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## WHITE MAN KILLS NEGRO.

Frank McLean Killed at a "Near-Bear" Store Near Duke. Another Chapter Added to the History of Horrors Whose Author is Strong Drink. Adams, The Slayer, Left For Other Parts.

Last Friday, February 11th, David Adams killed Frank McLean in Harnett County just across Cape Fear river from the town of Duke at a "near bear" store. David Adams is a young man and son of Mr. Frank Adams who lives near Four Oaks. McLean was a negro about forty years old, had a family and had lived with Mr. D. W. Adams about ten or twelve years. He attended to the feeding of stock and did other work for Mr. Adams. He was not considered a great drinker but would drink liquor when he could get it and sometimes got drunk. A few days ago he ordered a lot of whiskey from Virginia which no doubt caused his death. Mr. D. W. Adams has a plantation in Harnett County about six miles south of Duke and near Linden, a new depot on the Mills railroad. Friday was the day set for wagons to go there to move Mr. E. Adams, son of Mr. D. W. Adams, back home from Harnett where he had been for several months since his marriage. The day was bad. Garland Rodgers, a negro, and Mr. David Adams started on one wagon, McLean driving the other. McLean prepared for the trip by taking part of his jug of liquor in a pint bottle and some in a quart bottle. Some drinking was done before they left home and some on the way. They passed through Duke and crossed the iron bridge, stopping at a store near the bridge. They ate some potted ham and crackers and drank some "near beer." McLean drank part of the contents of a bottle and then offered it to Mr. Adams who remarked that he did not drink after a negro. Some words were exchanged about it. Mr. Adams said if he had a pistol he believed he would kill that negro. A bystander remarked that in that place they managed negroes with other things and pointed to a piece of pump piping which was at hand. Mr. Adams took the piece of piping and punched McLean twice with it. McLean then started to make fight at Mr. Adams. Mr. Adams struck him on the left side of the head which caused him to fall back to the floor in an unconscious state. His body was placed in one of the wagons and the journey was resumed. Nobody seems to know when he died but the first time they examined him he was dead. His body was brought home for burial. Friday evening about seven o'clock Mr. Adams took a south bound train and has not been seen since. At the time of the killing McLean was drunk and Mr. Adams had been drinking.

## TOWN DRY FOR FIFTY YEARS.

Millionaire Offers Improvements and People Welcome Change.

Hudson, O., Feb. 14.—This village voted that it was worth while to remain "dry" for 50 years in order to obtain a water works plant, electric light and sewerage system and kindred improvements.

The electorate turned out in a body after a hot campaign and voted to accept the proposition by 162 to 97.

James W. Ellsworth native of Hudson but at present millionaire resident of New York, offered the village the advantages named if it would vote "dry" and stay so for fifty years; paint its houses white with green blinds and put on red tile roofs, grow hedges to replace the populace picket fence, plant shade trees and clean up.

When the offer was first made two years ago, the village promptly voted "dry" and painted itself white. Ellsworth built a boys' club and a new congregational parsonage.

Discontent arose, however, among the "wets" and petitions for a return of the saloon were circulated, resulting in to-day's election. Ellsworth served notice that he would continue his portion of the improvements if the town went "dry," but that on the whole he was rather disgusted.

Senator Overman has secured the passage of a bill appropriating \$125,000 to establish a fish hatchery in eastern North Carolina.

## HOLT'S MILL ITEMS.

Mr. Bill Holt, of Smithfield, has come down to make a crop on his father's place, near Holt's Mill.

Mr. J. E. Pittman made a business trip to Smithfield Tuesday.

Mrs. Fannie Wooten has returned home after spending a few days in Goldsboro.

Mrs. J. W. Pittman went to the Raleigh hospital last week for treatment.

Ethel Silas spent Tuesday night with her playmate Cloa Pittman.

Mr. Lonie Johnson went Sunday to attend the burial of his mother at Benson.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. J. L. Pittman is improving very fast.

Mr. Jay Pittman spent Thursday night with his cousin Frank Pittman.

Mrs. Tom Hill is visiting her mother, Mrs. Henry Rhodes.

