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## WAS A BRILLIANT WEDDING

Celebrated in the Methodist Church.  
Beautiful Decorations.

MR. JOSEPH THOMAS AND MISS EVA ANDERSON

Rev. J. B. Hurley Officiated—Mrs. S. W. Venable at the Organ—Many Handsome Gifts.

The Methodist church was thronged yesterday with the friends and well wishers of the popular young couple who at high noon plighted their marriage vows.

It was the wedding of Mr. Joseph Townes Thomas and Miss Eva South-land Anderson. Mr. Thomas is a progressive young business man, who for some years has been with the tobacco factory of R. P. Watson & Co., but who came to Wilson from Henderson. He is deservedly popular in this city and in his former home. Miss Anderson is the handsome and charming daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Anderson. She is a general favorite in Wilson, and for her attractive manners and whole souled sincerity is beloved by young and old. Mr. Thomas has indeed captured a prize in this superb young woman.

The church was exquisitely decorated. About the chancel, choir rail, organ and falling from the electric chandelier filmy white drapery was set off with green, while stands of ferns and tropical palms added beauty. Under the supervision of Mrs. J. T. Wiggins it could not help being elegant.

At twelve o'clock, to the rhythmic wedding march of Lobengrin played in artistic style by Mrs. S. W. Venable, the wedding party entered. Down the centre aisle passed the ushers in couples, while passing up each side aisle a single bridesmaid entered in line with the ushers. Crossing in front of the chancel, the bridesmaids took position within and on the elevated rostrum, the ushers without. Then came the maid of honor, Miss Ethel Barnes, of Wilmington, and following came the bride leaning on the arm of her father. Advancing from the rear of the church, the groom, with his best man, Mr. R. H. Hood, of Henderson, received his bride to be from her father and the couple faced the pastor, Rev. J. B. Hurley, who made them man and wife after the impressive service of the Methodist church. During this Mrs. Venable softly played Demuth's "Love Song." At the close, after congratulations by the pastor the bridal party left the church to the triumphant peals of Mendelssohn's Wedding March.

The ushers were dressed in high noon wedding style, with black coats and vests relieved by steel gray trousers. These were Messrs. S. H. Anderson, E. F. Nadal, J. R. McLean and Geo. Stronach.

The bridesmaids were dressed in white organdie and wore Gainsborough hats of black, all bearing bouquets of pink carnations and were Misses Elizabeth Anderson, Ellen Branch, Sallie Porter, of Tarboro, Carrie Thomas, of Henderson, sister of the groom. The maid of honor wore a picture hat of black velvet and was attired as the bridesmaids.

The bride was attired in a perfect fitting, exquisite tailor made going-away-gown of dark green. She was a picture of beauty as she entered the

church, bearing an exquisite bouquet of "Brides' Roses."

Tuesday night there had been an ante-nuptial luncheon served at the house of Capt. T. M. Anderson by Miss Elizabeth, his daughter. After the ceremony there was a bridal breakfast given in honor of the bridesmaids at the residence of Dr. Anderson. The dining room was beautiful, decorated in white, green and pink, candles of these colors illuminating the darkened room, most tastefully decorated. The centre piece on the table was a magnificent pattern sent by the groom's mother and on it was thrown the bride's bouquet.

The bridal gifts were in great numbers and were beautiful, valuable and useful. All kinds of silver for table and toilet use, cut glass of all varieties, handsome leather couches and easy chairs, ornamental clocks and other things to numerous to mention showed the high esteem in which the couple were held.

This afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Thomas left for Henderson to visit the relatives of the groom. They will return to Wilson after the holidays.

The News congratulates both parties in the happy match, but mostly Mr. Thomas, for he has secured for his wife one of the most charming and attractive of Wilson's fair daughters. She will make his home an ideal one, for she is a pearl of great price.

## PROBABLE TROUBLE WITH INDIANS.

Redskins From the Utah Reservation Crossing Into Colorado.

Denver, Col., December 20.—An ultimatum to the United States Government from Governor Thomas practically declares that if the United States does not keep the Utah Reservation Indians from crossing the Colorado border the military of the State will drive them out.

