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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

MURDER IN CHARLOTTE.

Merchant Waylaid, Robbed and Murdered—Young Man Arrested for the Crime.

Sidney Swain, a white merchant operating a small store on Mint street in Charlotte, was murdered at one o'clock Sunday morning as he left his place of business for home. Robbery was the motive, and a young white man, Charles E. Trull of Columbia, S. C., was quickly arrested, and the crime fixed upon him. Soon after the murder was discovered the officers arrived on the scene and quickly secured clues that led to rapid developments. They heard of a young man who was anxious to get out of town. The Observer tells the story as follows:

Charles E. Trull was the young man anxious to get out of town and on his person the authorities found \$407.50 in money. He refused to give any explanation of the surplus money nor would he make any statement as to his movements during the night. The officers quickly saw that he was wearing new tennis shoes or pumps that exactly fitted the tracks at the scene of the homicide and from Barton, who as with him, they learned that the tennis shoes had been bought earlier in the evening for \$407.50 because he testified that Trull had been "dead broke" at 11 o'clock, just six hours previous, when he was with him. Barton testified that not only did Trull have money at 2 o'clock, but that he had loaned him \$10 and was also footing the bill for the night festivities.

The two men were carried to the police station where they were searched. Trull had on his person, in addition to the money, a razor and a key to room 95 at the Buford. On his new tennis shoes were several fresh stains of blood. He could not give any explanation as to the big roll of money, his reason for wanting to get out of town in a hurry, the blood on his shoes or anything else and the officers immediately began an investigation of the clues thus uncovered.

BARTON TALKS.

Barton, as soon as the officers arrived on the scene, informed them that he had a statement to make. He testified that between 11 and 12 o'clock he was in Dr. W. E. Wishart's office and Trull came in. After a little conversation, Trull asked him to lend him his suit of clothes, which he refused to do and then he asked him for his coat as he was about to lie down on the couch and this coat Trull put on, taking off his own and hanging it up in the office. With his friend's coat and his own grey trousers on and wearing a strange derby hat that he picked up, he left the office. This was about 11:30 o'clock. Burton testified that he went to sleep but was aroused about 2 o'clock by Trull's entrance. Trull, he said, was "blowing" and appeared very much excited. There was blood on his trousers and he asked him his trouble. Trull replied that he had "had some trouble with a negro" and for him not to say anything about it or "he would shoot him." Trull then took off his trousers, stuck them in a drawer, took out some light ones and made the change, returning Barton's coat and putting on his own. Trull then invited Barton to take a little excursion with him.

HAD MONEY IN ABUNDANCE.

Barton, according to his statement, asked where the money was to come from and Trull replied that he "need not worry." They went across to the Buford corner, caught a hack for the segregated district but returned in about half an hour. They went to the Gem and then to the Buford where Trull registered for the two as "C. B. Smith and Friend, Concord." They were assigned to room 95. Trull according to Barton, first washed his hands and they lay down across the bed but could not remain quiet. He got up, went out and they took another trip. It was on this excursion, about 5 o'clock, when they were about to catch an automobile for the depot, that the officers overheard their conversation.

FIND BLOODY TROUSERS.

With Barton's statement in hand the officers went to Doctor Wishart's office and there found the bloody pants wadded away into a drawer where Barton testified Trull had placed them. The trousers were the same make, good, pattern as the coat and inside the cleaner's number "8113" which also appeared on the coat that Trull was wearing when arrested.

Trull's new tennis shoes were taken to the scene of the homicide and there the tracks were found which fitted the tell-tale ridges in the sole exactly. A negro boy in a small store across Mint street testified that he knew Trull and that he had sold him two bottles of Coca-Cola just before he closed at 12 o'clock Saturday night, just a short time before the homicide must have occurred. At the home of Mr. Parks Stone just across from Sidney Swain's, it was learned that Trull had boarded there but had been ordered away several days previous because he could not pay his board bill. He was then broke. The fact that Trull had boarded just across the street, gave him ample opportunity to know about Sidney Swain's habits, accustomed mode of life, etc. It gave him complete familiarity with the district.

