

CUT HIS WIFE'S THROAT.

Colored Man Said to Have Confessed Murdering Wife and Throwing Body in Pond.

Bennettsville, March 10.—Jess McNeal, colored, who was arrested a few days ago, charged with having murdered his wife near McColl, is said to have made a confession, admitting his guilt. According to the report McNeal claimed that his wife had been trying to get him to leave her, and one night told him that if he ever stayed at home again he would never wake up. She started to go to another house for some clothes and, he said, he went with her. On the way back he said he told her he was going to get some whiskey and they went by McNair's Mill Pond. He stated that when they got there he cut her throat, undressed her, taking all her clothes off, except her shoes and stockings; that he waded in the pond a short distance and threw the body in. He says that he then stayed on the road from that time, which was about 9 o'clock, until just before day; that he then went home, took a bath, cooked some breakfast and went to church.

The murder was committed and the body put in the pond about three weeks before it was found. Two white men, who had been in the pond in a boat fishing, noticed something which aroused their suspicion and upon investigation it was discovered to be the body of a woman.

It is said that the first confession, which McNeal made was to the father of the woman. The old man went into the jail and pointedly asked McNeal if he had killed Ida, his wife. McNeal denied it. The old man is said to have knelt and prayed very fervently. When he had finished his prayer he turned to McNeal again and asked him: "Jess, did you kill Ida?" and it is said that McNeal replied: "Yes, daddy, I killed her." Since, it is claimed, that he has told all of the facts and circumstances connected with the killing, and that upon information given by him the clothes of the woman were found in the pond near where she was murdered.

COURT AT FLORENCE ENDED.

Men Accused of Slaying John Hicks Acquitted.

Florence, March 12.—The case against the Evans and Miles boys, charged with killing John Hicks in a dispute over land, was quickly disposed of today. Only five witnesses were put up by the State and none by the defence, though nearly everybody in that neighborhood has been here to court as witnesses through three terms. The jury at one time last night gave some indications of a deadlock, but after having the judge come back and recharge them on certain points after 10 o'clock, they soon brought in a verdict of not guilty.

Judge Prince has saved the county a very great expense in ordering the pay for witnesses cut from a dollar a day to fifty cents, and from ten cents a mile to five. Florence has paid the larger fees for many years, and each judge has passed it, and it has cost the county many thousands of dollars a year, which was without warrant. The multitude of witnesses here expecting expenses have been bitterly disappointed, for the present fees do not cover expenses. The number of witnesses attending hereafter, unless the law be changed, will be greatly reduced.

NO CHANGE IN PENSION LAW.

General Assembly's Action Was to Add \$50,000 to Fund.

Columbia, March 11.—From letters to the State pension board from the county pension boards and from private individuals, it seems that there is a widespread misunderstanding in regard to the acts passed by the last General Assembly in regard to pensions, says W. H. Edwards, member of the State pension board. The law as to eligibility to pensions was not changed in any particular, says Mr. Edwards. The only change made by the last General Assembly in regard to the pension fund was to add \$50,000 to the pension fund out of which must come in round numbers \$17,500 for the maintenance of the Confederate Infirmary. The fund this year for pensions is \$282,500, and the fund will be thus distributed by the Comptroller General by the direction of the State pension board. The pensioners may expect the money on or about April 15, 1915. There was absolutely no change made in the pension law by the last General Assembly.

Sease Won't Run for Congress.

Spartanburg, March 13.—Judge Thomas S. Sease, whose name has been mentioned among those who might enter the race to succeed Congressman Joseph T. Johnson in case the latter becomes a Federal judge, stated that he would under no circumstances enter politics again. "When I went on the bench," he said, "I cut all political bridges behind me and have no aspirations in that direction."

SUPERVISOR OF MILL SCHOOLS.

Geo. D. Brown, Superintendent of Newberry County, Given Important Office.

Columbia, March 13.—George D. Brown, superintendent of education for Newberry county, has accepted the position of State supervisor of mill schools and will enter upon his new duties July 1.

Mr. Brown's notable success in public school work, both in Georgia and in South Carolina, combined with a strong personality, won for him the position of superintendent of education in his native county in 1913. He is just completing the second year of his four-year term, and his reluctance to relinquish his year's work until every detail had been finished is his reason for not entering upon his new duties at once.

