

MARION MAN COMMITS SUICIDE.

John Keefe, Young Farmer, Sends Bullet Through His Brain.

Marion, Feb. 15.—Mr. John Keefe, a prominent young farmer living three miles from Marion, in Wahee Township, committed suicide Monday afternoon by shooting himself through the head with a 32-calibre Smith & Wesson pistol. Mr. Keefe, who lived with his three sisters, was missed about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when his sister, Miss Ella, in hunting for him, found his dead body in the road about 150 yards from the house with the deceased's pistol lying beside it. The ball had entered just above his right ear, passed through the head, coming out just above the left ear. The pistol was evidently pressed against his head when fired, as the scalp was badly burned. There is no known cause for Mr. Keefe having taken his life, but it is thought he had become despondent from bad health. During the day he had complained of a most violent headache, and this might have temporarily dethroned his reason. An inquest was held Monday night, the jury returning a verdict in accordance with the above.

Attack Like Tigers.

In fighting to keep the blood pure the white corpuscles attack disease germs like tigers. But often germs multiply so fast the little fighters are overcome. Then see pimples, boils, eczema, salt-rheum and sores multiply and strength and appetite fail. This condition demands Electric Bitters to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to expel poisons from the blood. "They are the best blood purifier," writes C. T. Budahn, of Tracy, Calif. "I have ever found." They make rich, red blood, strong nerves and build up your health. Try them. 50c. at Peoples Drug Co., Bamberg, S. C.

Fire at Jonesville.

Columbia, Feb. 17.—A special from Jonesville says fire there this morning caused \$68,000 damage, insurance totalling \$41,000.

The buildings burned include Mrs. Julian Lipscomb's millinery establishment, the J. F. Almans Company's place, including two stores, the building being owned by J. F. Alman personally, the J. J. Littlejohn Company's two storerooms and warehouse and the Jonesville Manufacturing Company's office and the S. G. Gault building. These were all modern brick buildings.

Aid from Union prevented a further spread of flames. Two white men from Spartanburg were arrested charged with looting.

Hunter Goes to Pen Soon.

George Washington Hunter of Laurens county will be brought to the State penitentiary shortly to commence serving his sentence of eight years for the killing of Eldred Copeland. The attorney general has received the mandate dismissing the case from the United States supreme court for lack of jurisdiction.

The attorney general turned the mandate over to the clerk of the supreme court. The case has already been affirmed by the South Carolina supreme court. Hunter has lost his last appeal and will have to serve his sentence. He was tried and convicted in Greenwood county several years ago. He committed the crime in Laurens county and has been tried four times.

Cotton Mills Consolidated.

Dillon, Feb. 15.—At a joint stockholders' meeting to-day of the Hamer, the Maple and the Dillon cotton mills it was unanimously decided to consolidate the three mills. They will likely be known under the new corporate name, the Dillon cotton mills.

A committee of one from each of the mills was appointed to perfect arrangements for the consideration. The committee appointed was Allen Edens, A. J. C. Cottingham and R. S. Jackson.

W. M. Hamer, now president and treasurer of each of the mills, was also elected on this committee. There was a full attendance of directors with the exception of A. J. C. Cottingham, who is now in Atlanta.

The aggregate capital stock of the three mills is \$800,000.

Kirk House Still Stands.

Aiken, Feb. 15.—The regular meeting of city council "put on the shelf," the recommendation of the board of health that the Kirk house, where Miss Kirk, the leper, lived, be burned. This recommendation was adopted by the board of health some weeks ago, but council evidently does not look with favor on the scheme, as a motion to receive the recommendation as information was unanimously adopted.

Council seems to be of the opinion that it is not the city's duty to burn the house and thereby have to pay the owner the value of it. The house is securely closed up, and no one is allowed to enter the premises, though no guards are maintained.

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SENSATION IN LANGFORD CASE.

Warrant Issued for Prominent White Citizen of Brunson.

Brunson, Feb. 15.—A sensational feature in the Langford murder case, of this county, developed to-day, when a warrant was issued for L. B. Tuten, a prominent citizen of this place, charging him with the alleged crime. Although the warrant has been issued, the sheriff has not yet made the arrest.

A negro is now being held in the penitentiary at Columbia, charged with killing Langford.

On November 29, last, the body of J. R. Langford, a prominent merchant and citizen of this town, was found some distance off the public road, between here and his saw mill about a mile from Brunson. The discovery was made by a searching party, after his unaccounted for absence from both his home and mill for about 12 hours. Foul play was indicated and, upon the statement of a young white woman, that she saw the fatal blow struck, Richie Williams, a negro, was arrested, charged with the killing, and hurried to the penitentiary to prevent threatened violence. No other developments have been announced until that referred to in the above dispatch from Brunson.

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"It is."

"And who are these sad-looking critters?"

"They are the gay New Yorkers."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Just the Thing.

"Can you give my constituent here a job on your railroad?" asked the State senator.

"But he can't talk English."

"Well, give him a job calling trains."—Birmingham Ledger.

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Slain by Brother-in-Law.

