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MATT SNYDER KILLS MAN IN WASHINGTON.

Matt Snyder, well known in Hamilton and vicinity as an old time amateur baseball player and a logging locomotive engineer, shot and killed Ed Adams, another engineer, some time between 1 and 3 o'clock last Sunday morning, after a fist fight in which Adams is said to have knocked Snyder down with a pair of brass knuckles. It is claimed that Snyder finding himself beaten up, called to his wife to bring the gun with which Adams was shot. The fight took place at the gate to Snyder's yard. Both men had been drinking at Sedro Woolley during the evening, and are said to have quarreled several times previous to coming blows.

After Adams had been shot Mrs. Snyder ran to the house of Lyle McNeil, foreman of the camp in which the men worked, and notified him of what had happened. McNeil found Snyder unconscious upon the floor of his house, where dragged there by his wife, according to the latter's statement. Dr. Kellner, the company's physician was found to be engaged, and Dr. F. M. Blair, of Lyman, was secured without delay. Dr. Blair attended to Snyder's bruises, and examined Adams, whose death must to have occurred shortly after being shot. The bullet had entered the left side of the body and passed entirely through. The weapon used, a Colt revolver, was secured and later turned over to Deputy Sheriff Stevenson, who arrived by automobile later in the morning accompanied by Coroner Arthur F. Baker.

After the inquest, which developed little in the way of testimony, the body of Adams was taken in charge by Coroner Baker, and Snyder taken to the county jail at Mount Vernon, where Mrs. Snyder is also held.

Attorney C. J. Henderson has been engaged by Snyder to defend him in the trial of the case. He will undoubtedly plead self defense in extenuation of the shooting.

So far as is known witnesses to the killing consist of Mrs. Snyder, Burton Medford, and the latter is not regarded as having seen the fight during which the shooting took place. Several camp employes had attended the circus at Sedro Woolley Saturday night and had come home at a late hour. Medford, who was with Adams and Snyder, said the two men stopped at the latter's gate, while he went on a short distance to wait for Adams. All had been drinking, and are said to have been somewhat under the influence of liquor at the time of the fight. Medford says he heard the men quarrelling, then a shot was fired. He claims he heard Adams say "You've got me, Matt; what did you do that for?" Then he ran away.

Mrs. Snyder states that she heard her husband and Adams fighting, and that her husband called to her to bring the gun. She says she did so, and that after Matt shot, Adams started to run away. Thereafter, she alleges, she got her husband to the house, where he fainted on the floor. When Dr. Blair arrived he found Snyder's face covered with blood and seemingly badly beaten up. Brass knuckles were found on Adams' hand.

Matt Snyder is about 33 years old and has lived in Washington for about fourteen or fifteen years, a great part of the time in the vicinity of Hamilton. He is well known in Skagit county as a baseball player and when sober is a very likeable man and respected citizen. He has four children, the youngest a baby. Adams was past 40 years of age, and has been married, but was divorced some time ago.

On August 9, 1902, at a public celebration at Hamilton, Matt Snyder shot Robert Brown in Whitney's saloon, by mistake, it was claimed at the time. He served a year in the county jail for the offense, and his brother Julius, who was with him at the time, was sentenced to two years. So far as is known in the twelve years which have elapsed since then Matt has been considered an excellent citizen.—Hamilton (Wash.) Herald.

VOLCANO LASSEN.

Red Bluff, Cal., July 1.—After only a few hours of quietude Lassen burst forth this morning in a stupendous eruption—the fourteenth of the series that began May 20. No flames were seen but the vast plume of blackened steam from the crater waved a mile high in the sky and volcanic ash fell at McComber Flats thirteen miles distant.

Red Bluff, CAL., July 1. —Grave fears were expressed today for the safety of a party of sight seers who left here yesterday to visit the crater on Mount Lassen. No word has been received from them since the new outburst of the peak.

MISS DILLARD WINS CREAM

Miss Ruby Dillard is the winner of the three gallons of cream given by the Sylva Pharmacy as a bonus for the largest number of votes received in the piano contest, from June first to July first.

