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SHOT BY NEGRO

Frank Griffith Badly Wounded by Bullet Which Penetrated Lungs.

DEED DONE AT WHITNEY, N. C.

Griffith Was In Employ of the Power Company There in the Commissary.

Intelligence was received here Tuesday night that Frank Griffith was shot and badly wounded at Whitney, N. C., Tuesday. The shooting was done by a negro in the employ of the Power Co. there. Griffith was shot through the lungs the bullet ranging downward into the liver, and his injuries are very serious.

Griffith went to Whitney some two months ago to accept a position in the commissary of a power company which is building a dam at that point, and was doing so well that he sent for his wife to join him, who left last week. He was in the commissary at the time of the shooting, and presumably acting for the company in some matter. Griffith was in the employ of Vaun & Alley at Jasper as clerk for a lengthy period previous to going to Whitney. He is a son of Albert Griffith, who, it will be remembered, was shot in a passenger train near Athens as a result of a political dispute, and who died from his injuries. His brother, Hugh Griffith, who is assistant cashier of the First National Bank at South Pittsburg, left Tuesday evening to be with his brother. Young Griffith is the same man who attempted to kill himself in Chattanooga about two years ago, during a fit of despondency, by drinking carbolic acid.

He was married something over a year ago to Miss Della Anderson, of Jasper.

HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Two Men Nearly Struck by Falling Walls.

SOUTH PITTSBURG, Tenn., Oct. 13.—What came near being a fatal accident here Saturday was prevented by a miracle. J. C. Scott, one of the merchants here and Horace Campbell, a negro, were walking along Cedar Avenue, the principal street, when the wall of the Wilson Block gave way during a high wind, falling across the sidewalk into the street, carrying part of the front of the second story of the adjoining building in its descent. It also carried down the electric light wires, thereby putting some of the stores out of light for the night. The accident happened about 4 p. m. Had it been an hour later when the street is crowded with shoppers and workmen there would probably have been several killed. Mr. Scott, who was on the sidewalk, heard the crash in time to escape behind another building. Campbell ran across the street, the brick and concrete falling about his feet as he ran. This building was burned two or three months ago and the walls have been left standing, a menace to the safety of the pedestrian.

MOVEMENT TO ORGANIZE FAIR ASSOCIATION

BRIDGEPORT, Ala., Oct. 15.—Considerable interest has been aroused at this place and all over Jackson county over the proposition to organize a fair association for the purpose of holding an annual fair at some suitable place in the county. W. E. Gant, of Shelbyville, Tenn., who is secretary of the Bedford County, (Tenn.) Fair association, will talk to the people at Scottsboro on Oct. 23, giving pointers on how to make the movement a success. Being experienced in fair work his talk will no doubt be of great value. Jackson county is one of the largest counties in Alabama, and with her fine stock and diversified products her fair should rank among the best.

TWO DEATHS AT PIKEVILLE

Other News of Interest from the County Seat of the Flourishing County of Bledsoe.

J. L. Rigby, one of our oldest and most highly respected citizens, died at his home in Rigby cove, Friday morning, aged about 81 years. Squire Rigby was an ex-Confederate soldier and always attended all reunions of the old soldiers, having been in Chattanooga last Spring. He was well informed and had a fine recollection. He leaves a wife, four sons and two daughters. His son, John, lives in Chattanooga, Samps and Raymond near Pikeville and Alex. at Graysville, Tenn. His daughter Mrs. A. D. Young lives at Thornfield, Mo., and his youngest daughter resides at home. He leaves many grandchildren and relatives who mourn the death of this loved one. Funeral services were held at the Pikeville cemetery at noon Saturday, Rev. Summitt, officiating.

