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## Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., Found Guilty of Murder.

Chesterfield Court House, Va., Sept. 11.—Twelve Virginia farmers knelt at the foot of the gallows in the obscurity of the small jury room of Chesterfield Court House, praying fervently that they might pass judgment airtight on Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., indicted for the murder of his wife. Grimly determined they arose a moment later and silently, one by one, recorded the unanimous verdict of "guilty."

Pausing in solemn contemplation for fifty-eight minutes, weighing carefully the meaning of their decision and once more on bent knees beseeching Divine assistance that they might not err, they filed into the musty stillness of a crowded court room and with startling suddenness twelve voices, instead of the usual one of the foreman, spoke the single word "Guilty."

## RECEIVES VERDICT COOLLY.

It was almost a shout. The specter of death which stalked Middletonian through on July 18 last and when the life of Mrs. Louise Owen Beattie was taken away with the single report of a shotgun, stared hard at the young husband, ready to claim its victim by electrocution on Friday, November 24. But the prisoner returned the gaze, unflinching and untroubled.

The court of appeals, to be sure, will be asked to grant a writ of error and a new trial. Young Beattie, cognizant of the legal weapons yet at his disposal, did not surrender. Instead he consoled his broken-down father, white-haired and wrinkled, and comforted him as he whispered:

"I haven't lost yet, father."

Unusual as has been the tragedy and the gruesome stage where it occurred, the twelve jurymen did not hesitate to admit to their friends that they stood in judgment not only of the cold-blooded murder, but upon his mental infidelity as well. It perhaps was the dramatic climax of Virginia justice which in the last half-century has swiftly sent to death such famous murderers as Cloverius, Phillips and McFee.

**WENDEBURG CONVINCING.**  
At the close of a powerful address by L. O. Wendenburg, the voluntary assistant of the Commonwealth in the case, the suspense was felt not alone in the court room but in Richmond, where thousands of people awaited the outcome.

The jury had for eleven days heard evidence, for two days speeches, but the words of Wendenburg rang in their ears as they left the court room to find their verdict.

"Let that man go free," he cried, "what, let that man go free! Why the motherhood of Virginia, the womanhood of this nation, will shudder in terror as the security of its life is threatened. Let this man go free! The man who harked in the degraded sunshine of another woman, while at his home a young wife nursed his child. Gentlemen, I merely ask you in the name of justice to do your duty."

In vivid details the prosecutor portrayed the wife as she started on her momentous journey into the cool air of a summer night. The jury saw again

## REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

### Peoples Bank,

LEAKSVILLE, N. C.,

At the close of business Sept. 1, 1911.

#### RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$41,936.99
Overdrafts secured	16.19
Banking House	\$2,457.11
Furniture and Fixtures	903.00
Due from Banks and Bankers	3,360.11
Gold Coin	17,632.34
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	445.00
National bank notes and other U. S. notes	710.61
Total	1,414.00

#### LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes	1,985.22
Time Certificates of deposit	32,001.71
Deposits subject to check	15,999.86
Certified checks	20.00
Accrued interest due depositors	508.45
Total	\$65,515.24

State of North Carolina, County of Rockingham,

I, A. E. MILLNER, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. E. MILLNER, Cashier.

Correct Attest: J. Sanford Patter-

son, R. L. Moir, S. L. Martin, directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 5th day of Sept., 1911.

J. W. NORMAN, Notary Public.

in their minds the automobile in which she rode beside her husband, how Beattie stepped into the darkness of the thicket, found the shot-gun which he had earlier concealed and deliberately slew his wife.

The desperate ride home with the bleeding and lifeless body crashed into the small space in the front part of the machine, the husband coldly sitting against the blood-covered head of his wife, were graphically detailed to the jury. Only passing attention was given by Wendenburg to the purchase of the gun by Paul Beattie, a cousin of the accused. The defense had claimed, he said, that on Paul's story alone was built the case of the prosecution, but he held aloft the blood-stained clothing of the prisoner "as the mute evidence of the crime," and asked:

"Do you want any other evidence?" Blood flecked the lower fringe of the shirt in deep black blot; not a mark was on either sleeve of shirt or coat. The prisoner had said that he held his wife with one hand and steered his car with the other but the absence of blood on the arms, the prosecutor declared, gave the lie to his story. Not alone with the clothing did the prosecutor disentangle what he termed "the cheapest fabrication of the cheapest murder," but he shouted shame at the prisoner for his relations with a mere slip of a girl, from the age of 13 until within his own married life, and held her forth as the motive for the crime.

