

MAN SLAYS WIFE AND THEN SELF

CHILDREN WITNESSES TO TRAGEDY AT HOME IN GREELYVILLE

Exclaiming "God forgive me!" Robert Hogan, aged forty-three, about 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon shot and killed his wife and then took his own life by firing a bullet into his head.

Hogan was married to Mrs. Robert Lesesne about one year ago. Before her marriage to Mr. Lesesne she was Miss Sallie Pitts, daughter of the late Robert Pitts, a prominent plantation owner at Gourdin.

The tragedy, Tuesday, it is said, took place in the presence of four of Mrs. Hogan's children, who are said to be the only witnesses of the affair.

Just as Mrs. Hogan was coming down the steps preparatory to coming to Kingstree, her husband, it is reported, shot her six times before turning the gun on himself.

Mrs. Hogan is survived by five children by her first husband; Edward, Harry and Robert Pitts, brothers, of Sumter, and Mrs. S. W. McClary, of Lanes, a sister, also survives her.

Miss Sallie Pitts, born on her father's plantation at Gourdin, about 40 years ago, grew up to be a most charming and beloved lady after the death of her parents, under the guardianship of her friend and benefactor, Dr. Robert Henry, of Gourdin. After obtaining an education she made her home for a while in Sumter. During her young womanhood Hogan visited her and paid her marked attention, but she, it is said, was dissuaded from marrying him, and later became the beloved wife of Mr. Robert Lesesne the father of her surviving children. Hogan left the community. Years intervened and Mr. Lesesne's health gave way. He was taken to a Baltimore hospital for treatment and died there two or three years ago. Hogan returned to the old home community to find his former sweetheart a widow. He again wooed and finally won her. They were married. It is said that their companionship was not entirely compatible. Tuesday afternoon, in a moment of madness or mental derangement, Hogan murdered his wife and then took his own life.

The remains of Mrs. Hogan were laid to rest in the Mt. Hope Cemetery yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large gathering. The body of Mr. Hogan was taken to Blithewood for interment.

CANDIDATES ASSESSED.

Campaign to Open at Greelyville Aug. 10th. Close at Kingstree, Aug. 18.

The Democratic County Executive Committee met here Tuesday and decided upon the fees to be assessed candidates in the campaign this year. Also fixed the date and place for the county campaign meetings.

Assessments.
Candidates for Sheriff, \$60.00; for Clerk of the Court, \$75.00; for County Treasurer, Auditor, Supervisor, each \$25.00; for Judge of Probate, \$30.00; Superintendent of Education, \$35.00; Coroner, \$10.00; Magistrate at Kingstree, \$10.00; Magistrate at Greelyville, \$7.50; all other candidates for Magistrate, \$5.00; for the State Senate, \$25.00; Cotton Weigher at Kingstree, \$10.00; Cotton Weigher at Greelyville, \$7.50.

Campaign Meetings.
Greelyville, Tuesday, August 10th. Trio, Wednesday, August 11th. Morrisville, Thursday, August 12th. Hemingway, Friday, August 13th. Hebron, Tuesday, August 17th. Kingstree, Wednesday, August 18th. The first primary will be held on Tuesday, July 24th.

All candidates are required to file pledges and pay assessments not later than 12 o'clock noon, on Monday, August 9th, 1920.

Sign the Club Roll.

Books for the enrollment of voters belonging to the various clubs in the county have been received here by County Chairman Hinds, and the enrollment of the Kingstree club members was begun Tuesday. The enrollment book for Club No. 1 is at the auditors office in charge of Donald Montgomery; the book for Club No. 2, voters living east of the railroad, will be found at the office of the Williamsburg Live Stock Co.

LET'S DO IT FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

The State's Resources Unknown to People Elsewhere—Organization Necessary.

In the year 1919 South Carolina's farm products went to market for \$520,000. This was \$45,000,000 more than the market value of California's farm products in the same period.

