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Floyd Allen Interviewed in the Roanoke Jail.

The Roanoke Times prints what it terms the first interview secured from Floyd Allen, who is in jail in that city.

He told of the Edwards boys, his nephews, the sons of his only sister and whose ages were 17 and 21, having created a disturbance with a boy named Thomas at the school house at which Sunday services were to be held. In the meantime the Edwards boys, who had been summoned to court, appealed to Floyd Allen to become their bondsman. He said: "I had been sick in bed for ten weeks and it was several days later that I started to Hillsville to give bond for them. When I met Mr. Samuels with the boys, one was handcuffed and the other tied with a rope. I asked him where he arrested the boys and he said Mount Airy. I asked him if he had requisition papers and he said no. It was then that he refused to take the cuffs off them and leveled a gun at me. I took the gun away from him and released the boys. Monday morning I went on the boys' band. They were later tried and acquitted. I went before the grand jury when summoned and on my own accord gave evidence which indicted me. I defended these boys because their father was dead and they were the sons of my only sister.

Silent on Who Shot Him.

When asked if he would object to telling who he thought shot him at Hillsville March 14, he replied:

"I don't like to say."

He was asked to tell where he was standing at the time of the shooting.

"Standin' thar between Judge Bolin' and where they were standin' at the bar."

"Cut your throat after you were arrested?" the prisoner was asked.

"If I cut myself, I don't know it. I had just fainted from loss of blood and recall little what happened. I remember I thought somebody was cutting me and I thought I grabbed their hand but I came to and they said I had cut myself." Floyd said again that he had just fainted before that and he didn't remember anything for "ever so long."

Tells of His Family.

When asked to tell something of his own immediate family he said he married thirty-four years ago a Miss Edwards, daughter of W. A. Edwards, who lived fourteen miles from Hillsville. He has two sons, Victor, age about 30, and Claude, age 22. He gave his own age as 55 the 29th of last July. He went to school when a boy at Elk Spur in Carroll county. For a period of fourteen years he held the positions of Deputy Sheriff, Constable, Supervisor and Deputy Treasurer of Carroll County. When Judge Jackson was on the bench he appointed Floyd Allen Deputy Sheriff, as he was said to have been one of the best deputies the county ever had, but Floyd refused to accept it.

A Statement Issued by Governor Mann.

Gov. Mann, of Virginia, issued the following signed statement Thursday:

I am entirely willing for the public to have all the information I possess bearing upon the apprehension of the Carroll county murderers, unless that information is in reference to the plans which have been adopted and the steps which are to be taken for

the arrest of the guilty parties, and which if disclosed would put those parties on notice and thus defeat what the State is undertaking to do. I, therefore, deem it best to give out such information every day over my own signature.

Thanking the papers, which have already given my efforts their help, I will ask all of the newspapers of the state, and especially in Richmond, to hold up my hands in this matter. I have information which they haven't got and which they cannot get, and I am acting on it with the firm purpose of capturing the men who have committed the horrible crime in Carroll.

When I am doing what I think to be right I will not be influenced by criticism, but public confidence is necessary for united action, and criticism of the officers of the Commonwealth, who are devoting their entire time and thought, and using all the power they possess, to arrest the criminals, certainly does not help to bring about that result.

With this introduction, which will not be repeated, I desire to state that important steps have been taken today which I expect to result in the arrest of the criminals the last of this or the first of next week. I do not think it proper to say what those steps are, but they are vigorous and, I think, in the right direction.

In conclusion, I feel the responsibility of my position and know that the people of Virginia are looking to me for results, and I assure them that I will not hesitate to use the men and means of Virginia to vindicate the laws of the state. I am, however, going to do this as intelligently as I can from my standpoint, and while always welcoming advice and suggestions based on knowledge of the situation will not be swayed from what I believe to be the right course by either comment or criticism.

Wm. Hodges Mann,
March 21, 1912. Governor.

Notice.