Mr. Tom Bizzell held prayer meeting at W. H. Rhodes' last Sunday.

Mr. Jasper Hunt, of our section, has moved to the Smithfield cotton mills.

Mr. Dan Kornegay and Miss Lewie Capps were happily married last Wednesday night by J. T. Massey. Mr. Kornegay is a young prominent farmer and is the son of Mr. Bill Kornegay. Miss Lewie is the accomplished daughter of Mr. Atlas Capps. They will make their home near the Neuse Chapel church. We wish them a long and prosperous life.

Princeton, Feb. 16. P. T. Z.

## The S. P. G. C.'s Entertain.

On last Monday evening at the home of Miss Ruth Jones, the S. P. G. C. delightfully entertained the Glebe Club with a Valentine reception. During the evening many games were played in which all participated and enjoyed. An unique arrangement for obtaining partners for supper was employed. Each one was given a heart with a number on it. The ones corresponding were ushered into the dining room where delicious refreshments were served by Misses Mattie Wellons and Ruth Jones. While the guests were preparing their departure Misses Nannie Underwood and Pearl Keen rendered a few piano solos as a finale.

Those present were Misses Nannie Underwood, Eva Yelvington, Annie Lee Kirtan, Annie Crisp, Mary Tomlinson, Daisy Jones, Mattie Wellons, Lillie Barbour, Lula Smith, Pearl Stephenson, Lillie Smith, Pearl Keen, Eloise Martin, and Ruth Jones; Mess. Sam Reid, Cornelius Ward, Walter Ives, Ira Medlin, Ramey Edgerton, George Pou, Lewis Paylor, Herman Talton, Junius Sanders, Hallie Hood, Milton McGuire, Joe Johnson, Carl Sanders, Robin Hood, Billie Rand, Hubert Woodall, G. C. Jordan and Dr. W. B. Johnson.

## REPORTER.

## In the Courts.

Before Mayor pro tem, E. J. Holt, Arthur Ennis and Jim Obey, both colored, appeared Monday morning charged with an affray. It seems that Jim and his wife had some little trouble and Jim proceeded to whip her, and not being satisfied with this, also proceeded to handle too roughly his wife's sister, whereupon their brother, Arthur Ennis, was sent for. Arthur arrived in apt time and with a good sized stick proceeded to lay Jim out with a lick across the head which required three stitches to sew up the wound. After all the facts had been gone into, Mayor Holt gave Jim thirty days on the road and taxed him with the costs in his case \$4.65. Arthur Ennis was fined \$2.00 and costs, \$5.50. It is surely becoming well known that it costs to break the law in Smithfield.

Six men were instantly killed and a number of others seriously if not fatally injured when the boiler in a saw mill at Crump, Mich., exploded Thursday, wrecked the mill and scattered the debris 100 feet in every direction. The accident is believed to have been caused by forcing cold water into the boiler when the water was low, causing excess of steam.

It is reported from Washington that there is little doubt but that Arizona will be given statehood at this session of Congress, and that Mark Smith, formerly of Kentucky, will be its first United States Senator.

## MANY DIE IN SEA DISASTER.

Passenger Steamer Foundered on Reefs in Mediterranean Sea And of the Eighty-Seven Passengers and 70 of the Crew Only one Survives.

Palma, Island of Majorica, Feb. 11.—Driven helplessly from her course, in one of the wildest storms that has swept the Mediterranean Sea in 40 years, the French Transatlantic Steamship Company's steamer General Chanzy chased at full speed, in the dead of night, on the treacherous reefs near the Island Minorca, and all but one of the 157 souls on board perished.

The sole survivor is an Algerian customs official, Mariel Rodet, who was rescued by a fisherman and who lies tonight in the hospital at Ciudadela raving as a result of the tortures through which he passed and unable to give an account of the disaster.

In the ship's company were 87 passengers, of whom 30 were in the first cabin. The crew numbered 70. The ship was in command of Captain Cayol, one of the most careful officers of the line. In his long experience he has never before met with an accident.

The General Chanzy sailed from Marseilles Wednesday at noon and was due to arrive at Algiers Thursday afternoon.

Among the victims was the celebrated Parisian music hall singer, Francis DuFor, as well as other prominent music hall favorites.

