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A MOST HORRIBLE AFFAIR.

PROMISES DEVELOPMENTS OF A MOST SENSATIONAL CHARACTER—INQUEST ON MONDAY.

The shooting of Neal Walton on Wednesday night, near Bellevue Cemetery, by some person as yet unknown, still remains a mystery. The woman, Florence Davidson, who was with Walton at the time he was shot, is in the hospital under guard and it's hardly probable that there will be any material developments in the case until she tells the true story of the horrible affair.

There have been several theories advanced as to the shooting, but there can be no conclusion reached until the investigation being made by the coroner's jury is finished. Geo. L. Peschau, Esq., has been retained in the case.

The remains of Walton were buried Thursday afternoon at Masonboro, where services were conducted by Rev. W. G. Hall.

Walton's relatives have employed counsel to aid in the effort to work out the identity of and prosecute his slayer.

To say the least, from what we have heard, this is one of the most horrible affairs that ever occurred in this section, and promises developments of a most sensational character, which will show the vicious practices of certain automobilists in the unrighteous "automobile jumping" traffic, which has in hundreds of instances been the source of the destruction of the purity of many homes.

If those who have the law and order movement of this community at heart would put forth greater effort in raising the standard of purity in the home and remedy the cause of the viciousness, now existing, instead of waging war upon the habits of the underworld and seeking to penalize them and drive them out of existence for offenses far less criminal than is the Walton-Davidson case, more progress would be made in bringing about a higher moral standard in conservation of the young men and women of our city.

The Latest Thing in Inventions.

Mr. J. A. Schroeder has just received a patent on a ball-bearing castor, which he invented, and which is a very practical device. The castor is composed entirely of ball bearings and will be most useful in connection with kitchen safes, pianos and other household furniture which, of course, has to be moved for renovating purposes. It is made up of a series of small ball bearings permanently fixed in each leg of the piano, safe, or whatever article of furniture it is to be used in, that ride on a large ball that serves as a roller. Mr. Schroeder is expecting much from his invention.

Lincolnton has a new telephone system.

INDUSTRIAL PATRIOTISM.

Federal Employees Union of Eastern North Carolina.

WILMINGTON, N. C., April 11, 1917.

To the Officers and Members of the Trades and Labor Unions and Affiliated Organizations:

Opinions as to whether or not we should have entered into the world war are now out of order, and are matters of history.

Already, through the Council of National Defense, Labor has pledged its fidelity and asserted its readiness to co-operate with the country.

The Federal Employees Union, of course, is closest to the country, and I am taking the liberty as its presiding officer to remind you all that we should be, heart and soul, in absolute tune with all of the nation's work.

Therefore, if you have any connection with a contract for war supplies, or if you can assist in the securing of labor or artisans for the government—if you can aid the Civil Service Commission in securing men: do so.

There are more ways of being a hero than by firing a gun. There is work for everyone to do, and if you cannot serve in the army or navy, serve in the civil branch, or aid in any way.

Be American—in thought—in word—in action. This is going to be the biggest country in the world after its victory, and you may rest assured we are going to win.

Fraternally,

H. H. FORD,

President.

Mr. C. McD. Jones For Councilman From the First Ward.

Union men of the First Ward are urged to give the candidacy of Mr. C. McD. Jones, of the First Ward, due consideration before casting their ballot on Tuesday. Mr. Jones is an ardent worker in the cause of unionism; is a member of Wilmington Trades Council, the Label Products Committee, which represents a large majority of the unions of the city; is secretary of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, of this jurisdiction, and has a large following among the trades unionists of the First Ward. Give him the proper support Tuesday. Remember your obligation.

At the regular meeting of Wilmington Trades Council Tuesday night that body endorsed Mr. Jones and recommends that all union men give him their support.

Miss Furlong Wins First Prize.

Miss Vera Furlong won the first prize in the Red Cross queen's contest while Miss Mary Houston was a close second and Miss Mary Pickett won third place. Miss Gladys McEachern won fourth place. The contest closed Wednesday night at Kennedy's show. Miss Furlong was awarded the handsome \$225 diamond ring.

A Red Cross Auxiliary has been organized at Morganton.

Mr. L. L. Shepard For Councilman From First Ward.

Mr. L. L. Shepard, the popular grocer and meat dealer, 817 North Fourth street, who is a candidate for councilman from the First Ward, to be voted for on Tuesday at the Democratic primary, is a very popular citizen of his ward and feels sure of a strong support from his friends and expects to be nominated in the primary and elected in the general election. Mr. Shepard has made a vigorous campaign, and with the support of his large circle of friends goes before them with his head set on victory.

The Catfish Club's New Boat.

The Catfish Club has added another boat to its fleet, the "Bo-cat," which is expected to be the pride of the fleet, as she is of the speedy class and promises great records.

Capt. Camache and Engineer Walter Croom were assigned to the "Bo-cat" by Commodore Olson, and it is likely that she will be put into commission as soon as she is fitted out.

The weekly races were not held this week as Capt. Camache's "Blue-cat" was in charge of a chiropodist, having a few "corns" trimmed off her "gas boiler."

Steps are being taken for a farm life school in Cumberland county.

UNION BREVITIES.

The Bricklayers and Masons' union met in Bonitz Hall on Wednesday night, in regular session.

The regular monthly meeting of the Federal Employees Union was held on Sunday in Odd Fellows' Hall. There was a large attendance and there was much enthusiasm among the members. Mr. R. E. Wright, the union label booster, was present and made a talk on the good of the label. This local is growing rapidly.

Wilmington Trades Council met in regular semi-monthly session Tuesday night, in Odd Fellows' Hall. Several new delegates were seated and the work of Mr. R. E. Wright, representing the National Labor Press Association, in introducing union-made goods in this market, through co-operation with the merchants, was endorsed.

The Carpenters and Joiners met in regular weekly session Thursday night at Bonitz Hall. They have the largest membership of any local in the city now.

The Label Products Committee met Wednesday night with a good attendance. This body is now making some telling strokes in their label campaign. Insist on the union label and help the cause of the union worker. It is the emblem of fair conditions.

Mr. R. E. Wright, who is working in connection with the Label Products Committee in its efforts to introduce goods bearing the union label into the Wilmington market, met with the Stage Workers and Moving Picture Operators' Local, No. 614, on Friday evening and met with hearty approval of his work. A very interesting meeting was held and they plan for some very effective label work in the near future.

Mr. B. A. Merritt For Mayor.

Mr. B. A. Merritt, who candidly announces his attitude toward union labor on the sixth page of this paper, in announcing his candidacy for Mayor of the City of Wilmington, to be voted for at the Democratic primary next Tuesday, should get a strong vote from trade unionists, as his action in voting for the ordinance requiring two men to operate street cars—a condition that was sought by the Street Railway Carmen's Union in July of last year, and which was the prime cause of their strike—stands out too plainly to be ignored by them.

Mr. Merritt does not pledge himself to any class or faction, but will endeavor to the best of his ability to serve all of the people for the greatest good to the greatest number.

Remember him when you cast your ballot on Tuesday. He is due your consideration.

The case against Dick McKeithan and John Carney, of Seagate, who were charged with attempting to incite riot by declaring they hoped the president and his cabinet would be assassinated, was dismissed on Tuesday on account of lack of evidence to convict.

The new building being constructed by the Wilmington Co-operative Truck Growers' Association, at Wrightsboro, will be completed in a few days. It will be used as both office and warehouse. The cost of the building is about \$2,000.