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## JAMES M. WINSTEAD DEAD.

One of Person County's Noblest Young Men Passed Away on Last Saturday Night After an Illness of Pneumonia.

"Jimmie is dead!" Those were the words that passed from mouth to mouth last Saturday night, and caused universal sorrow and regret among the people of Roxboro. The report was only too true. The spirit of Mr. J. M. Winstead had given up its tenement of clay and gone back to the God who gave it.

Mr. James Me'drum Winstead was born February 9th, 1874, and passed away on Saturday night, January 9th, 1904, at the residence of Col. R. I. Featherston, aged 29 years and 11 months. A few days ago he was taken with pneumonia, and in spite of the very best of medical skill, careful nursing and ever, thing that loving hands could do, he continued to grow worse until death claimed him for its own.

Deceased was a son of W. M. and Bettie Winstead, both of whom preceded him by death. His father was one of the best known men in Person county, having been honored by his countymen with election to the office of Sheriff.

The immediate family left to mourn this noble young man's death consists of two brothers and one sister. These are Mr. W. Henry Winstead, of Goldsboro; Mr. Lindsey J. Winstead, of Winston, and Miss Mamie Winstead, of Roxboro. Besides these quite a number of other relatives are left.

We don't believe there was ever a better boy raised in Roxboro than Jimmie Winstead, nor one who was more universally liked. When a mere child he had the responsibility of looking after a family, and he met it like a man. We have known him since he was 12 years old and have watched his career with a great deal of interest and much pride. He was one of our favorites—yes, more; he was our friend, and in his death we feel that we have sustained a great loss.

It is so sad to see one so young, just entering vigorous manhood, whose life was so full of promise, and one whom we thought was needed so much here, be taken by God for His own. But we know that He "doeth all things well," and in the light of this thought, we should not complain.

To the heart-broken sister and bereaved brothers we extend our deepest sympathy in this hour of their trouble.

The funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church, by his pastor, Rev. K. D. Holmes, who was assisted by Rev. G. T. Watkins. Though it was an awfully cold day and raining, the church was filled by friends who came to pay their respects to one whom they loved and admired.

The floral offerings were beautiful, some coming from Danville, Richmond, Durham and South Boston.

### Notes From Cates.

Mr. J. W. Brnar, the Northern hunter, has returned to New York. Christmas is over, but owing to the extremely cold weather, but little work is being done. The weather has caused wheat to look badly.

It has begun to be whispered around that there is going to be a party at R. L. Cates' soon.

We do sincerely hope that our honorable Commissioners will reconsider their action and reinstate Mr. E. R. Moore as supervisor of our public roads, for in our opinion he is the right man. He has splendid judgment as well as experience as a road bed builder. As for us, no one could run after us fast enough to make us a present of either a "nigger" or a mule if we were not allowed to be the boss man.

SILENCE.

## FOR VIOLATING JUG LAW.

A Roxboro Man Bound Over at Durham in Two Cases for Shipping Whiskey to That City.

Mr. John G. Patterson, of Roxboro, had papers served on him last Saturday by Chief of Police Woodall of Durham, charging him with shipping whiskey into Durham. The law under which the authorities proceeded upon in this matter was that in which the place of delivery is the place of sale. This law until recently was thought to apply to the counties of Cleveland, Cabarrus, Gaston and Mitchell, and probably such may have been the intention, but the way the bill is enrolled, makes the law apply to the whole State.

Mr. Patterson went over to Durham Monday morning and was tried in the police court there on that day, in two separate cases. He was bound over to the Superior Court under a bond of \$100 in each case, which he readily gave.

The defendant is represented by the law firm of Winston & Bryant, while the interests of the prosecution are in the hands of City Attorney H. A. Foushee. It is thought at this writing that if Mr. Patterson is convicted in the Superior Court that the matter will be carried to the Supreme Court, in order to make a test case as to the validity of the law.

### Notes From Hurdle Mills.

In my letter last week I failed to mention a few notes that I fully intended mentioning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Long gave the young people a dance at their home Wednesday of Christmas.

Mr. Alex Wilkerson, of Greensboro, visited Mr. W. T. Hawkins' family Christmas.

Eddie and Walter Horner and sister, Miss Jessie, of Gordonton, spent a part of the holidays visiting in this section.

Mr. F. M. Daniel, sub-agent for the Golden Belt Manufacturing Co., hauled out tobacco sacks in the year 1903, and had them strung, which amounted to \$1,093. Stringing sacks seems very slow, and ready it is a slow way to make money, but what else could the ladies of Hurdle Mills have done and realized over \$1,000 for it last year?

The wood and blacksmith shops are now open at this place, and the popular Mr. Dave Smith will be very much pleased to do your wood and iron work.

Mrs. R. L. Wilburn and little daughter, Mildred, spent Christmas with Mrs. Wilburn's relatives in Virginia.

A. P. DANIEL

### Valuable Peplar Tree

The great value of timber is shown in the case of a tree recently cut near Waynesville. This giant of the Alleghany Mountains was a curly poplar so large that twelve horses were required to haul away the butt cut, which was twelve feet long. The lowest limb was eighty feet from the ground. This single tree contained 25,000 feet of first-class lumber, most of it useful as veneering and its value was \$1,500. The single tree was worth more than entire mountain farm upon which it stood.

The first issue of the Burlington News since it was burned out Dec. 18th, appeared on the 31st.

## DEATH OF GENERAL GORDON.

Last Lieutenant General of the Confederacy Succumbs to an Attack of Acute Indigestion at His Home in Florida.

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 9.—Lieutenant General John B. Gordon, the last of the great Paladins who fought under Robert E. Lee, died at his home near here tonight at 10:05.

