

MRS. GREEVER FOUND IN POTOMAC.

River Swollen by Recent Heavy Rains Wash Body Ashore Near Fort Hunt Twelve Miles Out From Washington.

Mystery surrounding the disappearance in Washington, D. C., on February 17th last of Mrs. N. Roberta Greever, wife of the Rev. W. H. Greever, of Columbia, S. C., was cleared on Friday last, when her body was washed ashore near the wharf at Fort Hunt, on the Virginia side of the Potomac river, about twelve miles down from Washington. The discovery puts an end to a country-wide search, which had been in progress for the past seven weeks.

The body was in such a state that it could not be identified, but the clothing and a plain wedding ring on the finger made it possible for Miss Frances Ryan, a trained nurse of Washington, to identify it as that of the missing Mrs. Greever.



MRS. N. ROBERTA GREEVER.

That Mrs. Greever was endeavoring to make her way to Tazewell to see her children and was accidentally drowned is the opinion of the Washington authorities, and this opinion is now generally shared by relatives of the unfortunate woman. She had been separated from her children about seven months, and had frequently expressed a desire to see them; a statement given out at Fort Hunt Friday seems to bear out the theory of accidental drowning. John L. Austin, a member of Company 47, coast artillery, stationed at the fort, was doing sentinel duty, when he heard a woman scream twice. The cries seemed to come from the river. He investigated, but failed to find any one. The next morning he reported the incident to Captain R. T. McMillan, who ordered a squad of men to search the reservation, including the water front. The men were unsuccessful in their search, but the date of the occurrence was recorded, however, which was February 17th.

There was thick ice along the shore of the Potomac at the time, and it is thought Mrs. Greever undertook to cross over to Virginia on it, thinking that the river was frozen all the way across, and that she fell through not far from the shore. Just why she did not take the train direct for Tazewell is not known, but it is the belief of those who have been prosecuting the search that she feared she would be detected and returned to Washington. Trolley cars from Washington to Mount Vernon pass Fort Hunt at short intervals, and it is supposed she boarded one of these cars and alighted at the fort, which she could have passed easily at night without being seen.

The first seen of the body was on Thursday night, when the lookout of a steamer reported a woman's body floating in the river, and a police boat was sent in search, but failed to find it. The next day, however, about 1:30 in the afternoon, the body was washed ashore, and after being removed to Washington was identified as being that of Mrs. Greever.

The remains of Mrs. Greever reached here on Monday afternoon from Washington. In the funeral party were the husband, Rev. W. H. Greever, of Columbia, S. C.; her mother, Mrs. Olivia Bruegel, of Zanesville, Ohio; Mr. Theo Bruegel and Mrs. W. J. Ohl, of Philadelphia, brother and sister of the deceased, and Mr. E. L. Greever, of this city, brother of Rev. W. H. Greever.

The remains were taken to the Lutheran church and the funeral services held from there on Tuesday morning, conducted by Rev. C. Armand Miller, D. D., of Charleston, S. C., after which the body was gently laid to rest by loving hands in Maplewood cemetery.

Mrs. Greever was forty-four years old. She was the daughter of the late Rev. G. A. Bruegel, a Lutheran clergyman, who had charges in Syracuse and Utica, N. Y., and Erie, Pa., and several other cities in the Lehigh Valley.

In addition to the relatives before mentioned, Mrs. Greever is survived by three children—Walter, aged 9, Mariam, aged 6, and Virginia, aged 3. The children have been making their home with their grandfather, Mr. John D. Greever, in Burke's Garden, while their mother was in Washington.

Mrs. Greever had been a frequent visitor to our town and county, and by her gentle disposition and kindly manners made warm friends of all with

whom she came in contact. The sympathy of all in the county goes out to the bereaved ones in their great sorrow.

Board of Supervisors Meet.

The board of supervisors met in regular session at the courthouse on last Tuesday.

The most important matter before the board at this meeting was the qualifying of the road commissioners, recently appointed by the circuit court, for the several districts. They are:

Clear Fork—Henry S. Bowen and R. S. Moss.