"And the prisoner admits that it was his passion," said Mr. Wendenburg. "Yes, it was passion, but passion born of the devil, and passion that sent to death his wife so that he might continue his vicious pleasure."

Mr. Wendenburg concluded his address a few minutes after 5 p. m. A brief respite was given the jury and at 5:28 o'clock it began consideration of the case.

## JUDGE LECTURES PRISONER.

Judge Watson delivered an impressive speech to the prisoner. He told the young man had stained his own life and that of the community in which he lived by his sordid acts. When the trial first began, said Judge Watson, he had hoped that Virginia might be cleared of the crime for which not only the State felt shame, but the entire country deprecated. He had hoped that counsel would prove the defendant innocent, but the evidence, he regretted to note, was all convincing and overwhelming.

Overruling the motion of counsel for a new trial, Judge Watson, however, in order to give counsel an opportunity to apply for writ of error when the court of appeals meets in November, granted a stay of execution for ninety days.

## Apples on Cone Estate.

While the crop of apples on the Cone estate at Blowing Rock is light, taken as a whole, the yield is roughly estimated at 6,000 bushels. Crates in large numbers holding one bushel each are now being prepared for the shipment of the crop. Each apple will be wrapped in paper, each paper bearing the name of the apple and the orchard from which it was gathered. Fine mountain apples so nicely handled, it seems to us, are bound to bring a fancy price, especially when the crop is light throughout the country as is the case this year.—Watauga Democrat.

## Last Seashore Excursion of the Season to Norfolk.

The Southern Railway announces a popular excursion from Greensboro, N. C., to Norfolk, Va., on Wednesday, September 20th. Special train consisting of both day coaches and Pullman cars will leave Greensboro, N. C., at 8 p. m. September 20th, arriving Norfolk at 6:30 a. m. following morning. Returning, these tickets will be good on any regular train leaving Norfolk up to and including all trains of Friday, September 22nd, allowing two whole days and one night in Norfolk.

Tickets will also be on sale at Salisbury and all intermediate points to Greensboro, and all points from Mt. Airy to Greensboro, and North Wilkesboro to Greensboro. Passengers from these points can use regular train connecting with special train starting at Greensboro.

The following low round trip rates will apply from stations named:

Salisbury	\$1.50
Randolph	4.75
Greensboro	3.65
Winston-Salem	4.00
Mt. Airy	5.25
North Wilkesboro	5.25
Siler City	4.50
High Point	4.25
Reidsville	3.25

Low round trip rates in the same proportion from all intermediate points. For further information, Pullman accommodations, etc., apply to any agent of the Southern Railway or to R. H. DeButts, Traveling Passenger Agent, Charlotte, N. C.

## Simmons Confident.

Senator F. M. Simmons, whose masterful address at Matthews Thursday occasioned so much favorable comment from those who heard it, spent yesterday in Charlotte with friends. The Senator is enjoying splendid health and looks the part of one who is ready for almost any sort of a campaign. He is alert in his movements quick and tactful in his conversation with friends and acquaintances and says he never felt better in his life. That he is confident of the result of the approaching senatorial contest is certain. And what is more significant the countenance of Mr. A. D. Watts, better known over the State as "Oz" Watts, really lights up with interest and appreciation of the lines of battle when the contest is mentioned. Although Senator Simmons spent but one day in Charlotte and one day in the county, he was able to get his cohorts into splendid action, for nothing was heard of yesterday on the streets and in the offices but talk of the fight. Senator Simmons got into communication with scores of the leading farmers of the county, as well as many of the most influential citizens of the city, and if the contest materializes as it has started, it is very likely there will be "no change" in Washington next year.

