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Whole Family

Foully Murdered

Horribly Fiendish Crime At
Trenton—Husband, Wife
And Two Daughters—
House Burned
Down To Hide
The Deed.

Special to Columbia Record.

Trenton, Dec. 8.—The people of this town are stirred with excitement and horror this morning over the fearful deaths of Mr. B. B. Hughes, his wife and their two daughters.

At 5 o'clock their house, which is situated in the centre of the town, was burned to the ground. The building was wrapped in a hot seething mass of flames when the first citizen arrived, and had there been adequate fire apparatus it would have been impossible to save the house after the alarm had aroused the citizens.

The fire was at first thought to be accidental, but it was found that there was foul play. Mr. Hughes had his clothes on and there is evidence of his having had his glove on the right hand. Both the girls were struck on the head with some heavy article, like an ax, and placed back in the bed as if they had not made a struggle. Mrs. Hughes' head was under her pillow and her head was mashed in.

A further and closer investigation today revealed the fact that Mr. Hughes had a bullet hole through both temples. His body was at the door and a pistol was in his hand. It is believed the murder was committed in the early part of the night and that the house was fired to hide the crime.

Mr. Hughes was about 45 years old and was a merchant of the town. He was in all respects a most admirable citizen, was successful in business and popular generally. Mrs. Hughes and her two daughters, aged about 17 and 15, were leaders in church and social circles and their terrible fate creates the deepest sorrow.

The house in which they lived was a cottage. Mr. Hughes had under construction a large residence which he expected soon to occupy.

Bill to Reduce Representation Introduced.

Washington cor. Columbia Record: Senator Platt, of New York, introduced the first bill in congress this session for the reduction of Southern representation in congress.

Senator Platt's bill did not follow the usual line of calling for reduction of the representation of those states which have violated the provisions of the fourteenth amendment, but was directed at the South, designating the states. If the bill should pass the South would lose nine teen members in congress.

The following states would be affected with the loss of congressmen: Virginia, two; North Carolina, two; South Carolina, two; Georgia, two; Florida, two; Alabama, two; Mississippi, two; Louisiana, two; Texas, one; Arkansas, two; Tennessee, two.

Dr. Crum's nomination has again been sent to the Senate by the president.

The Cotton Crop By States.

The Agricultural Department's Estimate of the Cotton Crop of the United States for 1904 is as follows:

Washington, Dec. 5.—The report of the department of agriculture in its annual production of cotton in the United States for the year 1904 is estimated to be 12,162,700.

The area picked or to be picked is estimated at 30,653,700 acres, a reduction of 1,956,600 acres or 5.3 per cent from the acreage estimated as planted. The report says that from present indications the average weight of bales is not likely to fall below 500 pounds net. Round bales have been included in this estimate and reduced to their equivalent in square bales. The estimate does not include linters.

The estimated production in bales, by States, is as follows: Virginia, 19,300; North Carolina 609,000; Georgia, 1,764,900; Florida, 77,200; Alabama, 1,278,900; Mississippi 1,539,800; Louisiana, 917,900; Texas, 2,992,300; Missouri, 43,900; Oklahoma, 246,000; Indian Territory 398,100; South Carolina, 1,099,700; Arkansas, 892,700; Tennessee, 343,000.

A Cotton Congress.

Efforts to be made to stem the downward course of the price of the Staple.

New Orleans, Dec. 7.—President Peters, of the Texas Cotton Growers' Association, and other prominent Texas cotton men wired a local house today that mass meetings of cotton planters has been called in every county in Texas, Indian Territory and Oklahoma, to take place on Dec 17, to devise ways and means to hold cotton. It was considered not improbable today that a meeting of planters and bankers in all the Southern States growing cotton would be held here about the date of the Texas meetings to consider means to meet the conditions imposed by the report of the bureau of agriculture. The market was higher today.

Auditors Notice

Notice is hereby given that this office will be open from the 1st day of January to the 20th day of February 1905, for the purpose of receiving the returns of the taxpayers of Lancaster County.

All persons having property in their possession or control as Manager, Holder, or as Husband, Parent, Guardian, Trustee, Executor, Administrator Receiver, Accounting officer, Agent, Attorney or Factor on the 1st day of January, 1905, are required to list the same for Taxation within the time required by Law, or incur the penalty of 50 per cent which attaches in case of failure to do so.

