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## THE GIRL DROWNED HERSELF.

Verdict of Coroner's Jury in Case of Miss Minnie Waddell, of Wayne County.

Goldsboro, N. C., Aug. 21st.—Though there is much mystery surrounding the death of Miss Minnie Waddell, who was found dead in a marl hole, about four miles from Fremont, Coroner Stanley, who returned from the scene late yesterday evening reports the finding of the jury as follows: "That said Minnie Waddell, eighteen years of age, came to her death at her own hands by drowning."

As already stated, there is much mystery surrounding this sad affair. Miss Waddell had a good home, was loved by all who knew her and she had only to express a wish and it was granted by her now heart-broken parents.

Sunday afternoon Miss Waddell took her umbrella and said to her mother that she would go and visit Miss Holland, who lived a half mile up the road from her home. She left the road half way between her home and Miss Holland's, taking to the woods. She was tracked to a place where it appears that she lay down and not far from where her umbrella was found. The marl hole in which she was found dead, is surrounded by high weeds and grass. Some say they believe she fell in accidentally, and others hold to the belief that she drowned herself. There are many who still hold to the belief that she was murdered. They base their belief upon the fact that the water was not deep enough for her to drown in.

## General News Items.

A case of yellow fever has been discovered at New Iberia, La., 125 miles from New Orleans.

The Isthmian Canal Commission has invited bids to furnish 2,500 Chinese coolies to dig the Panama canal, prescribing almost prohibitive conditions.

Reports from Chihuahua, Mexico, state that as the result of the explosion of a car load of dynamite at that place last week, 12 men were killed and 20 injured.

The negro troops at Brownsville, Texas, have been ordered to a frontier post as a result of the recent shooting affray in which they killed one white man and wounded another.

Hon. Jos. G. Cannon, Speaker of the House of Congress, was Thursday renominated for Congress for the 18th consecutive time by the Republicans of the Danville (Ill.) district.

A report of the chief clerks of the two Houses of Congress shows the appropriations of the last session to have totaled \$879,589,185.16, an increase of \$59,404,550.20 over the previous year's budget.

The Democrats of Texas have nominated Thos. M. Campbell for Governor and it is of passing interest to state that if he is elected, which is a foregone conclusion, he will be the second Governor of Texas who is a native born. Texas has had many Governors but up to this time all save one had been born elsewhere.

## Plight of the Chileans.

Estimated loss in Valparaiso from \$250,000,000 to \$300,000,000; in Santiago and other places, \$10,000,000 to \$25,000,000.

Death list in seaport city of Chile may be 2,000; known killed now, 500; cable companies estimate total at 7,000.

More than 100,000 persons homeless and destitute. Grave danger of water famine and pestilence.

Sixty thousand or more refugees camping in the hills, with little food and no shelter.

Great fires destroying unharmed portion of Valparaiso, but are gradually dying out.

Martial law is in force; warships are rushing to aid stricken country.—Baltimore Sun, 21st.

## MR. BERRY GODWIN DEAD.

Oldest And Wealthiest Citizen of Lumberton Taken Off Suddenly.

Lumberton, N. C., Aug. 21.—Berry Godwin died this afternoon about six o'clock at his home here, aged nearly eighty years. Mr. Godwin was born in Johnston county, but came to Robeson more than a half century ago, and engaged in the turpentine business. He lived in Lumberton many years.

Besides being one of the best known citizens of the town, he was the wealthiest. He was probably worth \$200,000. During his life he spent much of his money to help worthy causes. He was a man with the strongest constitution. He went regularly to his place of business every morning and remained during the day.

There was a noticeable decline in Mr. Godwin's health several days ago. Saturday morning he went down street as usual, but was taken to his home, where he was unconscious the most of the time until his death this afternoon. His condition was thought by some to have been better this morning. One daughter, Mrs. Griffith, of Greensboro, and two grand children, Mrs. A. W. McLean and Mr. George French, of Lumberton, survive. The interment will take place here tomorrow.

## Death of Miss Flossie Morgan.

On the night of August 20, 1906, death came and took away Flossie Branham Morgan, the seventeen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Morgan. She had suffered about four weeks with typhoid fever.

Medical skill, anxious loving hearts, and willing hands had done all possible to stay the ravages of disease, but her work here was finished and God called her home.

Flossie, by her sweet and winning ways, had endeared herself to the hearts of all who knew her but especially so to the members of our Philathea class of which she was a member.

