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Mrs. Sims's Double Affliction.

While Attending the Funeral of her Mother in Lancaster County, Her Son is Killed Near Columbia.

While Mrs. John Sims, of Columbia, was in this county last week attending the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Wesley Hilton, whose death was noted in The News at the time, her little son, Master Hilton Sims, was shot and killed. A special from Columbia in the News and Courier of Oct. 27th gives the following account of the sad tragedy:

"Hilton Sims, a white boy, about ten years old, was shot and instantly killed today. A little negro boy, Hal Gordon, about nine years old, is responsible for his death.

Young Sims, with Oscar Forde and Alvin Sims, about the same age, were in the woods near Benedict Institute. They had with them a single-barrel shotgun. Some of the boys had sling-shots, and they all laid the gun aside and were shooting at birds with their slings. While engaged in this, the little negro came up and began handling the gun, the other boys not noticing him. Suddenly the gun fired and a shot from it penetrated young Sims's chest, striking the heart, and killing him instantly.

The other boys immediately alarmed the neighborhood, but nothing could be done for the unfortunate boy. It is presumed that the killing was purely from carelessness and ignorance on the part of the little negro. The coroner was duly notified.

The dead boy was the son of Mr. Jack Sims, who is employed at the Southern Railway shops, and who lives in the eastern suburbs, on the Two Notch road.

Another Arrest in Gaffney for Criminal Assault.

Gaffney special to Spartanburg Herald Oct. 28:

L. D. Holmes, a young white man living near this city was arraigned before Magistrate C. T. Bridges this morning for a preliminary hearing on the charge of assault with intent to rape upon the person of Mrs. Mary Driskill. The alleged attempt is said to have been made about two miles from this city. All parties are white. Holmes is a young man about twenty five years old who lives on the land of the Gaffney Land and Improvement Company about two or three miles from Gaffney. Both he and Mrs. Driskill are well known here. At the preliminary hearing this morning Messrs. Thos. B. Butler and J. B. Bell, conducted the prosecution while J. C. Otts appeared for Holmes. The magistrate bound him over to the Court of General Sessions convening here in February. He was later released on a four hundred dollar bond.

A Sign of Prosperity.

Many Private Land Sales—Buying and Selling Constantly Going on, and at Good Prices.

One of the evidences of the prosperous condition of the country—due to good crops and fair prices—is the present activity in real estate, valuable plantations changing hands almost daily.

Among the notable sales made last week, through the Carter agency, are the following:

What is known as the McMurray place, six miles north of Lancaster, containing 165 acres, was sold by Mr. B. M. Welsh to Mr. W. M. Morris.

The R. E. McIlwain residence in the town of Lancaster, south of the depot, was purchased by Dr. E. S. McDow.

What are known as the Everall and Cauthen places, north of Lancaster, were bought by Mr. S. E. Starnes from Mr. J. P. Steele and the estate of the late W. C. Cauthen.

The Howie place, four miles north of Lancaster, containing 65 acres, was sold by Mr. W. A. Steele to Mr. W. B. Payer.

All of these lands were sold at good prices. A number of other trades are likely to be consummated this week.

Fire Near Town.

Barn and Stable on Senator Hough's Plantation Burned. A Horse and a Mule Perished in the Flames.

A new barn and stable on Senator W. C. Hough's plantation near town was destroyed by fire last Saturday night, between 8 and 9 o'clock. A horse belonging to Mr. James L. Barton, who lives on the place, and a mule belonging to Mayor White, were burned to death. Mr. Barton also lost a lot of fodder, etc.

The total loss is several hundred dollars. None of the parties had any insurance. The origin of the fire is not known, but it is thought to have been accidental.

W. H. Vanderbilt's Grandson Gets Three Months.

Paris, Oct. 28.—Elliott Fitch Shepard, of New York, who is the son of the late Col. Elliott F. Shepard and grandson of the late William H. Vanderbilt, and who ran over and killed a girl while motoring here on August 28 last, was condemned today to imprisonment for three months and to pay a fine of 600 francs. The sum of 20,000 francs damages was also assessed upon Shepard jointly with the firm which owned the car, as Shepard was exhibiting it to a prospective purchaser when the accident occurred.

A Sad Death.

J. D. Gibson, of the Lancaster Mercantile Company's Office, Cut Down in the Prime of his Young Manhood.

Mr. James D. Gibson, who for the past year was employed in the office of the Lancaster Mercantile company, died last Friday evening, of fever, at the home of his father, Mr. Abe Gibson, in the Rossville section, Chester county. He left here about two weeks ago.

Mr. Gibson, who was about 22 years old, was a young man of exceptionally fine character. It is said of him that he was never known to utter an oath, and that he never tasted liquor or used tobacco. He made friends of all with whom he came in contact during his residence in Lancaster. The announcement of his untimely death will cause general regret.

An Editor Hard Hit by the Darlington Failures.

The many friends of A. G. Kollock, editor of the Darlington News, will regret to learn that owing to the heavy losses sustained in the failure of the Independent Oil Company and Darlington Trust Company, on account of his endorsement of the negotiable papers of those concerns, he will go into bankruptcy. Mr. Kollock's liabilities are \$50,000 and his assets from \$20,000 to \$25,000—Cheraw Citizen.