Bennettsville, Feb. 18.—C. LaFayette Rivers was shot and instantly killed here this evening by W. Gary Smith. The homicide occurred in a room in the rear of the Matheson building on Broad street near the Bennettsville & Cheraw depot. No one else was in the room at the time of the shooting.

Rivers was shot in the face, just below the eye, the ball entering the brain. Smith was shot in the neck, the ball entering from the front, slightly to the right, and passing through the neck. From the testimony and circumstances it seems certain Rivers fired the first shot.

The homicide is a most deplorable affair. Rivers married a sister of Smith, and Smith married a sister of Rivers.

Rivers was about 37 years old and leaves a widow and two children. Smith is about 35 years old and his wife and three children are living. Smith was arrested and is in jail.

Flames Ravage Lamar.

Lamar, Feb. 16.—The most disastrous fire in the town's history early this morning completely wiped out everything on both sides of Main street from McSween company's store to the railroad.

The alarm was sounded just before 1 o'clock, the fire then being in the Lamar barber shop where the conflagration started. A crowd quickly gathered, but efforts to keep the fire from spreading to other buildings were of no avail, as a high wind was blowing which swept before it until there was nothing in the shape of a wooden structure left to burn.

The depot was in serious danger at one time, as was the handsome new brick store of J. R. Watford on the corner of Main and Railroad streets.

There were 20 buildings burned. The total loss was about \$25,000.

POLICEMAN SHOT BY YEGGMAN.

One Greenville Officer is Killed; Another Seriously Wounded.

Greenville, Feb. 17.—Posses have searched all day in the country round about for the lone yeggman who early this morning fatally shot Policeman Gunnells and wounded Policeman Johnson in the thigh. The shooting occurred at the C. & G. passenger station in the West End at about 3 o'clock. Officers Gunnells was shot in the abdomen and lived only five hours, while Johnson's wound is not serious.

The Shooting.

The roundsmen were on the Augusta street beat when they noticed a suspicious looking character with a bag in his hand enter the station. They approached the station door, and as they did so Officer Gunnells flashed his pocket light. Suddenly there were fired in quick succession a half dozen shots, coming from the interior of the room, and Officer Gunnells fell mortally wounded. Officer Johnson returned the man's fire, emptying his revolver. The unknown man fired once more at Johnson, striking him in the thigh, and made a successful break for liberty.

Officer Gunnells was taken at once to his home nearby and given attention, but he died about 10 o'clock.

Just after daybreak, as soon as the news of the tragedy spread over the city posses were formed to hunt the assassin, and when rumor reached the city of two suspicious characters having been seen at Travelers' Rest in the early morning, where they hired a team to go across the mountain, Mayor Marshall and several police officers headed an automobile posse going in that direction, and they will hardly be heard from before midnight.

Member of Gang.

It is generally believed here that the man who killed the officer is one of the gang of two cracksmen who robbed two stores and the Southern railway station at Williamston, 20 miles from here, early last night. Among the articles stolen at Williamston was a bottle of whiskey, and an empty bottle, near the C. & G. depot this morning, has been identified as similar to that missing from Williamston, an unusual brand, hardly known here. That lends color to the theory that the men came into Greenville about midnight on a freight train. Working on this clue the adjacent country is being scoured in the hopes of finding the guilty men.

The city has offered a reward of \$500, and the governor \$200. New York detectives are also en route here.

The shooting of Officer Gunnells and Johnson makes the third attack on city policemen this week, Officer Cureton having been shot by a drunken man on Wednesday night. He is said to be dying at a local hospital.

SUIT TO DECIDE QUESTION.

Attorney General to Bring Action in "Two-Office" Matter.

Columbia, Dec. 18.—Gov. Blease to-day took action on the "two-office" matter for determining the question of the right of a public officer to hold a trusteeship of a State college. He has sent the letter of John C. Richards, Jr., a member of the railroad commission, to Attorney General Lyon, asking that he bring suit to finally determine the matter.

Several days ago Mr. Richards addressed a letter to Governor Blease, in which he stated he thought that the right of a public official to hold a trusteeship of a State college should be tested in the courts of the State. Mr. Richards took the position that the resignation of a trustee would not decide the issue. Mr. Richards said that the question was most important and should be decided once for all. Governor Blease was of the same opinion as Mr. Richards and will ask the attorney general to bring the suit.

The general assembly, by the adoption of the resolution prepared by the commission, specially appointed to investigate this very matter, took the same course.

Warrant Not Served.

Hampton, Feb. 16.—The warrant charging L. B. Tuten with the murder of J. R. Langford, which was sworn out before the magistrate at Brunson yesterday, has not been executed as yet. Mr. Tuten is a prominent white citizen of Brunson and the warrant for his arrest came as a sensational development in the Langford case. The warrant was sworn out, it is stated, by J. C. Langford, former county treasurer and a brother of J. R. Langford.

Mr. Tuten is the owner of much of the land around Brunson and it is on his plantation that Mary Harris, the girl who is involved in the case, lived. It was on her statement that she saw Mr. Langford killed that the negro, Richie Williams, now in the penitentiary in Columbia, where he was brought for safe keeping, was arrested.

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