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CRIME EXPIATED

FRANK DAVIS Pays Penalty at Kinston.

Shot Charles Pate From Ambush, September 20th, 1903. Deceased
Crimes at Last. Murderer
Committed Other
Crimes.

Kinston, N. C., May 19.—The execution of Frank Davis, who murdered Charles Pate of Lenoir county on the afternoon of September 20th, 1903, took place today inside the jail in this city. Only the members of the press, physicians and necessary officers, and a few others, perhaps 40 persons in all, witnessing it.

In the forenoon the doomed man was visited by Revs H Cunningham and W B Avery, who held prayer, Davis denying anything was said by the latter except that he expressed a willingness for the official, stating that he had made his peace for "the world to come". The only exception was he said that he found it a hard thing to forgive one Philip Howard, who had sworn against him in the trial.

At 12:14 the prisoner was conducted to the platform of the gallows, which was erected inside the jail building, by the officers designated for the purpose. The execution was quickly done. Upon mounting the scaffold, the official, asking him whether he desired to make any statement, he replied, "I am ready to die, but I don't want to let any of my friends down."

The pulse seemed strong for seven minutes after the drop, which occurred at 12:16, but in 11 minutes life was extinct.

The body was allowed to hang for 30 minutes or until 10:40, when it was cut down, placed in a nice coffin and hurried over to the friends.

The hanging was orderly throughout, his solemnity seeming to affect the spectators even more than it did the culprit himself.

A considerable crowd gathered around the jail, though nothing could be seen from the outside, attracted by a morbid curiosity, but no demonstration was made, it being the universal opinion that Davis had received "his just deserts."

The most affecting scene was when Davis' brother was admitted in the forenoon. The brothers engaged in a private conversation for some minutes, embraced, weeping the while. Afterwards Davis became almost immediately calm, submitted himself to a bath, a shave, was dressed in a neat black suit, hair combed, and announced himself ready, while waiting in the cell he asked for a cigarette, and a member of the press corps offered a cigar but he preferred the cigarette, saying that it would last longer as he needed it. The death warrant was read but the only emotion shown by the condemned man was a slight inclination of the head, and he remained throughout the entire horrible ordeal the most wonderful nerve. Even the muscular twitches after the drop were very slight.

Davis had been in poor health several days was incarcerated in the Wayne county jail and when delivered to Sheriff Wooten expressed his willingness to accompany him saying that he wouldn't be robbed of many days anyway.

It will be remembered by those who have kept up with the case, that Davis shot Charles Pate from ambush while the latter was returning from Kinston to his home in Newnan Township. Pate lived several days and all along insisted that Davis was the man who fired the shot.

Davis was well connected in this county but was looked upon as a reckless, desperate character and while his execution was considered to be just and merited it was greatly to be deplored on account of his connections.

Davis made a statement and placed it with the Clerk of the court but there was nothing in it but a denial of even doing anything wrong.

Davis was tried a few years ago for perjury and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment. Afterwards he was tried for shooting one Kins Taylor from ambush but was cleared on the evidence of his accomplices. This occurred in 1901. In 1898 he was charged with the murder of James Tweedy but was released in like manner as in the other case.

REELSBORO.

May 14th.

We opened our baseball season today with a very quiet and pleasant match game between Grantsboro and Reelsboro.

The score was five to three, in favor of Reelsboro. Grantsboro scored on the first, fourth and ninth innings and Reelsboro the first, third, fifth, sixth and eighth innings.

The game was played on Grantsboro's diamond, and every one present seemed to enjoy it very much. They will return the game on Reelsboro's diamond May 21st.

DANIELS DIES GAME.

The Murderer of F. G. Simmons Hung At Trenton Yesterday.

EXECUTION OF ALFRED DANIELS.
(W. B. C.)

Trenton, May, 19.—Alfred Daniels, the murderer of Mr. Furnifold G. Simmons, paid the penalty for his crime by hanging at this place today. The execution took place in the jail yard which was enclosed with a high fence. The scaffold was in the same position as the one on which Cyrus Dixon was hung, December 1st, and the same rope was used.

