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ELIZABETH CITY MAN TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

J. H. PASTORFIELD ORDERED FRIEND FROM HIS SHOP AND SENT BULLET INTO HIS BRAIN.

(Special to the Journal.)

ELIZABETH CITY, May 16.—J. H. Pastorfield, a well known blacksmith of this city, 60 years old, with a wife and five children, ordered a friend out of his shop in Matthews street this afternoon at 3 o'clock declaring that he was going to kill himself, and shot himself in the head before his friend could summon help to restrain him from committing the deed. Death resulted instantly.

Mr. Pastorfield had been drinking heavily for several days, and several times today he had made threats that he intended to end his life. He was not taken seriously and his threats were disregarded. Just a few minutes before he committed the deed he sent his young son home after a pistol telling him that he had sold it. The boy carried the pistol to his father, who concealed it in his shop. He called B. S. Armstrong, liveryman next door, and told him that he was heavily in debt and that he was tired of living and was going to shoot himself in a few minutes. Mr. Armstrong rushed out of the shop to summons his son and had gone only a few steps when he heard the pistol shot, when he returned Mr. Pastorfield was dead.

Becker's Wife To Give Evidence

WILL TELL ALL SHE KNOWS OF HERMAN ROSENTHALS DEATH.

(Special to the Journal.)

NEW YORK, May 16.—Mrs. Herman Rosenthal was called by the State as one of the chief witnesses against Charles Becker for the murder of her husband. It became known that by her testimony District Attorney William exerts to prove the close "business relations" that existed between Becker and Rosenthal, and that her story will be a corroboration of the talk of "Bald Jack" Rose as to the quarrel and break between the two men.

With details of the murder plot before the jury as a result of the testimony of Rose and Webster, the District Attorney recalled Harry Vallon to the stand today to complete the story that he began late yesterday afternoon.

The next witness on the States' list was Sam Shepps, whose participation in the trial resulted in Becker's first conviction being overruled by the Court of Appeals.

There will come other witnesses to corroborate details in the murder plot story.

POLICE SEARCHING FOR MISSING HUSBAND

BELIEVED THAT JOHN BALBANIS DELIBERATELY DESERTED HIS GIRL WIFE

(Special to the Journal.)

Richmond, May 16.—Search is being made by the police for John Balbanis, a Greek, twenty-one years old who recently disappeared from Richmond, leaving his girl wife in the lurch.

According to the latter, who was Miss Lottie Gunn, of 1731 East Main Street, before her marriage, and is only fourteen years old, her husband left home May 6th and has not been seen since.

Balbanis, she says, was planning to open a confectionary store near their home on East Main Street, and for this reason she is all the more puzzled at his disappearance. He was also planning to take her the coming summer on a trip to his native home in Asia Minor.

The couple were married February 26th last by the Rev. J. W. Dixon, superintendent of the Methodist Mission, on East Main Street.

"John wanted a Greek priest to perform the ceremony," said the girl today at police headquarters, "but the

nearest one available was in Norfolk and John did not feel like bearing the expense of going there or having the priest come here."

The police have learned that a young man corresponding to Balbanis' description bought a ticket for Cincinnati the day he disappeared, and they are of the opinion that he has deliberately abandoned the girl.

FARMER CONVENTION AT A & M COLLEGE

WILL BE HELD SOME TIME DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

(Special to the Journal.)

RALEIGH, May 16.—Late in August the North Carolina Farmers' Convention is to be held here at the A. & M. College. Large as was the attendance last year, it is to be far larger this time. The President of the convention is Mr. S. H. Hobbs of Clinton, who is also one of the foremost members of the North Carolina Farmers Union and the National Farmers' Union. He has named a committee on programs and arrangement and today announced that this will meet at 3 o'clock next Monday at the college. Last year Sampson county had eighty-eight delegates of both sexes at this convention.

Mr. Hobbs and Miss Lula Cassidey of that county say it will meet next August, have at least 300, of whom 100 will be women. The idea is to prepare an attractive program, so that there will be amusement and entertainments for the delegates. Last year all of them were quartered at the college, but it is expected at the next convention to obtain quarters for the women in colleges in the city of Raleigh leaving the A. & M. College buildings entirely to the men. It may be stated that nothing, Raleigh can do will make it more popular than attention to the delegates of this convention. They carried everywhere in the State the news of success of the convention last August and this success has aroused deep interest.

ELON COLLEGE WILL CLOSE THIS MONTH

TWENTY-FOUR ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES TO BEGIN MAY 30

(Special to the Journal.)

ELON COLLEGE, N. C., May 16.—The twenty-fourth annual commencement of Elon College is scheduled to begin on Saturday evening, May 30, with the class day exercises.

Sunday will be baccalaureate day. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. F. T. Tagg, Baltimore, Md., editor of the Methodist Protestant. Dr. Tagg is a Nestor among religious editors, being now near his ninetieth year, and yet a most vigorous and energetic thinker and writer. He is a type of the best in American manhood development, being an immigrant who by sheer hard work and innate ability has come to renown. He is the author of many books. The baccalaureate address will be delivered by President Harper of the College, whose theme will be the Contributions of College Life.

Monday the representatives of the various societies will present orations and essays, always an enjoyable feature of the gay commencement season.

Tuesday, Rev. W. W. Staley, D. D., LL. D., Suffolk, Va., for eleven years President of Elon College, is to deliver the literary address. Dr. Staley will never be forgotten for the great constructive work of his eventful administration here. His theme is announced to be "Permanent Elements in Education." That evening the annual concert of the music department will be given.