BAD HAIL STORM AT GREENVILLE.

Strips Foliage From Trees and Does Great Damage.

Greenville, March 14.—What is described as the most violent hail storm of the present generation played havoc in the mountain section between Greenville and Asheville last week. Those who have been to the scene of the storm tell of trees stripped of their branches and often the bark was beaten off by the hail stones. It was necessary to clear the roads of timber before any vehicle could pass. Along the highway are many trees broken off and their ragged edges, the bark torn from them, glisten in the sunlight like great spear points. The inhabitants of the mountains say that all of Friday and Friday night of last week the noise of falling timber could be heard. The crash of a tree or a limb falling to earth would be heard, and before the sound had died, the crash of another tree or another limb would start the sound anew. It is impossible, of course, to estimate the amount of damage done, but statements agree that it is considerable.

SERVIA IN GRAVE FLIGHT.

Position of Country is Terrific.

London, March 15.—Sir Thomas Lipton, whose yacht Erin is being used by the Servian Red Cross as a hospital ship, sends from Servia to the British Red Cross society a description of the situation there:

"It is almost impossible to describe the terrible position of Servia on account of poverty and disease," he writes. "The hospitals everywhere are crowded with typhus cases. Dr. Edward W. Ryan of the American Red Cross says that unless something is done to prevent the spread of the disease the country will lose half of its population. It is impossible to isolate the typhus from the others. 'I am certain that no country in the world today is in so serious a condition as Servia. The first hospital I visited was an American institution at Ghevelgi. It contains 1,400 patients, mostly typhus cases, many of them lying without blankets or mattresses. I saw one dead man lying among them.

"Of 12 American nurses seven are sick with typhus. Of six American doctors three have typhus.

"Typhus is bad in Belgrade, where I was nearly finished by an Austrian shell. The situation is worse at Nish. It is also serious at Servian army headquarters. Hospitals are short of everything—drugs, surgical supplies, blankets, sheets.

"I am assured that there are some districts which have been even more ravaged by disease than those I visited."

GERMAN ESTIMATE ON WAR.

Secretary of Treasury Says it Costs \$375,000,000 Week.

Berlin, March 14.—By Wireless to Sayville.—The Over Seas News Agency says that Dr. Karl Helfferich, secretary of the imperial treasury, introducing the budget on March 10, stated that the cost of the war for all of the belligerents was \$375,000,000 a week.

The cost to the British in the first eight months of the war was \$2,250,000,000 and to the French and Russians probably \$4,500,000,000, the agency says.

The secretary quoted his British colleague, David Lloyd George, as saying that the war would be won with the last billion.

BEWARE OF POTATOES.

Truck Growers Are Warned Against Large Acreage.

Washington, March 14.—Truck growers were warned today by the department of agriculture against planting a large acreage of early potatoes. Attention was directed to reports that a much larger supply of Northern grown potatoes was in the hands of growers and dealers January 1, 1915, than the year previous and that the price now is about 33 per cent, less than a year ago.

INCOME TAX RETURNS.

Comptroller General, With Consent of Governor, Extends Time Without Penalty.

Columbia, March 13.—Comptroller General Carlton W. Sawyer, with the consent of the governor, has extended the time for making returns for the State income tax until July 1 without penalty. This action was taken on the request of Chairman A. W. Jones and the members of the State tax commission.

The order extending the time for making income tax returns follows: State of South Carolina, Office of Comptroller General, Columbia, March 13, 1915.

County Auditor.—Dear Sir: The State tax commission of the State of South Carolina has sent me the following communication relative to the enforcement of the income tax law:

"The time for making returns under the income tax law of this State expired on the 20th of February last, and a very large number of persons liable to the payment of the tax omitted to make such returns within the time limited.

"The neglect to make the returns in time may have been caused in part by an erroneous impression that the returns and payment of the income tax to the Federal government relieved these taxpayers from paying the income tax imposed by the laws of this State.

"The failure to make returns within time have been so general and widespread that we think further opportunity should be allowed such persons to make these returns before the penalties provided by law are imposed upon them."

