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TRAGIC DEATH OF MR. CHARLES L. EASON

KILLED AT SELMA MONDAY BY RUNAWAY HORSE.

Horse Became Frightened at Engine, Running Away and Throwing Mr. Eason Out of Buggy. Fell On His Head and Never Spoke Again. Was About 65 Years Old and Good Man Who Had Confidence of All.

On Monday morning of this week, Mr. Charles L. Eason, bookkeeper in the store of Mr. W. M. Sanders, left here to go to the Lizzie Cotton Mills at Selma, to weigh some cotton, which Mr. Sanders had sold to the mills. He drove the horse used by Mr. Sanders' family, which is very gentle, except that he is somewhat afraid of steam engines. Mr. Eason completed the work he went to do and started back home about twelve o'clock. At the main street crossing of the Southern railroad, the horse became frightened and began to run. There are several railroad tracks near together at this point which had to be crossed and it is said the horse became frightened at a shifting engine coming down one of these tracks. The horse ran from the crossing just one block to a ditch about eighteen inches deep, which was bridged only part of the way across the street. It seems he could not guide the horse which went just far enough to one side of the street for two of the buggy wheels to miss the bridge and go into the ditch. When one of the front wheels went down into the ditch, Mr. Eason fell forward out of the buggy. His fall broke one end of the spatter board. One of his ears were badly torn which was supposed to have been done by the wheel over which he fell. He struck the ground falling on his head, which caused concussion of the brain. The horse ran on a block or two and was easily stopped by a colored boy, who happened to be on the street.

Dr. Robert P. Noble saw the accident and hurried at once to Mr. Eason, finding him unconscious. Dr. Vick was soon there also and the wounded man was taken to the office of Drs. Noble and Noble, where every attention was given him. He did not regain consciousness and never spoke again. He lingered in this condition until about five o'clock when death came. His body was brought here through the country soon after his death.

The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist church, by his pastor, Rev. A. S. Barnes, after which the remains were interred in Smithfield cemetery.

Mr. Eason had lived in Smithfield for a long time, having moved here from his farm in Bentonsville township. He was a good business man and a good man in every way. He was a man of fine judgment and his advice was often sought. He was an honest, true man and no man here had the confidence of the people generally more than he.

He was a faithful member of the Methodist church and Sunday school, having been secretary of the school for a great many years. Many beautiful floral offerings (one from the Sunday school) attested the high esteem in which he was held.

He was about sixty-five years old, but was vigorous and but for this accident, might have lived several years yet. He will be greatly missed by his family and his church and many others in the town and country around here. We regret to chronicle his death. While everybody believes he is enjoying the Christian's reward, all regret the tragic manner of his departure. We regret to lose him from our midst. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved ones.

He leaves a wife and four children—two sons, Mr. Will Eason, a druggist at Greensboro, N. C., and Mr. Paul Eason, who is attending school at Smithfield Graded School, and two daughters, Mrs. James H. Woodall, of Smithfield, and Miss Minnie Eason, who is with her mother.

THE COCA COLA HEARING.

Experts Testify at Chattanooga As To the Properties of the Beverage And About Condition of Vats At Plant.

Chattanooga, Tenn., March 15.—In the hearing of the case of the United States against a certain number of barrels and kegs of Coca-Cola, in the Federal Court here to-day, some of the most interesting testimony yet brought out was given by Dr. Lyman F. Kebler, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, Washington, D. C. Dr. Kebler is the chemist who made a test of Coca-Cola, and to-day he testified that Coca-Cola contains caffeine, and declared that to each eight-ounce glass there was one and one-fourth grains of caffeine, which he says is poison.

Dr. Kebler cited many eminent authorities in proof of his statement that caffeine is a poison, and referred to a number of deaths reported as being caused by its use. One of the writers had reported a case where four and one-half grains of the drug had produced death, and he declared that about three glasses of Coca-Cola contained this amount of caffeine.

Dr. Rusby, for the government, stated that no other product bore the name of either "coca" or "kola."

Government chemists stated that Coca-Cola contained neither cocaine nor kola, and the effort of the government was to prove that the drink is misbranded.

Dr. Kebler testified as to the findings of vermin and bugs in the vats, as the result of his inspection of the Coca-Cola plant in Atlanta. He further testified that caramel and brown sugar were added, and, because of their opaqueness, tended to conceal impurities in the Coca-Cola syrup.—Associated Press.

CLAYTON NEWS.

Clayton, Mar. 15.—Rev. G. B. Stalling, of Fayetteville, was in town Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. W. H. Poole, of Wendell, was in town Monday.

Mrs. C. L. Barnes and daughter, Mrs. Madge, went to Raleigh one day last week.

Mr. Bruce Poole, of Raleigh, was home Thursday night.

