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DILLON MAN IN CONFUSION OF NAMES

Mr. J. F. McCraney of Dillon Live Stock Co., Not Dead Man in Jacksonville.

A confusion of names mired the name of Mr. J. F. McCraney of the Dillon Live Stock Co., with a murder mystery in Jacksonville, Fla., but Mr. Craney of Dillon is very much alive and looks like anything else but a dead man. The following is taken from Monday's State:

"J. W. McKaa, thought to be a former citizen of Columbia and to have a daughter living in this city, was shot through the head and killed in Jacksonville Friday night, according to advices reaching this city yesterday.

Murdoch McCraney, fireman at engine house No. 1, received a telegram from H. Lillenthal, an undertaker of Jacksonville, which said that J. W. McKaa had been murdered Friday night and Mr. McCraney was requested to notify relatives of Mr. McKaa. It seems that the undertaker had been informed that Mr. McCraney would probably be able to find relatives of the dead man, hence his wire. Mr. McCraney at once answered the undertaker to the effect that he did not know the man.

Fireman McCraney has a brother named J. F. McCraney, who conducts a stable in Dillon. Thinking that perhaps he was the man referred to by the Jacksonville detective, he telegraphed the Jacksonville officer informing him of his brother's name. The reply received was to the effect that the man killed was a night watchman at the Clyde docks. Then the Columbia fireman telegraphed a friend, Bert Pearson, who lives in Jacksonville, to find out who the slain man was. Mr. Pearson telegraphed Mr. McCraney that the man's name was J. W. McKaa, that he was killed at the docks, that he was 65 years of age and that his home was in Columbia. Mr. Pearson also said that Mr. McKaa had a daughter living in Columbia.

Fireman McCraney's brother in Dillon is much younger than 65 years, as he felt assured that the slain man was not his brother. Mr. McCraney does not know who the daughter of Mr. McKaa is and is anxious to locate her so that he may inform her of the Jacksonville message.

Efforts made last night to locate relatives of Mr. McKaa were unavailing."

GREAT LAYMAN'S MEETING AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Laymen's Meeting for the Pee Dee Association held last Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist church of Dillon was a success in every way. This service had been planned by the pastor of the church and was endorsed by the Association in its recent session and made an associational matter. The church was filled with laymen from all parts of the associational territory, nearly all the churches being represented and some by large delegations. The congregation overflowed to the galleries and it was said that it was the largest which had ever gathered in the church. The meeting was the first of its kind and was necessarily largely of an inspirational nature, but at its close the laymen present decided to make it an annual affair and in addition appointed a committee of seven consisting of J. H. David, J. R. Reaves, J. W. LeGrande, J. R. Bivens, C. S. Evans, R. J. Blackwell and C. A. Carmichael to decide upon a time, arrange for the next meeting, and consider the advisability of undertaking work of an intensive character, and if so to plan its details, and put it into operation. The addresses of the occasion were delivered by Mr. C. B. Bobo of Laurens, S. C., President of the South Carolina Baptist State Convention, "The Layman as a Soul Winner," and by Judge Gilbert T. Stephenson, of Winston-Salem, N. C., on "Christian Trusteeship." Both addresses were very fine and made a splendid impression. Both of these gentlemen addressed the congregation of the church at the morning service. Mr. Bobo speaking on the "Layman as a Soul Winner," and Judge Stephenson on "The Manliness of Being an Avowed Christian." All in all it was a good day for the church and the Association, and greatly enjoyed by those present. It is planned to have a good representation from this Association to the State Laymen's Meeting next spring.

SENTENCED TO OWN JAIL.

Conducts Campaign Through Bars and Beats Judge.

Whitesburg, Ky. Nov. 5.—Probably the most unusual outcome of Tuesday's election in Kentucky was the victory of Fess Whitaker, jailer of Whitesburg over Stephen Combs, Jr., in the race for county judge. Whitaker had been sentenced to his own jail for a term of six months by Judge Combs on the charge of attacking county officers, including the sheriff.

