

Ernest Petteway Dies From His Own Hands Yesterday Afternoon

FOUND DEAD IN HIS ROOM WITH BULLET HOLE IN HIS HEAD

Had Been Dead a Short Time When Found

THINK CAUSE ILL HEALTH

He Was for Many Years Manager of City Milk Plant and A Most Efficient Officer

LEFT NO EXPLANATION

Funeral Will Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon From the Methodist Church

Ernest Petteway, manager of the Municipal Milk Plant shot and killed himself yesterday afternoon between one and two o'clock in his bedroom of his home on Panama farm just outside of the Corporate limits of the town. The deceased had been at home for several days and complained of being sick and yesterday his father said he was gloomy and very downcast.

When Mr. J. H. Petteway, his father, left the house, his son was in his bedroom sitting near the stove and he was asked if he wanted anything and his reply was that he did not.

Mr. Petteway then went on down to the pasture, where he milked his cows, and when he came back to the house to change his clothes and bring the milk to the milk plant, it was then that he discovered his son dead on the floor of the bedroom.

The coroner was at once notified and in a short time thereafter, the Sheriff, Mr. Thomas, the coroner, and a jury went out to the home and viewed the remains.

The deceased was lying on his back just in front of the bureau; from what could be seen, he took and pistol and went to the mirror and deliberately fired the shot into his right temple. He at first evidently fell towards the bureau and his arms fell on the dresser, pulling from the bureau the comb and brush. These were found near his feet. The deceased had on his slippers and was in his shirt sleeves.

Danish Explorer Says North Pole Is Changing Its Position

London, Dec. 13.—(By the Associated Press).—The earth is wobbling on its axis, according to Colonel P. Jensen. The Danish scientist who returned recently from a degree measuring expedition into Greenland. He reports that Greenland is moving westward at the rate of 20 yards a year. This seems to confirm the recent reports of surprising climatic changes at the North Pole. It is now established that there

is a periodic shifting of the latitude of the North Pole. The movement is difficult to detect because of the small area of the Pole—about the size of a tennis court. Some authorities say that the poles are gradually changing their positions, and that this alteration to the world's axis will in time mean that regions which are at present ice-bound will become warm and habitable countries.

His father stated to the Southerner that his son had been in bad health for several weeks, and that he was preparing to send him off to see some of his relatives.

Ernest Petteway is a man who has made many kind friends in Tarboro. For several years he has been manager of the City Milk Plant and in this capacity he has made a most efficient officer. He had been raised on a dairy farm and what he knew he had gained by experience. The success of the milk plant is due as much to his good work as to any one who has ever been connected with it. He loved his work and was polite to all and since his death there are scores of people who have already wondered how they are going to get along now that Ernest is dead. The patrons of the milk plant he was always kind and exceedingly obliging.

He was a member of the Junior Order. The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, from the Methodist church, of which he had long been a member. He leaves a father, mother and three brothers. The Southerner extends its heartfelt sympathy to the family.

JUNIOR ORDER WILL MEET AT THEIR HALL

The members of the Junior order will meet at their hall on Main St. Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock to go to the funeral of the late Ernest Petteway, which will take place at the Methodist Church at two o'clock Sunday afternoon.

From Palmyra
Mr. Lafayette Baker of Palmyra was a visitor here today.

Explorer Finds Indian Tribe In Upper Amazon Country That Is Ruled By Women

Boston Dec. 29.—An Indian tribe of South America ruled entirely by women was described recently by Dr. A. Hamilton Rice in a lecture before the Lowell Institute. The tribe lives on the Icana river, a branch of the upper Amazon where Dr. Rice went on a trip of exploration.

The women of the tribe appeared to be permanent residents of the village, Dr. Rice said, while the men who were there came mostly from tribes along the river Guiana. The ancient Amazonian legend of a tribe of self-supportive women, visited from time to time by men of other tribes, came to the explorer's mind with his discovery, he said, and indicated to him that he might have found the basis for the legend.

During his lecture, Dr. Rice was asked if he believed that former President Roosevelt's life had been shortened by the effects of his South African journey. He replied: "Yes, he died from the effects of his journey to South Africa. There

was not a doctor in New York who knew what ailed him."

The object of Dr. Rice's exploration was mainly to determine the character of the country surrounding the Itilla, Mesaya and Ibirida rivers, and to identify these rivers.

At San Martin he found 800 persons served by three priests who bemoaned their lack of knowledge of medicine. Many of their parishioners were suffering from disease. Dr. Rice's examinations developed that they carried the tertian form of malarial parasite and the epidemic skin disease known as pinta, a particularly disfiguring form. Daily Dr. Rice was begged for relief by the sufferers.

The old La Sal-Calama trail across the ega in the rainy season caused Dr. Rice's party much difficulty. For nearly 45 miles the trail crosses a chine of swamps and quagmires through which the natives of the party floundered naked, cursing and whipping the pack animals before them.

