

FOUL MURDER IN AIKEN

LEVI CHAVOUS IS ACCUSED OF KILLING C. S. PRINGLES.

Hat, Bait-can and Skull of Fisherman Who Disappeared July 3 Discovered in Savannah Swamp.

Aiken, July 29.—The little town of Kathwood, on the southern edge of this county, is stirred with excitement over what appears to be the most foul murder that community has ever known. Levi Chavous, a negro, was brought to the Aiken jail to-night and charged with the murder of C. S. Pringles, a white man.

A hat identified as Pringles's, a tin can used when fishing and a skull are the only remains of the apparently murdered man. These are now at the office of the clerk of court in Aiken. Pringles was missed from his home on July 3. It was thought that he had gone quietly away, but a few days ago some suspicion was aroused concerning him and a search was instituted. C. H. Johns, a friend of the dead man, went into the Savannah river swamps to search for him. His boat, for Pringles was a fisherman, was found at its usual place and further search revealed a skull, the hat of Pringles and a can used by him for keeping bait in. Nothing further could be found of the body or bones. They were found on the bank of the river and it is supposed that the rest of the bones were washed into the river or carried away by the vultures.

That the man was murdered foully there remains little doubt. The skull is broken as with a club or other blunt instrument. Very little evidence is known against the negro.

Chavous left Kathwood about 20 years ago and came back about three months ago. He is known to have had a quarrel with Pringles and was heard to make threats against him. It is said Chavous was hired to leave Kathwood because he was a witness in an important case.

Pringles was a very quiet and peaceable man and is not known to have had any enemies with the possible exception of the negro. The community is aroused over the matter and a full investigation has been instituted.

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Clemson Trustees to Meet.

Anderson, July 29.—On August 12, two weeks from to-day, the board of trustees of Clemson College will meet in special session to elect some directors, some professors and to take final action on the resignation of President Mell, which was submitted to the board last month. It is understood that Senator Tillman, who is now lecturing in Ohio, will be present, as will all the other members of the board. It is hard to conjecture right now what disposition the board will make of the resignation. It is understood from reliable information that a majority of the board members sympathize with President Mell and it may be that he will be asked to withdraw his resignation. If the resignation is accepted, however, there will be many applicants for the place, as many prominent educators have expressed their willingness and desire to assume the duties of the president of the college.

Dr. Barrow, director of the agricultural department, submitted his resignation last month to accept a similar position in a larger college out West, and this vacancy must also be filled next month. This chair is about the most important at the college and the trustees are evidently going to move slowly and cautiously in selecting a man for it. It is believed that trustees' meeting will not last more than two days.

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Like Worm, Yearling Turned.

Lynchburg, July 29.—A very unruly and somewhat vicious yearling, while being escorted to the place of slaughter this morning by a negro lad, all of a sudden turned on the latter, and, after chasing him for some distance, with no hope of overtaking him as he was almost flying, reversed his course and espousing a couple of small white girls gave chase to them, but its speed not being adequate he again failed. It continued to attack any and every body who got in his way, until it was overpowered. This was, indeed, an amusing occasion for all the fortunate ones who witnessed it.

FATE OF THE BRAAKE.

A Treasure Ship that Lies Buried Off Cape Henlopen.

Somewhere in deep water off Cape Henlopen lies over half a million in British gold, and how much more in gold and silver bars and plate and other treasures can only be guessed at. In 1798 the British privateer Braake sailed for the west Atlantic, bearing enough gold to pay off all the English troops stationed in various parts of the new world. As the soldiers had not been paid in many months the sum was a large one.

Whether the captain of the Braake decided to turn pirate or whether he merely was showing excessive zeal in making war on all the enemies of England that he met on the high seas and intended to turn over his loot to the crown on his return will never be known, but the fact that the Braake took no prisoners and sank every prize goes a long way toward proving the piracy theory. The Braake captured a Spanish merchantman coming up from South American ports laden with rich tribute from the Spanish colonies there, transferred the precious cargo to her own hold and burned the vessel. Another Spanish ship bringing a church service of richly jeweled gold plate to a new world cathedral encountered the privateer and suffered the same fate. The next to fall a victim to the Braake's rapacity was a Frenchman carrying silks, spices, brandy and bars of silver. That, too, was sent to the bottom after it was despoiled.

The Braake was overtaken by a hurricane when nearing the American coast, was blown far out of her course and sank off Cape Henlopen. Several of the crew escaped in a small boat and reached land. Their tales of the treasure on the sunken ship caused several expeditions to be fitted out the following year, but nothing was brought up save pieces of the anchor chains and a cannon or two. During the last hundred years every effort to raise any part of the treasure has failed.

The last attempt was made by Captain Charles Adams, who fitted out a ship under the auspices of the navy department, but was unable to locate the wreck, which is probably by this time deeply submerged in the ooze and mud of the ocean bed.—New York Press.

Car Manufacturers Rushed.

New York, July 29.—Car manufacturers all over the country are now flooded with orders for a vast amount of equipments. The New York Central has ordered 2,400 box cars, especially designed for carrying automobiles. The Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg has placed an order for 1,000 steel hopper cars. The Boston and Maine has ordered ten locomotives from the American Locomotive Company, and the Denver, Northwestern and Pacific two. The Boston and Maine has also placed an order for 1,000 freight cars; the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf has ordered 59 freight cars; the Great Northern and Northern Pacific 1,000 each, and the Idaho, Northern and Washington 75. It is said that the 8,000 freight cars for which the Baltimore and Ohio is in the market will be increased to 10,000 and that a large amount of passenger equipment will be ordered in addition.

