

CROPSY CASE CLEW.

Man Located Who May Throw Some Light On Affair.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Jan. 3.—A rumor was afloat here last night that the man who was met by Mr. Parker between the Cropsy residence and Elizabeth City was located.

Mr. Parker was on his way home from Mr. Fletcher's, about 7 miles from town, and in passing the Cropsy residence about 11:10 o'clock on the night of Nov. 20, saw a man and woman standing at the gate.

Very little attention was given to this couple, and Mr. Parker could not say definitely who they were. Afterwards he met another man, whom he thoroughly observed and described.

The citizens' committee since then has been trying to locate this party, as it is believed he would be able to throw some light on the tragic death of Nellie Cropsy.

LIVED WITH BULLET IN HEART.

Gratton Is Charged With the Assassination of King.

Raleigh, Jan. 6.—A negro named Charles Gratton is in jail at Wilmington, charged with the assassination of an aged negro, Tom King.

The latter, at midnight, was at work in the yard of the house in which Gratton boarded. In King's hand was a lantern. Gratton, it is alleged, took a shotgun and fired through a window at King, smashing the lantern.

The gun was heavily loaded with buckshot and several struck King. One lodged in his heart, yet so wonderful was his vitality that he walked to a police station, took an officer back to the scene of the crime, then went to a hospital and put himself under treatment. He actually lived two hours.

TAXABLE VALUES ARE SHOWN.

Old North State Corporation Committee Completes Its Returns.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 4.—The corporation committee yesterday completed a summary of returns showing the taxable values for last year and their increase over 1900.

The valuation of real estate is \$173,728,984, an increase of \$7,294,601; personal property, \$107,824,440, increase \$14,327,837; bank stocks, \$6,232,243, increase \$333,151; corporate excess, \$5,275,000. (This is an entirely new item.)

Railway and telegraph, \$45,148,786, increase \$1,638,719; building and loan associations, \$694,131, increase \$216,926. Total valuation, \$237,426,593, increase over 1900, \$30,328,234.

North Carolina Health Report.

Raleigh, Jan. 6.—The December bulletin of the state board of health has just been issued. It says there is smallpox in twenty counties. In Wilson there are many cases. It is evidently an answer to Castro's communication to the Chilean minister at Bogota in reference to Chili's offer of mediation to settle the Colombian-Venezuelan imbroglio. President Castro declared in his conditional acceptance of the offer of mediation that Venezuela expected reparation for the alleged invasion by Colombian troops and other grievances.

Morgan Released on Bond.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 6.—George W. Morgan, president of the defunct Continental Security company, who has been in jail several weeks on charges of embezzlement, was released Saturday on \$5,400 bond. The amount was reduced from \$7,000 upon application for a writ of habeas corpus. The application stated that Morgan's wife had mortgaged her home for \$3,000, and that she would be unable to make bond in an amount over \$5,000.

See No Cause for Uneasiness.

Raleigh, Jan. 6.—The chairman of the corporation commission declares that he cannot see the least ground for the uneasiness of the state treasurer regarding the finances this year; that there are plenty of assets; that the tax of 25 cents on the \$100 on real and personal property, now valued at \$339,000,000, will bring in \$847,500; that since the present treasurer took office, Jan. 15 last, he has raised \$1,703,000.

Collision on Southern.

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 4.—A local freight train and a work train collided at Hottelburg, on the Southern railroad, yesterday morning, a bad smash-up being the result. Two dead-end engines and a number of cars were derailed. Fireman R. Harrison was badly injured and was sent to a hospital in Salisbury.

Dyke Broken By the Flood.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 4.—A telegram to Superintendent Mann, of the penitentiary, says the flood in Roanoke has again broken the dyke at the state farm and inundated a large part of the latter. The dyke was swept away last May and the rebuilding was just completed in November at a cost of some \$15,000.

Governor Names Editorial Day.

Raleigh, Jan. 6.—Governor Aycock, by request, has named Thursday, April 30, as "Editorial day" of North Carolina week at the Charleston exposition. It is proposed to have the State Press association, which has 300 members, meet there that day.

Governess Ends Her Life.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 4.—Miss Minnie Evans, aged 27, governess in the family of Mayor Webb, at Kingston, yesterday committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid. Death resulted in 20 minutes. Unrequited affection was the only assigned reason for her act.

CASTRO GOVERNMENT TOTTERS TO ITS FALL

Gen. Andrade Declares Whole Country In Revolt.