After being placed in the jail of which he was the legal keeper Whitaker escaped, was recaptured and again sentenced for jail breaking. Following one of the most exciting campaigns known to the mountains of Kentucky, Whitaker, though in jail won over Judge Combs by more than a thousand majority. Governor Morrow three times refused to pardon Whitaker.

KILLS YOUNG MAN TO ASSAULT GIRLS.

John Ford Loses Life in Attempt to Protect Young Women.

Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 8.—Two unidentified negroes early tonight held up an automobile party of two young men and two girls, white, on the highway, three miles from Gastonia, N. C., killed one of the young men, John Ford, of Lincolnton, N. C., dragged the girls from the automobile into the woods and assaulted them, and made their escape, according to telephone messages to the Charlotte police department.

Late tonight Charlotte police officers, with a posse of officers and armed citizens of Gaston county were scouring the countryside in search of the negroes, who were believed however, to have had their escape on a passing freight train. Feeling was said to be intense.

The two young women were taken to a Gastonia hospital, where it was said late tonight their condition is serious. Their homes are in Gastonia. The two young men, John Ford and Ransom Killian, both of Lincolnton, were said to be unarmed when attacked by the negroes. Killian was not injured. Ford was shot and instantly killed when he offered resistance to the negroes in their attempt to take the girls from the automobile, according to the report received here.

Search for Negroes.

Gastonia, N. C., Nov. 8.—Posses are searching for the two negroes who killed John Ford, of Lincolnton, and attacked the two girls who were his companions, after holding up an automobile three miles from here yesterday.

DEATH OF FORD NOT CLEARED UP.

No Solution Found for North Carolina Tragedy.

Gastonia, N. C., Nov. 8.—After a night and day of investigation and search, officers late tonight were apparently nowhere near a solution of the mysterious tragedy enacted three miles from here last night when John Ford, a well connected young man of Lincolnton, N. C., was shot to death and a young woman of Gastonia, was probably fatally wounded, while on an automobile ride with Ransom Killian of Lincolnton and another young woman of Gastonia. No arrests have been made.

Officers returned tonight from Blacksburg, S. C., where they went today to investigate a report that two negroes had been arrested there on suspicion of implication in the crime. The report proved unfounded and the officers returned without new information. They were accompanied by Ransom Killian, who was taken along to identify the negroes reported held there.

Excitement which was high last night, greatly subsided today and interest centered in the account of the alleged holdup and killing as given by young Killian, at the coroner's inquest. He said that while the four were riding out toward Bessemer City, they stopped and Ford and one young woman got out of the car and walked out of sight, while the witness and the other remained in the automobile. After a few minutes, a negro approached from the woods, held him up at the point of a pistol and robbed him of a few dollars, firing his revolver three times, one of the bullets striking the young woman. About the same time other shots were heard in the direction Ford and the other girl had gone and a second negro approached and said he had shot the other man "down yonder." At this point Killian's testimony was interrupted by the officers who took him to Blacksburg.

The shooting is said to have occurred about 7:30 p. m., but it was not reported until nearly 10 o'clock when Killian and the girls brought the body of Ford to the city.

City council in session tonight offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest of the guilty parties or evidence leading to conviction.

Coroner W. N. Davis jury adjourned late tonight after an all day hearing, without having completed its investigation. The inquest will be resumed Tuesday.

STOLE FORD TOURING.

Offered Car at Low Price and Aroused Sheriff's Suspicions.

A young white man was lodged in jail Saturday charged with stealing a Ford touring car from a Fair Bluff citizen. The man was at a local garage offering the car for \$200.00, but as the car was almost new the bystanders were suspicious and would not take him up. One bystander noticed that his sign was missing and asked him where it was. He said it dropped off while he was crossing a swamp between Dillon and Mullins and he got out, picked it up and put under the seat. Asked how he heard the sign drop when the car was running he failed to make an intelligent answer and moved off up street. Sheriff Lane heard about the car and started toward the young man with the remark that he was the man he was "looking for." The fellow jumped out of the car and started to run away, but the sheriff grabbed him and put him in jail. Owners of the car were found in Fair Bluff.