William Hixson died at his home near Lee's Friday night. Mr. Hixson was an old federal soldier, and one of our best citizens. He leaves a large family of married sons and daughters and a devoted wife who were shocked as were the entire community at his sudden death, as he had been ill less than 24 hours. Mr. Hixson's sons are all prosperous and respected citizens. J. A. Hixson is a merchant in Pikeville, John lives in Whitwell, Sam at Lees, Will is a merchant at Lees and George, a member of the firm of Hixson & Cagle at College Station. His daughters are Mrs. G. A. McReynolds, of near Pikeville, Mrs. Robt. Hembry, of Pikeville. This county in one short day has lost two of its oldest and best citizens.

Stock has all been taken up and directors elected at a meeting of stockholders here Saturday for a National Bank for Pikeville. What steps will be taken for this new enterprise is unknown to the writer further than that a committee was appointed to confer with the Citizens' Bank in regard to buying them out.

The Citizens' Bank has been in business here for many years and is one of the best banks in this part of the state, but there seems to be a demand for a national bank here and every one seems to think there is business enough for the two banks. There is no doubt as to the financial standing of the Citizens' bank which has taken such a part in the success of our farmers, stock raisers and business men for nearly seventy years.

Senator I. S. Pope left Sunday for Nashville.

Many of the valley farmers attended the bank stockholders meeting Saturday.

Dr. E. R. Swafford, our new Clerk and Master, expects to open a new drug store in a short time in the J. B. Deakins building where the postoffice is now located.

N. J. Ferguson will in a short time be ready for business at the big R. R. Store building, which he has overhauled from front to bottom to top. He has put on a fine metal roof.

P. Remkes has moved in the Greer building where Mr. Ketterer made his headquarters for nearly six years.

Greer Bros. are still adding to their hardware stock which they bought from Jos. F. Deakins in the Pope brick.

Pikeville.

Miss Mamie White is teaching at Litton.

R. B. Schofield was elected notary public at recent session of county court.

Pikeville is enjoying a Lyceum course. The 20th Century Glee Club was the attraction last week, and the next will be Walt Holcomb, the well-known humorous lecturer.

W. F. Hutcheson, of Route 1, has been the guest of his son, Charles. He is 83 years old.

'Possum Time in Dixie

Oh, de 'posson, he is hiding
In de sweet persimmon tree;
He is jus' de slyest feller
That is possible to be.

And his pelt is full and fluffy
And his eyes is shining bright;
They is like two yellow lanterns
Up dere in the quiet night!

I can smell de sug'ry 'simmons
Rip'ning in de autumn breeze,
They is hanging in de crimson
Ob de tree-tops leafy frieze.

They is sayin' to de 'posson,
"Travel by de trunk-line route;
Come and get an early breakfast
Ob our mellow, fragrant fruit."

And he can't withstand de pleading
It is far too much for him!
And right soon de chap is feeding
'Mong de branches deep an dim.

Oh, its 'possum-time in Dixie;
It is 'possum-time, I say,
For de 'simmons they is purple
In de grove across de way.

—Our Dumb Animals.

Stork Brings to Jasper Lots of Heart-Smashers

JASPER, Tenn., Oct. 15.—The stork is working over-time in Jasper this week, and if he is not careful will be subject to reprimand from the union authorities. He has deposited no less than four daughters upon the doorsteps of expectant Jasper parents, as follows: To Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Patton, a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. John Turner, a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Hale a daughter, and to Mr. and Mrs. Will Webb, another bunch of femininity. Everybody is delighted and all the babies are doing well. Dr. Lacy guided the stork on the first two occasions to the respective homes designated, while Dr. Turner officiated in the same capacity for the others.

Lowly Hen May Climb To Lofty Perch of Eagle

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 23.—Displacement of the American eagle as the national bird by the barnyard hen that lays one egg a day was forecasted at the convention of the National Poultry, Butter and Egg Association, when W. F. Priebe, of Chicago, declared that the eggs sold every year now valued at \$1,000,000,000.

