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CARLYLE W. HARRIS DEAD.

He Was Electrocutted At 12:40 P. m. Last Monday.

Carlyle W. Harris of New York city, was electrocuted i. e. put to death by the application of electricity, at Sing Sing at 12:40 just after noon. His was a most extraordinary case. He was accused and convicted of poisoning his wife. The case has been the sensation in New York city and throughout the country for over a year. He stoutly asserted his innocence to the very last words. He was convicted on circumstantial evidence. When he heard that he was suspected he surrendered. When he had a chance to escape from prison after being condemned he refused to go free. Strange case.

Another Fast Southern Mail.

The Richmond and Danville railroad has put on an additional fast mail train leaving Washington at 11:10 o'clock a. m. and arriving at Atlanta at 6:55 a. m. on the following day, making close connection for Columbus, Ga., Montgomery, Ala., and all other principal points South and Southwest. The arrangement delivers the Eastern mail and papers in time for the early morning distribution in Atlanta and covers the South with the quickest mail delivery ever made by the United States Government.

Now then, it's our turn next. The Western North Carolina Railroad needs another mail train. If we cannot get it fast we will take it slow. As before stated by us; it is now no use to send a letter on this road with a Quick Delivery stamp. It will get there just as D. Q. without it.

List of Patents.

Granted the Southern inventors this week. Reported by C. A. Snow & Co., Solicitor of American and Foreign Patents, Opp. U. S. Patent office, Washington, D. C.

S. B. Allison, New Orleans, La., Dust and cinder guards for railway-car windows; B. D. Barrow, Danville, Va., Pneumatic safety-lock for breech loading guns; J. E. Brenneisea, Unionville, Md., Butter-mold; G. W. Crawford, Oklahoma Ter., Combined crate and fruit-drier; P. C. Huffmann, Baltimore, Md., Treating phosphates; W. A. Mayhall, Gloster, Miss., Tractor-carrier; J. L. McFarlin, Quincy, Fla., Plant-transplanter; J. B. Quinn, New Orleans, La., Dredging apparatus; T. J. & W. Rawler, Elon, Ark., Plow; J. W. Snapp, Jasper, Tenn., Bush or weed puller; M. B. Southerland, Linden, Tenn., Vehicle-hub; J. T. Titman, Lowell, N. C., Railway-switch; J. J. Wright, Richmond, Va., Horse-collar.

A terrible and destructive cyclone passed through Asheville, N. C. last week.

Fifteen buildings were wrecked. One negro man was killed, four men badly hurt and one negro fatally injured. The track of the storm was only 160 yards wide and passed through the western part of town, where there were several large wooden tobacco prize houses, which were wrecked, as were also the tobacco factory, tobacco warehouse and some dwellings.

The approximate loss is as follows: R. A. Gregory, \$9,000; W. J. Boykin, \$5,000; T. N. Burwell, \$4,000; J. E. White, \$3,000; Hicks tobacco factory, \$9,000; Mener's tobacco warehouse, \$3,000; Mrs. L. G. Smith \$3,000; S. W. Parker, \$5,000; W. R. Taylor, \$5,000; Lyon & Day, \$6,000. Small damages are too numerous to mention. R. O. Gregory and W. J. Boykin held tornado policies and are fully insured. The storm passed to the northeast and within a mile of Henderson and did considerable damage to country residences, wrecking those of George Ward, C. B. Church and Mrs. Mary Church. Church's store was blown down, as well as his large gin house. Many tobacco barns and packing houses were swept away. The cyclone struck Greystone, near Henderson, and wrecked several houses. It there badly injured three persons.

Sam Loyd, the noted chess player who invented all the popular puzzles and games from "Parcheesi" to "Pigs in Clover," is driving the country crazy once more with a little "Mystery," which as advertised elsewhere is being sold for the benefit of the New York Press Club Building and Charity Fund.

"This world is all a fleeting show."

GENERAL NEWS.

Among the queer names that appear on the pension list are said to be Lone Liar, Adam Skunk, and Ripus Uptheback. Ripus uptheback figures pretty extensively in that thing.

Some Georgia convicts in the coal mines made some gums from old gas pipes and came near annihilating the special constabulary doing duty as guards. So much for working convicts in coal mines.

Genl. Wm. S. Rosecrans has resigned as Register of the U. S. Treasury. He is at his home in California and is too infirm to come to Washington. He was appointed by President Cleveland during his former administration.

