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Bank Cashier

Commits Suicide

R. H. Spruill of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Columbia Put a Bullet Hole In His Head Last Tuesday Afternoon-

The people of this section are shocked to learn of the suicide of Prof. R. H. Spruill, cashier of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Columbia and superintendent of Public Instruction of Tyrrell County, which occurred in a woods near Columbia last Tuesday afternoon about 5 o'clock.

Mr. Spruill was a native of Washington County and has been a resident of Columbia for several years. He was about 40 years old and was married. He was well known and was held in high esteem in both business and social circles. The cause which led the suicide has not yet been made public.

The following account was sent out from Columbia immediately after the suicide occurred:

On the arrival of the bank auditor on May 23, Mr. R. H. Spruill, the cashier, was introduced to him at the express office. They left together, going to the bank about 4:15. After opening up the place so the auditor could examine the books, papers and money, Mr. Spruill went out, the auditor thinking he would be back in a few minutes, but he did not return. This was about 4:30 p. m. Mr. T. H. Woodley, president of the bank, went there about one hour later. The auditor was still at work but Mr. Spruill had not yet returned. About 7 o'clock nearly all of the business men found out that Spruill was gone. A party was formed to look for him but returned without finding any clue to his whereabouts. This morning Mr. M. G. Elliott came to town and said he saw Mr. Spruill in the woods about 5 or 5:30 yesterday evening. To the direction another party was formed and went in the direction told by Mr. Elliott. They soon found him. He had shot himself with a 38 calibre Colt's revolver, the ball going in just above the right temple and coming out about his left ear.

He was buried yesterday morning at his old home, about seven miles from here. The cause of his action is not yet known. He left a note beside him, telling his wife to pay his mother \$100 and Haywood Swain \$4.00, also telling her where she would find his insurance policy. He said his action was caused by two men, the names given by him. The auditor has not finished checking up so that the people may know whether he was short or not.

His friends maintain that Mr. Spruill's administration of the bank's affairs, as far as he himself was concerned was perfectly straight and that he was not morally responsible for the business transaction that wrought his ruin.

Attention is called to the ad of Rucker and Sheeley which appears in this issue of the ADVANCE.

McCall's Bee Hive has an ad in the ADVANCE this week, telling of some exceptional values that are being offered at this store.

PROGRAM OF COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF THE CITY GRADED SCHOOL.

On Wednesday night, May 31st, a cantata entitled, "A Midsummer Eve," will be presented by the students of the grammar grades and high school.

On Thursday night, June 1st, the annual address will be made by Attorney-General W. T. Bickett of Raleigh.

The senior essays and orations will not be delivered this year, and in this the school is following the methods of the more progressive high schools throughout the state.

The diplomas will be presented after the address.

The North Carolina history medal offered by the State society of the Daughters of the Revolution, for the best essay on some local historic place or event, will be presented to Miss Eula Wood, to whom the judges made the award. The subject chosen this year was, "The Dismal Swamp."

A small admission fee will be charged on Wednesday night, because it would be impossible to accommodate the attendance otherwise. The proceeds will be devoted to the library fund.

Admission Thursday night free.

Sarah, the eighteen months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Poshua Dawson died last Tuesday night after an illness of two weeks.

NOTICE

Sale of Valuable Timber Land.

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Pasquotank County North Carolina made by Geo. R. Little Clerk of said court in a special proceeding entitled R. C. Lynch et als vs F. S. Lynch et als. I shall offer for sale at the court house door in Pasquotank County North Carolina on Monday May 29 1911 at public auction to the highest bidder for cash

that certain tract of land situated in Newland township, Pasquotank County North Carolina bounded and described as follows,

Known as the "Tadmor" swamp, bounded on the north and west by the lands of J. L. Roper on the east by the lands formerly owned by the J. L. Hinton heirs, and the lands of William Hewitt and D. H. Hewitt containing THREE HUNDRED AND TEN ACRES more or less. Ten per cent of the purchase money to be paid on the day of the sale as evidence of good faith

This April 10th 1911.

W. IRA HALSTEAD
Commissioner of the Court

NOTICE

SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY

By virtue of a mortgage deed executed to me by Nathan Butt and wife Lizzie Butt for certain purposes therein mentioned which said mortgage deed bears date March 5th 1909 and is registered in the office of Register of Deeds for Pasquotank County in book 32 Page 652 I shall on Monday June 19th 1911 at 12 o'clock M. offer for sale at the Court House door in said County at public auction for cash the property conveyed to me in said mortgage deed as follows:

That certain house and lot situated on the West side of Road St. in Elizabeth City N. C. and commencing at the South-east corner of the lot formerly known as Abram Shannon lot on Road St. running thence Westwardly along the said Shannon lot 100 feet to the line of Wh. H. Green's lot thence Southwardly along the line of said Greens and Charles Perry's lots a distance of 50 feet to Molly Thomas' lot; then Eastwardly along the west side of Road St. to the place of the beginning, being the lot purchased of Jno. L. Sawyer by Nathan Butt, see book 21 page 62

Also all the household and kitchen furniture that the said Nathan Butt and wife now own and located in the house above described, consisting of beds, bedsteads, chairs, tables, carpets, pictures, washstands, bureaus, bed covering, stoves heaters and cooking utensils.