PREDICTS CASTRO'S OVERTHROW

Says That Venezuela and Colombia Are Now Enemies for the First Time, Thanks to the President's Machinations.

Colon, Colombia, Jan. 6, via Galveston, Tex.—General Andrade, the former president of Venezuela, who arrived here from Curacao yesterday, said today:

"It is not Venezuela, but Castro, who is the enemy of Colombia. Venezuela and Colombia during the past 70 years have always regarded each other as sister republics, bound by the closest and most friendly ties, and they are now for the first time enemies, thanks to Castro's machinations."

Referring to Venezuela General Andrade said he was satisfied that the whole country was in revolt against Castro, whose government was likely to fall at any time.

General Matos, Andrade said, would possibly be a candidate for the presidency in case Castro was overthrown. Mr. Andrade said that he himself was unwilling to seek re-election.

When questioned on the subject of the Venezuelan revolutionary steamer Libertador (Hiss Right), Andrade said he was confident the expedition would succeed in effecting a landing on some eastern point of the Venezuelan coast.

Williamstadt, Island of Curacao, Jan. 6, via Juyten cable.—Shortly before midnight last night a steamer, believed to be the Venezuelan revolutionary steamer Libertador, passed several times before this port, signalling to people ashore. Answering signals appeared to have been received from the shore, and it is asserted that the last members of the revolutionary expedition, who had assembled on this island, embarked on board the Libertador and should have been landed early this morning on the Venezuelan coast near Velado Coro.

Venezuelan-Colombian Imbroglio.

New York, Jan. 6.—In explanation of the note which the Colombian government has sent to President Castro declaring that the grievances of Venezuela against Colombia are not founded, a dispatch to The Herald from Caracas says: The note is considered a dispassionate presentation of Colombia's side of the case. It is evidently an answer to Castro's communication to the Chilean minister at Bogota in reference to Chili's offer of mediation to settle the Colombian-Venezuelan imbroglio. President Castro declared in his conditional acceptance of the offer of mediation that Venezuela expected reparation for the alleged invasion by Colombian troops and other grievances.

NINETEEN DROWNED AT SEA.

British and Spanish Steamers Collide Off Coast of Portugal.

Lisbon, Jan. 6.—The British steamer Alfonso from Newport Dec. 15 for Gibraltar and the Spanish steamer Vitelva, both loaded with coal, collided during the night of Jan. 4 off Aveiro, Portugal. Both vessels sank.

Eighteen men of the Alfonso and a man belonging to the Vitelva were drowned. Twenty-four members of the Vitelva's crew and the captain of the Alfonso were picked up and landed at Linhoos.

New Glycerine Projectile Invented.

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 6.—D. Pettin-gill, of this city, has invented a glycerine projectile, which, if the claims of the inventor hold good, will prove of great importance. The mechanism of the invention is a secret and Pettin-gill is now negotiating with the United States for the sale of the device. The matter will be considered by the ordnance department. The invention, Pettin-gill says, is a shell that will carry with the least concussion from 50 to 200 pounds of glycerine oil as far as the ordinary shell can be carried by ordinary modern ordnance. The concussion necessary to project this shell, he says, is, by his device, reflected by the sides of the shell so that the glycerine oil is not disturbed in the least.

Collision in Mississippi; One Killed.

New Orleans, Jan. 6.—The regular passenger train on the Mississippi Valley bound south collided with a switch engine at Vicksburg today. Engineer Samuel S. Craig was killed. Fireman W. H. Brought jumped in time and received only bruises. The passengers were badly shaken up, but none of them were hurt.

British Capture Burglers.

Bloomington, Orange River Colony, Jan. 6.—Boreford's constabulary encountered a force of Boraers on Jan. 4 in the central part of the Orange River Colony, killed Field Cornet Pretorius and ten men and captured 35 burglars, including Field Cornets Le-roux and Erasmus.

Attack On the President's Treason.

Albany, Jan. 6.—In the assembly today a bill was introduced amending the penal code so as to make an attempt on the life of the president of the United States or on that of the governor of New York treason.

MINDER MAY HANG.

U. S. Supreme Court Affirms Decision of Lower Tribunal.

Macon, Ga., Jan. 7.—Colonel J. R. Cooper received a telegram yesterday afternoon announcing that the supreme court of the United States has affirmed the decision of the supreme court of Georgia in the case of Isadore Minder, charged with the murder of Andrew Mahoney.

