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## Will Ward Is To Hang

### RAPIST IS QUICKLY CONVICTED

Will Ward, who assaulted Mrs. Mollie McLeod in Sampson County, January, 1908, to be Hanged Monday—Stolid Indifference Shown by Prisoner During Trial—He Declares His Mind was Affected by Blow Once Received on the Head—Claims to be Part Indian and Shows Traces of That Blood.

(Statesville, Feb. 2.—The trial of Will Ward, for criminal assault upon Mrs. Mollie McLeod, began here at 2:30 this afternoon before Judge W. R. Allen and ended at 6:35 p. m., when the jury returned a verdict of guilty. George E. Butler assisted Solicitor Duffy for the state and Henry A. Grady was appointed by the court to represent the defendant, who was without counsel. At the close of the taking of testimony, the case was submitted to the jury upon the evidence without argument upon the part of the state or the defense.

Ward assaulted Mrs. McLeod on January 19th and has been in the state penitentiary to prevent his being lynched. He arrived from Raleigh this morning under an escort of a detail of the local military company, and the entire company is on guard duty tonight. The prisoner sat through the trial unmoved and presented a spectacle of stolid indifference. When asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed upon him, he stated that he was once injured by a blow on the head which at times affected his mind, especially when he was drinking. Judge Allen sentenced Ward to be hanged March 3d.

The trial was witnessed by a packed court house. All disinterested spectators vacated the court room while Mrs. McLeod was on the stand, at the request of Judge Allen. The crowd was at all times orderly. The judge's charge to the grand jury and his wise counsel in open court had a good effect and encouraged letting the law take its course in this case.

Ward claims to be the son of an Indian mother and to have come from Oklahoma. His appearance indicates a decided trace of Indian blood.

### Washington's Plague Spots

In the low, marshy bottoms of the Potomac, the breeding ground of malarial germs. These germs cause chills, fever and ague, biliousness, jaundice, lassitude, weakness and general debility and bring suffering or death to thousands yearly. But Electric Bitters never fail to destroy them and cure malaria troubles. "They are the best all round tonic, and cure for malaria I ever used," writes R. M. James, of Lonellen, S. C. They cure Stomach, Liver, Kidney and Blood Troubles and will prevent Typhoid. Try them, 50c. Sold and guaranteed by Statesville Drug Co.

### Something New.

The barber shop in the Hotel Iredell formerly run by Mr. M. W. Johnson, has been continued, and Mr. R. L. Barnhart of Salisbury arrived in the city today, and commenced work in the shop. He is an up-to-date barber and guarantees prompt service. Another barber will arrive here from Salisbury Friday. A lady barber, something new in this city, has been secured, and will arrive here from Baltimore next week, and begin working in the shop. The style of the shop will be "The Hotel Iredell Barber Shop," and the trade of the public is solicited.

### New Livery Stable.

Mr. J. A. Davidson has rented the stable next to the Associate Reformed Church formerly occupied by Chas. Crawford and opened up for business. He will buy additional stock and run an up-to-date stable.

### Cotton Market.

Corrected daily by Gregory and Brawley.  
Strict good middling.....95 1/2  
Good middling.....91 1/2  
Strict middling.....93 1/2  
Middling.....93 1/2  
Tinges.....81 1/2 @ 9  
Stains.....7 @ 8 1/4  
Market steady.

### A SUIT NEXT SPRING.

It Will be Brought by Isaac Hamburger & Sons of Baltimore to Several People in This City.

A suit that will no doubt attract the attention of the entire community will be brought here next spring by Isaac Hamburger and Sons, the celebrated tailors of Baltimore. Their representative will be in the city on next Friday and Saturday with the Sloan Clothing Company and will have their spring line of suitings. If you are in need of a nice suit for next spring do not fail to visit this firm's store Friday or Saturday. If you do not need a suit, go any way and look over the samples, and have your measure taken. You will be treated by the widely known courtesy of that firm.

### Mr. Stafford Leaves Tonight.

Mr. Fred E. Stafford, who has for some time been running as mail clerk on the Charlotte and Taylorsville road, made his last run today, and leaves tonight for Greensboro, where, at his own request he exchanges runs with Mr. R. L. Snow, who has been running between Greensboro and Wilkesboro.

### To Incorporate Hiddenite.

Among the bills acted on and reported favorably in the legislature yesterday, by the house committee on cities, counties and towns, was one to incorporate the town of Hiddenite, 15 miles west of this city, on the Taylorsville road, in Alexander county.

Hiddenite, is a hustling little town, the chief industry being lumber, and is only one mile from the Davis Sulphur Springs.