As corroborative the officers found "C. B. Smith and Friend, Concord," registered at the Buford and that they had been assigned to room 95.

The key to this room was found in Trull's pocket.

THAT GOLD CERTIFICATE.

J. W. Allen, a clerk of Sidney Swain's, declared that Swain had a \$20 gold certificate when he left his store Saturday night after closing and a number of \$10 bills, \$5, \$2, and \$1. All of these except several of the \$1 and \$2 were recovered on Trull's person. The single \$20 gold certificate was conspicuous.

When questioned about all these things, the bloody pants, sudden wealth, tell-tale drops of blood on new tennis shoes, the similarity of impressions in the soft earth at the scene of the homicide, desire to get out of town quickly, the coca-cola bottles and other circumstances, Trull refused absolutely to talk, declaring that he could not be made to open his mouth, nor would he.

Young Barton is held as a witness under a \$500 bond.

THE TOWN OF DUNEDIN.

Union County Man is Charmed with Location in Florida.

Mr. S. L. Griffin, who 18 months ago moved to Florida, sends The Journal the following:

The newly created county of Pinellas, having Tampa as the county seat, borders on the Gulf of Mexico on the west and Tampa Bay on the east and extends north and south from Tarpon Springs to St. Petersburg, comprising in all a strip of land or peninsula about about forty miles in length and seven to ten in width. Peculiarly and favorably situated as it is between the great bodies of waters mentioned, giving it the most equitable semi-tropical and favorably situated climate in the United States and practically south of the frost line.

Dunedin, on the Gulf coast, is only three miles from the city of Clearwater and about half way between Tarpon Springs and St. Petersburg, connected by shell and rock roads with all the principal towns in the county and also with a boulevard to the city of Tampa, only 26 miles north.

Pinellas county is acknowledged the best adapted by soil and climate for growing oranges, grape fruit and tangarines in the State of Florida. Dunedin is in the center of some of the largest and finest grape fruit and orange groves in the State. The county is just enough rolling to relieve the monotony of the dead level land prevailing in other portions of the State.

Dunedin has abundance of the very best fresh water. It has four churches, good schools, stores, a bank, three hotels, large fruit packing houses, electric lights, paved streets, the largest yacht club in the State, fine salt water and fishing, and is a sportsman's paradise, the woods abounding in quail, wild turkey and deer hunting are found within a short walk. All the country is accessible by automobiles, having good roads leading in every direction. Shipping facilities are good, the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad between New York and Jacksonville and St. Petersburg running directly through and having a station here, at which all trains stop, while the new Seaboard Air Line railroad, also from New York and Jacksonville, will be accessible in a few days. Dunedin is not a new mushroom town, but an old settled place, going ahead, backed up by natural advantages that are bound to make it a large place soon. Take a run down for the winter and see for yourself, enjoy the delightful winter climate where the sun shines every day, and partake of the fruit and wonderful vegetables and strawberries, pineapples and all other kinds of fruit.

SAMUEL L. GRIFFIN,
Dunedin, Fla.

Monroe Man Spoke in Charlotte.

Charlotte Observer, Monday.

Mr. B. C. Ashcraft, editor of The Monroe Enquirer, also known as "Blockade Preacher No. 2"—Editor Archibald Johnson of Thomasville bearing the older title—spoke yesterday morning and last night at Pritchard Memorial Baptist church, Dilworth.

The subject of Mr. Ashcraft's morning address, "Following the Crowd," was discussed by the speaker from several points of view. He declared the crowd is unthinking, unreasonable—sometimes without any definite aim or purpose in view. He pointed out the weakness of human nature in its desire to "follow the crowd"—the big noise and fireworks—without having any knowledge of its motives or aspirations.

The speaker said that the following of the crowd is all right when it is animated by noble thoughts—when some good result is to be accomplished. But, said he, just to "fall in" and march and shout and whoop because of the big numbers is time wasted—worth nothing to anybody.

Mr. Ashcraft asked his hearers to do their own thinking—let each individual think and act for himself, and stand firm and alone if he is sure he is right. The speaker said "crowd followers" never make history—never accomplish anything worth while. You never find their names in marble nor bronze nor their busts in halls of fame. It is the man with individuality, courage, integrity and high purpose who counts—who leaves his imprint behind.