The Pharmacy's piano contest is attracting considerable interest among the people and the girls are working for the prizes.

MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED.

Walter Allison, 25 to Ethel Frizell, 19; H. C. Honaker, 37, to Gertrude Wilson, 25; Isaac Johnson (Indian); 21, to Syrantha Shelton (Indian), 19; J. R. Johnson, 22, to Bertha McLure, 18; Stayd Pruitt (Swain county) 23, to Ethel Allen (Haywood county) 19; Columbus Queen, 21, to Lucy Nicholson, 20; A. B. Queen, 23, to Sadie Coward, 21; John W. Shelton 48, to Mary Galloway, 49; Claude Wike 24, to Florence Brown, 21; Younden Jacob (Indian) 39, to Lindsay Johnson (Indian) 50.

NEW MOTION PICTURE SHOW

The committeemen of the Sylva High School have purchased an excellent Modern Motion Picture machine and will have it installed in the auditorium.

The first show will be tomorrow, Saturday, evening at 8:45, for which excellent reels have been secured.

A show will be given every evening during the summer months.

LAND OF THE SKY TO HAVE BANNER YEAR.

Colonel Sanford H. Cohen, manager of the Greater Western North Carolina association, stated yesterday that from the advance bookings for tourists here this summer this will be most successful year for the hotels in the matter of tourist travel ever experienced in the history of the city. According to figures given more people in Western North Carolina June 28 than were here July 12 of last year and this is taken as an indication that the tourists are coming to the Land of the Sky earlier this year than ever before and will stay longer. All of the hotels throughout the mountains are preparing to take care of a greater number of guests than ever before and it is expected that within the next few weeks they will be crowded.—Asheville Citizen.

A GOOD ENGINEER AND A GOOD PREACHER

Engineer D. J. Fant, Charlotte Division of the Southern Railway, running between Atlanta and Greenville on trains 38 and 29, besides being a capable and trusted engineer, has established quite a reputation as a religious worker and speaker and is much in demand, especially for revivals at churches largely attended by railroad men. Mr. Fant's religious work is not confined to this country alone, as out of his own earnings he supports a missionary in China.

Mr. Fant has been in the service of the Southern Railway since 1887, when he began firing on the Fort Valley line of the Columbus Division, then known as the Atlanta and Florida Railroad. In 1891 he was promoted to engineer and to passenger engineer in 1902, his first run being on train 97, the fast mail.

As an engineer he has a splendid record, and as a religious speaker he has great power. He speaks in a simple, direct, and earnest manner. One of his favorite addresses has for its subject: "On the Limited to the Grand Terminal."

Mr. Fant is convinced that his religious experience has had much to do with his success.

"In 1897 a new era began in my life," he says, "for it was at this time that I believed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and that what little success I have made as a railroad engineer and as a man is due to the fact of having God in my life.

"One of the greatest assets that any individual can have in his life is contentment. A contented man makes a better railroad man and citizen, as contentment gives him quietness and steadiness. I often hear men say they are tired of their job, but I can say that my work is a real pleasure and I am happy in studying my business and becoming more familiar with it as the days go by.

"It has been my privilege to make public addresses in many of the Southern cities, having made my first address about six years ago before the Spartanburg Y. M. C. A. No man is at his best who lives for his own selfish interest. Realizing this I have tried to live to the best interest of my fellow men and also I have been able to support a missionary in Central China for thirteen years, because I believe the Gospel that did so much for me can do as much for those who have never heard."—Southern News Bulletin.

MR. SANFORD TO DELIVER ADDRESS

The management for the "Fourth of July" celebration takes great pleasure in announcing that Prof. Jordan H. Sanford, Superintendent and General Manager of "Camp Jackson," has been secured to deliver the address on that day. Prof. Sanford is Principal of the Davidson School of Augusta, Ga., and comes of a noted family, long distinguished along educational lines in the South. It was a member of this family who gave to the schools of the South the famous "Sanford's Arithmetic." His address will be a pleasure and an inspiration to all. Let everybody hear him.

