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HISTORY OF DEATH OF BIGHAM'S WIFE.

Dead Recalled by Recent Tragedy in Florence County, Circumstances Peculiar.

The recent tragedy enacted in Florence county in the Bigham family recalls a similar one in the same family September 4, 1909, at Murrell's Inlet, Georgetown county, when the wife of Dr. Grover Cleveland Bigham was shot to death under peculiar circumstances. She was formerly Miss Ruth Crisp, of Laurens county, a graduate of Chloera College, Greenville, in the class of 1907, a young woman of sensitive and refined nature, and who was popular among those who knew her best.

Dr. Bigham practiced medicine in Laurens county for a short while and while there won the affections of Miss Crisp. Soon after the wedding the couple moved to Harpers, now Andrews, in Georgetown county. W. B. Avant and wife, neighbors, owned a summer home, Sunnyside, at Murrell's Inlet, and the latter being ill, Dr. Bigham was called and with his young wife, only recently his bride, went to Sunnyside.

"Shoot It," Says Bigham.

Saturday afternoon, shortly before sundown, Bigham and Avant, who were said to have been drinking together, testified to seeing an object moving, suspiciously from the house toward the seashore. According to the testimony, believing this to be a burglar or some person intending them no good, they secured a shotgun and followed the object. From a fringe of woods a short distance from the beach they saw a figure crouching down near the waters edge. It seems that both Bigham and Avant were under stress of great excitement. Avant carried the gun and asked Bigham what he must do, who answered, "Shoot it!" Avant then, at the distance of only a few yards, fired both barrels at the object and both ran back to the house. They shortly returned with others and found the body of Mrs. Bigham, shot through the back, stretched upon the sand. She had been killed instantly.

The coroner's jury brought in the following verdict:

"We, the coroner's jury, find said Mrs. Ruth Bigham came to her death from gunshot wounds by mischance at the hand of W. B. Avant, G. C. Bigham being present and accessory, both laboring under great mental excitement and fear at the time."

Avant and Bigham were arrested and placed under bond and the case came up for trial at the October session of court before Judge R. C. Watts.

The testimony established the fact that the married life of Mrs. Bigham had been extremely unhappy and, furthermore, that in a case then pending against her husband for assault and battery in which she was a witness, she had declared she would tell nothing but the truth when called upon to testify.

Both Jump Bonds.

The late Solicitor Walter B. Wells represented the State in the prosecution of Avant and Bigham, and the late J. Willard Ragsdale, appeared for the defense. The jury brought in a verdict of manslaughter against both defendants and Judge Watts sentenced each to confinement in the penitentiary at hard labor for three years and six months. Mr. Ragsdale filed an appeal. In the meantime, being out on bond, both Bigham and Avant made good their escape, thereby forfeiting their bonds. The former has never been heard from; the latter was subsequently captured, served his sentence, and is today on his farm, living the life of an honest, hard working citizen.

While guilty of a terrible deed, Avant was regarded merely as the dupe of Bigham in the accomplishment of his fiendish design. While the testimony clearly pointed to foul play, the proof was lacking to convict Bigham of deliberate murder, and the verdict of manslaughter and the light sentence imposed were considered to be a direct reflection of the shadow of doubt in the minds of the judge and jury.

TESTS THE BLOOD TO DETERMINE FATHER

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—"It's a wise child that knows its own father," said William Shakespeare. But medical science will make such wisdom possible for every child if the tests ordered today by Judge Thomas F. Graham prove successful.

Tests of the blood of Paul Vittorio are to be made to determine if he is the father of Virginia Vittorio three-months old daughter of Vittorio's divorced wife. The baby's blood is to be submitted to the same test.

Mrs. Rose Vittorio, the baby's mother, appeared today before Judge Graham, asking that her former husband be forced to pay alimony for care of herself and child. Vittorio, when placed on the stand, declared the child was not his and objected to saying for its care.

Attorney Nolan, representing Mrs. Vittorio, said he had recently learned of blood tests made by scientists in France which would show accurately the parentage of a child. Attorney Stafford, representing Vittorio, immediately agreed to have such made.

Judge Graham ordered both the child and Vittorio to the Emergency al. It will take Dr. Frank McCreary several days to complete the work entailed by the tests.

McCreary cannot understand why Mrs. Vittorio has such a short memory.

ED. KIRBY BOUND OVER.