Minder was tried and convicted in the superior court here during the November term, 1900. In May, 1901, the case was carried to the supreme court of this state on the ground that several material witnesses who lived in Alabama could not be reached under the Georgia laws, and that Minder should not be hanged without the evidence of these witnesses. The supreme court of Georgia affirmed the decision of the superior court.

After the decision of the Georgia supreme court Colonel Cooper went to New York and filed with Justice White of the United States supreme court an application for a writ of error. This writ was granted on the 3d of September 1901. In the meantime Minder had been sentenced to be hanged on Sept. 6, but the action of Justice White in granting the writ of error caused Governor Candler to grant an indefinite respite in Minder's case.

Colonel Cooper says he will now take Minder into the superior court and ask that he be adjudged insane.

This case has attracted much attention the past two years and a desperate effort has been made to save Minder's life.

LAWMAKERS AGAIN AT POSTS OF DUTY

Congress Reassembles After a Fortnight's Recess.

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FAST FREIGHTS COLLIDE.

Three Men Cremated in Southern Railway Wreck Near Rex, Ga.

Atlanta, Jan. 6.—Three men were burned to death and 30 freight cars were destroyed by fire as the result of a wreck on the Southern late Saturday night at Rex, Ga., 14 miles from Atlanta. The three men who are missing and who are known to have died in the flames are:

Engineer C. C. Wallace, of 75 South McDaniel street, Atlanta.

Fireman Z. H. Harris, of Jacks, Ga.

Fireman Prater.

The injured are:

Engineer Lee Whately, of Atlanta, cut on head.

Fireman Hicks, of Atlanta, slightly cut.

Freight train second No. 51, in charge of Conductor J. A. Wood and Engineer Wallace, was coming north and passed McDonough at high speed when they should have waited there for the freight coming south to pass them.

Conductor Wood states that no signal for a siding (the red board) was hung out at McDonough. The operator at the station asserts that he gave Wallace the red board and it was disregarded.

Freight first No. 54 going south in charge of Conductor Strickland and Engineer Whately went into the north-bound freight head-on a mile and a half from Rex.

The wreck then took fire, two of the cars being loaded with lard, in which the flames are supposed to have started.

Bussell Offers Reward.

Irwinville, Ga., Jan. 7.—T. A. Bussell and his friends have offered a reward of nearly \$200 for the arrest and conviction of the parties who waylaid and robbed Mrs. Bussell and her brother at Mystic, in this county, last Tuesday night. Every effort has been made by the officials to apprehend the guilty parties, but no clew leading to their identification can be found. The governor will also be asked to offer a reward for the arrest and conviction of the criminals.

Hockett Behind the Bars.

Albany, Ga., Jan. 7.—D. W. Hockett, the real estate man who disappeared from Albany between seven ten days ago, was arrested yesterday morning in Montgomery, where he was recognized by a former Albanian. He will be brought back here as soon as a requisition can be procured and sent through the necessary channels. Hockett will have to answer to several charges of larceny after trust, and a number of alleged crooked transactions.

Flood Victim's Body Found.

West Point, Ga., Jan. 6.—The body of John Grim, the negro who was drowned in the high waters of the Chattahoochee river at the same time with Messrs. G. W. Callaway and H. V. Jones, was found yesterday morning in a ditch near the river. The body was partially covered with sand, and being in a ditch, searching parties were unable to find it until the waters had gone down entirely. The river is now in its original banks and everything has resumed its normal aspect.

Farmer Dead by the Rails.

Sparta, Ga., Jan. 3.—The body of George O. Davis, one of the most prominent farmers of this section, was found lying on the side of the railroad track yesterday morning in a horribly mangled condition. He left town in an intoxicated condition, and it is thought by some that his death resulted from foul play. It is known that he had a considerable sum of money on his person. Davis was well connected here and leaves a large family.

Grasty Caught at Rapidan.

Atlanta, Jan. 7.—Robert Ware Grasty, ex-private secretary of the mayor, who disappeared last week while the city detectives were trying to arrest him on the charge of forgery, was caught yesterday at Rapidan, Va.

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LUCKY SKEETS WAS DEALING.

But the House Player Stood Pat With a Gun.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 2.—The sporting element, which has flocked to Charleston for the exposition races, has been excited over an incident which occurred in a well known poker room the other night.

A professional card player known throughout the south as Skeets was the principal actor. Skeets has attracted much attention on account of his wardrobe, which is unlimited and flashy.

There was a stiff poker game in progress when Skeets walked into the gambling house. He bought a stack of chips and soon after the game started he had a lucky streak which ran his winning up to more than \$10,000.

