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## LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

### W. E. Bush Convicted of Murder In Second Degree For Killing E. W. Thurmond. Jury Merciful.

One of the most aggravated cases of homicide yet recorded in the criminal annals of Edgefield county was brought to a close Saturday morning when the sentence of life imprisonment in the State penitentiary was pronounced upon Mr. W. E. Bush for the killing of Mr. E. W. Thurmond February 16 in public road near Red Oak Grove church. The tragedy made orphans of two children of the slain man and left the wife and five small children of the slayer practically penniless.

In the few but impressive remarks which he addressed to the condemned man in passing sentence, Judge Memminger said that he had tried a large number of homicide cases, but that this was the first in which the defendant offered no real excuse for shedding human blood and that the jury had exercised mercy in saving him from the extreme penalty of the law.

Mr. Bush married a sister of Mr. Thurmond and about two weeks before the homicide occurred beat her severely. Mr. Thurmond visited his sister soon after this cruel treatment by her husband, but did not see Mr. Bush at the time. Later he wrote Mr. Bush a note asking him not to mistreat his sister again. This note was produced in evidence by the defendant, but appeared to have been changed by a different handwriting, making it embody an implied threat. It was soon after the note was received that Mr. Bush met Mr. Thurmond in the public road and shot him to death without a word being uttered by either. Mr. Thurmond was accompanied in the wagon by three children, whom he was taking to the neighborhood school, the eldest being his daughter, 14 years of age. She and another little girl testified that as Mr. Bush approached the wagon he alighted from his mule and shot Mr. Thurmond in the face, the ball entering his nostril and passing out of the back of the head.

He fell from the wagon upon his face and while in the throes of death Mr. Bush stood over the form and fired four shots in the back. Two men who were about 100 yards away testified as to the last four shots also. After the first shot Mr. Thurmond's daughter begged Mr. Bush not to shoot her father again. In testifying in his own behalf Mr. Bush stated that he shot in self-defense. Mr. Thurmond being in the act of drawing a pistol when he fired. Eye-witnesses swore that Mr. Thurmond was unarmed. When Mr. Bush surrendered to the sheriff the afternoon of the homicide he gave the officer an inferior pistol which he said he had picked up near the body of Thurmond.

The State introduced testimony to show that Mr. Bush obtained this pistol from a relative while on his way to Edgefield. The tragedy occurred in a densely populated section of the county, which caused a great number of friends and neighbors of both families to attend the trial, but the best of order prevailed throughout both days.

## County Teachers' Association Formed.

In spite of the muddy roads and inclement weather more than a score of teachers responded to the call of the county superintendent of education, W. W. Fuller, assembling Saturday in the auditorium of the high school for the purpose of forming a county teachers' association. An organization was effected by the election of the following officers: T. J. Lyon, president; G. F. Long, vice-president; C. C. Ross, secretary; Miss Hortense Padgett, treasurer. No programme had been arranged for the meeting Saturday, but short talks were made by Mr. Fuller, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Long. The next meeting of the association will be held at Edgefield Saturday, April 3. The interest and enthusiasm manifested in the meeting Saturday greatly encouraged Mr. Fuller, who is always active and alert in promoting the cause of education in the county.

The Trenton Methodist church is being ceiled now. Other improvements are planned.

## Southern Railroad Planning for Confederate Re-union in Richmond.

Richmond, Va., March 5.—Anticipating that thousands of the men who wore the gray, their sons, daughters and friends will come to Richmond to attend the annual reunion of the United Confederate veterans, June 1-3, the southern railway has already begun making arrangements for enlarged facilities for this event and the perfecting of a special organization for which it will draw from all parts of the system men who have had large experience in handling reunion and other large crowds.

Preliminary details were worked out at a meeting attended by 27 officials of the passenger and transportation departments and it was decided to follow the methods which proved so successful in handling the large crowds which attended the reunion at Macon, Chattanooga and Jacksonville and other big gatherings at points on the southern railway such as the Shriners convention in Atlanta last year.

During the reunion, Richmond will be the transportation headquarters of the system and all orders for the movement of trains will be issued by officers on the ground. The new Hull street station which has just been completed will be used as the terminal for all special trains and Pullman cars will be packed on tracks adjacent to it. The entire freight portion of the building will be used for baggage during the reunion and special attention will be given to this feature. A large force of expert baggage men will be on hand and the company will also have a number of special officers on the ground to aid the local police in protecting passengers, while all passenger representatives who can be spared from their locations will be in Richmond to aid in furnishing information and otherwise contributing to the convenience of passengers.

