

ROMANCE ENDS IN TRAGEDY.

Runaway Wedding, a Row, and a Chase That Proved Fatal—Honeymoon's Sad Termination.

The State.
Port Mill, Aug. 14.—Here, in the extreme northern part of the State, not far from where the famous 'Squire Bailes conducts his Gretna Green establishment, there has in the last few days occurred a romance, followed by a tragedy, that reads almost like fiction. On Sunday evening last 'Squire McElhaney performed one of the class of marriages that has made 'Squire Bailes famous. Two days later the coroner was investigating the cause of the death of the happy bridegroom.

On last Sunday evening, having just performed the ceremony making a couple from the village of the Fort Mill Manufacturing company man and wife, 'Squire McElhaney was called upon to marry Miss Ella Ramsey and Mr. J. R. Norman, both of the same village. There was serious parental objection to this marriage, and thereby hangs the tragic tale.

After the marriage Norman and his bride returned to the home of her parents, who had bitterly opposed the marriage. Immediately there was a first class row, in the progress of which Norman severely abused and cursed the girl's parents, his manner being extremely violent and threatening. The girl's father reported the matter to the town authorities and on Monday morning Officer R. G. Johnson went in search of the young husband. He learned that Norman had just left, going in the direction of Rock Hill, eight miles distant, with the Catawba river between them. Then it was that Officer Johnson brought out his bloodhound and gave chase. Striking the trail of the fleeing man, there was an exciting chase between man and brute. As soon as the Catawba river was reached the animal went straight to the shore and, hesitating not a moment, plunged in and swam to the west bank. There he again endeavored to strike the trail but failed. Johnson had reached the river by this time, and failing to find the young man along the banks, he was convinced that he was hiding behind a rock cliff midway of the stream. After examining this cliff and failing to find his man, Johnson abandoned the search, taking his dog and returning home. On Tuesday parties along the river discovered the body of a man floating down stream.

They examined it and found that it was the body of the bridegroom of less than a day. It was pulled ashore and taken to a point near the home of Mr. Hanks Jones, who is reputed to be a relative of Abraham Lincoln, where at last accounts it was resting awaiting the arrival of the coroner of York county.

Mr. Norman was about 30 years of age. He had been in the mill village at Port Mill only a few weeks, having come from Belmont, N. C., for the purpose of taking a position in the mill. He has a brother living in the village.

Mr. Norman had scarcely arrived at Port Mill before he became enamored of the girl, who, forsaking her objecting parents, was willing to go with him, without their knowledge, to the magistrate, who was formerly the intend of the town, and plight her troth. The dramatic and tragic sequel leaves her a widow and simply brings to the attention of the world the sad ending of a beautiful romance, the result of a case of "love at first sight."

George B. Evans, manager of the American Transfer company of Kansas City, Mo., brutally murdered his wife at their home Saturday morning by shooting her. Two hours later he committed suicide in a cemetery. He was drunk when he committed the deed. He had not spent the night at home but entered the pantry window early Saturday morning, gaining access to his wife's room and committing the deed. His wife some days ago entered suit for a divorce on the ground of cruel treatment.

JETT AND WHITE CONVICTED.

Life Imprisonment for the Murderers of Marcum—Motion for a New Trial Filed.

Cynthiana, Ky., August 14.—The jury in the case of Curtis Jett and Thomas White charged with the assassination of James B. Marcum, at Jackson, Ky., returned a verdict of guilty today, fixing the punishment of each at life imprisonment. The verdict was returned at a time when there were but few persons in the Court room. The only attorney present was County Attorney Webster. Jett received the verdict with comparative indifference and calmness. White, who has been apparently under a severe strain during the trial, flushed up and his eyes filled with tears. The verdict occasioned little surprise. The only question which caused the delay, it is said, was whether to make the punishment death or life imprisonment.

Attorneys Blanton and Golden, for the defence, were absent when the jury came into Court, and Judge Osborne sent for them and told them to make their motion for a new trial. The motion was thereupon filed and the Court took it under advisement.

When it was announced that the jury had come out a crowd gathered at the Court room, but it was quiet and orderly, all the mountain men having gone to their homes.

Col. Boyd who prosecuted the prisoners, said he was disappointed in the case, as he had hoped for a verdict affixing the death penalty.