### To Take Prisoners to State Prison.

Sheriff J. M. Deaton states that he may possibly leave tomorrow for Raleigh with Sam Carlton and Richard Potts both colored to be put in the Penitentiary. It will be remembered that Carlton was given six years for burning the barn of Will McLelland colored last summer while Richard Potts shot Lon Summers in the abdomen at Elmwood last Christmas eve, from the effects of which Lon died Christmas day, and Potts was sentenced to 15 years in the penitentiary.

### Mr. Walton Resigns.

Mr. W. W. Walton who has for a number of years been with the Ramsey-Bowles and Company, has resigned that position, the resignation taking effect the first of this month. Mr. Walton has not as yet decided what business he will engage in.

### Steven Gets Eight Months.

Steven Wallace, who was brought here from Salisbury Saturday night by Deputy Sheriff Ward was taken before Judge E. B. Jones, who is presiding over the civil docket of court this week, and was given eight months on the road for abandoning his wife.

Steven, it will be remembered, formerly worked at the barber's trade in this city, and while here he acquired unto himself a better half. After living with her for some time, he finally left and went to Salisbury to work. His better half then swore out a warrant for his arrest, and had him brought here from Salisbury at the fall term of court. He then promised to stick to his wife and support her, but his promise did not stick like it should have and Steven left again.

Being called in court last week to show his good deeds done unto his wife, he failed to appear, and he was accordingly brought here and put on the gang.

### New Agent Soon.

Mr. B. A. Cowan, who has for some time been agent for the Southern Railway Company at Marlton, has been appointed as agent at this station, to succeed Mr. W. P. Maher, who was last week appointed general freight agent, with headquarters at Asheville. Mr. Cowan was formerly at the station at Elmwood and is a courteous gentleman, and will be welcomed to this city.

### Mr. Cross at Richmond.

Mr. W. M. Cross who for several years held the position of superintendent of the Flanigan Harness Company, and recently resigned that position has accepted a position with the Benjamin Crump Company of Richmond, Va., and has entered upon the duties of his new position.

### INVITATIONS OUT

Announcing the Watts-Sifford Marriage.

Anent the announcement by the local papers, of the marriage of Mrs. Mamie Watts of Stony Point to Mr. Walter Pinkney Sifford of Salisbury, the following invitations were received in this city last night:

Mrs. James Franklin Moore invites you to be present at the marriage of her daughter Mamie Watts,

to Mr. Walter Pinkney Sifford, on Tuesday evening, twenty-third of February at four o'clock at her home, Stony Point, N. C. At Home, after March first Salisbury, N. C.

Mrs. Watt is a well known young lady of Stony Point community, and is an accomplished young lady.

Mr. Sifford is a well known young business man of Salisbury.

### Appointments to Organize Local Unions.

For the purpose of organizing local unions, I will be at the following places at the times mentioned:

Olin, Wednesday, February 10th, at 2 p. m.  
Tabor, Wednesday night 7:30.  
Mt. Bethel, Thursday 11th at 2 p. m.  
Chestnut Grove, Thursday night at 7:30.

I hope all will understand why I failed to fill the appointments at these places on January 20 and 21. We hope to meet a large crowd at each appointment.

W. B. GIBSON.

### A Fiddlers Convention.

The colored folks of the county have arranged to give a fiddlers convention at the opera house in this city on Friday, February the 5th. Some old fiddlers among the colored folks such as old Baldy Gaither of North Iredell will hold forth, and the affair will be, no doubt, very comical for the colored man and his music are very funny together. Tickets are on sale at the Statesville Drug Company's store, and the white folks are invited to buy one and come for there will be plenty of room reserved for them. The admission will be 15 cents for children and 25 cents for grown folks.

### SEVENTEEN DIE IN A MINE.

Explosion in Alabama Workings Results Fatally to Five White Miners and Two Negroes—The Trouble Brought About by a Windy Shot.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 2.—Seventeen men are dead as the result of an explosion in the Number Two Short Creek mines of the Birmingham Coal and Iron Company this morning. Five of the dead are white and 12 are negroes.

The explosion occurred between 11 and 12 o'clock and is thought to have been caused by a windy shot. The mines are about 10 miles west of Ensley on the Birmingham Southern Railroad and are difficult of access. The seventeen bodies were taken from the mines this morning and the rooms and passages are clear tonight. The mine itself is practically uninjured.

Alex Bonneyman, general manager of the company, was the first to leave Birmingham for the scene of the disaster although Mine Inspector Hillhouse and Flynn hurried to the scene to render what aid they could and to make an inspection. Officials of the company did not know the exact number of men in the mine at the time of the accident but they state tonight that 17 fatalities will be the total.

Ambulances were sent from Ensley to the mines and late tonight coffins will be rushed out to the ill-fated mine. The mine was running on short force or the death list would probably have been much larger.