There were about 1,000 people in the city, many being present from New Bern but only those were permitted to see the hanging who were given tickets by the sheriff, the number being less than what the law allows.

Daniels was brought down to Trenton from the Goldsboro jail by Sheriff Taylor, Wednesday. While en route to Trenton, Daniels admitted that he killed Mr. Simmons but insisted that it was in self defense and that the shooting was done from a boat on the river. This was told in the trial but evidence shown that he was on the land. This remark was the nearest to a confession that he made. Upon arrival at the Trenton jail he was put into the strong iron cage inside the jail.

During the morning hours quite a number of people were allowed to go into the corridor and take a view of the prisoner and converse with him but there were several deputies in the crowd and they were ready to quell any disturbance that might be attempted. For a while the crowd was very orderly and no trouble was experienced.

Daniels' professed religion some time ago, but it was only a few minutes before his death that he expressed a desire to be baptized. It was a hard matter to find a preacher of his denomination to administer these rites, but at last four preachers were found who belonged to the M. E. Zion church and they conducted religious services in the cage. The ministers were Revs D L Johnson, E W Willis, L M McQuire and B Meadows.

The rite of baptism was performed by Rev Lock Green. The services consisted of prayer, song, baptism, Lord's prayer in concert and song and giving hand of fellowship. Daniels took fervent part in the exercises, kneeling during the entire time.

At 1:25 p. m. the yard having been cleared of all except those having tickets, the prisoner was led to the scaffold. He showed no sign of fear nor weakness and walked unaided up the steps. When on the top his legs were secured by the sheriff's assistants, J P Gray and Joe Westbrook. Daniels then said that he fully believed that Almighty God had forgiven his sins and he hoped that every one within the sound of his voice would forgive him for any wrong he had done. He knew it was a terrible thing to die but that he was happy that he had made his peace with God and that God would receive him in heaven. He did not feel so bad about dying but that he had been unjustly tried and his sentence was unjust. He bade all his friends good bye and hoped to meet them in heaven. He spoke low and a part of his speech was rambling and hard to hear. He made no reference to the crime for which he was to hang.

The black cap and the noose were then adjusted. The last word Daniels said was when the rope was placed around his neck he told the attendants that the knot hurt his jaw, and asked them to change it. They complied with his request.

The drop fell at 1:33. The neck was broken by the fall and the nearest observer was unable to see any sign of a struggle or movement of the muscles. The heart ceased pulsations in 23 minutes and 30 minutes later the rope was untied and the body was put into the casket. Drs. Ray Pollock of Trenton and Shaw of Mayville were the physicians in attendance.

The men who took charge of the body were George Murrill, Frank Murphy, Lamon Kornegie and Robert Johnson who, at the request of the wife delivered the body to her.

Daniels had a family of wife and four children who live near Quaker bridge. The body will be buried near there.

STORY OF THE CRIME.

The crime for which Daniels hung has not been forgotten by the readers of the Journal. It was one of the most cold blooded deeds ever committed in this section. It may perhaps not be out of place to publish a brief history of the case.

On Saturday September 11th, 1903, Mr. Furnifold G Simmons, father of U S Senator F M Simmons, went to a lonely place on his farm Quaker Bridge Jones county, in search of peaches whom he had been annoying him by hunting on his property. He had repeatedly ordered them away but they were defiant. Daniels was among these men who hunted on forbidden lands and boasted of his acts. It is alleged that he said that he would hunt and fish where he pleased and he would kill any one who interfered with him.

Mr. Simmons was determined to discover these law breakers and bring them to justice and with gun in hand he started in his search. Although being quite aged he was strong and vigorous and frequently took jaunts around his farm and so notice made of it.