"NIGHT-RIDERS" VISIT DILLON.

Cards Left at the Homes of Some of the Colored Folk Bear Queer Inscription.

There was some little excitement in Dillon Monday when it became known that a body of men styling themselves "Night-Riders" had visited several colored homes Saturday and Sunday night and left cards advising them to go to the cotton fields Monday morning. The cards fixed the price of short staple picking at \$1.50 per 100 and the long staple at \$1.50 per 100. The cards also fixed Saturday as wash day and at the bottom was signed "Night-Riders from the old north State."

It is said the cards were left at several homes Saturday and Sunday nights between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock. The visitors came in automobiles and departed as quietly as they came. So far as could be learned there were no demonstrations. The automobiles drove up to the house, the party was called out and handed a card and the "night-riders" left without saying anything.

Naturally, the affair caused quite a lot of discussion and throughout Monday there was some little excitement among the colored population. Some of them were ready to dispose of their belongings and leave on the next train, while others took it as a joke and proceeded to work. Monday afternoon a meeting composed of the representative citizens of the community was held at court house and passed resolutions disapproving the activities of the night-riders and the methods they are pursuing.

By Tuesday morning the negroes who had given up their work with the expectation of leaving town returned to work and the situation became normal once more. So far as can be learned, cotton pickers are ready to pick at an agreed price, whether it is a dollar or twice that much, but when they are offered more than a dollar a hundred they say they cannot be expected to refuse it.

Reports from many sections say there were many pickers in the fields Tuesday and if the present good weather lasts a short while longer the bulk of the crop will have been gathered.

STOLE BONDS AND MONEY.

Robbers entered the home of Hannah Page, an industrious colored woman living near town, last week and stole liberty bonds and money valued at \$600.00. There is no clue to the robbers but it is thought that it was some one who knew something about the premises or was aware of the fact that the money and bonds were concealed in the house. The loss falls heavily on Hannah who is a hard working woman, as the bonds and money represent the savings of years.

The robbery should serve to remind people that it is dangerous to conceal money, bonds or other valuables around the house. Money and bonds should be placed in the bank. The banks have burglar proof vaults and they carry burglar insurance. If robbers should enter a bank and steal all the money in the vault the bank is protected because it is insured against loss. It is a habit with some people to conceal money around the premises when times get a little hard. This is the very time they should put it in the bank. The money is put in circulation and does the community some good, and again robberies are more frequent when money is scarce than when it is plentiful.

John Henry Bethea's Trial Tomorrow

The case of John Henry Bethea, the negro who shot and killed Deputy Sheriff J. A. Kitchen in Robeson county last spring, will be called in the sessions court at Lumberton tomorrow. Bethea and his brother were returning from North Carolina with an automobile which contained whiskey, when intercepted by the officers. In the shooting which followed Bethea's brother was killed and Bethea is charged with having killed the officer. He escaped to the woods and after remaining in hiding for several days surrendered himself to Mr. J. H. Meadors, cashier of the Bank of Little Rock, who accompanied him to Columbia and turned him over to the proper authorities.

Mullins Enterprise.

Mr. C. O. Dixon has returned from the tobacco markets of North Carolina and Virginia, where he spent a week or more among tobaccoists. Mr. Dixon stated that the South Carolina tobacco grower had no room to kick on his average prices for the past season, as our farmers realized more money than what is being received on the old belt market. He further said that there was a lot of tobacco stored away and the farmers should be careful in planting their crop for next year if they expect anything like fair prices for it. Oscar Dixon keeps up with the tobacco business and his opinion is worth something.

SOUTH CAROLINIAN ELECTED.

North Carolina's next Lieutenant-governor will be a former South Carolinian — W. B. Cooper, prominent business man and banker of Wilmington and one of the well-known Cooper brothers of Mullins. Mr. Cooper received a big majority over his republican opponent, I. B. Tucker.

TRAITOR'S GRAVE OPENED.

Mysterious Woman in Black Exhumed Condemned Officer's Body.