The editor related a few anecdotes through his discourse which aptly illustrated the thoughts he conveyed. The ideas for his discourse were obtained from the nineteenth chapter of Acts.

STRAWBERRIES AND GARDEN SASS.

Wingate Correspondent Will Have These as Sure as Anything—Mr. Brewer's Fine Act—Other Items.

Wingate Correspondence of The Journal.

Mr. C. C. Lamb, our express agent here, and his family are attending the funeral of Mr. Lamb's father, who died at his home in Charleston, S. C., Friday, the 15th.

Parties coming into town Saturday morning saw some frost in places along the way. Our farmers are becoming quite anxious to see a change in weather conditions. They want rain and higher temperature. Cotton and corn are slow and irregular in coming and too weak and sickly when it does get through. Uncle Bob's first planting has not greeted us yet. I think he planted the late flat dutch or the stary buck variety, judging from its actions.

Three of us set 1,437 potato slips in just two hours and thirty minutes, and there will be no replanting necessary. If you can beat this, let us know as we are always looking for better methods in all things. We always make "sweet taters" and garden sass if nothing else. These two items constitute about half a living for us common folks out in the country.

Strawberry shortcake was one of the items on our Sunday dinner's menu. How delicious! It's enough to make a defeated candidate forget all his disappointment and chagrin. The man who can and will not, have a patch of this luscious fruit for the family is not doing his whole duty, not to say the least of it.

About three barrels of fish-croakers are sold on our market each Saturday. If we continue to eat them at this rate, is there not danger of us all becoming croakers?

We understand that Mr. T. W. Brewer has tendered the use of his large hall over his store room, to the members and friends of the Primitive Baptists for the purpose of worship. Mr. Beacom is to be commended for this kind act. We should all lay aside our jealousies and prejudices and remember that God seeks the orship of those who worship in spirit and not in accordance with any formula or creed. Religious liberty is the dearest of all liberties.

Mr. Oscar Austin was the victim of what came very near being a serious accident on Friday last. He was operating a well drill and by some means an overhead pulley became detached from its bearings and fell from a height of 15 or 20 feet, striking Mr. Austin on the head just above the right eye, inflicting an ugly wound and fracturing the outer layer or plate of the skull. He was unconscious for some time and it was feared that the accident would prove fatal, but he is getting along alright so far and hopes are entertained for his early recovery.

On account of his sick child, pastor Williams failed to occupy the pulpit in the Methodist church here Sunday night. The child, we understand has a severe case of whooping cough. We all deeply sympathize with Brother Williams and family in their trouble.

This is the 17th day of May. On the same date last year it rained six hours continuously, breaking a four-weeks drought.

O. P. TIMIST.

Death of Mrs. Martha Dees.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Mrs. Martha Dees, widow of the late Edmond Dees of Indian Trail, died on the 3rd, inst. and was buried the following Monday in the cemetery at Matthews, N. C.

She was about 70 years old and had spent her days in usefulness, always busying herself with acts of industry, kindness and that which was for the uplift and betterment of others. She was a member of the Methodist church at this place and died in the christian faith. She leaves three brothers and two sisters to mourn the loss, namely, Mr. R. F. Kindley of Indian Trail, Mr. Winfield Kindley of Waxhaw, Mr. Henry Kindley of S. C., Mrs. Amanda Rae of Indian Trail, and Mrs. Thomas Broom of Mooresville.

May the blessings of Him who does all things well be with the bereaved ones and finally steer them safely across the unknown stream.

A FRIEND.

Hooked a Cow.

Concord Chronicle.

Two ladies were fishing on one of the creeks of the county several days ago. They were in the pasture. A cow wandered down to where they were and swallowed the hooks and lines down to the corks. The ladies soon discovered their loss and started after the cow. After chasing her for some time they gave it up. They reported the incident to the men folks and they captured the cow, cut the cork and line off and let her retain the hook. Up to last accounts she was getting along nicely with the hook still concealed on her person.

Call for Judicial Convention.

