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NO. 3.

Killed His Brother-in-Law.

Selma, N. C., March 18.—Sunday afternoon about 3 o'clock Richard Cook, a married man, about 22 years old, shot and almost instantly killed his brother-in-law, Gray Roberts, a single man about 17 years old at the home of the former. There having been no eye witness to the crime except the two parties, it is hard to get definite details, but it is said that Cook, who is a drinking man, had habitually mistreated his wife and her brother, Gray Roberts, having heard of these occurrences several times, told Cook that the next time he mistreated his (Roberts') sister, he would whip him. Sunday morning, Roberts, with two other young men, drove to Wilson's Mills, a small railroad village eight miles away, where it is said they got some whiskey. They returned toward home in the afternoon, and when they were within one hundred yards of the Cook home, they came upon Mrs. Cook and her mother standing in the road, the former crying. Roberts jumped from the buggy and asked his sister what was the matter and she said her husband was at the house drunk and had run her away. Roberts said "I told him the next time he mistreated you I would whip him, and now I am going to do it, if it costs me a lawsuit in hell."

From there Roberts went straight to the home of Cook and when he was near the door, Cook, who was standing in the door, told him not to come in and Roberts said, "I will come in, and I am going to whip hell out of you when I get in."

Cook then reached behind the door and got a shot gun and told him not to come in, but Roberts kept on advancing slowly until he was in reach, when he grabbed the gun with his left hand and struck Cook two or three times with his right. Then they began to struggle for possession of the gun and in the struggle Cook says he kept shoving Roberts backward with the muzzle of the gun against his (Roberts') stomach and in this way the gun was fired, boring a large hole through Roberts' stomach. Roberts died within two hours.

Cook was arrested last night and placed in jail in Smithfield awaiting the action of the Superior Court.—News & Observer.

This murder occurred in a house on the road about three hundred yards south of the old Watson mill place on Buffalo Creek five miles from Selma. The young man who was murdered was Charles Graham Roberts, Jr., a son of Mr. C. G. Roberts who formerly lived at Selma. Richard Cook is a son of Mr. Jim Cook, a notorious drunkard, who has lived in that section most of the time for the past few years.

Electric Lights For Smithfield.

A special meeting of the town Commissioners and a mass meeting of the citizens of the town has been called by the Mayor for Monday night next in the Town Hall. An application for a franchise has been made by the Smithfield Electric Company, composed of Messrs. W. M. Sanders, W. H. Austin, S. S. Holt and others. The purpose of the meeting of the Commissioners is to pass upon this matter.

Since it is a matter of great importance to the public, the citizens of the town are asked to meet with the Board. Remember the date, Monday night, eight o'clock in Town Hall.

Hostler Heir To \$100,000.

Atlantic City, March 17.—Charles Clegg, an Atlantic City hostler, was informed to-day that he had fallen heir to a fortune of \$100,000 or more by the death of his father in England. A law firm of England asked the police department to find Clegg. Clegg promptly quit work and prepared to go to England.

General News Items.

Ninety-seven miners were killed in two German colliery disasters Saturday.

The Porto Rican House has adopted a resolution demanding self-government.

In a will case in New York the disposal of \$600,000 depended upon a single word.

The Milliners' Union of Chicago demands that Easter hats must bear the union label.

Fire caused a damage of \$1,000,000 in the Finsbury district of London Saturday.

It is reported that the Southern Pacific Railroad will spend \$53,000,000 in building new lines.

The Thaw trial, it is estimated, will cost the defense a quarter of a million and the State \$100,000.

Eleven miners are said to have been killed by an explosion in a Wise county (Virginia) mine last week.

Eight persons were drowned in flooded streets at Wheeling while fleeing from fire last Saturday.

Mrs. John C. Gates, of Washington City, has sued for a divorce from her husband. They have 13 children.

James A. Strother was suggested as a candidate for Congress at a banquet in Welch, Va., Saturday night.

President Roosevelt has appointed a commission to present a national plan for the improvement of inland waterways.

Rear-Admiral Benjamin F. Tilley is mentioned as the probable successor of Admiral Sands as head of the Naval Academy.

A West Virginia jury has given a widow \$5,500 verdict against a saloonkeeper whose liquor, it was alleged, contributed to her husband's death.

Government reports indicate that Maryland farmers still have on hand 47 per cent. of their corn crop, 27 per cent. of wheat and 35 per cent. of oats.

