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## SUICIDE AND SHOOTING AT BURNSVILLE.

Blue Ridge Sun Feb. 4

On Monday evening about 5 o'clock a sad tragedy was enacted in Burnsville. As a result, James McCallister is dead and Will Ramsey is dangerously wounded with two pistol shots in his chest and shoulder.

Reports from those nearby, say that late in the afternoon, McCallister in passing Ramsey's barn and seeing Ramsey there, called him out in to the street and immediately opened fire on him. It is not known what words were passed, if any before the shooting. When McCallister fired these shots, he immediately turned his revolver upon himself and sent a bullet through his own brain, death resulting instantly. After being shot Ramsey was able to run a distance of about two hundred yards where he fell near his residence. He is still living and indications are that he will recover. But it was McCallister's intention and belief that he had killed Ramsey. Belief is current that jealousy was the cause of the trouble between the two men in which the wife of McCallister had is said to have been concerned. He and his wife had recently separated. He was buried Wednesday.

## DEBATE AT S. C. I.

Quite a large crowd of people from Sylva and Dillsboro congregated in the chapel of the Sylva Collegiate Institute, Friday evening to hear the debate between four of the young men of that institution.

The question, "Resolved; That the form of Government of the United States is the most perfect ever possessed by any nation," was discussed. Harlow R. Kitchen and Roscoe E. Parris spoke for the American Republican system while Hugh E. Monteith and Ora T. Pangle pointed out the government as compared with that of some other people.

The boys succeeded in gaining and keeping the undivided attention of their audience during the hour and a half. The judges rendered a decision in favor of the affirmative speakers.

## COGDILL-MCCRACKEN.

Miss Glennie Cogdill, the accomplished and charming daughter of Mr. S. C. Cogdill, was married Sunday to Mr. E. G. McCracken. Mr. McCracken has been a resident of Jackson County, having moved here from Haywood a short while ago. He is a member of a well known Haywood County family and is a successful young farmer living with his father near Sylva. Miss Cogdill though quite young is a very popular young lady and has a wide circle of friends. We wish this young couple much happiness.

## EIGHTYSIX TO EIGHTEEN

That is the way East Fork township handled the proposed \$10,000-00 bond issue for good roads; the township sure put herself forward strongly for improvement in no uncertain terms.—Carolina Mountaineer.

## VOYLES RECEIVES APPOINTMENT

Walter R. Voyles of Murphy has been appointed secretary to Congressman elect James J. Britt.

Mr. Voyles is a well known young lawyer of Cherokee and is one of the leading members of the bar of that county. His appointment follows the receipt of many applications for the position and these have been considered carefully by the congressman elect, who began to receive requests for the position on the day following his success at the polls in the November election.

## RECOMMENDS MISS HAYES.

Congressman James M. Gudger has appointed Miss Edna Hayes as postmaster at Whittier to succeed J. U. Gibbs.

## GARRETT MEDFORD.

Garrett Ratcliff Medford was born Dec. 15, 1896 near Hazelwood and died at the home of his birth Jan. 30, 1915 he lived in Hazelwood until about two years ago his parents move to Jackson. At the time of his death he was seized with a raging fever, and ere ten days had passed the death angel had claimed him as his own. He was laid to rest in the Waynesville cemetery, Feb. 1 where his weeping parents and friends left him to rest until the son of God shall call him to rise from his deep and quiet sleep. It is so in life's great warfare our friends fall in the rank one by one we who survive them lay them away in their narrow beds with every honor and tribute we can bestow, then turn again to life's battles with a sad and aching heart.

He was only eighteen years of age, a youth in the bloom of manhood. It seems hard to us that the rosy tint should fade from his cheeks, and the luster from his mild gray eyes, while the dew of youth lingered upon his brow. During his last illness he received the most careful attention but he was beyond the help of human hand. He professed faith in Christ about two years ago and joined the Methodist church at Tuscola. During his sickness he gave satisfactory evidence that he was ready to enter the life beyond. We are told that awhile before he departed this life he sang songs of praise and prayed to him who doeth all things well. The many friends who read this will utter a sigh and feel that a friend is gone. Let us imitate his sunny disposition and revere his memory. He leaves a father mother, five brothers two sisters, and a host of friends to mourn his loss for to know him was to love him. We must bid him farewell here but we hope someday to meet around the great white throne where farewells are never spoken and partings never come and where Jesus reigns eternally as our Sovereign and friend. A Friend.