By order of the Democratic Executive Committee, the Democratic Judicial Convention of the Thirteenth District is called under the plan of Organization to be held in the town of Rockingham, Richmond county, North Carolina, on the 25th day of May, 1914, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Solicitor of that District, and for the transaction of such business that may properly come before the Convention. By order of the Committee. U. L. SPENCE, Chairman.

THE UNION COUNTY VOTE.

Close Between Long and McNeely but the Later Nominated—Beasley Well Ahead of Page—Very Good Vote Cast.

In the primary held in Union county Saturday to nominate a candidate for State Senator, and to cast the county's vote in the race for congress in this, the seventh district, Mr. Ney McNeely was nominated over Squire W. G. Long by a slight margin and the majority vote was cast for Mr. R. F. Beasley for congress.

The total vote, which was pretty good for any except a local primary, was McNeely 766, Long 744; Beasley 885, Page 632.

The vote by precincts was as follows:

	B.	P.	Mc.	L.
N. Monroe	218	147	206	162
S. Monroe	181	84	135	123
Wingate	27	44	5	63
N. Goose Creek	29	18	5	33
Unionville	19	26	22	23
S. Goose Creek	4	15	15	7
Euto	4	7	4	7
Olive Branch	53	79	46	85
Marshville	19	28	9	39
Lanes Creek	25	13	13	25
Armfield's	47	29	65	13
Prospect	28	42	54	17
Wilson's Old Store	124	29	191	50
Waxhaw	18	5	10	13
Marvin	28	26	11	23
W. Sandy Ridge	37	8	18	26
E. Sandy Ridge	33	32	24	29
Indian Trail	885	632	769	749

Had No Liquor But Dished Out Death.

Charlotte Observer, Monday.

Charles McDuffie and Bert Stephenson, the two negro men who got off the Interurban train at Paw Creek Saturday night at 11:30 o'clock and undertook to secure a drink from a white man in front of the barber shop nearby, received a vast deal more than what they expected, for in the melee that followed, McDuffie was killed and Stephenson was painfully though not seriously hurt.

Coroner Z. A. Hovis held an inquest over the dead man yesterday but no evidence could be found that would connect anyone positively with the shooting. According to the testimony of Stephenson, McDuffie and himself had gotten off the Interurban at Paw Creek and had walked down the big road to the barbershop where they met a strange white man. They asked him to change a \$1 bill which he said he could not do. The white man then asked them if they wanted anything else, according to Stephenson's statement, and they replied that they would "like to have a drink of liquor."

"I have no liquor" the white man is said to have replied, "but I can give you something else." With this he drew his pistol and commenced firing. Four of the five shots took effect, two in each negro. McDuffie was killed, but Stephenson escaped with only painful flesh wounds. The white man disappeared and has not been seen or heard from since.

Coroner Hovis was looking yesterday for Jim Bridges in order that he might be questioned but he was not to be found.

The jury could not return any verdict, save that Charles McDuffie had come to his death as the result of pistol shot wounds, said pistol being in the hands of party or parties unknown.

Wedding Notes.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Mrs. Seymour Taylor delightfully entertained the members of the Y. P. S. at her home last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Lucy Helms, who has been confined to her bed for two months, is not better and is growing weaker daily.

Mr. James Taylor returned to his home at Boone after spending a month with his son, Rev. Seymour Taylor.

Mrs. Pet Harkey left last Friday for Lenoir, where she will spend a portion of the summer with her daughter, Mrs. T. S. Coble.

Miss Lola Price spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. A. J. Price.

Miss Ella Pence returned to her home at Mint Hill Saturday after spending the past week with friends here.

The children's day at the church Sunday was a success.

Henry Matthews, the ten-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walton, died in the hospital at Charlotte last Friday afternoon at 2:30. The remains were interred in the Providence cemetery Saturday morning. His death was the result of an operation for appendicitis.

Presbyterian Church Notes.

The morning service was well attended and was preceded by a beautiful baptismal service, when six children were dedicated.

There was no evening service as the congregation united with the other churches in the annual commencement service which was held in Central Methodist church.

There will be no mid-week services this week.

Remember the church and manse erection pledges to be met on next Sunday.

