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THE CRUEL IRON BARS BREAK HIS VISTA.

Marion Parr Waiting for Death Three Weeks Away

Reading Simple Bible Stories—
Does Not Seem to Fear His
Execution and is Glad
That He Has Con-
fessed Awful
Deed.

The State, 25th inst.

With fingers gripping the grated door of his cell and one arm thrust through one of the interstices, Marion Parr looked out into the beautiful daylight yesterday afternoon. His vista was limited, for on the outer edge of the five-foot corridor which runs in front of the cells is the grating which shuts in the cell block. Across this corridor and through the grating, Parr must look and then through a barred window. The iron ribs the picture of the world which he can see like great stripes of pitch which a fiend might daub over a beautiful canvas. Day after day Parr sits there and gazes into the blue sky and the tops of the newly-green trees, and in the morning the sunshine strikes through this particular window and floods the cold, hard, whitewashed walls with a golden light. For three weeks more he must sit there and then he will never see the light of day again. For Marion Parr will be hanged on Friday, April 14th.

Parr does not impress one as a murderer, although he has confessed that he so brutally killed Clarence Shealy, and does not hesitate to admit it when questioned.

He has the manner and appearance of the ordinary mill operative, rather tall, anemic in color and with expressionless eyes and a puerile beard. Yesterday he was clad in an old pair of trousers and a brown flannel undershirt. He was seated on the edge of his cot reading when a reporter came to his cell door. "What's that book you're reading," asked the reporter. "This is Mother's Bible Stories," and he held up the printed pages so that the visitor might see the simply worded version of the Book of books.

Parr says he has been reading for sometime and is trying to get himself into a proper state for his approaching death. He does not seem to anticipate his end with terror, and talk about it casually.

"Don't you feel better since you have confessed?" he was asked.

"Yes, I do. Before I confessed I was miserable and every time I turned Shealy's face came up in front of me. While I was being looked for I was a wild man, but when I was arrested a great load seemed to have been lifted from me."

"Do you ever see the boy's face now?"

"Yes, sir. Sometimes at night I wake in a cold sweat, and I see him staring at me with awful eyes. But I am trying to get ready to meet my God, and when my time comes I won't flinch."

"Why did you kill the boy?"

"It was what he said to me. Those words were what did the

deed."

"H'm, don't you suppose whiskey had something to do with it?"

"Yes, sir, whiskey had something to do with it, and has to do with many crimes. But I wasn't drunk, sir. I was drinking, but I wasn't drunk. Those words he said to me were what made me kill him."

The unfortunate man—he is below the average mentally—occupies his time by reading and writing and his immediate family and some of the clergy are allowed to visit him in the jail. He is apathetic and seems rather to want the end to come than anything else.

He has a wife, now in Cartersville, in Sumter county, and a mother in this city. He has two married sisters and one married brother and two sisters and one brother besides these.

"Where'd you get that ring?" asked the reporter, pointing to a cheap gold band that was round his little finger.

"My little sister gave me that. She sent it to me and I haven't seen her but twice since I have been here. She loves me, she does," and he smiled wistfully, but with no tears in his eyes.

Three weeks to live, three weeks to breathe the air and to be able to see the world, if not to be in it. And then—the black cap!

Killed by a Trolley.

Charlotte, N. C., March 25.—J. F. Swanney, foreman of the bookbinding department of the Queen City Printing Company, was instantly killed today by an electric car. Swanney was riding a wheel and attempted to cross the track in front of the rapidly moving car. He was knocked from his bicycle and his body ground to pulp beneath the wheels.

1,500 Bales of Cotton Burned at
Corinth, Miss.

Memphis, Tenn., March 25.—A special from Corinth, Miss., says that a spark from a switch engine set fire to the Taylor Compress company late today, destroyed the building and 1,500 bales of cotton and spreading to the block north of the compress, consumed two cotton seed oil mills and 15 small dwelling houses. The total loss will probably aggregate \$200,000, with insurance of about half that amount.

LIKE FINDING MONEY

Finding health is like finding money—so think those who are sick. When you have a cough, cold, sore throat, or chest irritation better act promptly like W. C. Barber, of Sandy Level, Va. He says: "I had a terrible chest trouble, caused by smoke and coal dust on my lungs; but, after finding no relief in other remedies, I was cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds." Greatest sale of any cough or lung medicine in the world. At Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co., and Funderburk's Pharmacy drug stores; 50c and \$1.00; guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

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Lived in a Trance for Fifteen Days

Mother and Daughter Hypnotize
Each Other, Latter Dying.—
Physicians and Hypnotist Puz-
zled by a Strange Case
In New York.

