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## AN ENVIABLE RECORD HAS BEEN BROKEN

### Craney McCollough Dies of Pistol Wound.

### FIRST HOMICIDE SINCE LAST NOVEMBER

Only Exception was Where Two Newberry County Negroes Crossed Laurens County Line and got into a Difficulty, One Killing the Other—Jim Shell the Murderer Now.

The record which this county has made for the past fifty weeks was broken Sunday night when Craney McCollough died of a wound inflicted by Jim Shell Sunday evening, November 5th. With the exception of the case a few months ago, where one Newberry county negro killed another after they had crossed to this side of the county line, this is the first homicide in Laurens county since November 28th of last year. If the wave of peaceableness had continued for two weeks longer the county would have had the enviable record of going a whole year without a homicide being committed within its borders by any one of its own citizens.

The difficulty in which Craney McCollough was shot took place last Sunday evening, November 5th, at the home of Evelena Dial, his sister. According to the testimony at the coroner's inquest, held Monday morning, the disturbance came about when Craney McCollough objected to his sister, Evelena Dial, going to ride a second time with Jim Shell. They had already gone to ride one time and returned home. Jim Shell asked Evelena to go with him up town to get a lunch when Evelena said she could not go. Jim Shell insisted and Craney McCollough interfered saying that Evelena could not go. At this Jim Shell evidently got mad and questioned the cause of the refusal. More words ensued when Frances McCollough, Craney's mother, went in between the two men saying that she did not want any fuss around as they were peaceable negroes and had white neighbors who they did not want to disturb. Jim Shell replied by saying "Damn the white folks." Craney called on Jim to quit cursing before his mother when Jim Shell pulled his pistol, shot around Frances McCollough striking Craney McCollough on the left hand side of the neck, the pistol being close enough to the neck of the deceased to cause powder burns on the skin and on the clothing. After he had done the shooting, Jim Shell jumped into his buggy and went away. The next morning he surrendered to the sheriff and was placed in jail, on a charge of assault and battery with intent to kill, to await developments. The charge will now be changed to that of murder.

The following is the testimony of Evelena Dial, with whom Jim Shell took the ride and about whom the difficulty started:

Evelena Dial sworn, says that last Sunday night, the 5th of November, 1911, Jim Shell came to my home in the city of Laurens, came to my house some time after three o'clock in the afternoon and asked if Bee Madden had been there. I told, he had not and I would not know where to find him. Bee Madden had carried Jim Shell's buggy away. While talking, Madden came up and he and Madden talked. They came back into my room and talked to me. He asked me to go to ride and I did. He treated me alright and showed no signs of being drunk. When we came back he asked me to go to town to get a lunch. Told him I couldn't go. My brother, the deceased, objected. He, Shell, got mad and said to Craney, "Haven't I always treated you right?" My mother, Frances McCollough, also objected and said, "I don't want to have any fuss here." \* \* \* My mother said, "I don't want any fuss here because we have some white neighbors living around us." Jim Shell said, "Damn the white folks", and then Craney said, "Look out friend, that's my mother you are talking to." Jim Shell said, "Look out Craney, I'll lam it right to you," and then shot him with a pistol at once. Jim Shell then got into his buggy and drove off. There were no other men folks there. Madden had left.

Evelena Dial, Amelia Anderson, a visitor at the

## TWO YOUNG MEN DEAD.

Lived Very Close Together and were Almost of the Same Age.

The people in the vicinity of Gray Court were called on twice last week to mourn the death of young men. Mr. Cleon Woods, the 20 year old son of Mr. J. D. Woods, of Owings, died after a short illness of typhoid fever and was buried in Green Pond Cemetery Sunday afternoon. He had been sick about three weeks. The young man was very popular among his acquaintances and his death proved a sore bereavement to many people.