CHURCH REPORTER.

Call to Organize a Sunday-School.

To The Monroe Journal:

I will thank you to ask the members of Zoar church through your paper, to meet May 24 at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a Sunday school.

Very truly,
W. B. PIGG.
Monroe, R. F. D. 10.

THE TWENTIETH IN CHARLOTTE.

City Will Have the Vice President and Many Other Attractions for the Annual Blowout.

Charlotte is this week celebrating the 20th of May in grandiloquent style. Monroe and Union county people will swell the throngs in large numbers. The Observer of this morning, says:

The celebration of the one hundred and thirty-ninth anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence which began yesterday, will grow in size and interest today, and tomorrow reaches the climax with the address of Vice President Thomas R. Marshall, the magnificent parade, speech of Governor Locke Craig, mammoth crowd, Red Men's parade, fireworks, street dancing and numberless other attractions. The weather man, if he is kindly disposed, will give us fair days with not too high temperature; the city has for two months made preparations for the entertainment of the thousands of visitors; the committees have carried out their part of the program, and now the celebration is on. From now until the close of the week there will be a varied line of entertainment embracing each day from 10 o'clock in the morning until midnight and after, providing entertainment for every age of people.

The celebration opened yesterday and the citizens noted with surprise the number of strangers already in town. All the trains this afternoon and last night added to the number of Charlotte's guests, and today and tonight will see this throng augmented by thousands. Of course tomorrow will see the largest crowd, but for a similar occasion today and Thursday will eclipse any previous celebration before and after in this section of the State.

THE DECORATIONS.

The entire city is decorated in National colors. The business houses and public buildings are attired in red, white and blue as represented in the National flag, in festoons of ribbon, bunting, and every conceivable form of decoration known to festive occasions. The residential section in the uptown district has blossomed forth in a holiday dress that is very attractive. Cotton, silk, wool and other fabrics in colors have been used in making the city a gaily decorated mass of buildings. Carriages and automobiles have had their usual trim lines transformed into flashes of patriotic colors. It is the unusual to see an uptown building or vehicle without its token of the festive occasion that now holds Charlotte within its annual grasp.

The Congressional Nominations.

In the congressional primaries held Saturday four of the ten members had opposition. In the tenth district and in the third district there were several candidates and the result was so close that the conventions will have to decide. It seems probable that the present members have been defeated.

In the ninth district where Mr. E. R. Preston of Charlotte was opposing Congressman Webb, the latter carried all the counties, including Mecklenburg, which gave him about 1,200 majority. Webb's total vote was 12,723. Preston's 3,329.

In the seventh, where Mr. R. F. Beasley of Monroe opposed Congressman Page, the latter carried all the counties except Union. The following figures were given by the Charlotte Observer Sunday, and none have been since received:

Lee—Held April 25th, Page 300 Beasley 264.

Anson county—Page a majority of 269, the vote being 600 to 331.

Montgomery county—Practically all precincts heard from—Page 770; Beasley 47.

Yadkin—Practically complete returns—Page 210; Beasley 20.

Moore—Practically complete returns—Page 600; Beasley 125.

Davie—Complete returns—Page 305; Beasley 230.

Scotland—Complete returns—Page 778; Beasley 230.

Randolph—Practically complete returns—Page 923; Beasley 140.

Wilkes—Complete returns—Page 592; Beasley 207.

Reports have not been received from Hoke, Richmond, and Davidson. The town of Thomasville, in Davidson county, gave Page 264, and Beasley 208.

Six School Elections Pending.

Superintendent Nisbet tells The Journal that there are six special school tax elections now pending in the county. Two of them come on May 30th, at Olive Branch and Antioch. The others, at Jackson Forrest, Tiraz, Parker's and Spruce Pine, come June 13th. While it is desirable that the school tax succeed in all of these, Mr. Nisbet is especially anxious to see it carry in the Parker district, which is the only one left in Buford township which does not now have it. If it is carried in the Parker district the whole of the township will be under the special school tax, voluntarily voted by the people in each district.

A Card of Thanks.

