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## LAD KILLS HIS FATHER

Unfortunate Patricide Occurred at Westville Wednesday Evening.

W. Hamp Jordan, a white man said to be about fifty years of age was shot and instantly killed about one mile north of Westville, in this county early Wednesday evening.

Coyt Jordan, a lad of about nineteen years and a son of the dead man was held by a coroner's jury charged with the killing. From the evidence produced at the inquest it was testified that the elder Jordan came home in a drunken condition and began a row with the family. He is said to have slapped one of the children and had his knife drawn in the act of attacking another, when Coyt Jordan went outside the house with his shotgun and fired at him through the glass. The load took effect in his right eye killing him instantly.

There were four witnesses examined by the coroner's jury with J. V. Young as foreman and they all testified practically the same. Some of the witnesses were not members of the family who were visiting at the home at the time. Jordan was a native of Chesterfield county, but had been residing around Westville for two years or more. The killing occurred about 7 o'clock. Jordan leaves a wife and several children who were all present in the room when the unfortunate affair occurred.

## DR. HADLEY ELECTROCUTED

Paid Death Penalty for Murder of His Wife.

Richmond, Dec. 9.—Dr. Milmer Amso Hadley, former army surgeon and ranchman, at 8 o'clock this morning was put to death in the electric chair in the State penitentiary for the murder of his wife, Mrs. Eue Tinsley Hadley in November, 1918. Prison attendants declared Dr. Hadley went to his death calmly and with stoicism. The execution had attracted considerable interest during the last few days because of the reported possibility that Governor Davis might order a stay of execution to enable a commission to investigate the wife slayer's sanity, but the Governor, after examination of the records in the case, declined to interfere.

Dr. Hadley's death this morning closed the last chapter of a case involving one of the most sensational murders in Richmond's criminal history and ranking with other famous homicides, such as that of Henry Clay Beattie, Jr.

Dr. Hadley was taken from the death cell in the State prison and escorted to the chamber containing the electric chair at 8 o'clock. The current was applied at exactly 8:05 o'clock and the prison physician pronounced him dead at 8:07. Prison attendants declared Dr. Hadley showed little signs of nervousness and was extraordinarily cool while the chair straps and appliances were being adjusted.

Dr. Hadley told the Rev. Dr. J. J. Scherer, Jr., and Judge Hodgericks of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, who had visited him a number of times since his removal to the death chamber in the penitentiary that he had made peace with God. He made no statement, however, before being led to the electric chair this morning.

Mrs. Hadley's body was found in the James river near Richmond on December 30, 1919, by a negro trapper and was identified by the woman's sister several weeks later. A search for Dr. Hadley was begun by local authorities, which carried them through many States and parts of Canada and Dr. Hadley finally was apprehended on a ranch in New Mexico. At the time of his arrest he was in disguise and digging an irrigation ditch. He was taken to Denver, Colo., where according to the Henrico County authority he made a written confession that he had killed his wife. This confession was used against him in his trial. In the confession he declared he also shot a "mysterious Dr. Griffin" a fellow surgeon in the army, but an investigation proved this to be unfounded, which Hadley finally admitted.

From the time of his arrest last August, until his death today, Dr. Hadley maintained a taciturn disposition and indifference.

## NOTICE

All Camden Banks will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 26 and 27th observing Christmas Holidays. On Christmas Eve they will keep open until 10 o'clock at night for the convenience of depositors.

## THE BIRTH OF A NATION

At The Majestic Theatre, Friday December 23rd.

A great deal of film comedy is horse-play, but David W. Griffith in "The Birth of a Nation" proves that quiet refined comedy is a big laugh maker and pleases people better than the old style crude methods.

One of the best laughs in "The Birth of a Nation" is the lovesick entry in the hospital scene gazing at Elsie Stoneman. This particular bit is of the "sure fire" order, for never does an audience miss the rapt devotion of the sentinel and the haughty expression of the young lady rebuking him with a million-miles-away look.

Paul LeBlanc is the name of the young actor who has made the unexpected hit in the part. He is a New Orleans Creole by birth and played comedy roles with Mme. Bernhardt before going out to Los Angeles where Mr. Griffith discovered him. The costuming of the young soldier is wonderfully accurate to the period of 1864. Some of the recent Civil War portraits in the magazines and newspapers are almost doublets of this sentry figure showing what care Griffith has used in reproducing the Civil War type.