### At the Crystal.

At the Crystal this afternoon the program will consist of the following two pictures, "Romeo and Juliet," and "The Doctor's Lunch." The admission in the afternoon is 5 cents. At the night session the above pictures and the two following ones will be run, "Gambling Demon or a Gamblers End." The admission for the night session is ten cents, as a double program is run.

### May Open Bottling Works.

It is rumored that the Coca-Cola people of Atlanta, will at an early date establish a bottling plant in this city. Statesville is a good place, and of course they want to be here.

### FROZEN CROSSING MOUNTAIN.

John Ingle Victim of Intense Cold in Western North Carolina.

Asheville, Feb. 2.—John Ingle, a white man, according to information received here today, was frozen to death Saturday night while crossing Bear Walla mountain near the Henderson county line. Particulars relative to the death of Mr. Ingle are not obtainable further than it is said he was attempting to cross the mountain by the trail when he was overcome by the intense cold and was frozen to death. The body was later found and taken to Fruitland where the interment occurred yesterday.

### TROWN AND SKULL BROKEN

Stokes Farmer May Die as Result of Fall From Mule's Back.

Winston-Salem, Feb. 2.—Thrown from a fine mule he was riding, Mr. John Adkins, a successful young farmer of Stokes county, is today at death's door. Dr. H. T. Bahnsen, of this city, was summoned to attend him.

A telephone message to this city was to the effect that Mr. Adkins was riding yesterday from his home toward Danbury, five miles away, when the mule, slipping, probably on the frozen ground, threw him, fracturing his skull. The injured man is 30 years old, with a wife and one child. He is a brother-in-law of Mr. M. C. Childress, clerk of superior court for Stokes county.

### ORIGIN OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM.

United States Naval Officer Announces That After Years of Research and Study he Has Solved This Problem and Makes Public a New Nebular Hypothesis.

San Francisco dispatch, 30th. Declaring that after continuous study and investigation extending over a quarter of a century he had solved the problem of the origin of the solar system, Prof. T. J. J. See, United States navy, the officer in charge of the observatory at Mare Island, gave tonight to the Astronomical Society of the Pacific the first announcement of a new nebular hypothesis, which he believes is destined to permanently supplant that of Laplace, promulgated at Paris in 1796.

He denies that the planets were ever detached from the sun when that globe was expanded into a nebula, filling the planetary orbits, and shows mathematical calculations to show that all these masses have been captured. Originally the system was a spiral spiral nebula of much larger dimensions than at present, formed by the automatic coiling up under mutual gravitation of two or more streams of cosmic dust, which met in such a way as to produce a whirling motion about a centre vortex. As the nebula coiled up under its own mutual gravitation the spirals were gradually drawn nearer together and the nuclei formed in these coils revolved in elliptical paths of large eccentricity. These original nuclei in the coiling streams were the beginning of the planets, which became larger by gathering up more cosmic dust, while at the same time their orbits were reduced in size and rounded up under the secular action of the resisting medium against these bodies revolved. The resisting medium is the true secret of the roundness of the orbits of the planets and satellites. The nearly perfect circularity of the orbits has always excited the wonder of the greatest mathematicians.

This nebula's resistance has greatly diminished the size and eccentricity of the original orbits so that our solar system was in the beginning much larger than it is known to be today. But as Neptune's orbit is almost an exact circle, Professor See feels confident, and so announced to the society tonight, that there still exists many unknown planets of considerable size above Neptune, some of which may yet be discovered. If Neptune were the outermost planet, he said, "the orbits would not be so round, for this circularity of the orbit indicates that Neptune revolved for a long time against great resistance, and therefore, the nebula at that distance was dense enough to have afforded matter for several other planets beyond. So that with the most powerful telescope we have as yet by no means reached the outer limits of the solar system."

### FROZEN TO DEATH IN BOAT.

Edward N. Wright Accidentally Hurt, Skull Being Fractured, and Dies of Injuries and Exposure to Weather.

Washington, N. C., Feb. 2.—Startling news was received in this city this morning to the effect that Mr. Edward N. Wright, the eldest son of Mr. M. F. Wright, of this city, had been frozen to death while in a gas boat on Pamlico river last night en route for this city. Searching parties were immediately organized and started down the river looking for the missing man, his father leading the party. The gas boat Lena was located near the Black buoy about 1 mile from this city and was towing a raft of logs to this city.

Upon boarding the boat the searching party found young Wright lying in the bottom of the boat, with blood spattered all over the interior and his body frozen, his skull being crushed in. His body was immediately brought to this city and Coroner Joshua Tayloe viewed the remains but decided no inquest was necessary as there was no evidences of foul play.

### THE NORTH CAROLINA COW.

Her Marvelous Fighting Qualities as Reported From Asheville.

Washington Post.

