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AGED FARMER'S BODY FOUND HANGING TO TREE

Charles M. Shipman, 65, Is Found Dead on Farm of Son-in-Law, W. W. Taylor, Near Greenville.

Greenville, June 9.—Swinging by a rope from a branch of a low cedar tree in the rear of his son-in-law's home near Chick Springs, the lifeless body of Charles M. Shipman, 65-year-old farmer, was found early yesterday morning, and all through the day and last night Sheriff Rector and Coroner Vaughn were making a careful investigation into the cause of his death.

The tree stands a short distance from the house in which Shipman's daughter and her husband, W. W. Taylor, aged 35, live, the house being situated on the Spartanburg road, the first on the east beyond the pond at Chick Springs. That they have sufficient evidence to support the theory that Shipman met foul play is the statement of the officers who plan to continue the investigation today.

Coroner Vaughn last night issued orders forbidding the burial of the body, which was carried to the J. D. Woods morgue in Greer. The coroner stated that he will impanel a jury today and let the jurymen view the remains, after which burial may be permitted; or it may be decided to hold the body until the inquest is held. Whether or not the inquest will be held today, the coroner has not yet determined. No arrests have been made, as yet.

That Shipman had been having trouble with his relatives is admitted by them, and officers learned yesterday that this trouble culminated Tuesday afternoon when Shipman's son-in-law, Taylor, swore out a warrant for Shipman before Magistrate James, of Greer, charging him with a statutory offense. It is also stated that alleged misconduct on Shipman's part caused his wife, who is living at Victor mill, Greer, to separate from him some time ago.

As reported to the officers, the first news of the tragedy came from Mrs. Taylor, who told Sheriff Rector and Coroner Vaughn that she walked out on the back porch of her home in the early morning and saw her father's body, immediately calling to her husband and telling him that "Yonder's Pa, and he's hung himself." Taylor then ran out of the house, and called for assistance.

Whether Shipman hanged himself or was hanged by another, or killed in some other fashion the officers do not essay to say, but they are frank in stating that they have reason to press the investigation. In view of this, it is expected that Coroner Vaughn will hold an inquest over the body today or tomorrow.

One of the chief reasons the officers have for working on the foul play theory is a statement made to them, by a physician who knew Shipman, to the effect that one of Shipman's arms was so paralyzed as to render it virtually of no service to him during his life. It would have been extremely difficult, therefore, they say, for Shipman to have tied the rope to the branch from which his body swung. However, it is regarded as quite possible that Shipman took his own life.

Dr. H. L. Brockman, of Greer, who made a post mortem examination of the body of Shipman, with Drs. Wilson and Airlaid, stated that death was due to strangulation.

However, the sheriff and coroner found a small glass near the spot where Shipman hanged, and they issued orders that parts of the body be sent to the state laboratories in Columbia for testing to determine if Shipman was poisoned. This has been done by Dr. Brockman, and the result of the test probably will be known within a few days.

Shipman evidently had been dead several hours when the body was found. His neck was not broken.

It was difficult yesterday for officers to obtain a clear version of the story, several inconsistencies being contained in the reports gathered by them. The stories told by members of the family varied some as to details, they said.

That the officers have learned several features regarding the case which they have not announced was indicated last night, and it appears quite possible that developments will occur today. It is admitted by them that they are following one or two theories, in

an effort to clear up any and all mystery that might exist in the case, which they are not prepared to give out at this time.

Numbers of people visited the scene of the tragedy yesterday before and after the body was removed.

Finding of Body Causes Arrest

Greenville, June 9.—Today's developments in the mysterious death of Charles M. Shipman, aged farmer found yesterday morning hanging to a tree on his son-in-law's farm near Chick Springs, came thick and fast with the arrest of W. W. Taylor, son-in-law of the dead man. A coroner's jury viewed the body of the dead man and listened to a statement made by Dr. H. L. Brockman of Greer, in company with Dr. Wilson of Greenville, who performed an autopsy on Mr. Shipman yesterday. Dr. Brockman declared that Shipman came to his death by strangulation caused by a rope around his neck. The inquest was then suspended until June 15, by which time Coroner Vaughn hopes to have evidence that might throw light on the affair. Taylor was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Parriss on demand made by Buel Shipman of Woodside mill, brother of the dead man, who declared that as soon as he could get to a magistrate he intended to swear out a warrant charging Taylor with murder. Taylor refused to make any statement other than to say that he had no hand in the death of his aged father-in-law.