Everybody in South Carolina knows something about California—that it is reputed to be a land of sunshine, of luscious oranges, of meaty prunes, of delicately flavored raisins. But how many of the people of California know anything about South Carolina—except to think that it produces some cotton, has many swamps and much malaria?

How many people anywhere outside of the Southeast know that South Carolina—the Palmetto state—has potential possibilities in her natural resources which are unsurpassed in any other state? How many of them know about the South Carolina sweet potato, or that we have the finest cattle lands in the country, or that our pecans can not be equalled? How many of them ever ate a dish of South Carolina strawberries, or thought of this state as having excellent sheep lands? How many of them know the truth about our crop diversification possibilities, our textile industries, our natural resources in a score of varied directions?

And, for that matter, how many of us South Carolinians, right here on the ground, have ever realized what we have in the way of resources and advantages? What have we done to utilize and capitalize our potential possibilities?

What Organization Means

People in other states have made more out of less than we in South Carolina have. Look again at those figures on the values of California's and South Carolina's farm products for 1919, and reflect a minute on the fact that California is six times as big as South Carolina.

Those people organized. They made the most of what they had, and then they told the world about it.

Each citizen felt his dependence on his neighbor, each section knew that it was affected by the success or suffering of any other section, each producer knew that through co-operation with others, markets would be widened and stabilized.

And when those conditions had been attained, every train brought in new home seekers to add to populations, land values, produce values and advertising values.

A few days ago several of the South Carolina newspapers quoted the president of the American Cotton association as saying he was told in Boston recently that the association had done more to make the South rightly understood throughout the country than all other advertising that had been done. He was also told that if the association had been a Northern institution, it would have been largely endowed by this time as a public benefactor.

South Carolina has possibilities; we all admit that.

Now, what is the first thing a farmer does, or a manufacturer, or a storekeeper? The farmer plans a season's work; the manufacturer makes up a quantity of his wares; the storekeeper puts in a stock of goods. Having done these essential things they then seek a market.

Must Seek a Market.

That is what South Carolina must do. She must get ready. The advertising to the world of what South Carolina has to offer must be preceded by a period of preparation. Before she invites the guest in, she must put her house in order. An advertising campaign must be subordinated for a time to a program of fundamental improvement which will overcome and eliminate the known handicaps which exist today.

That is a proposition which will appeal to the common sense of every South Carolinian. It is being frank with ourselves. And frankness is telling the plain truth.

With potential possibilities, natural resources, which unquestionably exceed those of many other states, South Carolina has material possibilities limited only by her disposition and ability to utilize her opportunities.

This can be done only through organization. Individual efforts at best can be effective only in a small way.

The people of South Carolina, 5,000 or 10,000 of them, must get together

PROHIBITION LAW IS CONSTITUTIONAL

VALSTEAD ENFORCEMENT ACT WINS APPROVAL OF U. S. SUPREME COURT

Washington, June 7.—Both the federal prohibition amendment and the enforcement act passed by Congress were held constitutional today by the supreme court.

The court dismissed petitions filed by the State of Rhode Island to have federal officers enjoined from enforcing prohibition in that State.

The court also dismissed injunction proceedings brought by the State of New Jersey to prevent enforcement of prohibition within the state.

Injunctions restraining prohibition officials from interfering with the Maniwoc Products Company, a Wisconsin corporation, in the manufacture of beer containing more than 1-2 of 1 per cent of alcohol were dissolved by court.

The court upheld federal court decrees dismissing proceedings brought to enjoin the prohibition amendment from being enforced against Christian Feiganspan, a brewer of Newark, N. J.

Federal court decrees denying similar injunctions sought by the St. Louis Brewing Association likewise were affirmed.

The court's opinion was very short, setting forth only the court's conclusions. Chief Justice White rendered a supplemental opinion, concurring in the one rendered by Justice Van Deanter, but going more fully into the issues involved.

