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BEATTIE CONFESSES

SAYS HE WAS GUILTY OF CRIME OF MURDERING HIS WIFE.

States he Desires to Stand Right Before God and Man.—Says Much of Details of Crime Published Was Not True.

Richmond, Nov. 24.—Rev. J. J. Fix today announced that Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., who was this morning executed, made his following confession just before execution.

I, Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., desirous of standing right before God and man, do on this the 24th day of November, 1911, confess my guilt of the crime charged against me. Much that was published concerning the details was not true, but the awful fact without harrowing circumstances remains. For this action, I am truly sorry and believing that I am at peace with God and man and will soon pass into his presence, this statement is made.

(Signed) Henry Clay Beattie, Jr.

BEATTIE ELECTROCUTED.

Meets Death Calmly.—Slept Soundly Last Night.—Died at 7:25 O'clock. Special to The Tribune.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 24.—Impending death failed to shake the iron nerve which Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., has manifested since the day of his arrest, and throughout the night his sleep was unbroken, it being necessary for the guards to arouse him from his slumbers just as the light of dawn began to creep into the grim passageways of the prison. Holding a little prayerbook which was given him by his spiritual adviser, Rev. Mr. Dix, the condemned man walked to the death chamber between the ministers and guards. Even the sudden flash of electrical globes failed to have any visible effect on him and he walked to the chair with a faint smile and almost an air of indifference. He calmly shook hands with the ministers, murmured a few words of prayer and stepped into the death chair. The powerful switch that held back the death dealing current was raised and quick as a flash the body of Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., grew tense and suddenly crumpled. The attending physician raised his hand which was a silent signal that the condemned man had paid the law's toll for the murder of his young wife. The execution took place at 7:23 and three minutes after entering the death chamber Beattie had expired the crime.

FAREWELL OF MEMBERS OF BEATTIE'S FAMILY.

The Scene Between Faithful Old Father and Son Caused Henry to Break Down.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 23.—Taking a pathetic leave of his immediate family, Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., tonight made ready to take the final plunge into the unknown.

For a few brief moments today Beattie broke down, and it was feared his remarkable nerve and stoicism were about to desert him. This was when he took leave of his father and brother, Douglas.

When the parting came, the son laid his head on his father's breast and sobbed convulsively. On an arm was flung across his father's shoulders, the other hand gripped that of his brother.

But he recovered quickly. The fortitude of the elder Beattie had more to do with the recovery than the soothing offices of the Rev. Benjamin Dennis, who has labored with the doomed prisoner.

With spartan self-control, the father kept his emotions in check, although the tears rained down his cheeks and his lips twitched pathetically. No words were spoken, but the young wife murderer must have felt the stern repression of his parent, for his sobs were strangled and he straightened.

"Good-bye," he said, and turned away. Neither father nor brother trusted to make reply, but made their way from the penitentiary.

THE BIRDPOD GIRL TALKS SOME MORE.

Sees Her Evidence Would Have Acquired Had She Been Allowed to Testify.

New York, Nov. 23.—"Henry Beattie innocent," said Beniah Bissford today. "If he is electrocuted, every one concerned in his execution will be a murderer. The 'affinity' of Beattie, whose

relations with her are supposed to have furnished a motive for the murder of his wife, made this statement in this city. She is living with the family of Isadore Bernstein in the Colonial apartments, 839 Hunis Point avenue, the Bronx.

When she made the statement she was leaving the house to go to a moving picture concern, with whom she has a contract. She was fashionably dressed in a gray checked suit and a blue velvet hat, trimmed with fur, which was pulled down well over her face. In a buttonhole she carried a silver fob engraved with the initial "B."

"Why I haven't heard from Henry Beattie or sent him a line since his trial," she declared. "I am very sorry for Henry—sorry from the bottom of my heart. He is an innocent man, but the time when I could have helped him has passed.

"If I had been called as a witness at the trial, Henry would have been a free man today, instead of condemned to die in the death chair tomorrow. I would have told the truth, and that would have proved his innocence. I am sure he would have been acquitted."

"You think his conviction was wrong, then?"

"I know it," she replied. "Henry didn't kill his wife."

"Who, then was the murderer?"

"Why the man behind the gun," was the reply.

"And who was the man behind the gun?"