Jeffersonville—Joseph Litz and Joseph Cregar.

Maiden Spring—S. J. Thompson and Joe H. Beavers.

With the exception of Mr. Cregar the appointees are the same as recommended by the board at their meeting on March the 12th, when John G. St. Clair was recommended, but as he refused to qualify, Mr. Cregar was appointed in his stead.

Much detail work towards the organization of the road work was transacted, and a method of accounting, whereby all work done and money expended under the bond issue could be kept so that the public could be advised at all times of the status of the work, adopted.

Several accounts were allowed, and those for work and material on the new roads forwarded to the State Highway Commissioner for approval.

During the afternoon the new appointed commissioners of the several districts held meetings, the district supervisor being ex-officio chairman, and appointed the following as district road superintendents: Clear Fork, William Pruett; Jeffersonville, John Peery; Maiden Spring, O. B. Barns.

POUNDING MILL NEWS.

Items Gathered by Our Correspondent About People Down the Clinch.

Pounding Mill, Va., April 9, 1912. Mrs. C. W. Brewster and baby, of Bluefield, are visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. Millard Brown, of Tannersville, is here this week, the guest of Mrs. M. J. Sturgill.

Miss Lou Murphy, of Norton, spent Easter at this place with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Steele.

Mrs. Dock Altizer was visiting her brother, William Ringstaff, in Richlands last week.

Miss Mildred McGuire, of Cedar Bluff, spent Saturday and Sunday here with Miss Uva Steele.

Mrs. A. A. Kerr and baby, of Tennessee, are visiting Mrs. Rebekah Williams at this place.

Mrs. Milton Harris returned Monday for a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Gus Hoops, at Honaker.

Mrs. John Grinstead, who has been visiting at the home of her son here, returned to Indian Sunday.

Mrs. Leonard Harris is very ill at the home of her mother near Paint Lick. It is feared she has tuberculosis.

Mrs. William Mulkey, of Graham, was visiting her mother, Mrs. Susan Ringstaff, here one day last week.

The Order of Red Men organized here Saturday night, about thirty-five being initiated into the mysteries of the order.

Mrs. Sam Ward has returned to her home at Whitewood. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Tom England.

Mrs. W. B. Steele and daughter, Miss Uva, and Mrs. James McGuire, of Cedar Bluff, were shopping in Tazewell on last Thursday.

Misses Lettie Lovell, of Richlands, and Bertha Rasmie, of Indian, visited Misses Jennie and Ocie Lovell here Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Quisenberry, whose illness has been mentioned in these columns, suffered a relapse last week. She is getting along nicely, however.

Miss Mattie Trayer, of Xenia, Ohio, who has been visiting homefolks in Staunton, is spending a couple of weeks with her brother, C. H. Trayer, at this place.

Miss Addie Harris, who recently graduated at the Piedmont Business College and accepted a position in Rustburg, Va., is now in Lynchburg being treated for a healing in her head.

William Robert Holland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holland, formerly of this place but now living in Bedford City, departed this life on March 29th, and was laid to rest in the Holland cemetery on the following Sunday. May Heaven bless the bereaved parents in this their first great sorrow.

Mr. John T. Pruett and Miss Sophronia Christian were married Sunday morning last at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Christian, Rev. Isaac Wright, of Bluefield, officiating. The event was witnessed by a number of friends. Dinner was served to them at the home of the bride and supper at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pruett. On Monday the happy couple went to house-keeping in the bungalow formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, and that night a number of their friends gave them a rousing old-time serenade. May happiness and prosperity attend their journey through life.

Bobst has just received a handsome line of rings suitable as engagement rings.

Rally Day For The Sunday Schools.

At a recent meeting of the officers of the Tazewell County Sunday School Association the preachers of the county were requested to present the claims of the Sunday school at their respective appointments on the second Sunday in April.