Governor Roswell P. Flower, of New York, has chipped in two hundred thousand dollars as a silent partner in a Banking & Brokerage firm. Comes easy when you got it. Governor Flower did not have it when he was a young man.

The revolution in Cuba seems to have been quelled for the present, by the surrender of the two brothers who were the leaders. It is stated however that a revolt is planned to take place the first week in June, which will be general.

A crisis has taken place in Germany. The army Bill was defeated in the Reichstag and General Von Caprivi resigned as Chancellor, and Emperor William dissolved the Reichstag.

A new election of members must take place inside of the next ninety days.

Governor Tillman of South Carolina, has said nothing out of the way, as yet to our Governor, but he has designated the solicitor of one judicial district to act in another, where the noted Denmark lynching took place. And this because the said solicitor expressed the opinion publicly that Governor Tillman ought to be indicted as an accessory before the fact in the lynching. This will give the solicitor a chance to put his opinion into practical operation.

The Governor of Oregon doesn't seem to have a great regard for any kind of a President. When Mr. Harrison passed through Oregon, on his return from his southern junket, it was suggested to Governor Penneyer that it would be the correct thing to call and pay his respects to the President. The reply was characteristic. "He knows where to find me," said the Governor. "If he wants to see me let him call on me."

This shows that the Governor of Oregon is inclined to magnify his office.

Down Go the Millionaires.

D. T. Hedges, President of the Stock Yards Co., in Sioux City, Io., assigned April 24th, with assets of two millions; the Hedge Trust Co. assigned with assets of half a million, and the Union Loan and Trust Co. assigned, with assets of a million and a half. The entire liabilities of the three amount to about two millions. Directly afterwards the Sioux City Stone Co. failed for about \$350,000, and closed up, leaving one hundred men unemployed. D. A. Williams, of Hotel Garretson, went under for over a hundred thousand. The Dressed Beef and Canning Co.'s, president, and the Union Loan and Trust Co.'s, secretary and vice president all made heavy assignments or mortgages, and the whole list was closed by the smash of the City Terminal Railway Co. for three quarters of a million.

These people have developed Sioux City and its great enterprises, but at their own risk, and now the close-money market has pulled them down.

A Sweet Little Jersey Girl Kicks High.

At an impromptu gathering of half a dozen pretty schoolgirls, after school hours the other day, at Ocean City, one of the maidens, apropos of the recent society and vaudeville "fad," kicked to a mark on the wall six feet and seven inches from the floor. Nothing would have come of it if the other girls had not told, but then the local papers got hold of it, the parson preached about it, and so the whole town is by the ears on the subject. The notion in Jersey seems to be, kick as high as you please but don't tell.

Blount has been made ministhr to Hawaii.

A Fine Howdy Do.

Messrs. Grady and Rose called today on Postmaster General Bissell and left him without having accomplished anything toward the removal of the negro postmaster at Fayetteville. Mr. Bissell decided that Henderson had been appointed for four years, and not simply to fill out Wemges' term. He said if there was no objection to the incumbent, except his color, he could not be removed. At this Representative Grady's temper arose and the Postmaster General also got excited. Mr. Grady was stoutly reinforced by ex-Speaker Rose, and the whole question of the social status as connected with the propriety of negroes holding office in white communities was discussed with warmth. The North Carolinians informed the Postmaster General of the distastefulness of negro postmasters to the Southern people and the political necessity for a change. It was pointed out that this was the only important federal office in all the Upper Cape Fear region; that it was filled by a negro appointed by a Republican administration; that this negro had gathered around him other negroes as clerks, and that the community desired his removal.

"Do not you employ negro servants for your children's nurses?" asked the Postmaster General.

"Yes, but that is a menial contract," replied Mr. Rose.

"We are all menials in a sense," retorted Mr. Bissell.

"No, indeed" rejoined Mr. Rose, "some of us think we are Sovereigns."

But Mr. Bissell was obdurate. If anything is done it will have to be by specific charges affecting the negro's competency, unless the President chooses to reverse the Postmaster General. Henderson is a Howard University boy and was appointed while a student here.—[Washington Special Wilmington Messenger.