For a few seconds she paused, as if deliberating. Then she answered slowly: "Why is it that they took Paul Beattie's word at the trial and would take it now? His testimony never should have been accepted.

"Paul is actually half-witted and no importance should have been attached to the testimony he gave."

Killed an Alligator in Iredell. Mooresville Enterprise.

Considerable excitement prevailed last Saturday in the household of the Widow Sherrill, near the river bridge, when her young son William came into the home much excited over the capture and killing of an alligator three feet long. He was down on the river banks, and observed an unusually ugly looking object sticking about in the water. The lad was curious enough to pursue the course of the object until he could get it in shallow water. He caught hold of and struggled with the animal until death. It was a curiosity in the neighborhood, many youngsters having visited the Sherrill home to view the remains. Master William is no less than a hero among his companions.

It is thought the alligator come down Mountain Creek into the Catawba, having been a pet and placed in the branch by some one further up during the summer season.

Apple Show in Washington.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 24.—To demonstrate the growth of the apple industry in this section of the country, an association of apple growers of Virginia and Maryland has completed arrangements for a show to be held here next week, the first of its kind ever held in the national capital. A prize of fifty dollars will be given to the woman who bakes the best apple pie to be displayed at the exhibition. This pie the management will present to President Taft, who has been invited to open the show. Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the pure food expert, and Professor Van Alstyne, of New York, will deliver addresses at the exhibition.

Farm Homes Discussed.

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 24.—This was "Farm Home Day" on the programme of the National Country Life Congress in session in this city and it included the discussion of a wide variety of questions relating to home life in the rural communities and the work of the grange. Prominent among those who contributed papers or addresses were Joseph E. Wing, of Mechanicsburg, O.; Prof. P. G. Holden, head of the agricultural extension department of Iowa State College; Mrs. Clara H. Waldo, of Portland, Ore., and Clifford Willis, of Minneapolis.

Bankers Say They Know Nothing of Deal.

New York, Nov. 23.—Bankers representing the Pennsylvania Railroad say they have no knowledge of any alliance, either by agreement or stock purchase, between the Pennsylvania and A. C. L. as reported in the South.

Fiscal agents of the Louisville and Nashville and A. C. L. roads profess ignorance of any events connected with either property.

Mooresville Enterprise: "Concord is lucky to have a railroad come down and fall in her lap. That town has enjoyed special favors and privileges from both God and man for some years."

FARMERS HOLDING COTTON.

Farmers Storing at Home.—This Season as Compared With Last.

The Charlotte Observer says a casual ride through the country districts of Mecklenburg county will convince any one that the farmers of that section are holding their cotton. The Observer says:

Dr. H. Q. Alexander, president of the North Carolina division of the Farmers' Union, declares that the greatest cotton-holding movement is in progress with the farmers that this section has ever known. And a casual ride through the country will convince the average individual that this statement is true. Down on the Pineville road, south of the city, there are a dozen or more lots of cotton stored, one in particular being that of Mr. Pink Elliott, who resides a little below Griffith's station. And almost every house passed has two or three or more bales stored under sheds. These farmers are holding their cotton themselves and not storing it. And what is said of the Pineville can be said of other sections of the county as well. There can be no questioning the statement that a great holding movement is on among the farmers.

Of the cotton that is being brought to market, however, the big per cent of it is being sold. Some of it is being stored on call but the majority is being disposed of outright. Mr. E. C. Barnhardt, of the Cannon mills buying agency, declared yesterday that only one-third of the cotton which he had bought this season had been placed on call and quite a little of this had already been realized. It is estimated that the Cannon mills get more of the cotton on call than any one of the other buyers for the reason that they inaugurated the scheme here several years ago. The local firm of Watson & Allen stated yesterday that but a small proportion of their cotton was on call or storage but that the big per cent was on straight sales. This is the report that comes from the other dealers also.

To date this season there have been marketed on the local market 8,035 bales of cotton, for which an average of 8 cents was received, or approximately \$64,575, exclusive of the seed. For the corresponding year, 12,876 bales averaging 14 cents were sold, for which, exclusive of the seed, approximately \$901,320 was realized, or a balance in favor of last year of \$839,745. In other words, a larger number of bales had been marketed last year than this and a much higher price was paid for it.

