

CHARLES WADSWORTH DEAD.

Well-Known Charlotte Man Takes His Own Life at Greensboro on Monday Night—Shoots Himself Through Head—Not Identified for Some Time After Shooting.

Mr. Charles F. Wadsworth, of Charlotte one of the best known young business men of that city and related to Concord people, died in Greensboro following a mortal wound inflicted by himself on Monday night. The news of his death was not of public knowledge until the body had been identified. All day Tuesday it was unidentified. The following is from this morning's Charlotte Observer:

"One of the saddest deaths the city has ever known was that of Mr. Charles F. Wadsworth in Greensboro Monday night. Depressed because of protracted ill health, Mr. Wadsworth took his own life in his room at the Hotel Clegg, where he was a guest. The sad news reached the city yesterday afternoon, word to this effect having been brought by a Charlotte citizen who viewed the body at the undertaking establishment there yesterday morning. Last night the news became general, positive identification being made by Greensboro as well as Charlotte citizens acquainted with the deceased.

"It is safe to say that no death in recent years so shocked the city at large as that of Mr. Wadsworth. He lacked but a few days of being 38 years of age, having been born at the old Wadsworth home on North College street, February 17, 1871. He was the oldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wadsworth and was widely connected with the most influential families of this section of the State. In November 1903, he was married to Miss Sadie Hirshinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hirshinger, of this city. His wedded life of almost six years, in the estimation of all those who knew and loved him, was most happy. Aside from his bereft widow, one small daughter, Marion, survives him. He is also survived by three brothers and four sisters—namely Messrs. James W., George P. and Joe Wadsworth, and Mrs. W. E. Stitt, of Temple, Tex.; Mrs. Frank Smith, Mrs. A. B. Reese and Miss Louise Wadsworth, all of Charlotte. A half brother, Mr. John C. Wadsworth, of Concord, also survives him.

Details of the Suicide.

The following is taken from the Greensboro Record of yesterday:

"With a bullet in his right temple from which blood was flowing and with a revolver lying on the floor beside him, a middle-aged man registering at Hotel Clegg as 'R. B. Varne, Va.,' was found in his room in the hotel last night gasping for breath. Drs. John A. Williams and Roberson were hastily summoned and the unfortunate man was removed to St. Leo's hospital, where he died a few hours later. He shot himself shortly before 10 o'clock, but no one heard the shot, though about 10 o'clock one of the hotel guests went to his room just above the one occupied by the suicide and heard someone groaning. He notified Mr. Clegg and they went to Varne's door, which was found locked on the inside. An outside window was raised and upon entering Mr. Clegg found Varne sitting, or rather lying in a chair, a 38-calibre revolver lying on the floor nearby. Blood was flowing from the wound, which had evidently been made only a short time before. The man was unconscious and never regained consciousness. At the hospital when an examination was made it was found that the bullet had pierced the brain. Varne died at 12:30 o'clock and his remains were taken to the undertaking establishment of Huntley-Stockton-Hill Company and prepared for burial, though the time has not yet been decided upon.

"Varne came to Greensboro, presumably from Danville, Va., Sunday and registered at Hotel Clegg on the European plan. He had no baggage and as far as is known he remained in his room nearly all the time. No letters or papers were found on his person that would furnish a clue as to his address. He had in his pockets \$5 in money and a railroad ticket from Greensboro to Danville, Va. He wore a badge bearing the words, 'Charlotte Chapter No. 39 R. A. M.' and his clothes were made by the Little-Long Company, of Charlotte.

"Upon finding the Masonic badge the hotel people communicated with Mr. Walter S. Liddell, a prominent Mason of Charlotte, and he promised to try and obtain some information regarding Varne, but had been unable to do so up to noon today. The Danville chief of police, who was communicated with, but he could not

SENTENCED TO GALLOWS.

Rapist is Quickly Convicted and Sentenced to Hang on March 3d, at Clinton.

