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NEW BERN, CRAVEN COUNTY, N. C., FRIDAY JUNE, 16, 1911 --SECOND SECTION

34th. YEAR

ALLEGED MURDERER JAILED

Burrill Casey of Lane's Chapel Arrested Here Yesterday and Placed in Jail.

On a bench warrant sworn out before Judge Garland S. Ferguson yesterday morning by Mr. D. L. Ward, Burrill Casey, whose home is at Lane's Chapel, about 22 miles from this city, was put under arrest and carried to Craven County Jail on a warrant charging him with the poisoning of Mr. Joseph Whitty, of that place in May 1910.

As far as could be learned the facts in the case are as follows:

Burrill Casey and Mrs. Whitty, wife of the deceased, had been very intimate for a number of months prior to the death of her husband. Several times the defendant had visited the Whitty home during the absence of Mr. Whitty, and there was considerable talk among the neighbors to the effect that Mrs. Whitty thought more of Casey than she did of her husband. Things went on in this manner for some time.

One afternoon shortly after he had eaten his mid-day meal, Mr. Whitty was taken very suddenly with a peculiar attack of stomach trouble. Within a few hours he died. Three weeks later his widow became the bride of Burrill Casey. There was some talk then that the deceased had been poisoned to get him out of the way, but no action was taken until yesterday.

A warrant was also sworn out for Casey's wife, Mrs. Leona Casey, charging her with being an accomplice and Chief of Police Rouse, of Dover, was telephoned to go to her home and place her under arrest and bring her to this city. He left Dover immediately for her home, and will arrive in the city this morning with his prisoner.

In an interview with the prisoner yesterday afternoon he stated to a Journal reporter that he did not know a thing about the affair, that his arrest had come as a total surprise to him, that he had come to this city as a witness in a case in court here, and had no idea that he would be arrested. That in his opinion the affair had been planned by some of his enemies just for the purpose of getting him into trouble, and that he was sure that as soon as a hearing could be had he would be released from custody.

Casey was not informed that his wife too, would be arrested, and shortly after his arrest he asked for stationery that he might write her a letter. This was given him and he spent more than an hour transcribing the missive. This letter was turned over to the Solicitor and its contents will doubtless have some bearing on the case. Altho' the reporter made an effort to find out what the contents of the letter was he was unable to do so, so the Solicitor not having it in his power to make it public.

Mr. John Whitty, brother of the deceased, is chief witness for the State and he says they have a strong case against both Casey and his wife. If such is the case and it is proven that the deceased came to his death at their hands it will mean nothing less than a long term in the State's prison for both the man and the woman.

PILES! PILES! PILES!

Williams' Indian Pile Ointment will cure Blind, Bleeding and Itching Piles. It absorbs the tumors, always itching at once, acts as a poultice, gives instant relief. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment is prepared for Piles and itching of the private parts. Sole by Druggists, mail 50c and \$1.00. Williams' Mfg. Co. Prop., Cleveland, O.

Another Highway Robbery.

While returning from a commercial trip to Newport, last Saturday afternoon Mr. C. T. Midgett, traveling salesman for F. S. Duffy medicine Company, was held up by two negroes and robbed.

The robbery took place between Newport and Havelock, on a lonely stretch of poeasid road seven or eight miles in extent. Mr. Midgett says that he was driving along slowly not expecting to be molested, of course, when two negroes appeared in the road a short distance ahead and came meeting him, one on either side. Reaching the horse's head one seized the bridle, both of them presenting pistols, commanding him to throw up his hands which he did. They went through his sample case and secured \$5.00 in currency and 50 cents in coin.

Mr. Midgett says that the negroes were young men, dressed in blue overalls and he took them to be innocent trouble-makers until they accosted him as related.

Gentle horses for ladies and stylish rigs for men at Daniel Newberry Livery Stables, South Front St.

SUPERIOR COURT NOW IN SESSION

One Week Term Convened Yesterday Morning With Judge Garland S. Ferguson Presiding

At 10 o'clock yesterday morning a one week term of Craven County Superior Court with Judge Garland S. Ferguson presiding convened in this city.

The following grand jury was drawn: R. J. Dismorey—Foreman, G. A. Whitford, H. L. Arnold, O. H. Rhem, J. H. Carraway, J. W. Everington, Joshua Adams, Henry Morris, A. L. Toler, E. E. Gaskins, L. H. Cannon, M. D. Gaskins, W. S. Lancaster, and J. M. Simpkins.

