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## ACCIDENTALLY SHOT IN SELMA. The Hearing Completely Exonerates The Prices—Personal and Local Notes.

After spending two nights in the county jail Lawrence Price and Noble Price were discharged from custody by justices of the Peace, John H. Parker and W. H. Hare, after a full hearing. The defendants were charged with having caused the death of Mrs. Lawrence Price, it being murder in the first degree. The state was ably represented by W. W. Cole, Esq., of Smithfield, and Charles U. Harris, Esq., of Selma. The defendants by Hon. E. W. Pou and M. W. Nash, Esq., of Selma. State introduced Will A. Collins, who testified that on the day of the shooting (Nov. 15) he was near Lawrence Price's house and saw Lawrence and Noble Price go into the house; he spoke to both. "I asked Noble Price to help me unload some wood. He replied, 'No. I am going in here in spite of h-h.' They went in the house and in about a minute I heard a pistol fire. I went in and saw that Effie Price was shot. Lawrence said 'you have shot her' Noble Price said, 'I did not know it was loaded.'" He denied having made any statement that might be construed to mean that there was a conspiracy to kill her. Mrs. Julia Starling testified for the State as follows: "I got to Lawrence Price's house about 15 minutes after the shooting. When I got there Lawrence was sitting at the bedside holding his wife's hand. Said that Mrs. Price said when she came from the dining room she met Noble Price and offered to shake hands with him. He said 'don't bother me I am going to kill you,' and immediately fired. I staid with her all night and that Mrs. Price did not contend that she was shot on purpose." Clarence Perry, a brother of Mrs. Lawrence Price, testified to about the same as Mrs. Starling. Several witnesses were introduced but nothing else of importance was brought out. The state here rested its case. The defendants introduced Dr. J. B. Person who testified that both Lawrence and Noble Price seemed deeply grieved at the shooting. That Noble Price came for him and that Lawrence Price was doing all he could for her.

Noble Price one of the defendants testified as follows: "I did not shoot Mrs. Price on purpose. Lawrence and I were going hunting and went by Lawrence's house to get his gun. When we reached the house Will Collins was unloading wood. I went into the house. Effie (Mrs. Price) came in and offered one finger to me to shake hands, I said, 'I ain't going to shake hands with you that way. I got the pistol from the mantel and turned it over two or three times and thought it was not loaded. Lawrence called her and as she started by the pistol fired and she was shot. I do not remember pulling the trigger. There had been an old pistol laying around there and I thought this was the one. When I found that she was shot I ran for the doctor. It was a mile to the doctor's office. I did everything I could to aid her and bring relief to her.'" Lawrence Price the other defendant testified: "We had been married about seven months. Never had a cross word or quarrel with her, had nothing to do with the shooting, was in an adjoining room when I heard the pistol fire and heard her scream. I went in the room and saw her about to fall. I caught her and laid her on the bed. I said to Noble Price, 'you have killed her, go and get the doctor,' while he did, my wife told me he did not do it on purpose, that he did not know the pistol was loaded. I did everything I could for her. Stayed with her all the time till she died."

Though wild and impulsive one believes that Noble Price intentionally shot Mrs. Effie Price and but for startling rumors nothing would have been done about the unfortunate af-

fair. No one regrets the occurrence more than Noble Price thought it is too late now and it is hoped it will be a lesson that he will never forget.

Miss Jimmie Batten went to Clayton Tuesday.

Mr. D. H. Bagley, of Bagley, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Loomis Debnam went to Clayton and Wake county Sunday.

Mr. W. B. Anderson recently spent a few days at his old home near Wendell.

Mrs. T. T. Chandler, of Mullins, S. C., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Robert Ashworth.

Mr. Atlas Batten spent Sunday and Monday with our chief of police, Rufus Batten, Esq.

Mrs. W. W. Wynne has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. N. E. Edgerton.

Messrs. Jesse Hilliard and E. G. Richardson, of Clayton, spent Sunday with Hon. C. W. Richardson.

Mrs. Rozetta Vick has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Alice Martin, at Summerville, S. C.

Mr. L. W. Richardson and Mr. R. B. Whitley and mother spent Sunday with Mr. L. B. Richardson, of Kenly.

Mr. and Mrs. Fabius B. Whitley, of Clayton, spent Sunday with Mrs. Whitley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Hatcher.