The total number of bales sold on the Charlotte market last year was 20,322 as against 19,485 for 1909-1910; and 22,250 for 1908-1909. It has been estimated that the crop this year will pan out about 80 per cent. of last year's crop which will give approximately 16,258 for this year. A little calculation will show to what reason of the reduced crop and the small price.

An inquiry at the office of the North Charlotte warehouse discloses the fact that there are approximately 500 bales of cotton on storage there; about 750 at the Charlotte bonded warehouse and about 2,000 at the Merchants and Farmers' Bonded Warehouse. This makes about 3,250 bales on storage at the present time. As previously stated, about one-third of this is on call.

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STRENGTH

IF IT'S A QUESTION OF SAFETY—OPEN A CHECKING ACCOUNT WITH THE MONEY YOU FIND NECESSARY TO HAVE ON HAND—JUST DRAW DAILY TYPING MACHINES, IT'S A HOUSEHOLD ACCOUNT OR FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES

CONCORD NATIONAL BANK.
Capital \$100,000. Surplus \$33,000.
4 Per Cent. Interest Paid on Time Deposits.

JUDGMENT IN THE WALKER CASE CONFIRMED.

Mrs. Odell Walker, of Kannapolis Gets \$5,000 Damages for Death of Her Husband.

The Supreme Court this week handed down an important decision in a case tried at the May term of the Rowan Superior Court. This case was Mrs. Odell Walker, against Cannon Mfg. Co., of Concord. Mr. Walker was accidentally killed by a saw about a year ago at the Kannapolis mill of the Cannon company and Mrs. Walker sued for an amount approximating \$5,000 and secured judgment in the Rowan Court.

The allegation of the plaintiff was that the defendant's machinery was defective, causing the accident and death of Mr. Walker. The defendant contended there were no evidence showing that this was the condition.

There were more than 150 exceptions filed in the case making the decision of much importance.

The following is the judgment rendered by the Supreme Court:

1. Suit for damages for wrongful death of plaintiff's intestate who was killed by a plank striking him in the head. He was operating a saw. The defendant contended that there was not sufficient evidence of negligence. The evidence disclosed that this machine was very old, antiquated, "wobbly," and out of repair and that the table on which the saw operated was a disused and antiquated pattern. That the power was supplied by a belt running nearly horizontally instead of perpendicularly or below the saw, that the saw was unceasing and that plank was very liable to fall on it and be hurled against the operator. This is not the kind of saw approved and in general use. Held, that employers of labor must furnish a reasonably safe place in which to do the work assigned and provide methods, implements and appliances, such as are known, approved and in general use; that there is sufficient evidence to support the verdict.

2. Held, that upon the question of contributory negligence and assumption of risk, the jury was properly instructed. There was no reversible error in the trial, and the judgment is affirmed.

Marriage of J. D. Dorsett and Miss Hester Linney.

Spencer, Nov. 23.—James Daniel Dorsett, Jr., of Spencer, was married this afternoon to Miss Hester C. Linney, of Taylorsville, the ceremony being performed at the home of the bride by the Rev. J. L. Vipperman, of Spencer. The scene of the happy event was at the old homestead of the Linney family, so well known in Western North Carolina, and was witnessed by only a limited number of intimate friends of the contracting parties. The marriage was quiet and no invitations were issued as it was the intention of both parties to keep the secret from their many friends as long as possible. Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party left on a northbound train for Washington, Baltimore, New York and other points for a brief stay, after which they will be at home in Spencer.

Hitched Wife to a Mule.

Liberty, Mo., Nov. 23.—Lafayette Choate, on a plea of guilty, was sentenced to 30 days' imprisonment by Judge Trimble for hitching his wife to a pair of mules and dragging her over a field. He has been in jail four months. Prosecuting Attorney Simrall said Choate's wife had given him trouble and Choate had been sufficiently punished.

Choate became enraged because his wife talked to another man. Another time he procured a chain and padlocked her hands together.

NEGRO WHOSE IDENTITY IS NOT KNOWN WORKED A WHOLE DAY FOR A MAN IN HIS ABSENCE—A STRANGE CASE.

How would you like to get off from your work a day and have somebody to come along and perform the task for you? Just voluntarily take up the work and complete the job without regard or hope of reward and then go on his way without stopping to tell you how kind and accommodating he was to you and what a debt of gratitude you owed him. Really, Willie, that's a cinch.

