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Sentenced To Death.

Johann Hoch, the Man With Forty Wives, Must Hang for the Murder of One.

Chicago, May 19.—Johann Hoch, who by his own confession is a polygamist, and who is charged by the police with having married at least 40 women in the last 15 years, today was found guilty by a jury of murdering the next to his last wife, Marie Welcker Hoch, and the death sentence was recommended by the jury.

Hoch had been married to Mrs. Welcker only a short time when she took suddenly sick and died. He then formed an alliance with the sister's sister of the dead woman and securing the money fled from Chicago. This Mrs. Hoch told the police that Hoch had poisoned her sister and a search for Hoch was begun. Hoch was found two weeks later in New York and brought back to Chicago and confronted by several alleged wives. During the trial expert testimony was offered by the State that Hoch had poisoned the woman by administering arsenic.

Today's verdict was reached in less than half an hour. Three ballots were taken. The first ballot was unanimous as to Hoch's guilt and then a ballot followed as to the punishment to be inflicted. This ballot showed 10 in favor of the death penalty and two for life imprisonment. A third ballot resulted in 12 jurors voting for the death penalty.

"Well, I guess it's all off with John," groaned Hoch, as the verdict was read in court. He was greatly affected. He had sat in a stooping position, but when the word "death" was read he turned pale, stared hopelessly at the jury-men and then sank limp in his chair. Hoch's attorneys will ask for a new trial, although the condemned man declared he was ready to die and would be better satisfied if they did not make an effort to save him.

"I wish they would hang me tonight, now that I have been found guilty," declared Hoch. "I am not afraid to die and the sooner it is over with the better."

FULL OF TRAGIC MEANING

are these lines from J. H. Simmons, of Casey, Ia. Think what might have resulted from his terrible cough if he had not taken the medicine about which he writes "I had a fearful cough, that disturbed my night's rest. I tried everything, but nothing would relieve it, until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which completely cured me." Instantly relieves and permanently cures all throat and lung diseases; prevents grip and pneumonia. At Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co., Funderburk Pharmacy, Drug stores. Guaranteed; 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

A little girl was asked to write a sentence using the expression, "bit-ter end." She wrote: "A big dog chased my kitty and as she went under the porch he bit her end."—Inland Printer.

CASORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Charles H. Fletcher*

Notice to the Public.
I will hold all inquests in the county. Phone to my residence at Pleasant Hill for me when needed.

J. Montgomery Caskey,
apt. 20—tf

Municipal Ownership.

Boston Watchman.

It seems singular there should be so much hesitation in adopting public utilities in this country in the face of the success it has attained in other nations. It is charged with being socialistic, when it is well known that municipal management has been vindicated equally in socialistic Australia, conservative England and imperialistic Germany. It is claimed that it will be enormously expensive, although one of the largest cities in Australia clears \$8,000 a year from its sewerage farm, and Glasgow, Scot., furnishes its people gas at 52 cents per thousand feet, electricity at \$1.08 a year per lamp of a seven hours' day, has reduced the price of water one-half, and yet makes a profit of \$200,000 a year on water rates; and has paid \$1,000,000 on its debts from profits on its street railway lines, while giving the people reduced fares and the workmen shorter hours and pensions after 15 years' service. It is charged that government ownership will lead to an increase in corruption, when as a matter of fact the public utilities now managed by our municipal and national government, most free from graft. Instead of discussing theories about municipal ownership and operation of public utilities, why do we not learn lessons from those places where it is in successful operation? The only answer we know to this question is, that we are prevented by the politicians and grafters who are making gains from our present notoriously expensive, corrupt and inadequate system of municipal government and the corporations which bribe them. We submit that this is not a good reason for depriving the people of the advantages of public control of public utilities.

DON'T BORROW TROUBLE

It is a bad habit to borrow anything, but the worst thing you can possibly borrow, is trouble. When sick, sore, heavy, weary and worn-out by the pains and poisons of dyspepsia, biliousness, Bright's disease, any similar internal disorders, don't sit down and brood over your symptoms, but fly for relief to Electric Bitters. Here you will find sure and permanent forgetfulness of all your troubles, and your body will not be burdened by a load of debt disease. At Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co., Funderburk Pharmacy. Drug stores. Prices 50c. Guaranteed.

Presbyterian General Assembly Meets Next in South Carolina.

Fort Worth, Texas, May 20.—Greenville, S. C. was selected as the next meeting place of the general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church, the convention to be held in the First Presbyterian church of that city.

PLANS TO GET RICH

are often frustrated by sudden breakdown, due to dyspepsia or constipation. Brace up and take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They take out the materials which are clogging your energies, and give you a new start. Cures headaches and dizziness too. At Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co.'s and Funderburk Pharmacy. 25c, guaranteed.

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

Education In This State.