Work is going on at a lively rate on the new brick store and warehouse of "The Wood Grocery Co." near the A. C. L. R. R.

Prof. M. C. S. Noble, of Chapel Hill, spent Wednesday night with his mother Mrs. M. A. Noble. Prof. Noble was on his way to Wilmington to spend Thanksgiving with his children.

Mr. M. C. Winston went to Richmond last Saturday returning on Tuesday with Mrs. Winston, little Miss Lizzie and master Avera who has been in the Virginia Hospital since August 17th, where he was operated on for appendicitis. We are glad to say that he is looking remarkably well after such a serious operation. The good wishes of all the people of our town have been with Mr. and Mrs. Winston and Avera during his sickness and are glad to welcome him home.

## Burglary at Benson.

Benson, N. C., Nov. 19.—The stores of Mr. Preston Woodall and of the Smith Millinery Supply Company were broken into by burglars last night and goods from both places taken. This morning a man coming down the railroad track brought with him some tags off Mr. Woodall's goods, saying he saw some parties presumably the burglars running through the woods. A telephone message was then sent to Dunn for blood-hounds. The latest report received here is that the thieves are surrounded in a swamp, and that ultimately their capture is certain.—News and Observer.

## Sad Accident at Dunn.

The town of Dunn was very much alarmed yesterday over an accident at Mr. William Altman's. His niece, Miss Ada, from Peacock's Cross Roads, was visiting at his house and assisting in renovating a room, when they came across a pistol, and in moving the pistol she accidentally shot and killed herself. She was about 14 years old and it seems no one can really tell how the affair occurred, as only a little girl was in the room with her.—Fayetteville Observer, 23rd.

## Doesn't Respect Old Age.

It's shameful when youth fails to show proper respect for old age, but just the contrary in the case of Dr. King's New Life Pills. They cut off maladies no matter how severe and irrespective of old age. Dyspepsia, Jaundice, Fever, Constipation all yield to this perfect Pill, 25c, at Hood Bros. Drug Store.

## KENLY NEWS.

Rev. R. H. Whitaker, of Raleigh, spent Monday here.

Mr. J. R. Sauls made a business trip to Princeton Tuesday.

Mr. Z. V. Snipes went to Richmond Monday to spend a few days.

Mr. A. H. Slocumb, of Fayetteville, made a business trip to our town Monday.

Mrs. Walter Fitzgerald, of Newport News, Va., spent several days here this week visiting relatives.

Messrs. C. B. Bailey and I. B. Gardner visited friends in and near Spring Hope Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. J. H. Sasser filled his regular appointment at the Free Will Baptist church here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. I. B. Gardner left for Spring Hope Wednesday to spend a few days with friends and relatives.

Mrs. J. S. Darden, of Falcon, who has been spending several days here with her sister, Mrs. R. A. Hales, returned home Monday.

We are glad to report that Miss Eva Darden, who was very sick for several days, is well and again at her post of duty in Mr. R. A. Hales' store.

Mr. J. T. Jones, who is the proprietor of the barber shop here, has recently installed two new up-to-date barber chairs, and is now prepared to do first-class work.

Quite a number came over from Smithfield Wednesday to attend the Fuller and Jones trial. But after some argument the case was declared out of the jurisdiction of the magistrate's court, and sent to the county court.

Mr. R. H. Fulghum, of Wilson, State A. R. C. of Jr. O. U. A. M. made a pleasant visit to friends here Tuesday and Tuesday night visited the Kenly Council of Jr. O. U. A. M., where he made a very interesting talk to the members.

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## Archer News.

Mr. Jas. P. Glover is preparing to have a new residence built on his farm near here.

Miss Ellie Whitley and Genoa Wall, of Clayton, spent a few days here last week.

Mr. N. B. Barnes has been having some work done on his residence recently.

Mr. Jas. M. Wall is having his house remodeled which will add greatly to the appearance of his place.

Mr. Robt. A. Wall, Secretary and Treasurer of the Clayton Oil Mill Company, was among us Sunday.

Little Miss Clell Allen Brannham, of Raleigh, is the guest of her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wall.

Elders Jones and Blance preached two very good sermons to a large and attentive audience at Salem Sunday.

White Oak Sunday School will have a Christmas tree some time during the Christmas holidays. Several contributions have already been made.

Mr. Jas. R. Barnes gave a fish fry to several of his friends last Saturday night. There were plenty of fish and every one went away praising the hospitality of our esteemed friend.