Two negroes were lynched in Louisiana Friday for murdering and robbing two Italians, one of the negroes having also confessed to entering a girl's room.

President Roosevelt is believed to have made an alliance with the Denen faction in Illinois, that will increase his chances of control of the next national convention.

Helicon Hall, the home of Upton Sinclair's co-operative colony on Long Island, was burned Saturday, one man being killed and ten persons sustaining more or less serious injuries.

Two score people are believed to have lost their lives as the result of the Pennsylvania flood last week and the property damage in Western Pennsylvania alone is estimated at \$15,000,000.

Pneumonia's Victims.

On Wednesday of last week Mr. Vester Eason, a son of Mr. Kerney Eason, of Oneals township, died of pneumonia after one week's sickness. He was buried at their former home near Selma on Thursday. He leaves a wife and one child.

Mrs. Bettie Johnson, wife of Mr. P. P. Johnson, living four miles west of here, died on Thursday of last week after nine days' illness from pneumonia. Her remains were interred Friday in the family cemetery. She was a daughter of Mr. James H. Kennedy and leaves a husband and one child.

Worked Like a Charm.

Dr. D. N. Walker, editor of that spicy journal, the Enterprise, Louisa, Va., says: "I ran a nail in my foot last week and at once applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve. No inflammation followed; the salve simply healed the wound." Heals every sore, burn and skin disease. Guaranteed at Hood Bros. Druggists. 25c.

Kenly News Notes.

Mr. Albert Hooks went to Lucama Tuesday on business.

Mrs. H. F. Edgerton is visiting relatives in Smithfield this week.

Mrs. Rosa Jones, after spending several days here, returned home Monday.

Messrs. J. T. and W. H. Edgerton spent Wednesday afternoon in the Princeton section.

Misses Pope, Godwin and Sasser, of Pinkney, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Pope this week.

Eld. J. H. Worley filled his regular appointment at the Free Will Baptist church Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. J. T. Howell, of Fayetteville, has been spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Howell.

There was quite a crowd gathered on Main Street today to listen at the preaching and singing of the Salvation Army.

Mr. D. B. Sasser left Wednesday for Norfolk where he will spend a few days attending the North Carolina Pine Association.

Messrs. George and James Dickinson, of near Spring Hope, spent Saturday night and Sunday with their sister, Mrs. D. B. Sasser.

Messrs. Edgar Dickinson and Leroy Whitley spent last Sunday evening and part of Sunday night in Lucama, calling on their friends.

We are very sorry to report that Mrs. Turner Bailey is very sick. Also little Lois Hollowell is sick with pneumonia. Their many friends wish to see them out again soon.

Mrs. S. F. Hooks and daughter Ora, have returned from Baltimore, where they went last week to purchase their Spring millinery. They brought back many beautiful hats, a part of which are now ready to sell.

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Kenly, March 20th.

Beasley Bits.

Mr. Oscar Taylor, of Mt. Olive, was a visitor in our village Saturday.

Rev. Mr. Strickland filled his regular appointment at St. John Sunday.

Messrs. S. W. Lassiter, N. Cole, and B. W. Beasley spent Sunday near Newton Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Chestnut, of Dobbersville, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Creel last week.

Mrs. J. M. Beasley is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. D. Stephenson, near Raleigh.

Miss Iona Britt, who has been off teaching, has returned home. We are pleased to have her back again.

We are sorry to note that Miss Emma Flowers remains very sick. She has been suffering with a case of diphtheria.

Miss Lizzie Thornton, who has been teaching near Pikeville, was the guest of Miss Alma Beasley last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. J. M. Beasley returned from a short visit to McCullers Station last Saturday, accompanied by Master David Stephenson who will spend some time here.

On Wednesday evening, March 13th, Mr. Willie Britt and Miss Clyda Westbrook were married at the home of the bride's father, Mr. E. T. Westbrook. The ceremony was performed by Rev. N. H. Guyton, of Newton Grove. We wish them much happiness.

COUNTRY BOY.

Beasley, March 18th.

Found At Last.

J. A. Harmon, of Lizemore, West Va., says: "At last I have found the perfect pill that never disappoints me; and for the benefit of others afflicted with torpid liver and chronic constipation, will say: take Dr. King's New Life Pills." Guaranteed satisfactory. 25c. at Hood Bros. Druggists.

