

A Virginia Horror.

South Carolinian's Bloody Work--Kills a Man, his Wife and Two Children and then Takes His own Miserable Life.

Gloucester, Court House, Va., Oct., 28.—When R. E. Gressett came out of his home in King and Queen county this morning about sunrise, he was shot with a rifle by W. D. Coker; who had been concealed under the high steps. When Gressett fell he begged Coker not to shoot again and Mrs. Gressett also ran out and begged him not to shoot again. Coker came up close to Gressett and fired again, killing him instantly. Coker then sent word to officers to come to his home at Greenwood, as he had shot Gressett. Just as the officers drove up to W. B. Coker's house they heard a gun go off and they found Coker dead. He had already killed his wife and two little girls, one six and the other nine years old, and had laid them out. Coker came from South Carolina about eight years ago. The two men lived about two miles apart. No one knows of any ill feeling between the men prior to the tragedy.

Mrs. Coker was, previous to her marriage, Miss Robbie Roy. She was a daughter of Lieut. Robert Roy, and a cousin of Mrs. A. J. Montague, wife of Virginia's governor. She was a beautiful woman.

When the officers reached the Coker home they found his dead body sitting upright in a chair. His gun was lying across his knees. The bullet had entered the neck and ranged upward into the brain. The wife and children had been shot, killed and laid out, and coins placed over their eyes. Coker left a note in which he said he killed his family to save them from disgrace. He named Gressett and his brother as the cause of his trouble. The murder was committed at 2 o'clock and the bodies arranged on the bed. Afterward he lay down beside them and slept until day, when he went to the Gressett home.

A New Enterprise.

Mr. John T. Stevens, of Kershaw, and Others, to Establish Wholesale and Retail Grocery in Cheraw.

From Cheraw Citizen.

Messrs. Boykin and Shannon, of Camden, and Mr. John T. Stevens, of Kershaw, spent Monday in Cheraw and while here closed a lease for the new Laney brick building, work on which was begun yesterday. These gentlemen will open up a wholesale and retail grocery business here January 1st, with a capital stock of \$25,000. The building will be 40 x 100 feet, two stories, having a basement 40 x 60 feet x 10 feet. W. R. Hancock has the contract for the erection of the building.

Miss Mamie Floyd,

Who Recently Died, in Texas --Tribute to Her Memory by School Mates.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Floyd, former Lancastrians now living at Mt. Pleasant, Texas, who lost their sixteen-year old daughter, Miss Mamie, a few weeks ago, have received the following tribute from her late school mates:

To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Floyd:—

What can we do but weep with you? We can only guess what this sorrow is. We know it must be the greatest except one, which could come to you. The dear girl, she looked so sweet and happy last we saw her. If you could only see her. How beautiful she must be now that she has seen Jesus and shines in the light of God. It is even more wonderful to think of that great transition of a girl and of a grown person one cannot imagine, the sudden expansion into such knowledge, and conscious joy.

We have been looking back upon short memories of soul trials. Just a few years of groping and stumbling, weariness and faintness at heart, temptation and failure, all these things which we suppose every Christian must pass through at some time, on the way home. The first distinct thought which comes through the surprise and sorrow, at the sadness was that, that dear redeemed girl will be spared all this; she is taken home where none of the roughest of the roughness of

ways will ever occur. She will never fear doubt or sin.

Is not this the very kindest and best thing that the tender loving Savior could do for her? But better still, she is with Him at once and forever, waiting for you to come home. We are only writing this because our hearts are full; we know we cannot comfort—only Jesus can.

We shall go and plead long and intensely as soon as we finish this letter.

He must be "specially touched" in sorrow for He knows by actual experience what human love is; this is such a great and unexpected sorrow to us all; especially He must be watching you in this hour of trial.

With the deepest sympathy we are her school mates.

Maud Brown,
Sue Armstrong,
Frankie Reed,

Paris, Texas.

Wadsworth, Nev., was once a lively railroad town with about 4,000 inhabitants, but now it is only a collection of deserted shacks. These houses are overrun with wildcats, or when the town was deserted about 400 cats were left behind, and they have increased rapidly and heeded the call of the wild.

Recent Japanese papers say that the heavy war tax imposed on city residential lands has caused land owners in the city of Tokio to raise ground rents, and in turn, house owners have increased house rents. This has caused much dissatisfaction among the poor.

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