Senator Simmons has but three months in which to move around throughout the State but he hopes in this time to visit as many of the counties as possible. He will be compelled to return to Washington when Congress assembles on account of the many important matters of great public concern that will come up for consideration. Being out of the State and so busy with the work that will devolve upon him as a member of important committees, he will have little time for an active pursuit of his campaign. It will be left in the hands of his friends. Senator Simmons enjoyed his stay in Charlotte greatly.—Charlotte Observer.

## Progressive Democrats Organize.

Chicago, Sept. 8.—A political sensation was sprung by H. W. Wheeler, Democratic central committeeman and editor of the Herald of Quincy, Ill., at the round-up of Hearst Democrats held here yesterday. Editor Wheeler from the floor of the conference repudiated what he termed "Hearstism" and declared that Illinois Democracy will have none of it. This utterance of Wheeler proved the sensation of the gathering.

The meeting was called by progressive Democrats with the object of reorganizing the Democratic party in Illinois and wresting the national committee from Roger C. Sullivan, of Chicago. An organization was effected by the election of Mayor Carter Harrison, of Chicago, as chairman.

A declaration of progressive Democratic principles was read and approved and it was decided to hold a rally at Springfield, Ill., October 4.

Mayor Harrison was suggested for national committeeman; from Illinois to succeed Roger C. Sullivan. The actual organization work is to be in the hands of a committee consisting of one each of the twenty-five congressional districts in the State.

## Death of Mr. W. A. Webster.

Mr. W. A. Webster, the only brother of the late Col. Jno. B. Webster, died at his home at Archdale, Randolph county, last Saturday night, after a protracted illness. He was one of the most highly esteemed citizens of his section, as he had previously been of the Mangum, Richmond county section, where he so long resided before casting in his lot with Randolph county. He graduated from Trinity College under Dr. Braxton Craven, and chose the simple life of the farmer as his occupation, in which he achieved success. He is survived by his devoted wife, three daughters and two sons, also by a sister, Mrs. H. W. Barrow, of Winston-Salem. The interment took place at High Point yesterday. Dr. J. W. McGehee, Miss Sallie McGehee and Mrs. Lillie M. Webster, of Reidsville, attended the last sad rites.

## HAS MILLIONS OF FRIENDS.

How would you like to number your friends by millions as Bucklen's Arnica Salve does? Its astounding cures in the past forty years made them. It's the best Salve in the world for sores, ulcers, eczema, burns, boils, scalds, cuts, corns, sore eyes, sprains, swellings, bruises, cold sores. Has no equal for piles. 25c at Allen's and Grittain's drug stores.

## Sand Clay Roads.

We have read with considerable interest the report of the County Engineer W. L. Spoon to the road supervisors, and we were much pleased to note that Mr. Spoon has reached the conclusion that by far the most logical road for Forsyth county to build is the soil road and the sand clay road. We have felt for some time, in view of the immense amount of money that our macadam roads were costing the county, that they were not worth the price, and the only doubt that existed in our mind as to the advisability of building sand clay roads was as to whether or not it would be possible for this county to secure the sand at such a figure as would justify its use in the building of these roads. Mr. Spoon's report has set this doubt at rest, and we are convinced that any sort of road that possesses any durability at all would be preferable to the costly macadam roads which require such a long time in the building.

We quote a portion of Mr. Spoon's report showing just what he had to say upon this vital question:

"After a more extended study of Forsyth and the road problem I am fully convinced that the road for the county to build most extensively is the soil road and sand clay road. There are two reasons for this assertion, both potent and convincing. The soil road can be built for less than two thousand dollars per mile while the macadam will exceed five thousand. This is the first valid reason and a very pleasing one. The second reason follows as a consequence of the first, and is the fact that Forsyth can build nearly three times the mileage of the soil type in the same time it can build a certain quantity of macadam and far less equipment expense to maintain. To these two valid reasons a third good reason may be added. It is the fact that average maintenance cost of the soil road is far less than the cost of maintaining a macadam. Aside from the cost facts which concern the whole county is the utility or service of the road. In many cases in practical service the soil road will show superior advantage in point of comfort to man and beast and if the grades are low the life of the road is equal to a macadam in point of time.