The General Chanzy struck at 9 o'clock Thursday night, after Capt. Cayol, with all his experience, had been unable to cope with the tempest of almost unprecedented violence. Other ships in the neighborhood had safely ridden out the storm but the Chanzy fell prey to the elements, was drifted off her course through the Balearic archipelago, and brought up on the coast of Minorca, in the vicinity of Coudadela. Fishermen at day break picked up Rodet clinging to a piece of wreckage.

## DOWN FOUR OAKS WAY.

Mr. C. I. Pearce, of Smithfield, spent Sunday here.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmette Adams, of Linden, have moved back to live on Mr. Adams' father's plantation where he will farm.

Miss Helen Parker spent Sunday in Smithfield with her sister, Mrs. F. H. Brooks.

Messrs D. H. Sanders and J. E. Parker were in Smithfield and Selma Monday on business.

Miss Alice Wellons is spending a few days here with relatives and friends.

Mr. S. W. Brown, who has been working as operator at Kenly, has resumed work here on 3rd trick operator.

Messrs J. S. Stroup and J. E. Parker went to Dunn Tuesday on business.

A very sad accident occurred on the road between here and Linden when Frank McLean, a negro in the employ of Mr. D. W. Adams, was killed by Daniel Adams, a son of Mr. D. F. Adams. All parties lived near here. Daniel Adams made his escape soon after McLean died and has not been heard of so far. McLean was brought back here Sunday and buried.

The school faculty have a very interesting program arranged for close here 17th and 18th.

Mr. J. E. Barbour has an interesting program arranged for his singing class Saturday, the 19th, at Barbour's chapel near here.

Dr. O. S. Vaughan, the optician who came here for a short while, is having much work to do.

We note with pleasure the improvement of Messrs D. H. Sanders and C. D. Stroup's children who have been very sick with measles.

Feb. 16. HELLO BILL.

An attack of grip is often followed by a persistent cough, which to many proves a great annoyance. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been extensively used and with good success for the relief and cure of this cough. Many cases have been cured after all other remedies had failed. Sold by Hood Bros.

Thirty-four new lawyers were licensed by the Supreme Court last week.

## DEATH OF JAMES WRENN.

The Young Man Passed Away At St. Leo's Hospital, Greensboro, Last Friday Morning. Was Son of Mr. W. G. Wrenn, of Cleveland Township.

The following notice of the death of Mr. James Wrenn appeared in the Greensboro Correspondence of the News and Observer last Saturday:

"Much regret is felt here at the death of Mr. James Wrenn, which occurred at St. Leo's Hospital this morning, after a desperate attack of pneumonia. The remains will be taken to Garner on tonight's train for Raleigh and the interment will be in the family graveyard, nine miles distant from the home of his father, Mr. W. G. Wrenn, a prominent citizen of Wake.

The remains will be accompanied from here by a committee of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Club, of which he deceased was a member and one of the Board of Governors, and the manager of the South Atlantic Lumber Company, of which he was a director and official and by his three surviving brothers, who arrived here from Garner on the noon train to-day. Mr. Wrenn came to Greensboro three years ago from Cheraw, S. C., where he had been employed in the lumber business, and became associated with the newly organized South Atlantic Lumber Company, of Greensboro. He was universally esteemed as a straightforward, energetic, honorable business man and a splendid private citizen. He was 26 years of age, and many are the friends who join with his immediate relatives in sorrow at the death of so excellent a character, with such bright promise of future usefulness and success."

Mr. Wrenn was a son of Mr. W. G. Wrenn, a former commissioner of this county.

## ANTIOCH NEWS.

It being too cold Sunday there was not a very large crowd at church at Antioch.

Mr. Claude Narron, made a business trip to Wilson Monday.

Messrs W. H. and Walter Godwin went to Clayton Monday and purchased a young mule.

Messrs Henry and W. O. Hocutt made a business trip to Moore's School House Tuesday.

There will be prayer meeting at Antioch next Saturday night.

Miss Ida Narron spent Saturday night with Miss Mamie Hocutt near Sandy Spring.

