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YOUNG MAN TORN TO PIECES.

Body of J. Frank Holt Found Beside the Railroad Track in Front of Mr. Iredell Talton's Door near Princeton.

Princeton, N. C., Nov. 23.—It was a ghastly spectacle that met Mr. Iredell Talton's sight yesterday morning shortly after six o'clock, when he opened his front door and started down town to open his store.

About one hundred feet in front of his residence, beside the railroad track, lay the remains of Mr. Frank Holt, aged twenty-four and unmarried. The remains were almost unrecognizable, the skull was crushed, the left side of his forehead was broken off and his left eye literally torn out, his left leg was broken just above the ankle, and his body was badly bruised all over.

There was a dance near town Thursday night and Mr. Holt and several other young men of the community attended. It seems that there was plenty of Pine Level whiskey about and several of them imbibed too freely of the poison.

About two o'clock the party broke up and those, who knew the way, went to their homes.

It seems that Mr. Holt and John Stallings and J. B. Falton decided that they would go to serenade Mr. Zeb Strickland, who lived nearby. Mr. Strickland says they left his home about half past three o'clock yesterday morning. This is the last that can be found out about Mr. Holt until his dead body was found this morning by the railroad tract. His companions, Talton and Stallings, were so drunk that they cannot tell anything that happened after leaving Strickland's house.

The coroner, Dr. A. H. Rose, of Smithfield, was summoned and held an inquest over the body. There was no evidence of foul play and the jury returned a verdict as follows:

"That said Frank Holt came to his death by being struck by train No. 112, eastbound, on Southern Railway about six o'clock, a. m., November 22nd, 1907."

It seems that Holt was walking on the railroad and was going east. Engineer nor fireman neither one, it seems, saw the man.

Mr. Holt was the youngest son of Mr. Calvin A. Holt, who is eighty-seven years of age.—News and Observer, 24th.

A Beautiful Marriage.

On Sunday morning, November 24th at 9:30 o'clock a beautiful marriage was solemnized at the home of Mr. R. H. Stephenson, when his daughter, Malissa, became the bride of Mr. Wayland King. The home was beautifully arranged for the occasion. The vows that made them man and wife were impressively spoken by Eld. Jas. H. Johnson.

The attendants were, Mr. Walter King with Miss Minnie Stephenson, Mr. Herbert King with Miss Bessie Stephenson, Mr. Archie Johnson with Miss Ellie Stephenson, Mr. Harrison Honeycutt with Miss Kittie Stephenson, Mr. Loyd Stephenson with Miss Ruth King, Mr. Clingman Stephenson with Miss Inah Walton. After the marriage they attended church at Rehoboth, then they returned to the home of the bride where an elegant dinner was served. After a few hours of pleasure they drove to the home of Mr. King where a delightful reception was given. There were a host of relatives and friends present at both places. Miss Stephenson is an accomplished young lady and stands high in society. Mr. King is a progressive young farmer of Pleasant Grove township.

Their many friends wish for them a long and happy life full of true perfect happiness.

A Friend.

Mr. Henry Messingill, of Four Oaks, called in Monday and renewed his subscription.

General News.

Howard Maxwell, deposed president of the Brooklyn Borough Bank, who had been released from jail on \$30,000 bond, committed suicide Tuesday by cutting his throat and wrist with a razor.

The Isthmian Canal Commission has made its report, detailing the progress of work on the Panama ship canal for the fiscal year. The commission reports that no yellow fever originated on the canal zone this year.

Thirteen persons lost their lives in a New York tenement house early Monday morning, all being Italians and seven of the thirteen were children; the terrible occurrence was the result of the efforts of burglars to rob a safe of \$2,000 withdrawn from bank during the money panic.

A confident tone is felt in Washington over the success of the Treasury plans to relieve the money stringency; the National banks are taking the new treasury certificates as a basis of circulation, Chicago banks Tuesday purchasing \$25,000,000 of the new issue; the banks in New York and other large cities are to soon resume cash payments.

"The United Democracy of the District of Columbia" gave a banquet and reception to the Hon. William J. Bryan at the Hotel Raleigh in Washington Tuesday night and it was attended by a large and enthusiastic assembly; Col. Bryan delivered a long speech in which he defined the difference between the Democratic and Republican parties, and declared that President Roosevelt was not a Democrat but Democratic in spots.

Mr. Daughtry Explains Concerning Pine Level Dispensary.