Placed Under \$2500 Bond Following Preliminary Before Judge Haselden.

Ed. Kirby, charged with cutting Charlie Huggins Christmas eve night, was given a preliminary hearing in Judge Haselden's court Tuesday and placed under \$2500 bond for his appearance at the court of general sessions next month. Kirby was arrested in Florida and brought back to Dillon. Huggins was severely cut and will carry to his grave the livid slashes on his face and head. It was a desperate encounter as will be shown by the following testimony:

C. M. Huggins, sworn, says: I was at Hunt's house on the night of the 24th December, with Keever Dudley, Bunch of boys there. I knew Ed Kirby. Don't know the rest. I went in the house, talked with Ed. About an hour we had been playing around and Ed walked up to me and commenced cutting me. We had no words. We were in the same room about all the time. First thing I knew he was cutting me and some one knocked me down. Don't know who knocked me down, and when I came to my senses he was straddling me cutting me and I tried to shoot him off. He got off about that time and ran to car and left. Saw man there they said was George Kirby. He wrung pistol out of my hand while Ed was on me. I was at the flat of my back. Saw man called Bridgers. Don't know he hit me except was told. I had pistol. Went there with pistol. I had taken few drinks, nothing to bother me. It was about two and half miles from my home. I live at Fork and this is below Fork.

Cross Examination. They were there, some in the yard and some in the house. Ed was in the yard. In a few minutes Ed came in. Don't know where George or Bridgers were. Saw Ed. Went to fire and sat down 3 or 4 minutes. We never had any dispute or hard words. Never had any trouble with any of them. Walked up to me and cut me without saying a word. George was in the room. Can't recognize him. Only thing he did to me was took pistol out of my hand. I was hit after I was cut. I jumped when cut and someone hit me. Don't think George hit me. We had all had little drink. They were to have little party there. Was on my farm. Share croppers. Never saw Bridgers to know him and don't know him yet.

Signed: C. M. Huggins.

Charity Hunt, sworn, says: Was at my house Xmas night. I was in the kitchen. I went in the room and they had Mr. Charlie down and sitting on him. Ed was on him and cutting. Ed said if I did not get out he would cut me. Gave me a rake and cut my clothes. Don't know who got him off. George took pistol from Charlie while Ed was on him. There had been no row before this. Nobody was drunk. Some of them was drinking. Bridgers was in the room. Don't do anything when I saw him. Never say anybody pull Ed off Charlie.

Cross Examination.

Know Ed and George. Don't know Bridgers. If he did anything I did not see him. Don't know that George took pistol. Never saw anything except Ed on top of Charlie. Don't know how long it had been before the row started when I left room. I was in the room. I did not meet Ed leaving as I came in. Saw Ed with knife in his hand and on him cutting him.

Re-direct Examination.

Saw George. Never saw him with pistol. I got Charlie by hand and he raked at me.

Argie Hunt, sworn, says:

Was there. Good bunch there. Was in the room. Ed commenced cursing and Keever took it up and I went to him and he went off. Mr. Charlie came in and went out in the kitchen. He came back and said "Ed, they say they are going to have a party here and I am going to get my part of it, ain't you?" He said he was going to get something. Mr. Huggins lent up against the door and was picking at some beads on my neck. Ed came up with knife and spoke few words and George came up and said, "Why don't you all do what you going to do or sit down and shut your mouths. If it's fight g—d—n it fight or sit down." And when he said that Ed made for Charlie. I moved back as I saw him raise up his knife. I went out in the yard. There had been no words or row. Saw no pistol. Never saw anyone hit Charlie.

No Cross Examination.

Lizzie Hunt, sworn, says:

I was there in the room. There was no row. I went out and came in just as Ed started for Charlie and the Bridgers boy hit him with stick and knocked him down. Charlie was at door. He fell when he was hit and he hit him again. Ed got across his body and was cutting him and his pistol fired and George wrung it out of his hand. Ed was on him cutting him and my mother came in and caught Mr. Charlie by the hand and Ed told her he would cut her if she did not stand back and he cut five pieces of her clothes.

Cross Examination.

It was an iron stick. Saw him (Bridgers) there that night. Knew him. That's him sitting at the window now. Ed cut my mother's apron, skirt and 3 under skirts.

Signed: Lizzie Hunt.