Clinton, Feb. 2.—The trial of Will Ward, for criminal assault upon Mrs. Mollie McLeod, began here at 2:30 this afternoon before Judge W. R. Allen and ended at 6:35 p. m., when the jury returned a verdict of guilty. George E. Butler, assisted Solicitor Duffy for the State and Henry A. Grady was appointed by the court to represent the defendant, who was without counsel. At the close of the taking of testimony, the case was submitted to the jury upon the evidence without argument upon the part of the State or the defense.

Ward assaulted Mrs. McLeod on January 19th and has been in the State penitentiary to prevent his being lynched. He arrived from Raleigh this morning under an escort of a detail of the local military company, and the entire company is on guard duty tonight. The prisoner sat through the trial unmoved and presented a spectacle of stolid indifference. When asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed upon him, he stated that he was once injured by a blow on the head which at times affected his mind, especially when he was drinking. Judge Allen sentenced Ward to be hanged March 3d.

The trial was witnessed by a packed court house. All disinterested spectators vacated the court room while Mrs. McLeod was on the stand, at the request of Judge Allen. The crowd was at all times orderly. The judge's charge to the grand jury and his wise counsel in open court had a good effect and encouraged letting the law take its course in this case.

Ward claims to be the son of an Indian mother and to have come from Oklahoma. His appearance indicates a decided trace of Indian blood.

\$20,000,000 Cost of Battleship Cruise.

Washington, Feb. 2.—In round numbers the cruise of the battleship fleet, when it is finished at Hampton Roads on Feb. 22, will have cost the American people \$20,000,000.

That cost is figured on the prices prevailing in the latter part of 1905. The 16,000 men aboard have spent about \$6,400,000—an allowance of \$400 for each officer and man, spread over fourteen months.

The repair bill after the ships reach their home ports, is expected to run up to between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000.

Rear Admiral's Arnold's third squadron of the Atlantic fleet, now concentrating at Guantanamo, is under orders to leave there between Feb. 8 and 10 to meet Rear-Admiral Sperry's sixteen battleships, which are to leave Gibraltar Feb. 6. Somewhere in the broad Atlantic the ships of the several squadrons will get into wireless communication with each other, and then, with Arnold's ships as an escort, the vessels will proceed to Hampton Roads. With good weather they may reach the Virginia capes two days ahead of time. Arnold's squadron consists of the battleships Maine, Mississippi, New Hampshire and Idaho and the scout cruisers Chester, Birmingham and Salem.

Durham Soldiers Have Indoor Carnival.

Durham, Feb. 2.—The soldiers are giving an indoor carnival here tonight with a series of boxing bouts between some light weights and local colored scrappers. Kid Carey, ex-champion New England lightweight, is managing the stunts and put on the gloves tonight with one of the visitors. Six negro matches at one time furnished a deal of howling. There was a good crowd present and the best of order prevailed under the surveillance of the police.

The fellow who thinks the world owes him a living should remember that the world doesn't always pay its debts.

Throw any light upon the mystery of the stranger, whose rash act cannot be accounted for, as he left no note giving a reason for his self-destruction.

The dead man is apparently about 45 years of age, is 5 feet 9 inches high and weighs about 200 pounds. He wears a gold band ring bearing the initials 'M. B. W.' and on his collar button is the initial 'W.' He will be kept at Huntley-Stockton-Hill Company's undertaking establishment until his identity can be ascertained and some of his relatives found, or if this cannot be done within a few weeks or so he will be buried in a pauper's grave in a strange land.

MAN EATING FISH IN REEL LAKE.

Scene of Tennessee's Recent Tragedy one of America's Remarkable Bodies of Water.

New York World.

Dr. Mitchell Parker, of Chicago, owner of a large tract of land in Obion and Lake counties, Tenn., on his way home stopped at the Waldorf yesterday to keep an appointment with a New York friend who has been his chum in hunting expeditions in the mountains of Tennessee for the last twenty years.

