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Sheriff Hunter Finds a witness to the Shooting of Massey.

Special To the News and Courier. Lancaster, Nov. 28.—Sheriff Hunter has been out in the Primus section trying to get at the real fact of the recent homicide in that locality—the killing of John Massey by John Blackmon, both young negroes. There were no white eye-witnesses and the colored who saw the difficulty have, up to a day or so ago, with singular unanimity, refrained from talking about it.

Sheriff Hunter now has how ever, an affidavit made by a young negro who was present, Baxter Blackmon, son of Mack Blackmon, a colored farmer, who owns considerable property, an account of whose phenomenal success was published in The News and Courier about a year ago. Baxter states positively that John Blackmon did the killing. He says that both parties had pistols and as Blackmon drew his weapon he, referring to weapon exclaimed: "Turn one time" and fired, the bullet striking Massey in the forehead and killing him instantly. Ever since John Blackmon's arrest and lodging in jail last Sunday by Sheriff Hunter he has persistently disclaimed any knowledge whatever of the killing. Even when the sheriff read to him, a day or so ago, the affidavit of Baxter Blackmon, charging him with the crime he made no acknowledgment of guilt.

Cotton Ginning Report.

Washington, Nov. 30.—The census bureau today issued a bulletin showing the total number of running bales of cotton ginned to Nov 14 was 9,909,057, which is 2,000,000 more than the amount of the same date last year.

Case Against Policeman East, for Burning a Warehouse, is Nolle Prossed.

Special to News and Courier.

Florence, Nov. 30.—In the Court of General Sessions today the grand jury returned a true bill against Samuel J. East, a policeman of the city of Florence, charged with burning the Pee Dee Tobacco Ware House here last April.

It being impossible to get important witnesses to testify, Solicitor Wilson moved a nol proesso. This ends what was expected to be one of the most interesting cases that was to come up for trial at this term of court. It will be remembered that East was given a preliminary trial in July and was sent up by Magistrate Lloyd. He was afterwards granted bail in \$2,000, but the bond was never given, and East remained in jail until today.

Locomotive Killed Deer.

Florence, Nov. 30.—Engineer W. James Maxwell, who runs a local freight between Florence and Wilmington, killed a fine deer with his locomotive between Lake Waccamaw and Bognes, N. C., yesterday afternoon while on his trip up from Wilmington. The deer, which was a very large, fat doe, came running from the swamp and attempted to cross the track ahead of the monster locomotive.

Fatal Sequel To Elopement.

A Texas Farmer Deliberately Shoots Down Two Men and Seriously Wounded a third.

Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 30.—Two men were shot and instantly killed and another wounded by William J. Williams, a farmer, near the town of Alvarado. Stephen McKinney, a young farmer who had been paying attention to the stepdaughter of Williams, failing to win his consent to marriage, ran away with the girl and married her. McKinney and his bride returned home and the bridegroom went to work on his farm.

Williams went to the town of Alvarado and bought a rifle. Then, riding out to the field where McKinney, his father and brother were at work, the enraged man without a word, opened fire, killing Stephen. The elder McKinney rushed to the rescue of his son and was himself shot dead. The brother, too, was seriously wounded. Officers have started to arrest Williams, and trouble is anticipated.

Japanese Sustain Enormous Losses.

Their Casualties Have Been 15,000 Within a Single Day The Attacks Will Be Continued.

London, Dec. 2.—The Correspondent at Chefoo of The Daily Telegraph says that the attack on Two Hundred and Three Metre hill resulted in heavy losses to the First division of Japanese stormers. Simultaneously with this assault the correspondent says the men of the Ninth and Eleventh divisions advanced and menaced the Ribung and Keskwon fort. It is stated, the correspondent adds, that within the last 24 hours Japanese casualties have totalled 15,000 and it is asserted that the attacks have been planned to continue until Dec. 10, when it is hoped the capture of Port Arthur will be completed.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 1.—The war office here is not yet prepared to accept the report that the Japanese before Port Arthur have taken Two Hundred and Three Metre hill, but if it is officially confirmed the war office admits that it will be a desperate blow for the gallant defenders of the fortress. The position commands the harbor, and if the Japanese can mount siege guns on its summit they can force out the Russians' squadron or destroy it at its anchorage. Those familiar with the supporting place of the fort by no means certain that, even though the Russians are forced to retire from Two Hundred and Three Metre hill, the Japanese can place in position heavy guns against the fire which the other fort can bring to bear upon it.

GAINS AT FORT ARTHUR RECEIVED WITH CHEER.