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Surry County, appointing the undersigned Commissioner to sell the lands hereinafter described, I will sell at public auction on the premises at the old residence of James S. Reeves, Decd., on Saturday the sixth day of April 1912 at one o'clock P. M. the following real estate, lying and being in Surry County, N. C.

First tract, Lying on the Ararat river in Siloam Township adjoining the lands of F. A. Snow, Thomas Reeves, Thomas Wall and others, containing about 150 acres more or less and known as the home place of James S. Reeves, Decd.

Second tract, Known as the Pine Hill tract adjoining the lands of Jesse Dinkins, William Brown, John Bowles, Jeff Logan and others, containing about sixty acres more or less.

Said land is fine farming land, has good timber and are desirable places and will be sold for partition. Terms of sale one half cash and the remainder in twelve months with note and approved security on deferred payments. This 5th day of March, 1912.

A. H. Marion,
Commissioner.

Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the mercantile firm known as the Farmers Union Supply Co., composed of J. A. Jackson and J. M. Fulton is by mutual consent dissolved. The business will in the future be conducted at the same place by Matthews-Jackson Co., incorporated.

This 5th day of March, 1912.
J. A. Jackson,
J. M. Fulton.

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MAIN HEROES AT REST.

President Taft Leads In The Tribute To The Battleships Martyred Dead.

Washington, March 23.—Under dripping skies the last of the heroes of the battleship Maine were laid to rest today in the nation's sacred spot, Arlington cemetery. Thirty-four caskets were interred. These, however, contained the bones of sixty-seven victims of the explosion fourteen years ago in Havana harbor, the identity of whom could not be discovered. Heroes all, the capital of the nation today shed all worldly care and work and joined in honoring their memory.

President Taft and his Cabinet, both houses of Congress and all the other officials of the government set aside the day as one in which to do homage to the dead. Although the rain began to fall early in the afternoon, President Taft and his entourage made their way to the cemetery and remained, barcheaded, in the down-pour, until the last last coffin had been lowered. The solemnity of the moment impressed itself on every one.

Solemn Services.

Before the services at the graves, a solemn service was held at the south front of the State, war and navy building. These were attended by the President and Vice President, Chief Justice White and his associates of the Supreme Court, many members of Congress and army and navy officers.

The rain began shortly after the President spoke and increased in intensity so that when the President stepped under the flimsy canvas that had been erected at Arlington as a shelter for him, he stood barcheaded beneath a tent that leaked at every seam.

As the caskets were lowered to the plot in which they were to lie, the President, his party and the crowd uncovered. From across the open chasms of up-turned earth came the dirges from the Marine Band.

Thousands thronged the streets when the funeral cortege made its solemn way through the streets. It looked like an inauguration day crowd.

Sigsbee in Attendance.

The coffins were removed from the scout cruiser Birmingham at noon and escorted to the scene of the first ceremonial. There on the steps of the big state, war and navy building, President Taft sat in the center. On his right was the Cuban minister, who sat throughout the services an interested auditor. On his left was Rear Admiral Sigsbee, who was captain of the Maine at the time of the explosion and Admiral Wainwright, who was the executive officer. Both bowed their heads when Chaplain Chidwick recounted the scenes that attended the destruction of the vessel. A sharp patter of hail began to fall when President Taft, barcheaded, walked to the front of the platform. He waved aside the proffer of an umbrella.

President's Tribute.

"We meet to pay appropriate honor," he said, "to the memory of the first of the country's sons who gave up their lives in our war with Spain. That war every American can feel proud of because it was fought without a single selfish instinct and was prompted by the most altruistic motives.

"These, our honored dead, are to be classed well to the fore in that long list of naval heroes steadfastness and courage have given the American navy the high position it occupies in history among the navies of the world.