Incidentally, he said, fully \$75,000,000 worth of the output is destroyed every year because of poor transportation facilities. This enormous waste has a direct bearing on the customer, for it keeps up prices.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

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NO INSURANCE AT THAT TIME

The notice which appeared in the Statesman Democrat last week relative to the insurance being carried on the Southern Methodist church and parsonage in Jasper is correct. But a little explanation will clearly show that while my friend was correct, he is discussing one thing and I was discussing an entirely different matter. Now let us see. I never wrote one line or word about the parsonage. The parsonage was not involved in my article. (The evidence furnished hitherto shows that the parsonage has been insured for seven hundred dollars, and this has been carried for perhaps nearly two years.) The church has now on it, according to a statement made to me by the agent, \$2,000, and that insurance has been taken out very recently. To Mrs. Austin Hall may be accredited this insurance as it appears that she collected all the money to pay the premium for this insurance. I believe I will venture that if the date of the insurance on the church were given, it will not date back five months. Now to my statement, which I will try to make plain enough so the most casual reader may clearly understand.

At the annual conference held at Abingdon in 1912, a written report was submitted to the statistical secretaries, giving in the Southern Methodist church at Jasper, as being insured for seven thousand five hundred dollars, and that same report was incorporated in the official minutes of the church for 1912. Anyone who will take the time and pains to examine the official records of the church will find my statement correct in every detail. This fact is known to the official board in Jasper, and is no new thing to them or the Presiding Elder of the Chattanooga district. When I say it is known to the board of stewards of Jasper, I mean to say that I first apprised them of the fact in one of my quarterly conferences. I offer this explanation to relieve any mind of thinking that the board of stewards was in the least implicated.

I challenge the world to change that report in the official records of 1912. If I have told the truth, am I to be criticised? If so, for what? Will not the Judge of Heaven and Earth smile upon the man who would tell the truth in the face of ten thousand who would condemn a true and honest statement. I am not making reports that will simply meet the approval of some ecclesiastical body, but that will stand the searchlight of eternity, and the investigation of the judgment of the last great day, which is a higher tribunal than any earthly conclave. "Be ye not deceived. God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." When criticising and condemning a man for being honest, is to encroach upon the One who has spoken from the summit of the basaltic crags of Sinai, and amid the deep-toned thunders given orders relative to speaking the truth.

This statement is made to clear up any doubt that may exist in the minds of those who have read the preceding article, otherwise this statement would not appear.

I wish to say, further, that I hope for Jasper, under the leadership of the new pastor, a prosperous year, and a great spiritual awakening among the membership and the citizens of the town. I worked and prayed to that end when I came to Jasper, but God knows I worked under many difficulties and disadvantages, but I go to my new field of labor feeling that I have done my duty, and preached the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. I never faltered when it became my duty to condemn sin, yet did it in the spirit of my Master, and did it out of my interest in the people whom I served. Some of the members stood by me,

and seemed willing to help me to carry the people of the town to a higher point of spiritual development. I shall always remember them kindly for their loyalty and support with their means. Those who ignored their obligations and promises made to the presiding elder will have to account to the judge who sits upon the throne of universal dominion. Broken obligations which cause the innocent to suffer in many ways cannot so easily be thrown off, but will overtake us when the shadows begin to lengthen in the chilly hour of death. There are some things which cannot be repented of unless restitution is made along with repentance. Conscience lulled to sleep will some day be aroused from its long slumber, and then the reaping.

When I have settled down, I shall try to write some interesting facts. Respectfully,
W. D. DEW,
Jasper, Tenn. Oct. 15, 1913.
Editor News:

Dr. Lacy a Successful Fancier

Dr. J. E. Lacy, of Jasper, is making a great success of his poultry business, taking premiums right along wherever he exhibits his chickens. At present he is contemplating having an exhibit at the Augusta, Ga., Poultry Show, which occurs next month, and will undoubtedly win several ribbons there. Lynn Clyde Pryor, of Jasper, another fancier, will also have an exhibit at the Augusta show. Dr. Lacy's specialty is Mottled Anconas, a chicken of Italian origin and very handsome. He started this spring with three, and now has over a hundred splendid specimens.

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