

A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

S. W. James Slain by His Brother-in-Law, L. C. Myers.

(Special to The State.)

Scranton, June 20. — S. W. James, a prominent farmer of the High Hill section, three miles east of Scranton, was killed this morning by L. C. Myers, his brother-in-law and a well-known young planter. The shocking tragedy was made known here this morning when Myers came to town and stated that he was on his way to Kingstree to employ counsel and surrender himself to Sheriff Graham. When seen by this correspondent, Myers declined to discuss the affair, saying he preferred to remain silent until he could consult counsel.

The homicide was the culmination of a family feud which has existed for several years. There were no eye witnesses to the killing. My information is that Myers and James had a dispute yesterday about a dividing fence. Myers forbade James to interfere with the fence. This morning they met and renewed the quarrel. James advanced on Myers with a fence rail. Myers shot James and broke his arm, causing him to drop the rail. James continued to advance, and when in reach Myers struck him a stunning blow on the head with his gun, breaking the breech. James fell, and Myers beat his head violently with the gun barrel. James' head and face was horribly mutilated. He lived only a few hours. The parties are well connected, and are prominent in this section. The tragedy is deeply deplored.

Burned by Lightning.

Scranton, June 21.—During a thunder storm here this afternoon, the barn and stables of Mr. W. R. Singletary were fired by a stroke of lightning and totally destroyed. Mr. Singletary's store and the store and residence of Mr. J. M. Kirby, situated near by were only saved by the heroic work of the "bucket brigade" aided by a heavy downpour of rain.

W. E. C.

PLEASED WITH HIS NEW HOME.

Letter From a Former Williamsburger now Living in North Carolina.

Editor County Record:—

It has been six months since I left Williamsburg county, my old home. Although that county is very dear to my heart still I do not regret leaving, as I like my new home very much. The people here are the most pleasant and hospitable folk I have ever met anywhere.

Provisions here are very high, but the merchants sell only first-class goods. One can get anything that conduces to the comfort and convenience of living.

The farmers in these parts are very much disheartened on account of poor crops. Almost every one being a failure by reason of the long drought, which lasted over three months. The first rain of any consequence fell yesterday and last night.

The wheat crop is cut short about one-half and corn will

average below that. Spring oats are almost a total failure. Tobacco also is very small. Cotton stands are poor and even what has come up is dying out on account of cool nights.

Vegetables, too, have suffered from dry weather. I am pleased to note through the columns of THE COUNTY RECORD that farming prospects in South Carolina are so good.

Wishing THE RECORD, its editor and his many readers much success and a long and prosperous life, I am,

Respectfully yours,

J. H. BAXLEY,

Spencer, N. C.,
June 19, 1902.

THE STATE CAMPAIGN.

Sixty-two Candidates have Entered the Political Arena.

Adjutant and Inspector General—J D Frost, G D Reuse, Paul E Ayer, J M Patrick, J C Boyd.

Railroad Commissioner—Jas Cansler, A C Jepson, B L Caughman, H J Kinard, J G Wolling, W B Evans, J G Mobley, H H Prince, Thos N Berry, J C Wilborn.

Congress—First District—T W Bacot, Geo S Legare.

Second District—G D Bellinger, J Wm Thurmond, Geo W Croft.

Third District—I H McCalla, Wm N Graydon, Wyatt Aiken, Geo E Prince, Wm J Stribling, E M Rucker, Jr, R F Smith.

Fourth District—Stanyarne Wilson, Jos T Johnson.

Fifth District—W B Wilson, D E Finley, J W Floyd, T J Strait.

Sixth District—R B Scarborough.

Seventh District—A F Lever, J B McLaughlin.

United States Senate—A C Latimer, D S Henderson, Geo Johnstone, Wm Elliott, J J Hemphill, J G Evans.

Governor—W H Timmerman, M F Ansel, D C Heyward, W J Talbert, J H Tillman.

Lieutenant Governor—C L Blease, J T Sloan, F B Gary.

Attorney General—W F Stevenson, U X Gunter, Jr.

