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SELMA'S BUDGET OF NEWS.

Young Negro Killed Saturday Night—
Effects of Pine Level Dispensary—
Tablet Placed in New Baptist
Church—Personal and Local
Notes of Busy Public.

Selma, N. C., October 3.—Last Saturday night a negro named Henry Armstrong ran into Mr. John W. Liles' store and asked him to call Dr. Person, that he was stabbed, and, then sat down on the steps and died before anyone could help him.

It was not known who murdered him then. Everything was a mystery. Sunday morning when he was searched a letter was found on him from Mattie Snow, a colored girl. Our Chief of Police then went to work and by a nice piece of detective work, soon landed three negroes, Bud Tilman, Hubert Jones, and Lula Jones. The Coroner, Dr. A. H. Rose, was sent for and empaneled a jury composed of W. A. Green, M. F. Nordan, W. H. Hare, C. W. Richardson, Thad H. Whitley and J. D. Jeffreys who after hearing the evidence returned the following verdict: "That Henry Armstrong came to his death by the hands of Lula Jones, Hubert Jones and Bud Tilman, by a wound made by a knife or some sharp instrument in the left breast." The Coroner then ordered the prisoners committed to the county jail without bail and delivered them to Sheriff Nowell who took them to jail. All are young negroes, and married. Lula Jones is the wife of Major Jones. After the verdict of the jury, Bud Tilman said "Hubert Jones gave Lula Jones the knife to stab him, and if I had not been afraid I would have told the truth about it." All the negroes were full of whiskey.

The effects of the dispensary at Pine Level are beginning to be felt here. Since the opening of it two men have spent the night in the guard house here. One while in it was very profane and vulgar—one man has lost his position—and he was a good workman when sober. One man has been murdered and one woman and two men are now confined in the county jail, without the privilege of bail, charged murder, and, all because the privilege of buying whiskey was given them. This is but the beginning. Keep a lookout for more trouble.

Last Sunday a tablet was placed in the new Baptist Church. It was feared by all that the rain would prevent the ceremonies as rain was falling steadily till 8:00 o'clock; then the wind shifted and the clouds opened and by 11:00 o'clock was as nice a day as any could wish for. After services at the old church the crowd gathered at the new church where prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Horrell, then the tablet was placed in position by Rev. Mr. Mangum and Rev. Mr. Blanchard. Short talks were made by Mr. L. H. Allred, representing the town, and Rev. F. A. Bishop, the Methodist church. A prayer was made by Rev. Mr. Blanchard, after which the congregation was dismissed by Rev. O. R. Mangum, the Pastor.

Mr. Joe Eason, of Oneal's township, has accepted a position with the Selma Mercantile Co.

Miss Mary Bowers has returned to Selma and will have charge of the millinery department of Mrs. A. Jones' store.

Mr. Isaac T. Wood left Tuesday morning for Baltimore.

Mr. A. V. Driver is building a two story brick store on Anderson street.

Mr. Eugene G. Richardson, of Raleigh, arrived in our town Tuesday. He will be with the M. C. Winston Co. until January first, when he, with Sheriff Nowell, will begin business as Richardson & Nowell. We are glad to have him in our town.

Mrs. G. A. Tuck returned Monday from a visit to relations and friends in Norfolk.

Mrs. W. H. Etheredge and Miss Mamie Richardson spent Wednesday in Smithfield.

The Johnston County Medical Society met in regular monthly

meeting in Selma last Tuesday. Those present were Drs. J. C. Grady, of Kenly; B. A. Hocutt, of Clayton; L. D. Wharton, Theil Hooks and A. H. Rose, of Smithfield; and R. J. Noble, J. B. Person and G. D. Vick, of Selma. Dr. H. A. Royster, of Raleigh, was present by special invitation and made a splendid talk. It was decided to hold their next meeting in Selma on the 1st Tuesday in November.

Dr. R. J. Noble went to Raleigh Wednesday to see what progress was being made on the building of the Masonic Temple. He is one of the building committee. The building will be ninety feet from the pavement to the roof and the walls are just forty-five feet from the pavement. It certainly looks to be a strong building and one that the Masons of the State will be proud of. The corner stone will be laid by the Grand Lodge on Wednesday, October 15th, at noon. It is expected that five thousand Masons will be present. The Royal Arch Masons, Knights Templars and Shriners will be in full regalia.

Miss Nora Owens, of Durham, is visiting Mrs. Lillie L. Liles.

Sunday School Convention at Mt. Zion.