Mr. Coy C. Jordan, of New Bern, was in town Thursday.

Miss Nellie Poole came home from Raleigh Saturday.

Mr. A. V. Gully went to Pine Level Saturday on business.

The Clayton Baptist church had its regular business meeting last Thursday night.

Prof. George T. Whitley went to Smithfield last Friday with the school base ball team, and reported a victory when he returned.

Mr. and Mrs. William Findlar and little son, William, Jr., of Greensboro, spent Sunday with Mrs. Findlar's mother, Mrs. D. L. Barnes.

Mr. I. C. Poole was in town Tuesday on business.

Miss Ione Gully returned Wednesday from Smithfield Wednesday, where she has been visiting relatives and friends.

An Enterprising Firm.

We note with much interest the way some of our enterprising local dealers are putting forth every effort this spring to make their stores attractive. This week The Cotter Hardware Co., whose progressive policy has been strongly shown by their large, attractive advertisements in our columns, have a fine window devoted to house paint.

On close inspection one finds not only the usual display of paint cans, but long cards showing rows of houses in new and handsome combination of colors for exterior painting. An attractive window border brightens the appearance of the whole store and draws much attention from the passers-by. It attractively illustrates how easily and well any shabby surface in or about the house can be fixed up.

The Cotter Hardware Co. deserves much credit for this window and we are sure it will prove of much benefit in reminding people of the many things around their homes that can easily be beautified at house-cleaning.

H. H. POWELL KILLS HIMSELF IN RALEIGH

TRAGEDY HAPPENED IN UNION STATION.

Sanford Hotel Man First Attempts To Kill Duncan E. McIver and C. H. Smith, of Sanford, and Wounds Smith, While Women Scream and There is Pandemonium in Crowded Room.

In a crowd of excited men, women and children in the waiting room at the union depot this afternoon at 4 o'clock, Mr. Henry Powell, of Sanford, pulled a Smith & Wesson blue steel 38 pistol from his pocket and fired three or four times at Mr. C. H. Smith and Duncan McIver, then turning the weapon upon himself he sent a bullet crashing through his brain and fell just inside the door of the Dawson street entrance.

The whole affair occurred just in a minute and it seems as if there has been some matter of long standing between the men.

One of the shots fired at Mr. Smith took effect in his left elbow. Mr. McIver escaped unhurt.

Officer Barrow who was at the depot took two guns from the dead man, the one which he had used with such murderous intent and a Colt pistol from his pocket.

Powell's remains will be reviewed by the coroner and then prepared for burial.—The Raleigh Evening Times, March 16th.

FOUR OAKS NOTES.

Four Oaks, Mar. 16.—Miss Helen Parker, teacher in graded school at Smithfield, spent Tuesday night of the school close here, the guest of Mrs. W. R. Keen.

Senator O. A. Barbour, of Benson, who has just returned from Raleigh, the General Assembly having adjourned, was in town recently, shaking hands with his many friends.

Miss Fannie House, of Spring, is the guest of her brother, Mr. Walter L. House, for a few days.

Misses Pearl Wellons and Agnes Worley, of Micro, attended the school close here, the guests of Misses Pearl Baker and Mary Barbour.

Miss Clyde Richardson, of Kenly, is visiting her niece, Miss Nell Richardson.

Messrs. Paul and Ceba Johnson, of the Polenta section, were guests of W. E. Barbour recently.

Messrs. Leonard Godwin and P. T. Massengill, of Dunn, are visiting Mr. G. K. Massengill.

Mr. Ed Matthews, of Elrod, was in town Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. R. B. Strickland was home recently from Goldsboro to see his father, who is very ill.

Mr. Robert Barbour, of Rehoboth section, spent Tuesday with Mr. T. C. Barbour.

Mr. J. B. Adams left Sunday for Smithfield, where he has accepted a position in the law office of Pou & Brooks.

Mr. Archie Barbour, of Clayton, was in town recently.

Work has begun on the dwelling of Mr. J. H. Brackett, our popular contractor and builder. Mr. J. William Langdon is having his residence remodelled and built to also, which adds greatly to its appearance.

School came to final close Tuesday evening, with a large and appreciative audience present. Although the weather all through was very inclement the commencement was a great success. The speech of Mr. J. R. Barbour, of Benson, one of Johnston County's leading lawyers, was practical, easily understood and by far the best ever heard here.

THE GRIP MAKES A MUTE SPEAK

Ephrata, Pa., Feb. 26.—Miss Lizzie Grant, 67 years old, lost her voice 33 years ago and could not in all these years speak above a whisper. Last week she was attacked with the grip, and upon her recovery was surprised at regaining the full use of her voice. It was the first time since 1878 that she heard her voice.

