

NEWS WITHOUT  
BIAS  
VIEWS WITHOUT  
PREJUDICE

# THE ADVANCE

OFFICIAL PAPER  
OF  
CURRITUCK  
COUNTY

VOL IV

ELIZABETH CITY, NORTH CAROLINA, TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1914

NO 63

## TWO WHITE MEN SHOT BY NEGROES

### One Mortally Wounded and Other Seriously Hurt Saturday Night

Joe Self and Tom Evans, the first a young man of about thirty five years living on Beech street, and the second a youth of twenty or twenty one who was at home on a week's vacation, were shot Saturday night on the railroad track near the new Norfolk Southern depot, one seriously and the other mortally.

Fannie Rogers and Grant Eason, both negroes, are now in jail charged with responsibility for the tragedy. Things look pretty black for both of them and only by the vigilance of the police did they escape lynching Saturday night.

The shooting occurred shortly after the passage of the south bound night train. Joe Self, ex-man Dan Williams, Rufus Sanders, a painter, Ben Anderson, a foreman of one of the departments of the cotton mill, and Horton, Jr., a factory operator, were walking along the track away from the depot and going toward Hertford.

There was no warning of danger. Seeing a man and woman ahead coming toward them and supposing them white people the group had stood to one side to let them pass, when suddenly a pistol spat fire and a bullet struck at the feet of the group. At an exclamation of surprise and caution from the white men a negro's voice shouted "Don't you like it?" and the pistol was fired again. This time the bullet struck Joe Self about midway his body, plowing around the front of a rib and going through his arm which was pressed against his body on the other side.

The white men then sprang forward, caught Eason and overpowered him. In some way, however, he twisted loose from their grasp leaving his coat in their hands.

As the crowd piled on Eason the woman screamed "Don't hurt him" and shoved the gun against the body of Rufus Sanders. Sanders grabbed the woman and threw her to one side. She got to her feet and fired blindly, the ball striking Tom Evans, who was farther up the track toward the depot, in the abdomen and inflicting a wound that the doctors said yesterday morning would prove fatal. The woman then fled, snapping the pistol which failed to fire in the hands of Herbert Barnes as she fled him.

News of the shooting reached the police by phone at a quarter after eleven. Chief Thomas and officers Holmes and Benton set out at once to the new depot and dogs were on the scent of the negroes by twelve o'clock. By twelve thirty the woman was caught at her home on the old fair grounds just outside the corporate limits of the city. About three o'clock the officers got Eason at the home of Hannah Morris about a half mile from that of the Rogers woman.

The capture of Eason was one of the neatest pieces of work done by the local police in some time.

Unable to trace him with the dogs the officers, finding that he had boarded at Fannie Rogers house surrounded that building. When everything was apparently quiet, just as the officers had expected, Eason sent for his belongings. When the messenger was on the point of entering the house he was apprehended and frightened into telling where Eason was in hiding. The police brought Eason to jail by a round about way to prevent possible lynching.

Both negroes were identified by an unusual circumstance. In the pocket of Eason's coat which he left behind when he broke away from his captors by the railroad tracks were found photographs of himself and Fannie Rogers. So the police knew at once when they had run down their quarry.

All the town that knew about the affair Saturday night was at a pitch of intense excitement and Chief Thomas told an Advance reporter yesterday that had the crowd held Eason at the depot he would undoubtedly have been lynched on the spot.

Eason's gun is in the hands of the police. It was a thirty two calibre revolver. Physicians who examined Evans' wound before he left here think that the woman fired a thirty eight. Her weapon has not been located.

Up to this time there has been no explanation whatever of the shooting. Chief Thomas asked Eason after he had been captured what the white men had done to him. The negro said "Nothing" and would give no further explanation of his act.

Joe Self is an employee of the Dare Lumber Company and Chief Thomas who lives near his home says that he is a man of excellent character. Tom Evans was not even in the crowd that met the negroes. He was walking along the track toward the depot and a few moments before had overtaken and passed Eason and Fannie Rogers. When he heard the pistol shots he turned to see what was happening and received the bullet meant for another. He is a fireman on a tugboat at Norfolk, had been away from home ten months and was back on his first vacation. His parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Evans, live on Fleetwood street and his brother, Jim Evans, is foreman of the roller mill.

He was rushed to a Norfolk hospital but news yesterday held out no hope for his recovery.

### MEETING AT SAWYER'S CREEK

Rev. R. L. Gray of Washington is assisting the pastor, Rev. J. K. Henderson in a meeting at Sawyer's Creek Baptist Church this week. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

### A CORRECTION

In the issue of July 21st in a news item giving the account of the drowning of a negro boy in the Dismal Swamp Canal the name of the Vansciver appeared in the place of the Annie. The Annie plys from Elizabeth City to Norfolk through this canal, while the Vansciver is owned and operated by the North River Line.