Pitman Hunt, sworn, says: It was at my home. I was not in the room when it started. In there pretty soon after. I was in yard. Walked in the house and Ed went over Charlie and cut him and Knute

LOOKING BACKWARD.

Items of Interest Taken from The Herald's Files of 16 Years Ago.

Mr. W. Murchison has ordered a car load of automobiles which he will put on sale as soon as they arrive. Mr. Murchison believes this can be made a good automobile market and has ordered a type of machine which he says can be sold low enough to induce the public to buy. The machine is a 15 horse power Ford of the tonneau type. The only auto car in town now is the one owned by Mr. C. B. Marcum, superintendent of the oil mill. Mr. Marcum finds no difficulty in driving his machine through heavy sand beds. Of course, the automobile will never reach a high degree of popularity as a means of locomotion till the present roads are converted into turnpikes, but there is no reason why Mr. Murchison should not find ready sale for his machines to the fun-loving class. We would like to see Dillon become an automobile town.

Mr. T. E. Sprunt, a member of the well known firm of Sprunt and Son of Wilmington, spent Sunday and Monday here with his cousin, Mr. J. E. Sprunt.

There was a happy reunion at the Dillon Hotel Sunday when Messrs. E. R. Liles, J. T. Liles, N. P. Liles and Rev. Z. V. Liles, all brothers, assembled together after a separation of 12 years. Rev. Z. V. Liles is a member of the Texas Methodist conference, J. T. Liles is in business in Charleston, N. P. Liles is located at Bennettsville and E. R. Liles is the well known insurance agent of Dillon. It was a happy reunion, made all the happier by the presence of their mother, Mrs. J. H. Hamer of Little Rock, who came down and spent the day with the young gentlemen.

Tad, the 10 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bethea, was severely burned about the legs and body Thursday morning. The little fellow was in the act of kindling a fire in his sleeping room when in some manner his flannel gown caught fire. His great presence of mind doubtless saved his life, for as soon as he discovered the flames he snatched the fastenings loose and jumped out of his gown.

Everybody is invited to Dillon next Tuesday to participate in the New County Rally.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Johnson have returned from their bridal tour and have apartments at Mr. E. L. Moore's residence where they are at home to their numerous friends.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. L. Cottingham of Dillon to Miss Wee Jennie McCutcheon, of Fowler, Williamsburg County, Thursday, April 12.

Miss Kate Ingram came home last week to be present at the marriage of her sister, Miss Sallie, to Dr. Jno. H. Hamer.

Dr. and Mrs. B. M. Badger have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Julia Catherine, to Mr. David Gordon Baker. Miss Badger is one of Dillon's most popular young ladies. Mr. Baker is a rising young attorney of Florence.

Little Dolph Braddy who has been very ill with pneumonia is much better.

W. T. Mercer & Co., of Wilmington, are opening up a furniture store in the Richbourg building. Mr. Roy Williams who has been in charge of their store at Ashpole will have charge of the business here.

knocked him down and Ed went down on him and Knute hit again. Hit him while he was down. He got his gun out and shot it four times and George took it away from him and told Ed to go ahead and do what he pleased that had his g—d—gun. When Ed cut him all he wanted he gave knife to George and beat him in the head with his fists and got up. That's all I know. Mother came up and caught Mr. Charlie by the hand. He cut at her and I pulled her away. Mr. Chas. still laid on the floor. Never heard them say a word as they were leaving.

No Cross Examination.

Signed: Pitman x Hunt, mark

Bennie Yarboro, sworn, says: I was there and was standing in the door to room. It was all down together on the floor. Mr. Bridgers, Mr. Kirby and George Kirby. George took pistol. Said G. D. it come on I got pistol. When I saw Bridgers he was standing up. He was inside door. When I first went in Ed and Mr. Huggins were together. I was at kitchen door and fight was at partition door. Think Mr. Bridgers had fire stick.

Cross Examination.

He was standing with it in his hand. Never saw him hit Mr. Huggins. They were down in the room. I was about eight feet from them. Never saw Mr. Bridgers hit him. There were enough round there. Think Mr. George Kirby and Mr. Rogers parted them. They got them apart. Mr. Bridgers was holding Ed away. As soon as George got the pistol Ed threw his knife down. Nobody was doing any fighting except Ed and Charlie. Every body else was getting out of the way. Noble and Linneau were in the room. They (the Noble Boys) went out of the window.