Could anything be finer than to be able to snooze late in the morning and know that some chap was voluntarily running your part of the world for you? And doing it, too, without any compensation and without holding it over your head one of those little you-ought-to-appreciate-what-I-have-done-for-you bills.

This is the kind of good turn a colored gent performed for Mr. John A. Ritchie, a carpenter who has been working on a house on Dr. D. G. Caldwell's farm. Tuesday Mr. Ritchie was engaged covering a barn. He did not complete the task and on Wednesday he had to quit work and go to a funeral. While he was away an unknown colored man came to the tenant house, where Mr. Ritchie had been working. After making an optical survey of the premises the negro crawled upon the house and began nailing on shingles. He continued this work until noon when he came down. He then went to the stable and led the horses to the branch for water. When the noon hour was up he resumed his work on the roof and continued it until the job was completed. He then came down and watered the horses again. When he put them in the stable he then picked up all the nails that had been left over and went on his way.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Who Come and Go.

Mr. A. R. Blackwelder and bride arrived in Concord last night.

Engineer Gilbert C. White, of Durham, is a visitor in the city today.

Mrs. F. F. Smith, of Salisbury, spent yesterday here with Mrs. M. L. Brown.

Mrs. W. H. Gorman, of Baltimore, is spending the day in Salisbury with Mrs. M. C. Dusenbery.

Mr. Shakespeare Harris has returned from Charlotte, where he has been visiting friends for several days.

Miss Eugenia Adams, of New York, who has been visiting Miss Ida May King, has gone to Greensboro to visit friends.

Mrs. W. E. Smith, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Isenhour, has returned to her home in Gastonia.

Mrs. E. W. Umberger, who has been visiting at the "Luberger Place," has returned to her home in Wytheville, Va.

Mr. Joe Fetzer, of Reidsville, familiarly known as "Uncle Joe" and one of the veteran newspaper men of the State, is visiting at the home of Mr. P. B. Fetzer.

Rev. W. C. Jones has returned to his home in Charlotte, after being the guest of Dr. W. C. Houston for several days. Mr. Jones is just beginning his second year as pastor of Dilworth Methodist church.

Dance at Elks Home.

The following couples enjoyed a delightful informal dance at the Elks Home last night: Miss Ila Thompson of Salisbury, and R. L. Morrison, Miss Marguerite Brown and T. F. Morrison, Miss Alice Brown and Cyrus White, Miss Ashlyn Lowe and Luther Brown, Miss Margaret Lentz and Victor Means, Miss Louise Menas and Fred Correll. Stags: John Porter, Fred Patterson, and Arceby Goodman. Chaperones: Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Cannon and Mrs. E. A. Moss.

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TRIBUTE TO THE DEAD.

Mortal Remains of J. P. Caldwell Given Final Resting Place.

Statesville, Nov. 23.—With sweet and impressive services the body of Joseph Pearson Caldwell, late editor of the Charlotte Observer, was laid to rest here this afternoon, the final services and tributes being heard by one of the largest concourses of grief-stricken and sorrowing relatives and friends and that possibly every gathered near the bier of a North Carolinian.

The body arrived here from Morganton at noon and from that hour until 4 o'clock lay in state in the First Presbyterian church. All trains brought numbers of friends of the greatly beloved editor and a special from Charlotte brought members of the staff of the Observer and Chronicle and News and relatives and warm personal friends. The services began promptly at four o'clock and were conducted by Rev. Mr. Raynal, Rev. Plato Durham and Mr. Archibald Johnson and Rev. P. R. Law, all paying brief, though beautiful and sincere tributes to the memory and life of Mr. Caldwell.

The floral tributes were the most elaborate and beautiful ever seen here and it is doubtful if such tributes were ever laid over the grave of a North Carolinian. Men representative of every calling and industry in the State were present to pay personal and silent tribute to the memory of the gifted editor.

Intercollegiate Cross-Country Run. Boston, Mass., Nov. 24.—Arrangements have been completed for the annual cross-country run for the intercollegiate championship, which is to be held tomorrow morning over the new course of the Brookline Country Club. This year's entry list includes one more college than last year, Brown being the newcomer. The other colleges that have entered teams are Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Cornell, Pennsylvania, Columbia, Michigan, Syracuse, Dartmouth and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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