Responding to this request, besides the preaching of a great many Sunday school sermons in the county next Sunday, we are to have at least three sermons on this subject from the pulpits of our town, as follows: At the Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock a. m., Rev. S. O. Hall will present some phase of the subject; at the Christian church at 11 o'clock a. m., J. N. Harman will discuss the "Insurgent Sunday School;" at the Methodist church at 7:30 p. m., Rev. E. E. Wiley will present the importance of this great work.

It is hoped that the men and women as well as the children, will attend at least two of these services next Sunday.

J. A. Leslie, the county secretary, will also speak in the interest of the Sunday school work at Adria in the morning and at Bearwallow at 2:30 p. m. next Sunday.

Easter Sunday Services.

The song service given by the Music Club at the Christian church on last Sunday night was a success in every particular—in attendance, in receipts, and in the artistic finish of the performance.

The Music Club in the past has shown its excellency in light opera and in secular lyric music, and on Sunday night its members demonstrated that they were equally able to interpret the more difficult sacred music with feeling and expression.

The entire program was well rendered, almost without exception, good, and the more difficult part, the ensemble of the chorus, exceptionally good.

The features of the evening were, the solo by Mrs. A. S. Higginbotham and the offertory by Mrs. A. G. Russell. The latter also deserves mention as an accompanist and in the training of the choruses.

Tannersville Briefs.

Tannersville, Va., April 18. Robert Hash is visiting his Brother-in-law, Will Kirk this week.

Isaac Patrick is quite sick at this writing.

Mrs. Mary Gates, of Rich Valley, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Whitehead, for several days.

Den Wimmer and Waster Patrick were Thompson Valley visitors Sunday.

H. J. Whitehead had the misfortune to lose a good horse last week.

Mrs. Den Wimmer and sons, Fred and James, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Patrick Sunday.

House Cleaning

SALE

BEGINS

THURSDAY

APRIL 11th

It will pay you to take advantage of the unusual low prices we are offering now.

Our second floor is the largest retail furniture store in Bluefield.

MATTING RUGS 9x12 FEET

\$2.75

ALL WOOL TAPESTRY RUGS 9x12 FEET

\$9.95

WILTON VELVET RUGS 9x12 FEET

\$23.00

A large stock of Iron and Brass Beds, Mattresses, Porch Shades, Dressers, Kitchen Cabinets, etc.

Freight paid by us during this sale.

We make SHADES to fit your WINDOWS.

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BLUEFIELD, W. VA.

OPPOSITE OVERHEAD BRIDGE.

Looking to The Future.

Colonel James S. Browning, of Roanoke, was here between trains on Monday afternoon.

Colonel Browning is enthusiastic over our little city as a summer resort, and says the natural beauty and healthfulness here is bound to make it the favorite resort of this great section. He also predicts that in a few years there will be a double track line of the Norfolk and Western through Abba Valley, and when the time comes he proposes to lay off his Abba Valley farm into five and ten acre tracts and sell to people who wish to raise small fruits and do trucking.

This he predicts will be the ultimate solution of how to feed the people of the coal fields, and ultimately all over the county we will see the larger landed estates broken up into small holdings, as at the present value properties in this section can no longer pay interest on the investment as grazing lands, and intensive cultivation will be the only way to make the farm lands profitable.

This would mean an immense increase in our county's population and increased prosperity in every line of business.

Highway Improvement.

Clear Fork district is making rapid strides in the matter of new roads under the bond issue. Contracts for the third section in that district were let during the past week to Hart, Hall and Chandler. This section runs from Pocahontas, up Laurel creek, through Curran Gap into and up Abba Valley to its head, a total distance of ten miles. The three sections now building under contract in Clear Fork will give the east end of the county a good start in the way of better roads by the end of the year.

In Jeffersonville district a force under Roger Sluss started work on Tuesday morning at the head of the south fork of Clinch river, on the old Fincastle road. Another force is also working on this road just east of town.

In Maiden Spring district there is a force at work on the road leading out from Cedar Bluff towards Wardell.

A Graceful Tribute.

