

DEATH FROM UNKNOWN CAUSES THE VERDICT

Responsibility For the Death of Miss Myrtle Hawkins Fixed By Coroner's Jury.

DETECTIVE WILL LIKELY CONTINUE WORK

Despite the Rumors and Surmises There Seems No Prospect of Arrests, For Present at Least.

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C., Sept. 20.—The sensations forecasted as to the finding of the coroner's jury investigating the death of Miss Myrtle Hawkins, whose body was found in Lake Osecola recently, failed to materialize this morning when the jury reported. Instead of casting blame on the girls death upon persons hitherto suspected of possessing knowledge of the apparent crime the jury declared that she came to her death at the hands of unidentified persons and in a manner not positively known.

Evidence At Inquest. The staff correspondent of the State Observer sent his paper a story from Hendersonville last night that there was probably no case with as much conflicting evidence has ever been heard in this State.

after midnight Saturday night and the same identical odor at the under taking establishment next day after Myrtle's body had been taken there, as well as other points in Waddell's evidence, the conflicting statements would be of no little value in arriving at a conclusion. It is the theory of the State that the body was placed in the lake Saturday night.

Coroner's Summary. In summing up the evidence to the jury, and in speaking of the possible causes of Myrtle Hawkins' death, Coroner Kirk said that she might have come to her death from three causes: From shock; from entrance of air into the veins, or from a hemorrhage which could have resulted from a criminal operation or a criminal assault. He told of the finding of an unmentionable appliance in the dead girl's clothes. He said death could not have occurred from drowning, and if from an anesthetic, no signs of it were found in her lungs.

In the light of all of the facts at hand it is believed the verdict will be that Myrtle Hawkins was murdered by a person or persons unknown. It is not believed that the jury will charge anybody with the crime, but upon finding of additional evidence warrants may be drawn on which criminal action can be taken. No arrests are expected to follow the verdict of the jury. No announcement has been made by Detective Bradford as to when he expects to leave Hendersonville. It is prophesied that he will remain here quietly working on the case in hope of concentrating evidence and thereby bringing about arrests.

Conflicting Testimony. The contradiction to this statement, Mr. McCall said, "When Mr. Hawkins called Thursday only Mrs. Bradley and myself were at home. I told Mrs. Bradley answered the door, and she came and told me something. I was on the back porch. I told Mrs. Hawkins I did not know anything. I read the note and I did not know. I didn't have to go to a second floor."

Great interest is being manifested all along the line in the construction of an improved highway from this city to High Point.

At an enthusiastic mass meeting held in High Point last Friday night, a number of subscriptions were made on the condition that the merchants raise \$500.

The subscription list now aggregates \$1,555, of which amount the merchants of High Point are to pay \$500. The Standard Mirror Company, J. Elwood Cox, F. E. Creelman, J. J. Idol and E. Idol each contribute \$100; Messrs. Davis-Kirkman Company, Burrus, Stanton, Sherrod, A. E. Tate, O. E. Kerns, and Fred N. Tate, \$50 each; Messrs. George Wilson, E. A. Younts, Abram Cook, and J. J. Farris, \$25 each; Messrs. W. E. Snow, D. H. Milton, R. A. Wheeler, H. W. Kronheimer, W. B. Thomas, C. F. Farley, J. M. Harrell, E. H. C. Field, and V. A. J. Idol, \$10 each; and Mr. H. C. Field, \$5.

The committee appointed to see the factories and citizens will call on each personally within the next few days. The merchants' list is in the hands of Messrs. H. A. Moffit and George A. Matton.

A meeting of the local committee, of which Mr. D. H. Blair is chairman, was held last night and it was decided to ask the president of the Board of Trade and the president of the Young Men's Business Association to call special meetings of those organizations for next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the Board of Trade rooms for the purpose of discussing plans for raising funds for building the road.

County Highway Engineer W. L. Spoon has surveyed the 3.4 miles that lies in Davidson county and he says that a good road can be built at small cost.

The final plans will be made at the meeting next Tuesday night. The committees in High Point and Winston-Salem are both active and it looks as though the new highway is definitely assured.