Mr. W. O. Hocutt spent Saturday night with his cousin, Mr. C. W. Hocutt in Corinth section.

Misses Maude and Lillie Narron spent Sunday afternoon with Misses Ella and Daniel Hocutt.

We are glad to see Mr. James Eldridge out again after a few days illness. He has started his school again.

Miss Viola Creech spent Saturday night with Miss Murtie Starling in Corbett school house section.

The mad dogs are about to take this section, but when one gets in this burg he is generally killed. Mr. H. H. Creech killed one Saturday and Mr. Rual Narron one Tuesday. RAMBLING SAM.

## To Meet Monday Afternoon.

To the W. H. M. S. of Smithfield Auxiliary:

Let each member feel the importance of our last meeting of the 4th quarter, which closes our fiscal year, February 21, 3 P. M. Much depends upon each member to fulfill the obligations resting upon us as loyal workers in this cause. We hope to bring up the extra fund to the desired amount—as many dollars as there are members in the auxiliary. This meeting is also important because of choosing the officers for the coming year. We earnestly request a full attendance and let us make a strong final effort to close the year with a gratifying report.

MRS. J. R. WALTON, Pres.  
MRS. C. V. JOHNSON, Treas.

Accompanied by the explosion of tanks of sulphuric acid, fire at Greenville, S. C., Sunday night damaged the local plant of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company to the extent of \$30,000. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

## KENLY NEWS.

Mrs. C. G. Pope, of near Princeton, a former resident of our town gave us a call last evening and today, stopping with Mrs. Patience Howell.

Mr. R. E. Townsend, of Wilson was in town yesterday.

Mr. Elias G. Barnes and his son, Rosker, is with us a few days visiting friends.

Mr. Mathew Spruell was in town Saturday.

We are sorry to note on our sick list this week Miss Mamie Howell, and are glad to note Mrs. J. C. Grady is able to be up again.

Mr. C. C. Chase, of Middlesex, was here to-day on business.

Mrs. G. A. Hood returned home to-day from Benson where she has been by the bedside of her sick father.

Dr. Powell, of Taylor, was here on business to-day.

Mrs. Hamilton, of Raleigh, is here visiting her mother, Mrs. S. A. Darden.

Our elocution and music department of the High School will give an entertainment at the Jr. Hall Friday evening, the 25th.

A play "The Time of his Life" will be rendered in the Jr. Hall Friday night by the Fremont High School.

J. T. Edgerton & Bro's sensational sale the first of its kind ever in our town, began this morning to continue for ten days.

Justice failed to be meted out again. Sometimes it's hard to convict when whiskey is being prosecuted. Last week Gray Atkinson, col., was tried before Mayor J. T. Edgerton for selling whiskey with clear cut evidence against him and it not disputed by defendant yet he was let go scot free. Prosecuting attorney C. W. Edgerton and the town not willing to let such a decision stand immediately swore out a new warrant before one of our magistrates and the matter will be aired again, we hope with different results.

Kenly, N. C., Feb. 16. REPORTER.

## STATE NEWS.

Mr. T. Gilbert Pearson, of North Carolina, was elected president of the National Association of Game Commissioners and Wardens, which closed its session at New Orleans last week.

Allen Green, who shot and killed Bas, Browning in Waynesville on the 27th of January, was convicted of manslaughter in Haywood county Superior court last week and sentenced to five years on the roads.

Solomon Shephard was tried last week in Oxford for the murder of Engineer Holt at Durham in December, 1908, and convicted, the verdict being murder in the second degree. Judge Biggs sentenced him to serve thirty years in the penitentiary.

The Governor has commuted to 16 years the sentence of 30 years in the penitentiary imposed in 1897 upon Abner Longery, of McDowell county, who was convicted of murder in the second degree. He was then 17 years old and he killed with a gun a white boy aged nine. Longery always maintained that the shooting was an accident.

The town of Jonesboro in Lee county has voted a bond issue for waterworks. The amount of bonds to be sold is left to the town commissioners. Only six votes were cast against the measure. One by one the progressive towns of the state, regardless of size, are voting bonds for waterworks and other town improvements.