Saturday afternoon Mr. James T. Owens, son of Mr. W. P. Owens, died at the home of his father after a brief illness of pneumonia. He was buried at Friendship Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. D. H. Owings performing the last sad rites. He is survived by his father, two sisters, Mrs. Emary Gault and Mrs. Cathcart, and two brothers, Messrs Duke Owens and Webster Owens. The young man was very highly esteemed by all who knew him and he will be sorely missed by his many friends.

## HANDSOME OIL PAINTING OF COLONEL B. W. BALL

Is on Display at the Laurens Drug Company—To be Presented to the Grand Lodge A. F. M. by Local Masons.

Yesterday the handsome oil painting of Col. B. W. Ball, executed by Miss Esther Edmunds of Columbia at the order of the Masons of Laurens, was received in the city and was placed on display in the window of The Laurens Drug Company, where it now is. The portrait, according to the friends of the late Col. Ball, is a distinct likeness of him and is excellently done. Miss Edmunds has painted a number of portraits of distinguished South Carolinians within the past few years and this one is up to the standard set by her in her other works. The portrait is to be presented to the Grand Lodge of South Carolina A. F. M., of which Col. Ball was Grand Master. The lodge will be in session in Charleston during the first week in December, when a delegation from Laurens will go down to be present at the presentation.

## GRAY COURT LYCEUM.

Attraction Next Wednesday the 22nd Will be the Carfarelli Concert Company.

Gray Court, Nov. 11.—The Gray Court-Owings Lyceum will open next Wednesday the 22nd, when the Carfarelli Concert Company will give their entertainment. The company consists of one man and two ladies and has been very popular wherever they have given their concert. They are noted especially as harpists but their program includes many violin and piano numbers. On account of the reputation which they hold there will probably be a large crowd out to hear them.

## The Third of the Series.

Next Sunday morning Rev. Mr. Thayer of the First Baptist church, will preach the third number of sermons in a series under the general caption of "The Hall of Fame." The subject of this sermon will be "Isaac or a Son of Promise." The series is proving intensely interesting to all who go out to hear him. Rev. Mr. Thayer extends a cordial invitation to all who will to come and hear the remaining ones.

house at the time said in part:

"I could not tell whether Jim Shell was drunk or not. Craney did not have any arms or knife in his pocket. The pistol was about one foot from the deceased's neck."

Dr. J. H. Teague, who attended the wounded man said that the negro died of hemorrhage as a result of wound received a week previously.

Following is the verdict of the coroner's jury, of which Mr. Geo. S. McCravy was foreman:

The said Craney McCollough came to his death from a gun or pistol shot wound inflicted in the neck of the said Craney McCollough by and in the hands of one Jim Shell.

Jim Shell is now in the county jail. When asked about the crime he only said that it would all be cleared up when the case is tried in court. Other than that he would not talk. He has not talked about the case since he was first put in the jail.

He will most probably be tried at the March term of court. All the parties are negroes.

## PINE BARK BEETLE TO BE DISCUSSED

### Meeting Here on Salesday of December.

### LARGE AUDIENCE SHOULD GREET SPEAKER

A Representative of U. S. Bureau of Entomology has Consented to Be Here that Day and to Explain the Cause and Methods of Extirmination of the Beetle.

For a number of months during the past summer and early fall the newspapers of this section have from time to time given more or less publicity to the inroads of the pine bark beetle. The beetles have been found in many different sections of the South Atlantic States and their spread has been very rapid. In fact they became so common that the United States Department of Agriculture took up the matter with certain parties in this state with the result that a station was placed at Spartanburg for the study of their cause and remedy. For some months agents have been going out over the district from this station advising the farmers what to do in case their forests were infested with the beetle. A general campaign of eradication has resulted and now the agents are ready to come to Laurens to instruct the farmers and other landowners of this county.