We wish to take this means to thank all of our friends who were so faithful and loyal to us during the sickness and death of our beloved sister, Mrs. Martha Dees. We will never forget the acts of kindness shown and the deeds of goodness done. We thank you friends from the very depths of our hearts and we stand ready to serve you at all times.

Sincerely yours,
R. F. KINDLEY and FAMILY.

HUERTA MUST STEP DOWN.

This Result Seems to Be Foreshadowed in Mexico—President Wilson's Instructions to the Peace Delegates.

Washington, May 18.—President Wilson to-day told the Anstran commissioners who leave to-day for the mediation conference at Niagara Falls, Ontario, that the U. S. Government regards the settlement of the Mexican problem in a definite form as a pre-requisite to the withdrawal of the American forces from Vera Cruz.

The President gave the American commissioners, Justice Lamar of the Supreme Court of the United States, Frederick W. Lehmann, former Solicitor General, and diplomatic secretary H. Percival Dodge, no specific instructions. He told them to place themselves in a receptive mood and await proposals from the three South American mediators.

HUERTA'S ELIMINATION.

But at the same time he outlined to his representatives that peace in Mexico seemed to him to be conditioned on the elimination of the Huerta Administration and the establishment in its place of a strong provisional government which would conduct an election giving fair treatment to all factions and parties and guaranteeing, moreover, a solution of the agrarian problem and to her external difficulties which have bred revolution in the Southern Republic during the last three years.

The President wishes the Mexican question settled on comprehensive lines that will take into account the economic principles for which Zapata in the South, as well as Carranza in the North, have been fighting and at the same time will conserve the rightful interests of the people in the territory now controlled by the Huerta Government.

During the day a dispatch came to one of the foreign diplomats here from a diplomatic source in Mexico City stating that General Huerta was ready to resign and would permit his representatives at the mediation conference to eliminate him if it should become absolutely necessary. Intimations that have come from the three Huerta delegates since their visit to this country showed that they had realized Huerta's elimination was regarded as essential to a settlement and knew from the outset that unless they came prepared to deal with this phase of the problem their efforts would be fruitless.

The Huerta delegates, too, it is learned from persons who have talked with them, understand thoroughly that the scope of mediation now comprises the entire Mexican problem.

THE KIND OF GOVERNMENT.

They are said to be ready to recommend Huerta's retirement, but only on the condition that a definite understanding is reached on the kind of Government that is to follow.

President Wilson in his final talk with the American commissioners, at which Secretary Bryan also was present, spoke hopefully of mediation. He is earnestly desirous that it shall succeed and indicated that every power and legitimate influence at the disposal of the American Government would be exerted to make it succeed.

Though the Constitutionals have not yet agreed to take part in the mediation, one high Administration official held out hopes to-day of their ultimate participation, saying a misunderstanding which might be remedied in a short time, was largely responsible for their failure to be represented at Niagara Falls.

The President laid before the commissioners the entire Mexican problem as he saw it, emphasizing that the duty of the United States was to seek unselfishly to assist Mexico to set up a constitutional government which could be accorded recognition by the world, because of its capacity not alone to maintain peace within its confines, but to discharge international obligations.

Wheel Ran Over Child's Neck.

The little daughter of Mr. F. B. Curry of the Gordon Insurance Company had an escape from death or serious injury Sunday afternoon that was marvelous. Mr. Curry had the family out driving, and there were three grown persons beside the child in the surry. The little girl was thrown out as the horse turned a corner rather suddenly near the graded school, and the wheel passed over her neck. Spectators thought that the neck was broken, but when the child was picked up it was found that she had not been seriously injured. She had a very large teddy bear in her arms when she fell out of the surry and the wheel passed over this before it struck her neck. The presumption is that this broke the force of the blow that the child was saved.

Death of Little Homer McDowd Mullis.

Written for The Journal.

The angel of death visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Mullis of Unionville, Tuesday morning, May 12th, and took for his choice, little Homer McDowd, the six months old baby, which had been suffering with eczema, but meningitis was the immediate cause of his death.

Though the Savior, meek and mild, has taken from us this little child, yet He in all His love, has plucked the bud to bloom above.

BESSIE AND MINNIE HILL.