## NEW CONCERN IN HINTON BLD'G

### Elizabeth City Man Will Manage Branch Store For Baltimore Tailoring Company

The quarters in the Hinton building rented originally by the Favorite Theatre and closed since the Favorite was bought out by the Alkrama will open again soon by Mr. S. M. Singer of Baltimore.

Mr. Singer is the head of a large tailoring concern at Baltimore with a chain of retail stores in Maryland and West Virginia. The opening of a branch store here will mark the extension of the chain into a new State.

Mr. Arthur E. Burgess will have charge of the store here. Mr. Burgess is well known in Elizabeth City which was originally his home. But he has been in Martinsburg, West Virginia recently. Mr. Burgess and his wife have already moved to Elizabeth City and are at the home of Mr. Burgess' father on Main street.

Interviewed yesterday by an Advance reporter Mr. Burgess stated that he had no definite announcement to make as to when he would be ready for business. He is awaiting the arrival of his goods which have already been shipped and should have been here but for delay in transportation.

Meantime the seats and moving picture apparatus and other fixtures of the Favorite have been removed and the store is now ready for stock. Mr. Singer is fortunate in the location of his store here which occupies a corner of Elizabeth City's newest and biggest business building. He has leased the store from the Kramer Amusement Company.

### SEA GULL BRIEFS

Sea Gull, N. C., July 30th—Miss Ruth Wise of Norfolk after spending some time with Misses Addie and Lucy White has returned to Coinjock.

Mrs. Chas. E. Steptoe and little son of Scotland Neck are spending the summer with Mrs. M. B. White.

Mrs. Carroll Evans has returned to her home in Norfolk after a visit to her mother Mrs. M. B. White.

Miss Carrie Smith of Waterlily was the guest of Mrs. C. F. Smith last week.

Captain Will Wise's little sons Frank and Carl, of Norfolk have been on a pleasant visit to Master Columbus White.

### MUTT AND JEFF OPEN THEATRICAL SEASON

The Alkrama Theatre will open the season with "Mutt and Jeff in Mexico" on the evening of August 28th. The public will welcome this popular attraction with particular pleasure after the long time elapsing since the spring theatrical productions.

### NO PREACHING AT OLIVET

Rev. N. P. Stallings of Moryock passed through the city Monday on his way to the mountains for twelve days vacation. He will be unable to fill his pulpit at Olivet next Sunday.

Mr. Louis Selig returned Sunday from Nags Head.

### MRS. WILLIAMS DEAD

Mrs. Emma Williams died Wednesday evening at about seven thirty at the home of her cousin, James Williams, on Fearing street.

Mrs. Williams had suffered from asthma for a number of years, and after a day spent in nursing a friend, was seized with an attack at about six o'clock in the afternoon on the street and died in a short while after reaching home.

Mrs. Williams was well known for her kindness and efficiency in nursing the sick and much loved by a large number of friends.

### SELIG HAS PASQUOTANK MONEY

Louis Selig, Elizabeth City's oldest jeweler, has at his store on Main street two pieces of paper currency of unusual interest to lovers of history in this section. The face value of each is fifty cents. One piece was issued by Pasquotank county and the other by Camden. Both bear the date of 1861. The Pasquotank note bears the signatures of J. W. Wilcox and Geo. H. Pool.

### GUM NECK NEWS

Gum Neck, N. C., July 29th—Crops are looking fine in this section.

The First Baptist Church has just closed its meeting. Three new members were added to the church. The meeting was conducted by Rev. Waters and Rev. Pitman.

Mr. Jessie Cahoon who has been ill for some time is now recovering.

Mr. J. H. Partridge has been moving his saw mill this week. He will start the mill going very soon.

M. F. Owens made a business trip to Columbia Thursday.

Mrs. A. E. Martin, Misses Isabelle and Estelle Martin of Richmond are guests of Mrs. S. A. Patrick.

Mr. J. T. Swanson and family spent Saturday and Sunday at Creswell visiting relatives.

Mr. A. E. Slaughter, the R. C. W. paymaster of Norfolk passed through this section Tuesday on his way to Columbia.

Mrs. Florida Wilkins of Norfolk is visiting her mother Mrs. J. H. Partridge.

Mr. George L. Everton who has been working for the Roper Lumber Company at Newbern is at home for a few days vacation.

Mr. H. E. Cahoon made a business trip to Columbia Friday.

Mr. Richard Liverman and Miss Nora Liverman of Cross Landing were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones Tuesday.

### BIDS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING

Sealed bids for construction of the school building at Manteo, N. C. will be received until Monday, September 21st, 1914 at 10 a. m. The building to be 70 x 60 feet, two story and to be constructed in accordance with plans which may be seen in the office of the County Superintendent of Public Instruction at Manteo. Contractor to furnish all material and building to be constructed in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Right reserved to reject any and all bids.

August 1st, 1914.