There has just happened at Lumberton an event that recalls the somber days of September, 1914, relates the newspaper, Le Petit Parisien of Paris. That event is the clandestine exhumation of the body of Commandant Wolff of the 36th infantry, who, arrested on the field of battle by one of his officers, was taken before a council of war, condemned and immediately shot.

The censor did not permit at the time of the execution, the publication of the details and so it came that there were many versions of the case the most common one being that Wolff who had a brother in the German army, which was advancing on Lumberton, purposely led his regiment into the range of hidden German machine gunners, where the men were slaughtered by the score and that as soon as he had his men in the trap he tied a white handkerchief to his sword in token of surrender. The officer second in command arrested him at once and he was sent to the rear under guard. That night he was tried and the next morning shot by survivors of the regiment which he had betrayed. Other versions are, for the most part, only variations of this story.

The body of the officer was buried at Remenville in what came to be known as the "accused corner." Every year a very well dressed woman, wearing deep mourning, visited the neglected grave and placed a wreath and cut flowers on it and soon after each of her visits the wreath would disappear and the flowers would be trampled to bits and covered with filth.

A few days ago it was noticed that the grave of Commander Wolff had been disturbed. Officials opened it and found that the bones, except for two or three small ones, had been removed. That discovery set Lumberton wondering and several persons recalled having seen the mysterious woman in black sitting by the Wolff grave and the next afternoon a resident of a neighboring village met a woman in heavy mourning carrying a willow basket down the road. She asked him to help her to the station with her burden and he did so. It was supposed that she took the train there. There is no clue to her identity.

BLACK HONEYMOON

French Bride is Going to Put Lover to Real Test.

Calling marriage "a tragedy for which the mind must be adequately prepared," Germaine de la Bodesiere, the dashing French artist, has designed a black apartment in which she and her prospective husband will spend their honeymoon before leaving for their villa in the south of France, relates a Paris dispatch.

The nine rooms of the apartment are covered with black; some with black velvet, others with satin, others with lime or wallpaper. Curtains and portiers are black, black is the furniture, black the bed, black the sheets and black the tableware, while the bath tub is a huge block of black marble.

The bride's trousseau is a mass of black chiffon and Chantilly lace. Onyx is the only stone used in her jewelry, while she has sent notes written with white ink on black paper informing her friends that only black-clad persons will be received during the "trying" period.

Mlle. de la Bodesiere's contention is that if her husband is able to stand the strain of a black honeymoon he will face undauntedly the prospects of a brilliant future.

A CARD TO THE PUBLIC.

In justice to all parties involved I wish to offer the following explanation in regard to the meeting held here Monday afternoon: It was for the purpose of allaying feeling and any possible misunderstanding, for peace and harmony and for the best interests of the community as a whole. The citizens feel that the object of the meeting was accomplished and resulted in a better understanding and better feeling between the races. In this connection I wish to urge upon all classes the importance of coming together in mutual understanding and working and cooperating together for the purpose of gathering the cotton crop before it suffers losses in grades. The community cannot stand still; it must go forward. We must work now to put ourselves in position to make another crop, and unless we gather and get the most for what we have made we will not have the means to pick another crop, and if our farms lie idle next year there will be much suffering among both whites and blacks. Therefore it is as much to the interest of one as to the other to work diligently until our cotton is harvested and ready for market.

Sincerely,
J. H. HAMBLE, Mayor.

JUNIOR ORDER TO BANQUET

The local Junior Order has issued invitations to its annual banquet which will be held on the evening of the 15th beginning at 7:20 o'clock. The members and their guests will assemble at the hall where addresses will be delivered by well-known speakers, and at the conclusion of the addresses they will go to the Palm-tree Cafe where the banquet will be served.

MARLBORO BANKER MAY BE SUICIDE.

Shoes, Coat and Hat, Left on Bank of River.