Only returns of personal property are to be made this year, and improvements on Real Estate.

Persons liable to Poll Tax are required by law to make return of same.

The Poll Tax of One Dollar is laid upon all male persons between the ages of 21 and 60 years except persons who are exempt by law.

The Auditor or an assistant will attend the following places in the county on the days named below for the convenience of the public:

- Osceola Tues Jan 10th 1905, 12 to 3 p m
- Pleasant Valley, Wed Jan 11, 1905
- Belkirk, Thurs, Jan 13th, 1905
- Van Wyck, Fri Jan 13, 1905 to 1 p m
- Dixie a m, Dwight p m Mon Jan 16
- Tradesville, Tuesday, Jan 17th
- Taxshaw, Wed Jan 18th
- Flat Creek church, Thurs, Jan 19th
- Dr C C Welsh's, Fri Jan 20th
- Primus, Saturday to 12 m Jan 21
- Halle gold mine, Mon Jan 23
- Kershaw, Tue and Wed Jan 24 & 25
- Heath Springs, Thu Jan 26
- Pleasant Hill, Fri Jan 27 to 12 m
- W T Vanlandingham's Sat Jan 28

It will be to the interest of every taxpayer to make his return promptly and save the penalty of 50 per cent which attaches after the 20th day of February.

After the above dates I will be found in the Auditor's office to wait upon the public.

Respectfully,
JNO A COOK,
AUDITOR, L. C.
Lancaster, C H., S. C., Dec 8th 1905.

Death of Jeremiah Funderburk.

(By Francis Funderburk, Nephew of the deceased.)

On Dec. 1, 1904 our distinguished friend and brother, Major J. Funderburk, met death with christian bravery and resignation—two of the distinguishing characteristics of his life.

He was born Oct 27, 1823, being 81 years, 1 month and 4 days of age at his death. He was married to Melissa J. Funderburk Feb 4, 1847, who died Sept 1, 1890. He was married Dec 1, 1892, to his second wife, Minerva Funderburk, who still survives him and mourns his loss. He joined the Spring Hill Baptist church in 1842, elected clerk in 1850, and ordained deacon in 1855, in both of which offices he faithfully served till his death.

We would not undertake the task to number the host of relatives and friends that mourn his loss but we would not neglect to mention his worthy children that are to follow in the sweet by and by. He leaves three sons viz: J. B. and L. J. Funderburk, both living near the old home, and P. B. Funderburk of Wills Point, Texas, and two daughters. Mrs. Samuel Laney, near Tradesville, and Mrs. Rebecca Funderburk of Wills Point, Tex.

He was specially fond of children and taught the little boys and girls during nearly all his teaching life in Sunday school. His influence over them was strong and lasting. Out of his class of little boys God has raised up six preachers. The real value of his life in his church and community is hard to estimate. He is yet living and will continue to live in the hearts and lives of others whom he helped through the shadowy places of life. His prudence, piety, sincerity and integrity have helped many a soul to view the higher ideals of life and some of those whose lives were blessed by his were doubtless in heaven to meet him at the beautiful gates.

His place in his church, Sunday school, and community will be hard to fill.

Thanks be to the giver and taker of life for our christian brother's influence upon the earth for good. Let us imitate his exemplary life and be prepared to meet death that awaits us in the darkness of the future.

The one we loved so well
We'll never meet again,
Until our voices swell
Heaven's joyous refrain.

'Tis sad to say farewell,
To one we loved so well,
Even though he's gone to glory
And with the angels dwell.

On earth we find no pen,
On earth we find no human tongue
To tell the good our christian friend
Among us here has done.

The Sunday school infant class
He taught, their God to praise,
And from that little class
Six preachers God did raise.

He met the shades of life
A fearless christian man,
To help his neighbors o'er their strifes
He boldly took his stand.

The cords that now are broken,
On earth will never heal
'Till joy defeats our sighs
In the "sweet bye and byes."

The dead are like the stars by day
Unseen by mortal eyes;
They're gone their way to Him
That lives beyond the skies.

Will thou come back from above
And part from us no more?
Leave not thy home of love.
We will to thee go.

God's grace we ask just now
To help us be resigned,
And to His will to bow
We weeping ones behind.

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.
LANCASTER S. C.