Her seat in our class is vacant and while our hearts are crushed and bleeding we know it was God who gave her to make earth the brighter, and now that He has taken her away, heaven is the dearer. The members of our class tender our sympathy to the bereaved family and relatives and direct them to our Heavenly Father who is always ready to comfort those who come to Him.

A precious one from us is gone.  
A voice we loved is stilled.  
A place is vacant in our class  
Which never can be filled.

## Class Reporter.

Selma, N. C., Aug. 22, 1906.

## Benson News Notes.

Mrs. Fulton Hall and sister, Miss Lillian Cox, of Goldsboro, are visiting relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stancil returned from a several days' visit to relatives in Wake county last Monday.

Miss Lettie Peacock, after spending several days here with relatives, returned to her home in Dunn Tuesday, accompanied by Miss Leola Smith.

Mr. D. J. Stewart, after spending some time here with his parents, left Tuesday, accompanied by Messrs. T. J. Stewart and N. L. Duncan for Pittsburg, Penn., where he will again resume his work.

Mr. J. H. Rose, cashier of the Bank of Benson, is spending this week with relatives in Lower Johnston. Mr. James Abell, of Smithfield, is relieving Mr. Rose from the bank while on his vacation.

## SOLO.

Aug. 23, 1906.

The aldermen of Statesville have retained the prohibitory tax of \$750 on druggists that sell whiskey and whiskey will not be sold in Statesville. The druggists themselves are against it.

## THE REVOLUTION IN CUBA.

Rebel Bands Are Springing Up in Various Parts of the Island—Pino Guerra Leading Insurgents.

The insurgents under Pino Guerra took the town of San Luis, nine miles southwest of Pinar del Rio, capturing 50 rural guards and menacing the capital of the province itself.

Another report says that Guerra was defeated on the Feo river, with a large number of killed and wounded.

Rebel bands are springing up in various other parts of the island.

Practically all the inhabitants of Aguacate have declared themselves in insurrection.

Among the latest accessions to the ranks of the rebels are Luis Perez, the last Liberal Governor of Pinar del Rio, and others not less prominent.

Shots were exchanged with insurgents on the outskirts of Havana.

Indictments were returned at Havana against 33 prominent men on charges of treason.

Recruiting for the Government forces goes on, but nearly all the additions to the ranks are boys, while the rebel forces are composed of veterans.

Outside of officials and commercial interests, there is no sympathy with the Administration.

The Government continues its policy of suppressing news.—Baltimore Sun, 23rd.

## IN AND AROUND PRINCETON.

Willie Perry Suggs is visiting his parents at Kinston.

Politics and cider waxeth warm on the streets at times.

John Stallings has a new boarder at his house. It's a boy.

P. H. Massey and children, of Clayton, are visiting his mother, Mrs. Farley.

Mr. A. K. Bernhouse, we are sorry to say, is confined to his room with fever.

J. R. Ledbetter has completed his up-to-date gin and is now ready for the cotton.

Iredell Talton was bitten by a hog on the arm so bad that he called Dr. Strachan in to sew up the wound.

Mrs. Pitman and daughter, of Goldsboro, after spending several days with her brother, W. C. Massey, have returned home.

Mr. John M. Grantham gave a stag picnic to a party of friends on his farm last Wednesday. An abundance to eat and all of the refreshments were needed.

Z. B. Warren and sister, Miss Pearl, arrived home last Tuesday from Texas. Zeb will go back in a few days. He has a good paying position in the oil business.

On Thursday evening, 16th, Miss Malissa Wellons entertained at a most enjoyable party at her home in honor of her attractive guests, Miss Irene Brown, of Clayton, and Miss Genettie Godwin, of Kenly. Miss Wellons' guests included several ladies besides those mentioned. Music and progressive games were enjoyed, interspersed with ice cream, etc. The following young men, Messrs. T. T. Wellons, Jack Mitchell and Leonard Smith, looked after the comforts of those present.

J. D. F.

Aug. 22, 1906.

## A Mystery Solved.

"How to keep off periodic attacks of biliousness and habitual constipation was a mystery that Dr. King's New Discovery solved for me," writes John N. Pleasant, of Magnolia, Ind. The only pills that are guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction to everybody or money refunded. Only 25c. at Hood Bros' drug store.

Mrs. Margaret Gibbey and her daughter, Sarah, were killed by a work train near Asheville Saturday afternoon while walking the track and rounding a curve.