Re-Direct.

Bridgers had iron stick in his hand. Trying to part them. George took his pistol. Said come on and don't bother him no more. I got his pistol.

Signed Bennie Yarboro, his mark.

ARM SHOT OFF IN ACCIDENT.

Hammer Struck Bank and Load Shattered Elbow—Both Boys in Previous Fatal Accidents.

Pee Dee Advocate.

About 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon Coke Breeden, the 13 year old son of J. Aubrey Breeden, got his right arm shot off while hunting by the creek, near the Cheraw road, north of the city, with his companion, Jack Mitchell. Jack had the gun, and Coke jumped across a ditch. Jack then threw the gun to Coke, who caught it by the muzzle and the butt of the gun fell, the hammer striking the bank and exploding the shell. The load struck the elbow, shattering it and almost completely severing the arm.

John Moore, who was coming for his children to take them home from school, happened along soon and brought Coke to the city, where first aid was rendered by Drs. Kinney, Straus and Crossland. Dr. Kirkpatrick took the boy in B. F. Whitner's ambulance to the Hamlet hospital to have the arm amputated.

Both Jack Mitchell and Coke Breeden have been in fatal shooting accidents, each of them killing a companion with a gun. Several years ago Jack shot and killed little Everton Stanton with a 23 rifle. Later Coke shot and killed little Joe Reynolds with a gun with which they were hunting. Both of them were accidents.

JURY HOLDS E. D. BIGHAM.

Charged With Having Committed Terrible Crime at Pamplico.

Florence, Jan. 27.—That E. D. Bigham was the perpetrator of the crime which cost the lives of three members of the Bigham family and the two adopted children of the late Mrs. Black is the opinion of the jury of inquest which rendered its verdict tonight.

After hearing at Pamplico the testimony of thirty witnesses, including the reexamination of Mrs. Bigham, the wife of Edmund Bigham and his oldest daughter, the jury found that Mrs. M. M. Bigham, Mrs. Margie Black, the two McCracken children, aged three and six, and L. S. Bigham had come to their deaths at the hand of E. D. Bigham.

Coroner Smith will issue a warrant charging E. D. Bigham with the murders. Bigham is now being held at the county jail on a warrant sworn out by John McCracken, the father of the two murdered children. His warrant was served and Bigham arrested on January 20, five days after the tragedy at the Bigham home, two miles from Pamplico.

It was at first believed that L. S. Bigham in a fit of despondency over alleged financial troubles had committed the murders and then killed himself, but following the strong sentiment in the community that such could not have been the case, Coroner Smith continued his investigation and has built up a case the circumstances of which, based on the evidence adduced, are believed by the jury of inquest to be sufficiently strong to warrant the accusing of Edmund Bigham.

Phillip H. Arrowsmith conducted the investigation for the coroner at the hearing. He dug deep into the case.

The two Singletary negroes who have been in jail here for several days as material witnesses and the wife of Andrew Singletary were important witnesses. Andrew Singletary testified that after the wood cutters had been paid off Saturday, January 15, E. D. Bigham and L. S. Bigham remained in the woods. Later, he passed the house with his wife and son going to Pamplico and saw E. D. Bigham emerge from the woods alone and after looking up and down the road, proceed to the house. This was after Mrs. Bigham had sent a vest out to him by one of the McCracken children. Bigham went toward the house with the child. The time was about 3 o'clock. His testimony was corroborated by his wife and son.

Has Hurred Conference.

Robert Foxworth testified that Edmund Bigham, with his family in his car, had swept up to his house, which was only a short distance from the Bigham home, and had a hurried conversation with him, so hurried, in fact, that the witness did not remember much about it. Bigham then turned his car in the direction of the Bigham home.

The testimony of Mrs. Bigham and of the oldest daughter is said to have varied considerably from that given at the hearing Sunday, January 16, and although the two were together in the car on the trip to and from Foxworth's their stories of what had occurred conflicted at several points.

It was stated today that the deed which Mrs. Bigham presented to Clerk of Court Singletary for recording and which was later withdrawn by her for the reason that she did not have sufficient money to pay for the revenue stamps, amounting to \$42, has not yet been recovered. Mrs. Bigham is said to have stated that she delivered the deed to her husband at the jail.