On this fatal day, the object of Mr. Simmons' mission being known there

was no concern felt for him any more than on any other occasion. When, however, he failed to put in an appearance at supper time his housekeeper expressed some concern for him and his continued absence; at that time they became alarmed. They informed the neighbors that Mr. Simmons was missing and a search was instituted. The party was looking for him all night and the body was found about 7 o'clock Sunday morning in a thicket on the bank of small creek located about a mile from his home. There was evidence that the old man had died in great agony having torn away his clothes in an endeavor to get at his wounds. He was hit in innumerable places with buck shot.

In a few days Alfred Daniels, upon whom suspicion had rested on account of his remarks at different times was arrested near Mayville and taken to the county jail at Trenton.

Daniels admitted he had been hunting on the Simmons farm and in the trial confessed to the shooting but insisted that he shot Mr. Simmons in self defense.

His trial was in Trenton before Judge Ferguson and was stubbornly fought. J E and R O'Hara were his attorneys and they did all in their power to save him.

J C L Harris of Raleigh was associated with them a portion of the time. His case was argued before the State Supreme court by the O'Hara's and Harris. After being unsuccessful there Harris took it before the United States Supreme court and was defeated in that tribunal.

He was sentenced to be hanged February 19th. A stay of execution was granted until the decision of the supreme court was announced and the Governor then set May 19th for his hanging.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE'S

Report Given to Governor. Voluminous Document. Bill Particulars Against McBea and Finch.

Trial July 11th.

Special to Journal.

Raleigh, N. C., May 19.—At four o'clock this afternoon the investigating committee filed with the Governor, its report on the Atlantic and North Carolina railway, together with the testimony taken. The document is a large one and it required nearly two days to type write it. It was drafted by the committee. The Governor and Board of Internal Improvements will probably begin to view it tomorrow.

The Attorney General and Solicitor of this district, this afternoon, filed a bill of particulars in the conspiracy case of the State against Finch and McBea, which is to be heard July 11th. Judge Brown ordered such a bill filed. It rehearses facts upon which the State will reply to prosecute the case. They are practically those disclosed at the hearing of the case before Chief Justice Clark.

Farmers Dinner Near Askins.

There will be a Farmers Dinner July 8th at the Barton Grove base ball grounds near Hill Swamp church, near Askins, F. O.

We know this means a barbecue dinner and a great big time. We want fifty nice pigs and we want fifty good farmers to furnish them. The Committee on Arrangements will call on you in a few days for the donation, so gentlemen have your pigs selected and ready.

An address will be delivered in the forenoon and a game of ball in the afternoon.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to come and participate.

Bring baskets well filled with good things to eat, and let's have a real good time.

Blessed.

W O Erani,
C J Heath,
W T Price,
Gilbert Gaskins,
J M Willis,
Charles Ipoek,
J M Arthur.

BELLAIR.

May 18th.

The busy scenes along the road now show how hard the farmer is pressing his work. Pigs, strawberries, cabbage are going to market.

Cotton choppers, corn plowing, sweet potatoes being set. Irish potato spraying in fact if the farmer is not busy now he had better quit all and go fishing.

The recent showers are making things grow rapidly, and nature is putting on her brightest garb.

This general hurry and hustle with the farmers is all right only there is too much of it. It shuts out the real man from the best and highest interests of his noblest faculties.

There is some sickness in our midst but we hear of no serious cases.

REPUBLICANS NOMINATE

Charles J. Harris, For Governor.

Full State Ticket Named. All But Five Counties Represented in Conventions.

Special to Journal.

Greensboro, May 18.—The Convention assembled in the opera house today, at 12:15 o'clock noon, and was called to order by Thos A Rollins, Chairman of State Executive Committee. An address of welcome was made by C B Frazer, and was responded to by J J Eist.

The first session was taken up in organization and the appointment of various committees. After the organization had been completed the convention adjourned until 2:30 o'clock.

At the afternoon session, while awaiting report of the committee on credentials, the Chairman announced that time would be given for short addresses, by members of the convention. From all over the house came the cry "Blackburn!" Blackburn answered the call, and made an address, followed by Jack F Newell and R E Linsky.

The committee on credentials reported all but five counties represented. The delegates elected by both conventions in Surry, were read. The committee on permanent organization recommended Hon A E Holton for permanent chairman, and R E McNeill for permanent secretary. The report was adopted.