In his charge to the grand jury Judge Ferguson was brief but in his own way covered practically every technicality of the law that would probably be used by that body. He touched in particular on the problem of the near beer dealers. He said that he had been reliably informed that a number of these dealers had purchased licenses to do business after July 1st. He further said that these men seemed to have the impression that if they got the U. S. Government on their side that they need have no fear of the laws of North Carolina. He said that if the grand jury at any of the courts in this county could find a true bill against any of these dealers after the time allotted for the sale of near beer in this State had expired that they would soon convince them that they labor under a wrong impression when they think that the State would not bother them. Several other subjects were also touched by the Judge before he had completed his charge.

All of the remainder of the forenoon session was taken up with revising the docket and disposing of a few minor cases that did not come before the jury. The following cases were disposed of at the afternoon session:

State vs. Dave Bryan, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, the defendant found guilty but no sentence has yet been imposed.

State vs. J. T. Allen, forgery, defendant pled guilty and was sentenced to a term of 3 months on the county gaols.

The last case taken up was State vs. Della Whitfield, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon. Late in the afternoon this case had not gone to the jury.

There are enough cases on the docket at the present time to take up all of this week's session, and if the grand jury find a true bill for murder against Burrill Casey and his wife a special term will doubtless be called.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE MUTUAL AID BANKING COMPANY.

At New Bern, in the State of North Carolina, At The Close of Business June 7th, 1911.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$ 7,614.38
Overdrafts	—
Secured 932.32 unsecured 10.00	842.32
Furniture and fixtures	1,257.93
All other real estate owned	2,218.23
Due from banks and bankers	1,049.23
Gold coin	870.00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	102.32
National bank notes and other U. S. notes	895.00
Total	\$ 13,746.46
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 3,788.60
Surplus Fund	106.73
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	101.12
Bills payable	1,000.00
Time certificates of deposit	4,774.91
Deposits subject to check	3,975.10
Total	\$ 13,746.46

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—88 CRAVEN COUNTY.

I, John H. Fisher, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN H. FISHER, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:

J. F. STANLEY, H. W. THOMPSON, JOHN A. BOOM, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 14th day of June 1911.

J. M. HARRISON, Notary Public.

My commission expires March 17, 1913.

Cause For Congratulation.

The Boss—Mr. Stubbs, when you came in this morning I detected a trace of liquor about your person. The Bookkeeper—That's the way, sir! Final! That shows how much better you could be.—Post.

REPORTER INTER-VIEWS MRS. CASEY

Says That She Knows Nothing In Regards to the Poisoning of Her Former Husband.

Mrs. Leona Casey, wife of Burrill Casey, both of whom are now confined in Craven county jail awaiting the action of the grand jury on a warrant charging them with poisoning her former husband, Mr. Joseph Whitty, of Lane's Chapel, was interviewed late yesterday afternoon by a Journal reporter.

When the reporter was shown into her cell, on the first floor Mrs. Casey, who is a very homely woman, was sitting on the side of the iron bed which the cell contained.

She said that she was born in Lenoir county on Jan. 28, 1891, that she lived there until 1908 when she married Mr. Joseph Whitty, then they moved to Craven county. That in all their married life they had lived happily and had never had any misunderstandings. That after her marriage to Mr. Whitty she met Casey, and that all during the time that she lived with Mr. Whitty, Casey was in the habit of coming to their home at different times, and that there was no objection from her husband. She said that several weeks prior to his death Mr. Whitty had been in ailing health and that his demise did not come unexpectedly. That on the day that Mr. Whitty died Casey visited her home and that about three weeks after his death she and Casey were married. That after Mr. Whitty's death there was considerable talk among the neighbors that she had poisoned him, but as she knew this was untrue she paid but little attention to it. That she did not know until yesterday morning that his body had been exhumed and that the stomach had been examined by a physician. That she was utterly dumfounded when Chief of Police Rouse, of Dover, called at her home Monday afternoon and placed her under arrest and brought her to this city. That she did not know at the time that her husband was in jail here on the same charge, and that since her incarceration here had not been allowed to see him or to communicate with him in any way. That she was not in the least afraid that if the case was ever brought to trial that they would be convicted, because there could possibly be no evidence that either of them had caused his death.

Taken as a whole she did not seem to be duly concerned in regards to the grave charge which they are facing. At no time during her story did she falter, and once or twice she became amused and laughed outright. The only thing that she seemed to be troubled about was the fact that she was not allowed to see or talk to her husband. The grand jury has not yet taken up this case, but will doubtless do so sometime during today, and the outcome of their investigation will be made known tomorrow.