The North Carolina cow represents a strange type in evolution. From being a dull-eyed little beast with crumpled horns, a coat rough as cockleburs and a spirit as listless as a mullen stalk, she has developed esthetic ideas. She has particularly asserted an aversion to the piano. Most eminent example of this surprising renaissance in the bovine nature was the Asheville cow which recently broke her way into the music room of one of Asheville's homes and assaulted the piano with such excessive violence that she broke off her horns in the attempt to abolish it. Finding herself thus foiled and disarmed in the presence of her enemy, the poor cow gave up the struggle and died, presumably of a broken heart.

Contemporary literature does not record the fundamental causes which have led to the extreme aversion exhibited by North Carolina cows toward pianos. Whether it be the stolid legs and grinning keyboards of the instruments themselves which give offense to the staid dignity of the cow or that the animals have endured too long the particular brand of popular song "executed" upon the piano by North Carolina maidens, is a question which the native psychologists in cow nature have not yet settled. But at all events the cow of those regions has proved herself a fierce creature with wofish appetite and a singularly hypersensitized intelligence.

Twenty years ago the grandmothers of these Gorgons among the beasts of the pasture were content to chew the cud upon drab briers and pine needles. In summer they leaned against old fence corners and slept, standing knee-deep amid daisies and wregress. In winter they rooted with the "razorbacks" for acorns and frozen nubbins. When they gave any milk at all, one used a microscope in skimming it and made butter out of the cream not unlike the kind tried out from the loins of the razor-backs. Old North Carolinians used to call it cow lard. When they were butchered one had to boil the ribs to loosen the meat sufficiently to cut it from the bones. But they were kindly, gentle animals without ambitions for "self-development."

### Scarlet Fever Still Prevails at Newbern.

Newbern, Feb. 2.—The city schools are still closed on account of scarlet fever. The situation remains about the same. There has been about 25 or 30 cases in the past five weeks, and every few days a new case develops. The cases are nearly all very mild, but they still continue to develop and there is no telling when the condition will improve. A rather peculiar feature is that the disease is confined altogether to white people and has not so far as known been among the colored folks at all. The negro school did not close.

## Is Varne An Assumed Name?

### BELIEVED HE ASSUMED NAME.

Man Registering as R. B. Varne, of Virginia, Shoots Himself in Greensboro Hotel—Wore a Charlotte Lodge Emblem and Charlotte Clothing.

Greensboro, Feb. 2.—A stranger, who had registered at the Clegg Hotel as R. B. Varne, of Virginia, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head last night. He was found in an unconscious condition in his room soon after 10 o'clock and was hurried to St. Loe's Hospital, where he died a few hours later.

The suicide used a 38-calibre revolver, the bullet entering the right temple and passing entirely through the head.

The stranger arrived in Greensboro Sunday and spent all of yesterday in his room.

He left no message of any kind to identify him. He wore a Masonic emblem bearing the words, Charlotte Chapter, No 39 R. A. M. His clothing bore the name of the little Long Company of Charlotte.

There is doubt as to the identity of the man and some believe he is a Charlotte man and registered under an assumed name.

Later reports say that the above mentioned man was Charles F. Wadsworth of Charlotte.

Wadsworth went to Greensboro Saturday on a business trip. Last night a stranger who had registered at the Clegg hotel as "R. B. Varne, Virginia," shot himself through the head with a pistol, dying a few hours later at a hospital. The suicide left no message and the only means of identification was an emblem of the Charlotte chapter, Royal Arch Masons. Late this afternoon a former Charlotte citizen viewed the body and identified it as Wadsworth and this identification was finally established by close friends of the dead man who were wired for to come to Greensboro tonight.

No cause can be assigned for the deed. The deceased was with two brothers at the head of a large and successful business enterprise and had amassed considerable wealth. He was a popular club man and influential in business circles. He was about forty-two years old and is survived by a wife and child.

### STUDENT'S SKULL FRACTURED

Ferdie Whitaker Injured in Runaway Near Durham.

Durham; Feb. 1.—Ferdie Whitaker, a second year medical student at the University, is in Watts Hospital here with a fractured skull, caused by a runaway accident between Durham and Chapel Hill, late last night. Young Whitaker was riding in a carriage with five boys, and when it was near Lakewood Park the horses began to run and the driver told his companions that he could not control them. The boys jumped and young Whitaker was thrown on his head, his skull being broken above the ear. He was brought back to the hospital for an operation.

The young man, who has been four years at Chapel Hill, is a son of Dr. L. T. Whitaker, of England, and is a member of a well-known State family. His father and brother are here with him, both greatly fearing the accident will be fatal, though his condition is not helpless.

Mother do you hear that rattling in your babies throat? Put a little Mothers' Joy on it and stop it at once.