According to the letters below, which were sent in to this office by Dr. H. K. Aiken, it will be seen that a mass meeting will be held here salesday of December. That day should see every farmer in the county present who has any infested trees. To make the campaign a success requires the co-operation of every land owner, for if all the land owners in the county but one eradicate the beetles and that land owner allows them to stay on his, the beetles from his trees will be a constant menace to all the trees in his neighborhood and subsequently to an ever-spreading territory.

The letter of Dr. Aiken is as follows: Editor Advertiser:

Some time ago I had some correspondence with the government bureau regarding the dying of our pine trees, the cause, extent and remedy for the condition. As will be seen from the letter enclosed, a representative of the bureau will be here on salesday in December and will explain to all interested, the details of recommended methods of control. The work should be done between November and March. I hope a good audience will hear him.

Respectfully,  
H. K. Aiken.

The letter which is understood as an appointment of a meeting day is as follows:

United States Department of Agriculture.

Forest Insect Field Station 7, Spartanburg, S. C., Nov. 8, 1911.

H. K. Aiken, Esq., Laurens, S. C.

Dear Sir:

We have your answer to our postal card and enclose herewith circulars III, and IV, which should be of great interest to you.

We note the request for an address on some first Monday of the month, when the farmers and landowners are at the county seat and think your suggestion in excellent one.

There is an increased demand on the time of the agent, which makes it nearly impossible to meet all requests for addresses.

We think however, that the large amount of timber around Laurens would make it advisable to meet this request.

We would suggest that the meeting be held the first Monday in December, which would fall on the 4th.

We will invite all timber owners in your vicinity, whose names we have in our files, to be present, and shall trust to your interest in the matter, to secure us with a good audience.

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hopkins,

In charge Forest Insect Investigations.

Per D. B. Mason, Entomological Assistant.

## DEFENDANTS WINNERS IN CASES AT COURT

### Juries Not Hasty in Awarding Verdicts.

### CLINTON COTTON MILLS WINS SELLERS CASE

Not Much Money Passing Back and Forth as a Result of the Low Price of Cotton it is Supposed—Juries not Quick to Give Large Sums as Verdicts.

The Court of Common Pleas, which is now upon the second week of its fall session, is steadily grinding out the business as it comes up. The case of Fowler vs Fowler, which was being tried when this paper went to press last, was finished Wednesday, the jury bringing in a verdict which favored the defendant, Mrs. O. F. Fowler. The jury refused to award the claims of \$1,800, \$528 and \$100 to John W. Fowler, the plaintiff, but did render a conditional verdict on some smaller accounts.

In the case of O. H. Cooley vs J. R. and Sallie Curry a verdict of \$125 was rendered for the plaintiffs.

In the case of Mary Sellers vs The Clinton Cotton Mills, where the plaintiff was suing for \$10,000 damages for the loss of a finger while in the employ of the defendant mill company, the mill was given the verdict.

In the case of W. R. Osborne vs C. P. Fuller involving usurious charge of interest, the plaintiff was given a verdict of \$231.50.

In the case of J. W. Leake vs the S. A. L. railroad, where the plaintiff sued for damages resulting from a fire alleged to have been caused by cinders from the defendant company's engine, the plaintiff was awarded damage in the sum of \$350.

The last case before the court adjourned yesterday afternoon was that of the First National Bank of Chilli-cothe, O., vs H. L. and L. P. McSwain, of Cross Hill. This case is wound around a car of alleged damaged corn, which was shipped to the McSwains and which the Commissioner of Agriculture confiscated, and another car of corn which the McSwains attached and had the sheriff to sell a few weeks later.

It was thought by the McSwains that both cars belonged to the Adams Grain and Provision Company and the second car was sold to recover losses incurred in the first shipment, the first car having been paid for before delivery. The plaintiffs in this suit stepped in shortly after the sheriff's sale and claimed the second car of corn and the suit of yesterday resulted. Judge Gage directed a verdict of 17 cents per bushel for the plaintiffs, this representing the loss to them through the sheriff's sale.

