

# MURDERER ADDRESSES LETTERS TO THE POLICE

## Remarkable Communication Found Pinned to Lapel of Dead Negro's Coat.

# KILLING DONE IN COLD BLOOD

## Great Holes in the Victim's Corpse Show That Second Shot Must Have Been Fired When Life Was Extinct—Authorities Looking For Fugitive—Woman the Cause.

With great holes in the right cheek and back the dead body of a negro man was found at Twenty-eighth street and Orcutt avenue last night about 10 o'clock. Pinned to the lapel of the coat on the corpse was an envelope addressed: "Special to the Police, Newport News, Va.," and in the envelope were two of the most remarkable anonymous communications that ever came into the hands of the local authorities.

One of the communications, written in ink and evidently with some care, read as follows:

"Special to the Police:  
"This man will not Bother My Woman Any More."

On the back of this was written: "Jany, 1906. You can take a nother man woman. So Die."

Scrawled with a Pencil.  
The second paper had been scrawled with a pencil. It read:

"Yes I ment to kill him and his Lord A. L. Davenport and John Brooks also And Booker and the hole dam company of them if they dont stop."

Police Sergeant Mitchell is now endeavoring to find a clue to the identity of the murderer who wrote the notes. The dead man is believed to be Willie Thomas, a negro barber who has worked in the city for a number of years.

### Two Shots Heard.

The place where the body was found is some distance from any residence and weeds and bushes grow high on either side of the street. About 9 o'clock people living on Orcutt avenue heard two shots fired. Nearly an hour later Messrs. Martin Hiden, A. S. Davis and L. R. Bouchard attracted to the scene by the shots, made the discovery which set the police department to work in an effort to locate a richly deserving candidate for the gallows.

### Body Had Been Dragged.

The dead negro lay in the path running along on the east side of the street, or road, and apparently had been dragged up a small embankment after being shot. Two loads from a shot gun, either of which must have caused instant death, had entered the body. The opinion of those who saw the corpse is that the murderer shot his victim in the back and then, turning the body over, placed the barrel of the gun against the face and discharged

the other barrel. An empty shell, freshly fired, was picked up in the weeds near by.

### Authorities at Scene.

Police Officer Morrison inspected the body and later Sergeant Mitchell and Dr. B. R. Gary, the coroner, went to the scene. After observing the surroundings and reading the epistles left by the murderer, the coroner and the sergeant had the body taken to the police station in the patrol wagon.

A watch and a purse containing about \$2 were found in the dead man's pocket. There were no papers by which he could be identified, but several people said they knew him to be Willie Thomas.

### Inquest Today.

Dr. Gary will conduct an inquest this morning and it is probable that by that time Sergeant Mitchell will have at least learned the name of the murderer.

"I was coroner here in the dark days of Newport News," said Dr. Gary just before going home this morning, "but this beats and case in my experience."

### Cold-Blooded Murder.

That the murder was premeditated and done in cold blood there can be no doubt. It seems probable that the note in ink was written before the killing and kept to be placed on the body. The one in pencil looks as though it may have been scrawled beneath the nearest street light the murderer could find.

The whole story of what led to the killing is told in the notes. The authorities at least do not have to look for a motive.

## THEATRICAL.

Chauncey Olcott, the favorite comedian and singer, will probably receive a very hearty welcome when he appears at the Academy tonight, when he will present his new and successful play entitled "Edmund Burke" by Theodore Burt Sayre.

The title role is said to be much to Mr. Olcott's liking and the piece is termed a romantic drama of strength and character. It is of the period of the latter part of the eighteenth century and gives the romantic love story of Edmund Burke the Irish orator who from extreme poverty became a great leader in the House of Commons.

As usual Mr. Olcott has written several new songs for the play with the following titles: "You Can Sail in My Boat," "The Little Bird's Story," "Miss Mary" and "Your Heart Alone Must Tell."

Mr. Olcott made his first southern tour last season and his beautiful voice still lingers in the minds of many local theatre-goers.

### Interest in Engagement.

Much interest is being manifested in the engagement of "Little Johnny Jones" at the Academy tomorrow night.

Last season the delightful music of this production was whistled and sung so frequently that many music lovers here are already familiar with the catchy melody of the songs. "Little Johnny Jones" is best described as a music melodrama for it is said to contain a plot, dramatic action and thrilling situations, with several dramatic scenes that are worthy of any first-class production. "Little Johnny Jones" tells the trials and tribulations of an American jockey who goes to England to win fame and fortune on the English turf.

In all the company numbers sixty people and is one of the largest companies on tour this season.

Seats are now on sale at the box office.

### "One Constant Hoorah."

Following is a part of what the Boston Herald has to say of "The Heir to the Hoorah," which comes to the Academy Thursday night.

"One constant hoorah, except for the brief periods of delicate sentiment when love and pathos ruled alternately, perhaps best describes 'The Heir to the Hoorah,' which opened yesterday at the Hollis Street. Though it has the handicap of a misleading title, this play is a positive benediction; overflowing with strong, healthy American sentiment; as pure as the ambient ether around the snow-capped peaks of the eternal Rockies; worth dozens of the output of those D'Annunzio, Pinero and their like in the French field of playwriting, in its genuine uplifting influence upon the community and positively fascinating and delightful, judged only as an entertainment."