Federal court decrees, dismissing injunction proceedings instituted by the Kentucky Distillers and Warehouse Company, of Louisville, Ky., to enjoin enforcement of the act against it were sustained by the court. Injunctions sought by George C. Dempsey, a Boston wholesale liquor dealer, to restrain enforcement of the enforcement act against him were also denied by the court.

and think and act unitedly, one definite workable program.

Such a union of thought and action is the South Carolina Development board.

Advertisement of the existing possibilities and attractions of South Carolina is not the chief purpose of this board. Rather does it frankly recognize certain present conditions which are barriers to statewide development, and it proposes means for remedying those conditions as the first important preliminary step.

Is Not an Experiment.

For more than a year, this organization has been doing a definite, constructive work. Though composed of a comparatively small group of forward looking men and provided with very limited funds, it has accomplished so many specific things and enlisted such a wide circle of attention and encouragement, that it is now being urged on every hand to become to South Carolina what the development boards of other states have been to their people and interests.

The South Carolina Development board is not an experiment.

Other states have used this form or organization to their great advantage. South Carolina has been using it, in a limited way, for more than a year, and its actual, concrete accomplishments in that period are the most insistent urge that it expand in activities, in usefulness, in influence and in representation of the people of the state. Responding to the general demand that it widen its sphere of service, the development board has undertaken a campaign of expansion in membership and necessary income, to be made from June 21 to 26.

Management of this campaign is in the hands of a state campaign committee, which is representative of every section and interest. The personnel of the committee follows: Gov. Robert A. Cooper, chairman; Richard I. Manning, vice-chairman; Charles H. Barron, C. L. Cobb, Dr. George B. Cromer, B. E. Gear, B. B. Gossett, F. Barron Grier, J. Ross Hanahan, L. L. Rardin, L. D. Jennings, A. B. Jordan, R. E. Ligon, W. R. McCuen, J. L. Mims, Fred J. Parham, W. R. Richardson, Paul Sanders, LeRoy Springs, John T. Stevens, Horace Tilghman, J. Skottowe Wannamaker, P. A. Wilcox, B. B. Williams, Bright Williamson.

COUPLE CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

THE OLD HOME "HICKORY FARM" SCENE OF JOYOUS OCCASION WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2.

(Written for The County Record)
On the 2nd of June, 1870, Lieut. Wm. Epps, C. S. A., and Miss Mary Rebecca Watts were married at "The Barrows," Berkeley County, the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. W. S. Lyles, the Rev. W. W. Jones, of the Methodist Church, officiating.

The fiftieth anniversary of this occasion was appropriately celebrated last Wednesday afternoon in the old home, "Hickory Farm," just East of Kingstree, where this venerable couple have spent so many happy years together in their industrious and Christian career.

In this hospitable home which was "built by the road-side" was enthroned the ideal of useful service, the kindly effort and the gentle lives of this devoted pair, which strikingly illustrates the value and the possibilities of practical Christianity. In this home the itinerant preacher and the way-side traveler found lodging, and the stranger was never turned away.

Mr. Wm. Epps is now in his 78th year. His father, for whom he was named, and his mother, Elizabeth Holmes Epps, came to South Carolina from the old North State, near Goldsboro, in the year 1858.

Mrs. Wm. Epps will celebrate her 80th birthday on the 18th of this month. Her parents were Mr. John DuRant Watts and Mrs. Sarah King Watts, who, during their lives, lived in Georgetown.

The Golden Wedding brought many of the relatives together again, some of whom had not seen each other for quite a number of years. Among them were numbered nine who had lived more than three score years and ten. This, though, perhaps was just an incident, for there were others not too feeble, but too far away to come to the anniversary.

One noticed on the center table in the living room, five Holy Bibles belonging to representatives of as many generations of this notable family.

The occasion, thoroughly symbolic of a final and unbroken union, was evidenced by many tokens of love and affection, and served to tighten the ties that bind.

There was a former marriage to Miss Annette Richardson Jones, May 28, 1868, to which union was born one son, Charles Jones Epps, now a leading druggist at Conway.