## BRITISH ARMY

Army estimates, to which parliament will devote the first part of next week's session, give the number of effective men, exclusive of those serving in India, at 3,000,000.

## SAM ROGERS MAY BE DIRECTOR OF CENSUS BUREAU

Washington, D. C.—Feb. 6—Reports emanating from the white house today clearly indicate that President Wilson has about decided to appoint Sam Rogers, of Franklin, Macon county as director of the census, at \$6,000 per annum, to succeed William J. Harris, of Georgia, who is to be named shortly as a member of the trade commission, with an annual salary of \$10,000.

Senator Simmons has conferred with President Wilson several times regarding the appointment of Sam Rogers, who was his campaign manager, to some paying office. Owing to the fact, however, that Secretary Daniels and Commissioner of Internal Revenue Osborne both came from North Carolina, Senator Simmons has found it difficult to get a good paying office for Rogers, who declined several offers of smaller positions with a corresponding small salary. Rogers could have had an office long ago had he consented to a small one, but as he is fairly well off financially and making money, he balked at anything below \$6,000 yearly.

## MURPHY MAN SUICIDE.

Cherokee Scout Feb 5

C. A. Collett committed suicide in his place of business in Murphy Wednesday morning, Feb. 3rd, at about 11 o'clock, by taking carbolic acid and glycerine.

Mr. Collett was out on the street until a few minutes before he took his life. He made a business engagement at 11 o'clock at his place of business, with Mr. King, a traveling man from Knoxville, and when Mr. King arrived he found Mr. Collett lying on the floor, his coat under his head and his features already fixed in death. Drs. N. B. Adams and J. F. Abernathy rushed to render medical attention, but nothing could be done, and Mr. Collett died in a very few minutes.

Mr. Collett was 66 years of age, and leaves his wife and daughter in this city, and a son and daughter in the west. The body was shipped to Andrews yesterday for burial.

Mr. Collett's rash act is attributed to financial difficulties, bad health and worry, which is shown by three notes he wrote just before taking his life, and found on his desk.

Mrs. R. P. Ellington has returned from Eastern Carolina, where she has been visiting her people for several weeks.

Miss Annie Reed was in Sylva, Wednesday, the guest of her aunt Mrs. Theo. Buchanan.

Geo. C. Snyder was here Saturday from Beta.

Pastor A. V. Joyner is delighting his congregation at Waynesville. Already he has a firm hold on the work there and at Cullowhee.—Biblical Recorder.

Rev. R. P. Ellington has resigned the care of the church at Webster, and is giving his whole time to the church and school at Sylva.—Biblical Recorder.

Rev. A. W. Davis was here Wednesday from Webster on business.

## JUDGE CARTER FINES SOLICITOR

New Bern, Feb. 8.—Holding that Solicitor Charles L. Abernethy did not sit down when told to do so was contempt of court, Judge Frank Carter, who is presiding over Craven county Superior court in session here this week for the trial of criminal cases, this morning placed a fine of \$50 on the solicitor and ordered him into the custody of the sheriff to be held until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time, if the fine was not paid, the solicitor was to be placed in jail.

The affair grew out of the case of State vs. James Baugham, of Washington, N. C., who is charged with having been the indirect cause of the death of James Ringold, an aged white man, near this city several months ago, when an auto, which he was driving is claimed to have frightened Mr. Ringold's mule, causing it to run away, throwing the driver out of the buggy and inflicting injuries from which he died a short time later.

The case had been continued from a previous court and by the consent of counsel it was agreed to ask for another continuance. Judge Carter had previously expressed himself in regard to the reckless driving of automobiles and when the case was called there ensued a discussion.