A most harrowing fatality occurred in Goldsboro Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Pamplin when by some unaccountable way Mrs. Pamplin's mother, Mrs. L. H. Cole, a paralytic, took fire in her bedroom upstairs, at a time when her nurse had gone to Sunday school and Mrs. Pamplin had stepped down stairs to attend to one of her children, and was burned to such an extent that death came to her relief at 8 o'clock Sunday night.

## Death of Mr. Caleb Penny.

Mr. Caleb Penny, a prominent farmer near Garner, died at his home on the night of February 9, at 10:30 o'clock. His funeral took place at his home at 3 o'clock Thursday. He leaves a widow and one daughter, Mrs. Charles Holloman of Cary. He was in his 79th year.—News and Observer.

## DRUGGISTS ASSAULT MINISTER.

Incensed Because Baptist Preacher, as Correspondent of a Newspaper, Had Characterized Them as Ex-Saloon Keepers.

Greenville, Feb. 14.—On Saturday morning Rev. Jesse McCarter, pastor of the Baptist church of Farmville, was assaulted on the street of the town by S. M. Pollard and J. A. Burnett, each of the assailants striking him. The cause of the attack is said to be an item in a letter which Mr. McCarter, who is Farmville correspondent of The Greenville Reflector, wrote the paper in which it was stated that neither of the Farmville drug stores had a registered pharmacist, but were owned and managed by ex-saloon keepers.

Mr. Pollard stopped the minister on the street Saturday morning and asked for a retraction of the statement, which the minister replied could not be given as it was true. Mr. Pollard then struck the minister in the face, knocking him down, and as the latter was getting up Mr. Burnett, who had come on the scene in the meantime, also struck him a blow on the head. Warrants were issued for both the assailants of the minister and the trial is expected to take place tomorrow.—Charlotte Observer.

## WENDELL BREEZES.

Some of the teachers and pupils of the Wendell Graded School gave a box party on Wednesday night at the school house and report a good crowd and a very enjoyable occasion. Their purpose was to raise money for a Tennis set for the school, and twenty-seven dollars was realized from their efforts and lots of fun thrown in extra.

On Thursday evening a surprise birthday party was tendered to Mrs. Morris at the hotel and all present enjoyed the occasion. The Mattox family were present to furnish music with violins and guitar. They play well together and are a very musical family.

Dr. Hubert Royster, of Raleigh, was called here Friday to see the little grand-child of Dr. Allen, Loyd Maddrey. All that three physicians could do was done to relieve the little sufferer, but after eleven days of intense suffering of meningitis, he died on Saturday morning. Loyd was a bright little boy of 18 months of age, and the sympathy of our people is extended to the sorrowing parents. "God needed one more angel child."

Among his shining band, And so he stooped with loving smile And clasped our darling's hand."

The American Stone Co., of Richmond, has bought ten acres of rock about a mile from town, and their Mr. Jones is putting in machinery and they will soon be able to ship great quantities of rock. They have several large orders waiting the completion of arrangements. We learn that they will use fifty men at the quarry. We are glad for such industries to be operated in our midst, and that the old rock quarry will be put upon a paying basis.

Mr. R. B. Whitley was in Raleigh last Friday.

Mr. C. H. Anderson, of Raleigh, is here looking after his lumber interests.

Several residences are going up. Those of Messrs. Nobles, House and Todd are well under way, and the handsome one of Mr. M. A. Griffin will soon be completed.

Prof. J. E. B. Davis is having lumber placed upon his lot next to the M. E. church preparing to build during the spring and summer.

Miss Cone and her music pupils gave a recital at the academy Monday evening, which was appreciated by the patrons and friends of the school.

We are glad to see Mr. J. W. Hinnant out again after suffering several days from a severe attack of tonsillitis.

Wendell, Feb. 15. N. C. HUSTLER.

## Won't Need a Crutch.

When Editor J. P. Soesman, of Cornelius, N. C., bruised his leg badly, it started an ugly sore. Many salves and ointments proved worthless. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve healed it thoroughly. Nothing is so prompt and sure for Ulcers, Boils, Burns, Bruises, Cuts, Corns, Sores, Pimples, Eczema or Piles. 25c at Hood Bros.