Mr. Jesse Daughtry, manager of the Pine Level Dispensary, was here yesterday and stated that the news we published last week about the dispensary is not correct. He says he bought from The Casper Co. at Roanoke, Va., through a salesman, some whiskey which was to be 75 per cent proof for \$1.10 per gallon. It was to be shipped him in 4½ gallon kegs which they had a right to ship without stamp as no package under five gallons requires a stamp. When the whiskey came some of it was packed two kegs in a barrel and the rest was packed one keg in a box. There were several barrels and several boxes. It was below the stated proof and packed as above stated. He wrote the Casper Co. about it and they answered, acknowledging that it was a little short in proof, and offering to give off five per cent if he would take it and instructed him to "make it a point to bottle up or jug immediately and return the kegs in boxes by freight for credit." Mr. Daughtry refused to take the whiskey and had tags put on it to ship it back. He did not take it from the railroad agent at all.

He says the empty stamped barrel which the revenue officers seized had just been emptied and was at the back door with one end in the door and the other out, and that they had not had time to remove the stamp.

Almost a Second Niagara.

The Whitney Reduction Company announces the completion of their great cofferdam, undoubtedly the largest in the Southern States. More than \$1,500,000 has been spent in spanning the Yadkin river thirty-one miles from Salisbury. The dam is forty-six feet high and 917 feet long. The minimum flow of water gives 46,000 horsepower, second only to Niagara. On Jan. 1st next year the water will be turned on the turbines, and all the industries within forty or fifty miles will be supplied with electric power. The Whitneys have contracted for 29,000 horsepower. The plant will cost \$7,500,000 complete.—Salisbury (N. C.) dispatch to Baltimore Sun.

RECORDER BUYS N. C. BAPTIST.

The Baptist was one of the Strongest Religious Papers in the State, and Led in the Fight for Temperance and Prohibition.

Announcement was made yesterday of the purchase of the North Carolina Baptist, of Fayetteville, by the Biblical Recorder, of this city. Mr. John A. Oates, editor of the North Carolina Baptist, was in Raleigh last week negotiating the sale of his paper to the Biblical Recorder, and at the conference held by him with Rev. C. W. Blanchard, editor, and the directors of the Biblical Recorder, the deal was practically effected with the exception of some minor differences which were adjusted yesterday when the sale was effected.

The North Carolina Baptist was one of the best religious periodicals in the South, and was a power in the Baptist denomination. The past year was its prime year, and in addition to being a strong Baptist organ, it has led in the campaign for temperance. Mr. Oates is chairman of the State Anti-Saloon League, and is doing a great and noble work in promoting the cause of temperance in North Carolina. He retains the job printing office and the equipment of his paper, selling only the subscription list and the good will of the North Carolina Baptist.

The purchase of that paper by the Biblical Recorder leaves the latter the only Baptist denominational State paper in North Carolina, and largely augments its possibilities for the greatest service and usefulness to the denomination in the State. Mr. Blanchard has more than met the expectations of his friends as editor, and with the broader field for the Recorder, his position is strengthened and the future of his paper made even more full of promise.—News and Observer, 24

Change in Temperance Sentiment.

Governor Glenn's very positive declaration of his belief that the next Legislature will enact a sweeping prohibition law, covering the whole State, is certainly in line with what your correspondent had heard from at least a thousand persons during the present year, some of them being among the most prominent men in North Carolina. Whiskey has today only a very slight legal freehold here, as there are saloons in only about a score of cities and towns, while a few others have the dispensary. Raleigh is in the latter class and it will be a very safe thing to bet that prohibition will be voted in here and the dispensary voted out, unless there is a remarkable change in expressed sentiment between now and the election time. Twenty-six years ago an effort to have State prohibition failed, by a popular vote, but in that period one of the greatest changes ever effected has come about in North Carolina, this being against whiskey.—Raleigh Correspondent in Winston-Salem Journal.

Perhaps.

"Fate is against me."
"How so?"
"Twice I have been engaged to be married and twice the men to whom I have been engaged have died before the wedding day."
"Oh, I wouldn't call it fate, perhaps they were naturally lucky."
—Houston Post.

A Hard Debt To Pay.

"I owe a debt of gratitude that can never be paid off," writes G. S. Clark, of Westfield, Iowa, "for my rescue from death, by Dr. King's New Discovery. Both lungs were so seriously affected that death seemed imminent, when I commenced taking New Discovery. The ominous dry, hacking cough quit before the first bottle was used, and two more bottles made a complete cure." Nothing has ever equalled New Discovery for coughs, colds and all throat and lung complaints. Guaranteed by Hood Bros. druggists. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

State News.

Columbus county has been making very great progress in an educational way and has this year increased its school fund 4,000 by local taxation and has spent during the same time \$6,000 for improved school houses.