"The Heir to the Hoorah," simply sings 'Love's Old Sweet Song,' old, yet never new, so long as hearts are added to hearts in never-ending procession from eternity to eternity. Paul Armstrong deserves the thanks of the

# CANNOT RECEIVE THEIR DIPLOMAS IN PUBLIC

## Only Male Members of High School Deprived of Great Privilege Besides Being Suspended.

# WILL APPEAL TO THE TRUSTEES

## Action of Faculty as Result of Investigation Into Conduct of Young Men Who Entered Principal Allen's Office to be Brought Up at Next Board Meeting.

Unless the faculty is overruled by the school board, only the young lady members will represent the High school graduating class of 1906 at the commencement exercises to be held at the Academy of Music in June. The only male members of the class, three of the four young men who were arrested for entering the principal's office a week ago last Saturday night, learned Sunday the result of the investigation into the affair.

Following is the punishment assigned to each of the students:

Martin Hiden—Suspended until June 1 and denied the privilege of receiving his diploma in public.

A. S. Vaiden—Suspended until March 6 and denied privilege of receiving diploma in public when he graduates with the class of 1907.

Robert Perkins—Suspended until April 1, deprived of the honor of being valedictorian of his class and denied privilege of receiving his diploma in public.

Lawrence Bouchard—Suspended until April 1, deprived of the honor of being class essayist and denied privilege of receiving diploma in public.

The students, as well as their parents and friends, are very much dissatisfied with the ruling of the faculty and propose to appeal to the trustees. The matter will be brought up at the regular meeting of the board on Thursday night, February 8.

As three of the young men have already finished the High school course the suspension is merely nominal so far as they are concerned.

### Letter From Faculty.

Following is a copy, except for the blank dates and name, of the letter received from Prof. Allen by one of the students:

"Newport News, Va., January 27, 1906.  
"Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

"Dear Sir:—  
"Today, in the presence of the male members of the faculty, I carefully reviewed the statements of the boys, who entered the High school building and the principal's office on the night of January 29, and after reporting the written result of the investigation to the faculty, Miss Hiden being excused by her request. I hereby have to report their unanimous decision, namely,  
"That Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ be and he is hereby suspended until \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ from the High school building and grounds and that he shall not receive his diploma publicly on the occasion of the commencement night. He may return to school on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ and take his examinations, which he has not already taken. The superintendent has been present during this investigation and he concurs in the result.  
"Very truly yours,  
"JAMES E. ALLEN,  
"Principal, High School."

The members of the faculty declined to discuss the result of the investigation for publication.

### AN ENTERPRISING YOUTH.

#### Soliciting Funds for Church Without Authority.

It was reported last night that a boy has been soliciting money from certain residents of this city, particularly those who live in the North End, under pretense that the funds were for "The Baptist church which was burned Saturday." The enterprising solicitor is described as being merely a child, but no one seemed to know him.

Mr. W. B. Vest, chairman of the finance committee of the Newport News Baptist church, stated last night that no one had been authorized to solicit or collect subscription on behalf of the church and that the public should be warned against giving money to unknown or unauthorized persons.

Mr. Brooks to Leave.

Mr. Charles Brookes, a well known young man of this city, has resigned

his position in the government service at the ship yard. He intends to leave for Washington some time next week to accept a position with an automobile manufactory.

### An Unfounded Rumor.

A rumor was circulated on the streets yesterday to the effect that J. H. Maddox, a young man belonging to the volunteer fire department, had been discharged from his position as local manager of an oil company because he lost time from his business while fighting the fire at the Newport News Baptist church Saturday afternoon. The report was entirely without foundation.

### Y. M. C. A. Directors to Meet.

Following the annual members' meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association this evening there will be a special meeting of the board of directors at which time officers for the next year will be elected. At the members' meeting five members of the board of directors will be chosen.

NORFOLK, VA.—Thomas E. Monroe, 29 years old, died this morning after a brief illness from pneumonia. He is survived by a widow.

# SKIN ECZEMA IN WORST FORM

## Black Spots All Over Face— Produced Severe Itching—Year's Treatment by Physicians Did No Good and Became Despondent— Affected Parts Now Clear as Ever —Alabama Lady's

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"About four years ago I was afflicted with black spots all over my face and a few covering my body, which produced a severe itching irritation, and which caused me a great deal of annoyance and suffering to such an extent that I was forced to call in two of the leading physicians of my town. After a thorough examination of the dreaded complaint they announced it to be skin eczema in its worst form. They treated me for the same for the length of one year, but the treatment did me no good. "Finally I became despondent and decided to discontinue their services. Shortly afterwards, my husband in reading a copy of a weekly New York paper saw an advertisement of the Cuticura Remedies. He purchased the entire outfit, and after using the contents of the first bottle of Cuticura Resolvent in connection with the Cuticura Soap and Ointment, the breaking out entirely stopped. I continued the use of the Cuticura Remedies for six months, and after that every spot was entirely gone and the affected parts were left as clear as ever. I have not felt a symptom of the eczema since, which was three years ago.

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SILK ORGANDIES, LATEST Spring patterns, 37 1/2c value, special, per yd..... <b>29c</b>	50 INCH MOHAIR SETTINGS, colors are navy, brown, green and black, 75c value, per yard..... <b>50c</b>

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