

James Miller, C. S. A.

Shot in Retaliation at Chesterfield, S. C., March, 1865, by Federal Orders.

(News and Courier).

Amid the conquering crowd he stood, A captive undismayed; A knight with nobler cause or blood.

To him the ragged grey he wore Was as the cloth of gold; The throngs his manly bosom bore But bound a heart unsoft.

With calm, white face he heard them say, As if his strength to try; Your hand has drawn your doom today; Step forward, you must die.

No sob, nor faltering step betrayed The heart-break in his breast, As head-a-pace he proudly said: "I have but one request;

"Not for my country's cause I plead, Nor yet that I might live— The God in life who guided me, In death His strength shall give."

"I ask no quarter at your hands I beg ye for no grace, But this, that you remove my hands And shoot to spare my face,

"God made me free! No blemish blurs My birthright or my name, This face for kin or country, sirs, Has never blushed for shame!"

O'er Carolina's sacred fields Screech for the conquerer's guns And bowed, heart-broken, Dixie yields, A martyr from her sons.

James E. Kerr, Charleston, S. C., June 21, 1905

A Monument to James Miller.

To the Editor of The Sunday News: To the noble and patriotic women of South Carolina has been added to their hundreds of patriotic deeds already performed at least, one more duty, without which, if not attempted and accomplished, shall make their loving duties incomplete, and that is the erection of a suitable monument to the memory of James Miller.

Let it be done under the auspices of the daughters of the Confederacy, organize, and put your committees to work through the State, and I feel that this beautiful work can be accomplished. All Veteran Camps will respond I'm satisfied, and give, if only a little. Don't expect any great amount from anyone, but let us all true Carolinians, feel it our privilege to give, and to give whatever we can, be it much or little. Chip in our pennies, nickles and dimes, and dollars where they are plentiful, and a handsome shaft can be erected to take the place of the simple mound that now marks the last resting place of Jas Miller, the hero.

So brave and noble a wearer of the grey should not be forgotten. Yielding to the inevitable, as he did to die for no crime that he had committed, signifying his preparedness to meet his Maker, with only one plea, that he be not blindfolded, and that his face that God had given him, be spared from mutilation, bravely, without a quiver of his eyelids, he faced his executioners, showing that beneath his calm and composed manner there was a deep-divine and religious sentiment that shone forth, illuminating the hero's character and giving dignity to the last moments of his life.

I feel a natural pride for the accomplishment of this beautiful work, through the devotional patriotism and untiring energies of the loyal and noble matrons and daughters of South Carolina, and feel also confident that the day

is not far distant that to his memory will be transmitted to posterity a monument that will not only be an ornament to gallant old Chesterfield County and our State as well, but around which we all can unite in paying a true tribute to the virtues of our hero, to whose name it will forever stand, in lofty and lasting attestation.

B. Frank Ford.

No 69, Bay street, Charleston, June 22, 1905.

Man And Woman Held for Grime

Revolting Details Of The Murder Of Rev. H. D. Grainger.

Verdict Of The Coroner—Commander Johnson and His Paramour, Charlotte Simmons, Charged With Assassination.

Special to The Stater

Conway, June 24.—Another tragedy has occurred to stain the fair fame of Horry county, sickening and revolting in its details.

Yesterday morning Rev. Harmon D. Grainger, a Baptist minister, who lived on his farm near Bayboro, was shot dead in his field about 9 o'clock in the forenoon. The crime was perpetrated by an assassin who had hidden himself in the woods adjoining the field and who fired both barrels of his shot gun, each loaded with a full load of buckshot, for 32 shots were found in the body. Mr Grainger was the pastor of several country churches, and it is said that no man in this country had preached more funerals or married more couples. He was known and loved not only in his immediate neighborhood and community, but throughout the length and breadth of the whole county. His family consisted of his wife and four children, some of whom were working in the field near him when the dastardly crime was done.

Feared to Approach Scene.

When the shooting occurred the other members of the family were so badly frightened that they did not go at once to the prostrate body, but raised such an outcry for help that neighbors soon came. The body fell at the first shot, and death must have been instantaneous, for the shot ranged from the waist to the head piercing very vital organ—liver, spleen, kidneys, lungs, spinal column and brain. The mule he was plowing stopped, and the chin of the falling body caught on the cross bar between the plow handles. The body was not touched or moved until the arrival of the coroner. The friends of the family had erected a shade out of blankets, pine tops, and so forth. The direction from which the shooting was done was determined first by probing the wounds, and was afterward confirmed by finding the wadding from the gun in nearby bushes.