## SENATOR SIMMONS TO SPEAK

At Smithfield Tuesday of Court Week. The Public Questions of the Day Will be Discussed.

Chairman F. H. Brooks has arranged to open the Democratic campaign in Johnston county with a speech by Senator F. M. Simmons, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, at Smithfield, Tuesday, September 11th, during the recess of court.

Senator Simmons is too well known to the people of Johnston for any words of introduction at our hands. For nearly ten years he has been the recognized leader of Democracy in the state. It was under his leadership that the state was saved from the rule of the Fusionists and placed in the Democratic column once more, and under his leadership this year the Democracy will roll up a magnificent victory.

Senator Simmons is an able speaker and will be able to explain to the people the questions which they are most interested in. Let all who are interested in the great questions before our people be in Smithfield on Tuesday of court and hear the issues discussed.

## Sudden Death of Head of School for Girls.

Informed of her sudden death by telegram from Smithfield, N. C., Thursday night, friends of Miss Lucetia M. Phelps, founder and head of the Phelps Collegiate School for Girls, Broad and Fourth streets, anxiously awaited further news yesterday.

The message had caused the greatest surprise. Two weeks ago Miss Phelps left Columbus in apparent perfect health for Smithfield, N. C., for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Webb, and with the view of bringing her sister back with her this week. She had not complained of being ill at any time during the summer, so far as can be learned, and she was not affected with any serious ailment.

No word was received from her until the message came Thursday night to Professor D. H. McKinley, one of the instructors, announcing her death. It said: "Miss Phelps died suddenly this afternoon; will write." Yet no further word has been received.

Miss Phelps came here from Cleveland, where she was principal of Cleveland School for Girls in 1884, and organized School for Girls on the old Gwynne estate in East Broad street, where it has remained ever since.

Miss Bertha H. Hall, of Florida, and Miss Katherine Preston, of Ipswich, N. H., have been associated with her, neither however, is in the city.

The Phelps School has graduated more than three hundred students and many of the best known women in Columbus are among its Alumnae. It has a reputation throughout the State and country. The students comprise both day pupils and boarding pupils.

The regular seminary course is taught in addition to the training school for the younger pupils. There is a corps of fifteen teachers and an average enrollment of about one hundred.

There is some question as to whether the school will be continued in view of the death of Miss Phelps. Its future will be decided by Misses Hall and Preston.—Ohio State Journal.

## The End of the World

of troubles that robbed E. H. Wolfe, of Bear Grove, Ia., of all usefulness, came when he began taking Electric Bitters. He writes: "Two years ago Kidney trouble caused me great suffering, which I would never have survived had I not taken Electric Bitters. They also cured me of General Debility." Sure cure for all Stomach, Liver and Kidney complaints, Blood diseases, Headache, Dizziness and Weakness or bodily decline. Price 50c. Guaranteed by Hood Bros' drug store.

## DEMOCRATIC JOHNSTON.

The Outlook is for a Democratic Gain of Five Hundred This Year.

"The Democrats are going to wage an earnest aggressive campaign in Johnston county, this year," said Mr. F. H. Brooks, the new Democratic chairman, who was in Raleigh on business. "The Republicans think they will make gains because of temperance matters, but they will be mistaken. The Democratic majority two years ago was about 1,000. It will exceed 1,500 in November. We have nominated a strong ticket, the differences about temperance, legislation have been happily settled, and you will find the untarnished in Johnston giving a rousing big majority in November."—News and Observer.

## FROM CLAYTON AND VICINITY.

Mr. Clyde Thaxton, of Durham, spent Sunday here with friends.

Miss Jennie Ferrell, of Tarboro, is visiting her sister, Mrs. P. M. White.

Mrs. — Gore, of Tallahassee, Fla., is the guest of Mrs. W. A. Barnes.

Miss Ethel Bowden, of Louisville, is visiting Miss Jessamine Yelvington.

Miss Eva Yelvington is spending this week with Miss Jessamine Yelvington.

Hon. Ashley Horne is away on a business trip to New Bern and other Eastern points.

Mrs. N. B. Hales has returned from a visit to her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. T. Jones.

We are glad to note that Mr. Vassie Jordan is improving, after a very severe attack of fever.

Yelir spent Sunday and Monday in Durham and heard two fine sermons by Dr. John E. White.

Messrs. J. C. Wallace, C. B. Turley, and A. D. Creech went on the excursion to Wrightsville last week.

Mr. Lindon Durham, who is now at work at East Durham, for the Southern Railway, spent Wednesday at home.