To the second marriage were born six children, four of whom are still living—John Wesley Epps, Ph. G., Macon, Ga., Edwin Christopher Epps, Cashier in the Bank of Williamsburg, Kingstree; Gilbert Watts Epps, Secretary and Treasurer, Asheville and East Tennessee Railroad, Asheville, N. C.; and Miss Annette L. Epps, Kingstree.

The third son, Dr. Arthur Deems Epps, died March 3, 1906, and Mrs. Frances Kooger Shealy, second daughter, died July 19, 1919.

Mr. Phillips Passes Away.

Mr. J. T. Phillips, a venerable citizen of the Cedar Swamp section, died at the Kelly sanatorium here Tuesday night. Mr. Phillips was about 80 years of age and was a veteran of the war between the states. He came to Williamsburg about thirty years ago from Sumter County and first moved into the Bloomingdale community, later taking up his residence in the Cedar Swamp neighborhood.

He is survived by his wife and the following children: Messrs. W. T. Phillips, Walter Phillips, Thomas Phillips, Mesdames R. M. Cantly, W. Foxworth, Wm. Epps, Henry Chandler, of this County, and Mrs. Watson, of Andrews.

Funeral and interment took place at Cedar Grove Baptist Church yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. W. N. Jacobs Entertains.

The largest and most delightful affair of the social season was the party given at the Country Club on Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. W. N. Jacobs in compliment to her niece, Miss Dorothy Peacock, who is her guest.

The Club House was a scene of beauty, being decorated in a profusion of ferns, sweet peas, and nasturtiums. Georgetown Times-Index.

HEMINGWAY SCHOOL CLOSSES GOOD YEAR

Impressive Commencement Exercises Held—Seven Finish Prescribed Course.

Hemingway, June 8.—The Hemingway centralized school system closed its 1919-20 term on Tuesday night. Rapid advancement has been made during the term just ended, viz., enrollment increased, standards raised, many improvements made in school building such as installing electric lights, waterworks, etc.

The closing exercises were splendid as well as impressive. The music class gave a recital and the high school a play entitled, "The Masonic Ring." Then on Friday night the grammar grades gave their exercises; these were cantatas, drills, songs, etc. The children taking part in these showed they had received the very best of training and acted their parts perfectly.

Sunday morning Dr. J. W. Daniel preached the sermon using as his text: "The Benedictions of Displacements." In his discourse the speaker dealt with the reactionary changes through which we are passing, and some of the requirements necessary for churches and schools to adopt. Monday night the oratorical contest was held; the speeches and reading were far above the ordinary. Gold medals were presented to Barney Harmon and Miss Minnie Huggins. On Tuesday night there were class day exercises; five girls and two boys completed the course of the 11th grade; two of the girls received state high school diplomas.

Prof. J. B. Bushardt has been superintendent of these schools for the past two years; in this time he, along with his able corps of teachers, has done a splendid work. They have put forth every effort towards the development of the school and thereby have won the esteem and praise of the entire community.

DARLINGTON TO HAVE BIG CELEBRATION JULY 5

Great Throng Expected to Be Present to Enjoy Hospitality. Many Free Attractions.

Darlington for many years prior to 1918, when the war interfered, enjoyed an enviable reputation for its annual celebration and horse show, with races, on the Fourth of July.

The Chamber of Commerce, leading business men and citizens of Darlington have determined that the celebration to be held there on Monday, July 5, this year, shall far eclipse anything ever before attempted along that line by Darlington, and it is expected the city will be thronged with visitors to revel in the pleasures and entertainment features provided for them.

Probably the best part of it all is that there will be absolutely no charge for any of the numerous special amusement features. Even the two picture shows will be open to the public, entirely free, from morning until late at night.

There will be a spirited game of baseball in the morning, to open the day's festivities, between the best and fastest teams available—free to all.