This deed, according to Mr. Singletary, who read it closely while it was in his possession was signed by Mrs. M. M. Bigham, Mrs. Margie Black and L. S. Bigham, and conveyed the entire Bigham property to Ed. Bigham for a consideration of \$42,000. Mr. Singletary declares that the deed bears every appearance of having been tampered with and that it is evident that the names of the origi-

DEPUTY SHERIFF SHOT TO DEATH.

Blue Slain By Ex-Soldier at Fayetteville. Clayton May Die Too

Fayetteville, N. C., Jan.—Deputy Sheriff N. N. Blue was shot and killed by Thomas R. Clayton, of New York, formerly a soldier at Camp Bragg; Clayton himself was perhaps fatally wounded by Blue, and Deputy W. O. Patrick was shot through the thigh here early yesterday afternoon when the officers attempted to arrest the ex-soldier on a warrant sworn out by A. A. Lindsey, into whose house Clayton is said to have forced himself at the point of a pistol Thursday night.

Sheriff McGeachy reported the tragedy to Governor Morrison, who last night promised any assistance in his power, but, in spite of the reported intensity of feeling in Fayetteville over the affair, refrained from calling out troops on the assurance of the sheriff that nothing would happen during the night.

The tragedy arose from Clayton's attentions to Lindsey's daughter it is said. The warrant charging assault with a deadly weapon was sworn out yesterday morning by Lindsey, who pointed out the former ex-soldier to officers just as Clayton was leaving his daughter at a street corner.

While Deputy Blue was reading the warrant, Clayton drew an automatic pistol from his coat pocket and started shooting. Blue fell, shot twice through the lung; after the man had shot him down he raised himself on his elbow and shot Clayton through the lung after the man had wounded Deputy Patrick.

All three men were carried to a hospital nearby, where Blue died at 2:30 in the afternoon. Clayton is seriously wounded and it is thought he may die.

Lindsey declared today that he had recently received a threatening letter from Clayton, after putting a stop to correspondence between the man and his daughter.

The ex-soldier Wednesday night returned to Fayetteville from New York, where he had been working as a lineman since his discharge from the army. The authorities say Clayton went to Lindsey's home on Haymount street Thursday night and on being refused entrance by the girl's father, drew a pistol and threatened Lindsey's life.

Clayton was stationed at Camp Bragg for about a year after the return of his regiment from overseas.

U. D. C. MEETING.

The U. D. C. Chapter held its January meeting at the home of Mrs. John Hargrove, with Mrs. W. J. Adams, Mrs. Mathew Edwards and Mrs. Hargrove as hostesses.

In the absence of President, Miss Isla McKenzie, the vice-president, Mrs. J. R. Watson, presided. Much important business was transacted, all committees appointed for the year and a number of new names applied for membership in the chapter, making a total of about fifty members who have filed their applications. Miss Marie Smith was elected Recording Secretary. The question of a name for the chapter was brought up again, (the one selected "Custis-Lee," having been found suitable) and after discussion the following committee was appointed to decide on a name before the next meeting: Mrs. John Hargrove, Mrs. Lutie Bethea, Mrs. E. L. Moore, Miss Mildred Sellers.

At the close of the business session the following program was carried out: "The Sword of Lee," Mrs. L. R. Craig vocal solo, Miss Beulah Braddy. Paper on Robert E. Lee, Mrs. Pierce Rogers.

Piano Solo, Mrs. W. C. Moore. Poem, "The Confederate Soldier," Miss Mildred Sellers.

Delicious refreshments of sandwiches, pound cake, coffee and mints were served by the hostesses.

NOTICE.

The regular meeting of the Improvement Club will be held Friday afternoon at four o'clock in the school building. All members are urged to be present as business of importance is to be transacted.

GOING TO SYRIA.

Carey Saleeby left Saturday for Hartsville where he will wind up some business affairs before leaving about the middle of the month on a visit to his old home in Mt. Lebanon, Syria. Carey came to America eighteen years ago when he was quite a boy and this will be his first visit back to the land of his nativity. It will take 17 days to reach his home after he leaves New York and the same number of days on the return trip. He hopes to be able to remain in the old country six months.

nal grantees had been erased and the name of Edmund Bigham written therein. It was executed at Charles-Sam Rittenberg, notary public.

According to Mr. Singletary the consideration also appeared to have been changed eliminating reference to Cleveland Bigham. Mrs. E. D. Bigham took this deed to the clerk of court last week, but did not leave it with him for purposes of record.