Miss Lilian Gish wears her costumes of Civil War and Reconstruction times that are heirlooms in her family. Through Griffith's skill all the actors in the production are made to appear as if to the manner born, and not awkwardly moving about in habiliments to which they are unaccustomed.

## Hermitage Mill News

On Friday evening, the S. O. D. H. Club Girls, instead of having a regular cooking lesson, invited a number of friends to "come and make merry" with them, and the evening proved delightful to all present. The rooms of the Community House were aglow with lights, while open fires gave comfort and cheer. Tables were arranged in two rooms for cards and pleasant hours were passed in interesting games. Within the kitchen, busy hands worked and during the evening the fruits of their labors were served abundantly to all present, delicious sandwiches, hot cocoa with whipped cream, fudge, cream fondant, sea-foam and other candies, all proving that the Club Girls are adepts in the art of preparing and serving substantial and tempting delicacies.

To many inquiries as to the name of the Hermitage Club Girls, "S. O. D. H." it will be explained that this name means "Still On Dad's Hands," though it is well understood by one who has been fortunate enough to be their guest that they are members of this club as a matter of choice.

At a late hour, the merry crowd left the pleasant scene, all thanking the Club Girls for the delightful occasion. Among those present were, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Pitts, Misses Mary Simpson, Nancy Jeter, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Arnett, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Player, Mrs. Burns, Messrs. Smuter Crolley, J. D. Gwynn and others. The Club membership numbers sixteen, all of whom were present.

The Boys' Honorary Club held an open meeting Monday night. The program consisted of a debate. The query was, "Resolved that Washington was a greater general than Lee." The affirmative debaters were Messrs. Lockard Munn and Garsen Lindsay. The negative was upheld by Messrs. Archie Morris and Lonnie Munn. The arguments were very forcibly given and showed careful preparation and research work. These young men proved themselves a credit to their club and community. A large crowd was present and followed each speaker with interest. The judges were Messrs. J. D. Player, H. Burns and Miss Mary Simpson.

The huge crocodile killed in the Hermitage pond last week has excited a good bit of curiosity. The crocodile measured nine feet four inches, weighed three hundred and fifty pounds, and is said to be about sixty years old. Quite a number of the people in the village have gone up to the head of the pond to see the huge monster.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Pitts and family spent the week end in Greenwood with Mr. Pitts' parents. Miss Nancy Jeter spent the week end with Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Sowell. Misses Bessie Crolley and Mary Simpson spent Saturday in Columbia shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Burns have as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. O'Dell from North Carolina.

Mrs. L. A. Kirkland and Mrs. T. J. Kirkland spent Wednesday in Columbia.

## ROBBED HIS FATHER

Young Man Under Arrest at York Charged With Holdup.

York, S. C., Dec. 11.—J. B. Perry of Columbia, held in the York county jail along with L. E. Odum of Lancaster, his traveling companion, on the charge of attempting to hold up an automobile of York people on the Rock Hill road Thursday night, is wanted in Columbia for the alleged theft of five bales of cotton from his own father, according to information received here today from Sheriff Heise of Richland county.

Perry's statement that he was doing private detective work for Sheriff Heise is absolutely without foundation, according to the Richland sheriff, who says he has never employed him in any capacity.

Sheriff Heise says he has been searching for Perry because of the theft by him of five bales of cotton from the latter's father, Marza Perry, a former Columbian, now living at Blaney. The elder Perry moved to Blaney from Edgewood about three weeks ago, it is said, leaving some cotton, which he intended to move later. The cotton disappeared and a drayman testified that he had moved the cotton for Perry, who had disappeared.

Perry claims that in stopping the York car, in which were four women and two boys, he thought he was only exercising his authority, alleging that he is a private detective. Finding more occupants in the car than he evidently expected and weakening before a fusillade of protests that scorching and sizzled, he abandoned his intention, whatever it may have been, and permitted the York people to continue on their way.

He and Odum were arrested in York Thursday night. Odum, who claims to be from Lancaster, appears to have taken no active part in the attempted hold-up.

## YOUNG MAN SHOT

Herbert Williams Seriously Wounded By Thomas J. Ray.

Herbert Williams, a young white man said to be about 28 years old, was shot and seriously wounded near Lugoff in this county Friday night about 9 o'clock. It has been impossible to get at the facts connected with the shooting and it is not known what the men fell out about.

Thomas J. Ray, an elderly white man, said to be about 60 years of age was arrested Friday and placed in jail by Sheriff Welsh, charged with the shooting. Williams is in the Camden hospital suffering from a severe gunshot wound in the face. A portion of his face was shot away and a part of one ear is missing.