Archer Items.

Miss Dora Davis, of Wilson county, is visiting Mrs. F. L. Nichols this week.

The school at Earp's school house, taught by Miss Ida Castleberry, closes tonight with a nice program.

We regret to learn of the serious illness of little Miss Kiva Lou Batton. We trust she may soon recover.

Mr. Robt. A. Wall, secretary and treasurer of the Clayton Oil Mill, and Mr. Joe Hinnant were here Sunday.

Elder J. A. Monsees will preach at Salem Primitive Baptist church on Friday, April 5, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Misses Genora Wall, Ellie Whitley and Ora Smith, of Clayton, came Sunday to visit Miss Wall's mother who is sick.

The Civil Service examination for the applications for carrier's position on Route No. 2, Archer, will be held next Saturday at Smithfield.

Mr. Clarence Liles, while hauling logs last Friday, was badly hurt by a log rolling against his leg and catching it against another log.

Mr. Arkie Thomson and Miss Minnie Whitley were married at the home of the bride last Monday morning. May sunshine and joy be theirs.

The singing school at White Oak, conducted by Prof. W. A. Newton, is a decided success. Prof. Newton is one of the best singers in our part of the State.

Mrs. John I. Barnes, of Clayton, and Mrs. John R. Woodard, of Micro, arrived Saturday to attend their mother, Mrs. J. R. Wall. We are informed that Mrs. Wall is thought to be improving.

The school at Barnes school house, taught by Miss Emma Castleberry, closed a very successful term last Friday night. An excellent program had been prepared consisting of songs, recitations, declamations, drills, etc. The exercises were gone through with in a manner which showed that both teacher and pupils had been hard at work. Several pieces deserve special mention but lack of space forbids it here. Last but by no means least, was an address by Prof. J. R. Williams, of Clayton.

March 19, 1907. S. L. W.

School Close in Boon Hill.

The public school in District No. 2, Boon Hill township, taught by Mr. E. F. Pearce, closed on Saturday, March 9th, with appropriate exercises.

One interesting feature of the program was the discussion by the debating society of the query:

"Resolved, That we should have a four months compulsory system of education between the ages of six and twelve." The judges rendered their decision in favor of the affirmative.

When the noon hour arrived, the patrons of the school came together and spread a nice dinner to their teacher and friends. After dinner was over, the exercises of the afternoon began, which consisted of songs, recitations and declamations. These were all rendered in a very creditable manner, evidencing the excellent training the pupils had received at the hands of their teacher. The music for the occasion was furnished by the Pearce & Tyner String Band. The exhibition was one of the best ever given in the history of the school. A large crowd was present and enjoyed the entire exercises.

Mr. Pearce is an excellent teacher and has proven entirely satisfactory in every respect. The patrons of the school will be glad to have him teach our next term.

S. A. PITTMAN,
Chairman Committee.

Kokomo means strength. Buy Kokomo Fence. Cotter-Stevens Co.

Clayton News.

Sheriff Nowell was here for a short time Monday.

Our sick folks are all improving and it's quite a relief to this report.

Mallie Todd, of Wendell, is here studying banking so as to take a position with the Zebulon bank.

Mr. R. C. Pool, of Benson, spent several days here recently visiting relatives and friends in this section.

Mrs. Dewey Hicks and little daughter are the guests of Mrs. John Robertson, Mrs. Hick's mother.

Mr. W. I. Whitley left Monday for Baltimore and New York to buy spring goods for Messrs. Ashley Horne & Son.

The show given by the Goble Company on Saturday night had a good attendance. Whether it was good, bad, or indifferent no one seems willing to tell.

Mr. Donald Gulley, a young lawyer of Wake Forest, has opened a law office here. He is located on the second floor of Messrs. J. G. Barbour & Sons' Store.

Look out for the announcements of the millinery openings. Both shops are well stocked with the delightful creations in head wear for the Easter and Spring trade.

Among the visitors here Sunday, were Mrs. Jake Parker, Mrs. Claude Hinnna Messrs. Clyde Thaxton, Charles Gulley, Bill Norwood, I. S. Bagwell, and Miss Wood.

On Easter Monday night at the Academy, there will be given a concert. It will consist of a play, entitled "A Case of Suspicion", splendid musical selections, choice readings, recitations and other pleasant things. It will be given by the elocution and music departments of Clayton High School, and promises to be a high class concert. The prices for admission are 25 cents and 15 cents.