On Wednesday evening, after the heavy rains that made a freshet in all the creeks, Bertha Harper, 12 year old daughter of Randall Harper, colored, was drowned in Sumpter Creek, a small tributary of Abington Creek, while attempting to cross it on a foot-log just below the Houck-Miller grist mill. She and her little brother had crossed the log to go over to Mr. Elisha Bradshaw's, on the west bank, after milk. When they returned the creek had risen till the water was up to the log and was running over it in places. The girl took a stick and started across, telling her brother to wait till she got across and could throw the stick over to him. When she got about half way across a log floated against the log and shook her off. The water was over her head and the current irresistible. She went down and when she came up she shouted to her brother to hand her a pole. He could find none. She went down again and came up and then went down again and was not seen any more by her brother. Her body was sought for diligently until midnight but was not found. The search was renewed Thursday and at about 10 o'clock her body was found, about 300 yards below the foot-log, covered in the bed of the creek.—[Lenoir Topic.

Burglars Sent to Jail.

Last week we reported the case of Carter (a negro) being tried before Squire Killian and Mayor Elliott, and being bound over on the charge of burglarizing the dwelling house of Lee Gaither, on Sunday night before. The warrant also charged one Will. M. Murphy (a negro) as being associate. Murphy evaded arrest. The deputy sheriff has been watching for him. He returned to Hickory secretly and was armed and laid in wait for Ross, a colored boy, who was the main witness, he having seen the burglars in Gaither's house. Yesterday (Wednesday) Murphy was caught in Lincolnton and lodged in Hickory calaboose. He was tried in the afternoon before Squire Killian and bound over. When caught he said he ought to have killed that "nigger"—meaning the witness, Moss. He had a pistol, forty rounds of cartridges and a set of burglar's keys on him when arrested. Frank Little, a negro, was arrested with him, and he is now in Newton jail for having a pistol on his person at the time. They gave the officers much trouble in making the arrest.

Gilley & Thornton prosecuted in both cases, being employed by Lee Gaither.

The branch of the Chicago Chemical National Bank at the Fair has been closed by the Government, and foreign depositors are in trouble.

STATE NEWS.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—The Washington correspondent of the Winston Sentinel insists that Glenn's name is on file for the collectorship.

A thing that is daily becoming more and more of an imperative necessity is the construction at Hickory of a transfer arrangement by which broad-gauge cars can be put upon narrow gauge trucks for shipment to Lenoir. The importance of Lenoir to the railroad demands this.—[Lenoir Topic.

The work of getting the proposed stage line from Rutherfordton to Asheville in shape, is in progress. The News gave the details of the enterprise a few days ago. The idea strikes tourists as a fine one, and the line will be well patronized. Col. Frank Cox, who has no equal as a tallyho driver, will hold the reins on the trip of the first stage through Chimney Rock.—[Charlotte News.

A Gigantic Humbug.

"If there ever was an arant fraud it is Civil Service. We doubt if a man who is soundly Democratic should support a man for office who favors the application of this principle at a time when there are more than 160,000 Republicans still in office in this country. For more than thirty-two years they have been sucking the greasy and swollen teats of the United States Government. Now when a change is ordered by the people, and the cry is 'turn the rascals out' come the fetich worshippers and howl that all applicants for the little petty offices shall be examined and then Civil Service rules shall apply. What does this mean?"

It means that there are 40,000 officials—all Republicans—who can not be touched under this British life-tenure law—an abomination and an offence in a Republic, where the people rule and changes in officials have been found beneficial and wise.

The big officials who are untrained, and some incapable if trained ever so much, go in under changes made at the polls, while the enormous number of minor officials must work under a bad law or not work at all. To keep Republicans in office after the prodigious efforts to displace them is a farce. It practically declares that there is no difference as to who holds the offices, and that Republicans are just as good and trustworthy under a Democratic Administration as Democrats would be. We believe it to be false. If this be true, why not apply it to all offices? And then why all this quadrennial racket over an election and the beating of drums and all that if there is no real difference as to who is in and who is out? All this makes politics a stupendous farce and fraud.

We believe in fundamental principles of government. The principles of real Democrats and real Republicans who are not in office are as far apart as the poles—as heaven and earth. They antagonize at almost ever point. How absurd then it is to take the enemies of Democracy to carry out efficiently, honestly, wisely, satisfactorily the principles and measures of the Democracy.

It is to be hoped that the Democrats in the Fifty-third Congress can get together upon either a very substantial reduction of the Civil Service humbug or its entire obliteration which would please us better.—[Wilmington Messenger.

Amen, brother Ben. Sound to the core and hits the nail on the head.