At last accounts, Williams was reported as improving and physicians say that he has an even chance of recovery.

## Cotton Ginned In The County.

According to county ginning census enumerator, Mr. L. A. Shiver, 12,400 bales of cotton were ginned in this county prior to December 1, 1921, as compared to 30,832 bales for a like period in 1920.

## Lady Died At Bethune.

While enroute from Ohio to Florida and traveling in an auto, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Monroe and fourteen year old son stopped for the night at Bethune in this county last Saturday afternoon. Soon after reaching a boarding place Mrs. Monroe was taken suddenly ill and died the following day. The body was brought to Camden where it was prepared for burial and was sent to their former home at Sidney, Ohio.

## HUGE ALLIGATOR KILLED

Monster Measured Over Nine Feet and Weighed 350 Pounds.

Ed Barnes, of the eastern part of the county, was here yesterday exhibiting the hide of a monster alligator, killed several days ago by he and his father, Dory Barnes, at the head of the Hermitage mill pond.

The men say they had to shoot the gator sixteen times—finally hitting him in the eyes. The reptile showed fight, so the men state, and chased them into shallow water where it was killed. It measured nine feet and four inches and weighed 350 pounds and is reckoned by some to be at least sixty years of age. The skin will be tanned and made into suit cases and hand bags. Large numbers of people went out to see the big reptile.

## GUNMAN ESCAPES

Notorious Robber Overpowers Guards at Chicago Prison.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Tommy O'Connor two-gunner, sentenced to be hanged next Thursday for murder, and two other notorious criminals today escaped from the county jail, fighting their way past half a dozen guards, most of whom were beaten into unconsciousness by the desperadoes in their dash for liberty.

Starting in the fourth floor "bull pen," where the prisoners were exercising at 11 o'clock this morning, the break for freedom led down five floors, through the basement, into the jail yard and over a twelve-foot wall where an automobile was confiscated. The driver, a pistol poked into his face, was told to "drive like hell."

A few minutes later, the machine crashed into a telephone pole, but O'Connor commandeered another car, and when last seen, the murderer, who has been characterized by the police as Chicago's most desperate gunman, was headed toward the South Side underworld, armed for battle. Two other prisoners who attempted to escape with the trio were captured in the jail grounds.

The escape carried out in broad daylight, was the most sensational in this part of the country in many years, and apparently was carefully planned in advance. It was successful despite the fact that several jailers refused to heed the threat of O'Connor's pistol and risked their lives in trying to obstruct his dash for liberty.

The two men who escaped with O'Connor were Edward Darrow, charged with a \$60,000 robbery, and James La Porte, alleged to have been implicated in a \$30,000 robbery. O'Connor had been in trouble with the police on many occasions, but his apparent immunity from conviction earned him the title of "Lucky Tommy."

Last spring half a dozen detectives went to O'Connor's house to question him about a crime. While they were there, Policeman Patrick O'Neill was shot to death, and O'Connor, later convicted of the murder, escaped despite the presence of half a dozen officers, most of whom were suspended for their apparent negligence.

After several weeks Tommy's proverbial luck failed for he was captured in St. Paul Minn., brought back here, convicted and sentenced to hang. Seventy-five prisoners were exercising in the bull pen when O'Connor and his pals made their break. Davis Strauss was the only guard in the room at the time. One of the men, according to Strauss, suddenly whispered something to O'Connor. Five prisoners in the jail-break jumped Strauss, O'Connor drawing a revolver which had been smuggled to him. A sack was placed over Strauss' head and he was beaten into unconsciousness. O'Connor repeatedly brought down the butt of the pistol on the guard's head.

Hearing the commotion, two other guards rushed into the bull pen. O'Connor ordered them to throw up their hands, but they refused and sprang forward. Apparently afraid that the sound of shooting would bring so many guards that escape would be impossible, O'Connor did not fire. The guards were beaten into unconsciousness. One of the guards had the keys to the jail, and these were taken from him.

The five men dashed for the freight elevator, but ran into an assistant jailer. Pointing the pistol at him, O'Connor shouted: "Stand back or I'll blow you to hell!"

The jailer sprang at O'Connor, but the criminal hurled him to the floor and continued his flight. Down to the basement, past two more guards, the bandits fled, and then started to scale the twelve foot wall surrounding the jail.

Here two of the prisoners tripped and were captured at the foot of the wall, but O'Connor and the other two got over safely.

