to be "mightier than the sword." After the serving of refreshments by Mrs. Gurney and Miss Eleanor an exceedingly pleasant evening was brought to a close.

The Presbyterian Baraces have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, H. L. Crowell; vice - president, Frank Marshall; secretary and treasurer, W. J. Rudge. Now that the vacation season is over all members are urged to be in their places in the class, to which all men, young or old, not attending elsewhere are most cordially invited.

Dr. J. M. Beik is the representative of the church at the meeting of presbytery which is being held with Banks church this week, H. L. Crowell is his alternate.

On account of the absence of the pastor at presbytery there will be no midweek service this week. Until further notice all evening meetings will be at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. G. R. Thomas has returned from a visit to friends in Raleigh.