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\$1.00 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE

CHARGED WITH MURDER OF HUSBAND.

Dove D. McMahan, a section hand on the Tenn. and N. C. R. R. was found shot and dying in his home above Sunburst last Friday morning about 5 o'clock, and a pistol was found about 2 feet from the left side of the bed on the floor. Mrs. McMahan, the wife, was in the kitchen and another woman, Mrs. Hamilton, was in another room near by and they cried out. Charles Campbell was asleep upstairs and heard the shot and the cries of the women. He dressed hurriedly and came down. Mrs. McMahan gave him a lamp and he went in where the man was breathing his last on the bed. A pistol was on the floor. The wife did not go into the room.

Dr. McFayden, the coroner, held an inquest Friday and although the first news of the matter indicated suicide the jury was not satisfied with the theory and would not pronounce it suicide.

The funeral was held at Dillsboro Saturday and Mrs. McMahan was arrested and brought here for trial. A preliminary hearing was held in the court house yesterday afternoon before R. Q. McCracken, Esq.

It was shown that he must have been shot while laying on his back about a foot from the left or outside edge of the bed and the shot went straight through the body bedding and mattress. Mrs. McMahan never went into the room. The clothing was not much powder burned or scorched. The pistol was on the floor on the left side. These are the main suspicious circumstances the States representative, Grover C. Davis, relied on for holding conviction or holding the accused.

Gilmer Leatherwood represented Mrs. McMahan very ably. He put no witness on the stand. Mr. Campbell didn't think the wife could have had time to be in the room do the shooting and return to the kitchen from the time he heard the shot and her cry, just after which came from the kitchen.

After the argument Esquire McCracken announced that he could not find sufficient evidence to bind the defendant and she was released.—Mountaineer.

AN APPRECIATION.

THREE FRIENDS UNITE IN A JUST TRIBUTE TO A TRULY GOOD AND REMARKABLY USEFUL MAN.

The death of Mr. Jasper Allen on July 30, 1915, recalls the splendid public service that he rendered the town of Sylva in its early history during the latter '80's. The town had no public hall, no school house, no church and for several years this was the condition; but Mr. Jasper Allen though living on his farm some distance off, rose grandly to meet the community's important needs and with characteristic generosity and public spirit provided for Sylva a building where secular meetings, school, Sunday school prayer-meeting and church services could be held. For this inestimably valuable contribution to the town's early educational, moral, and spiritual opportunities, the name of Jasper Allen as a noble benefactor

or should never be forgotten by the people of Sylva. When the first church was built—a Baptist Church,—he was the largest contributor and the most enthusiastic promoter, never flagging in his zeal till the edifice was ready for use.

This venerable father in Israel was eighty-seven years of age, July 4. In his last illness, he was toiling thoughtfully of those he was to leave behind. When his final summons came, he was fully ready and fell asleep in Jesus as gently as a babe upon its mother's breast. This appropriate Scripture came to the writer as he reviewed the long, useful life of Mr. Allen: The path of the just is as a shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

The testimonies and tributes of loving friends would fill a volume, but there are two that I wish to include in this sketch. Rev. J. J. Gray thus beautifully speaks of our departed loved one:

"I have known Bro. Allen as an active church member nearly twenty years. The interests of God's kingdom lay heavy on his heart. His life carried unmistakable proof that he was a saved man. As some insects handle and mould the earth, without being defiled by it, so Jasper Allen lived in daily contact with earthly things, turning then to account for his personal comfort, and for the moral betterment of all, without being defiled by the contact. As the insect leaves his house of clay, grows wings, and flees out of sight, Jasper Allen's spirit earth free, ascended into God's upper Heaven.

"His life and death at the very edge of Sylva's commercial life is a suggestion that every Christian ought to bring heaven into the centre of the active business world".

Hon. James H. Cathey, when asked by the writer for an estimate of Mr. Allen's character responded feelingly and fittingly as follows:

"He was a citizen of the old school; humble in his daily walk; honest, like Washington to the penny; true to his word. If he promised to meet you at the corner of the street, he was there to a minute. If he promised to pay you a debt on a certain day, the debt was paid that day or you knew the reason why." He was true to his religious faith; faithful and loyal and liberal as to his religious obligations.