What caused the loss of her voice has been a mystery, and its recovery is just as inexplicable.—Nashville Tennessean.

AS YOU LIKE IT TO BE PRESENTED BY HOME TALENT

FAMOUS SHAKESPEAREAN PLAY AT OPERA HOUSE.

This Beautiful Woodland Comedy Will be Given in Smithfield, On Friday Night, March 24, By the Smithfield Dramatic Club. Scenes And Costumes Like Those Used in Shakespeare's Day.

In 1590, Thomas Lodge, an Englishman, published a novel called "Rosalind." The book was a dull, dreary composition. Few men read it, and to-day it would have been forgotten had it not fallen into the hands of William Shakespeare. Shakespeare discovered at once the gold hidden in the mass of Lodge's rubbish; he discarded the latter, uncovered the former, and gave in turn to the world the daintiest "Woodland" comedy it possesses. "As You Like It" was printed in about 1600. Since then it has been played, re-played, studied, restudied, until today the names of Rosalind, Jaques, Orlando, are as familiar to the school boy in Europe as to the student in America.

This is the simple story: Somewhere in England, there lived two brothers: the Duke Senior (I. W. Rand) the first-born son, and consequently heir to his father, according to the old English law,—and the Duke Frederick (Dr. W. B. Johnson) who had usurped his elder brother's property and banished him from his own home, to the Forest of Arden, where he lives with Jaques, (E. F. Ward) and Amiens (Walter Ives.)

The Duke Senior has a daughter, Rosalind, (Miss Mattie Hudson) who was not banished. She remains with her cousin Celia, (Miss Edith Hassell) at the court of the latter's father, Duke Frederick. Soon however, Duke Frederick becomes jealous of Rosalind, and banishes her from his court. Rosalind decides to go and seek her father, Celia runs away with her, and they both go to Arden. They are accompanied by Touchstone, (Hubert Woodall.) In order to avoid being molested, Rosalind assumes male attire, and as a boy, calls herself "Ganymede." Celia is called "Aliena."

Before Rosalind left she had met a young man named Orlando, (A. Vermont) and has fallen deeply in love with him, after he had defeated the Court wrestler, Charles, (W. C. Ward.) This Orlando is also persecuted by his brother, Oliver, (Dr. W. B. Johnson) and to avoid further trouble, Orlando goes to Arden, accompanied by Adam, (W. R. Smith) an old faithful servant. Orlando had been warned by Lebeau, (Walter Ives) to leave the country on account of the jealousy of Duke Frederick.

In the forest of Arden Orlando and Rosalind met, and the latter persuaded Orlando to play at love with her,—"him"—for she is still attired as "Ganymede." Celia,—or Aliena,—is a faithful ally to her sister. Rosalind buys a cottage and engages the services of Corin, (Carl Sanders). They love and they woo, and they love and they woo, but there are other lovers in the forest. Phoebe, (Miss Mary McCullers) who falls in love with Rosalind—or rather Ganymede—and Sylvius, (W. C. Ward) who is a most true admirer of Phoebe. The air, the sky, the trees, the brooks are redolent with love. Even Touchstone cannot resist the great influence and in turn he lays his heart at the feet of Audrey, (Miss Helen Parker) and wins her away from William, (Percy Youngblood.)

Duke Frederick and his attendant, (E. P. Ruckman) have remained in England.

The end of it all is "As You Like It," for even Oliver has repented of his vile conduct towards Orlando and has become love intoxicated. He has won the heart of Celia,—Aliena. This is the play of Shakespeare, which our Dramatic Club, after months of hard work will present at the Opera House, on Friday, the 24th of March. It is useless to say that it is a literary undertaking of which larger cities would justly be proud. It is a tremendous task which our young people have set to themselves

MONDAY'S STORM AND SOME OF ITS WORK

GREAT DAMAGE BY THE HAIL AND THE COLD.

Prediction Made That One-Half of The Strawberry Crops Have Been Killed in Some Sections. Lightning Does Terrible Work. Peaches Killed at Southern Pines.

Whiteville, March 15.—The severe hail and rain storm which passed over this section between four and five o'clock Monday afternoon was one, the like of which, few people here have ever witnessed before. The appearance at first indicated only a slight rain cloud, but which quickly changed to a terrific hail storm, lumps frequently falling as large as a goose egg. That part of the town where electricity dominates, it was quickly pressed into service, others resorting to gasoline and the ordinary lamps. The prediction is that at least one-half of the strawberry crop has been killed, and this means a considerable loss to the growers, merchants and the market generally.

