

**BETHEA TRAGEDY.**

**One of Several—Wednesday Was a Day of Blood in Wilmington.**

Wilmington, Del., March 24.—Never before have the criminal annals of the city made such a ghastly showing as yesterday. Three murders and violent shooting assaults that may result in three more deaths, a half dozen persons slightly wounded, and two suicides comprised the startling record. The day had been one without parallel in the city's history.

The most sensational of these was the tragedy on the Baltimore & Ohio express train, which, starting when the train had just passed Newark, 12 miles below Wilmington, continued until its arrival at the Delaware avenue station in this city, culminating in the death of the double murderer after he had held at bay for more than an hour nearly the entire police force and a crowd of more than a thousand persons.

It is not known yet who fired the shot which ended the life of J. H. Bethea of Dillon, and probably it never will be, for he was the target for the pistols of the police and for rifles, shotguns and revolvers fired by persons in the assembled throng. Bethea's body still remains at the morgue. No word has as yet been received from his South Carolina home regarding the disposition of the body.

The body of Conductor Wellman was sent to Philadelphia, and the body of the negro porter was sent to Washington this morning. The only person save the conductor and porter of the train who was struck by one of Bethea's bullets was Park Guard John L. Wiley of this city. He was struck twice by Bethea's quick fire. His wounds are not expected to prove fatal.

The victims of the work house tragedy, Guards Walter Hastings and Thomas McCullough, are still in a serious condition. Physicians entertain no hope for the recovery of either. Stephen Foster, the negro prisoner who shot them, is still living, but probably will die.

The other tragedies—the suicide of Mrs. Hattie Rommel and suicide of Charles Tindal, after he had shot and killed Mrs. Clara Newcomb because of her refusal to elope with him—are without further incident.

**Was Shock in Dillon.**

Dillon, March 24.—The news of the tragedy in which John Henry Bethea was killed was a great shock to the town and community. It was known that Bethea had been drinking lately, but only his most intimate friends knew that he was out of town. He had been to Baltimore to Johns Hopkins hospital recently for a diagnosis of a malady from which he had been suffering. His trouble was pronounced cancer of the stomach. This seemed to prey upon his mind and he was bent upon having the trouble removed.

He left Dillon with the intention of going to Baltimore for an operation. It is supposed that in a state of despondency he drank too heavily and that he became irresponsible for his actions, that he reached the state of alcoholic insanity.

Bethea was reared about six miles from Dillon, near Little Rock. He was the son of a prominent farmer, John F. Bethea. For a number of years he was a successful farmer and later gave more or less of his time to carpentering. He became a contractor and did well at that. He was fond of travel, having taken several trips West.

He had accumulated some property, and had a bank account. He was reserved in his nature and of a quiet disposition. He attended to his own business.

His body is expected to arrive tonight and he will be buried at the family burial ground at Little Rock.

He is survived by two brothers and a sister, Alonzo Bethea of Little Rock, Laurin Bethea of Latta and Mrs. Medlin of Dillon.

**Was at Hospital.**

Baltimore, Md., March 24.—J. H. Bethea, the South Carolinian, who shot to death the conductor and porter on a Baltimore & Ohio passenger train yesterday evening, spent some time at the Johns Hopkins hospital in this city yesterday forenoon. His actions were so queer that the hospital officials were convinced that he was mentally unbalanced.

Bethea had been a patient there about a year ago, suffering from an abdominal trouble. Claiming that the old ailment had returned, he appeared again at the hospital yesterday morning and talked about treatment. He was restless, however, and could give the doctors little information respecting his case.

Finally he left without making any arrangements for returning, and

nothing was heard of him by the hospital attaches until they read of his tragic end this morning.

**SHOOTS UP A MOVING TRAIN.**

**J. H. Bethea, of Dillon, Kills Conductor and Porter on Moving B. & O. Train.**

Wilmington, Del., March 23.—An exciting battle in which three men were killed took place on a north-bound Baltimore and Ohio train this afternoon. The fight began at Newark, Del., and ended in this city. Several persons were wounded in the deadly affray, which occurred at the Delaware Avenue station here following the arrival of the train at 5:17 o'clock.