"He was sound and solid as Gibraltar in his political principles; patriotic and true in the discharge of his civic duties. In his relation to men, he was considerate to the point of deference. Toward women, he was urbane and chivalric as became a gentleman of the 'Old South'."

"His manner was as gentle as a woman's; his heart good and tender as a child's. His affection for his wife was as beautiful as it was remarkable and this affection was thoroughly reciprocated.

He has gone to the home of the good.

R. L. M.

The Fox Tent show that's playing Canton this week will play Sylva next week.

Mrs. Walters, is visiting her daughter Mrs. S. C. Allison of this city.

Mrs. F. A. Luck Jr. and family of Augusta Ga. are visiting at the home of Mr. F. A. Luck Sr. of this city.

BIG AUCTION SALE OF BEAUTIFUL RESIDENT LOTS

Mr. T. A. Vick of the Atlantic Coast Realty Co., of Greenville N. C. is in the city this week advertising for the big auction sale of lots known as the Baum property on the court house hill. This is one of the most desirable pieces of property anywhere about town. It is on a high plateau overlooking the town only a short distance from the business section of the city and has well graded streets leading to it, with the electric lines of the Dillsboro Sylva Electric Company passing through it, making it very easy to obtain lights for any resident that may want them.

The Atlantic Coast Realty Co., are the selling agents for this property and they have a reputation of being the largest Real Estate Auction Co. in existence.

Come to Sylva, Aug. 20th and buy yourself a nice residence lot in a progressive town, where in a few years you can double your interest.

Mr. T. A. Vick is in charge and can be found at the Commercial Hotel. See ad on page eight of this issue.

MILLIONS ARE INVOLVED

Knoxville, July 31.—The agreement between the Southern railway and Aluminum Company of America has been signed whereby the Southern railway will remove its right of way from the flood line of the seven dams that will be constructed by the Aluminum company on Little Tennessee river, according to Judge H. B. Lindsay for the Aluminum Company of America. Judge Lindsay states that work may be started at once on the construction of seven dams of the Aluminum plant, but he has not yet received advice as to when it will start. The Knoxville Power company was first organized by local capital and later sold the rights to the Aluminum Company of America. In 1907 the work was stopped on the construction of the Tennessee-Carolina Southern railway at Chilhowee, a short distance from where the proposed dams were to be constructed, also on the North Carolina road being constructed from Bushnell.

The right of way of this road ran along the banks of the Little Tennessee river and it is stated that the backwater from the dams, if constructed, would overflow the right of way.

When the Aluminum Company of America purchased the property of the Knoxville Power company and additional rights, the question arose as to whether the backwater would overflow the right of way of the railway along the mountain side near the river.

It was the opinion of the engineers that this would be the case, and the work of constructing the dams was not pushed until an agreement could be reached by the Southern railway and the Aluminum Company of America. While this was pending the Aluminum Company located its plant at Maryville and secured 25,000 horsepower from the Oconee plant, now owned by the Tennessee Power company.

The agreement provided that the Aluminum Company of America can proceed at once and start the construction of the seven dams which will harness the water power of that section to generate electricity for light and power. This will give 400,000 horsepower. The agreement provides that if the Aluminum Company of America dams shall flood the tracks of the present right of way of the road between Fontana and Bushnell that it shall pay to the railroad company \$500,000 for the construction of a new line which shall be built from Bushnell with a rise of one foot and being 180 feet above the track at Fontana.

Then if the Southern Railway company desires to connect with Chilhowee, the Aluminum company agrees to pay \$1,000,000 toward the construction of the new route, half of this to be paid when the work is started and the other half when completed. In addition the Southern Railway company shall have a right of way over the grounds of the Aluminum Company of America.

The agreement reached is believed by the local representatives to mean that work will be started soon on the completion of the seven dams of the company. A number of men have been employed on the dam sights making soundings and doing other preliminary work toward the construction of the dams.