"It is well that we should halt the wheels of government and stay the hum of industry to take time to note by appropriate ceremony the debt we owe to these

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who gave up their lives for the nation. We raised the ship from the mud bottom of Havana harbor and gave her remains honorable burial in the blue waves of ocean. We now consign to the sacred soil of Arlington the recovered bones of those who gave the Maine her personality and made her a living weapon for the protection of national honor and vital interest."

Mt. Airy, Route, 1 Items.

The farmers are very busy through this section sowing plant beds and preparing for their coming crops.

The pastor failed to fill his appointment at Stony Creek on last Sunday, high water is supposed to be the cause.

Mrs. Hemmings of White Plains spent last week with her daughter Mrs. W. W. Simmons on this route.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Snyder on last Saturday—a boy. Mr. Ed Flippin and Miss Ida Barnes were happily married on last Wednesday.

Mr. C. F. Cook has gone to Winston-Salem this week on business and his wife and three children are spending a few days with Mrs. Cook's parents Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Haymore on this route. Quite a large crowd is expected to attend the Pilot Mountain Sunday School association which will be held at Sulphur Springs on this route beginning on Friday before and continuing over to the fifth Sunday in this month.

Mr. D. L. McGee is making preparations for rebuilding his dwelling house which was recently destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Luther Haymore is very sick and does not (we are sorry to say) improve very much.

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Notice of Land Sale.

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court, made in the case of Ed Parker, Administrator of Franklin Parker, Decd., vs. Delia Parker and others, I will sell for cash to the highest bidder, on the premises on the 29th day of March, 1912, at 2:30 o'clock P. M., the following real estate, to-wit:

Lying and being in the county of Surry, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of John M. Doss and others, containing 63 acres more or less, and being the lands whereon Franklin Parker lived at the time of his decease—excepting from the 63 acre tract that portion allotted to Delia Parker as dower, description of which will be furnished at the sale.

Sale made to make assets to pay the debts and costs of administration. Ed Parker, Admr. and Comr. This Feb. 29, 1912.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has won its great reputation and extensive sale by its remarkable cures of coughs, colds and croup. It can be depended upon. Try it. Sold by All Dealers.

Hon. S. G. Daniel for Corporation Commissioner.

A mass meeting of the representative citizens of Warren Co. was held in the Court House in Warrenton, North Carolina, on the 8th day of February, A. D. 1912, for the purpose of presenting the name of Hon. S. G. Daniel to the Democratic Party of the State of North Carolina, for the position of Corporation Commissioner, to be nominated at the State Convention to be held by said Party.

It was unanimously Resolved:

First—That the Democratic Party of Warren County present the name of Hon. S. G. Daniel to the Democratic party of the State of North Carolina, as a candidate for the position of State Corporation Commissioner, and that we put forth every honorable effort to secure his nomination and election.

Second—That we submit to the Democratic Party of North Carolina a candidate in all respects qualified to hold this important position. Mr. Daniel has long been an active practicing lawyer in this County and before the Courts of this State. He secured his license after reading law in the celebrated law school of Dick and Dillard, at Greensboro, North Carolina, and immediately became closely identified with the people and their interests, both locally and in the whole State.

Mr. Daniel has taken an active interest in Democratic politics. He was one of the large factors which overthrew Radicalism in this County and was the first Democratic member of the Legislature from this County elected by white voters after Reconstruction days. For three terms, Mr. Daniel faithfully represented this County and boldly and cleanly and courageously stood for those measures which tended to the welfare of the State of North Carolina. Mr. Daniel is no trimmer; he is clean in life and the atmosphere about him and his acts, private and official, is wholesome and pure.

Mr. Daniel is now a Director of the State Hospital for Insane and a member of the Executive Committee. He takes a close interest in the affairs of the State and is well posted in every public matter and will make such a Corporation Commissioner that his friends will be proud of his official life and the State of North Carolina will rank him as one of its most faithful officers. The County of Warren, with great pride and with assurance of success, will press Mr. Daniel's candidacy first, last and all the time.—The Record.

Mitchell River News.

The farmers are very badly behind with their work on account of so much bad weather.