There is no abatement in the establishment of free libraries at rural public schools and last Friday five were aided by the State, making the total thus helped last week 18, which was regarded by the authorities as very satisfactory indeed.

The formation of local school tax districts goes on very well and Friday notice was received at Supt. Joyner's office of two in Ashe county, two in Wake, and one each in Columbus, Cleveland Robeson, Durham and Wilkes. The last named county has been very active in this matter.

The State auditor is now having the many thousands of pension warrants prepared and these will all go out next month as usual, being a sort of Christmas gift to over 14,000 persons. All the pensioners received more than at any time heretofore, the last Legislature having increased the appropriation very considerably.

A west-bound passenger train on the Seaboard Air Line crashed into a covered wagon at Concord crossing, near Charlotte Friday morning, instantly killing Alvin Honeycutt, a prominent farmer, of Stanley county, and probably fatally injuring Mrs. Honeycutt. The wagon was demolished, but the fifteen-year-old son of the couple escaped uninjured, as did the pair of mules drawing the wagon.

Sheriff Lanier of Harnett county, has the honor of being the first to make full settlement of State taxes this year. He has paid in \$8,445. For a number of years Johnston county used to be the first to make full settlement. A number of the sheriffs say that collections are quite hard to make this year as the people are holding on to everything, cotton as well as money, and they are ready for anything that turns up.

The executive committee of the board of trustees of the North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College has accepted the resignation of Professor Charles M. Connor, of the chair of agriculture, to take effect January 1st. No successor has been selected. Professor Connor retires from the Agricultural and Mechanical College to accept a government appointment as assistant Commissioner of Agriculture in the Philippine Islands, his salary to be \$3,600.

CUTTING CHRISTMAS TREES.

An Industry of Large Proportions in Maine Nearly 4,000,000 Trees Demanded Each Year.

Bangor, Me., Nov. 22.—The work of cutting Christmas trees in Maine for the rest of the country is now at its height. Nearly 4,000,000 trees are in demand annually, and in this State the Christmas tree trade has become an industry of the first importance. For several weeks past workmen have been engaged in selecting and cutting the trees in the central and northern parts of the State. Now the process of loading and shipping them on flat cars to the big cities East and Middle West has begun. Until a few years ago it was the smaller trees that were sold the most. Now the larger trees are most in demand, owing to the fact that the small family tree has been largely done away with in favor of the larger tree used in common by the members of the churches, societies and other organizations. The trade puts many thousands of dollars into the pockets of the thrifty Maine farmers and woodsmen each year.

Works Like a Charm.

Skinner: "Trying horseback riding to reduce your weight, eh? Well, how does it work?"
Hevywate: "I've only tried it for a couple of days, and I've fallen off quite a good deal already!"—Philadelphia Inquirer.

GIRL MURDERED IN COLD BLOOD.

Ella Pryor Called to Her Door at Night and Shot Dead Without Warning—Amzi Helms, a Former Lover, Arrested on Suspicion.

Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 26.—One of the most cold-blooded assassinations—and of a young woman at that—occurred near here last night.

Ella Pryor, an eighteen-year-old white girl, living with her mother, Mrs. Neely Pryor, near Huntersville, six miles west of Ford road, was called out of the residence last night and shot to death by an unknown person. The tragedy took place soon after dark.

Two minutes before the gun fired some one knocked on the front door, and one of the smaller girls went to the door, but saw no one. She was followed by her sister, Ella, who was fired on with a shot gun from the road and instantly killed. The little girl could not tell whether the assassin was white or black. Some member of the family thought that she heard a voice calling Ella, and recognized it.

Immediately after the young woman was slain an alarm was given and a hunting party organized, but no clue to the guilty one was found. Mr. Meek Fesperman, constable of that township, and a posse were in the woods all night. Sheriff Wallace and Coroner Gresham went to the scene of the homicide early this morning.

The Pryors are poor tenant farmers. The slain girl had many admirers and it is believed that some lover, in a fit of jealousy, shot her. The father of the girl, who lived on the farm of Mr. A. J. Derr for many years, died some time ago. He was considered a good man.

Charlotte, Nov. 26.—Charged with the murder of Miss Ella Pryor, the 18 year-old girl, who was called to the door of her home near Huntersville and shot last night, Amzi Helms, a young white man, was arrested by a sheriff's posse tonight nine miles from Charlotte. Helms was an old sweetheart of the dead girl and the police, who claim they have sufficient circumstantial evidence to convict him, say they have fixed jealousy as the motive for the crime. Helms was covered with mud and bore other evidences of a hard journey afoot. He is the son of a well to do blacksmith of this city.

Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 28.—Amzi Helms, who was cast into the Mecklenburg county jail Tuesday night by Sheriff Wallace, on a charge of murder, has confessed to the killing of Ella Pryor, an old sweetheart of his. He declares that he did not know the gun was loaded, and when he pointed it, did so to frighten the girl for the amusement that it would afford.

Death of Mr. J. R. Wall.

Mr. J. Ransom Wall was buried at the family burial ground near here on Wednesday, November 6. Mr. Wall was born in Wake county, December 27, 1840, and died November 5, 1907, making his earthly sojourn 66 years, 10 months and 10 days.

He enlisted in the Second Battalion of Cavalry, Edgerton's Company, in the Civil war and served as a faithful soldier.

About a month ago he was taken with kidney trouble. He was taken to St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond, Va., by his physician, Dr. Arthur Griffin, when he passed into eternity. All was done that could be done to prolong his stay on earth, but without avail.

The deceased leaves a wife, Mrs. Grizzie Wall, and eight children—Mrs. T. A. Branham, of Raleigh; Mrs. J. R. Woodard and Mrs. W. H. Austin, of Wendell; Mrs. J. I. Barnes, of Clayton; Mrs. A. L. Batten, of Archer; Mr. Ed. Wall, of Savannah, Ga.; Mr. M. R. Wall, of Canton, and Mr. J. A. Wall, of Archer—to mourn their loss. The family have the sympathy of the entire community.

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Archer, N. C., Nov. 12 '07.

Polenta News.

The Public School of this District has opened up, and under the management of Miss Lou Young, one of the best teachers in the County is forging ahead, with a good attendance.

Mr. H. T. Garrard, of Norfolk, Va., is in the neighborhood to spend Thanksgiving, to the delight of his many friends. Henry is a particular friend of the writer and it is always a pleasure for us to be in his company.

There was preaching at Elizabeth last Sunday by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Starling. He will preach at Mt. Zion the coming Sunday. Mr. Starling is a preacher of great force, and the people are always glad to hear him.

Mr. Willis A. Sanders has bought the Pate place, near Mt. Zion Church, and will move to it the first of the coming year. Mr. Sanders is a most excellent citizen, and we gladly welcome him as a permanent resident of our township.

We hear that Mr. Jno. Woodall will move into this neighborhood the coming year and open up a blacksmith & wood shop. He will have charge of the shop at the store of Smith & Ellington. This is a good neighborhood for such an establishment; it will prove a great convenience to this section.

Several days ago Mr. Booker Wood accidentally had a rusty nail stuck into one of his feet, which went nearly through the foot, and which has caused him some pain, besides necessitating his remaining in doors for several days, but we are pleased to note the wound is improving and that nothing serious will result.

The protracted meeting at Oakland closed last Sunday night. Rev. Mr. Souders did all of the preaching, and did it well. From the beginning there seemed to be a deep interest manifested both as to the christians and the un-saved, and the interest continued to increase during the entire week. The congregation appeared eager to hear the word of God as it fell from the lips of the preacher; the preacher was full of the Holy Spirit, and presented the Gospel in such power as to leave a lasting impression upon the congregations, and as a result seven made a profession of faith in Christ, and all joined the church at the close of the meeting. The meeting has done untold good in the community.

Mr. G. B. Smith had about twenty dollars worth of seed cotton stolen from him one night last week. The cotton was in sheets tied up, and was left on his gin cotton platform. Mr. Smith tracked the cotton to where Henry Sanders lives, cotton having fallen out of the sheets all along the route until Sanders' place of abode was reached, when it could be tracked no further. Besides the shoes worn by Henry Sanders fitted exactly the tracks made all along the route. A warrant was issued at the request of Mr. Smith by F. T. Booker, J. P., for said Henry Sanders, he was arrested and tried, and the evidence being of such a damaging nature he was bound over to Court in a hundred dollar justified bond, failing to give which he was sent to jail. There is no doubt but what others are mixed up in the stealing, but sufficient evidence has not been secured as yet to warrant other arrests. It is to be hoped the whole gang will yet be caught up with.

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He Fought at Gettysburg.

David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., who lost a foot at Gettysburg, writes: "Electric Bitters have done me more good than any medicine I ever took. For several years I had stomach trouble, and paid out much money for medicine to little purpose, until I began taking Electric Bitters. I would not take \$500 for what they have done for me." Grand tonic for the aged and for female weaknesses. Great alterative and body builder; best of all for lame back and weak kidneys. Guaranteed by Hood Bros. druggists. 50c.