While he was dealing a hand the house player drew a pistol and ordered Skeets to show his cards. The other players, not expecting the move, fell back in terror.

As a result of the gun play Skeets was not allowed to cash his \$10,000 stack of chips, and he declares that the money with which he entered the game was not returned.

IRON CITY'S GUESTS.

Daughters of American Revolution Invited to Distinguished Persons.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 7.—The South Carolina members of the American Revolution through Mrs. W. H. Richardson, state agent, have invited the delegates to the annual convention, which meets at Washington on Feb. 22, to visit Charleston on Feb. 27. This invitation has been accepted by a large number of delegates, among them the president general, Mrs. Fairbanks, and the ex-president general, Mrs. Manning.

They have also invited Admiral Schley and Captain Hobson to be present on that occasion and address the Daughters and their friends. The invitation has been accepted by both Admiral Schley and Captain Hobson, and both of these distinguished naval officers are expected to be present.

LIBERTY BELL STARTS FOR CHARLESTON.

Philadelphia, Jan. 6.—The Old Liberty Bell, accompanied by Mayor Ashbridge and an official escort of city councilmen and city department heads, started on its journey to the Charleston exposition this morning. As the special train left the Pennsylvania railroad station a salute of 21 guns were fired at the League island navy yard. The bell is scheduled to arrive at Charleston at 10 o'clock next Thursday morning.

GENERAL WADE HAMPTON III.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 6.—The relatives and many friends of General Wade Hampton were seriously alarmed yesterday afternoon over his sudden and very serious illness. General Hampton's heart was suddenly affected and for a time the gravest fears were entertained. This is the first attack of the kind he has ever experienced. General Hampton rallied several hours later and last night his condition is reported as being greatly improved.

COOK DEMOCRACY AT EXPOSITION.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 7.—C. E. Miller, secretary to Robert E. Burke, one of the leaders of the Cook county democracy of Chicago, arrived here yesterday morning to arrange for the coming of that famous organization to the exposition. He announced that probably 250 members of the Cook county democracy would arrive here on the evening of Feb. 10 and stay for several days, perhaps until after President Roosevelt has left.

PRESIDENT TO VISIT CHARLESTON.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Arrangements are being made for the president to visit the Charleston, S. C. exposition in February. The president probably will be accompanied by most of the members of the cabinet and some of the cabinet ladies. They will leave here probably on the 10th, arriving at Charleston the following day. Two days, possibly three, will be spent at the exposition, when the return trip will be made directly to Washington.

NEW INSURANCE COMPANY CHARTERED.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 4.—The secretary of state has issued a commission to the Southeastern Mutual Life and Savings insurance company of Greenville, which is to do a general mutual life insurance business. The capital stock is to be \$50,000. The incorporators are B. A. Morgan, J. I. Westervelt and T. P. Cochran.

SHOOTING SCRAPE AT LOCKHART.

Union, S. C., Jan. 6.—George Seely, of Lockhart, was lodged in jail here for shooting and probably fatally wounding John Wesley, a negro. The cause of the affair is unknown. L. G. Young, constructing manager of the Buffalo cotton mills, was badly but not seriously hurt today, by falling in a reservoir.

DEFIANT TO THE END.

Execution of John Robinson at Dublin, Ga.

Dublin, Ga., Jan. 4.—John Robinson, murderer of Bertha Simmons, was hanged yesterday in Dublin for a crime committed last May. The drop fell at 12:09 o'clock and the negro was dead in 18 minutes. Death resulted from strangulation.

He was defiant to the end, stoutly maintaining his innocence. He was abusive of the officers who guarded him in jail and utterly indifferent of his future condition. At least 5,000 people came to see the execution, it being the first in this county in 40 years. Asked if he wished to talk to the crowd, he said: "Let them go to hell." However, he made a talk of nearly half an hour in a rambling kind of way.

ERNEST OUTLAND HANGED.

Sylvania, Ga., Jan. 4.—Ernest Outland was hanged here yesterday for the murder of Tom Mitchell one year ago. Both negroes.

EXPLOSION IS A MYSTERY.

Central Railroad Officials Investigating Recent Accident.

Macon, Ga., Jan. 4.—The Central Railway of Georgia officials have been engaged in an investigation of the explosion which occurred in the shops of that company here with a view to determining the cause of the accident, but as yet they have given out no statement other than to the effect that they have been unable to place the responsibility on any individual. They say so far as their investigations have revealed up to this time the explosion was one of those things which happen now and then for which no cause can be assigned.