The following nominations were made, for Governor, Chas J Harris, of Jackson county. Lieut. Gov, Isaac M Meekins, Attorney General W H Yarboro, Secretary of State Jos J Jenkins; Treasurer, C G Bailey; Auditor, Frank Llaney; Superintendent Public Instruction, G F Fraser; Corporation, D H Abbott; Labor Commissioner, J Y Hamrick.

RUSSIANS CUT OFF.

Submarine Boats Used by Japs Against Russian Navy.

London, May 18.—The Rome correspondent of the Central News wires that a telegram has been received here from Tokio reporting that two Japanese divisions have arrived close to Mukden, Manchuria, on the north end and have cut off Gen. Kuropatkin's line of retreat.

St. Petersburg, May 18.—A letter has been received from Gen. Stoessel, chief of staff at Port Arthur, which gives the first intimation that submarine boats have been used in the present war. The letter written by Stoessel states that the battleship Pobeda, which was damaged at the same the Petropavlov was destroyed; was struck by a torpedo sent from a submarine. All the Russian reports on the damaging of the Pobeda sent heretofore said she struck a Russian mine.

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

A Remedy That No One is Afraid To Take.

Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup has been used in thousands of homes for fifty-two years with perfect confidence and the most remarkable results. The great success of this remedy is due to the fact that its formula (which consists of Buchu, Hydrangea, Mandaraka, Yellow Dock, Dandelion, Sarsaparilla, Gentian, Senna and Iodide of Potassium) has been freely published.

Doctors and Druggists everywhere do not hesitate to recommend a preparation which they know contains the best-known remedies for correcting all irregularities of the Liver, Kidneys or Blood, and the diseases caused by the failure of these functions to perform their proper work.

Thousands of sick ones to whom life has been a burden have written grateful letters that others might profit by their experience. I was suffering terribly with indigestion and kidney trouble and sent my druggist for something to relieve me. As he sent me a package of Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup I concluded to try it, and now I am deeply grateful to my druggist as well as to you. I had been a sufferer from these things and a general run-down condition for ten years, and had only received temporary relief from other medicines. But after using not quite two packages of your Liver and Blood Syrup I feel as stout and hearty as I ever did in my life, and I am satisfied that I am entirely cured. I feel no symptoms whatever of kidney trouble, and my digestion is as good as any living man's. I can now eat whatever I choose.

I never had any remedy give me such quick and permanent relief, and I can not put a correct estimate on the value your medicine has been to me. I would not take any amount of money for it. Very gratefully yours, J. C. BROWN.

If you need a medicine write to-day for a free sample bottle and "Dr. Thacher's Health Book."
Give symptoms for advice.
We simply ask you to try it at our expense. We know what it will do.
For sale by all Druggists—see price—50 cents and \$1.00.

GALILEE.

We are about through planting now. We are now cultivating our crops. The cool nights make some of our crops look badly. The potato crop of this place is looking fine. We had a fine rain Saturday night, it was needed in gardens. Messrs G A Everington and C R Wayne left this morning to work on Mr. Blades Railroad at Goose Creek, Pamlico county.

Our Sunday School is preparing for Children's Day which will be the 4th Sunday in June. Exercises at 3 p.m. Everybody invited to come.

Mr. Phillips of New Bern was over with us last Sunday evening and took the picture of our Sunday School.

Rev J B Reasps filled his appointment at this place on last Sunday evening.

Mr S H Gaskins and wife spent Saturday night and Sunday at Reelsboro.

Mr John A Everington has been elected President of our Young People Bible Class.

Mr C R Wayne spent Saturday night with Mr W D Caton.

Mr Charles Holton and Mr Billard Barrington and wife of Olympia was in Galilee Sunday evening.

Hard Times.

CASTORIA For Sale.

A good strong second-hand buggy, Randolph make, recent overhauled and painted, will be sold cheap for either cash or on time. Apply to Journal of 20c, or W F Gilbert, New Bern, N. C.