Miss Jennie Beddingfield has just returned from a visit to Tarboro, accompanied by Miss Mary Pierce, of Youngsville.

Misses Swannanoa Horne and Carlotta Barbour are attending a house party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Johns at Auburn.

Misses Roxie and Alma Easom, two of Smithfield's charming young ladies, spent the past week, the guests of Miss Lucile Ellington.

Mr. James B. Blades, of New Bern, will soon have erected a handsome residence here. The work will be under the supervision of Mr. Frank L. Jones.

Mrs. Etta V. Johnson has purchased the millinery stock of Messrs. Hilliard & Richardson and moved her stock to the store formerly occupied by them.

Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Blanchard are expected home Friday. Quite a delightfully arranged reception will be tendered them by the lady members of the Baptist Church.

Our Rural Free Delivery carriers are taking their vacation now, and are mighty glad to get the opportunity. Neither one of the carriers from this place has lost any time scarcely since the routes were established.

Miss Lucile Ellington gave a party to a number of friends at her home on Tuesday evening, in honor of her guests, Misses Roxie and Alma Easom. A very attractive feature of the evening's entertainment was a guessing contest in which Misses Mattie Guiley and Mabel Gower won the prizes. Mr. Marvin Wray won the "booby."

Aug. 22nd.

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200 dozen fruit jars, all kinds. Cotter-Stevens Co.

## PARKER-FITZGERALD.

Beautiful Home Wedding Solemnized Near Pine Level Wednesday Evening.

A lovely home wedding took place Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. Gibson Fitzgerald, near Pine Level, when Mr. Jesse Edgar Parker, of Selma, and Miss Annie Ophelia Fitzgerald were united in marriage by Rev. J. H. Worley, of Pine Level.

The parlor and hall were beautifully and artistically decorated with plants and flowers. To the strains of the beautiful wedding march by Mendelssohn rendered by Miss Minnie Parker, sister of the groom, the young couple entered the parlor, where in a most impressive manner Rev. J. H. Worley pronounced them man and wife. Miss Pearl Aycock was maid of honor and Mr. Herbert Fitzgerald best man.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. Gibson Fitzgerald, and highly esteemed by all who know her. Mr. Parker is an excellent young man, now engaged in the Rural Free Delivery service, worthy of success in winning this gifted young woman. Many handsome and tasteful gifts showed the high esteem of the young couple.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Parker, accompanied by the bridal party, drove to the home of the groom where an elegant reception was tendered them.

There were present many visitors from out of town, among them being: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fitzgerald, of Dover, N. C.; Mr. Z. V. Fitzgerald, of Raleigh; Mr. A. E. Fitzgerald, of Norfolk, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Pate, of Goldsboro; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Temple, of Raleigh; Miss Rosa Steele, of Raleigh; Miss Florence Fitzgerald, and Miss Plumer Owens, of Durham.

## SELMA ITEMS.

Mr. John W. Seeley was in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Richardson have returned from a visit to Wake.

Miss Ruby Richardson and Mrs. Jesse Hood are visiting relatives in Durham.

Mr. W. D. Anderson is spending this week in Wake County with his parents.

Messrs. Alonzo Richardson and George W. Evans went to Clayton Wednesday.

Mr. Melvin Nowell was here this week to see his brother, Robert Millard Nowell.

Mrs. C. W. Richardson and little ones are with relatives in Wake County this week.

Rev. N. R. Richardson spent Tuesday night with his brother, Robert E. Richardson, Esq.

Miss Mamie Stone and Mrs. Susie Matthews, of Greensboro, are visiting Mrs. W. H. Etheredge.

Mrs. Nick Allen, Jr., and Mrs. Dr. Griffin, of Clayton, who have been visiting Mrs. L. D. Debnam, left for their homes this morning.

Mrs. S. C. Waddell left this morning for Louisville to visit her grand-daughter, Mrs. E. S. Ford, and her great grand-children.

Selma, Aug. 23rd. SENEX.

## Galveston's Sea Wall

makes life now as safe in that city as in the higher uplands. E. W. Goodloe, who resides on Dutton Street, in Waco, Texas, needs no sea wall for safety. He writes: "I have used Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption the past five years and it keeps me well and safe. Before that time I had a cough which for years had been growing worse. Now it's gone." Cures chronic Coughs, La Grippe, Croup, Whooping Cough and prevents Pneumonia. Pleasant to take. Every bottle guaranteed at Hood Bros' drug store. Price 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.