For the first time in three years, every man, woman and child in Sylva is asked to lay aside the cares of home, office and store and join in a celebration of the "Glorious Fourth" on the Jackson County Fair Grounds, which is worth while. By all uniting, it can be made a day long to be remembered. On that day Sylva welcomes to her borders a school which is destined to make this glorious section of ours known throughout the South. In turn, let's join in giving the boys from "the lowlands of the South" such a welcome as will make them glad to be with us.

BUSINESS HOUSES WILL BE CLOSED.

All stores, offices, shops, banks and other business houses in Sylva will be closed to-morrow, July 4th.

One of the best policies ever adopted by the Southern Railway and one that means much for the good of the people, the Southern and the section which it serves is the discontinuance of the sale of colonist tickets to the west.

DIETZ-HOLMAN

Mr. Herman Dietz, son of Mr. W. H. Dietz of Sylva, a well known young man in Jackson County was married Sunday at Langley S. C. to Miss Stella Holman of that town.

Mrs. Dietz is a popular and accomplished young lady of Langley.

Mr. Dietz is a Jackson County boy and has been in Alabama for some time engaged in his profession of Electrical Engineering.

Mr. and Mrs. Dietz arrived in Sylva, Wednesday morning and will spend a short while with Mr. Dietz' people in Sylva.

CAR OF STUDENTS ARRIVE.

The special car of students, for "Camp Jackson", arrived from Augusta Wednesday morning.

There were 26 people in the party. They with others which will come from other cities within the next few days, will spend the months of July and August in Sylva at Camp Jackson.

Upon the arrival of the party from Augusta, they were tendered a barbecue by Mr. Jordan H. Sanford managing director of Camp Jackson.

COMMENDS CAMP JACKSON.

Cullowhee, N. C.,
June 26, 1914.

The name of Sanford has long been well known in educational circles in the state of Georgia, and the gentlemen of that name who have charge of Camp Jackson, the summer school for boys, are worthy sons of a distinguished father.

Camp Jackson is an opportunity. This opportunity presents itself to Western Carolina boy as well as the boy from any other state. Our boys who enter the Camp and come into contact with the boys who come from other sections, enjoy the instruction of able educators and catch the inspiration that awaits them there, will receive an impetus for all their future life and endeavor.

No more commendable thing could be done by well-to-do men of our section, or of other sections, than the paying of the expenses of some worthy, and ambitious boy at Camp Jackson this summer.

I heartily commend this enterprise to the favor of our people.

Very Truly,
O. S. Dean.

Teacher of English, Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School.

"JACKSON COUNTY SPECIAL" IS SCHEDULED

Trains Numbers 31 and 32, "The Jackson County Special" from Bryson City to Asheville and return, went into effect Sunday and will be operated by the Southern until October 1.

The new schedules will be very popular as they are conveniently arranged for points on the Murphy Division between Asheville and Bryson City.

The new schedules are:
EAST BOUND

Train No. 32 Lv. Bryson 7:15 a. m. Ar. Sylva 8:08 a. m.; Ar. Asheville 11 a. m. Train No. 20, Lv. Murphy 6:30 a. m.; Ar. Sylva 10:29 a. m.; Ar. Asheville 1:35 p. m. Train No. 18 Lv. Murphy 11:30 a. m.; Ar. Sylva 3:42 p. m. Ar. Asheville 6:28 p. m.

WEST BOUND.

Train No. 17, Leave Asheville 8:30 a. m.; Ar. Sylva 11:16 a. m.; Ar. Murphy 4:00 p. m. Train No. 19, Lv. Asheville 3:20 p. m.; Ar. Sylva 8:44 p. m.; Ar. Bryson 9:45 p. m.

ROADS IN JACKSON.

The Franklin Highway Commission of Franklin township are now ready to receive bids to contract for grading and macadamizing roads in Franklin township beginning at the court house.—Franklin Press.

A FOUR-LEGGED CHICK.

Miss Martha Stamps called us in Saturday afternoon to show us a four-legged chick which was hatched by one of her hens the day before. The legs and feet were normal with the exception that two toes on one of the feet were webbed together like those of a duck. The chick was dead when found.—Madison Herald.