The case has been on trial almost three weeks, having been begun July 27. At the first trial at Jackson the jury disagreed and it is believed that the verdict today was a compromise with a juror opposed to capital punishment. The friends of Capt. B. L. Ewen and other witnesses for the Commonwealth, who have suffered greatly and were living in fear of their lives are greatly pleased. There have been twenty seven lives lost within the past two years in the Hargis-Cockrell feud in Breathitt County and this is the first conviction. No arrests or indictments had been made until last May, when the troops were ordered to Jackson to protect the grand jury and afterwards the trial jury and witnesses. Jett is still under indictment, charged with killing Town Marshal Cockrell. Jett said last night the rope had never been made with which to hang him, but he made no remarks today.

AN EXTRAORDINARY RESCUE

A Boy From Havana Who Had Been Adrift A Week Picked up 530 Miles From Home.

The Morgan Line steamer Eldorado, which arrived at New York from Galveston, had on board a 12 year old boy who was found adrift in an open boat about 100 miles off the coast of Georgia on August 10. He was naked and almost dead from exposure.

After the lad had been revived somewhat he told Capt. Prescott that with two other boys he was fishing outside the harbor of Havana, when the boat broke adrift and they were unable to row ashore. Two of the lads, seeing the land rapidly receding, plunged into the water and swam for shore. The other boy was unable to swim so far, and remained in the boat without food or water until picked up by the Eldorado. He says he was adrift for five days. Capt. Prescott thinks the boat could not have drifted 530 miles from Havana to the point where it was sighted in less than six days and possibly longer.

The Georgia prison commission charged with the investigation of the whipping of Mamie DeCris, a white woman at the State farm, has submitted its report saying that Warden Allagood acted entirely within his authority and that he was led to the whipping by extreme aggravation. The resignation of the warden accompanies the report, however. The report is the condoning of a very brutal act.

JEFFRIES STILL CHAMPION.

Knocked Out Jim Corbett In The Tenth—Fought Witnessed by Ten Thousand Men, at Cost of \$54,000.

Mechanics' Pavilion, San Francisco, Aug. 14.—James J. Jefferies, champion heavyweight of the world, played with Jim Corbett for nine rounds and a half tonight and then Corbett's seconds motioned to Referee Graney to stop the fight in order to save their man from needless punishment. The end came shortly after the beginning of the tenth round when Jefferies planted one of his terrific left swings on Corbett's stomach. The man who conquered John L. Sullivan dropped to the floor in agony and the memorable scene at Carson City when Bob Fitzsimmons landed his solar plexus blow was almost duplicated. This time, however, Corbett struggled to his feet and again faced his gigantic adversary. With hardly a moment's hesitation Jefferies swung his right and again landed on Corbett's stomach. Jim dropped to the floor and then it was that Tommy Ryan, seeing that it was all over, motioned to Referee Graney to stop the punishment.

Ten thousand men were seated about the arena in Mechanics' pavilion at 9 o'clock, representing an expenditure for seating accommodations aggregating \$54,000. This is the largest crowd ever assembled at a ringside in this country and the third largest sum in dollars and cents ever contested for.

The two that exceeded it in receipts were the Corbett-Jeffries fight at Coney Island, \$65,000, and the Corbett-McCoy fight at Madison Square Garden, New York, \$63,000. The scene about the big pavilion from 5 p. m., until the men stepped into the ring was one of confusion. The gallery ticket holders formed in line on Hayes, Larkin and Grove streets in three large rows, and although there was much crowding and scrimmaging in the attempt to gain admittance, a hundred policemen kept perfect order once the doors were opened. The pavilion ticket holders were more leisurely about coming to claim their seats.

COLUMBIA'S LYNCHING CONVENTION.

Present Outlook is That There Will be a Large Attendance of Representative Colored Citizens—The Speakers.

News and Courier.
The Rev. N. G. Johnson, who took a leading part in calling the proposed lynching conference, says that from the present outlook there will be a large attendance of representative colored citizens.

All railroads in the State and those running from Augusta will sell special or reduced rate tickets to all persons who attend the convention on Tuesday, August 25. Persons attending the convention should ask for round trip tickets. Tickets will be sold on Monday, August 24, and Tuesday, the 25th, and will be good to return on or before Tuesday, 27th.