Shocking Accident.

Small Boy Loses Both Hands in Cotton Gin Machinery.

Spartanburg Daily Herald. Sammie Chesney, a seven year old lad, met with the serious misfortune of losing both his hands at the gin of Dr. Miles in the Hobbsville section yesterday afternoon.

The child, whose father, Mr. Thomas Chesney, is engineer at Dr. Miles' gin, was playing on a heap of cotton near the gin, and finally walked too close to the machinery.

In some manner the boy's hands were caught in the machinery and were terribly mutilated. Medical aid was quickly summoned, and his pain and suffering were alleviated as soon as possible.

The Presbyterians of Kansas have endowed a chair at the State University, and elected Dr. Francis Wilber to the position. His duties will be to give instruction in the Bible and related subjects and to look after the spiritual welfare of the 260 Presbyterian students attending the university.

Two Runaways.

Two Mules Killed in the One and a Man and his Wife Killed in the Other.

Rock Hill Herald.

About noon on Wednesday while Muse Archie, colored, was driving a pair of mules to a wagon filled with seed cotton, the mules became frightened, ran with the wagon a long ways and after reaching the railroad crossing below Ogden, were killed instantly by a local freight train going south. The mules were running and plunging at break neck speed and just as they entered the railroad track they were mashed into jelly. The wagon which the mules were hitched to was disfigured, but not by the train. Fortunately the driver was not hurt at all. The wagon and team belonged to Mr. G. D. Pearson of Ogden.

Mr. W. O. Youngblood and wife, while driving home from Yorkville on Wednesday, were thrown with their buggy from a bridge on the Charlotte road. The horse becoming frightened backed the buggy off the bridge and fell on top of the wreckage. Both Mr. and Mrs. Youngblood were seriously injured, the latter more than her husband. The fall was probably twenty feet.

Call for a Mass Meeting.

To the Prohibitionists of Lancaster County:

The Lancaster County Anti-Liquor League was duly organized at Lancaster on Monday, Oct. 30th, 1905, by the election of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The object of this organization will be to see that the law against the sale of intoxicating liquors in this county is enforced.

With a view of establishing branch leagues throughout the county and for the transaction of any other business that may come before it, a mass meeting of the prohibitionists of the county is hereby called to meet in the courthouse at Lancaster on Monday the 6th day of November at 1 o'clock, p. m. It is earnestly requested that each and every township in the county be largely represented in this meeting.

By order of the Lancaster County Anti-Liquor League.

John T. Green, Pres.
W. C. Thomson, Sec'y.

Marriage Postponed Account Illness of Prospective Bride

The marriage of Miss Anne Lee Jenkins and Mr. J. L. Bird, which was to have taken place in Rock Hill Wednesday, has been postponed on account of the illness of the latter at his home in Kershaw. His physician says he will be confined to his bed several weeks.—Chester Lantern.

Deadly Work

Of an Illinois Farmer--He Kills Two Men, one his Brother-in-Law, and Wounds Two Other Persons.

Chenoa, Ills., Oct. 28.—William Leduc, a farmer, enraged over domestic affairs, today shot and killed Mayor Charles Nickle, his brother-in-law, in the Bank of Chenoa, and Hugh Jones, a brickmason, slightly wounded two pedestrians and, drawing Jones' body into the bank vault, partly closed door and defied arrest for many hours against officers and citizens with whom he exchanged scores of shots. Late tonight Leduc surrendered to the sheriff and the dead body of Jones was removed to a morgue.

Leduc, well armed, came in from the farm this afternoon, walked into the bank and without warning shot Nickle, who is cashier of the bank as well as mayor, dead. Hugh Jones, Cashier Nickle's son and another boy were in the bank. The boys escaped through a back door. Jones attempted to grapple with Leduc, and was shot. Two men passed along the street and Leduc apparently feeling that they might attempt to capture him shot them, one in the head, the other in the hands, but their wounds are not serious.

An immense crowd, armed, gathered in the bank in an attempt to capture the slayer, but Leduc, within the vault with Jones' body would allow no one to come within range of his weapon. Leduc told officers that Jones was dead.

Ammonia and chloroform were used plentifully in an attempt to overcome Leduc, but the partly open door admitted enough air to thwart the effect of the drugs.

Sheriff Edwards and deputies arrived later but Leduc, who was well supplied with ammunition, withstood the attack of the officers.

Seventeen Girls Poisoned.

Burlington, Vermont, Oct. 27.—Seventeen girls ranging from two to six years old were taken suddenly ill at St. Joseph's orphanage asylum last night and three died within three hours. An autopsy today revealed the fact of poisoning but the cause was not made known.

The Salvation Army is making much progress in Germany under the leadership of Commander O'phand, who, the Prussianer Zeitung declares, is almost as interesting a character as Gen. Booth. In a recent address he referred with pride to the fact that new students at the University of Berlin had received permission from the rector to write their dissertations for the doctor's degree on the Salvation Army.