"I am just from Reelfoot Lake," said Dr. Parker, "near which my property is situated. I was not there at the time of the Night Rider tragedy, but I knew the murdered man, Taylor, and the survivor well. It is difficult for Northerners to understand the dense ignorance of civilization that exists among the hunters and trappers in the vicinity of the lake, and their total lack of appreciation of the beauties of nature in the country in which they live.

"Reelfoot lake is one of the most remarkable bodies of water on the American continent. It abounds in bass, buffalo, drum, pike and perch, and a voracious fish called the alligator. There is more sport in landing one of these fellows than all the tarpon that swims, and I am an enthusiastic fisherman at that. The gar is a man eater, and far more to be feared than the man eating shark of the seas.

"It grows to a length of from twelve to fourteen feet, and is swift and agile. The shark makes a partial turn in seizing its prey, but the alligator gar makes the attack directly with wide open jaws that bear some resemblance to the jaws of an alligator. A side of pork or a big chunk of beef will be seized from beneath the surface and drawn under with incredible swiftness. It is exceedingly dangerous to bathe in certain parts of the lake. The most powerful swimmer has no more chance with a full grown alligator gar than a mouse has with a cat in an unfurnished room.

"I don't know of any recent loss of life, because the people are more careful, but twelve or fifteen years ago there were several instances of the voracity of this fish, attacking men and dragging them down. The bodies of the victims are never recovered and the popular belief is that they are carried to some subaqueous cave and devoured piecemeal.

"Reelfoot can never be 'fished out' owing to its peculiar formation and the manner of its supply. The lake is not quite one hundred years old. It came into existence on the afternoon of November 16, 1811, following two violent earthquake shocks, thirty minutes apart. Where the lake now stands was a flat river level. The quake caused the earth to open and sink into a saucer like depression. The waters of the Mississippi rushed in, and some of the old accounts still preserved in Obion county says that all boats were torn from their moorings, trees uprooted, cabins uplifted and all hurled into the maelstrom.

"It took probably a year for this great cup to fill up, and then there was formed a lake forty miles long and five miles wide, and a depth of 125 feet, shallowing to twenty feet near the south shore. There are places where a lead line has failed to find bottom at 400 feet. The reason that Reelfoot Lake never can be fished out is because the annual overflow of the Mississippi restocks its waters with an abundance of pawns and young fish.

"The approach to the lake on the road winding around a high bluff on the north is one of surpassing beauty. High cliffs that look like watch towers guard one side, and a luxuriant forest the other. The water of the lake is crystal like in its clearness and some mysterious power keeps the surface constantly in gentle undulations, so that in the bright sunlight it looks like a carpet of quivering diamonds. The effect by moonlight is even more beautiful. The surface then resembles a moving sheet of molten silver or quicksilver. Words cannot be coined to convey adequately the fascination of the scene, but on the minds of the ignorant creatures who cannot understand why they should be censured for luring unarmed men from their beds and murdering them the magnificent spectacle makes no impression.

"The hostility of the fishermen and hunters, who oppose private ownership, dates back forty years, when a Mr. Galloway, a resident of Nashville, obtained a grant from the State, and leased it to Andrew Meadows for \$1,000. There have been several changes in ownership, but from that

CABARRUS COURT ADJOURNS.

Judge Council Adjourns Court Disposing of Many Cases—A Pretty Clean Docket, Only a Few Cases Being Carried Over.

The second day of thesecond week of the Cabarrus Superior Court pretty nearly cleared the docket of both criminal and civil cases, only a few of them having been carried over, many cases having been disposed of by jury trial and by compromise. At the conclusion of the session yesterday afternoon Judge W. B. Council dismissed the jurors and adjourned court for this term. The civil docket was taken up Monday and the following cases have been settled:

James R. Woolridge vs. M. C. Brown, executrix, L. A. and J. L. Brown, executors. This was an appeal to the Supreme court in which the judgment of the lower court was affirmed.