A correspondent of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, furnishes that newspaper with the following account of a quite interesting incident:

"It was at the dinner of the New York alumni of the University of Virginia on Saturday evening. All of the stated addresses had been finished, and the Virginia men were sitting in their chairs still. It was too good a time to leave. Then George Gordon Battle got up. It was just the chance for a humorous good night speech. He began by saying that in front of the rotunda at the university there was a monument to the memory of the alumni of Virginia who had fallen in battle in the War Between

the States. The University was proud to remember these heroes of war. But it was a noble thing, too, he said, to remember that the university had bred heroes of peace, men who had died bravely in the performance of their civil duties as servants of the people.

"And I ask all of you to stand," he added, "and drink with me a toast to the memory of Judge Thornton Massie."

A Million For Roads.

Judge Holt, of the eighteenth district circuit court, will call an election on April 30th to decide whether the people of Augusta county want a million dollar bond issue for good roads. This question has been agitated there for some time, and although there has been bitter opposition to it, a petition was presented to the board of supervisors requesting them to ask the court to order an election.

This petition was signed by nearly five hundred prominent county property owners. Accordingly, with not one dissenting vote, the board of supervisors passed a resolution petitioning the circuit court to enter an order of election.

When this matter comes to a vote the fight will likely be a hot one, for there are many opponents to the bond issue, who, however, are perhaps less numerous than its supporters. It is generally conceded that the proposed bond issue would boom property in the county to much higher valuations, while it would be possible to build over three hundred miles of macadam road.

Convict labor has been utilized in the county for several years past, and many miles of good road has been built, but this work, the county people are now beginning to realize, is too slow and in the end more costly, and in all probability the bond issue will pass by a large majority.

BURKES GARDEN.

Items of Interest Concerning People You Know and Hear Talked Of.

Burkes Garden, Va., April 18. S. L. Heninger has been right sick for awhile.

Miss Mattie Mae Felty went to Tazewell Saturday.

Miss Mildred Peery was the guest of Miss Ida Moss Sunday.

Mrs. E. L. Rhudy is visiting her parents at Groseclose, Va.

Charles Gose, who is attending Roanoke College, spent Easter with his parents.

Miss Ethel Meek spent Friday night with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Long.

Mr. M. F. Wynne had his sale last Wednesday and everything brought a good price.

Misses Gladys Adams and Bertie Thompson were calling on Miss Nellie Kelly Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Ella Crockett and daughter, Georgie, of Tazewell, are visiting at the home of A. E. Peery.

Mike Cassell and son, Dennis, returned from Cripple Creek last Saturday, where they have been buying cattle.

Mrs. Neal, who spent the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Ed. Wynne, returned to her home on Clear Fork Saturday.

Meek Hoge and son, Jeff, recently returned from Chicago, where they bought about one hundred and fifty cattle.

Misses Ethel Meek and Nellie Kelley, who are attending school in Wytheville, came home last Thursday to spend Easter with homefolks.

North Tazewell.

North Tazewell, Va., April 10th. Mrs. W. A. Whitley was visiting friends in Bluefield Sunday.

R. O. Morgan and C. A. McGuire, of Bluefield, were here Sunday the guests of homefolks.

Miss Nannie Rose Moss, of Burke's Garden, has been the guest of friends here this week.

J. T. Peery, of Burke's Garden, was here Monday night as the guest of his brother, M. L. Peery.

Mrs. C. P. Painter, of Bluff City, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Moore, at this place.

Mrs. Edgar Wiley, of Bland, is spending the week here with her relatives, W. L. Britts and family.

Mrs. George Smith, of Bluefield, is spending the week here with her brothers, George P. and Dr. W. I. Hail.

Walter Moore was here Sunday from Toms Creek to spend the day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hopkins were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Vermillion. John has about recovered from his recent operation for appendicitis, and on Monday resumed his duties in the store of W. T. Witten & Co., of which he is the junior member.

Metal and Seed.

White Lead and White Zinc made from the Metals Lead and Zinc—are pigments. Linseed Oil is pressed out of Flaxseed. A little Oil mixed with these pigments constitutes the L. & M. semi-paste Paint. It's made so that by adding 3 quarts of Linseed Oil to a gallon of L. & M. semi-paste—12 gallons of ready for use Paint is produced at a cost of \$1.57 per gallon. Anybody can mix the Oil with the L. & M. in five minutes. It saves from \$5 to \$25 in painting a house. Call on J. A. Greever, Tazewell, Va.