Mr. A. J. Barbour, President of the Liberty Cotton Mill, secured about ten thousand dollars in subscriptions for the new mill while in Baltimore recently. Although taxed with his individual affairs, President Barbour had time to hit a hard lick in the interest of the mill. Such officers as Clayton's industries have, are sure to have success, because whatever they are interested in they push to a finish. When Clayton's business men stop pushing there's nothing to push.

It is rumored that there is to be a change in town officers at this election. How far true the rumor is we are not prepared to say, but this we can say, and in saying so we have the endorsement of the entire town, the present officers of Clayton have given us a good government, have done all in their power for the up-buildings of the town, and although like other human beings, they have made mistakes, we are confident that what they have done has been conscientiously done, and done for what they thought to be in the best interest of the town. Further, if the citizens of Clayton desire a change of officers, there's not a member of the present administration who would not gladly submit, without kick, to the wishes of the people.

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How to Remain Young.

To continue young in health and strength, do as Mrs. N. F. Rowan, McDonough, Ga., did. She says: "Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured me of chronic liver and stomach trouble, complicated with such an unhealthy condition of the blood that my skin turned red as flannel. I am now practically 20 years younger than before I took Electric Bitters. I can now do all my work with ease and assist in my husband's store." Guaranteed at Hood Bros. Drug Store Price 50c.

Hammar, Hammar, means paint. 1000 gals. just received. Cotter-Stevens Co.

Polenta News.

Mrs. Lou coats continues quite sick. Her friends hope for her recovery.

Miss Addie Barber has returned home from a visit to relatives in Benson.

Prof. Canaday, of Smithfield, was in our settlement Monday, looking after the school interest.

There will be preaching at Oakland next Sunday morning and afternoon by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Souders.

Rev. Mr. Hudson filled his regular appointment at Shiloh last Sunday morning, and preached an excellent and instructive sermon.

Mr. J. W. Yelvington is making improvements on his residence, adding several rooms to it. It will be a pretty place when completed.

Several days ago during the sleet, Mrs. Amos Coats, whilst out on the slippery ground, slipped and fell, breaking her leg. We are glad to report that she is doing well and after a few days will be able to be up and out again.

Rev. Mr. Starling, who is on the Clayton circuit this year, is spoken of in the highest terms. The sermons preached to his congregations so far have been of the first order, and have created a favorable impression, not only on his membership, but all are delighted with him.

Our farmers are forging ahead in preparing for this year's crop. Most of them are pretty well up with their work. The tobacco acreage will be somewhat increased. Other grain crops will be larger. Our people are beginning to realize that if they would succeed they must make home supplies.

The Township Sunday School Convention will be held with Oakland Church on the fifth Sunday of this month, beginning at 10 A. M., and lasting through the day. Prominent Sunday School speakers have been invited, and are expected to be present and address the Convention. All cordially invited.

It is rumored that the Tanglewood Dramatic Club will entertain Clayton people, with their play, "Three Glasses a Day", Friday night of this week. This club is composed entirely of home talent, plays well, and deserves encouragement. Wherever this play has been presented, the audience has been delighted.

On Wednesday evening last Mr. Geo. H. Barber was taken with a chill, and rapidly grew worse, expiring early Thursday morning. Mr. Barber had virtually been an invalid for several years, suffering with dropsy, and whilst it was known he could not live long, his death came suddenly, and was somewhat of a shock to his relatives and friends. Mr. Barber had lived amongst us during his entire life and was one of our most worthy citizens. He leaves a mother, several sisters and brothers, and a host of friends to mourn his demise. His remains were laid to rest in the family cemetery Thursday afternoon, a large concourse of friends being present to pay tribute to the departed. The entire community deeply sympathize with the bereaved.

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Saved Her Son's Life.

The happiest mother in the little town of Ava, Mo., is Mrs. S. Ruppee. She writes: "One year ago my son was down with such serious lung trouble that our physician was unable to help him; when, by our druggist's advice I began giving him Dr. King's New Discovery, and I soon noticed improvement. I kept this treatment up for a few weeks when he was perfectly well. He has worked steadily since at carpenter work. Dr. King's New Discovery saved his life." Guaranteed best cough and cold cure by Hood Bros. Druggists. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.