The dead:

O. E. Wellman, aged 40, of Philadelphia, conductor of the train.

Samuel Williams, aged 50, negro; pullman porter, whose home is said to have been in Jersey City.

J. H. Bethea, aged 40, of Dillon, S. C.

The injured:

John O. Wiley, aged 40, a park guard of Wilmington, Del., shot in the hand and leg.

Matthew Haley, a citizen of Wilmington, shot in the leg.

Others were grazed by flying bullets.

**Cause of Tragedy.**

The triple tragedy was the result of an altercation between Bethea, who was a passenger, and Williams, the porter in the pullman parlor car, Mercury. The car was bound from Washington to Jersey City.

Bethea, who had been drinking heavily, shot the porter through the heart, killing him instantly. When Conductor Wellman saw the porter fall he ran to the scene to remonstrate with the passenger, who still held the smoking revolver in his hand, Bethea fired a second shot into the negro's body. Then without a word Bethea shot Wellman through the heart.

**MERCHANT SLAIN.**

**Clinton Rhoden Killed by W. B. Glenn at Batesburg.—Crowd Witnesses Tragedy.**

Batesburg, March 24.—Clinton Rhoden, a merchant of this place, was shot and instantly killed at one o'clock this afternoon by W. B. Glenn, city electrician. The shooting occurred on the principal street of Batesburg, which was crowded at the time.

Glenn surrendered and was taken to jail at Lexington. There had been bad feeling between the two men for some time. As Glenn was going along the street past Rhoden's store the latter called to him. Glenn answered, "If you want me you can come out here for me."

Rhoden then left his store and went toward Glenn. A few moments' conversation ensued, and then Rhoden was seen to strike Glenn. Several blows passed, and then Glenn drew a pistol and fired four shots at Rhoden. The first went wild, but the next three took deadly effect.

The first effective shot entered under Rhoden's chin and passed through the neck under the left ear. The second severed the right jugular vein and penetrated the brain. The last bullet entered under the left arm and plowed its way through the body, going just under the heart and penetrating the left lung. It was afterwards found just to the right of the breast-bone. Any one of the shots would have proved fatal.

At the coroner's inquest two witnesses testified that Rhoden had put his hand behind him, as if to draw a pistol, just before Glenn opened fire. The coroner's jury brought in the customary verdict that Rhoden "came to his death by gunshot wound at the hands of Glenn."

Rhoden was about 52 years old. He is survived by his wife and five children. Glenn, who is about the same age, also has a wife and five children.

**UNCLE SAM AFTER**

**BLIND TIGERS**

"Dry" Districts Appeal to President Taft.—More Drastic Measures to Be Taken.

Washington, March 26.—"War on 'blind tigers' and on 'bootleggers' has been declared by the Administration. Hereafter persons engaging in these forms of the liquor traffic are to be dealt with much more drastically than heretofore.

This stand of the Government has particular reference to violation of the internal revenue laws in "dry" country, where local enactments prohibit dealing in liquor. Loud complaints had come to President Taft from various "dry" districts, nota-

bly in the South and West, that the prohibition laws were negative through the operation of the "blind tigers," and the "bootleggers," and in response to demands for remedial measures, he directed that steps be taken to stop the practices so far as lay within the Federal power.

New regulations were drawn under the supervision of Mr. Cabell, the commissioner of internal revenue and approved by Secretary MacVeagh today. They set out that as the peddling of liquors are not covered by the internal revenue laws, as no provision is made for the issuance of any stamp legalizing such practice, peddlers of liquors, or "bootleggers," are not to be regarded as coming within the class of unintentional violators and should be arrested and reported for prosecution whenever found selling liquor in such manner.

Heavy penalties of fine or imprisonment or both are prescribed for violations of the law.

As a supplemental measure of assistance to the State in the enforcement of their prohibition laws, a method has been provided by which they may obtain information gathered by the Federal government of internal revenue violations.

**KIRKLAND COMMITTED TO JAIL**

**Coroner's Jury Charges Him with Wife Murder.**

Camden, March 26.—The tragic death of Mrs. Sam Kirkland was wired the News and Courier yesterday. Since that time fuller details have been obtained, which are shocking in the extreme.