MISREPRESENTING CONGRESSMAN SLEMP

The Lynchburg News is Taken to Task For Editorial Comment on Interview Not Given Out by Ninth District Representative.

Washington, D. C., April 6, 1912. To The Editor of The LYNCHBURG NEWS, LYNCHBURG, VA.

Dear Sir:—

A friend has sent me a copy of your paper containing your editorial of April 2nd, entitled: "Not Creditable to Slemp." You based your editorial on an alleged interview by me with the Washington Times-Dispatch. I know of nothing less creditable in an individual than for an editor of a newspaper to base an editorial reflecting on another on a printed interview where he had immediate means of verifying the interview, but did not do so. You have a correspondent of your paper here in Washington and you could have asked him whether or not the interview correctly represented my views. This you deliberately neglected to do. The Vidette, a weekly newspaper published at Glade Springs, published the interview, but at the same time stated that it would reserve comment until I had opportunity to state whether or not I subscribed to it as my own. If you had had the semblance of fairness as well as a proper appreciation of newspaper ethics you would have adopted the same course.

The facts are that I had a talk with a Baltimore correspondent in regard to general election conditions in our state and district. The correspondent of the Richmond Times-Dispatch came to my office late the same day, and, after a few minutes conversation, I referred him to the other correspondent as I was leaving the office at the time. I did not see what he sent out nor did I know until I saw your editorial the language he had used in undertaking to convey my position. Had I seen it I would not have subscribed to the language I am credited with in that interview. I think the better way to discuss this matter is for me to state my position, ask you to state yours and see wherein we differ.

First: I am in favor of no money being used in campaigns except for purposes considered by every one as legitimate. I believe that the best way at the present time to bring this about is through an agreement between candidates, county committees and party leaders of both sides, making it a matter of personal honor.

Second: I am in favor of both political parties having equal representation at the ballot box, and I say equal advisedly. The best and only way to accomplish this under present conditions is by agreement also. The law should be changed to permit equal representation in my judgment. In the district there are, I imagine, some 800 judges of election. Four hundred of these could be democrats and 400 could be republicans, the candidates or committees agreeing on each individual so as to secure the best possible men. At each voting place each political party should have at least one judge of its own selection. You contend that an equal division is impossible. Under the law there are three judges of election at each voting place. It is impossible to divide these into two equal parts as you say. It is not impossible, however, to have at one precinct two republican judges and one democrat judge, and at the next precinct to have two democrats and one republican, and so on, alternating around the district. I repeat that this can be accomplished by agreement among the candidates in the district and no judge need be selected not agreeable to the other side.

Third: I hold that under any and all circumstances the minority party should have representation of its own selection at every voting precinct, one judge and one clerk.

Fourth: I contend, unless you advocate the third position as well as the first, and personally I believe the second, that your demand for fair elections in the Ninth district or anywhere else is a humbug, a farce and lacking in all sincerity.

I ask that you answer YES or NO to each of these propositions. After you have stated your views with absolute definiteness we are all then in a position to establish the correctness of the position by reference to past elections in the Ninth district or elsewhere, but first, Mr. Editor, let us have your answers yes or no, without equivocation, hedging or evasion.

You realize, of course, that the convention for the nomination of a Republican candidate for Congress in the Ninth district has not been called and until it is and unless I am selected as its standard bearer, I speak only as a citizen of the district interested in everything that will promote higher standards in the State as well as the district.

Very truly,
C. B. SLEMP.

NOTICE.

March 25, 1912. The annual meeting of stockholders of the Clinch Valley Coal and Iron Company, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be presented, will be held at the office of the Company in Jeffersonville (Tazewell Court House), Tazewell county, Virginia, Wednesday, May 1, 1912, at four o'clock p. m. FLOYD PRICE, Secretary.