Mr. Zeb Thompson has been suffering right severely with rheumatism for the past three weeks, but we are glad to say he is improving.

Mr. P. H. Snow and family are expecting to move right soon to their farm near Round Peak, N. C. Mr. Snow will be greatly missed in this community. He is one of Surry's most successful merchants.

Mr. J. C. Thompson has bought him a fine pair of mules.

Mr. Grover Carico and family started for some of the western states last week, just where they expect to stop we have not learned.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Perdew's last week and left them a little baby boy.

Mr. W. E. Gilley has been right sick for the past week or more but is improving.

There is a new border at Mr. W. H. Sike's, its a little baby boy.

Long life to the News. March 18, 1912. "Blue Eyes."

NATIONAL OATS—in tubes and friction top tins—GUARANTEED to keep until used regardless of time or climatic conditions.

Chronology of Hillsville Tragedy.

March 14.

Judge Thornton L. Massie, Commonwealth's Attorney Foser, Sheriff Webb, Juror Augustus Fowler and Miss Elizabeth Ayers, a witness, shot and killed in pistol battle between Allen gang and officers of the court.

March 15.

Floyd Allen, wounded outlaw, and man who precipitated trouble, arrested by Baldwin detectives. Circuit court opened by Judge Staples.

March 16.

Floyd Allen, his son, Victor and others removed to jail in Roanoke under heavy guard and escorted by Judge Staples and Attorney General Williams. Search for Sidney Allen, Friel, Claude Allen, Sidney Edwards and Wesley Edwards, fugitive desperadoes, begins in Blue Ridge mountains. Grand jury indicts eight men for shooting up court.

March 17.

Baldwin posse visits Sidna Allen's handsome home perched on Blue Ridge mountain summit and searches it for him, the rumor having been spread that he was there waiting to give the man-hunters "a warm reception." House thoroughly searched but no trace of slayer found. Three tinypots of murderer found, and confiscated to be used on criminals. Posse goes to Sidney Edwards' home, arriving there but a few moments after he had left for laurel thickets. Baldwin men discovered and confiscated liquor stills at home of Floyd Allen and Sidney Edwards.

March 18.

"Conference of War" held at state capitol to decide whether troops should be sent to Hillsville. Negative decision announced. Posse takes all trace of Sidney Edwards. Search for Alens resumed in mountains. Tom Felts, of Baldwin agency, arriving at Mount Airy, N. C., and shutting off means of escape from south side of mountain.

March 19.

Excitement created in Hillsville by arrival of Jack Allen, brother of Floyd and Sidna, and equally as desperate and lawless, in hysterical little town. Jack, Mrs. Sidna Allen, Garland Allen, also brother of slayers, and Mrs. Victor Allen, sister-in-law to Floyd, arrive in Hillsville to make efforts to put up money bond so that law would release their property which is being held to satisfy judgements expected in favor of the three murdered officials. Jack weeps as he talks to newspaper men to whom he denied that he had any affair in the killing, and expressed regret over the tragedy. Posse continues futile search for fugitives. Confiscated stills and Sidna's stock taken to Hillsville.

March 20.

Posse Resumes man-hunt in wild mountainous section where fugitives are believed to be hiding. Official of Baldwin agency makes statement: "We have no definite information or idea as to the whereabouts of the Allen gang. We believe they are still on the south side of the Blue Ridge mountains near the Carolina line." Reported that fugitives nailed signs on trees warning posse that they were well armed and prepared for fight.

March 21.

"Foulest tragedy on the American continent" occurred one week ago today. Posse still searching in mountains for slayers. No arrests made. People still somewhat excited. Wounded men, Juror Columbus Cane and A. P. Howlet, spectator in court when firing began, reported improving and on road to recovery.

March 22.

Sidney Edwards, captured by posse of detectives of the Baldwin Agency, headed by Lee Felts and W. W. Phaup. Placed in the Hillsville jail.

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