Man always has us for one more pair of suspenders.

DETAILS OF MARRIAGE BORO SHOOTING.

Barrington and Peele, Fill Each Other Full of Holes

Pee Dee Advocate. Will C. Barrington and Bart Peele were both shot and seriously wounded at the home of Barrington's wife on Broad street about 10 o'clock Sunday night. Both men were taken to the Clio hospital. Enquiry at the hospital yesterday afternoon brought the information that Mr. Peele was doing well, with a fair chance of recovery, but that Mr. Barrington was delirious and restless. His condition is regarded as critical.

The Barringtons and Mr. Peele are all originally from Brightsville, in this county. Mr. Peele has been conducting a barber shop in Bennettsville, on Broad street.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrington have not been living together for some time. Mr. Barrington went to North Carolina and Mrs. Barrington sold her farm in Brightsville, and bought a house on Broad street, next to Watson's livery stable, where she has been living with her little daughter since the first of last year. They have several grown children and some grandchildren.

Mr. Peele had a room at Mrs. Barrington's. It is said that Sunday night Mr. Barrington and his son Henry went to Mrs. Barrington's house and called Mr. Peele. He went to the door and, sensing trouble, went back and got his pistol. As he went the Barringtons opened fire and he returned it as soon as he could get his pistol. All of the shots were fired in rapid succession. Then the Barringtons went out and got in a car and rapidly drove away.

Mrs. Barrington ran out in her night clothes, calling for the police. A crowd quickly gathered, and Mr. Peele came from the rear of the house to the front yard in his night clothes. Dr. Strauss examined him and found that three balls had entered his body, all from the rear. One entered about the shoulder blade and came out in front, piercing the left lung. Another went to the upper thigh and came out in the groin. A third entered the back of the neck and lodged in the jaw, from which it was extracted by Dr. Mahoney at Clio, after he was taken there by Dr. Strauss and B. F. Whitner.

As Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stanton and B. L. Stanton were coming from toward Tatum about 11 P. M., at D. K. McColl's siding two miles east of Bennettsville, they saw a car stopped and a man sitting in it groaning. One of the car wheels had caught against the railroad iron, turning the car up the railroad track and smashing the wheel. They asked the man if he was hurt in the wreck, and he said he was, and asked them to take him out of the car. They made a bed on the ground of the car cushions and laid him on it. They asked him his name, and he said it was McCaskill from Moore county. He said that A. D. Barrington, who lived a few hundred yards away had gone for a doctor.

Soon A. D. Barrington and Dr. May arrived and the Stantons were surprised to learn that the man was Will Barrington and had been shot. Dr. May, B. L. Stanton and others carried him to the Clio hospital. Two balls had entered the center of the chest, going through the lungs. One of them was lodged under the skin in the back. There was also a wound in the side and one in the arm.

A 32-venty pistol was found in Mr. Barrington's car with two cartridges empty. The 32 pistol obtained from Mr. Peele had three empty cartridges.

Several ball holes in the walls of the hallway and front porch of Mrs. Barrington's house give evidence of the battle that raged there for a few moments and which was heard for several blocks.

No warrants have been issued or arrests made.

Mr. Barrington was severely stabbed in the lung in affray in Brightsville several years ago, when John Odom was killed. He was then in a serious condition for several weeks.

MALLORY.

The Tighman Lumber Co. has bought a house and several lots and will erect some buildings at once.

Martin Dees of Blenheim has bought the Dunn store, and several vacant lots from A. W. Tart. That looks like our little town is on a boom.

Our school building is almost completed. We have over 100 pupils on the roll. Mr. J. S. Fair is the principal.

The fine coon dog owned by J. M. Smith has been shipped to a Mr. Andrews at Conway. The purchase price was \$50. It seems that some folks have money yet.

No guano to haul; no oats to look at. Perhaps the farmers will plant corn, peas, cheese, and macaroni in the place of cotton this year and stop chasing the bankers. I am a farmer but I wish the banks would not lend a dollar until January 1922. We can make a grain crop on a little broad and molasses, then we could sleep with both eyes shut, not looking for a collector to come around. Some who are able to make cotton will not cut, thinking it is a fine time to make a jack, and next fall I am afraid it will be like it is now. Some are not able to plant at all; no money and no credit.