Wednesday is to be commencement day. Six representatives of the graduating class will speak in contest for the medals, and diplomas and honors will be awarded. That evening the alumni oration is to be delivered by Rev. H. E. Rountree, Greensboro, N. C., a member of the class of 1903. Mr. Rountree has achieved a notable career of large success in the ministry and will be heard with gladness in the halls of his alma mater.

PORTER CHARLTON HAS ATTACK OF MELANCHOLIA

AMERICAN IN ITALIAN PRISON FOR MURDER DESERTED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

(Special to the Journal.)

ROME, May 16.—Writing to a friend here from Como prison, where he is awaiting trial, Porter Charlton says that unless something is done to insure the appearance at his trial of some witnesses favorable to him and efforts are made to hire at least one alienist to fight the government experts as to his mental condition at the time of the crime, he committed, he is almost sure to get the longest sentence ever meted out to any

prisoner of the United States. Since Deputy Porzio withdrew as one of the counsel retained to defend him, all preparations for Charlton's defense have been discontinued, and today the young man is practically left without a legal adviser, with the exception of Judge Palmieri, who is in New York, and cannot be of much help to him. At the same time, the King's prosecutor at Como is powerless to aid Charlton in any way, except by assigning to him some lawyer to defend him when the trial begins. Apparently Charlton is under the impression that the prosecution, with nobody looking after his interests, will obtain the maximum penalty.

To his Roman friends Charlton makes no secret of the fact that his relatives and friends in the United States have all deserted him, and that unless some one hastens to his help he will not be able to place before the court even the "extenuating circumstances" which is refused only to the most hardened criminals.

Explaining the latest developments in his case, Charlton says that for the last three months he has not received a single word from his father, who is now a practicing attorney in Porto Rico. Warm as the appeals to him have been, Judge Charlton has not, for reasons yet undisclosed, deemed it opportune to take

direct interest in his son's trial. The Americans who considered it their patriotic duty to retain Deputy Porzio during the preliminary investigation, feel now that they have done more than their share of duty, and if the prisoner's father refuses to contribute to his son's defense they must withdraw.

Deputy Porzio's defense was based on the theory that on the night of the crime following a two-month's debauch in the course of which Charlton imbibed tremendous quantities of alcohol, the defendant was not morally responsible for his actions.

In the course of long examinations by the investigating judge, Charlton became convinced that so far not a single witness favorable to him has been heard. This has induced a state of melancholia which the prison physicians are trying to counteract by special treatment. He is allowed more freedom and more books than Italian prisoners and of late he has dropped into the study of Italian, which in the course of a few months he has mastered to the extent of reading and writing and making himself understood by an examining magistrate.

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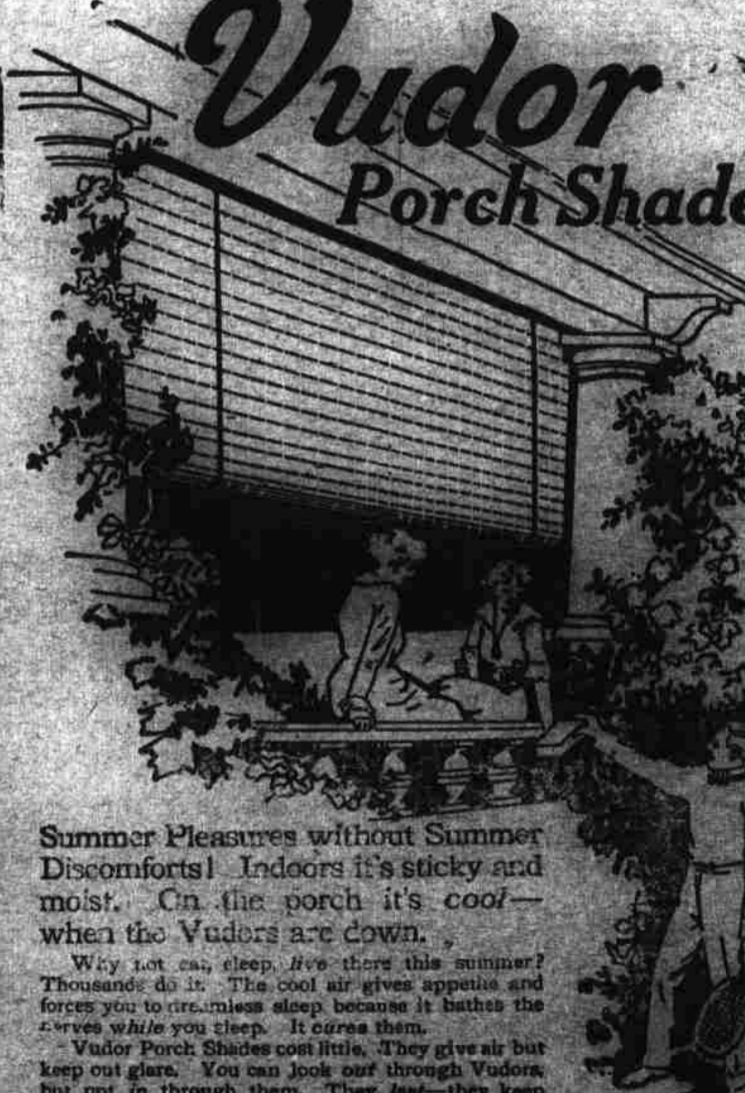
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