To the Editor:

Will you kindly allow me a little space in your paper to call attention to the Sunday School Convention which convenes at Mt. Zion Church on Sunday, October 6th? We are planning for an interesting session and expect to have some good speakers from a distance, as well as good music. It will be an all day session; dinner will be served on the ground. This convention is composed of all the Sunday Schools of Cleveland township and all of them are live, wide-awake schools, and I take this opportunity to extend an invitation to every Sunday School in the county to visit us, and any delegate they send will be given the rights to the floor to join with us in debate or to make a speech if they will report their names and school to the secretary. I hope soon to see the whole county organized and given a new impetus in the work of training the young in the knowledge of the Book of Books.

A. D. TAYLOR.

Oct. 1st, 1907.

Child Burned to Death.

Little Manassa Hinton, infant son of Alonzo Ennis, was burned to death September 25th. Mrs. Ennis was preparing to do some scouring and left her tub of hot water near the door while she went to attend to her dinner. The baby with the rest of the children were playing near the tub when he accidentally fell backwards into it. A physician was summoned at once but to no avail. The child died three hours after the accident.

While the bereaved ones have our deepest sympathy we hope they will strive to meet little Nassa up yonder in that land of cloudless day, where we will have no heart aches nor regrets. Little Nassa was a bright, sweet child, 19 months and 11 days old. We know that he is gone to Heaven and mother and father, "Let Him that doeth all things well" comfort your sorrowing hearts and make you feel that Heaven is nearer.

Benson, N. C. Mrs. R. B. B.

A Serious Mistake to Change.

The people of the Fourth Congressional District are not yet busying themselves with political matters, but when they begin to bestir themselves on the question of a Congressman, they will follow their own convictions and will re-nominate and elect Hon. Edward W. Pou, whose past record is the equal of any man who has represented any district in North Carolina, the charges of some of his opponents to the contrary notwithstanding. It would be a serious mistake for this District to retire Mr. Pou, who is now even better qualified to add a new lustre to his past splendid record as the capable aggressive Congressman from the Fourth Congressional District. Nashville Graphic, Sept. 26.

STATEMENT OF MR. J. C. DREWRY

He Tells All About The \$6,000 Received From the Southern Railway For Advertising.

There has been a good deal said in the papers for the past few days concerning the Raleigh Times and Senator J. C. Drewry and the \$6,000 paid them by the Southern Railway for advertising. Last Saturday Senator Drewry published a statement in the Raleigh Times which follows. We offer no comment. The explanation is its own comment.

About the year 1899 I purchased an interest in the Visitor-Press Company, and associated with me in the management of the paper Mr. John Wilber Jenkins. Since that time I have had an ambition to publish an ideal afternoon daily paper in the city of Raleigh, believing that it would add much to the welfare and prosperity of this city and to the business interests of our state. The paper, by pursuing a fair, conservative and independent course, has gradually grown, until it has become one of the largest and best afternoon daily papers in the south.

In the early fall of 1905 I approached Colonel Andrews and asked him how he would like to see a large afternoon paper in this city, taking the full Associated Press dispatches. He said he would like very much to see it, as the morning paper had a personal animosity against the Southern Railway Company and himself, and had never treated either fairly, and that he would like to see a good and impartial paper in Raleigh that would tell the truth.

I asked him what he would do toward the enterprise. He said he would not take any stock, but would give us advertising to the extent of a few thousand dollars upon the Times publishing the schedules, special notices, and such clippings from other papers as he might designate, the editorial department to be left entirely with the Editor.

Arrangements were then made to enlarge the Times and take the full Associated Press dispatches, all of these arrangements being perfected before I had an idea of being a candidate for the State Senate.

In April of the following year Colonel Andrews gave me a Southern Railway Voucher for \$2,000, payable to me as president of the Visitor-Press Company. I turned this voucher over to Mr. Geo. B. Crater, business manager of the Times, and it was deposited to the credit of the Raleigh Evening Times, in the Citizens National Bank on April 5th.

In August following Colonel Andrews gave me another voucher for \$2,000, payable to me as president of the Raleigh Evening Times, which voucher was also turned over to Mr. Geo. B. Crater, business manager of the Times, which voucher was deposited in the Citizens National Bank to the credit of the Raleigh Evening Times on August 8th. These entries are all shown on the books of the Raleigh Evening Times and the Citizens National Bank.

In the latter part of January following, Colonel Andrews gave me another voucher for \$2,000, payable to the Times for advertising, which was placed in the Citizens National Bank.