HEARING BEFORE TAX COMMISSION ON VALUATIONS

Forsyth Delegation Consents That the Valuations Are High Enough—No Raise Is Probable.

RALEIGH, Sept. 20.—Ex-Sheriff F. P. Alspaugh, Hugh G. Chatham, J. A. Vance, chairman of the Forsyth county commissioners, P. H. Hanes, C. M. Robertson, Z. T. Bynum, tax assessor, and J. C. Buxton, attorney, composed the delegation appearing before the Corporation Commission as the State Tax Commission today, in response to an order from the commission for county tax assessing authorities to show cause why the tax assessments on farming lands in the county should not be advanced on account of affidavits that the Southern Railway has filed from citizens that land values are far below the real money value at which the railroad property has been assessed by commission. They testified that they considered the average of \$10.50 per acre a fair assessment, values running from \$7 to \$50 per acre.

In the case of the sale of certain lands, especially mentioned in affidavits for the railroad company, where land was assessed at \$12 per acre and a portion of it sold for \$63 per acre, it was shown that this was a section of estate having houses and barns and that it was a partition sale in which the heirs competed through sentiment and otherwise for the purchase of the old home site. Conditions in all sections of the county were considered.

GROSSCUP SAYS HE WAS SHADOWED BY DETECTIVES

CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—Federal Circuit Judge Grosscup, who resigned yesterday, confirms the report that he has been shadowed by detectives for two years. He says he was told the men who dogged his footsteps expected to write him up in a magazine. He resigned, he says, in order to have more personal and political freedom and he has nothing to conceal from the public.

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE EXPLAINS HIS POSITION.

DECATUR, Illinois, Sept. 20.—A. D. Bridgeman, the prohibition leader who recently denounced Secretary of Agriculture Wilson for accepting honorary vice-presidency of the brewers' congress to be held in Chicago has received a reply from Wilson. The secretary says there is an international feature to the congress; that the honorary office comes to him on account of his position in the government and he will do no actual presiding.

FATHER SEVERELY BEATEN BY KIDNAPPERS OF SON.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Vincent Sabella, whose six-year-old son was kidnapped two months ago, is lying at his home dangerously injured as the result of a terrific beating given by the kidnapers when he kept an appointment with them late yesterday. The men demanded ten thousand dollars. Sabella could raise only seventeen hundred. He refused to describe his assailants to the police.

HARVESTER TRUST TO CONFORM TO THE LAW.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—That the government is ready to permit the International Harvester Company voluntarily to re-adjust organization to conform to the recent interpretations of the Sherman law became known here, pending the result of conferences between Attorney General Wickersham and the company's attorneys the threatened dissolution suit is being delayed.

Reception to Senator Simmons.

FAYETTEVILLE, Sept. 20.—Cards reading as follows have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Underwood, of this city: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boykin Underwood request the pleasure of your company at a reception to be given in honor of Senator F. M. Simmons on the evening of Friday, the 22d of September, 1911, from 8:30 until 10:30 o'clock, 125 Rowan street.

Ward Resumes Flight.

HORNELL, N. Y., Sept. 20.—James J. Ward, the aviator, resumed his coast to coast flight, leaving Corning at 9:30.

MISSION BOARD WANTS TRAINING SCHOOL IN CITY

Will Recommend to Western Conference That Institution Be Established.

PROPOSED WORK OUTLINED AT MEETING. SCHOOL WOULD BE AT BURKHEAD

Educational Board of the Western N. C. Conference Also Meets Here—Two Boards Inspect Buildings at Children's Home.

At this morning's session of the committee from the Mission Board of the Western North Carolina M. E. Conference, a committee was appointed to work out a plan and submit the same to the annual conference, recommending the establishment of a Missionary Training School in connection with Burkhead Institutional Church, this city.

The members of the Mission Board are enthusiastic over the splendid equipment and the excellent work being accomplished by the only institutional church within the bounds of the school to train young women for home mission work, along the line of the duties performed by Miss Blackwell, deaconess, who is in charge of the work at Burkhead Church, is regarded as practically assured.

The proposed plan as outlined during the discussions at the meeting last night and this morning, is to start the training school on a small scale and enlarge it as fast as the interest and its usefulness justifies. Those attending will be given the advantage of the splendid night school, sewing school, etc., which are being conducted with much success under the auspices of the local Methodist churches. It is understood that if the mission school is established it will receive the moral and financial support of the Mission Board and the Conference.