## The Stock Market.

New York, Wall Street, Dec. 19.—The banks are loaning at six per cent. call on railroad stocks, and twenty per cent. on industrials. The National City Bank has received five millions on deposit when the government loaned it to aid the stock market.

## Ex-President Cleveland Ill.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 19.—Illness of ex-President Cleveland caused his wife to abruptly terminate a visit to friends here, and return to her home in Princeton. Before leaving she said he had been suffering greatly with rheumatism lately.

## Brumby's Remains Taken Home.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Lieutenant Brumby's remains were taken to Atlanta, Ga., by the Southern Railway this morning. At 11:15 they were conveyed to the station under a military escort headed by the Marine band.

## Kentucky Election Contest.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 19.—It was announced by Goebel managers last night that notice giving the grounds of contesting the election of Taylor and Marshall has been prepared and was served on the governor and lieutenant governor today. The grounds of contest are said to be alleged intimidation by troops, the use of tissue ballots, force by injunction, etc.

## SENT AN IRON MESSENGER

Advice and Requests Sent in An Empty Shell—The Letter.

BOERS DID NOT SECURE THE ABANDONED GUNS

British are Shelling the Boer Position at Tugela River. General Buller Requested His Release.

London, Dec. 20.—Gen. Walker cables from Capetown that the French shelled Jansfontein on the 18th ult. The New Zealanders occupied a farm adjacent to the hill where the Boers were entrenched. The enemy's guns opened fire at five thousand yards range, and the Boers advanced. The French made a reconnaissance to the northward and ordered a retirement. The New Zealanders were very steady while under fire.

## Boers Booty at Tugela River.

A Pretoria despatch says an official message from the Boer headquarters at Ladysmith reports that they captured 208 prisoners, two guns, thirteen wagons and much ammunition in the battle of Tugela river. While this despatch shows that the Boers did not get all the ten guns lost by Gen. Buller's force, other despatches from Durban also go to show that all the guns are not in the possession of the Boers.

## Shelling Boer Position.

Pretoria, Dec. 15.—Officials have announced that the British are now shelling the Boer position at Tugela to prevent their crossing the river and capturing the guns deserted by the British on the South bank of the river.

## An Iron Messenger.

London, Dec. 20.—News from Mateking dated the sixth just received tells that a desultory bombardment continues. The sharpshooters engaged in a daily duel. The despatch describes a novel method of sending a message adopted by the Boers on the 4th. A five pounder shell was fired into the town that day and did not explode. When opened it was found to contain a letter as follows:

"Dear Powell:—Excuse an iron messenger, but there is no other means of communication. Please tell Mrs. —, mother and family that all are well. Don't drink all the whiskey, but leave some for us when we get in."

The sender's name was torn off. Sounds Like a Romance.

Birmingham, Eng., Dec. 20.—The Post learns that General Roberts was ordered to South Africa at the request of Buller himself.

## Going to South Africa.

Cairo, Dec. 20.—Gen. Kitchener is expected here Friday, and will join Gen. Roberts at Madeira.

## The State Normal.

Greensboro, N. C., December 20.—President McIver announces that it will be impossible to re-open the State Normal on January 2nd, on account of the changes being made. Ten of the students are still sick at the Normal.

New York, December 19.—At a meeting of the Clearing House Committee today a new subscription of ten million dollars was made up for lending on the stockmarket.

## BEATEN TO DEATH.

An Old Negro Brained With Fence Rails—Horrible Wounds.

On Thursday night Dennis Williams, a negro aged 52 was found dead near Barnes' Cross Roads. There was a ghastly wound in his head and both forearms were broken. Fence rails near by, one of them spattered with blood and with hairs sticking to it showed the manner of the old man's death. He was unconscious when found and was taken to a house near at hand, where a doctor looked after his wounds. On Friday he was taken to his home at Sauls' farm near Black Creek. On Saturday he died, never having recovered consciousness.