The following named speakers have been invited to discuss the various phases of the subject of lynching, its causes and remedies: The Rev. M. M. Gilbert, D. D., of Columbia; the Rev. George C. Rowes, of Charleston; the Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., of Charleston; the Rev. Geo. T. Dillard, D. D., of Columbia; E. J. Sawyer, of Bennettville; the Rev. R. B. Wells, D. D., of Columbia, and George W. Murray, of Sumter, and others.

President Roosevelt on Sunday delivered the principal address at the quarterly meeting of the Society of the Holy Name of Booklyn and Long Island, held at Oyster Bay. The president's theme was "Decency of Speech and Conduct." The address was enthusiastically applauded by the audience of more than two thousand.

Russia so far has not been satisfied with the reparation made by Turkey for the murder of the Russian consul at Monastir and Russia's Black Sea fleet has sailed for Turkish waters.

FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

Superintendent Martin Issues Circular to Superintendents and Teachers.

Columbia, August 17.—The following circular letter has been issued from the office of the State Superintendent of Education:

"To County Superintendents, Trustees and Teachers:

"Allow me to call your attention to the urgent need of libraries in our common schools. Many of our schools have well arranged working libraries but hundreds of them have no provision whatever for the thousands of bright pupils who are hungering and thirsting for something more than is furnished by the daily routine of text book work. And, then, there are thousands of children who spend much precious time in wanton idleness which might be profitably spent in reading the best literature. In addition to its disciplinary features, a small library will be used by a judicious teacher for the purpose of inspiring pupils to a wider outlook and a nobler life. In fact, I have observed the workings of some small libraries in country schools recently and have noticed that such libraries work a wholesome influence on the entire community. They give subjects of community interests and prevent gossip and disagreements.

"It is scarcely necessary to argue the benefits of school libraries. One has only to go into a school room and hear pupils recite, or examine some sets of examination papers, to find out by general intelligence and excellence of expression the students who have had access to good books and who have been readers. There is a vast amount of ignorance of current knowledge and information. Many homes are not provided with newspapers, magazines or any literature which will teach living history and widen the horizon of the life of the bright boys and girls who emanate from them.

"Every school ought to have its dictionary and, if possible, its encyclopaedia—and yet how many have neither? After a library has been begun in a school, it is easy for it to accumulate, and soon many other valuable books of reference and parallel reading will be collected which enable teachers to train for research, culture and scholarship. I have known a teacher in a country school to raise \$10 or \$12 with an entertainment, to start a library and then the trustees provided a nice bookcase with a lock and key. Gifts of books were made by various public-spirited people and that case also received various papers and magazines. The library grew to such proportions that the community decided to build a new and more elegant house to harmonize with the new book case and new books. Other equipment was purchased to match and, in addition to reforming the physical surroundings of that schoolhouse, that library is working a very beneficent reformation of a whole school district. All this was brought about by the effect of a zealous, useful teacher.

"Some library equipment is necessary in order that the teacher may teach pupils how to read and what to read. The whole course of a pupil's life may be changed by giving him a love for reading and a taste for good books. Newspapers, magazines and other periodicals exert a great educational influence, and these might well find space in a well-ordered book-case in a public school. Some are especially adapted and a teacher can use them with wonderful results.

"It is my desire that we get at least a small library started in all of the schools in our state which have no such provision, and I ask for your co-operation in this very important and far reaching work. I have asked Dr. Jas. P. Kinard, of Winthrop College, to prepare some suggestive lists in connection with his work at the State Summer School, and these are hereto appended. These and other good books may be obtained at very reasonable prices. Either of these lists, with a dictio-

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Items of More or Less Interest Condensed Outside the State.

The Irish Land Bill has passed through both houses of the English Parliament and now awaits the signature of the King to become law.

The injuries to the battleship Massachusetts caused by striking on Egg Rock Shoal out of Bar Harbor, Me., are greater than at first expected and extensive repairs will be necessary.

The defaulting clerk of the Merchants' National Bank of Newark, N. J., has been caught. He is 71 years old. He has no hesitation in talking about his crime, which was embezzling \$29,000 of the funds of the bank.

The limited New York express on the Pennsylvania road ran into an open switch at Van Werts, Ohio, Friday night, one man being instantly killed, another fatally injured, and thirteen more or less injured.

The latest trust is a Tailoring Trust, and Charles M. Schwab, the Steel King and millionaire, is said to be behind it. The trust will establish tailoring houses all over the country, including Charleston and Columbia in this State.