State Treasurer—R H Jennings.

Secretary of State—J T Gantt, J H Wilson, J Thos Austin.

Superintendent of Education—O B Martin, J J McMahan.

Comptroller General—W H Sharpe, A W Jones, G L Walker, N W Brooker.

Mr. Solomon Brilles, who has been missing from Georgetown since April, has been heard from. In a fit of mental abstraction brought on by business troubles he went out Wdst and was hurt by a fall from a street car and lay in a hospital for weeks. Upon being discharged from the hospital he communicated with his wife and she met him in Washington.

Mr. D. N. Johnson, of Chapman, sends the following report from his section to the Department of Agriculture: "All crops doing well and up to date seasons have been very favorable; fruit still dropping and will be scarce; many sweet potatoes being set out."

LAKE CITY DEPARTMENT

In charge of
W. L. BASS, Esq.

Dr. Carraway, of Rome, was on our streets Saturday.

Rev. J. E. Rushton took a trip to Darlington last week.

Mr. M. D. Nesmith spent Sunday and Monday in town.

Miss Elmer Epps is visiting at her brother's, Mr. H. V. Epps.

Mrs. S. Eugenia Roper has been appointed postmaster at Single.

Dr. Clyde Garland spent Sunday in town, but not with relatives.

Mr. John R. Joyner came home from Columbia Sunday morning.

Supervisor B. B. Chandler was on our streets the early part of the week.

Messrs. L. M. Belk and Robert H. Singletary spent Sunday at Effingham.

Miss. Hallie Rollins returned home Saturday from Winthrop College, Rock Hill.

W. L. Bass, Esq., attended Court of Magistrate W. W. Graham last Friday.

Dr. W. C. Hemmway, of Rome, came through town Saturday en route to Gibson, N. C.

Miss Luella Johnson came up from Kingstree Sunday on a visit to her brother, Dr. Johnson.

R. J. Kirk, Esq., came up from Kingstree Saturday morning to argue a motion before Judge Gaskins.

Miss Maria Croft has returned from the Columbia Female College, where she has been taking her second year.

Constable W. B. Rowell came down here Wednesday and seized a jug of liquor, which appeared to him suspicious.

After the female schools close for the summer certain young men are glimpsed about town who are never seen here at any other time of the year. Strange, eh?

Mr. H. W. Ackerman is spending some time in town. Mr. Ackerman had charge of the Lake City school a few years ago. He is now teaching at Cottageville, Colleton County.

Mr. Fleet McElveen came back to town the latter part of last week, and will remain through the tobacco season. He will be the auctioneer for Messrs. Moore & Stanley at the Planters' Warehouse.

Mr. J. D. Daniel went to Columbia Thursday of last week to see Governor McSweeney about a requisition for Harry C. Holloway, the fruit man of Philadelphia, who is accused of having fleeced several of our truckers during last strawberry season. The readers of THE RECORD are familiar with the affair. Solicitor Wilson signed the application at once and the Governor issued requisition without hesitation, and Mr. Daniels returned with the papers Friday. In addition to the requisition Governor McSweeney commissioned Mr. Daniel as agent for the

State to go to Virginia and bring Holloway to this State in case requisition is honored by Governor Montague and Holloway is caught. Mr. Daniel left Saturday night on his mission. Fourteen warrants were sworn out for Holloway, twelve for cheating and swindling (common law crime), one for carrying concealed weapons and one for larceny. As soon as Mr. Daniel reached Norfolk Sunday afternoon he saw Holloway on the streets. The police assisted in getting matters in shape, and Monday we received the following telegram from Mr. Daniel: "Got him. Will be on as

soon as possible." Soon after this came a telegram from Holloway himself, as follows: "Understand Governor has issued requisition for me. Please wire me immediately what it means." This is the status of the affair at this writing. The only thing that will now prevent Mr. Daniel from bringing Holloway back to face the charges will be the refusal of the Governor of Virginia to sign the requisition papers, and this refusal is not expected.

A wise man is as slow about giving advice as a fool is about taking it.

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