## Beaver Dam School.

For the past four or five months the Beaver Dam school has been under the supervision of Miss Abbie Bryan of Sumter. In that short time as teacher, she has impressed the community with her interest in the work and with her untiring energy and enthusiasm. The creditable entertainment recently given by her in the opera house was a good beginning toward raising funds for beautifying and improving the school house and grounds.

On last Saturday night in the neat and well-arranged school room, made inviting by pictures and flowers, the pupils gave an exhibition of the good training they have had. The program consisted of recitations, dialogues, songs and drills, each number being clearly and distinctly announced by a bright little boy. From the smallest tots to the advanced grades, their exercises reflected credit and deserved much praise. The drills were made attractive by pretty and suitable costumes and the stage was tastefully decorated with flowers.

Mrs. Shannonhouse and Misses Irene Parker and Mamie Sill sang several beautiful selections, giving much pleasure to the large and appreciative audience. The proceeds amounting to about ten dollars will be used in providing a library and other needed equipment for the school.

Miss Bryan wishes to have at frequent intervals during the session some form of wholesome entertainment for the patrons and children when all will be brought together in pleasant social relationship. She has formed clubs for mothers, boys and young women, each very helpful to the members. At her invitation Dr. J. G. Edwards made an address "Colds, and how to prevent them" at a recent mothers' meeting.

We all appreciate the good work Miss Bryan is doing and feel that we are fortunate in having her in our midst.

A Visitor.

War price on coffee. We are selling a fine grade of green coffee worth 15 cents for 12-1/2 cents per pound. This opens the way to reduce the high cost of living.

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## SOUND ADVICE.

### Prominent Citizen Dissertates At Length and Along Lines That Should Interest Our People.

Dear Mr. Editor: Having heard much about the great doings of the peoples and nations I concluded to leave my quiet retreat on Bog swamp and go into civilization to find out for myself. My first night away I spent with my old friend and schoolmate Henry Buckhead. Henry had moved from Bog swamp several years previous, to town where he worked at his trade, being handy with tools as a carpenter.

My stay with my friend from Friday night until Monday morning was indeed pleasant excepting the difference between the quiet country and noisy town. I found Henry loaded with news, all based on hard times caused by as he said, the war, federal government of the United States and money power. I was not surprised at any wage earner living in town and out of paper bags complaining about conditions. The high cost of living and the cost of high living have caused many to set up and take notice.

On Saturday I walked up town with Henry. He introduced me to several gentlemen one of whom was named Smith, Washington Smith. I did not ask him if he was related to the original John but took for granted he must be being named after the father of his country who figured a little later in the politics of the United States than Mr. Smith's great grand sire did. Mr. Smith was a gentleman of leisure (as most town gentlemen are) offered to show me around while Henry Buckhead, completed a job he has been under way. The first place of interest was the post office where seemed to me I never saw so many people looking for mail especially newspapers. Mr. Smith asked me if I read much about the leading topics. I answered in the affirmative, whereupon he began to dilate upon all the vital questions of the day, foreign, national, state, and domestic. I found him up on all subjects relative to weal or woe of our common wealth.

His first assault was upon the inefficiency of the farmer. He said if farmers would exercise better judgment in farming and stay at home and work, rations would not be so high. Do you know said he, if every farmer would farm right we would not have to pay \$9.00 a barrel for flour, 7 cents for sugar, 15 cents for bacon, 22 cents for hams, 25 cents for butter, 25 cents for a little bit of a chicken and 18 cents for beef steak. I couldn't refrain from getting a word in just there. Says I, Mr. Smith, if you were a farmer would you object to high prices for farm products? Oh, says he, that is another view point. Exactly so, Mr. Smith, says I, and that is my view point. I am a farmer I will admit that our system is bad and we are trying to apply a remedy and if we get our plans working properly we hope to have plenty at home to live on and plenty to sell to you people that live in cities and towns and we hope to get our price for it and not yours. I saw from Mr. Smith's expression and his change from one foot to the other and the manner he rolled his cigar from one corner of his mouth to the other, that his opinion of me had changed. He took me for a common ignorant country man, which I am, for my general appearance was very indicative.

How do you expect to bring about these conditions you speak of, asked Mr. Smith. You must understand Mr. Smith, that all reforms move slow. The improved conditions will come about by the aid of the agricultural colleges and federal department of agriculture. They are trying to teach the people. But Mr. Squash, will farmers listen to one who is trying to bring about these reforms you speak of? You know as well as I do, that of all people in the world the farmer is the hardest to make understand that there are better days ahead of him if he will only try. Doe the government have any trouble in your part of the country in getting the farmers to

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## JOHNSTON LETTER.

### Mrs. Black Hostess of Apollo Music Club. Mrs. Keesee Entertained. Week of Prayer Observed.

Rev. Mitchell, representative of the Baptist church, filled the pulpit of the Baptist church on Sunday morning, his theme being "Training the child."