The coroner's jury met on Sunday, and an inquest over the body was held by Dr. J. K. Ruffin, the coroner. After viewing the body the hearing was postponed till Monday when it was resumed in Wilson.

It was testified that Williams was in Lucama drunk, and left Thursday afternoon. That parties near Barnes' Cross Roads heard cursing and threats of killing. Mr. Wash Mumford heard this from his house, but because of the nervous condition of his wife did not go out. Two boys in the house heard the same but were afraid to venture out. Blows were also heard and a few minutes after the dying negro was found. The physician testified that death resulted from compression of the brain.

The jury found that Dennis Williams had come to his death from wounds inflicted by some person or persons unknown.

Williams leaves a wife and children. It was a most horrible death and the red handed criminals should be found.

## JEFFERSON'S APPEAL ARGUED.

Heard By Supreme Court Yesterday—The State Denounces the Murder.

The Raleigh Post gives this account of the Jefferson appeal case argued Tuesday:

The case of J. J. Jefferson, who killed Capt Calvin Barnes, of Wilson, several months ago, was argued before the court.

Mr J. E. Woodard, of Wilson, is counsel for Jefferson and argued the case for his client before the court yesterday, Attorney General Walsler represented the State. Mr Woodard made exception to the dying statement of the deceased, which was given in the testimony of his son at the trial. There were other exceptions cited by Jefferson's counsel, which was stated were sufficient to grant a new trial. Exception was also made to the charge of Judge Battle to the jury by the defense. Mr Woodard contended that Jefferson did not receive a fair trial.

Attorney General Walsler stated in his argument that the murder was the most cold blooded and cowardly he had ever known, and that for the first time during his official career he called upon the court to see that the penalty of the law was enforced. The testimony in the case, he said, was sufficient to condemn Jefferson, even if the dying statement of Captain Barnes and the other evidence to which exceptions was made was ignored.

The decision will probably be handed down this week.

The American Federation of labor today re-elected Gompers as President.

## REPORT LAWTON KILLED

Thus a Special to New York Says—Advices From Manila.

SAID TO HAVE BEEN SHOT THROUGH THE HEART

In Washington The Cabinet Consult Over The Despatch—There is no Official Confirmation of the News.

New York, December 19.—The Evening Post received a special which says that from Manila advices were received that General Lawton had been shot and killed.

## News Received at Washington.

Washington, December 19.—Just before the Cabinet met today reports were received by a member of the Cabinet to the effect that Gen. Lawton was shot through the heart at San Miguel. The Cabinet immediately consulted about the dispatch which has not yet been officially verified.

## CITY SUPERINTENDENT.

President Mangum Announces The Programme—Meet Monday Dec. 27.

Superintendent Mangum, of the Wilson Graded Schools, who is President of the Association of City Superintendents has announced the programme for the meeting of the Association which takes place in Raleigh on Wednesday December 27.

President's opening address. "The purpose of the City Public School," C. S. Coler, Concord, N. C. "A discussion of certain ideas of discipline," J. D. Eggleston, Asheville.

"Architecture in its relation to civilization," J. J. Blair, Wilmington. "Public libraries," President Geo. T. Winston.

"Articulation of grades," E. P. Moses Raleigh.

"Thoughts on the promotion question," D. Matt Thompson, Statesville.

"Address," by Prof. M. C. S. Noble.

Besides these there will be a number of other interesting addresses and resolutions to be considered.

## The Maine Victims.

Havana, December 19.—The work of disinterring the remains of the Maine victims began yesterday morning under the supervision of Father Chadwick and Surgeon Marcour. Great care was taken to disinfect the earth and caskets as the bodies were removed. The battleship Texas is here to take the bodies to the United States. It is probable the work will be completed Thursday.

## A Terrific Tornado.

London, December 19.—The East Coast cable from Lorenzo Marquez to Mozambique is interrupted, in consequence of a tornado. At Mozambique houses were blown down and ships in the harbor were wrecked. A huge wave took a steamship up and dashed it on the beach.

Boston, Dec. 19.—The firm of Dillaway & Starra, Bankers and Brokers, assigned today. They were one of the most prominent firms in the city.