The hurricane which swept over Jamaica last week carried appalling devastation in its wake. Thousands of people were rendered homeless and deprived of everything they possessed and numbers were killed.

It is reported from Salonica that the Bulgarian insurgents have turned tables on the Turks and massacred the inhabitants of the large Turkish village of Knauti, near Monastir, only twenty inhabitants of the town escaping.

The eruption of Vesuvius somewhat increased. The stream of lava flowing from the crater is divided into two branches. The longer reaches a distance of 2,500 feet other a distance of 2,300 feet. The reports states there is no immediate danger.

Kansas City is in peril again on account of high waters and traffic between the Missouri side and the Kansas side has been suspended, all the temporary pile bridges erected after the great flood in June having been endangered by a rise in the Kansas river.

The last issue of the Manufacturers' Record gives figures showing a steady increase of exports from Southern ports. In ten years the exports of New Orleans nearly doubled and the exports at Galveston have more than tripled in the same time.

Joseph Pulitzer has provided the sum of \$2,000,000 to establish a school of journalism at Columbia University, New York. \$500,000 is to be expended in the erection of a building. It is expected to have the school completed by the opening of the session of 1904.

Congressman Henry B. Gibson, of the 2d Tennessee district, has become heir to between \$50,000, and \$100,000, by a provision in the will of Mrs. Martha Graves, recently deceased in Washington. The Congressman will devote the money to help worthy young men through college, as Mrs. Graves is said to have assisted him.

A through freight from Asheville to Spartanburg ran away coming down the steep grade from Saluda mountain on Thursday, gaining terrific speed and jumping the track. Engineer J. H. Averill, Jr., and his fireman were buried under the wreck and a brakeman's legs were cut off. The accident was caused by the failure of the brakes to work.

Gilbert Twigg, of Winfield, Kan., aged thirty years, supposed to be insane, appeared on the principal street of Winfield Thursday night with a double-barrelled shot gun and fired both charges deliberately into a crowd of 5,000 people, who were listening to a band concert. He killed three persons, fatally injured three, and shot twenty others, six of whom may die.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of More or Less Interest Condensed In the State.

The Bamberg cotton mill has shut down for one month "for extensive repairs and improvements."

Capt. S. S. Ross has found a tin mine on his place at Gaffey which promises to yield bountifully.

Yesterday was the last day of service of Col. T. J. Cunningham, phosphate inspector, whose office was abolished by the last legislature.

The Attorney General, in response to a request from the Railroad Commissioners, has filed an opinion in which he holds that baby carriages constitute articles of baggage.

A negro has been arrested at Batesburg who is believed to be the man who entered a lady's room in Augusta some time ago with evil intent.

Thomas Owens, a negro laborer in Florence County, while felling a tree in the woods on Saturday was caught beneath the tree and mashed to death.

It is reported from Florence that the tobacco sales during the past week have been exceptionally large but that the price has been very small.

The Olympia and Granby mills in Columbia have started the plan of closing down for the first three days in each week until the new crop of cotton comes in.

The encampment of the regiment of cavalry at Camden was broken on Saturday morning. The camp was named M. L. Smith in honor of the Speaker of the House, whose home is in Camden.

More than three thousand persons attended the big educational gathering at Tirzah in York county last week. Addresses were made by Supt. O. B. Martin, Prof. Clinkscales of Wofford and other prominent gentlemen.

The relief committee having charge of the fund for the relief of the sufferers in the Picolet valley from the great June floods has submitted its final report, showing that the total amount contributed, \$25,998.27, has been disbursed for the relief of the sufferers.

Jerome Stark, of Columbia, while working on the line of the Bell Telephone company in Charleston on Thursday came in contact with a live wire and fell a distance of 60 feet to the pavement. His fall was broken by coming down upon a fellow worker and he suffered no serious injury.

Florence tobacco growers have failed to make any money on their tobacco crop this year on account of the tobacco trust, they claim. A mass meeting of the citizens of Florence was held last week and resolutions were adopted against trusts in general and the tobacco trust in particular.

A negro woman and two children in the same house were struck and killed by lightning at Brogdon's, Sumter county, Thursday night. The woman was in the act of closing a window when struck. An infant in her arms was seriously injured. The two children killed were on the opposite side of the room.