Solicitor Abernethy had something that he wished to say in regard to the case while Judge Carter also had a few remarks to make and after endeavoring to explain his points to the solicitor he ordered him to take his seat. This he did not do at once and the judge at once placed the fine on him.

Solicitor Abernethy was at once placed in charge of the sheriff and for an hour or more remained in custody after which he paid the fine, stating to the sheriff that he did so under protest.

The affair created quite a stir in court circles.—Greensboro Daily News

## CHILD LABOR BILL UNAMENDED.

Raleigh, N. C. Feb. 3.—An unfavorable report by a vote of ten to two was the fate of the Weaver bill to amend the child-labor law of the state so as to raise the age limit to fourteen years and provide for inspection of factories under the direction of the commissioner of labor and printing. This decision was reached after a lengthy joint committee in the senate chamber during which both sides were duly heard.

This is taken to mean that there will be no changes in the child labor laws at this session.

There was a big delegation of cotton mill men here and before the committee hearing they adopted a resolution urging that no changes be made and pledging that the individual members of the Cotton Manufacturers' association will, if the legislature will leave the law in force as passed two years ago, give special attention to strict observance and report and proceed against any manufacturer who fails to observe the law.

## SUFFRAGE IN PENNSYLVANIA.

The Pennsylvania house of Representatives passed a resolution to submit a woman's suffrage amendment to voters next November. It now goes to the senate.

## EXCELLENT RECORD OF SYLVA HIGH SCHOOL.

The Sylva High School has been doing splendid work and has made a most enviable record of percentage in attendance, that for the entire school during the month of January being 86.6 and in the high school department of 95, or 52 more than that of the same month last year. The average for the month of December was even higher, being 93 plus for the whole school.

The school and town regret the fact that they will not have an opportunity of hearing Prof. N. W. Walker, inspector of State High Schools, this evening; he being unable to come here at this time because of important school legislation which he and Dr. Joyner are taking up with the General Assembly.

Last Friday was library day at the School and about \$12.00 was contributed by the friends of the school for the purpose of buying some needed reference books. The following is the list of contributors:

Dan Tompkins, Dr. A. S. Nichols, Dr. A. A. Nichols, Theodore Buchanan, Marcellus Buchanan Sr. Mrs. J. W. McKee, W. Buchanan, Robert U. Garrett, M. D. Cowan, C. C. Cowan, Mrs. S. Long, Mrs. Ellen Pickleseimer, F. McLean, E. P. Stillwell, J. R. Buchanan, J. R. Jones, B. H. Cathey Jr., A. B. Ensley, W. B. Davis, W. L. Henson, Dr. W. P. McGuire, Miss Abernethy, Chas. Hawkins, Casey C. Buchanan.

## COURT NEXT WEEK.

The February term of Jackson County Superior Court begins Monday Judge F. B. Cline, of Hickory will be the presiding officer and Solicitor G. Lyle Jones, of Franklin will make his first appearance in Jackson County as the prosecutor for the state.

While the first week is set apart for the trial of criminal causes, it is extremely unlikely that it will be necessary to devote more than three days to the criminal docket as there are no cases of a very serious nature to be tried, unless the case of Ward charged with patricide is given a hearing at this time. This case has been continued one or more times and may be for trial at the coming term. But aside from that it is probable that the criminal docket will be light.

## OVER QUARTER MILLION TONS OF FOOD ARE TRANSPORTED

According to a weekly report by the commission for relief in Belgium the commission has transported to date or arranged for transportation a total of 280,431 tons of food in 46 ships. The report shows there has been unloaded today at Rotterdam 85,180 tons of food from United States ports; that there are six steamers in transit in Rotterdam carrying 40,450 tons of food; that the commission has three steamships representing a tonnage of 21,900 tons now loading in various parts of the United States; 11 ships in transit to American ports to load 64,300 tons of cargo and 11 ships representing a tonnage of 68,600 on a charter for future loading.

A. B. Ensley has moved to the house, on Main street, vacated by Charlie Wilk.