Dr. Brockman reported to the jury today that as far as the physician's examination had proceeded no poison was discovered, but that no positive statement to that effect could be made known until a report from the state laboratory had been made to him.

RIDDLES OLD FIELD

Riddles Old Field, June 13.—The farmers have been quite busy for the last 3 weeks. They seem to have their crops in good condition.

Rain is needed throughout this section.

Mr. H. A. Holcombe spent last week at Easley. While there he attended the trial of Ballew and Wilson for the killing of Chief Holcombe. He returned home Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. W. C. Miss Viola and Mr. Thomas Holcombe, all of Easley.

Messrs. Jim and Wade Donnon, of Tylersville section were visitors at E. H. Garrett's Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Riddle, June 5th, their third son.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Cooper attended services at Friendship Sunday and were dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Patnam attended the dedication at Friendship church Sunday.

Miss Blanche Todd visited her grandparents Saturday night and Sunday.

J. M. Todd and family visited Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bobo Sunday.

Mr. E. H. Garrett and Mary and Janie attended the funeral of Mr. Clarence Donnan at Sandy Springs Saturday.

Those who were dinner guests at Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Cooper's recently consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Cooper, Mr. Kenneth and Miss Ina Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Pink Waddle and children, Mr. Johnnie Tumbler, of Greenville. Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Garrett of Lanford called to see Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Riddle Sunday.

We were sorry to hear of the death of "Aunt Ann" Rogers.

We also are wishing a speedy recovery for Mr. Alvin Martin.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Hughes, two sons.

The county gang has done some good work on the roads through this section. We are hoping for better improvements.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our friends, neighbors and doctors for their deeds of kindness and the beautiful flowers at the death of our dear wife and mother.

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J. C. Burns & Co.'s 19 days Red Hot Sale is a record price smasher.

YOUNG MAN ROBBED BY THREE SOLDIERS

Stripped of Clothing and Bound and Gagged. Assaultants are Captured

St. Matthews, June 12.—While on his way to Sandy Run Lutheran church today a young man by the name of Livingston was held up by three soldiers from Camp Jackson, beaten, stripped of his clothing, robbed of the car in which he was riding, tied hands and feet and left in the woods.

Young Livingston was engaged in carrying relatives to and from church. He had taken some of his people home and was returning for another load. He overtook the three soldiers and was ordered to stop. They entered the car taking the back seat. After they had entered one of them struck Mr. Livingston in the head with a pistol, rendering his unconscious. They then took charge of the car and drove into the woods near Criders Spring on the State road. The boy was stripped of his clothing and tied hand and foot, he was then left. After the party had gone he regained consciousness, worked himself free and went to a negro home and gave the alarm. Sheriff Hill was immediately notified and was soon on the scene. Upon his arrival he was informed that the soldiers in the stolen car had already passed through St. Matthews and were on their way toward Charleston. He communicated at once with citizens at Eloreë who immediately went to the road. In a few minutes the soldiers appeared. Magistrate Evans and Rural Policeman Ballard had assembled a good force and when the soldiers appeared they were arrested.

Sheriff Hill was not on the scene and arrived at Eloreë within a few minutes after the soldiers were arrested. They had in their possession an ordinary .32-calibre pistol, two sandbags, made according to the taste of the professional and the clothes of

the assaulted boy, it is said.

The men, it is alleged, admitted the assault and made statements giving their names, addresses and the details of the affair as above related. The names as given are Herbert Annis, Brocton, Mass.; Leslie W. Edson, Whitman, Mass.; G. B. Logan, Eureka, Cal. Logan, it is said, says that he is

the one that struck the boy but says that the others assisted in the other parts of the affair. The entire community at Sandy Run at once turned out to give the sheriff all assistance possible and the sheriff states that cooperation on the part of citizens, both at Sandy Run and Eloreë was splendid. The men are tonight in jail here

under warrants charging them with the offense. Considerable excitement prevailed for a time throughout the community.

If you will go to J. C. Burns & Co.'s 19 days Red Hot June Sale, you will be delighted to see the values they are selling at both stores in Laurens.

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SHORT COURSES Agricultural. Textile Industry. Pre-Medical.		
SUMMER SCHOOL June 13—July 23 Agricultural Teachers. Cotton Graders. College Make-up. Removal of Entrance Conditions. Agricultural Club Boys.		

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