State Superintendent Martin Tells How and Why our Schools are Extending and Succeeding in South Carolina.

Special to the News and Courier, Columbia, May 20.—Superintendent O. B. Martin has prepared a most interesting and condensed statement of what South Carolina is doing in an educational way. He writes thus:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Columbia, May 20, 1905.—The Hon W. B. Merritt, State school Commissioner, Atlanta, Ga.—My Dear Sir: In reply to your letter of recent date asking for a brief report of educational progress and prospects in South Carolina, I wish to quote a few statistics from recent report to the general Assembly. During the last five years, our public school enrollment has increased from 269,875 to 290,115; the average attendance from 194,419 to 214,133 expenditures from \$725,770 to \$1,161,962; average salary of white teachers from \$152.49 to \$126.92; receipts from local taxes from \$93,088 to \$185,541; expenditures per child from \$2.69 to \$4.05; rural libraries to 520. Our Legislature taxed the dogs 50 cents each last year for the benefit of the schools. We collect money for education also with a tag tax on fertilizers, and from the sale of liquors in dispensaries. We spend a quarter of a million dollars on college education. This is a great increase over the appropriations of a few years ago. Our girls' normal school gets 1-4 of this amount. We expend about \$9,000 a year in summer schools for teachers take to advantage of the opportunities thus offered. So much for what we have done and are doing.

You ask what we propose to do. That would take too much space. However, we propose to push our library law until it will be generally recognized that no school is adequate without a library. Our library law, which was passed in 1905, provides for the raising of \$10 by private subscription, \$10 from the county, and \$10 from the State funds. The county's \$10 purchases a nice polished oak book case, with a glass door. This law has helped our work, greatly because a new library leads to other improvements, just like when you buy a new hat, you have to buy a new pair of shoes, a new suit etc., in the interest of harmony. Our library law led to the passage of our school building law at the last session of the General Assembly. This act sets aside 5 percent of the entire school fund of every county to encourage the erection of adequate school buildings. Whenever a district raises money by subscription, by local taxation, issuing bonds, sale of old buildings or otherwise, the county appropriates \$50 for each \$100 thus raised. No school can get more than \$300 of aid. The buildings must be erected according to designs approved by this office and must also be inspected and received by the county superintendent of education. Preference is to be given to communities which consolidate small schools and build larger ones. Many communities are al-

ready moving under this encouragement, and I believe this law is going to cause a general building revival.

We are very much interested in your efforts in Georgia to build high schools. We are watching your "model schools." The absence of public high schools mark the weak point in our system of education. We hope to develop a system of State aid and encouragement to township and county high schools with industrial features. We are working for improvements in school equipment, for the beautifying of school grounds, for better salaries for teachers, for better supervision and for a general development of educational sentiment. I believe that the next few years will progress in educational and industrial work in the palmetto State. Sincerely yours,

O B Martin.

State Superintendent of Education.

Floods in Grayson County Tex

Twenty Thousand Acres of Rich Cotton Lands Overflowed—Losses Estimated at \$25,000.

Dallas, Tex., May 20.—A special to the News from Sherman, Texas, says:

Tremendous rises in the creeks of Grayson county, from a five-inch rainfall in seven hours last night and this morning, have caused the flooding of 25,000 acres of rich bottom cotton lands all under cultivation, and the destruction of much stock. The losses are estimated at a quarter of a million dollars.

Dead hogs and cattle by the dozens have been found. Two families named Griffin and Weber tenants on the Reed Davis plantation, were driven to trees and house-tops and were rescued with difficulty in boats. Fifteen percent of the Grayson potato crop is under water and believed to be a total loss. R E Smith a planter on a large scale of alfalfa, is one of the heaviest losers.

Physician Dies of Alcoholism.

Cor. Charlotte Observer.

Wilmington, May 18.—Dr. Rogers S. Turlington, 40 years of age, a practicing physician of Bennettsville, S. C., and son of a well known merchant of that town, died rather suddenly in the James Walker Memorial Hospital here yesterday. Dr. Turlington came to Wilmington several days ago to sell some land. He had been drinking rather heavily for several days and had to be sent to the hospital. A violent type of alcoholism developed in his case and the end came quickly. The body was embalmed and sent to his home this morning for interment.

NEW CURE FOR CANCER

All surface cancers are now known to be curable by Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Jas Walters of Duffield, Va., writes: "I had a cancer on my lip for years, that seemed incurable, till Bucklen's Arnica Salve healed it, and now it is perfectly well." Guaranteed cure for cuts and burns. 25c at Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co.'s, and Funderburk Pharmacy.

Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opiates, and will not constipate like nearly all other cough medicines. Refuse Substitutes Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

Happenings in the State.

As Chronicled by the Alert Correspondents of The Columbia State and the Charleston News and Courier.

(Specials to The State.)

Jury Awards Five Thousand Dollars Damage.