South Carolina's first bale for 1903 was marketed at Bamberg Thursday afternoon. It was grown by Abo Simmons, colored, on the plantation of H. C. Folk, five miles south of Bamberg. The bale weighed 498 pounds and was classed as good middling. It was shipped to Augusta. This bale is seven days later than last year. The earliest bale ever marketed in this State was July 27, 1896, grown by the same negro.

The government of Bulgaria, has presented to the Powers a terrible story of Turkish outrages in Macedonia. Men, women and children, the paper says, were massacred in various places, the women raped, and men and children tortured to death. The prisons were filled with priests, schoolmasters and merchants on the flimsiest pretexts.

ary and subscription to two or three well chosen papers and magazine, will make a splendid nucleus for a school library. There are great possibilities in this work and it is building for all time. I hope that the statistics next year will show great advancement in the work of securing good school libraries, because I know that excellent results must follow earnest effort along this line. The following lists prepared by Dr. Kinard will suggest a good beginning, and any intelligent teacher can easily suggest additions and many patrons and public spirited people will donate books, papers and magazines to help such good cause."

LIBRARY LIST NO. 1.
(Suggested by Dr. Jas. P. Kinard, of Winthrop College.)

- Anderson, Fairy Tales.
- Anderson, Arabian Nights' Entertainment.
- Bolton, Poor Boys Who Became Famous.
- Bullfinch, Age of Fable.
- Bunyan, Pilgrim's Progress.
- Defoe, Robinson Crusoe.
- Earle, Child Life in Colonial Days.
- Franklin, Autobiography.
- Grimm, Fairy Tales.
- Lamb, Adventures of Ulysses.
- Lamb, Tales from Shakespeare.
- Mowry, American Inventions and Inventors.
- Plutarch, Lives (Selections.)
- Pyle, Merry Adventures of Robin Hood.
- Pyrrnelle, Diddie, Dumps and Tot.
- Ruskin, King of the Golden River.
- Swift, Gulliver's Travels.
- Williamson, Life of Jackson.

LIBRARY LIST NO. 2.

(Suggested by Dr. J. P. Kinard, of Winthrop College.)

- Abbott, Alfred, The Great.
- Abbott, Cyrus.
- Abbott, Julius Caesar.
- Aleotti, Miles Standish.
- Aleotti, Little Women.
- Aleotti, Old Fashioned Girl.
- Anderson, Fairy Tales.
- Anderson, Arabian Nights' Entertainment.
- Bolton, Poor Boys Who Became Famous.
- Bullfinch, Age of Fable.
- Bunyan, Pilgrim's Progress.
- Barnett, Little Lord Fauntleroy.
- Cooke, Surr of Eagle's Nest.
- Cooper, The Spy.
- Defoe, Robinson Crusoe.
- Dickens, David Copperfield.
- Earle, Child Life in Colonial Days.
- Eliot, Silas Marner.
- Franklin, Autobiography.
- Frost, Swamp Fox (Marion).
- Goldsmith, Vicar of Wakefield.
- Goulding, Young Marooners.
- Grimm, Fairy Tales.
- Harris, Uncle Remus.
- Hawthorne, Sketch Book, (Selected.)
- Homer, The Odyssey (Bryant's Trans.)
- Kipling, Jungle Book.
- Lamb, Adventures of Ulysses.
- Lamb, Tales from Shakespeare.
- Lang, Blue Fairy Book.
- Motley, Siege of Leyden.
- Mowry, American Inventions and Inventors.
- Mulock, John Halifax, Gentleman.
- Plutarch, Lives (Selections.)
- Pyle, Merry Adventures of Robin Hood.
- Pyrrnelle, Diddie, Dumps and Tot.
- Ruskin, King of the Golden River.
- Scott, Heart of Midlothian.
- Scott, Ivanhoe.
- Scott, Kenilworth.
- Scott, Lady of The Lake.
- Stevenson, Treasure Island.
- Swift, Gulliver's Travels.
- Thackeray, Henry Esmond.
- Thackeray, The Newcomes.
- Williamson, Life of Jackson.
- Wyss, Ewiss Family Robinson.

Columbia, Newberry and Laurens R. R. Co.

Special occasion: 26th Annual Convention S. C. Sunday School Association (Interdenominational), Greenville, S. C., August 26th and 27th, 1903.

Rates:

Columbia	\$5.00
Prosperity	\$4.00
Newberry	\$3.75
Laurens	\$3.00
Clinton	\$2.50

Date of sale: August 26th, 25th and 26th, with final limit August 29th.