In brief, Sam Kirkland was a drinking man, according to all accounts, and when under the influence of liquor was a turbulent fellow, and treated his wife brutally. On Thursday he is alleged to have asked her to get in his buggy with him; that he wanted to talk to her.

A neighbor, who saw them in the buggy, is reported to have said that their actions were suspicious, and he detected that Kirkland was drinking. He is said to have left home with a jug of whiskey and imbibed freely of the ardent spirits. When he returned home in the evening his wife's face was swollen, and there were scars and bruises upon her. Her bonnet was lying in the foot of the buggy in a bloody condition.

In her desperation she is alleged to have said that she could not stand it any longer; so she saturated her hair with kerosene oil and set fire to it, dying as a result early yesterday morning.

Coroner Dixon was notified, as was also Solicitor Cobb, who attended the inquest. The verdict of the coroner's jury was "that Mrs. Belle Kirkland came to her death by self-inflicted

wounds caused by her husband." A warrant was accordingly issued for Kirkland, charging him with murder, and he is now confined in jail in Camden to answer for the death of his wife.

Mrs. Kirkland was the mother of seven children.

**OURS, A RACE OF SLUGGARDS.**

**Professor Woodward Attacks Present Educational System.**

(Chicago, Ill., March 25.—"Our modern system of education is resulting in lazy, good-for-nothing citizens."

This statement was made by Prof. C. M. Woodward, president of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, at the opening of the fifteenth annual meeting of that organization here to-day. He continued: "It is not our place to educate a privileged class of individuals, but to train men to fight their way under modern conditions and these conditions are becoming more and more industrial. The great burden of the American Republic today is the number of educated, untrained floaters, who are incapable of efficient effort."

**FEATHERSTONE, SPECIAL JUDGE.**

**Laurens Lawyer Will Preside Over Abbeville Court.**

Columbia, March 25.—The Hon. C. C. Featherstone, of Laurens, candidate for governor of South Carolina, was to-day appointed special Judge by Governor Ansel, upon recommendation of Chief Justice Jones, to preside over the term of Court to be held in Abbeville county, beginning the fourth Monday in March and lasting for two weeks, if so much be necessary.

**NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT**

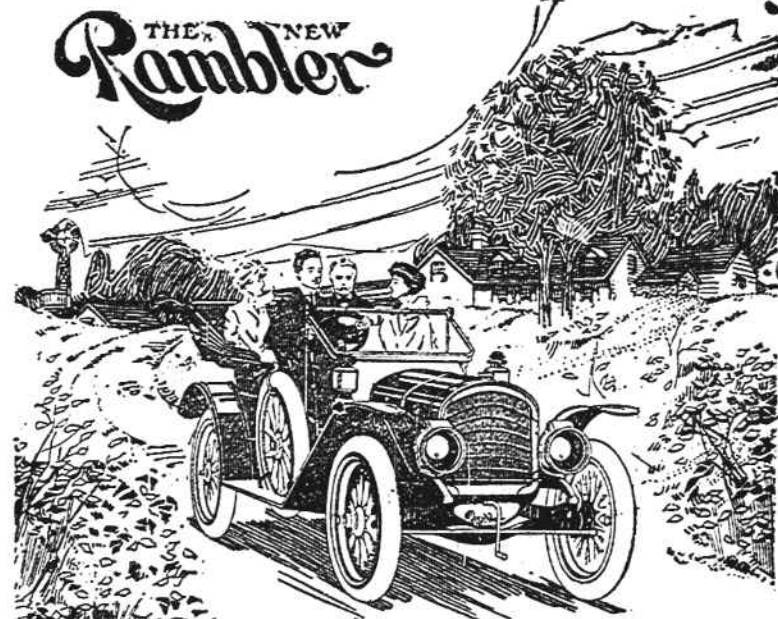
I will make a final settlement, as guardian, of the estate of Elmer G. Piester, in the Probate Court for Newberry County on Wednesday, April 6, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon and immediately thereafter ask to be discharged as said guardian.

D. E. Halfacre, Guardian.

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**NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT**

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John C. Goggans,  
M. A. Carlisle,  
Executors.

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Red Deer Gin	24 Pts. 9.00.	48 Half Pints 9.50
Sydnor XXXX Rye	24 Pts. 7.50.	48 Half Pints 8.00
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