President Fairfax Harrison and President Davis have both labored to secure an agreement and it is believed that this additional power will add much to the development of southern territory. This will give East Tennessee the largest water power in the country.—Citizen.

FIRST WOMAN TO DIE IN ELECTRIC CHAIR?

Winston-Salem, N. C., Aug. 7.—At 11:50 o'clock tonight Judge E. B. Cline, of the Superior court, having received the verdict of the jury—murder in the first degree—condemned Mrs. Ida Ball Warren and Samuel Preston Christy to death in the electric chair Friday, September 24, for the murder of G. J. Warren, husband of Mrs. Warren., Clifton Stonestreet, found guilty of being an accessory after the fact, was sentenced to three years in state's prison.

An appeal was taken, filed for the defendants as paupers.

Mrs. Warren stood erect until the words fixing the date were uttered, then with a quick, nervous jerk sank into her chair, drooping for a minute and then resuming apparent calmness. In the event Mrs. Warren is electrocuted she will be the first woman to go to the chair in this state, and it is said the second woman ever to pay the death penalty in North Carolina.

Warren was missed from his home here after August 18 of last year and his body was found in Muddy creek, Forsyth county, last April. Christy, during the interim had gone back to Texas, where he had lived for years with Mrs. Warren, and whence the woman posing as the wife of Christy, Alias Kearns eloped with Warren.

Mrs. Warren, arrested after the discovery of the body, according to the police made a confession implicating Christy, who was extradited. Christy is then said to have made a confession in which he told of a plot by him and Mrs. Warren to kill her husband.—Citizen.

OFFICERS SEIZE 'STILL' AND ITS OPERATOR

In spite of the strenuous efforts made by Mrs. A. S. Ammons to aid her husband in making his escape from revenue officers, Ammons was captured in a swamp yesterday near Willets in Jackson county. An illicit distillery that he had been operating near his house was destroyed by J. F. Cabe and W. A. Thompson, special employes in the internal revenue service.

Willets is a station on the Murphy division of the Southern railway, but it is in the heart of the Balsam mountains and the house and "moonshine" factory were in a wild and inaccessible spot.

As Officer Cabe dashed around the house after the fleeing blockader Mrs. Ammons seized the raider and held him for several minutes. The delay gave Ammons a lead but it was not sufficient and he was soon captured.

The alleged blockader was taken to Waynesville and after a hearing before United States Commissioner Osborne he was held for trial at the next term of the District court. Deputy Marshal M. D. Justice went out to Waynesville on the afternoon train to represent the government at the hearing.—Gazette.

FIRE DESTROYS MOODY HOME NEAR FRANKLIN

Special to the Gazette-News.

Franklin, N. C., Aug. 7.—The large country home of Frank Moody about four miles from this place was destroyed by fire recently. The house was located on the well known Barnard farm, one of the largest and most valuable in this part of the state, which was recently purchased by Moody and Howell of Waynesville. The loss is estimated at \$8,900 with the amount of insurance unknown. About \$2,800 worth of jewelry was destroyed in the flames.—Gazette.

Several Baptist ministers passed through this city enroute to the Association now in session at Cullowhee.

The Fox tent show presents "The man of mystery" "Ten Nights" "Jessie James" and other good plays.

Miss Christine Nichols entertained with a moon light picnic, Tuesday night, complimentary to her cousin, Miss Ora Nichols of Etowah, Tenn. Among those who went to Bumgarner Falls and partook of the good time and good eats, were Misses Dorothy McKee, Mayme and Pearl Long, Alice Gray, Virginia Greer, Ora and Christine Nichols, and Messers Hal McKee, Gerson and T. C. Bryson H. P. Cathey, Ephrim Stillwell St. John Cox and Dan Tompkins. The party was chaperoned by Mrs. Mary Carter Brinson.

Mrs. I. J. Brown has returned to her home in Waynesville after having spent some time with her mother, Mrs. J. D. Allen.

Don't miss the tent show next Monday night, 10 cents admission.

Mr. Harry Morton of Salisbury is in the city this week.

Miss Sallie Mae Snyder, who has been visiting Miss Mira Crisp for the past week, left for her home in Davidson county yesterday.