Wilmington, March 13.—One of the worst hailstorms that has visited this section in more than ten years passed over Wilmington and vicinity late this evening. For about fifteen or twenty minutes hail came down in a perfect shower, the ground in a few minutes being literally covered with ice. The storm appears to have covered a considerable area, and it is feared that considerable damage was done to fruit and truck crops and especially lettuce, as much of it is in the open and growers are just beginning to ship. Some time before sunset it became as dark as night. The hailstorm was accompanied by a severe electrical storm.

Southern Pines, March 13.—A fierce storm struck this section at 3 o'clock this afternoon and for fifteen minutes the town was in darkness. Electric lights were turned on in the streets and in the buildings, while for half an hour hail and rain fell in torrents. Then, as quickly as it came, the storm passed. Wires were damaged in all directions, but nothing else suffered seriously.

Monroe, March 15.—Luke Redwine, aged 17, the son of Mrs. Mary Redwine, of Wolfsville, was instantly killed by lightning during the storm here. He had just returned home from school and was standing in the back hall when the bolt struck him.

A LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA.

L. P. Phillips, Former Teacher of The Late E. J. Holt, Writes of Former Days and Recollections.

Editors Herald:

I have just received a copy of your paper, and by your permission take this method of thanking the kind donor thereof. Said paper aroused recollections, both pleasant and sad, for in it I read a very interesting obituary of my long ago beloved pupil, E. J. Holt.

I was the more impressed while reading an account of his honorable and useful life, because it was my painful duty at one time to administer a little correction for an error he committed while in school.

I should not refer to this matter, were it not for the fact that years after it occurred, he declared that correction had much to do in shaping his course for the better.

I attended the funeral of Jesse Holt, E. J.'s father, who was indeed, a good and useful man; and well do I remember Redin Raiford, standing at the head of the grave, singing the song of which the following is the first stanza:

"Farewell dear friend, a long farewell,

For we shall meet no more,

Till we are raised with Him to dwell

On Zion's happy shore."

I knew E. J.'s grandfather well, and remember seeing his great grand father.

Only a few days ago I received a copy of the Journal of your town, in which was a communication from my nephew, John A. Phillips, of Dillon, Mont., which called forth one from myself.

An Old Johnston Co. Citizen,
L. P. PHILLIPS,
Downey, California, Mar. 8, 1911.

The Passing of W. F. Strowd.

Ex-Congressman W. F. Strowd, of Chatham, died at Chapel Hill, Sunday afternoon about 2 o'clock after an illness of some duration. He had been seriously ill for some time and his death was not unexpected. He was one of the best known citizens in the state, having served two terms as congressman from the Wake district and held other positions of trust and honor.

He was born in Orange county, December 7th, 1832. Graduated at Bingham school, High Hill academy, and the Graham institute, brought up on the farm; moved to Chatham county in 1861; elected to state constitutional convention in 1875; nominated for congress in 1892 in the fourth congressional district; again nominated in 1894, and elected to the 54th congress; was re-elected to the 55th congress.—Durham Sun.

Death of a Good Woman.

At eight o'clock last Monday night, Mrs. Bettie Lassiter, wife of Mr. S. A. Lassiter, of Elevation township, died after about a week's illness. She was buried Tuesday afternoon, at a graveyard on their farm in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. She was a splendid woman and added to the happiness of all with whom she met. She was a sister of Mr. James W. Stephenson, of Smithfield. She leaves a husband and several children. Mr. Lassiter is a first class farmer and a leading citizen of that part of the county and many will regret to hear of the family's bereavement. We sympathize with them in their loss.

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Bad For the Peach Crop.

"It looks very unfavorable for the peach crop in North Carolina," said State Horticulturist W. N. Hutt, yesterday afternoon. "Mr. J. Van Lindley, whom I saw to-day, stated that his crop at Southern Pines was damaged to the extent of \$40,000." Mr. Hutt stated further that Mr. S. B. Shaw, his assistant, reported the crop injured in the vicinity of Statesville. As to the apple crop, it has not been injured by the present cold spell, as the blooms of the apple trees are not yet full.

The cold wave reached here in full force yesterday morning at 7 o'clock, when the temperature fell to 24 degrees. A special cold wave prediction was sent out from Washington Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock, to the effect that the temperature would fall 30 degrees within 24 to 36 hours.

The lowest temperature on record on or after the 16th of March occurred on the 16th, in 1890, when the thermometer registered 20 degrees. The temperature yesterday was 18 degrees below normal.

The freezing line yesterday morning extended into Georgia, and in parts of New York zero was almost reached. The lowest temperature in North Carolina occurred at Asheville, where the thermometer registered 14 degrees.—News and Observer, 17th.

Congressman Charles B. Randall, of Texas, has announced that he will be a candidate for United States Senator to succeed Senator Bailey two years hence. While Bailey is one of the ablest men in public life in this country, it looks like his star is on the wane.