## RUMOR IS CONFIRMED.

### C. & W. C. Railroad to Change Schedule on the 19th of This Month.

Following the rumor that was scattered abroad last week to the effect that the C. & W. C. railroad intended changing its schedule through here, the Greenville News yesterday published the following, showing that the plans have been definitely laid and the change will be made:

"Of interest to the Greenville traveling public will be the announcement that the Charleston & Western Carolina Railway will on November 19th inaugurate a change of schedule on the Augusta-Spartanburg line which will provide a through train between those points early in the morning and another in the afternoon.

"The following dispatch from Greenwood relative to the changes will further explain the changes:

"In a recent letter to Mr. S. Brooks Marshall, secretary of the Merchants' Association, General Manager A. W. Anderson states that on November 19 there will be inaugurated a change of schedule on that road so as to provide for a through train from Augusta to Spartanburg in the morning and another late in the afternoon, and also a through train from Spartanburg to Augusta early in the morning and another late in the afternoon. The change is of interest here, because it is believed that retail trade will be benefited, in that persons can come here and spend some time shopping and return to their homes that same day. The plan will work well on the northern end of the road, but not so well on the southern end."

## MR. A. B. CULBERTSON DEAD.

### Well Known Citizen of Laurens and Widely Connected Over the County.

Last Friday evening, the 3rd of this month, Mr. A. B. Culbertson, a well known citizen of Laurens, died at the Laurens County Hospital, following an illness of about three weeks of typhoid fever. The next day he was laid to rest in the cemetery of Union Baptist church, Rev. Mr. Brock conducting the services. He was buried after ceremonies by the Woodmen of the World, Mr. C. A. Power officiating.

Mr. Culbertson was the son of the late Maj. G. W. Culbertson and was widely and prominently connected over the county. He is survived by his wife, who was a Miss Barbara Godfrey, three sons and one daughter. He also is survived by four brothers and two sisters. They are Messrs W. P. Culbertson, of Mountville; W. W. Culbertson, of Ekom; Rev. W. W. Culbertson, of Shellman, Ga.; Mr. B. Y. Culbertson, of Laurens; Mrs. Samuel M. Cooper, of Donalds, and Mrs. Calvin Cheek, of Newberry.

Mr. Culbertson was 44 years of age. He enjoyed the friendship of a large number of people and was highly regarded by all who knew him. His family and relatives have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their bereavement.

## A BUCKING AUTO.

### Mr. Henry Counts Has Exciting Experience in Front of the Post Office Sunday Morning.

What came near being a very serious accident occurred in front of the Post Office Sunday morning when the Buick roadster belonging to Mr. Henry Counts and driven by him skidded and crashed into the plate glass window, swerved aside, scraped a telephone post and came to rest hind part before with Henry still sticking at the wheel a little nervous perhaps, but there just the same. The street was very slippery from the rain and fog of the night before and as the machine had no chains on it, a little "hurry call" barely missed causing it to be sent to the junk heap. As it was the machine was battered some and the wheels thrown out of plumb, but Mr. Counts drove it off and it is now recuperating.

A number of people were in the streets going to church and the usual gathering of idle ones was around and in a few moments a large crowd had gathered to see how much damage had been done. With a few pulls and pushes and a little straightening out of tender parts, the machine was ready to limp away to headquarters and it was carried to Counts Stable under her own steam. Outside of the damage to the machine, nothing serious resulted except the broken plate glass of the Post Office. It is said that Mr. Ernest Machen, who was sitting very close to the plate glass on the inside when the crash came, knocked over pretty near all of the furniture in sight in the endeavor to escape, but latest reports say that none of it was damaged.

The accident kept a number of people away from church for by the time the excitement had died down and all the notes taken the services were far advanced.