Yorkville, May 20.—The case of Waverly Fairman against the Seaboard railroad occupied four and a half days of the court. It was a suit for \$20,000 damages on account of injuries in the wreck near the Catawba river last fall. Attorneys on both sides made able arguments and the charge of Judge Gage was a fine one. The jury returned a verdict this afternoon for \$5,000 in favor of plaintiff. Motion for a new trial was made.

(Special to News and Courier.

Recovered Her Stolen Money by Means of a Dream.

Spartanburg, May 20.—[A strange revelation was made to Mrs. Curtis Wall, of this city, in dreams. A few nights ago Mrs. Wall dreamed that a little negro had stolen from the place she had concealed some money, three bills, a 10, 5 and 1. The dream was repeated. She recognized a small negro boy as the one who had taken the money. When she arose next morning she looked for her money and the bills named above were missing. With her husband she went to a negro's house, some distance away, and saw the little negro, whose features were impressed on her in the dreams. He was only about 8 years old. She notified the older people that she had come for her money, and after little waiting they brought out the three bills. The little negro confessed, but said he found the bills in the road. He said he had gone to the house to buy milk, and no one was at home. It is supposed he got the money then.

Shocking Death of a Young Lady in Marion.

Marion, May 19.—Miss Clennie Smith was accidentally shot and killed this afternoon by an Italian boy. Miss Smith was standing upon her father's piazza when the boy aimed a supposedly unloaded gun at her and playfully said that he meant to shoot her. Throwing up her hands she replied, in a spirit of fun, "Don't shoot, I surrender." The boy pulled the trigger and the entire load entered Miss Smith's right breast, from the effects of which she died tonight.

Miss Smith was 17 years of age and was a daughter of Mr N P Smith. She was a member of the Baptist church and possessed of a sweet disposition and noble character. L. B.

An Unfortunate Affair.

Cheraw, May 20.—Last night an unfortunate affair happened, when Cash Watts accidentally shot a negro named Myers. Watts was riding horseback late last evening to the Cash plantation, where he is in the stock raising business. He fired his pistol in the road and the negro was accidentally shot. The bullet took effect in the negro's leg, which will necessitate amputation. Doctors in attendance pronounce the negro in a critical condition. Cash Watts is the eldest son of

Judge R C Watts.

The negro accidentally shot by M. 'roxton on Monday night is improving and will live.

J. H. G.

Notice to Debtors and Creditors of C H Lathan

All persons having claims against the estate of Charles Harvey Lathan, deceased, will present them properly proven to the undersigned for payment, and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment to the same. John T Green, May 12, 1905-1m. Executor.

NOTICE!

The Board of Control for Lancaster County will meet at Lancaster C. H., S. C., on Tuesday, June 6th, 1905, for the purpose of electing dispensers for the dispensary at Lancaster C. H., and the dispensary at Kershaw for the ensuing year beginning July 1st 1905. Applications for these positions must be filed with said board at least twenty days before said 6th of June 1905.

J E W Haile.

Chr Board of Co Control L C. May 5, 1905—1m.

Notice of Election.

Notice is hereby given that by order of the County Board of Education of Lancaster county, State of S. C., an election will be held at Tradesville on Tuesday the 30th day of May, 1905 to determine whether or not a special tax of four (4) mills shall be levied on all real and personal property in Tradesville School District No. 12 for school purposes.

At which election only such electors as return real or personal property for taxation and who exhibit their tax receipt and registration certificate as required in General Elections shall be allowed to vote.

H M Polk,
J B Funderburk,
W A Funderburk,
Board of Trustees.

Notice of Election for an Alderman.

Whereas, John A. Miller, lately one of the Aldermen of the town of Lancaster, has departed this life leaving a vacancy in said office,

Resolved by the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Lancaster in council assembled and by the authority of the same, that an election is hereby ordered to fill said vacancy, said election to be held on Monday the 5th day of June, 1905, the polls to be opened from 8 o'clock a. m., until 4 o'clock p. m., and that J C Foster, Amos McManus and J M Warwick be appointed managers to hold said election.

Ratified this 6th day of May, 1905.

(Signed) R. E. WYLIE,
Attested by: Mayor.
C. D. JONES,
Clerk and Treas.

Bridge to Let.

I will let out a contract to build a new bridge over Twelve Mile creek on the Steele Creek road, near Osceola, to the lowest responsible bidder on Tuesday, the 6th day of June, 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m. Also one to build a new or repair the old one over Six Mile creek, nearby, the same day, just after I get through with the above one.

Also one over Bear Creek on the Potter road, near Mr Russell Barton's on Friday the 9th following at 9 o'clock a. m. The specifications of all to be made known at time of letting, reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

M O Gardner,
Co Supervisor.
May 15, 1905.

—Pay your Subscription.