Early in the afternoon there will be an excellent card of races at the local track, with purses large enough to attract the best horses in this part of the South—and there will be no admission charged.

Contracts are now out for several amusement attractions, such as are featured at the State fair, and these will be announced later—all free.

The Columbia Brass Band of 25 pieces will furnish music all day, and at night the Columbia Orchestra will provide music for the gala street carnival and dancing—all free.

Governor Cooper and Hon. Skittowe Wannamaker are expected as guests of the city for the day, and the people of Darlington want every man, woman and child to feel that a personal invitation is extended to be present and enjoy the good things of the big day—and remember that everything is absolutely free.

Dentists to Meet.

Columbia, June 7.—A "Progressive Clinic" is the characterization given to the annual convention of the South Carolina Dental Association, to be held in Columbia, June 15, 16, 17, and 2000 dentists of the state are expected to attend the convention, which will be addressed by some of the leading dental authorities of the country.

REPUBLICANS HOLD CONVENTION

WRANGLE OVER LEAGUE OF NATIONS MAY CAUSE SPLIT IN PARTY

Chicago, June 9.—Republican differences over the league of nations culminated today in an open threat from irreconcilable Senators to leave the party unless it declared flatly against the league.

The ultimatum was delivered in dramatic fashion at a conference of leaders. It put the league issue suddenly to the fore of all other questions before the national convention, not excepting even the nomination of a Presidential candidate.

Tonight the leaders were only half heartedly attempting to conceal their apprehension over the situation. Most of them grimly predicted an agreement, but none appeared to concede any of his ground. In a session, which promised to last through the night, a resolution committee appointed by Senator Watson sought to find a middle course which would hold the party together.

Senator Crane, coming unexpectedly into the swim of convention affairs after several days of quiet conferences prefaced the irreconcilable ultimatum by laying on the council table a proposal that the party declared affirmatively for ratification of a league of nations covenant with safe guarding reservations. Backed, he said, by the group of mild reservation Senators, he indicated that unless such a plank were adopted all the dynamite of the league question would be let loose on the convention floor.

The reply of the irreconcilables came at once, phrased in terms which no one misunderstood. With considerable heat, Senator Borah told the conference that he and his colleagues never could support any plank declaring affirmatively for any ratification of the treaty, reservations or no reservations. Should the party adopt such a plank, they declared, they would immediately and finally part company with it.

Neither Side Recedes

In a desperate effort to bring harmony, Senator Watson pleaded that the rising animosities of the conferees be forgotten and that both sides approach the subject with a determination to avoid repetition of the disastrous break of 1912. But neither side receded and the meeting ended.

So it stood tonight that the resolutions committee of thirteen sought to work out a solution. There was a series of feverish conferences as each side sought to assess how much of the attitude of its adversary was bluff and how much was genuine.

The irreconcilable group solemnly assured their party leaders there was not a single element of bluff in their program and one of them is understood to have declared that should the party stand for any sort of ratification he would resign from the Senate to be free to carry on the fight.

What connection Senator Johnson might have with the move was not revealed. Throughout the Senate fight he stood shoulder to shoulder with Senator Borah, but talk of a possible Johnson bolt has been discounted by the men who are closest here to the California Senator.

While the delegates were assembling in the Coliseum today to make Senator Lodge and the remainder of the temporary organization the permanent one, and to hear nothing more exciting than a prayer and a speech by Chauncey M. Depew, the league of nations fight was being carried on in the quiet of a committee room downtown, where a dozen men, representing the reservationists and the irreconcilables, were gathered about a table.

The irreconcilables swear they will fight to the last ditch to prevent the Republican party from going before the country with any sort of an endorsement of the league idea, and thus become "the tail to President Wilson's kite," as Senator Johnson himself puts it. The element opposed to them argues it will be a sorry thing for the party if their views prevail.

Those in authority should watch the sanitary condition of Kingstree closely at this season. See that all open sewers are closed; premises kept in order. Much complaint has been heard in this connection recently.