THE SOUTHERNER'S PAYMASTER HELD UP AND ROBBED AT CLEVELAND

(By Rev. Bertram E. Brown)
We bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.—Psalm 90:9.

This shall be a New Year's sermon, coming as it does in the closing days of the old year.

At such a time, one seems to stand at a particular point of time, with a past year behind him, and a coming year before him. Of course that is true any day of the year. We are always in the Present, with the Past stretching infinitely backward, and the Future stretching infinitely forward. But this seems more vividly true when we are at the point of one year's ending, and another year's beginning.

So we will consider what duties we owe to the Old Year, and to the New.

As to the Old Year, I will—

1. Set right all the wrong things I have done in it. I will forgive all those who have wronged this past year. I will overlook and put out of my mind everything unpleasant, vexatious, or painful that happened to me. I will make haste to pay all the debts I contracted during this past year, whether they are money debts, or debts of duty or gratitude.

2. I will repent of all my sins committed during this year, and seek God's pardoning mercy for them through Christ, the Lord.

3. I will treasure in my memory all the blessings the past year held for me. I will remember all the kindness and favors and loving deeds other men have showed to me, and watch my chance to return their good deeds. I will be thankful to the Good Lord for all His mercies shown me.

As to the New Year, I will—

1. Strive by God's help to be a better man; putting under foot my besetting sins, and fulfilling more carefully my bounden duties.

2. Cultivate a deeper spiritual life. I will go to my Church regularly, and pray longer and oftener, and think of God more frequently.

3. I will be a better husband, wife, father, mother, son, daughter, neighbor—in all my dealings with my fellowman I will be better and kinder and more true.

And on all these resolutions for the Past and Future, I ask the approval and blessing of God, in whose hands all my life is, and who orders all my days.

CALVARY CHURCH

7:30 a. m. Holy Communion.
9:45 a. m. Missionary Service and Instruction.
9:45 a. m. Primary Church school in Chapel.
10:00 a. m. Men's Bible Class, Colonial Theatre.
11:00 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon.
7:00 p. m. Evening prayer and sermon.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Daniel Iverson—Pastor
9:45 a. m. Sunday School—John R. Pender, Jr., Supt.
9:45 a. m. Vanguard Class. Dr. H. M. Poterat will speak in Church Auditorium.
11:00 a. m. Morning Service.—Dr. Poterat will address the Massons.
11:30 p. m. New Year's Watch Service. Special Music.

ALL BANKS WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY

Both the Farmers and the First National Banks will be closed next Monday, it being the first day of the year and a legal holiday.

SEVEN ARE INDICTED ON WAR FRAUD CHARGES

ED "STRANGLER" LEWIS TO MEET JACK DEMPSEY

(By The Associated Press)
San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 30.—Ed "Strangler" Lewis, the world's heavy-weight champion wrestler, has announced arrangements for a mixed match with Jack Dempsey, heavy-weight pugilist title holder.

He produced articles carrying the signature of Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager. The place and date of this match have not been announced as yet.

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NO NEW YEAR FETE AT WHITE HOUSE

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 30.—There will be no New Year's reception at the White House Monday.

The traditional open house that was discontinued by former President Wilson and revived by President Harding last year will be abandoned on account of the illness of Mrs. Harding.

Here Today on Business
Mr. Claud Ethridge of the county was here today on business.

Waiting Relatives Here
Senator Sumner Burgwyn of Wilmington is here this week visiting relatives. Mr. Burgwyn was in the Senate of 1921 from New Hanover county.

RICHMOND CITY ATTORNEY DEAD

(By The Associated Press)
Richmond, Va., Dec. 30.—George Wynne Anderson, City attorney of Richmond and one of the most distinguished lawyers of Virginia died at his residence after an illness of several months.

He was a former member of the State senate and also a member of the House of Representatives.

DEATH OF MRS. W. H. FULLER OF DANVILLE

Mrs. Harvey Ward received a telegram this morning telling of the death of her mother, Mrs. W. H. Fuller of Danville. Mrs. Fuller died from a stroke of apoplexy.

Wm. Dorsey Pender Chapter To Meet
The William Dorsey Pender Chapter of the U. D. C. will meet Tuesday afternoon January 2nd, 1923, at the home of Mrs. John L. Bridgers.

A full attendance is desired as important business is to be discussed.

Spent the Xmas Holidays at Durham

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ethridge spent the Christmas holidays at Durham. Mrs. Ethridge is still in Durham, at the hospital sick with an attack of the flu. Mrs. Ethridge before she was married, was a nurse in Watts Hospital at Durham.

ST. JAMES M. E. CHURCH

Worship and sermon at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject: "The Land of Beginning Again;" Evening subject: "The Pearl of Greatest Value."
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. You are invited and welcome.

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