S. I. W.

## A Runaway Bicycle.

Terminated with an ugly cut on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. It developed a stubborn ulcer unyielding to doctors and remedies for four years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured. It's just as good for Burns, Scalds, Skin Eruptions and Piles. 25c, at Hood Bros. Drug Store.

## STATE NEWS NOTES.

### Items of Interest to North Carolinians Clipped and Culled from the State Papers.

Hunter Arnold, a Republican politician of Asheville and an inspector of rural mail routes, has been ousted from his position for writing an insulting letter to the wife of a negro minister in Asheville.

Neil Sellers and Dave Brown, colored, who some time ago outraged and killed a young married white woman in Bladen county, were hanged at Elizabethtown last week. Both men protested their innocence to the last.

E. F. Young, of Dunn, was tried in Lillington last week, charged with embezzling funds of the Bank of Dunn, and acquitted, completely exonerating him of any desire or attempt to defraud.

Governor Aycock has refused to pardon A. L. Bishop, now serving a sentence in the penitentiary for killing a Mr. Wilson in Charlotte more than a year ago.

The Eastern Carolina Conference of the Christian denomination which met near Jonesboro a few days ago, declared against the dispensary system, the use of cigarettes and the divorce evil.

The county of Buncombe and the State of North Carolina receives annually from George W. Vanderbilt a sum of money that to the average individual would seem a small-sized fortune. Mr. Vanderbilt's tax this year is something in the neighborhood of \$16,000.

Superintendent J. Y. Joyner has sent a letter to the County Superintendents of the State notifying them to the annual meeting of the State Association, which is to be held in Raleigh, in the House of Representatives, on Wednesday and Thursday, November 30 and December 1, 1904.

## McCullers-Beale.

Franklin, Va., Nov. 17.—The marriage of Mr. W. H. McCullers and Miss Nannie J. Beale was solemnized yesterday at 9:30 p. m., at the home of the bride. It was a quiet marriage and only a few of their friends were present. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Jas. I. Beale, a large peanut dealer of Franklin, Va. She is a beautiful young lady with a host of admirers. Mr. McCullers is a successful business man of Clayton, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. McCullers left on the 10:15 Seaboard Air Line for St. Louis to attend the World's Fair. Their home will be in Clayton, N. C. Rev. C. H. Rowland, pastor of the Christian church, officiated.—News and Observer.

## Stricken With Paralysis at Church.

While attending services at Antioch church last Sunday Mr. G. P. Snead, a prosperous farmer of Ingrams township, Johnston county, was stricken with paralysis and had to be taken from the church. This is his second stroke, and we learn that he is in a very critical condition. He is the father of Mr. G. F. Snead of this place.—Dunn Guide 22.

## Not a Sick Day Since.

"I was taken severely sick with kidney trouble. I tried all sorts of medicines, none of which relieved me. One day I saw an ad. of your Electric Bitters and determined to try that. After taking a few doses I felt relieved, and soon thereafter was entirely cured, and have not seen a sick day since. Neighbors of mine have been cured of Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Liver and Kidney troubles and General Debility." This is what B. F. Bass, of Fremont, N. C. writes. Only 50c at Hood Bros., Druggists.

## SUICIDE IN JOHNSTON.

### The Deed Accomplished With a Double-Barrelled Shot Gun.

Just before sun set Saturday evening the home of Mr. Lewis Massengill in Ingram's township, Johnston county, was a scene that startled the whole community. Jerry Stanley, a young man 23 years of age, employed by Mr. Massengill on the farm, committed suicide by shooting out his brains with a shot gun. The wife of Mr. Massengill was at the lot when she heard a gun fire inside the house and went to see what was the trouble. When she went into the room she saw young Stanley sitting up in a chair and the gun lying on a few feet away on the floor. She went and picked up the gun not knowing that Stanley was dead. She turned to him and found that his body was lifeless. He had removed one of his shoes in order to pull the trigger with his toe. Mrs. Massengill was at home alone, so we are informed, her husband and son being away at Benson. The alarm was given among the neighbors by Mrs. Massengill. Stanley lived near Four Oaks and it is said that he has never been considered very bright. No cause for the tragedy can be given.—Dunn Guide, 22.

## LOCAL NOTES.

—Miss Nellie Morgan, of Peace Institute, Raleigh, came home Saturday to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morgan. She will return to Peace today.