We shall have something to say on this question very soon. However, it appears that President Cleveland believes in the maxim of rigidly enforcing a bad law to get it repealed the sooner.

A Good one on Ingalls.

ARCHISON, Kan., May 4.—Ex-Senator Ingalls went Tuesday, attired in his farming costume, into the country south of town to look after some property. Being in need of some information he dropped into a schoolhouse to question the teacher.

A report had been in circulation that there was a crazy man wandering about the vicinity, and Miss St. Clair, the teacher, taking the odd-looking visitor for the insane person, became frightened and ran from the building, followed by the whole school. Discovering her mistake the teacher returned to the schoolhouse, but the distinguished visitor had disappeared.

"We were greatly surprised during our absence to see chronicled in our last issue the marriage of our friend Dr. R. L. Allen. We congratulate the Doctor on this forward step and think his patients should greatly increase at once. He was quietly married at the Reeves House Wednesday evening April 26th, to Miss Marlon A. Wilton, a charming young lady of Washington, D. C."—[Waynesville Courier.

Great scott, brothers! Thought you said your town was healthy? But then; which patients? Go slow.

He Will Not Go Back to the Monetary Conference.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—The announced postponement of the Monetary Conference until November next is looked upon as affording another indication of the President's purpose to call Congress in extra session in the early fall. It has been insisted upon by some of the European delegates to the conference that a definite proposition on the silver question should originate with the United States. The assembling of Congress in extra session in September will afford time for the intentions of that body in regard to the Sherman law and the silver question generally to be clearly known before the meeting of the conference. It is thought quite possible that upon the action of conditions may depend the question whether the conference will reconvene.

It is now said that ex-Gov. McCreary, of Kentucky, will be unable to continue to serve upon the Commission. He has been led to this conclusion in great part by the fact that Mrs. McCreary's health will not permit her to accompany him abroad.

The Bethel Classis.

The classis of the Reformed Church convened with the Bethel Congregation of Catawba county on the 3rd inst. Great interest was manifested in the meeting by both clergymen and laity and much general business was transacted. The centennial services, held on Saturday, were exceedingly interesting and called forth addresses from several very distinguished gentlemen. Rev. Dr. Clapp spoke on Reformed Church of North Carolina, embodying copious historical facts connected with German settlements.

Rev. Mr. Barringer took for his theme the missionary work of the Reformed church, and greatly edified and strengthened the faith of his brethren. Dr. P. M. Trexler spoke on the distinctive doctrinal features of the church demonstrating a thorough comprehension of this most important branch of the minister's work.

Dr. Foil read an able paper on the Heidelberg catechism, which concluded the labors of the convention; but many of the ministers remained over Sunday, holding two services in the morning and afternoon of that day, preaching to vast congregations assembled from this and adjoining counties. After the morning sermons the communion services were celebrate by appropriate and imposing ceremonies.

Rev. Mr. Murphy was appointed a delegate the General Synod which convenes, May, 24, at Reading, Pa. This appointment was only a just recognition of the past meritorious services of an able and consecrated minister. Mr. Murphy is, comparatively, a young man; but as a preacher, an educator and profound thinker, he has very few superiors.

Lenoir College Commencement.

The Second Annual Commencement exercises of Lenoir College will be from the 16th to 18th May. Primary and Academic exercises May 16, at 8 p. m., in the College Auditorium.

May 17th, 10 a. m., Rev. W. S. Bowman will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon; 2 p. m. the Junior exercises will be held, and at 8 p. m. the orator's contest takes place.

Thursday, May 18th, 10 a. m. Literary Address, by Hon. C. M. Efrid. Graduating addresses will be delivered by John J. George, G. Edward Lovy, Thomas M. Mills and Jacob C. Wesinger. After these addresses will follow the conferring of degrees and awarding of medals.

Literary Notes.

That excellent series of handy and attractive volumes known as "Harper's Black and White Series" will soon be enriched by the addition of two noteworthy publications, viz., William Dean Howells's new farce, The Unexpected. Guests, and a characteristic story entitled The Rivals, by that prince of story-tellers, Francois Coppee. Both books will be illustrated.

Kirk Munroe's new story for boys, entitled Raftmates: A Story of the Great River, will be published in a few days by Harper & Brothers. It is the narrative of an adventurous voyage down the Mississippi, from Minnesota to Louisiana, and the volume will be handsomely illustrated by W. A. Rogers.