Bennettsville, Nov. 8.—A deep gloom was cast over Bennettsville this afternoon when a telephone message was received from the sheriff of Richmond county, North Carolina, which led to the belief that Thomas Breden McLaurin, president of the Mutual Savings bank of Bennettsville, had taken his own life. Mr. McLaurin's coat, shoes and hat were found on the bank of the Pee Dee river and on these were found Mr. McLaurin's card, on the back side of which was written: "I thought it best to do this."

About the middle of the afternoon today Mr. McLaurin had his chauffeur send a public car to his office for him. Mr. McLaurin left in this and nothing more was heard of him until the message was received. The clothing was found at Blewett Falls, about nine miles above Rockingham, which is 25 miles from here. Many men have gone from here to search for Mr. McLaurin tonight.

Mr. McLaurin is the son of Former Senator John L. McLaurin and is one of the most substantial business men in Marlboro county. He has large farming interests and in addition to being president of the Mutual Savings bank was also president of one of the large cotton warehouses here. So far as known, there has not been the slightest intimation that the financial status of any of the institutions with which he was connected had been in jeopardy. Mr. McLaurin was particularly well known and well liked, and the entire community deeply shocked and grieved by the report.

Mr. McLaurin is 38 years old and has a wife and one child.

Later—Mr. McLaurin was found in Charlotte Monday night. So far as can be learned, he offered no explanation for his strange disappearance, but it is thought that he was suffering from a nervous strain due to business cares. Friends brought him back to Bennettsville.

Friends Believe McLaurin Alive.

Bennettsville, Nov. 9.—The family and friends of T. B. McLaurin are satisfied he did not commit suicide as was suspected last night but is suffering under a mental aberration and will return home soon. C. G. Adams, cashier of the Mutual Savings bank of which Mr. McLaurin is president, says the affairs of the bank are all right but he and the directors will not open the doors of the bank until the state bank examiner comes and makes a complete examination. Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 9.—Twenty four hours' vigilance on the part of the local police department, including inquiry at all the hotels in the city, failed to reveal any trace of T. B. McLaurin, Bennettsville, S. C., banker, who was reported to have come to Charlotte after having left clothing and a note on the river bank near Rockingham, N. C., indicating suicide.

PARTY FOR MRS. BUIE.

A delightful little affair of Wednesday afternoon was a party given in honor of Mrs. R. M. Buie, who with Dr. Buie, left for their new home in North Carolina Thursday. The party was a complete surprise to Mrs. Buie and was planned by Mrs. W. B. S. Chandler and the other members of the Mission Study Class, of which Mrs. Buie was a member. The party took place at the home of Mrs. W. D. Buie who had invited the honor guest to spend her last night with her. Soon arriving, after completing arrangements for the trip, she found the home attractively arranged with cut flowers and handsome pot plants, and friends coming to spend the last afternoon with her and wish her "God speed." Mrs. W. J. Carter and Mrs. Wilbur Knight greeted the members and guests and ushered them to the sitting room. After all assembled, Mrs. Chandler distributed attractive cards containing a clover flower contest. After this good wishes were written by all for Mrs. Buie. Later ice cream and fruit and cake with coffee were served by different members, and Mrs. Chandler with a pretty speech presented Mrs. Buie with a cut glass dish for the class to which Mrs. Buie responded. Mrs. Buie made a number of friends in Dillon who regret that she and the doctor have decided to make their home elsewhere.

FINDS \$75,000 WORTH OF JEWELRY IN TAXICAB

New York, Nov. 8.—Wanted—Owner of \$75,000 worth of jewels. They were found in a taxicab by Mrs. H. Sawyer and turned over to the police today.

Last night while riding in a taxicab Mrs. Sawyer found a small black canvas covered hand bag on the seat. Examination showed that it contained several articles of feminine wear, including a large white stone brooch, shoe pin set with pearls, a bar pin set with pearls, a large emerald, two rings of diamonds, a large pearl, three small rings, two diamond rings, one emerald, and a scabbard ring, a ruby ring and a handsome set of toilet articles set in silver.

The taxicab driver said he drove a woman from the Winter Garden to the Hotel Saville just before he was engaged by Mrs. Sawyer. Unless the owner shows up in 30 days, the jewels will go to Mrs. Sawyer.