New York, March 24.—One of the most remarkable cases in the experience of the doctors of the Presbyterian hospital in this city ended today in the death of Miss Luella Huestis of Mount Vernon, who with her mother, Mrs. Jas. H. Huestis, had been in a trance for 15 days prior to her death. More than two weeks ago both of the women were found unconscious in the home of Henry W. Heifer, a lawyer of this city, and were supposed to have been asphyxiated by gas. Neither had since recovered consciousness and physicians and hypnotists were puzzled by their unaccountable condition. Miss Huestis was an attractive young woman, aged 22 years. Lack of nourishment was the principal cause of her death as it had been impossible to give her food except in liquid form and through a tube. Stimulants and oxygen were administered without effect.

A singular fact is that the young woman's mother, who lay in an adjoining room, began to show signs of approaching death soon after the death of her daughter. Like her daughter the mother also is greatly emaciated and the physicians at the hospital say that her low vitality is due principally to starvation. One specialist in hypnotism and physiology who investigated the case has made public his conclusion that the two women had unconsciously hypnotized each other and that gas asphyxiation had nothing to do with the case. He explained that he had himself been hypnotized while hypnotizing a patient and had only been awakened by the arousing of the subject.

The case of the two women has attracted the attention of scientists all over the country.

An autopsy made tonight on the body of Miss Huestis showed that death had resulted from gas poisoning.

Chronic Bronchitis Cured.

"For ten years I had chronic bronchitis so bad that at times I could not speak above a whisper," writes Mr. Joseph Coffman, of Montmorenci, Ind. "I tried all remedies available, but with no success. Fortunately my employer suggested that I try Foley's Honey and Tar. Its effect was almost miraculous, and I am now cured of the disease. On my recommendation many people have used Foley's Honey and Tar and always with satisfaction." Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

Surrendering Cotton at 8 Cents.

Newton Enterprise.

A few farmers are now selling cotton, whenever they can get 8 cents. One day last week the Newton Cotton Mills needed some cotton they offered 8 cents and by night 100 bales came in. The Monbo Mills one day last week also offered 8 cents and got 100 bales. But the farmers will not sell under 8 cents. There never before was so much cotton in the spring in Catawba county.

Foley's Kidney Cure makes kidneys and bladder right. Don't delay taking. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

Mr. A. Rufus Collins Attempts Suicide.

Monroe Enquirer.
Mr. A. Rufus Collins, a farmer living in Lanes Creek township, shot himself with suicidal intent with a 38 caliber Smith & Wesson pistol soon after daylight this morning.

Mr. Collins had been in Monroe for the past two days. He went home yesterday afternoon and seemed very despondent. He spent a sleepless night and rose this morning about day and passed through the kitchen where his wife was getting breakfast, kissed her and asked her if she was angry with him and being informed that she was not he went out to the barn, his wife supposed to feed the stock, but really to take his own life.

Mr. Collins placed the muzzle of the pistol exactly over his heart and pulled the trigger. The ball ranged outward and barely missed the heart, passed through the lungs and lodged just under the shoulder blade. Dr. J. B. Eubanks, who attended the wounded man, says that his recovery is not an impossibility, but that the chances are decidedly against him.

Mr. Collins is rational and states that he has been drinking recently, that he has squandered his money and is tired of life. He says that he does not want to recover. He has several small children. The affair is sad beyond expression.

That Mr. Collins was determined in his efforts to end his life, it was found that the first cartridge in the pistol failed to explode, and that again he pulled the trigger, which very probably will prove fatal.

GOT OFF CHEAP

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Fertilizer Plant Burns.

Rome, Ga., March 25.—The plant and stock of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, at East Rome, was entirely destroyed by fire tonight, the loss being placed at \$250,000. The insurance is estimated at about one half the total loss. The fire commenced about 7:30 o'clock, and the only protection available was that afforded by the apparatus belonging to the company. Two men were seriously burned. The origin is not known.

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Happenings in the State.

As Chronicled by the Alert Cor-
respondents of The Columbia
State and the Charleston
News and Courier.