On Sunday evening the second sacred concert will be held at the Baptist church and several sweet selections are being prepared.

The W. C. T. U. will meet Friday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock with Mrs. J. P. Bean.

On Sunday afternoon Mr. Marvin Matheny and Miss Lois Crouch of Saluda were married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Smith Crouch, the wedding being a very quiet one owing to a recent bereavement in the home of the bride. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Matheny left for their home in the Bethlehem section. For several years Mr. Matheny has held a position in the Johnston Drug company, and has many warm friends here who extend sincere congratulations.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Apollo music club met with Mrs. O. D. Black on Saturday afternoon and after a short business period conducted by the president, Miss Willis, the study of the master "Godard" was taken up, Mrs. Leon Stansell making a splendid leader. Life sketch of Godard, Mrs. J. W. Marsh; piano solo, "Guilandes," Miss Gladys Sawyer; "Barcarole," Miss Nina Ouzts; "La Cavalier," Mrs. T. R. Hoyt; vocal solo, "Jocelyn," Miss Clara Sawyer; "2nd Mazurka," Mrs. F. L. Parker; "Come and embark," (Saxony waltz Saxony) Miss Willis. After this had been enjoyed the hostess invited all into the dining room where a salad course with coffee and whipped cream was served by Misses Frances and Bessie Ford Turner. The club colors gold and white were prettily carried out not only in the refreshments but also in the decorations of the table. The place cards were in water colors with the club flower, the yellow rose, and the motto in gold, "Music culture is soul culture, mind culture and body culture."

An "At home" that proved one of much pleasure and keen interest was that of Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. Page Nelson Keesee entertained a number of her friends, being assisted by Mesdames W. Allen Mobley and Mims Walker. After several tables of progressive cards a cobweb hunt was had, each one being given a cord which they were to trace to the end. All were rewarded with small gifts and Miss Nina Ouzts found at the end of her cord a bag, and when opened a cat jumped out, the significance of this soon being learned for tied to tabby's neck was a card which announced the engagement of Mrs. Keesee's sister, Miss Josephine Mobley to Mr. Ollie Hamilton, of Virginia, the happy event to take place in April. This piece of news created much pleasant excitement, but there came a sad thought, for Johnston would give up one of her loveliest and most attractive young women. During the latter part of the afternoon a delightful two course repast was served.

Miss Emma Bouknight is at home from a visit to her cousin, Mrs. Miller, at Richmond.

Mrs. M. M. Steward of Chester is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. F. M. Boyd.

Mrs. P. B. Waters, Jr., spent the first of the week in Augusta the guest of Miss Annie Waters.

Mrs. Harry Hamilton and two sons are expected about the first of April to spend a few weeks in the home of the former's mother, Mrs. Ann Mobley.

Prof. W. F. Scott spent the week-end in Montecello with his father, Dr. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Allen and Master John, of Meeting Street were guests of Mrs. Willie Tompkins last week.

The past week was observed by the mission society of the Baptist church as a week of special prayer for home missions. The meeting for Tuesday afternoon was held on Sunday to enable the members to attend the W. C. T. U. rally at Tren-

## Resolutions Adopted by Trenton W. C. T. U. Upon The Death Of Mrs. Day.

Whereas, God in his All-wise providence has seen fit to remove from our midst our dear comrade Mrs. ANNIE DURISOE DAY, and one whose sweet Christian influence extended over this entire community, and we feel a deep personal loss since she left us, and

Whereas, she has left a home blighted and saddened by the absence of a loving wife and mother whose gentle hand and helpful advice will be missed.

Resolved, That to the Great Author and Giver of life we most humbly bow in submission to this dispensation, so hard to understand.

That in the influence wielded over us through life and example we will endeavor to live better lives and cherish the hope of meeting her in her heavenly home.

That the Woman's Christian Temperance Union extend to the bereaved husband and sons the deepest sympathy and pray God's richest blessings upon them.

That a copy of these resolutions be placed upon our minutes, a copy sent to the family and a copy sent to the county papers for publication.

Mrs. Jerome H. Courtney, Mrs. M. H. Herlong, Mrs. M. M. Padgett, Trenton, S. C.

## Miss Ellee Swearingen Entertained Beautifully.

Ideal in every respect, was the party given by Misses Ellee and Ray Swearingen last Friday evening complimentary to their charming guests Misses Nannie Lee and Leila Cato and Addie Lou Asbill of Monetta and Miss Mamie Cheatham, teacher of the Mt. Zion School.

The parlor and dining room were beautifully decorated with smilax and flowers, the color scheme of green and white being carried out to perfection.