During the discussions last night it was brought out that if the present splendid equipment in the way of buildings, etc., become inadequate to meet the demands, others can be erected at a small cost.

The committee from the Mission Board attending the meeting was composed of the following: Rev. J. H. West, of Wadesboro, chairman; Dr. H. K. Boyer, of Statesville, missionary secretary of the conference; Rev. Charles Wood, of Asheboro; Rev. R. M. Courtney, of Thomasville, and Mr. C. H. Ireland, a prominent layman of Greensboro.

Meeting of Educational Board.

The Educational Board of the Western North Carolina Conference, composed of members of the Board of Missions and Rev. Plato Durham, of Concord, held a meeting at the Children's Home this afternoon. It is planning to put an agent in the field to raise \$150,000 for the various denominational educational institutions within the bounds of the conference. The Board will recommend this to the conference at the annual meeting in Statesville in November. Rev. M. H. Vestal, presiding elder of the North Wilkesboro district, attended the meeting of the Mission and Educational Boards last night and today. He reported that the ten thousand dollars for the establishment of a school at Jefferson, Ashe county, as proposed at the last session of the Western North Carolina Conference, had been secured by private subscription and that the parties interested were counting on the Conference standing by the institution. The site for the new institution has been secured and the Methodists of Ashe, Alleghany and adjoining counties are enthusiastic over the proposed new school.

By invitation of Supt. Hayes, the members of the Mission and Educational Boards took dinner at the Children's Home today and inspected the buildings. That they were delighted with the management and the splendid work being accomplished goes without saying.

STATE POSTMASTERS IN SESSION IN ASHEVILLE.

ASHEVILLE, Sept. 20.—The opening session of the fifth annual convention of the Association of North Carolina Postmasters convened here last evening. Addresses of welcome were delivered and a number of speeches were made.

Today's sessions will be featured by the addresses of Hon. J. J. Britt, third assistant postmaster-general and Hon. L. H. Fisher, secretary of the fourth district, United States civil service commission. The convention is presided over by President J. R. Joyce, of Reidsville, and 100 delegates, postmasters from all over the state, are in attendance.

SPEAKER CLARK WELCOMED BY HIS FORMER PUPILS.

LAWRENCEBURG, Ky., Sept. 20.—Champ Clark, Speaker of the House of Representatives, came home today to make a speech in behalf of the state Democratic ticket. An escort of one hundred men, who were pupils of Clark forty years ago, were at the depot to welcome him.

Clark was born here sixty-three years ago.

BIG STEAMER IN MUD AS RESULT OF A COLLISION

Olympic, Largest Passenger Vessel Afloat, Meets With Accident—Passengers Not in Danger.

COWES, Isle of Wight, Sept. 20.—The Star Liner Olympic was in a collision with British cruiser Hawk. The Olympic was struck on the starboard quarter where a large hole was made in the trans-Atlantic liner was beached in the Cowes roadstead.

The Olympic sailed from Southampton for New York at 11:20 this morning. Her route was to take her via Chester and Queenstown. She has a big passenger list.

The Olympic lies in mud. Passengers are in no danger. She collided with the Hawk near Osborne Bay. The cruiser is badly damaged.

The Olympic is the largest passenger vessel afloat. She was launched October 20 last. Her length over all is 882 1/2 feet; breadth over all 92 1/2. She has a number of steel decks and watertight bulkheads.

Following the collision the cruiser Hawk signaled to naval authorities at Portsmouth for assistance. Tugs were sent from Portsmouth. The Hawk anchored close to the Olympic.

The Olympic is under the command of Capt. E. J. Smith. The Hawk is a protected cruiser, launched at Chatham, England, in 1890. She is 360 feet long and has a displacement of 7,350 tons.

Later—Starts For Southampton.

The Olympic started this afternoon for Southampton. The Hawk left port for the south under her own steam.