The State and Margaret Hinson vs. Jackson Honeycutt for dastardy; judgment was rendered in favor of the defendant.

Southern Loan and Trust Company trustee for the Concord Wholesale Grocery Co. vs. Boger & Co.; judgment for the plaintiff to the amount of \$27.00.

R. W. Safrin vs. W. L. Robbins, judgment for plaintiff to the amount of \$7.50.

Wilbur Stock Food Co. vs. J. S. Tacker, judgment for plaintiff in the sum of \$75.

Caleb Melehor vs. J. S. Caldwell, judgment for plaintiff in the sum of \$260.

G. W. Revels was restored to the rights of citizenship.

John K. Foster vs. Robert H. Bost, judgment for plaintiff in the sum of \$200.

John Henry vs. J. R. Blackwelder, judgment for plaintiff for \$26.40.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

Frank Carroll Buys Out John C. Smith's Grocery Store and James O. and M. L. Blume Buys Out W. F. Morrison.

A business deal that has been hanging fire for several days matured this morning when Mr. Frank Carroll bought from Mr. John C. Smith, the grocery business in the King block, which has been and is yet one of the most up-to-date grocery stores in the city. Mr. Smith has been forced to quit business on account of his continued ill health and it has been known for several months that he would go out of business here and move his family to Asheville, where he has purchased a home and is making arrangements to take up his permanent abode there. Mr. Carroll has been associated with Mr. Smith for a number of years and is quite familiar with the trade and has had charge of the business for the past eight months while Mr. Smith has been absent from the city. His many friends throughout the city will be glad to know that there will be practically no change in the affairs of this store, except in name.

Another deal was consummated yesterday was the purchase by Messrs. James C. and M. L. Blume of the grocery store of Mr. W. F. Morrison, who has been conducting a successful business in the Dove building next to Dove & Bost for the past year or longer. The Messrs. Blume took charge yesterday and will conduct the business under the name of Blume Bros.

Mr. Morrison has not yet decided as to what he will do other than look after his farming interests. He will continue his residence in the city, however.

Expert Cotton Classifiers Begin Work.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The committee of expert cotton classifiers, recently appointed by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, to fix official standard of various grades of cotton, began its work at the department of agriculture today.

The committee is composed of nine members, in addition to three special assistants, representing the leading cotton concerns of the country. In its effort to establish the nine grades of cotton as provided for by act of congress, the committee will have use of cotton standards of cotton exchanges of this country and Europe.

A week probably will be required to complete the work of the committee.

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Prof. Jean Napoleon Ingram, Globe Trotter and Philosopher Discourses on Agriculture and the Financial Conditions of the Times.

Professor Jean Napoleon Ingram is in town from his farm at Cedar Grove, Cabarrus county, after an absence of several months. He reports that the outlook for cotton production has received an upward lift by the late rise in prices. Political parties promised an early high in cotton values when a president was elected in the '09 life' has taken its time in starting, and been slow coming. Both parties has been very interested recently in the moral uplift of the cotton section, but in its financial upheaval and hostile articles have strangely omitted any consolation or encouragement touching the fleecy staple. But the professor thinks that the upward movement in cotton quotations should be like all small favors, the kindly received, and greater expected rises appreciated accordingly proportions. He thinks that variety farming will be generally followed the coming season through the cotton region; one crop will not be depended on, and cotton will cease to form an agricultural monopoly; the best of some fresh showing the fall of such industrial indiscretion. He thinks that a federal cotton experiment station should be established in the Piedmont section, and that our delegates at Washington should urge congress for such an appropriation. He says Oklahoma received a \$30,000 yearly donation for such a purpose soon after its territorial organization, over 15 years ago, and is doing great national service.

