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LARGEST CITY CIRCULATION

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 4, 1891.

THE MYSTERY SOLVED.

The Murderers of Senator Jno. W. Stephens Brought to Light After Twenty One Years

The following astounding account of the murder of Jno. W. Stephens in Caswell Court House in 1870, is condensed from the State Chronicle of this morning:

May 21st, 1870 was a notable day in the exciting history of the most exciting times in North Carolina. On that day State Senator Stephens, whom Josiah Turner called "chicken Stephens" was murdered, and his lifeless body found Sunday morning in the office of the Clerk and Master at Yanceyville, Caswell county.

When the news spread abroad it created a great sensation. It was a terrible deed and stunned all the people. For more than twenty one years the perpetrators of the deed have been unknown and much speculation has been indulged in as to who they were. Governor Holden and other Republicans charged that the crime had been perpetrated by the Democrats for political reasons, Senator Stephens being a leader of the negroes in that section and a very bitter Republican. The Democrats expressed the belief that the family of the Senator had procured his murder in order to obtain the insurance from the large policy which he held.

But until a day or two ago all conjecture was vain. The murder seemed to be shrouded in impenetrable mystery. Yesterday Mr. Jos. A. Harris, editor of the Hillsboro Observer, was in Raleigh, and gave us a most astounding piece of information. In brief, it was that Dr. Felix Roan, long a prominent and influential citizen of Caswell county, who died a few days ago, had made a confession on his death bed in which he imparted the startling information that chicken Stephens was murdered by himself and two other widely known and prominent citizens. According to his confession the men who killed Stevens were:

**DR. FELIX ROAN,
DR. STEVE RICHMOND
AND
SHERIFF WILEY.**

We do not know whether the dying man gave the true theory of the killing or not. Mr. Harris could not tell us whether he went into fuller particulars or not. All three of these men are dead.

Burned to Death.

CUMBERLAND, Dec. 2.—This evening at 7 o'clock a coal-oil lamp was upset at the residence of Richard Hoffman, in the northern section of this city, and burned to death his 3 year old child and badly burned his other two small children. Mrs. Hoffman, the mother of the children, had gone just across the street to a store to make some purchases, leaving the children playing in their room. One of the children, it is supposed, pulled the lamp from the table and it fell to the floor, causing the lamp to break and set fire to the house and the children. When the mother returned, having only been out but a few minutes, she found the children in flames, as well as the house. She did all she could to save the little ones, and was terribly burned by so doing. The youngest child was rendered almost a crisp, and one of the other two seriously burned, but it is thought not fatally. Mr. Hoffman, the father, was out at the time of the horrible affair.

Day of Birth and Death.

St. Louis Republic.

Several of the world's most noted characters have died on the anniversary of their birth day. The Talmud says: Moses died on the seventh day of Adar, the same day of the same month on which he was born, his age being exactly 120 years.

Shakespeare, the "Sweet Bard of Avon," was born April 23, 1564; died April 23, 1616.

Sir Thomas Browne, author of "Religio Medici," was born October 19, 1605, died October 19, 1683. Timothy Swan, composer, was born July 23, 1778, died July 23, 1843. General McLean Taylor, a nephew of President Taylor, was born November 21, 1828, died November 21, 1875. Saint John of God, one of the most eminent of the Portuguese saints, was born March 8, 1495, died March 8, 1550. He was the founder of the Order of Charity.

John Sobieski, the King of Poland, who delivered Vienna from the Turks was born June 17, 1629, died June 17, 1696.

Perhaps there are others equally as prominent in the world's history who have had the same remarkable coincidence, but these are all I have been able to find record of up to the present time.

New York has a female defaulter in the person of Mrs. E. S. West, principal of Rutgers Female College, who is \$3,000 short in her accounts. It was just like a woman to take no more than that. If it had been a man the amount would have been at least enough to carry him to Mexico and let him live there a few years.

The liquor dealers of Ottumwa, Iowa, are being treated to a very disagreeable surprise just now. Several of them have just been fined \$300 each, and the judge who has jurisdiction of the cases announces that he intends to see that the local option law is respected in his district. This is not as it has lately been in that State and liquor men are naturally blue over it.—Exchange.

**RALEIGH POST-OFFICE
MAIL SCHEDULE.**

OUTGOING MAILS.	DEPARTURE**		
	No. of Train	From P.O.	Day of Week
Via Keysville (R. P. O.) for Richmond & way.	13	8 45	9 16
*Via Goldsboro (Ex. Ft.) for Short Cut & Goldsboro.	12	8 15	8 45
*Via Weldon and Norfolk (R. P. O.) for N. & E.	38	10 40	11 25
Via Goldsboro (R. P. O.) for N., S. and East.	10	12 45	1 30
*Via Gibson sta. (R. P. O.) for Wil., Char. & South.	41	3 15	4 00
Via Greensboro (R. P. O.) for N., S. and West.	9	5 55	8 4
Via Weldon & Norfolk (Ex. Ft.) for N. & East.	34	4 30	5 00
Via Greensboro (Ex. Ft.) for N., S. and West.	11	9 00	3 05

INCOMING MAILS.	ARRIVALS.		
	No. of Train	At Depot	At P.O.
Via Greensboro (Ex. Ft.) from N., S. and West.	12	7 20	7 35
Via Weldon (Ex. Ft.) from North and East.	45	9 30	9 45
*Gibson sta. (R. P. O.) from Char., Wil. & S.	38	11 20	11 35
Via Greensboro (R. P. O.) from N., S. and West.	10	1 25	1 40
*Via Weldon (R. P. O.) from North and East.	41	5 55	4 10
Via Goldsboro (R. P. O.) from N., E. & South.	9	1 55	2 10
Via Keysville (R. P. O.) from Richmond, Oxford, Durham, etc.	14	10 46	11 00
*Via Goldsboro (Ex. Ft.) from North.	11	5 45	6 00

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