At first, no suspicion was entertained of any one in the community, for it was not thought that Mr. Grainger had an enemy but first one little circumstance and another combined to cast suspicion upon a near neighbor, Commander Johnson, and his paramour Charlotte Simmons, nee Price. Johnson and this woman had been living together in open adultery for some months past, and had been the subject of severe comments by Mr. Grainger, who was understood to be agitating, having them presented

before the next meeting of the grand jury.

Threats of Johnson.

The testimony developed the facts that Johnson had made several threats to various parties that if Mr. Grainger persevered in his intention, he (Johnson) would "make him smoke," or would "bloody his shirt," etc. Also that some time ago, about two weeks earlier, he had purchased buckshot. He and his paramour reached the scene together about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, saying that they had been fishing, and had just returned, which was the reason of their not coming sooner. When Johnson was put on the stand he testified to the fact that he and his "won ar" had been fishing, and that he had carried his gun in the hope of shooting squirrels, but the only shells he had were loaded with No 7 shot. His actions, expression and general demeanor were such as to increase these suspicions. For sometime he seemed to be unaware thereof, but finally took the re-alarm, and it was only by the exercise of the greatest finesse that the deputy sheriff, was able to hold him on the ground until the order for his commitment could be prepared and signed. He has never directly denied the commission, although he has done so by pat-

ent implication. After his arrest, he broke down in a fit of weeping and howling, which was repeated at the station this morning, just before putting him on the train, and again after he was lodged in the jail. The woman, who separated from her husband some time ago, alleging his infidelity as the reason, answered in the most brazen manner as to illicit relations with the accused, admitted that on this account she had been driven from home by her father, and that she was enceinte, all of which was rendered the more revolting by her assumption at times of a false modesty.

The finding of the coroner's jury was that the deceased came to his death from gunshot wound at the hands of Commander Johnson, and Charlotte Simmons, accessory.

The taking of the testimony of 20 witnesses consumed the hours from five in the afternoon to three this morning, and filled over 50 closely written pages of legal cap.

While there is no direct testimony against the accused yet on every side is a firm conviction of his guilt expressed. The community is very quiet, and no apprehensions of any trouble are felt.

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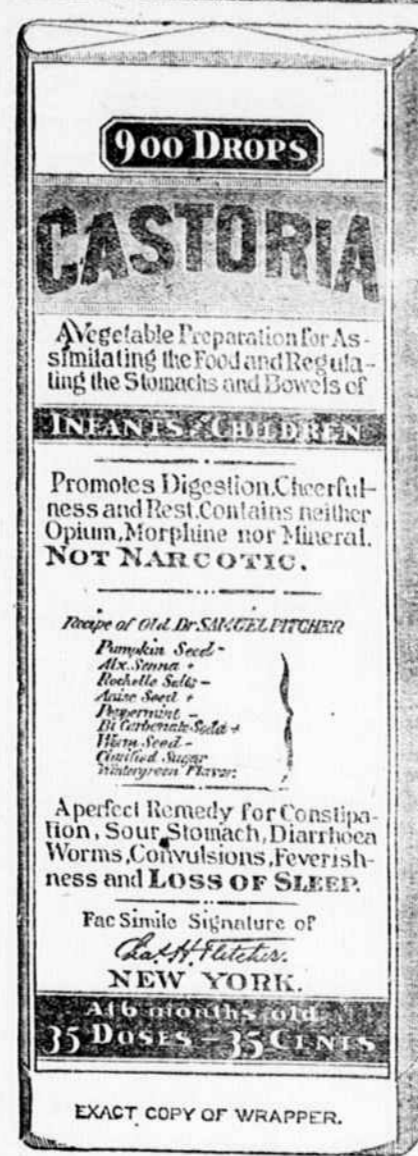
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NOTICE.

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Notice.

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Winthrop College Scholarship and Entrance Examination.

The examination for the award of vacant scholarships in Winthrop college and for the admission of new students will be held at the county court House on Friday, July 7th at 9 a.m. Applicants must not be less than fifteen years of age. When scholarships are vacated after July 7th, they will be awarded to those making the highest average at this examination provided they meet the conditions governing the award. Applicants for scholarships should write to President Johnson before the examination for scholarship examination blanks. Scholarships are worth \$500 and free tuition. The next session will open September 20, 1905. For further information and catalogue address: Pre D B Johnson, Rock Hill, S C.

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