However, after thinking over the matter, a few hours afterwards, I realized that as State Senator from Wake county I might be criticised for accepting a voucher from the Southern Railway Company, even though I did so in my capacity as president of the Visitor-Press Company, and in the performance of an agreement that was made before I was a candidate for office.

I immediately went to see Colonel Andrews, and found that he had gone to Washington. The following morning I saw Mr. Henry Miller and told him how I felt about the matter and that I had determined to return it to the Southern Railway Company,

which I did through Mr. Miller immediately.

The books of the Southern Railway Company, which the attorneys for the state no doubt saw, show that this amount reached Washington in due course, and was credited February 4th, as having been paid back by the Raleigh Evening Times.

Neither Colonel Andrews nor the Southern Railway, nor any other corporation or individual outside of my immediate family contributed one nickel towards my campaign fund, either directly or indirectly.

My record in the Senate will bear me out in the statement that I was not influenced or controlled to the slightest extent by either Colonel Andrews or the Southern Railway Company, nor has either ever undertaken to do so, because in almost every measure that came before the Senate affecting railroads I voted against the railroads and in favor of what I believed to be the best interests of the State.

I promised the people of Wake county to vote for a reduction of railroad rates and voted for a two-and-a-half cent rate. Subsequently, when the conference report was presented to the Senate, fixing the rate at two and a quarter cents, I voted for that.

I have served the Visitor-Press Company, which publishes the Times, as president, and part of the time as general manager, ever since I have been connected with it, and I have never drawn one dollar out of the business for my services. In addition to that, I have paid about \$10,000 in cash into the paper, besides allowing the company to occupy my building for more than two years now without paying one dollar for rent.

I have never had any desire or thought that the Evening Times would prove a profitable investment, but I have labored to build up this paper, believing that it would ultimately be a power for good in this community and a benefit to the best interest of the state.

This is a full and frank statement of my entire connection with the Southern Railway vouchers.

The statement would have been made sooner, but I felt that it was best to be calm and deliberate, and verify every fact and detail before making any statement at all. I know I have been severely criticised, but I preferred to wait patiently and undergo any amount of criticism rather than make a mistake in the slightest detail in making this statement.

JOHN C. DREWRY.

Hon. Edward W. Pou.

Congressman Pou spent Tuesday night and yesterday morning in Henderson. It was a pleasure to his friends to see him looking so well. He does not bear any marks of his late sickness but on the contrary he appears quite vigorous and active. Mr. Pou's sickness was exaggerated, both as to its form and seriousness and aside from assurances of his physicians his appearance indicates that he is now quite himself again.—Henderson Gold Leaf, Sept. 26.

Fire at Pine Level.

On Monday night of this week a fire occurred at The Pine Level Oil Mills. The origin of it seems to be unknown, but it was discovered inside the hull house which was a new building. This building with a lot of hulls, one tank of oil and the machine for mixing guano are reported burned.

Out of Sight.

"Out of sight, out of mind," is an old saying which applies with special force to a sore, burn or wound that's been treated with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It's out of sight, out of mind and out of existence. Piles too and chilblains disappear under its healing influence. Guaranteed by Hood Bros., Druggists. 25c.

PARAGRAPHS OF ALL SORTS.

Brief and Interesting Items About Things in General Selected for Herald Readers.

The mignonette is the national flower of Spain.

The Hindoos have no word for "friend," but use the word "brother" instead.

Every year £800,000 is spent on the food and clothing of indoor paupers in the metropolis.

The opal is the only gem which cannot be successfully counterfeited. Its delicate tints defy reproduction.

In Persia the women of fashion ornament their faces by painting upon them figures of insects and small animals.

If men were relatively as strong as beetles, they would be able to juggle easily with weights of several tons.

A well-known professor asserts that the smallest interval of sound can be better distinguished with one ear than it can with both.

Cocoon shells make excellent fuel, especially as fire-lighters, the enormous amount of oil they contain causing them to take fire at once.

The Queen of Roumania, "Carmen Sylva," became a writer through sorrow. It was only when her daughter died—her only one—that she took up the pen. She commenced to write poetry and stories solely with a view to drowning her grief.

Senora Margarita Jaramillo, a Mexican lady, has reached the age of 150 years, having been born in 1754, in the city of Monclovia, where the date of her birth is recorded in the church register. She is in perfect health and retains all her mental faculties.

A curious industry in China is the manufacture of mock money for offering to the dead. The pieces are only half the size of real coins, but the dead are supposed not to know the difference. The dummy coins are made out of tin, hammered to the thinness of paper.