—Mr. Frank K. Broadhurst left yesterday morning for Richmond to see the Carolina-Virginia football game. From there he will go to Philadelphia to witness the Annapolis and West Point game.

—The Local Lodge Knights Pythias, will give its members and friends an Oyster Supper tonight in its Hall on third street. Every member is urged to be present. The Hall will be open from 8:30 to 11 P. M.

—Messrs. Walter Grantham, J. N. Cobb, L. G. Patterson, Jim Moore and Sidney Edwards went to Richmond yesterday to witness the game of football between the University of North Carolina and the University of Virginia.

—The meeting of the Knights of Pythias will be held in Red Springs next Tuesday night. Mr. N. M. Lawrence, Jr., of Neuse Lodge, No. 125, K. of P., is District Deputy Grand Chancellor. Several Pythians of Neuse Lodge are expecting to attend the district meeting.

—The Juvenile Aid Society of the Methodist church gave a very enjoyable oyster supper Friday night in the second floor of the building occupied by the Smithfield Furniture Company. The net proceeds were about \$15.00 and were given to the Raleigh Orphanage.

—Rev. N. E. Coltrane conducted Thanksgiving services at the Methodist church yesterday. An excellent sermon was preached from the text "Give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good. His mercy endureth forever." A collection amounting to \$15.00 was taken for the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh.

## Disastrous Wrecks.

Carelessness is responsible for many a railway wreck and the same causes are making human wrecks of sufferers from Throat and Lung troubles. But since the advent of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, even the worst cases can be cured, and hopeless resignation is no longer necessary. Mrs. Lois Cragg of Dorchester, Mass., is one of the many whose life was saved by Dr. King's New Discovery. This great remedy is guaranteed for all Throat and Lung diseases by Hood Bros., Druggists. Price 50c, and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

## BUSINESS LOCALS.

Oakland Heights (including 3 houses) will be sold at auction Thursday Dec. 1st, at 2 o'clock. We sold one man a part of this property about a year ago for \$300.00. Last week he refused \$1500.00 for the identical property. Read the chance we offer you in our advertisement in this issue.

Pou & Books, Attys.

Lot of nice trunks at reduced prices. Watson's.

## TO THE HOUSE KEEPER.

If you would have a cup of good coffee use my premium blend. My majestic or gilt edge flour makes the best bread. A full supply of good butter, citron and seedless raisins for the Christmas fruit cakes.

W. M. SANDERS.

Go to Watson's for good shoes.

Cotter-Underwood Co's for harness of all kinds, robes, whips, etc.

## CHRISTMAS GOODS.

We will have Christmas Goods of all kinds at J. A. Sanders store on Smithfield and Clayton road. They will be sold cheap. Call and see them.

J. J. WALLACE, Manager.

If you want to buy high grade furniture go to Cotter-Underwood Co.'s store for they do not handle culls and seconds of any thing.

Cotter-Underwood Co. is the best place in town to buy a nice rubber tire buggy at the right price.

## FOR SALE CHEAP.

I offer for sale cheap two or three farm mules. Can see the mules at my farm any time and can see me any Saturday morning.

J. A. SANDERS.

Clothing at cost. Watson's.

## STRAYED.

On Monday November 14th there strayed from my home a black dog with white ring around his neck, white breast and white streak in his face. The dog is medium size and hardly yet grown. I offer a reward to the person letting me know where to find him. W. H. Batton, Selma, N. C.

Red rust proof seed oats at Cotter-Underwood Co.

Big lot pants marked AWAY DOWN. Watson's.

For furniture Cotter-Underwood Co.'s place is headquarters.

Nice Dress Shoes for Gentlemen. Watson's.

If you want to buy anything from a tooth pick to a saw mill go to Cotter-Underwood Co.'s for they carry everything and sell at the right price.

Prices reduced on Hats. Watson's.

If you want a fine carriage for a low price see Cotter-Underwood Co.

## Gratis.

Some beautiful calendars and nice blotters free for the asking at Smithfield Hardware Co.'s store.

Another car of those fine buggies just arrived at Cotter-Underwood Co.'s this week.

\$1.00 shirts for 75 cents. Watson's.

If you want to buy a one or two horse wagon cheap don't fail to see Cotter-Underwood Co.

Big lot sample shoes at cost. Watson's.

Another car salt just received at Cotter-Underwood Co.