Robert E. Crowe, State's attorney, immediately began a personal investigation of O'Connor's escape, and Chief of Police Fitzmorris assumed personal charge of the chase. Scores of policemen, armed with shotguns, were placed on the murderer's trail, and to each of them Chief Fitzmorris gave these instructions: "The only way to get rid of murderers like O'Connor is to put them in the morgue. Shoot to kill and aim straight."

The Supreme Court recently refused to deprive O'Connor and a few days ago held that it had no jurisdiction to order a stay of execution pending an appeal to federal courts.

## STOLEN GOODS RECOVERED

Columbia Officers Come To Camden For Two White Men.

Saturday's Columbia State.

Detective Kelly and L. C. Knox, special officer, motored to Camden yesterday morning and located a supply of goods alleged to have been stolen from the mill co-operative store on Whaley street. Lee Vicker, and John H. Arthur, young white men, were placed in the city jail early yesterday morning and a trip to Camden resulted in the recovery of shoes, shirts, ties and other goods.

The mill store was robbed last week and the Columbia officers located alleged stolen goods under a chicken coop near Vicker's home in the mill village. The officers said Arthur lived at Camden in the mill territory, and that more goods were recovered at his home. The officers say the two prisoners confessed to the robbery and gave information that led to the recovery of the merchandise reported stolen.

The Columbia officers located two bicycles in Camden which were stolen, according to stories told by Vicker and Arthur. The prisoners told the officers that one wheel was taken from the 1200 block of Gervais street and the other was stolen from the 1000 block of Gervais street. The officers said the numbers had been filed off and the frames had been repainted. The machines were placed in a safe place and if the owners can be found they will be brought to Columbia.

## Mr. William Baxley Dead

Mr. William Baxley, a well known citizen of Camden died at his mother's residence on Market street Monday night. His death came suddenly while playing with his two children. He had not been sick and was on the street a short while before, but he was known to suffer from a weak heart.

Mr. Baxley had resided in Camden nearly all of his life and followed the trade of painting. He was well known and well thought of and his death will bring sorrow to many. His wife predeceased him about a year ago, and he leaves surviving a small son and daughter. He is also survived by his mother and two sisters and three brothers—Miss Anna Baxley of Camden, and Mrs. Mae Vinson, of Charlotte, and Messrs. Neil Baxley, John Baxley and Marlon Maxley, of Camden. The funeral occurred Tuesday afternoon from the Baptist church, services being conducted by Rev. M. M. Benson.

## Send in Your Dues.

The Chamber of Commerce makes an urgent appeal to its members to send in their dues at once so that all outstanding claims may be paid in full and that the newly elected directors may proceed with their plans and start the New Year right. The new directors are composed of some of our best and most progressive citizens and business men and should be given the whole-soul support of our entire citizenship.

Mr. H. K. Hallett, president; Mr. T. Lee Little, vice president and treasurer; Messrs. R. M. Kennedy, Wm. King, C. P. DuBose, M. Baruch, L. C. Shaw, J. B. Zemp, Robin Zemp, J. W. Cantey, Miss M. A. Clyburn, Rev. F. H. Harding.

## Seaboard Schedule Changes

A new schedule of trains moving and departing from Camden went into effect Monday on the Seaboard. The schedule now is as follows:

Northbound trains at 6:10 a. m.; 1:20 p. m. and 6:36 p. m.

Southbound trains at 10:25 a. m.; 10:56 a. m. and 11:08 p. m.

Mails intended for northern points will have to be in the local postoffice by 3:15 p. m. instead of 6 p. m. as heretofore.

Southern trains, northbound, 8:29 a. m. and 3:20 p. m.

Southern trains, southbound, 10:57 a. m. and 2:21 p. m.

Northwestern trains, northbound at 12:01 p. m.; southbound at 3:30 p. m.

## Newspaper Consumption

If all the daily newspapers in the United States were cut into strips of paper as wide as the regular daily paper they would form a ribbon 40,000,000 miles long or more than half the distance to the sun. These same newspapers would also make a strip two feet wide belting the world 16,000 times.—Thrift Magazine.

O'Connor was in court yesterday over certain legal matters and it is believed that his escape may have been planned then.

## SCHOOLS CLOSE TODAY

Holiday Period For Pupils and Teachers Until January 2nd.