RICHMOND BOOSTERS' TOUR TO INCLUDE WINSTON-SALEM

The Richmond Boosters' tour will include Winston-Salem in its itinerary and will arrive here early in October, the exact time not being known as yet. Large numbers of the most influential business houses in Richmond will be represented in the tour and the tourists will make the trip in a solid Pullman train.

The tourists will leave Richmond October first and will return October fifth. The time will be spent at Henderson, Franklinton, Raleigh, Sanford, Aberdeen, Hamlet, Rockingham, Wadesboro, Monroe, Charlotte, Salisbury, Lexington, Thomasville, High Point, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Roanoke, Lynchburg, Charlottesville, Orange, Culpepper and Alexandria.

While no definite arrangements have been made in connection with the entertainment of the guests in this city, it is certain that the tourists will be royally welcomed to North Carolina's best city.

Mr. Horace F. Smith, of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, who was in the city this afternoon, stated that the Boosters' Tour would arrive here in the afternoon of October 3 and spend the night in Winston-Salem. The only night stops in North Carolina will be in Raleigh, Charlotte and this city.

GAUSE'S SENTENCE CHANGED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT

RALEIGH, Sept. 20.—Dick Gause, under sentence to be electrocuted here Friday for murder of Ed. Gibson, in Wilmington, was granted a commutation to life imprisonment on petition of the trial judge and solicitor and members of the jury by Governor Kitchen.

This is the case in which Judge Peebles severely criticized a jury in New Hanover for failure to convict for murder and ordered the case removed to Pender. Court officers say they are not at all satisfied of the guilt of Gause.

HIS LOVE IS EVERGREEN.

Hoosier Has Married Four Myrtles and Would Have No Other. EVANSVILLE, Ind., Sept. 20.—Myrtle as a name for sweethearts and wives has become a fad with Charles Boys. During his twenty-seven years he has cultivated it carefully. He has had four wives and they were all Myrtles.

"I am just foolish about that name Myrtle," said he. "I would marry no woman unless that was her name. Mary, Rose, Margaret, Helen, Pansy and the like are all right, but they are not in it with Myrtle with me."

SALEM COLLEGE OPENS; ENROLLMENT OVER 500

New Session Is Begun With Brilliant Prospects For Splendid Work in All Lines.

THIS IS 110TH YEAR OF FAMOUS SCHOOL

Appropriate Exercises In Connection With Beginning of Fall Term of Venerable Institution.

PLANS FOR THE P. O. ADDITION NOT COMPLETED

Information has been received at the office of the Board of Trade to the effect that the plans for the new addition to the postoffice building in this city have not yet been completed on account of some other work that came in between. As soon as the plans are completed they will be forwarded to this city where citizens may look over them.

No Order Yet.

The local postoffice authorities have not yet received any information relative to the reopening of the postoffice on Sunday. A postoffice inspector was here recently and talked over the matter with leading business concerns and citizens and made his report to the Postoffice Department at Washington but no order has been issued in the matter yet. At least, the local postoffice has not been notified of any order.

Will Open Saturday.

The new postal savings bank will open for business next Saturday morning. The bank will be in the registry and money order department and will be in charge of Mr. J. E. Peterson.

LITIGATION GROWING-OUT OF COTTON FIRM'S FAILURE.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—While cotton men of two continents are discussing plans for guaranteeing bills of lading it is not generally known that the courts of the United States have yet to untangle litigation created by the failure of Steel, Miller & Co., of Jackson, Miss., whose crash precipitated all the trouble.

Three members of the firm already have been sent to jail but various civil actions growing out of the case remain unadjusted. These actions involve thousands of dollars and will be settled in the supreme court of Brooklyn where the cases are on the calendar. All are actions, in equity.

The plaintiff's are Mississippi banks and Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad. All seek to recover from the New York Deck Co. cotton shipped to New York by Steel, Miller and Co., for which Stephen M. Weld, a New York cotton broker, held bills of lading which the plaintiffs allege were forged.

FAYETTEVILLE DIRT VALUABLE.

