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## Death of Mrs. R. F. Long.

After an Illness of Two Months She Passed Away Sunday Afternoon.

Mrs. Anna Long, wife of Mr. R. F. Long, whose critical illness was noted in these columns a few days ago, died Sunday afternoon, at their home in the Longsville-section. She had been sick about two months.

Mrs. Long was the second daughter of the late Dr. C. C. Welsh and was about 33 years of age. She had been married about 13 years. Besides her husband she leaves 8 children. She is also survived by her mother, Mrs. Mary Welsh, of Longville; and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. T. S. Carter and Dr. John E. Welsh, of Lancaster; Mrs. J. M. Carson, of Kershaw; and Messrs. J. W., B. M. and A. F. Welsh, also of this county.

Mrs. Long was a lady of exalted Christian character, attractive personality and was greatly beloved by all who knew her. Indeed, her many noble qualities of both heart and mind won for her the friendship and admiration of all with whom she came in contact. She was a zealous member of the Baptist church.

The remains of Mrs. Long were buried Monday at Pleasant Plains church. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. T. A. Dabney.

## A Pleasant Event.

An Enjoyable Family Reunion at Dixie last Saturday.

Reported for The News:

Last Saturday there was an enjoyable family reunion at the home of Mr. T. S. Riddle, of Dixie. There were about sixty of his children and grand children present and a number of their friends; also a great-grand child.

The reunion was given in honor of his son, Tom, who has been out West thirteen years—having spent a part of this time in Texas, and later settled down in Oklahoma, where he has a nice farm and is doing well.

Mr. Tom, Jr., married soon after going West, but had the misfortune of losing his wife about one year ago. He has three nice little boys, all of whom are with him, but all will return to their home in Oklahoma about the 15th of this month.

Mr. Riddle speaks in glowing terms of his section of Oklahoma and is about to persuade some of our Lancaster boys to go back with him and try their luck. A boy of grit backed up by manhood and character may be expected to do well out West, and we would expect no less of such a one to stay here with us.

So we might add that it is pluck rather than luck, and stability rather than ability that causes a boy to succeed.

Mr. Cook, the photographer, was present and took pictures of the family, and of all present, and Rev. Ingram invoked the Divine blessing before parting.

The day, including the nice dinner, was enjoyed by every one. A Friend.

## Death of Mrs. A. T. Ferguson—son.

She Succumbed Saturday Night to an Attack of Pneumonia.

Mrs. Nancy Ferguson, wife of Mr. A. T. Ferguson, died here last Saturday night, at their home at the corner of Dunlap and Market streets. She was a victim of pneumonia, as noted in Saturday's issue of The News.

Mrs. Ferguson was a most estimable lady and leaves a large circle of relatives and friends to lament her death. She was a devout Christian, had been a loyal member of the Methodist church from girlhood, and to her nobility of character and lovable disposition were due much of the popularity which she ever enjoyed.

Mrs. Ferguson was a daughter of the late Gregg Cherry, of Chester county, and was about 60 years old. Beside the bereaved husband she leaves the following sons and daughters: Messrs. George, F., O. O., James and Claude Ferguson, of this county; Mrs. J. C. Sowell, of this place, and Mrs. Charles Lynn, of Columbia.

The remains of Mrs. Ferguson were buried Sunday afternoon in the new cemetery, after funeral services conducted at the house by the Rev. R. E. Turnipseed.

## Little Girl's Awful Death.

(From the Rock Hill Record.)

Marjorie, the little daughter of Mr. James R. Jones, was killed about 10 o'clock Saturday morning, by being struck with a wagon. It seems the little girl, who is about 7 years of age, was hanging on the back of a wagon, driven by her father, he being unaware of her presence, when in backing the wagon, she fell from it, the wheels passing over her body and causing almost instant death. The accident occurred about two miles from Gaffney, near the Ross tin mine. The wagon was in the yard of Mr. Jones, when the accident occurred. Mr. Jones and his family are prominent residents of Cherokee County.

Mr. E. O. Thompson, who has been visiting his father, Mr. H. J. Thompson, of Dwight, returned to Wake Forest College last Saturday night.

## The Shooting of Mr. Hasel Witherspoon

BY DR. E. S. McDOW.

One of the Most Deplorable Occurrences Within the History of Lancaster--Particulars of the Difficulty--The Wounded Man's Condition--Dr. McDow in Jail.

As already published in the daily papers, Lancaster was the scene of a most deplorable and unfortunate occurrence last Saturday morning, shortly after 11 o'clock. We refer, of course, to the difficulty in which Mr. J. Hasel Witherspoon, one of Lancaster's most popular and universally esteemed young men, was seriously shot by Dr. E. S. McDow, a well known practicing physician of this place.

The trouble occurred in front of the Lancaster Mercantile company's new store on Main street, of which company Mr. Witherspoon is vice-president and general manager; and the particulars, as obtained mainly from disinterested eye-witnesses, are about as follows:

Mr. Witherspoon was standing talking to Mr. Samuel Roberts, from whom he had just purchased some cotton, when Dr. McDow walked up and asked Mr. Witherspoon why a lamp had not been sent him which he had ordered. Mr. Witherspoon replied that Dr. McDow had not treated them right about a baby carriage, which he had previously gotten and subsequently returned, and that the company did not care to have any further business dealings with him; whereupon Dr. McDow cursed Mr. Witherspoon and at the same time struck at him over the shoulder of Mr. Roberts, who was standing somewhat between the parties, the blow knocking off Mr. Roberts's hat.