Such an institution in North Carolina the professor claims would test the many varieties of cotton produced in various countries in different parts of the world, and determine the varieties most productive and best adapted to the seasons, climate, soils, latitude and elevations of the Piedmont section; also the best kinds and methods of fertilization and cotton cultivation and insect extermination. It would likewise discover many foreign plants, grains, fruits, berries, nuts and other products adapted to the Piedmont region, whose cultivation would be profitable.

Cone's apple orchard at Blowing Rock might be given a few chapters of instructive information and made remunerative.

The best equipped and managed cotton experiment station in the world the professor asserts, is located in New Orleans, under the auspice of Professor Stubbs, of Virginia, which is of great value as an agricultural and educational seat to the planters in the Mississippi valley, and is of much benefit to the Southern cotton industry.

The professor also found in his world travels that Uncle Sam has established—under Jared Smith—a creditable experiment station in the Sandwich Islands, our new territory in Polynesia.

Took White Man's Cure for White Man's "Booze."

Minneapolis, Feb. 2.—Twenty Sisseton Indians will leave the Keeley Institute tomorrow to return to their reservation in South Dakota.

The white man taught these Indians to drink whiskey; so they came to the white man to cure them of the whiskey habit.

The Indians are the sons and grandsons of chiefs who used to fight the white man instead of fighting his firewater. All who are left of the Sisseton tribe seem to have taken the bottle as their totem. For, lo, these many moons they have been coming, by twos or threes or fours, to Minneapolis, seeking the "medicine needle" entirely willing to be jabbed in the arm.

These twenty were the only ones of the tribe's aristocracy who had not taken the treatment and, they say, they hope they are cured.

"Sichi (had) Indian one; hope washti (good) Indian now," said Sitting Bear earnestly today.

The physicians of the Institute could not discover that whiskey affects no man differently from white. The learned doctors, after close study, decided that when a man, red or white, is drunk, is an "Indian" often on the war path, too.

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FROZEN TO DEATH IN BOAT.

Wilmington Man Suffering from Injuries Dies from Cold and Exposure.

A Wilmington Special of the 2nd to the Charlotte Observer says: Startling news was received in this city this morning to the effect that Mr. Edward N. Wright, the eldest son of Mr. M. F. Wright, of this city, had been frozen to death while in a gas boat on the Pamlico river last night en route for this city. Searching parties were immediately organized and started down the river looking for the missing man, his father leading the party. The gas boat Lena was located near the Black bay about one mile from this city and was towing a raft of logs for this city.

Upon boarding the boat the searching party found young Wright lying in the bottom of the boat, with blood spattered all over the interior and his body frozen, his skull being crushed in. His body was immediately brought to this city and Coroner Joshua Taylor viewed the remains, but decided no inquest was necessary as there was no evidence of foul play. In an interview Dr. Taylor stated to the Observer correspondent that the skull of Wright was fractured

in three places and he thought the young man had in some way become entangled in the machinery of the boat, which had caused the head injuries, and these together with the exposure to the weather while in this wounded condition caused his death.

Another similar news item is this coming from Asheville under the same date:

John Ingle, a white man, according to information received here today, was frozen to death Saturday night while crossing Bear Walls mountain near the Henderson county line. Particulars as to the death of Mr. Ingle are not obtainable further than it is said he was attempting to cross the mountain by the trail when he was overcome by the intense cold and was frozen to death. The body was later found and taken to Fruitland, where the interment occurred yesterday.

It is learned further today that there was much suffering here Saturday night when two or three persons came near freezing to death.

A recent hurricane in Nicaragua drove the water from the river against the houses in the town of Prinzapioia with such force that most were destroyed.

H. L. Parks & Co. Department Store.

New Arrivals in Silks!

We are showing a good variety of advanced Spring styles in Silks, exclusive patterns for waists and evening dresses that will please the most discriminating buyers. Moderately priced the yard, 33, 49, 69 and 89 cents. Would be pleased to show you.

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