This May 16 1911.

GEORGE J. SPENCE
Mortgagee

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NOTICE

SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY

By virtue of a Mortgage Deed executed to me by Willie Cabarras and wife on the 13th of July 1909 and duly recorded in the Register of Deeds office of Pasquotank County N. C. in Deed Book No. 33 page 132 I shall on Friday the 2nd day of June 1911 at 12 o'clock M. sell for cash at the Court House door of said County the property conveyed to me in said Deed of Trust and described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of Courtney Morris's lot and running thence Southwardly parallel with Boston Avenue 34 feet; thence Westwardly One Hundred feet to East side of Boston Avenue; thence Northwardly along East side of Boston Avenue, 34 feet; thence Eastwardly at right angles with Boston Avenue to place of beginning. Same being the house and lot conveyed to Lucinda Winslow by John L. Sawyer and Deed Book 11, page 126, register of Deeds office of Pasquotank County N. C.

This 2nd day of May 1911.

J. C. BROOKS,
Mortgagee.

may 5-12-19-26

Notice of Administration.

Having qualified as Administrator of the late Julius C. Hollowell I hereby give notice to all persons indebted to his estate to come forward and make immediate settlement and those holding claims against the same to present them for payment within twelve months from the date of this notice, or it will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

April 24 1911.
J. WALTER BROTHERS
Administrator.

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T. S. Mann has returned from a business trip to Morris Harbor, Dare County.

Messrs C. J. Hooper, E. M. Hooper, L. W. Hooper, Joseph Wise, Calvin Hooper, Lorenzo Hooper, Zion Mason, Elroy Hooper, Sherrel Hooper, Merret Hooper, Beaman Hooper, and Thinston Midgett, all of Stumpy Point were here last Saturday on business.

NOTICE

Sale of Valuable Timber Land

By virtue of an order made by Charles Johnson Esq., Clerk of the Superior Court of Perquimans County in the special proceeding pending in said court entitled T. K. Parrish plaintiff vs The John L. Roper Lumber Co defendant we the undersigned commissioners will sell at the court house door in HERTFORD Perquimans County, N. C., on Monday June 5th 1911, at 12 O'clock M., to the highest bidder on the terms herein after mentioned, the following property, viz: That certain tract of land lying and being partly in the county of Perquimans and partly in the County of Pasquotank in the state of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of the estate of T. G. Skinner and others and more particularly bounded and described as follows, to wit:

That certain tract of land known as the Josiah T. White tract and being the same lands purchased by H. T. Greenleaf at a sale made by M. N. Sawyer Administrator of Francis Davis deceased bounded as follow

Beginning at Temple's Corner a white oak at the Line of Ivy Roach's land in Newland Township, Pasquotank County thence a direct straight line south 21 1/2 degrees West about 486 chains to the Perry Turnpike Road thence Northwardly and Westwardly binding Perry Turnpike Road to the Northwest corner of the said J. T. White tract; thence binding the lines of inhabitants near the Hinton Turnpike Road to a corner of the Josiah Collins patent of eleven hundred and sixty acres now owned by T. F. Winslow; thence along said patent line South 35, East 40 chains to another corner of said patent; thence along said line North 70, East 40 chains; thence along said line North 45 East 65 chains to another corner of said patent; thence along said line North 2 East 83 chains and 80 links; thence to the Southwest corner of the Benjamin Jones patent of twelve hundred and eighty acres lying on the South side of the Hinton turnpike Road thence along said Benjamin Jones patent North 45, East 170 chains to the corner of said patent thence Eastwardly by various courses binding the lands of B. C. Jackson, Thomas Williams' heirs and others to the beginning contain seven thousand acres more or less and the same being the lands one half of which was conveyed to T. K. Parrish and one half of which was conveyed to George W. Roper by two deeds from H. T. Greenleaf and wife dated respectively Oct 4 1901 and Oct 4 1906 and duly registered in the offices of the registers of deeds of Perquimans County and Pasquotank County.

TERMS OF SALE: One third cash on confirmation of sale, one third in six months therefrom and one third in twelve months therefrom with interest at six per cent from date of confirmation of sale on deferred payments title to be retained until purchase money with interest are paid in full: the purchaser to have the right to anticipate deferred payments and pay all cash should he so desire the said purchaser will be required on the day of sale to deposit 10 percent of his bid as a guarantee of his good faith.