The cause of the explosion is as much a mystery as was the cause of the disastrous wreck which occurred on the Central road in this city a few Sundays ago.

HOWELL RESOLUTION.

It Is Declared Constitutional By Supreme Court of Georgia.

Atlanta, Jan. 4.—The Howell resolution, passed by the last legislative body, and which provides for the payment of interest on the bonded debt of the state, was today declared constitutional by the supreme court of Georgia.

The principal question at issue was whether the interest on the bonded debt was a part of the debt itself, and the court decided that it was. The resolution was introduced into the senate by the speaker, Hon. Clark Howell.

JUDGE FALLIGANT DEAD.

Had Been on Bench in Georgia for Twelve Years.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 3.—Hon. Robert Falligant, judge of the superior court of Oglethorpe county, died this morning at 8:08 o'clock after a long illness. He was born in Savannah Jan. 12, 1839, and had represented the county and district in statehouse and senate. He was commander of Confederate Veterans' camp and had been on the bench twelve years.

DR. GAZAWAY B. KNIGHT DEAD.

Madison, Ga., Jan. 3.—Dr. Gazaway B. Knight died at his home in this city after an illness of over a week. Dr. Knight was one of the best known men in this section of Georgia. He was born in Augusta in 1825 and graduated at the Georgia Medical college, of that city, in 1848. He came to Madison about 1855 and soon attained a wide and successful practice. For many years he was the leading physician of Madison. He had retired from active practice about ten years before his death.

SUICIDE AT THOMSON, GA.

Thomson, Ga., Jan. 3.—Herbert Neal, an 18-year-old son of J. B. Neal, committed suicide last evening by shooting himself with a pistol. He went to Boneville, a small station about 4 miles from Thomson, and after wandering around for four or five hours took his life. He had for several years been in exceedingly bad health, and it is supposed that the act was committed during a temporary mental aberration.

CARNEGIE WILL ENDOW NEWMAN.

Newnan, Ga., Jan. 3.—Much interest has been aroused here over a conditional offer of \$10,000 from Andrew Carnegie for a library for this place. The only condition imposed by Mr. Carnegie is that the city shall do its part toward the founding and maintenance of the institution.

HELDS TO LARGE FORTUNE.

Brunswick, Ga., Jan. 4.—By the death of an aunt in Bremen, Germany, Henry and William Gamman, of this city, fall heirs to a large fortune. The amount is variously estimated at from \$75,000 to \$100,000 in American money and consists of stocks and bonds.

Repairing Neatly Done

Never thought of such a sign for a medicine did you? Well, it's a good sign for Scott's Emulsion. The body as to be repaired like other things and Scott's Emulsion is the medicine that does it.

These poor bodies wear out from worry, from over-work, from disease. They get thin and weak. Some of the new ones are not well made—and all of the old ones are racked from long usage.

Scott's Emulsion fixes all kinds. It does the work both inside and out. It makes soft bones hard, thin blood red, weak lungs strong, hollow places full. Only the best materials are used in the patching and the patches don't show through the new glow of health.

No one has to wait his turn. You can do it yourself—you and the bottle.

This picture represents the Trade Mark of Scott's Emulsion and is on the wrapper of every bottle.

Send for free sample.

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50c. and \$1. all druggists.

Found.

A young lady's cloak was left in our house on night of Pee Dee school entertainment. Owner can get same at Sheriff's office.

Dwelling for Sale.

I offer my large dwelling house and lot on Fifth Avenue, next to Baptist church, for sale. Also a large part of household and kitchen furniture. A bargain for somebody. For any information in regard to same apply or write to

J. F. CAUDLE,
Wadesboro, N. C.

Street Lamps for Sale.

Having put in electric light system the town of Rockingham has about fifty of the best street lamps for sale at a bargain. Any town needing street lamps would do well to correspond with

W. J. FULFORD, Mayor.

Five Cents a Line

Pays for advertising in this column. If you want to sell, buy or exchange, try a notice in this column.

NOTICE.

Notice is here by given that bids for contracts to keep in repair the county fence, and for Superintendent of county home for the year 1902 will be delivered to the clerk of the board of Co. Coms. on or before Jan. 6th, 1902. All bids to be sealed, the commissioners reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

W. C. Leak,
Chm. Bd. Coms.

W. S. Thomas, Clerk.

JOHN W. LeGRAND,

Rockingham, N. C.

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