POLICE DISCOVER WHOLESALE THEFTS.

\$1,000 Worth of Goods Found in House of J. F. Suber at Bennettsville.

For several months merchants have been losing goods stolen from cars at the Coast Line station here. Police officials say that the railroad authorities did not report the thefts, but policemen learned through merchants and others that goods were being stolen, and have been making investigations.

Last Monday Chief of Police Cunningham looked into the locker of J. F. Suber at the electric light plant where he was night engineer, and there found six hams, five cans of coffee and a box of tobacco. He arrested Suber and got a search warrant and searched his house on Jennings street. There over a thousand dollars worth of new goods were found, a lot of middy blouses, bolts of cloth, union suits, cans and coffee, hams, silk stockings, kid gloves, etc. These goods have been identified as having been stolen from Coast Line cars.

Suber is a bright colored negro of above the average intelligence. He has been engineer at the light plant for a number of years.

Suber made a confession to officers in the jail Tuesday and professed to have been aided in the theft by two white employees at the Coast Line depot. They were arrested Tuesday afternoon and gave \$500 bond each. Their names will not be published unless evidence is developed at the preliminary hearing sufficient to hold them for court, as it is not believed that Suber's unsupported statement can be relied upon.

Orrell Also in Jail.

Several days ago J. A. Orrell, white the day engineer at the electric light plant, had some grievance against E. C. Morrison, the superintendent of the plant, and while Mr. Morrison was inside the big engine wheel, at work on it, Orrell tried to turn on the steam and start the engine, but was caught and stopped by some colored men. Mr. Morrison then discharged him, whereupon he struck Mr. Morrison, but was kept from seriously injuring him.

For this escapade Mayor Crosland fined Orrell \$40 which he paid. It is said that he got the money to pay the fine from Miss Lucy Usher and Mrs. Rebecca Wheatherly, though they did not know for what purpose. He already owed these ladies over \$500 which he borrowed from them several months ago, promising to pay a high rate of interest, and claiming to have a plantation in Marlboro and Cherterfield.

When the ladies learned of the difficulty at the light plant, they began an investigation and found that Orrell had no plantation anywhere. They then had him arrested for obtaining money under false pretense. He is in jail and has not asked for a hearing.

P. S. The young men accused by Suber demanded an immediate investigation and were given a hearing before Magistrate Gibson yesterday afternoon. There being no evidence upon which to hold them for court, Judge Gibson dismissed the indictment.—Pee Dee Advocate.

DR. DUNCAN TO SPEAK.

The following from the Spartan-Burg Daily Journal of recent date will be read with interest by the people of this community:

Dr. Watson B. Duncan, pastor of the Main Street Methodist church at Dillon will be one of the leading speakers on the State Convention program of the South Carolina Sunday School Association. Notice of his acceptance was received by General Superintendent Leon C. Palmer Friday evening, and it was announced that Dr. Duncan's subject would be given a leading place on the program.

Dr. Duncan is considered one of the leading pastors and Sunday school workers of the State, and his promised participation on the State Convention program was received with much gratification. He is actively interested in the work of the South Carolina Sunday School Association, of whose State Executive Committee he has been a member for many years. In accepting the place on the program, he wrote: "I shall be glad to be of any service that I can, and will let you select the subject. May God bless you in your work."

Superintendent Palmer announced that the subject assigned Dr. Duncan would be "The Young Life of the Church Trained for Service," and that it would probably come on the opening day of the convention, following the address by Gov. Robert A. Cooper.

Young Man Seriously Injured.

John Williams, a young white man employed at J. H. Dunlap & Son's saw mill at Little Rock, was painfully injured Monday afternoon when a train car ran over him. The wheel of the car passed over Mr. Williams' head, bearing the scalp away from the forehead to the base of the brain. His injuries are serious but not necessarily fatal. He was taken to a hospital at Clio Monday night. Mr. Williams was married about a month ago.

I Blum returned Sunday from a trip to Baltimore and New York.

Miss Mamie Colvin of Clio spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. S. B. Stonew.