## Cutting Scrape Sunday.

Jealously seems to have stirred Sam Wise to such a pitch Sunday night as to make him carve up his own best girl. Sam and Slatie Dill Jackson, his woman friend, have been on good terms of late, but when Slatie Dill began "conversatin'" with another man Sunday night, Sam let valor get the better part of discretion and attacked Slatie Dill with a butcher knife, inflicting a severe wound in her side. Though the negro woman is not seriously injured, she is wounded very severely. Sam is a product of Greenwood and is the son of Abe Wise who enjoys a very wide and "savory" reputation. After the fray Sam made good his escape and has not yet been heard from.

## Meeting of D. A. R.

The Daughters of the American Revolution will hold their regular meeting Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, with Miss Minnie Ball. It was thought at one time that the meeting would be postponed until next week but it was finally decided to hold it this week.

## W. O. W. Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the Laurens Camp No. 28 Woodmen of the World next Thursday night. The meeting is an important one and all members are requested to be present.

## SEMINOLE VERDICT UPHeld BY COURT

### Garlington and Young Must Serve Sentence.

### SUPREME COURT MAKES DECISION

Affirmed the Verdict Secured in the Circuit Court of Richland County in Which they were Convicted upon Count Involving Breach of Trust.

Columbia, Nov. 13.—Rejecting the allegations of error in the trial in the lower court the South Carolina supreme court this afternoon in an opinion by Chief Justice Jones, affirms the judgment of the Richland county circuit court in November, 1910, when John W. Garlington and James Stobo Young were convicted on a charge of breach of trust as officers of the Seminole Securities Company, and sentenced to serve three years, and one year, respectively, on the public works or in the State penitentiary.

Garlington was president and Young secretary and treasurer of the company, and were brought to trial in the Richland court on an indictment embracing five counts, including charges of conspiracy, breach of trust with fraudulent intention, and grand larceny. They were found guilty by the jury on the fourth count only, which charges "a breach of trust by the said defendants by the conversion to their own use of the sum of \$55,596 in money of the property of the Seminole Securities company, intrusted to the defendants and converted to their own use with fraudulent intention."

Garlington and Young are both from Laurens, and are under a \$5,000 bond each for their appearance. It is stated here tonight that the men are now in Chicago, but they will be communicated with at once, and are expected to arrive in the immediate future to commence serving their sentences. The exceptions, imputing error during the trial, embrace admission of testimony alleged to be immaterial, rulings of the presiding judge on motions for a directed verdict, and for quashing of indictments, and refusals by the presiding judge to charge as requested by the defense. The opinion at every point, finds the trial to have been conducted without error prejudicial to the defense and affirms the judgment.

Associate Justices Gary, Woods, and Hydrick concur in the decision of Chief Justice Jones. Greenville News.

## KILLED ANOTHER MAN.

### Man Held Here as Tack Fuller Turns out to be Henry Suber, Escaped Convict.

The Advertiser carried a story last week about the arrest of Tack Fuller, in Camden, on the charge of murdering one Press Milan in this county in 1897. At first the proof seemed convincing, but during the last few days it became rather doubtful in the minds of the officers of the law whether they had the right man or not. Deputy Field, in questioning the fellow and by inquiry around discovered that the negro had a brother named Suber. Taking out his criminal record book, in which he has the names of a large number of escaped convicts, Mr. Field came across the name of Henry Suber, who had escaped from the State Penitentiary in 1898. This Henry Suber answered very closely to the description of the negro held here so Mr. Field questioned him very closely and faced him with the charge. The negro then admitted that he was the man wanted as an escaped convict and that he killed another man in this county in 1892. He has served three years of a seven year sentence.

He will be held here for a few days until the penitentiary authorities can be communicated with, after which most probably he will be sent to Columbia.

## A Correction.

In the account of the fire carried in The Advertiser last week, it was stated that the insurance carried on the building of Dr. Clifton Jones was by companies represented by Mr. J. P. Tolbert. We should have stated that it was carried in companies reinsured by Mr. J. J. Adams. The mistake was called to our attention by Dr. Jones. We gladly correct it.