S. L. DOSHER,

Chairman Trustees.

J. C. EVANS, Secretary.

Manteo, N. C.

Mrs. E. P. Buxton of Jackson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. O. B. Williams on Road street.

## ALL EUROPE PROBABLY INVOLVED IN MOST TITANIC STRUGGLE IN HISTORY

### Appears Now That England Cannot Remain Neutral Unless Warlike Plans Are Checked

Four great powers of Europe are engaged in actual warfare. They are Austria, Hungary, Russia, France and Germany.

Germany and France have not openly declared war against each other at this writing, but Germany's ultimatum to France has been either ignored or rejected.

The fact that Germany has invaded French Territory without formal declaration of war and has violated the neutrality of Luxemburg by sending armed forces into that territory seems to make it impossible for England not to come to the help of France in the great struggle. Hope of remaining neutral has not yet been abandoned by the English Government, however.

Japan's attitude with relation to the struggle has not yet been made public. The emperor of that country has asked, however, for a report on the condition of his army.

French aeroplanes flying over Germany make the long talked of day of aerial warfare seem near at hand. German troops on Sunday fired upon and brought to earth a French Flying Machine near Wesel.

This town is one hundred and forty miles from the north eastern frontier of France. Other French aircrafts have been sailing above the fatherland.

The little nation of Montenegro will join in the fray. King Nicholas has signed a decree for mobilization of the army of that State. Montenegro is understood to have secret military alliance with Serbia.

A discussion of the causes which have led up to the present European conflagration will appear in the next issue of this week.

### THROWN FROM BICYCLE

Winfall, N. C., Aug. 1st—Luether Hendricks, a youth about sixteen years old, while coming home on his wheel from the revival services at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church near here the other night was thrown into a deep ditch and badly bruised about the head.

He has been in a state of coma, rousing only once or twice, but his physician does not look for serious consequences from the fall.

### EXCURSION TOMORROW

Tomorrow is the day set for the Blackwell Memorial Sunday school excursion to Virginia Beach. The outlook now is for good weather.

### TRANSFER OF STOCK

W. T. Love of this city has recently purchased ten thousand dollars worth of Crystal Ice and Coal Company stock from W. J. Woodley.

### CITY UNION TONIGHT

The Baraca Philathea City Union meets tonight in the annex of the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. J. W. Johnson, after a visit to her sister, Mrs. B. R. Cox on Pearl street has returned to her home in Baltimore.

### SHORT BRIEFS

Roper, N. C., Aug 1st—Mr. Warren Brickhouse of Ferris, Va is the guest of his brother, D. W. Brickhouse.

Miss Bessie Tarkenton of Woodland is the guest of Miss Isabel McAllister.

Mrs. L. L. Mamilton of Augusta, Ga., is the guest of Mrs. B. F. Bailey.

Mr. Julius Harris of Longacre was in town Thursday.

Mrs. Will Hodges of Belhaven is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Sue Blount.

Class Number Seven and their teacher Mr. T. B. Chesson of the Methodist Sunday School held their annual picnic at Rea's fishery last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Respass of Pine town spent the week end with Mrs. Respass parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harrison.

After a few weeks visit to friends in Pungo Misses Annie Leary and Mary Johnson returned home Wednesday.

After a delightful visit to Mrs. Witts Hodges near Mackeys Mrs. Sue Blount returned home Wednesday.

### PLEASED CONGREGATION

Large crowds attended at the First Baptist Church Sunday and were well pleased with Dr. Henning of Knoxville, Tennessee who preached at both morning and evening services. Members of the First Baptist Church are hoping to secure Dr. Henning as their pastor.

### ANYTHING TO PLEASE A LADY

Manifold Troubles of a Militia Colonel Who Aimed to Please All He Knew.

Lady Hester Lucy Stanhope, when staying at Walmer castle in 1804, quite unwittingly accomplished the feat of changing the uniform of a regiment of the county militia. The anecdote, which illustrates a curious streak of vanity in old-time army officers, appears in an account of Lady Stanhope's life by Mr. Frank Hamel.

"Somebody asked me before a great many officers what I thought of them," said Lady Stanhope, "and I said that they looked like so many tinned harlequins. One day, soon after, I was riding through Walmer village, when who should pop out upon me but the colonel, dressed in entirely new regimentals, with different facings, more like those of a regiment of the line.

"Pray pardon me, Lady Hester," he began. So I stopped, and he addressed me. 'Pray pardon me,' said the colonel, 'but I wish to know if you approve of our new uniform.' Of course I made him turn about and I inspected him round and round—pointed with my whip as I sat on horseback, first here and there—told him the waist was too short and wanted half a button more—the collar was too high, and so on. 'And in a short time the whole regiment turned out with new clothes.'—Youth's Companion.

Julian W. Selig, eyesight specialist, has his offices in suite 315 in the Hinton Building.