The Pennsylvania railroad is making inquiries for 8,000 freight cars of different types, and the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, it is said, is about to purchase 2,000 cars of both the open and closed kind.

Will Press Case Against May.

Rock Hill, July 29.—E. L. Barnes, the new treasurer and city clerk, recently elected to succeed C. S. May, who defaulted, assumed charge of the office yesterday. He is under a bond of \$20,000, furnished by a casualty company. The former treasurer was under a personal bond of only \$5,000. The city received \$6,100 on that bond and it will be endeavored to recover more, as will be seen by the resolution which was adopted at the recent meeting, this being a fact not generally known here:

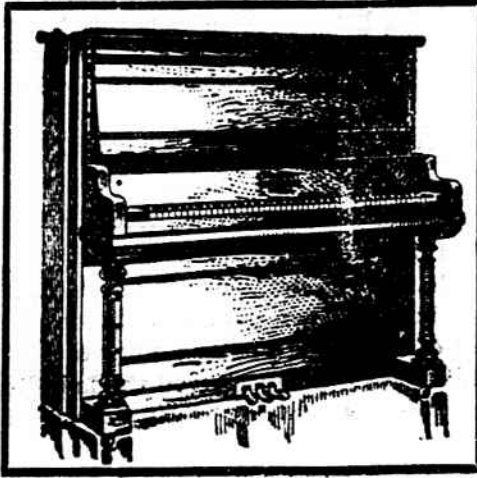
"Resolved, That the city attorneys be instructed to prepare a warrant charging C. S. May with embezzlement of city funds; that the city attorneys be also instructed to take steps as they may deem proper to secure the city the deficit in May's books."

The city council held another special meeting yesterday, at which a motion prevailed that the mayor and the city attorney should go to Chester and lay before Solicitor Henry all the information brought to light in this unsavory case, so that the solicitor could prepare an indictment against May. It is the intention of the city authorities to push the case against May to the limit.

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The Washington correspondent of The Columbia Record says as he predicted would be the case, cotton bagging is restored to the dutiable list by the Republican conferees. I do not know yet whether the rate is the original duty of six-tenths of a cent per square yard, though this will be likely. The maneuver now worked on the Democrats is familiar to Aldrich, who played the same trick when the Dingley bill was up. He accepted Senator Bacon's free list amendment to stop talk, though it was stated Wednesday afternoon by a Republican friend of his that protection would be restored in conference when the Democrats are out of sight. It is a heavy blow to cotton planters.

FIVE AT A BIRTH.

A New Jersey Woman Breaks the Family Record.

Mrs. Thomas Renwick, 33 years old, of No. 726 Springfield avenue, Newark, gave birth Wednesday morning to five children. Although all born prematurely, four of them, two boys and two girls, were alive and continued to live 15 minutes. The mother will recover. She had previously had three normal children, all of whom are living. To Dr. Peter F. Motzenbecker, of No. 680 High street, who attended her, Mrs. Renwick said that way back in her family on her mother's side, there had been two sets of twins.

LEGISLATOR DECLARED INSANE.

Hon. Arthur R. Busch, of Aiken, Sent to Sanitarium.

A dispatch from Aiken says Hon. Arthur R. Busch, of the Ellenton section of the county, was adjudged insane there last Saturday, and carried to the hospital for the insane in Columbia. It seems from the facts that can be gathered that Mr. Busch developed a violent case of insanity at his home last week, and on Friday his relatives requested the sheriff to carry him to Aiken. Drs. B. F. and J. F. Wyman examined and pronounced him dangerously insane. He was thereupon carried to the hospital. Mr. Busch is a member of the legislature from Aiken county and served faithfully in that capacity.

LADY KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Mrs. J. W. Pickens, of Near Jonesville, Meets Sudden Death.

Jonesville, July 30.—During a thunder storm about 9 o'clock last night, lightning struck the dwelling house of Mr. J. W. Pickens, a mile from town, and killed Mrs. Pickens instantly. The bolt struck a stack chimney and ran down and spread out on both sides to the walls of the house and tore the weatherboarding and ceiling off in several places. Mrs. Pickens had just got up from her seat, and was passing through a door by the side of the fire place, when the bolt came down. She fell to the floor on her face dead. She just happened to be in the current, or she would perhaps have never been hurt. Her son-in-law, Josh Kirby, was sitting before the fireplace with a young child in his lap and his wife sitting near him, and neither of them was hurt. Mrs. Pickens's husband was on a visit at Lockhart.

Charleston Officer Kills Desperado.

Charleston, July 30.—Bob Givens, a big, lusty negro longshoreman, was killed in Cordes street to-day while resisting arrest. The negro, with a number of others, was raising a disturbance when Police Officer Dawson came up and ordered them to move on. They all did so except Givens, who refused to move and when placed under arrest, the negro seized the officer's club and endeavored to use it. Dawson pulled his pistol and the negro closed in quickly, both men falling together with the negro on top. Three times Dawson fired, but in his position he could not hit the negro. A young man rushed up with a barrel stave and began to beat the negro about the head. The negro thought that he was being mobbed and he jumped from the officers and was in the act of rushing away, just as Police Officer Burn, who had heard the discharge of the pistol, was running up to the assistance of his fellow officer. Burn was recently in close quarters with a gang of negroes and he was taking no chances when he was coming up with his weapon in his hand. As he spied the negro over Dawson, he got ready at once for action, and a moment later, when he saw the negro with the police officer's pistol in his hand, Burn opened fire and brought the negro to the pavement. The shooting was of course justifiable, in the defense of the officer's life and in the preservation of the public peace.

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