School will be closed, as is customary, for two weeks beginning December 16th to January 2nd. This intermission is to begin a full week before Christmas Day, in order that the pupils of the schools may have the opportunity of securing positions during the busy times immediately preceding Christmas day. We wish the people to know that this two weeks intermission does not represent lost time as the school will run nine months excluding the holidays. The teachers will not receive pay for this intermission, though it is customary in many places.

The work of the entire system is progressing with much better results than ever before. The teaching staff is of a very high type of proficiency and Camden is to be congratulated on having such a strong corps.

Class foot ball is now being played for the class championship and to develop material for next season. On Friday the ninth grade defeated the team made up from the tenth and eleventh grades by a score of 14 to 0.

The chemical laboratory of the Camden High School is needing some test tubes and other articles, and in order to obtain them a foot ball game will be played between a picked team from the eleventh grade and a picked team from the school at large on Friday, the 16th of December. The admission will be fifteen and twenty-five cents.

## Honor Roll For Last Month

Grade 1.—Louise Anderson, Margaret Barnes, Almote Baxley, Nancy Brown, Virginia Drawdy, Elizabeth Gardner, Joseph Lang, Samuel McCaskill, Meta Mogulescu, Louise Sewell.

Grade 2.—Kenneth Adams, Julian Bifurs, Harold Hough, Claud Jackson, Joe Jenkins, J. C. Kelley, George Rhame, Guy Rush, Grayson Shaw, Perry Threatt, Walter Wooten, Frances Chewing, Marie Haile, Loveria Hall, Sara Lynn Richie, Grace Robinson, Clarence Christmas, Jack Dunn, James Seagle, James Shirley, Bertha Blackmon, Mary L. Britton, Alice De Pass, Margaret Goodale, Bessie Hinson, Margaret McCoy, Vera Trapp, Edith Webster, Emily Goodale.

Grade 3.—Geneva Jones, Elizabeth McCaskill, Adele Savage, Gay Blackmon, Carolyn McKain, Houston Shaw, Allen Hardy, Ben C. Lingle, Woodrow Lingle, Waddy Blackmon, Archibald Beattie, Shannon Blackwell, Henry L. Clyburn, Lester Hopkins, John Roberts, Elizabeth Benson, Willie Haile, Caroline Houser, Olive Nettles, Emily Pitts, Lenora Rhame, Mattie Shaw.

Grade 4.—Catherine Boykin, Betty Cureton, Virginia Haile, Caroline Richardson, Maureen Sowell, Benton Burns, Robert Kennedy, Duncan Lang, Rochelle Sheorn, Helen Baker, Inez Gardner, Sarah Moseley, Athene Sanders, Bernice Young, Marvin Huckabee.

Grade 5.—Nellie M. Spears, Elmer Watts, Jr., Howard Hinson, Sybil Rhoden, Clara McCaskill, Lottie Spears, Joe Mogulescu, Randolph Jones, Evelyn Bruce, Mary Boykin, Molly Blackwell, Virginia DeLoache, Edith Goodale, Evelyn Moseley, Louise Trapp.

Grade 6.—Willie Porter, Clyde Spradley, Eugene DuBose, Moultrie Barnes, George Tidwell, Henry Thomas, Leighton Hardy, James Blackmon, Clara Bruce.

Grade 7.—Jack Kirkland, John Reed, Margaret Billings, Margaret DeLoch, Pearl Jones, Mary F. McCoy, Ruth Robinson, Harriet Whitaker, Carolyn Wooten, Sara DePass, Maudie Dabney, Dolly Singleton, Laurie Campbell, Mary Goodale, Jumelle Haile, William Clyburn.

Grade 8.—Elise Hardy, Alma Holland, Elihu Schlosburg.

Grade 9.—Louise Hirsch, Harriet Lipscomb, Lilla Mills, Christopher Vaughn, Harriet Steadman, Arnett Ledford, Miriam Bruce, Mildred Gardner, William Nettles.

Grade 10.—Emily Wooten, Martha Workman, Basil Bruce, Margaret Mills, Mazie Roberts, Polly DePass, Aubrey Beattie, Kate Watkins.

Grade 11.—Estelle Williams, Mary Emma Hough, Laurens Mills, Margaret Chewing, Kate Bruce, Nellie Kirkland, Eugene DeLoache, Mary Baker Goodale, Louis de Loach.

## Negro Lynched

Fred Rouse, a negro packing house employee, was lynched at Fort Worth, Texas, last Saturday for shooting some strike pickets. He wounded two others, and after being beaten up by the strikers, was taken to a hospital from which he was afterward taken and lynched.