This May 3rd. 1911
W. M. BOND & C. E. THOMPSON
Commissioners of the Court

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FOR SALE

ONE JERSEY COW

APPLY TO
T. L. OVERMAN

Great Chiefs And Braves Meet In Great Council

The Improved Order of Red Men Hold Their 13th Annual Session In Elizabeth City this Week.

This week Elizabeth City has been filled with Red Men, gathered here from every part of the state of North Carolina in Annual Great Council.

The visitors began to arrive last Monday and Tuesday, every train brought a large crowd. When the Great Council convened Tuesday night there was a large crowd present. The formal opening exercises were held in the auditorium beginning at 8 o'clock. Attorney W. L. Cohoon delivered the address of welcome in behalf of the City and attorney R. W. Turner delivered the address of welcome in behalf of the Pasquotank tribe. Honorable T. J. Markham was to have delivered this address, but was prevented from doing so on account of illness. Hon. W. J. Leary, Sr., of Edenton, made the response to the address of welcome. Hon. E. E. Henderson, of Newbern, made the annual address. His subject was, "The Brotherhood of Red Men." This was a splendid address which delighted the large audience. Past Great Encampment John W. Cherry, of Suffolk, also made an address.

During the exercises, the Red Men, under the direction of E. E. Skinner, rendered a number of musical selections and Past Great Sachem B. W. Taylor, of Washington, N. C., rendered a number of vocal selections.

Immediately after the conclusion of the exercises the great chiefs held a conference to plan for business sessions held on Wednesday. The first business session was held Wednesday morning beginning at 9 o'clock. During both the morning and afternoon sessions, only business of a routine nature was transacted. On Wednesday night the Red Men gave a spectacular torchlight procession through the principal streets of the city. The parade was impressive and a novel scene to the large crowd of people who lined the streets to witness it. The Pasquotank tribe was costumed in the Red Man's garb, and many of them were mounted. As this long parade passed through the streets under the glare of the red lights, one only had to imagine being in a forest and the scenes became realistic.

After the parade and other exercises on the public square, the Red Men assembled in their hall and the Pochontas served an elaborate banquet. During the Thursday morning session among the other items of business transacted, the action on the removal of the office of Great Chief of Records to Raleigh was deferred until the meeting of the next Great Council.

Shelby was selected as the place of next meeting. During the Wednesday afternoon session, the following officers were elected: Great Sachem—W. J. Leary, Sr., of Edenton, N. C.
Great Senior Sogamore—J. R. Anderson, Charlotte.
Great Jr. Sogamore—Roy C. Flanagan, Greenville.
Great Prophet—W. L. Stamey, of High Point.
Great Chief of Records—W. Ben Goodwin.
Great Keeper of Wigwam—E. P. H. Strunk, Wilmington.
Great Representative of the Great

Council of the U. S.—W. L. Stamey and W. S. Liddell, Charlotte.

"WHO IS WHO"

Judges Render Decision In Interesting Contest.

We, the undersigned committee of the WHO IS WHO contest do hereby make out report as follows:

First Prize—Miss Fannie Owens.
Second Prize—Mr. R. R. Banks and Cecil Williams.

D. R. MORGAN.
W. C. SAWYER.
JOHN L. WELLS.
M. OWENS.

So ends the WHO IS WHO contest that everybody has been talking about for the last three weeks. From the above decision it will be seen that R. R. Banks and Cecil Williams tied for the second prize. The second and third prizes will therefore be divided between them.

Owing to lack of space it was impossible to publish the full list of advertisers in this week's paper. They will appear next week, however.

The lists of the prize winners may be seen in the window of the ADVANCE office.

CARRIED PATIENT TO HOSPITAL.

Dr. C. A. Sutton of Buxton, N. C., passed through the city Tuesday en route to Norfolk to take Mr. Bunyan Midgette to St. Vincent's Hospital. Mr. Midgette is suffering from an attack of appendicitis. Mr. Sutton is a very prominent physician of the coast country, whose medical skill is becoming more recognized every day. He cures his patients himself if he can; and when he fails he takes them to the hospitals. The people of the Buxton community are fortunate in having so progressive a physician.

Rev. W. O. Sawyer of Camden county was in the city Tuesday.

Misses Mattie Daniels and Rennie Griffin passed through the city Tuesday en route to their home in Mantoloking from Greensboro, where they have been students in the Greensboro Female College.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meads of Weeksville were here this week.

Mr. Will Harrison left Tuesday for New York en route to Colon, Panama, where Mr. Harrison holds a position in canal construction. Mrs. Harrison, who was Miss Annie Cross, of Zebulon, N. C., until last Thursday accompanied her husband.

Rev. E. F. Sawyer has been appointed district supervisor of the encampment Branch of Odd Fellows for the first District.

SENT TO REFORMATORY.

Sheriff Reed went to Concord Tuesday night to take a white boy named "Bum" Balance to the reformatory from this section.