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Home of the Mayor of Laurens "Shot Up."

Laurens special in Monday's State: Much indignation was felt and freely expressed here this morning when it became known that the handsome new home of Mayor C. M. Babb, located on south Harper street, had been "shot up" during the night. Several pistol balls and one heavy charge of shot were fired into the front of the house, breaking out the glass transom over the hall door.

Shooting in the vicinity of the mayor's residence was heard just before midnight, but it was not known until this morning that such an outrage had been perpetrated. Mr. Babb and family had retired and none of them was aroused by the shots.

It is understood that the city officials have a clue as to the guilty party or parties and there may be some startling arrests in connection with the affair.

Young Lady Shot by Robber

Philadelphia, Oct. 14.—Miss Annie Sabold, aged 31 years, of Lansdale, a suburb, was shot and believed to be fatally wounded under sensational circumstances tonight in the crowded department store district of the city by Walter Halowell, of Beth Ayers, Pa. Miss Sabold, who is a stenographer, had left her place of employment in company with two young women and was hurrying homeward with the throngs of shoppers when she was attacked. Halowell endeavored to seize the purse of one of the girls. Failing in this he drew a revolver and fired two shots, one of which struck Miss Sabold in the side, penetrating the abdomen.

Snow and Ice in North Carolina.

Asheville special in yesterday's Observer: The first snow of the season was reported in Buncombe county yesterday. Snow fell in the Craggy mountains, some 15 miles from Asheville, while a heavy and killing frost prevailed in Asheville and all over the county yesterday morning. Ice to liberal thickness formed Saturday night, while yesterday was recorded as the coldest day of the fall season. Fires and top coats were necessary to comfort.

Negro Killed at Hpt Supper.

Union special in the News and Courier: Joe Foster, a negro, was shot and killed last night at a hot supper, near Jonesville, by Buster Moorehead, a young negro boy. After some words between the parties the lights were blown out when the shooting began. No one knows who did all the shooting. The ball entered the back of Foster's head and death was instantaneous. Moorehead fled and at last reports had not been captured.

White Man and Negro Fight Over Right of Way ---Latter Killed.

Kingstree special in Monday's News and Courier: Henry Farrell, a negro, was killed late yesterday afternoon two miles from Kingstree, on the road leading to Murray's Ferry, by Dick Spivey, a white man. The killing, it is reported, was the result of a quarrel which arose over the right of way to the road. Dick Spivey and brother, Alex, were in a buggy. Henry Farrell was in a wagon. The dispute as to the right of way led to high words, followed by both Dick Spivey and the negro jumping out of their vehicles and attacking each other with their knives. When the negro Alex Spivey took his brother away and carried him home, where he is under treatment by Dr. I. N. Boyd. He is badly cut up and cannot be brought to jail until he is somewhat recovered of his wounds. The inquest will be held tomorrow.

Killed in Crap Game.

Barnwell special in The State: A negro named Wilson was found dead in Turkey creek swamp, near the trestle of the Atlantic Coast Line railway, on the edge of town, early this morning. He was shot some time Saturday night. The coals of a camp fire were found near the body and the supposition is that Wilson was killed in a crap game. Several negroes have been arrested and it is said that one of them made a confession, stating that a negro named White did the killing. White is in jail.

Died While in Witness Chair.

Fitzgerald Ga., Oct. 14.—While the case of the State against Hall for burglary was on trial this afternoon in Judge Whipple's court the prosecuting witness, James Green, was stricken with apoplexy and fell from his chair, dying almost instantly. Mr. Green was an aged veteran of the civil war and lived a short distance out of town. Judge Whipple immediately adjourned court until the next day.

Painter Commits Suicide in Darlington.

Darlington special in the News and Courier: T. J. Sykes, a white man about 30 or 35 years of age, committed suicide here this afternoon by drinking laudanum. From the information obtainable it seems that he had been on a drunk, which lasted for more than a week, and had become very despondent. He has been boarding with Mr. Will Brown, who lives in a house belonging to Mr. Louis A. Haynesworth.

Court Proceedings.

Many Bills Acted Upon by Grand Jury--Cases Disposed of.

The court of general sessions convened here Monday morning, Judge Wilson presiding and Solicitor Henry and Stenographer McCaw at their respective posts. The charge to the grand jury was brief, his Honor stating that he presumed the jurors had already been instructed as to their duties.

The following bills of indictment were handed out to the grand jury:

Elvin R. Kelly, house breaking and larceny; George McKenna, murder; Johnson Benson, violating dispensary law; Richard Harris, perjury; Chalmers McDow, violating dispensary law; Lewis Rollings, assault and battery with intent to kill and carrying concealed weapon; Sam Reed, similar offense; John Adams, similar offense; J. Palmer Steele, seduction; same defendant, bastardy; R. L. Long, obtaining goods under false pretense; same defendant, obtaining money under false pretense; Henry F. Mackey, violating dispensary law; Ed. Harper, assault and battery with intent to kill. True bills were found in all of the foregoing cases except in the one last named—Ed. Harper.