A very interesting feature of the occasion was the flower contest of which Miss Addie Lou Asbill and J. T. McManus were the lucky winners.

Near the close of the evening delightful refreshments were served by the Misses Swearingen. Music, ruck and lively games were enjoyed by all throughout the evening, but alas! There's an end of time and every thing and we all thanked Ellee and Ray for the pleasant hours, the memory of which we will cherish in years to come.

A Guest.

Trenton, S. C.

## Compliment to Senator B. R. Tiltman.

South Carolinians will be interested to know that on last Saturday 27, Senator Clarke, of Arkansas, rose in the United States Senate and asked unanimous consent to have printed in the Congressional Record without reading the farewell address of Senator Tiltman to the constituents. The address was taken from the issue of the News and Courier of August 15 last. It will be well remembered by voters in this State. "It is not an official communication," said Senator Clarke, "but it relates more particularly to the events that constitute the history of his public life in the service in the State of South Carolina. It is an account somewhat of the labors and achievements of his public life. It is worth being perpetuated. It is a part of the life story of a man who, in my opinion, will be considered, when history comes to deal finally and fairly with him, as one of the remarkable men of his time."—News and Courier.

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ton, and this was conducted by Mrs. James White. The other four leaders for the various afternoons were Mesdames P. N. Lott, T. P. Milford, F. M. Boyd and T. R. Denny. Each leader made their meetings very earnest and helpful, and special music was a delightful feature. The offering given was a very good one.

Miss Agnes Wright who is at Wright's hospital, is considered much benefited and it is hoped that she will soon be able to return home.

## MT. ZION NEWS.

### Death of Mr. Hatcher. Organ of Mt. Zion Church Repaired. Delightful Surprise Party.

On last Saturday morning at six o'clock Mr. Cal Hatcher, who had been a sufferer for many months from dropsy of the heart, died at his home in this community. The burial took place the following day at Vacluse. Mr. Hatcher was a home-loving, industrious farmer, and had the respect and good will of all of his neighbors. He is survived by a widow and two sons, Messrs. Bunyan and George Hatcher.

On one day last week Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Miller, of Augusta, spent the day at the home of Mr. W. J. Gaines. Mr. Miller, who is an adept at doctoring ailing pianos and organs, put the old organ of Mt. Zion church into excellent condition, so that now we have a sweet toned instrument for use in our day and Sunday school.

Mrs. Sue Garner has returned home after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Avery Franklin, in Beech Island.

Miss Mamie Cheatham went to Edgefield last Saturday to attend the teachers' meeting.

Some of the young people of the neighborhood gave Miss Bessie Gaines a surprise party on last Monday night. Music and cards were enjoyed.

## Court of Common Pleas.

The first case called upon the convening of the court of common pleas Monday was that of S. McG. Simkins against the Western Union Telegraph company to recover damages in the sum of \$200 alleged to have resulted from the delay of a telegram. Early in September, 1912, a client who resides in Parksville sent Mr. Simkins a telegram instructing him to go at once to Columbia and represent his interests in a certain matter. The telegram was not delivered to Mr. Simkins in Edgefield until after the departure of the train for Columbia, making it impossible for Mr. Simkins to represent his client. A verdict of \$50 was rendered for the plaintiff. Mr. Simkins was represented by B. E. Nicholson and E. H. Folk and the defendant by M. P. Wells and Mr. Gettys of the Columbia bar.

The second case was a suit brought by the Farmers Bank of McCormick against Crawford Bros. for the collection of notes aggregating about \$400. In the spring of 1912 Crawford Bros gave J. L. Talbert of McCormick notes for fertilizers. Some time later, it is alleged, Mr. Talbert stated to Crawford Bros. that the notes had been lost, and requested that duplicate notes be given. In the fall of 1912, Crawford Bros. paid Mr. Talbert the original notes. The duplicate notes were discounted at the Farmers Bank of McCormick by Mr. Talbert and when they became due Crawford Bros. informed the bank that Mr. Talbert had been paid the amount of the notes. It is for the payment of the unpaid duplicate notes that the bank is now bringing suit.

After all of the evidence had been introduced Judge Memminger ordered a verdict for the plaintiff for the amount asked for. The bank was represented by W. N. Graydon of Abbeville and Crawford Bros. by B. E. Nicholson.

A mistrial was ordered in the suit brought by J. B. Tompkins to gain possession of a mule which has been seized by B. A. Jordan of Johnston under the foreclosure of a mortgage.

The court is engaged to-day with the suit of Boyce against Harmon Moseley and others, which grew out of the settlement of the estate of the late Mrs. Angeline Bacon. About 400 acres of valuable land is involved in this suit. Under ordinary conditions the land would sell readily for \$100 per acre.

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