(Specials to The State)

An Alleged Ravisher Escaped
From Prison.

Springfield, Orangeburg county March 25.—This quiet little town was the scene yesterday of a sensational trial.

Norris Chavis, a young white man in the employ of Mr. Connie Altman, who lives a few miles from Springfield, was arrested and brought before Magistrate Arnold Corbett on the charge of an attempted assault upon the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. Altman.

As far as your correspondent can ascertain, it was a well defined, though unsuccessful attempt. Chavis, it is said, was apprehended by Mrs. Altman.

After several witnesses had been examined, Chavis waived a preliminary hearing and was bound over to the higher court. He was placed in the guard house, which is a flimsy affair, and during the night the prisoner made his escape, and up to this hour has not been captured.

Once More the Tax Problem.

Our lawmakers and revenue raisers have experienced another setback in their efforts to "touch" the corporations. The income expected from the franchise tax on railroads has been suddenly reduced from \$50,000 to \$20,000 because of the opinion of the attorney general that a tax cannot be laid on that part of the railroads' freight which includes interstate business. That opinion seems well grounded.

It is highly probable that the railroad and other corporations are not paying an undue amount of taxes on their property in this but it is more than probable that they are paying more than their pro rata share according to actual valuation. If other property were assessed on the same basis as railroads, banks, factories and building and loan associations, the levy for State purposes would have been reduced instead of increased at the last session of the legislature.

The tax problem will never be solved until the solution is undertaken in a spirit of fairness and justice to all classes of property holders and with the determination to have done with favoritism.

Practically all the increase in assessed valuation in twenty years is represented by the increased valuation placed on railroads and factories and other corporations. The actual increase in real estate, personal property and commercial stocks has been as great. Where is it? Not on the tax books.

If all the property in the State was returned for taxation at fifty cents on the dollar there would be money in the treasury and lower assessment. Millions of dollars' worth of property escapes taxation altogether; other millions worth is returned at from ten to thirty per cent of its value.

When will there be a fair, honest assessment?—The State.

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Skinner Released on Bond

Peculiar Circumstances Preced-
ing Killing of Miller D. Ander-
son Arought out at the Hear-
ing.

Special to The State.

Barnwell, March 25.—Mr. Jas. H. Skinner, who killed Mr. Miller D. Anderson day before yesterday near Dunbarton, applied this morning for bail before Judge D. A. Townsend. The testimony that was taken at the inquest, together with numerous affidavits, was read and commented upon by the attorneys, when the judge announced that he would grant bail, which was fixed at the sum of \$1,500.

From some of the affidavits, it seems that in January Mrs. Anderson was calling in a friendly way on Mrs. Skinner, her neighbor; that Mr. Anderson, learning that his wife was out calling on Mrs. Skinner, wrote his wife to come home; that he did not want her to call on such people. This note offended the Skinner family who, subsequently, when they met Mr. Anderson in Dunbarton, refused to speak to him. This enraged Mr. Anderson, who used such gross and insulting language that Mr. Skinner demanded of him a retraction, and this brought on a fistuff, wherein Mr. Anderson was severely thrashed.

A number of witnesses swore that Mr. Anderson threatened to take Mr. Skinner's life and that these threats were communicated to Mr. Skinner.

Defendant states in his affidavit that on morning of homicide Mr. Anderson was at Dunbarton; that in order to avoid him he arranged to drive to his farm; that he got his gun and some friends who had been on a visit to him, and took his little nephew in the buggy with him. That while on the way he saw a buggy in front of him; that he did not know whose buggy it was until he had driven up to it when Mr. Anderson called to him and said: "You took advantage of me before; we'll settle it now," and drew his gun, when defendant fired. Defendant's nephew swears to the same thing.

Mrs. Anderson wife of deceased was in the buggy at the time deceased was shot. She says Mr. Skinner overtook them; that he drove close to the buggy in which they were riding and, calling to Mr. Anderson, said: "Do you want to see me," and without another word shot him. With her dead husband at her side, her lonely drive back to Dunbarton was pathetic in the extreme.

Numerous affidavits were produced setting out the character for peace of Mr. Skinner and the rowdy character of Mr. Anderson. At the June term the case will probably be tried. The community is shocked by this unfortunate homicide.

Court adjourned today sine die.

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