In Wales there are about 508,000 people who cannot speak English, Welsh being their only language; in Scotland there are 43,000 persons who can speak nothing but Gaelic; and in Ireland there are 32,000 who can express themselves only in Erse, the Irish tongue.

The Kalmucks of Central Asia have a romantic marriage ceremony. The girl mounts a horse and rides away at full speed. When she has got a fair start the lover goes off in pursuit. If he catches her, she becomes his wife; but if he fails to overtake her, the match is broken off. A Kalmuck girl is rarely caught against her will.

The pear tree will continue bearing fruit for several centuries. Trees bearing fruit in abundance when at least three hundred years old are not uncommon. They are much longer lived than the apple, which rarely lasts more than a hundred or a hundred and fifty years. The pear tree also grows much larger than the apple, and when two hundred years old was often the dimensions of a forest tree.

The three symbols of the Imperial house of Japan are the mirror, the crystal, and the sword, and they are carried in front of the Emperor on all state occasions. Each has its significance. "Look at the mirror and reflect thyself," or in other words "Know thyself," is the message of the mirror. "Be pure and shine" is the crystal's injunction, while the sword is a reminder to "Be sharp."

A remnant of the Sevis tribe of Indians inhabits the island of Tiburon, in the Gulf of California, and is ruled entirely by the women. Formerly the tribe numbered about five thousand, but is now shrunk to a few hundred, living a life of almost complete isolation, and refusing to marry among the Indians of the mainland. The woman is master of the household, and a council of matrons is at the head of public affairs.

Little River Association.

Last Friday, Saturday and Sunday the Little River Primitive Baptist Association met at Mt. Gilead church at Clayton. The business was transacted at the church but most of the preaching was done in the school building. When two ministers preached at the same time one of the services were held in the Methodist church which was near by. The crowds were large but not so large as usual on account of the rain and threatening weather. The people of the town and community of all denominations opened their homes and helped to make the entertainment successful.

Elder W. A. Simpkins preached the introductory sermon Friday morning. He was followed by Elders J. W. Gardner and C. C. Brown. On Friday night sermons were delivered by Elders William Woodard and Thomas Bell. On Saturday Elders L. P. Adams, J. W. Willard and Burnace Wood preached. At the night session sermons were delivered by Elders P. D. Gold and J. A. Shaw. Elders P. D. Gold, William Woodard and W. B. Williams delivered sermons Sunday.

The next session of the Association will be held at New Hope, Harnett county.

Murder at Selma.

On Saturday night, September 28th, Lula Jones, wife of Major Jones, a negro drunkard and gambler, stabbed to death Henry Armstrong, a negro bricklayer. His home is at Wilson but he has been working at Selma occasionally for the past year or two. It seems that Armstrong went to the dispensary at Pine Level Saturday afternoon for liquor for himself and others. He secured conveyance for himself and the liquor he brought back to Selma. That night he was with Lula Jones and Bud Tilman and Hubert Jones, two married men. All were drinking and the woman was drunk. She had promised to spend some time with Armstrong but the other two men objected and tried to get her away from him. They all crossed the railroad and stopped near the old Southern freight depot. One of the men gave her a knife with which she stabbed Armstrong about the heart. She and the other two negroes ran to their homes and he went to Mr. J. W. Liles' store. As he stepped in he asked Mr. Liles to telephone for a doctor which was done. The blood gushed out and down on the floor at every heart beat. Mr. Liles asked him to step outside as he was bleeding so freely. He fell when starting out the door and died in less than ten minutes after the cutting.

His people came from Wilson and buried him Sunday afternoon. The two negro men and the woman connected with the killing are here in jail.

Peacock's X Roads Items.

Mr. W. J. Hudson is spending this week at the Jamestown Exposition.

We are sorry to hear of Mr. Austin Tart's dwelling being destroyed by fire last Thursday night.

There will be services at St. Elizabeth church at Peacock's Cross Roads first Sunday afternoon in October at 4 o'clock and at 8 o'clock at night by Father Irwin, of Newton Grove.

A. F.

A Criminal Attack

on an inoffensive citizen is frequently made in that apparently useless little tube called the "appendix." It's generally the result of protracted constipation, following liver torpor. Dr. King's New Life Pills regulate the liver, prevent appendicitis, and establish regular habits of the bowels. 25c. at Hood Bros. drug store.

A Russian is not of age until he is twenty-six years of age. Until that time at least four-fifths of his earnings must go to his parents, if they are in existence.