Elvin Kelly, charged with house breaking and larceny—breaking into and robbing L. & C. depot—pleaded guilty and received a 7-months' sentence. Lewis Rollings, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill, pleaded guilty of assault of a high and aggravated nature and was sentenced to 4 months' imprisonment or pay a fine of \$75.

The trial of the case of J. Palmer Steele, charged with seduction, was begun Monday afternoon and had not been concluded when the News went to press yesterday afternoon.

Fatal Fight Between Alabama Farmers.

Montgomery, Ala., Oct. 13.—A special to The Advertiser from Demopolis, Ala., says:

Matt Gandy, a young white farmer, is dead, and his brother, O. D. Gandy, is seriously wounded, as a result of a shooting affray which occurred in front of their home at Hall's Creek this morning. Marvin and John Tutt, farmers of the same community, are in jail charged with the crime. The Tutt brothers, it is said, rode up to the house in a buggy and inquired for the Gandys. As the Gandy boys started to the buggy, the Tutts opened fire.

Matt Gandy was killed instantly and I. D. Gandy was wounded in the legs and hips.

The two families had been at outs for some time.

Shot Negro to Save Father.

Sumter special in Charleston Sunday News: L. E. Wagonman, white, aged 19, shot and seriously wounded Dick Goodman, colored, this afternoon in the lot back of the beer dispensary. Goodman, who was drunk, attacked Wagonman's father, and after striking him once or more drew a knife and was advancing on the elder Wagonman, but the young man came up just at this time and at once opened fire on the negro. The first and only hot fired put Goodman out of business. The bullet passed through the hand in which the knife was held and into Goodman's chin.

Twenty-Two Drowned in Wreck of Lake Steamer.

Sault Ste Marie, Mich. October 12.—Bound down from the head of the lakes on the second trip she had made since being launched at Lorain, Ohio, on August 17 last, the fine steel freighter Cyprus, 440 feet long and owned by the Lackawanna Transportation Company, of Cleveland, foundered last night in Lake Superior, off Deer Park, taking down with her twenty two members of the crew. Second Mate C. J. Pitt, washed ashore lashed to a rail, is the only person left alive of the ship's crew.

Man Meets Horrible Death in Spartanburg.

Spartanburg special in the News and Courier: Smith Williams, white, aged 37 years, was run over and killed by a Southern passenger train tonight just outside the yard limits. His body was most horribly mangled, the legs, trunk and arms being mashed into a pulp. The accident occurred near the Drayton Cotton Mills, a short distance from the passenger station. Williams is survived by a wife and two children.

Two Fires in Camden Sunday.

Camden special in the News and Courier: Camden had two fires this afternoon.

About 6 o'clock a tenement house at Mrs. Simmons's boarding house was consumed. At 7 o'clock the alarm was again sounded. Fire was discovered on Mrs. A. E. Zemp's war house, which was being used by Mr. P. T. Villipigue, proprietor of the Gilt-Edge store. It, with another ware house, also owned by Mrs. Zemp, and still another in the rear of the Commercial Bank, owned by the bank of Camden, were entirely consumed. Mr. Villipigue lost a considerable quantity of bagging and ties, machinery and other heavy goods. His ware house was considerably damaged and at one time his store was threatened.

A Model Farmer.

What Mr. Charlie Caskey is Making this Year--His Method of Farming.

Editor The News: I see occasional reports from different parts of the county on crop conditions. The crops in this immediate section, upper Antioch, are turning out right well. One of our rising young farmers, C. P. Caskey, deserves special note. On a two horse farm he will get 23 bales of cotton, 400 bu. corn and nearly 100 gallons of molasses, besides a fine crop of sweet potatoes. And out of this crop, on one of the farms cultivated by himself, he will get 13 bales of the above mentioned cotton and 300 bushels of the corn. Deep plowing in winter and shallow cultivation, is his motto, and he manures the crop during its growing season. He manured his corn at the second plowing, and only about 300 lbs. of soluble guano was used per acre, and not exceeding 300 lbs. fertilizer on any of the cotton. Mr. Caskey has purchased from the Lancaster Mercantile Co. the old Hagins place, near Elgin, and will locate there soon.

Now just a word to our farmer friends: Plow deep and keep everlastingly at it. Good luck is the result of hard work and good management. Don't rush your cotton on the market, for there is a good price in store for it to those who hold. Join the Farmers' Union and help to defeat the gambling on cotton. There is a bright day just ahead for us if we take hold now and push. So here goes, boys, all together.

Negroes Hurt in Rock Hill.

Rock Hill special in Charleston Sunday News: It is reported on the streets here that the "lovers' tub," a part of the merry-go-round at the Carnival which is in progress in the western part of the town, was wrecked this evening and three negro occupants injured. It is reported that the injuries are serious.

Three Trainmen Killed.

Columbus, Ga., October 12.—While the locomotive of a freight train on the Central of Georgia Railroad was taking water at Reynolds, Georgia today, the boiler exploded, killing Engineer Avery, Conductor Allen and a negro fireman. The boiler was blown a hundred yards and the station was damaged.

—W. H. Smith, a white man, was sent up from Kershaw Monday night for trial here on the charge of violating the law against buying seed cotton. It is alleged that he bought seed cotton at night from a negro tenant on Mr. R. S. Floyd's plantation.