"In view of the facts I most strongly urge the board to build every mile possible of this type, and build macadam only in such places as conditions make it absolutely necessary."—Winston Journal

## A Biblical Contest.

The Chicago Tribune tells of a Biblical contest which is to take place shortly at Winona Lake, Indiana, and quotes a few of the questions as samples of what are likely to be asked.

State the number of days it rained before the flood.

Who adopted Moses after he was weaned?

Who killed one thousand men with the jawbone of an ass?

Name the only woman judge.

Whom did Ruth marry?

Name the breadth of Noah's ark.

Name the first musician mentioned.

State a single fact about each of the two Ananias of Acts.

How often did Paul say he was beaten with rods?

How many sheep did Solomon offer at the dedication of the temple?

Repeat the fifth commandment without missing a word.

In what parable are these words, "Safe and sound?"

"The contestants." The Tribune says, "will stand on the auditorium platform and only take their seats when they fail to answer correctly the question." One would not imagine that many of the contestants are likely to get tired standing.—Bellman.

## Dog Sold for Taxes.

For the first time in the history of Wake county, so far as the records show, a dog was sold at auction for taxes yesterday, the beast bringing \$513. The auctioneer was Mr. O. L. Parham, of the sheriff's office and the highest bidder a colored man by the name of Charlie Walters, while the canine, previous to its seizure by Deputy Sheriff J. J. Harward, was the property of one Henry Richardson, colored.

Henry, being in humble circumstances, owed only \$4.03 taxes. Of this amount \$3.03 was poll tax and \$1.00 tax on his dog, which was his only possession.—News and Observer.

## The Sunshine of Praise.

Mrs. Stowe states the truth effectively when she says: "Praise is sunshine; it warms, it inspires, it promotes growth; blame and rebuke are rain and hail; they beat down and bedraggle even though they may at times be necessary."

John Ruskin in his book, "Sesame and Lillies," says: "The greatest efforts of the race have always been traceable to the love of praise." "We live by admiration," says another writer, but I prefer to say: "We live not by admiration, but by appreciation." For lack of appreciation many a fine spirit has faded by the way, many a loving heart has shut itself up in loneliness, many an aspiring soul has fallen short of success. A man does a piece of work in the home, or the church, or the community and he does it with all the earnestness and skill of which he is capable, and he feels he has done it well, and yet not

one word of encouragement comes to him. His enthusiasm is chilled, and he says: "What's the use of excelling if nobody cares?" There is nothing more pathetic in life than to see men, women, and children every day hungering and thirsting with the deepest, direst longing, while all around are those who could satisfy the yearning, if only they would let fall a few gracious, kindly words. Alas! these words are never spoken, and hearts pine that might have been inspired to do magnificent deeds, and lives that might have made immortal music pass into the dark and hopeless silence.—Christian Herald.

## RELIEF IN SIX HOURS.

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### STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF

## Bank of Reidsville,

REIDSVILLE, N. C.,

At the Close of Business Sept. 1, 1911.

#### RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts,	373,291.89
Overdrafts Secured,	\$5,434.50
Unsecured,	1,305.07
Banking House,	7,150.15
Furniture and Fixtures,	2,670.74
All Other Real Estate Owned,	6,081.83
Due from Banks and Bankers,	70,740.78
Cash Items,	1,753.35
Gold Coin,	9,500.00
Silver Coin, including all minor	
Coin Currency,	1,183.79
National Bank Notes and other	
U. S. Notes,	8,700.00
Total,	\$487,812.19

#### LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock paid in,	\$50,000.00
Undivided profits, less current	
expenses and taxes paid,	28,233.79
Time Certificates of	
Deposits,	\$229,124.58
Deposits Subject to	
Check,	165,774.45
Cashier's Checks	
outstanding	5,156.33
Interest Reserved,	9,523.04
Total,	\$487,812.19

State of North Carolina,  
County of Rockingham,

I, J. F. WATLINGTON, cashier of the above named  
bank, do solemnly swear that the above state-  
ment is true to the best of my knowledge and  
belief.

J. F. WATLINGTON, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this, 7th  
day of Sept., 1911.

W. A. TROTTER, N. P.

Correct—Attest: M. F. Pinnix, J. H. Burton,  
E. M. Redd, Directors.