Board your horse at a Modern Sanitary Stable.

Daniels-Newberry Live Stock Co. South Front St.

NO SESSION OF SUPERIOR COURT

Held Yesterday. Judge Ferguson Disposed. Greatly Improved Last Night.

Owing to the fact that Judge Garland T. Ferguson was indisposed, there was no session yesterday of Craven County Superior Court which is in session here this week for the trial of criminal cases. A report from the place at which he is stopping last night stated that the Judge was greatly improved and in all probability the session will be resumed this morning at the usual time.

The grand jury was kept busy all during the day hearing evidence and returning bills, but none of these were made public. The case of young Barnett, the young man who embezzled \$240 from the Hall Tailoring Company a few weeks ago, is attracting considerable interest. The grand jury has not yet investigated this case and it will doubtless be the latter part of the week before it is brought to trial. There are still a large number of cases on the docket but the majority of these are of minor consequence and can easily be disposed of within the next three days.

In the case of the State vs. Addison Toler, of No. 2 Township, charged with abduction, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. This case was tried on Tuesday and the jury remained out all night.

Let us give you our figures on all Builders Supplies. J. S. Basnight Hdw. Co.

CUTTER CREW FINDS BODY

Of Mr. J. J. Willey, Who Was Drowned At Wilkinson's Point Sunday.

Yesterday morning a crew from the revenue cutter, Pamlico, and also one or two other boats from this port went down to Wilkinson's point, the scene of Sunday's tragedy in which Messrs. J. J. Willey of this city and J. H. Morris of Greensboro lost their lives while attempting to swim across the channel and at once began a search for Mr. Willey's body.

Shortly before 11 o'clock the grappling hook struck some object lying on the bottom of the river about 50 feet from the place that Mr. Willey was last seen and his body ascended to the surface. The body was badly decomposed having been in the water for such a long time and those on board of the boat, unaccustomed as they were to ghastly sights turned away their faces.

The body was brought to this city and carried at once to H. W. Simpson's undertaking parlors where it was embalmed and prepared for shipment to his home in Norfolk this morning.

The crew of the revenue cutter, Pamlico, deserve much praise for their work in finding the bodies of these unfortunate men. Unceasingly they toiled from early Monday morning until the last body was found yesterday and but for their efforts it is not probable the either of them have been located for several days.

Strange Co-Incident.

Co-incident with the drowning in the Neuse river Sunday, of Mr. Herbert Morris a young man from Greensboro, was the drowning Sunday before in the Siroto river at Chillicothe, Ohio, of Mr. George Donovan, also a former Greensboro boy. Both young men were of the same age, 22 years.

DIED.

At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Bertha Caroline, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Williams. The funeral services will be conducted at the Tabernacle Baptist Church at 5 o'clock by Rev. A. C. Schuler. The interment will be made in Cedar Grove cemetery. Friends and relatives take notice.

Does the edge of your lawn look ragged? Then why not invest in a Philadelphia Lawn Mower and trim it. J. S. Basnight Hdw. Co.

Popular Young Lady Passes.

Shortly before 12 o'clock Sunday night the spirit of Miss Marion, the 23 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. X. M. Brock on National Avenue left its earthly abode and winged its way into its Maker.

Miss Brock had been teaching in one of the rural schools in this county up to a few weeks ago when she came home to spend her vacation. Shortly after her arrival here she was stricken with hemorrhagic fever and this caused her sad demise.

The funeral was conducted from Christ Episcopal Church yesterday afternoon by Rev. B. F. Huske and the interment was made in Cedar Grove cemetery.

O, I couldn't sleep for the devilish flies Sunday morning. Ask the Basnight Hdw. Co. for their remedy.

LEE'S CHAPEL NOTES.

James County, June 14.—We are having some very dry weather now, a little rain is needed.

Last Sunday was Children's Day at Lee's Chapel. The program was very pretty and nicely carried out.

Mr. Ed Pollock, of Trenton, and Miss Cassie Eubank, of Little Hill, attended the Children's Day exercises at Lee's Chapel Sunday.

NEGRO BOY MURDERS ANOTHER

Two Negro Youths Fall Out Over a Handful Of Peanuts And Fight to Kill.

Tuesday night about 10:30 o'clock two negro boys, each about 14 years old, living in Dufftown, got into a row over the division of a few peanuts and the result is that one lies dead and the other is in jail. The dead boy was named David Fonville and the murderer is Charley Latham.