At this juncture Mr. W. McD. Brown, of the Mercantile company, knowing Mr. Witherspoon's enfeebled condition, having just gotten up from a severe spell of sickness, ran out to his rescue, and striking Dr. McDow, knocked him down, or nearly down, the doctor catching himself with his hands. As he arose he began shooting with a revolver which he had drawn, firing three shots in rapid succession. Two of the bullets struck Mr. Witherspoon, one entering the back under the right shoulder blade and lodging in the lung, and the other hitting him on the right wrist. In order to avoid trouble with the doctor, and having no idea that he was going to shoot him, Mr. Witherspoon had turned to re-enter the store when shot.

One bullet struck Mr. Brown on the right fore finger. Mr.

W. B. Cauthen also ran up, but was held off, not being armed himself, at the point of the pistol by Dr. McDow. Neither did Mr. Witherspoon or Mr. Brown have any weapon.

Mr. George Heath, manager of the Heath-Jones company, and others rushed to the scene and stopped the shooting, Mr. Heath fearlessly placing himself in front of Mr. Witherspoon and appealing to the doctor not to shoot him again. Mr. Witherspoon was then spitting blood from the wound in the lung. Dr. McDow was arrested and taken to jail by Sheriff Hunter and policemen, the sheriff first disarming his prisoner, who had two pistols.

A conveyance was at once obtained and Mr. Witherspoon carried to his home. Notwithstanding his serious condition Mr. Witherspoon walked from his gate to the house, no doubt to avoid shocking his devoted mother. In addition to local physicians, Drs. Crawford and Brown, who were promptly called in, Dr. Pryor, of Chester, and Drs. Fennell and Stevens, of Rock Hill, were summoned to the bedside of Mr. Witherspoon, being brought to Lancaster on special trains. Col. Springs, president of the Lancaster Mercantile company, who happened to be in Fort Mill at the time, also came here on a special train.

The shooting caused intense excitement throughout the town and county, for there is no man in Lancaster who enjoys to a greater degree the friendship and confidence of his fellow citizens than does Mr. Hasel Witherspoon, for to know him is to love and admire him for his marked nobility of character, manly qualities and undoubted courage.

It was at first thought that Mr. Witherspoon's wound in the lung would prove fatal, but strong hope is now entertained of his recovery, though he is not yet out of danger. He ceased spitting blood Saturday night, rested well that night and has continued to rest well since.

## Making Tax Returns.

Auditor Cook Now on His Annual Rounds--Valuation of Land This Year.

County Auditor Cook started yesterday on his annual tour of the county to take returns of property for taxation. He was at Oseola yesterday, and today he will be at Pleasant Valley; tomorrow at Belair and Friday at Vanwyck. For his other appointments, see notice elsewhere.

Taxpayers are reminded of the fact that real estate, as well as personal property, is to be returned this year, and that higher values are going to be insisted upon by the state authorities. Those who have already made their returns this year have voluntarily raised the valuation of their lands to nearly, if not quite double the figures of last year.

## The Cotton Association

County Organizer Jones's Good Work--Fourteen Sub-Associations now to his Credit--His Appointments for Next Week.

County Organizer Geo. W. Jones, of the Cotton Association, organized a sub-association at Douglas last Friday night. The following officers were elected: J. F. Williams, president; F. M. Stogner, vice-president; J. B. Caskey, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Jones has thus far succeeded in organizing 14 sub-associations, and he expects to continue the good work until there is an organization in every section of the county. He requests us to announce that he will be at the following points next week, for the purpose of forming associations: At Elgin, Tuesday night; Tradesville, Wednesday; Taxahaw, Thursday; Flat Creek church, Friday. He expresses the hope that the people will turn out to meet him at these places.

It is Mr. Jones's aim to thoroughly organize the county by the first Monday in February, on which day the County Association meets. State President Smith and State Secretary Weston are to be present at the February meeting.

## A Tragedy in Georgia.

As a Result of it Two Wealthy and Prominent Farmers are Fatally Wounded.

Thomasville, Ga., January 5--A bloody shooting affair took place this morning on the public road near Akridge, 20 miles northwest of Thomasville, in the new county of Grady, and as a result William Drew and Newton Threlkeld, two prominent and wealthy farmers, are fatally wounded. Herbert Drew, the 13-year-old son of William Drew, took a prominent part in the affair, firing the shots that struck Threlkeld down. Young Drew tells the story of the encounter and says that when he and his father met Threlkeld in the field the latter began to curse his father and then pulled his gun and fired three shots into Drew's body. The boy says he then secured his father's gun and emptied it into Threlkeld's body. Young Drew then drove twelve miles to the nearest telephone and told the sheriff of the affair.

—Mr. John Vanlandingham, who was run down by a street car last week, was able to go to Atlanta, yesterday. He will visit his son, Mr. Ralph Vanlandingham. Mr. Vanlandingham has entirely recovered except for a little soreness.—Charlotte Observer, 9th inst.