

A Terrible Tragedy.

The telegraph some time ago reported briefly the results of an unhappy affair in Houston, Texas, in which two young men of high position lost their lives. On the 7th of December there was a slight misunderstanding between the Hon. A. J. Fountain, State Senator, and B. F. Williams, however, culminated in the affray which resulted so seriously. Fountain and Williams met in a room in the morning, the former remonstrated mildly with Williams for some impudent remarks made against himself and friends. Williams resented this, and suddenly drew a revolver upon Fountain, who stood before him completely unarmed. Two shots were fired by Williams, one grazing Fountain's temple and the other wounding his left arm, passed through a package or lens of his breast pocket of his coat, and lodged against the case of his watch. There were several persons present and in the immediate vicinity, to whom Fountain called out: "Arrest that man; he has shot me!"

The assassin, however, fled and gaining his room—a block or two from the scene of the affray—refused to be arrested. The Hon. Gaylord Clark, Judge of the Twenty-fifth District, who was in the vicinity, at once summoned assistance and ordered the door beaten down. The work was begun when Williams drew aside the fastenings and rushed into the street frantic with rage (or as asserted temporary insanity), and armed with a double-barreled shotgun, charged at the pillar where the Judge stood and dodged around and back twice; when the Judge came in contact with the gun, Williams fired instantly, shooting the Judge through the heart. He expired almost instantly. The murderer turned in a species of insane fury on the crowd and leveled his gun at the Chief of police, who, however anticipated him, and at once shot him through the heart.

An old, experienced man in Georgia, once planted a large peach orchard in the glades or open spaces of a pine forest—leaving the large pines as a protection to the more tender peach trees. He was very successful in producing healthy, long-lived trees and regular crops of fruit; and he always contended that the partial shade of the pines were more favorable to the peach than an open and sunny exposure. The pine, he averred, drew nothing from the soil which the peach needed; and he often distinctly stated to us that he had grown peach trees of the most healthy and vigorous character within two or three feet of large and lofty pine trees. We can not doubt these statements of our friend, as we know him to be a man of the strictest integrity and honor, and as we, ourselves, are cognizant of many facts corroborative of his practice and theory.

A Warning.

A rich rural gentleman has learned from a recent verdict in a Federal Court at Memphis, that it costs \$169, besides lawyers' fees, to enclose a letter in a newspaper mailed with a two cent stamp on it. It costs the same sum to write on the margin of a newspaper, sent through postoffice, with a two cent stamp.

Executors Sale.—In obedience to an order of the Probate Court, I will execute and complete to the highest bidder, on the Court House-hold in Rutherfordton, on Friday the 25th day of March next, all the evidence of debt belonging to the estate of John Burge, Sr., dec'd.

All persons having claims against said estate will present the same to me or my agent, J. W. Green, on or before the 10th day of January, 1872, or this notice will be read in the court of their recovery, January 5th, 1871.

J. G. BURGE, Ex. of

John Burge, Sr., dec'd.

NORTH CAROLINA.

RUTHERFORD COUNTY.
IN THE PROBATE COURT.

J. H. Adair & wife
vs.
M. Keene and D. []
Koone, Executrix of the estate
of Geo. Koone, dec'd., and others.

It appears to the satisfaction of the Court that the following persons are heirs at law, and distributees of Geo. Koone deceased, and are nonresidents of the State of North Carolina: John Koone and wife Tatia, J. W. Koone and Catharine A. Koone. This is therefore to notify the said non-resident devisee to appear before me at my office on the 7th day of February, next, when and where an account will be taken in this case, and also to appear before the Judge of the Superior Court for the county of Rutherford, at the Court House in Rutherfordton on the 4th Monday in March, next, to plead, answer, or controvert plaintiff's petition, or judgment, or decree, if any such there be. Given under my hand, 4th January, 1871.

J. E. CARPENTER, S. C. G.
and Judge of Probate.

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