From what could be learned, Latham had the peanuts and when Fonville demanded a division he refused to make it whereupon Fonville drew a knife and made an assault on the other who replied it with a pistol, firing. The ball struck his assailant in the right eye, tearing a hole through the head and making large enough to toss a baseball.

Chief of Police Lupton was notified of the occurrence, immediately repaired to the scene, placed Latham under arrest and conducted him to jail where he is now incarcerated, awaiting an investigation by the Coroner.

20 Leonard Cleanable Refrigerators, porcelain lined, quartered oak cases. They save ice and look better than any other. Ask me the price. J. S. Miller.

Mid-Summer Sale Starts To-day.

Today Mr. J. J. Baxter, one of New Bern's leading dry goods dealers will inaugurate the season's largest clearance sale. This sale will continue for ten days and thousands of bargains can be secured during that time by the people of this city. The price of every article in the store has been greatly reduced and there will be great bargains. The doors will be thrown open to the public this morning at nine o'clock. Visit the store early and get your choice of the thousands of articles that will be on sale.

Tailman-Hill.

A pretty wedding was celebrated yesterday afternoon 3 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Winfield, on Change street when their niece, Miss Ida Hill was joined in the bonds of holy wedlock to Mr. R. P. Tallman, of Wilmington, N. C. Rev. Mr. Rogers of the Church of Christ performing the ceremony. Only a few special friends were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Tallman left on the afternoon train for Asheville, where they will spend a couple of weeks enjoying the lovely scenery and climate of Western North Carolina. They will make their future home in Wilmington.

Postponed Again.

On account of a death in the community, the Sunday school at Olympia has postponed Children's Day until June 18. Exercises will begin at 3:30 p. m. Everybody is cordially invited.

THIS MEANS PARCELS POST

Express Companies Under Fire Before Congressional Committee.

Washington, June 15.—War on the express companies has begun in earnest before the House Committee on postoffice and postroads which opened hearings on the parcels post, for which several measures are pending.

Representative Lewis, (Dem.) of Maryland, appeared to support his bill which provides for condemning and purchasing all the express companies. He asserted that the cost of living is now largely influenced by the unsatisfactory methods of food transportation between points of food origin and consumers.

"There are two main reasons why the express companies must be added to the postal system," said Lewis. "First, the express company service does not reach beyond the railways to the farmers, which the post office does, through the rural free delivery. Second, the contracts of the express companies with the railways give them an average transportation rate of three-quarters of a cent a pound; and with this rate the express charges by post would be reduced from two-thirds to one-half on parcels ranging from five pounds to fifty pounds and about 28 per cent. on heavier weights, as a consequence of the co-ordination of the express company plants with the post office and rural delivery, and the elimination of the express company profits, which are averaging over 50 per cent. on the investment.

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TWO LITTLE GIRLS.

BUSY DAY IN SUPERIOR COURT

Abduction Case Took Up Entire Session Yesterday. Court Room Crowded.

The entire session of Craven County Superior Court which is in session here this week for the trial of criminal cases with Judge Garland S. Ferguson presiding, was taken up with the case of the State vs. Addison Toler of No. 2 Township who was charged with abduction.

The facts in the case are familiar to the majority of our readers but for the benefit of others we will give a brief summary of the charges leading up to the prosecution. Sometime ago it is claimed, Toler became enamored with Mrs. Martha Rowe, wife of Mr. Marion Rowe, who resided in the same Township. It is claimed that he induced the woman to leave her husband and that soon after her departure her husband went west and died. Later on Toler married her.

A large number of witnesses were examined during the day and considerable time was taken up in this manner. Late in the afternoon the testimony was all in and the attorneys in the case began their argument. It was after 6 o'clock when this was concluded and after the Judge had charged the jury they retired. Up to a late hour last night they had brought in no decision.

Tabernacle Pic Nic.

Onslow County, June 14.—There will be a picnic at Tabernacle on the 29th of June. Every body come and bring well filled baskets.

Managers.—D. S. Aman, D. R. Phillips, W. H. Hall, S. B. Holland, M. R. Sabittion, C. B. Melville.

Pythians Hold Memorial Service.

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the Athena Lodge No. 8 Knights of Pythias held their annual Memorial Service. The hour was convenient for all and despite the fact that the weather was extremely warm there was a large audience present. Hon. Geo. E. Hood was the orator of the occasion and he, in his usual captivating manner held the audience's attention for more than an hour. Hon. S. M. Brinson introduced Mr. Hood to the audience in a few well-timed remarks. After Mr. Hood had concluded his address and several selections had been rendered by the orchestra, Rev. A. C. Schuler made one of the most eloquent prayers ever heard in this city.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE BANK OF DOVER.