Tokio, Dec. 1, noon.—Gen Nogi's telegram announcing the storming and capture of "Two Hundred and Three Metre hill" was received with cheers by the Japanese people. It revives the hope of an early capture of Port Arthur proper.

Atlanta and Knoxville have invited President Roosevelt to visit their respective cities during his Southern itinerary.

Jim Garner, a negro, who worked on the plantation of Mrs Kinzier in Lexington county, six miles from Columbia, was killed Tuesday afternoon by Will Kinard, another negro, as the result of a fight over a basket.

Negro Passed for White.

Virginia Colored Man's Pretensions Exposed by Death.

(From the Philadelphia Record) Burbeville, Va, November 27.—Death alone exposed Charlie Flippen, a mulatto native of this place, who, away from home, has for years assumed the role of a white man.

His body arrived here over the Southern Railway last week from Newburg, N. Y., accompanied by a white escort composed of two committeemen of the street railway line of Newburg, of which he was a motorman, and four members of a militia company of the 1st New York regiment, of which he was a member.

The escort was much chagrined to find that their comrade and associate was a negro, he having in all his associations at Newburg represented himself as a white man, or as having a quarter-blooded Indian mother, and Col Flippen, of Southside, Va. as father.

It is stated that he was an associate of white girls of good family, and was engaged to a white girl of one of the best families of Newburg.

Negro Convicted of the Murder of His Wife.

Special to News and Courier.

Spartanburg, Nov. 30.—Judge Gary had on his working clothes yesterday. As soon as he instructed the grand jury and put them to work he took up the docket. The first case was against a negro for attempting to kill A B Finch with a knife. He used his knife so adroitly that Mr Finch's coat was cut and slashed until it was ready for the rag basket. He received one painful cut in the shoulder. The jury retired only long enough to write a verdict of guilty and the negro was sent up for one year.

Jim Love, colored, was convicted of murder with a recommendation to mercy. Last spring Love went to his house and saw his wife and a negro man too friendly and affectionate in their relations. With a pistol he fired, wounding his wife, causing her death in a few days.

A Policeman's Testimony.

J. N. Patterson, night policeman of Nashua, Ia., writes, "Last winter I had a cold on my lungs and tried at least half a dozen advertised cough medicines and had treatment from two physicians without getting any benefit. A friend recommended Foley's Honey and Tar and two thirds of a bottle cured me. I consider it the greatest cough and lung medicine in the world." Sold by Furburk Pharmacy.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF LANCASTER.

In the Common Pleas. Emma O. Hinson, Mary Abbe Crawford, G. Trenholm Hasseltine, and J. A. Hasseltine, Mayo Hasseltine, Lida Hasseltine, Crawford Hasseltine by their Guardian ad litem J. Foster Moore, Plaintiffs, against Fannie W. Lanier, Defendant.

Pursuant to a decree in the above stated cause made by Judge R. C. Watts, dated Oct. 26th, 1904, I will sell at public auction at Lancaster court house on the

FIRST MONDAY IN DECEMBER, NEXT.

within the legal hours of sale, the following described lot of land, to wit: All that piece, parcel or lot of land lying, being and situate in the Town of Lancaster, County of Lancaster and State of South Carolina, bounded on the North by lands belonging to the estate of I. C. Clinton, on the West by lot of J. Harry Foster, on the South by Barr Street, on the East by alley way and lot of J. F. Hunter, said lot containing two acres, more or less. Located on the said premises is a two story ten-room dwelling, also a servant house. Terms of sale CASH; purchaser to pay for papers. J. P. HUNTER, J. H. FOSTER, S. L. C. Plaintiff's Atty

WATCH OUT BARGAIN SEEKERS!

\$100 IN GOLD TO BE GIVEN AWAY.

For the next 30 days we are going to slaughter prices Right and Left on dry goods, Clothing, Shoes, etc.

Our object in cutting prices for the next month is to benefit the trade by giving them the best goods for the least money. Also to reduce our stock as much as possible by the 1st of Jan., as we are going to repair our building and make changes in stock by moving dry goods in lower part of building and groceries where dry goods are at present.

This will be an immense job to have to move

: : SUCH A LARGE STOCK : :

as we have at present and think it best to make such inducements to the public in order to make the goods walk about. We mean business in what we say and all we ask is for you to come and inspect our stock and cut prices and you will be convinced that what we say is true.

So Come at Once and

Make Your Purchases

before the stock is greatly reduced and get the best advantage, for remember one month is a very short time.

THANKING EVERY ONE FOR PAST PARONAGE AND HOPING FOR MORE, WE ARE,

Yours to serve,

-Heath Banking & Mercantile Co.-

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