All members of his family were present when the illustrious soldier finally surrendered to death. The end was apparently without pain, the General passing away peacefully, as though he was falling into a refreshing slumber.

At 7 o'clock Drs. Grambling and Jackson, the attending physicians, announced that there was no hope and from that hour General Gordon rapidly sank. The immediate cause of death was uraemic poisoning following a chill, accompanied by high fever, which attacked General Gordon last Thursday.

### Sketch of W. A. Barton's Life and Death.

Mr. W. A. Barton was born in Caswell county, October 18th, 1820, and died in place at his home in Person county on December 2, 1903. He was a consistent member of Antioch church, for 45 years. In 1860 he married Miss Fannie D. Rogers. He lived to be 83 years, 1 month and 14 days old.

Deceased came of a high toned family. His grandfather moved from Maryland to this State. There are but few of that name in this part of the country. As his forefathers were sound to the core in everything that went to make up manliness, so it was natural for him to inherit the spirit of truth and honesty. He would not stoop to do a degraded thing; he showed himself a man.

Mr. Barton possessed a strong inventive mind, and successfully carried to completion whatever he set his hand to. By trade he was a millwright, and was successful until his health failed or would not admit of his working at his trade. The work of his hands have stood the test of many years. He planned and built several mills in Rockingham, Caswell, Person and other counties. Some of them are yet doing good work. He built his own mill about fifty years ago, and it is better than some of the new ones.

After he became disabled so that he could not work, his mind never grew dim as to his occupation. In repairing his mill after he was old, his plans were the best and the very thing to go by. He kept his mill for some years, and a customer said that he would not take a grain of wheat or corn that did not belong to him, if he knew it.

When his health would no longer admit of his working at the mill business, he partly turned his attention to his farm. He could do go the blacksmith shop, and kept his farming utensils in good repair and in their proper places. He did not like to see things scattered around. Mr. Barton kept some hands on his farm, and under his wise management they made fine crops of corn and some very good tobacco. One of his hands said that he was anxious to see him come to the field; that his eyes and mind were far better some strong-handed men.

There were no better, if any, in their families, than he was. He and

his wife lived together happily for 43 years. They had seven children born unto them—four living and three dead. He did all he could to make his loving companion and children comfortable and pleasant. Among the children he had no pets; they were all obedient and all occupied the same place in his affections.

As he was honest and true, he looked upon all others as being the same, but he found that all were not true and honest, as one or two foreign sharpers took advantage of him financially, causing him to lose some of his hard earnings. At the same time, he did not say a harmful word or wish them any downfall. The spirit he manifested was Christ-like, and he left with God to mete out justice and to bring down-falls upon such people.

Notice some of the following good things that his friends said about him:

"I never heard any fault found of him."

"He was a model of a man."  
"Whatever he could not do was not worth doing."

"He was so noble and large hearted that he could not say no to any one if he believed that he was in need."

"He will be missed in many places."

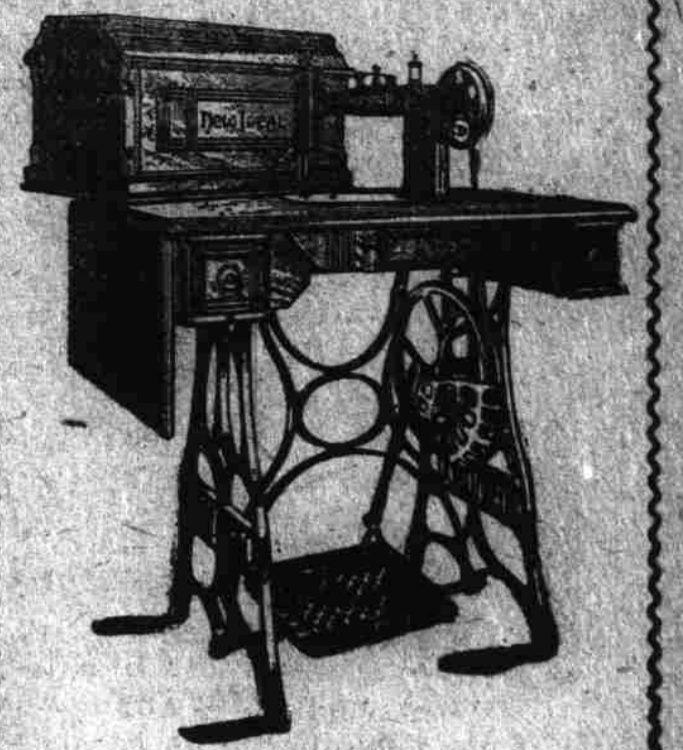
As a christian no one doubted his religion. He was a man of few words, but still a living epistle known and read of all men. At his church he would often weep for joy, and like Paul, he warned the people with tears. The fountain of his tears were not dried up on account sin. They flowed freely, indicating that he had a heart of flesh, and not of stone.

In his affliction he received every attention that friends, relatives and the physician could render. He was sick about ten days with bronchial pneumonia. In passing through all that intense suffering, he was not heard to murmur or complain, or show an ill disposition to any one. Of course, when he was so racked with pain, he would make some exclamations in response to his suffering. In the midst of it all he was resigned and patient. It is a rare thing to see one retain much consciousness as he did unto the last. On the morning just before he passed away, he closed his eyes and crossed his hands, and at 5 minutes before 3 o'clock he fell asleep in Jesus, seemingly without a struggle, and his blood-bought spirit was wafted by a convoy of angels back to God who gave it, there to ever

back in the light of his triumphant God.

R. H. JONES.

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This 23rd day of December, 1903.  
W. A. BARTON, JR.,  
L. H. TAPP,  
Admins of W. A. Barton dec'd.

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## A. M. BURNS.