Two Offers of \$400,000 For Site Which Brought \$8,000 Twelve Years Ago. FAYETTEVILLE, Sept. 20.—The trustees of the Fayetteville city schools were confronted with two offers of \$400,000 each for the central and high school site on Hay street which they purchased twelve years ago for \$8,000, including buildings which have been since used until recently torn down. The offers under consideration are for the bare site. These bids are from W. R. Land of the City Realty Company of Greensboro and from a syndicate of local capitalists composed of John O. Ellington, C. C. McAllister, Charles Rankin and M. McI. Matthews. Each bid is accompanied by a guarantee of \$1,000 while it is understood that the trustees will demand a guarantee of \$5,000.

JUDGE SAYS WIFE HAS RIGHT TO SCOLD HUSBAND.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 20.—There is no such thing as a perfect life. Circuit Judge Thomas said so in a decision refusing to grant a divorce to Glenn C. Burnham from Ida Burnham.

The husband took the wife to live with his folks. She scolded him. He sued. The judge ruled that a wife has the right to scold her husband if given provocation. She had enough to make her peevish.

School Windows Shattered.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—A "Black Hand" bomb shattered the windows of a One Hundredth Street public school. The teachers had incurred the enmity of a neighborhood of Italian families.

Auspicious to the point of a decided overflow was the opening of the one hundred and tenth session of Salem Academy and College this morning.

At the time of the opening exercises President Rondthaler himself did not know the exact number enrolled thus far. However, he announced that it was not yet six hundred, though well over five hundred.

Dean Shirley presided at the organ while the student body was being seated, the trustees of the college having seats upon the rostrum with Bishop Rondthaler, President Rondthaler and Rev. J. K. Pfohl.

The new Senior Class, led by Miss Brushingham, marched in, singing as a procession, "Standing at the Portal," taking their places upon the rostrum.

After the Office of Worship, Rev. K. Pfohl read the scripture lesson and offered prayer; these were followed by Bishop Rondthaler's brief, pointed and affectionate talk to the girls.

It was a grand pleasure once more to hear Miss Brushingham's sympathetic contralto, and her beautifully rendered solo was received with marked appreciation, while Dean Shirley's accompaniment was particularly good.

President Rondthaler now announced that much in his heart was almost upon his lips, yet he must not take the time for expression now. However, he did dwell briefly upon the years and years of useful and splendid work which had been accomplished in this remarkable institution, in the days when grandmothers and great-grandmothers of many present were pupils here. What a splendid impulse to do one's best because of what has been done!

He also reminded the young women of the last time they had been gathered in Memorial Hall and of the great announcement made then, of the endowment having been met. "Now," he said, "this great opportunity lies before us, let's get to work. Don't get ready to work, don't prepare for work, but just get at it." Announcement was then made as to where and when the special teachers were to be found, classes and classrooms assigned, etc., and the exercises closed with the seniors' recessional.

The environment of the college was almost as gay this morning as at commencement time, a great many patrons and visitors being present.

The buildings and grounds were in their most inviting mood, and many very pleasing features were noted. "Annex Hall" has been rechristened "Senior Annex," and here the seniors will live and move and enjoy their own exclusive building, which is all "rodd up" with new carpets, white enamel paint, etc. Happy changes have also been made in the dining rooms, where numerous small tables have replaced the former long ones.

Vogler Hall is the exclusive property of Misses Smith and Rice, with their family of the youngest girls, and here, too, are many home-like touches, the little girls having their own garden as a playground.

An overflow dormitory is in course of construction, and owing to the need for more room, the Home Church board of trustees has loaned one of the Sunday School rooms, in the east end of the church, as a class room for the present.

MT. AIRY MAN RUNS FAMILY AWAY FROM HOME.

MOUNT AIRY, Sept. 20.—Jim Moss, a young married man of this place, tried to beat up and run off his family. He filled up with mean liquor and attempted to "do up" wife and children.

He was fined and required to give a good sized bond, but failed in, and now meditates over his ugly conduct behind the prison bars at Dobson. He will find rough sailing if he ever gets out and tries such a trick again.

WARREN COUNTY NEGRO TO DIE OCTOBER 20.

WARRENTON, Sept. 20.—Unprecedented in the annals of the criminal history of the state stands the speedy capture, trial and condemnation of Norval Marshall, the negro who late Saturday evening criminally assaulted Mrs. J. E. Chapman, and whom Judge Justice sentenced to die by electrocution Friday, October 20, little more than one month from the date of the commission of the crime.