At Dover, in the State of North Carolina, at the Close of Business, June 7th, 1911.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$ 21,050.28
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	105.79
Banking house	883.49
Furniture and fixtures	1,018.91
Due from banks and bankers	—
cash	2,379.92
Cash items	700.00
Gold coin	100.00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	445.85
National bank notes and other U. S. notes	1,860.00
Total	\$ 28,544.24
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock	\$ 5,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	2,400.94
Notes and bills rediscounted	1,500.00
Bills payable	2,500.00
Time Certificates of Deposit	3,485.00
Deposits subject to check	13,615.40
Cashiers Checks outstanding	42.90
Total	\$ 28,544.24

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—88: CRAVEN COUNTY.

I, W. H. Caton, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. H. CATON, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:

G. V. RICHARDSON, R. A. RICHARDSON, A. J. MAXWELL, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of June 1911.

W. A. WILSON, Notary Public.

My Commission expires April 21, 1912.

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MRS. CASEY IS PLACED IN JAIL

She and Her Husband Awaiting The Action of the Grand Jury. More Particulars.

Last Monday afternoon Mrs. Leona Casey, of Lane's Chapel whose husband, Burrill Casey was arrested in this city several hours previous on a warrant charging him with poisoning Mr. Joseph Whitty of that place, was placed under arrest by Chief of Police Rouse, of Dover, and on Monday night was brought to this city and placed in Craven county jail. Both she and her husband are now confined in this institution but on different floors, awaiting the action of the grand jury who are investigating their case.

This case promises to be one of the most sensational that has been brought before the public in some time. Yesterday the reporter made several inquiries in regard to the matter, and he was informed that the arrest of these two people was the culmination of a series of investigation that had been going on for the past year.

After Mr. Joseph Whitty's death, which occurred so suddenly a little more than a year ago, several of his relatives began a quiet investigation. A physician from the city went to the place where the body was buried and after exhuming it he had the stomach taken out, and this was thoroughly examined by him. He was convinced that there were indications of poisoning there but in order to be certain he sent the stomach to the State Chemist. He gave it a careful examination and also found indications of poison. When this state of affairs was recorded to the relatives of the deceased they were more fully convinced that there had been foul play.

He was stated in yesterday morning's Journal, it was a known fact that Casey had been very intimate with Mr. Whitty's wife while her husband was living, and after the two were joined in the bonds of wedlock within three short weeks after the death of her husband, this of course caused suspicion to fall on them.

Some of the leading legal talent of the city has been secured by the relatives of the dead man to aid in the prosecution, and if the grand jury returns a true bill every effort will be made to convict him.

BRIDGETON ITEMS.

Bridgeton, June 15th.—The weather continues hot and dry, a good rain would be very acceptable.

There is a little sickness in our town, but we are glad to say that the health of the public in general is very good. The only bad case of sickness is that of Mrs. Sam. Dunnum who is very sick, and we are sorry to say that the doctor has't much hope for her.

Rev. J. M. Wright and family who have been up to Rose Hill for a few days to visit relatives, returned home last Friday, they were accompanied home by brother Wright's little niece, Miss Lena Wright, who will spend some time with them.

Misses Lillie and Edith Brinson, of Reelsboro, have been in our town several days visiting their sister, Mrs. Windley Simon, who lives on Bridge St.

Mr. J. P. McCullen, who has been living on A street for some time, has moved back to his home at the Fowler place.

Mr. R. L. Stallings, who has been down at Swansboro attending to some work, returned home Sunday night.

Miss Rosa Thomas, who has been in Beaufort county visiting her sister who has been sick for some time, has returned home, accompanied by her sister.

Mr. R. M. Wood, of Enfield, spent Sunday in our town visiting friends.

Mrs. Tom Moore and children and Misses Heneth and Lucy Holden went down to Beaufort on the Methodist picnic.

The Senior Epworth League met at the church last night and carried out a very entertaining program. The meeting was well attended.

We are glad to know that at a meeting of the aldermen last week they passed a law that all the dogs must be kept off the streets, which is a very good ordinance, for the dogs have become a nuisance in our town.

Mr. Joe Weber who moved away from this place some time ago has moved back.

The Junior Epworth League of the Methodist church, will give a social night at the home of Mr. D. H. Fleming, on A street.

The members of the Methodist church are making preparations to build a parsonage here, they have secured the lot in front of the church from Mr. J. V. Alford. We hope to see the building going up soon.

"GRAY EYES."