In order, therefore, to save such persons who will now come forward and make the proper returns, I, Carlton W. Sawyer, under, and by virtue of power conferred upon the Comptroller General, with the approval of the governor, in section 767 of Volume 1, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1912, do hereby extend the time for the making of returns and assessment of income taxes without penalty until the first day of July, A. D. 1915.

You will govern yourself accordingly. Carlton W. Sawyer, Comptroller General.

Approved: Richard I. Manning, Governor.

APPOINTS SPONSOR.

Gen. C. A. Reed Announces Designation of Miss Carrie Moss Dantzer, Orangeburg.

Columbia, March 14.—C. A. Reed of Anderson, brigadier general, commanding the Second brigade, South Carolina division, United Confederate Veterans, announces the appointment of the following, to attend both the State reunion in Columbia, April 28 and 29, and the general reunion in Richmond, June 1, 2 and 3:

Sponsor, Miss Carrie Moss Dantzer, Orangeburg; maids of honor, Miss Louise A. Salley, Orangeburg, and Miss Mary Quarles Link, Abbeville; matron of honor, Mrs. James R. Vandiver, Anderson.

TEACHERS IN SESSION.

Regular Monthly Meeting Held at Manning.

Manning, March 13.—The regular monthly meeting of the Clarendon County Teachers' association, held in the court house here today, was probably the last meeting to be held during the present school term, as the annual field day and county school fair, to be held on April 15, will supersede the association meeting for that month. At the meeting today several interesting papers were read and discussed to the edification of all present. One paper, "The Cooperation of Teacher and Patron in the Work of the School," by H. J. Bomar of Deep Creek school and Miss Catherine Murchison of Oakdale school, was well received, as was also an able paper on "School Credits for Home Industrial Work," by Miss Beulah Edge of Trinity school.

The elaborate programme that has been prepared for the approaching field day was taken up for discussion and several features explained. The approaching event will be the fourth annual school field day for Clarendon and it is expected to measure fully up to the high standard that characterized each former occasion. The various schools of the county are entering with enthusiasm into preparation for the different academic and athletic contests for the victors in which suitable prizes will be offered.

About the "Red Rosette."

Curtain will rise at 9 o'clock, so as to permit those who attend Friday night prayer meeting to also be at the Y. M. C. A. benefit. A most cordial invitation to all.

Popular price of 50c general admission. Academy of Music, March 19.

Local weather prophets are predicting a large fruit crop this year.

HELD IN CHARLESTON.

Young Man Giving Name as A. D. Manning is Detained.

A young man, who registered at the Charleston Hotel on Friday night as "A. D. Manning, Sumpter," was arrested late last night by the police. The prisoner asserted that he was a son of Gov. Manning and that he was a reporter for The Columbia State. During the afternoon he interviewed Mayor Grace, it is stated, about conditions in Charleston.

He was at the union station when arrested. Policeman Duggan made the arrest on instructions he had received to watch for the young man. When searched at the station house two checks, drawn, and two others, not filled out, were found on him. Persons who had cashed checks for the young stranger called at the station house and it was stated that formal charges would be entered this morning.

A member of the staff of the Columbia State by long distance telephone declared that no person of the name given by the young man was employed there.—News and Courier.

Mr. C. L. Cuttino has recently purchased a registered Aberdeen-Angus bull and will raise beef cattle on his Shady Side farm. Dr. C. P. Osteen also has a registered Aberdeen-Angus bull, selected and purchased for him by the live stock department of Clemson College.

A SUMTER MAN'S EXPERIENCE.

Results Tell the Tale—Can You Doubt the Evidence of This Sumter Citizen?

C. H. James, salesman, 304 Council St., Sumter, says: "I was afflicted with backache and sharp pains through my loins. I could not rest well. Mornings I was so lame that I could hardly dress. If I straightened quickly after stooping, sharp pains shot through my back. The kidney secretions were unnatural, and filled with sediment, and I didn't have much control over them. When a friend told me about Doan's Kidney Pills I gave them a trial, and they strengthened my kidneys. (Statement given March 17, 1908.)

On January 11, 1915, Mr. James said: "I gladly confirm my former endorsement of Doan's Kidney Pills. I always recommend them to anyone I hear complaining of kidney trouble."

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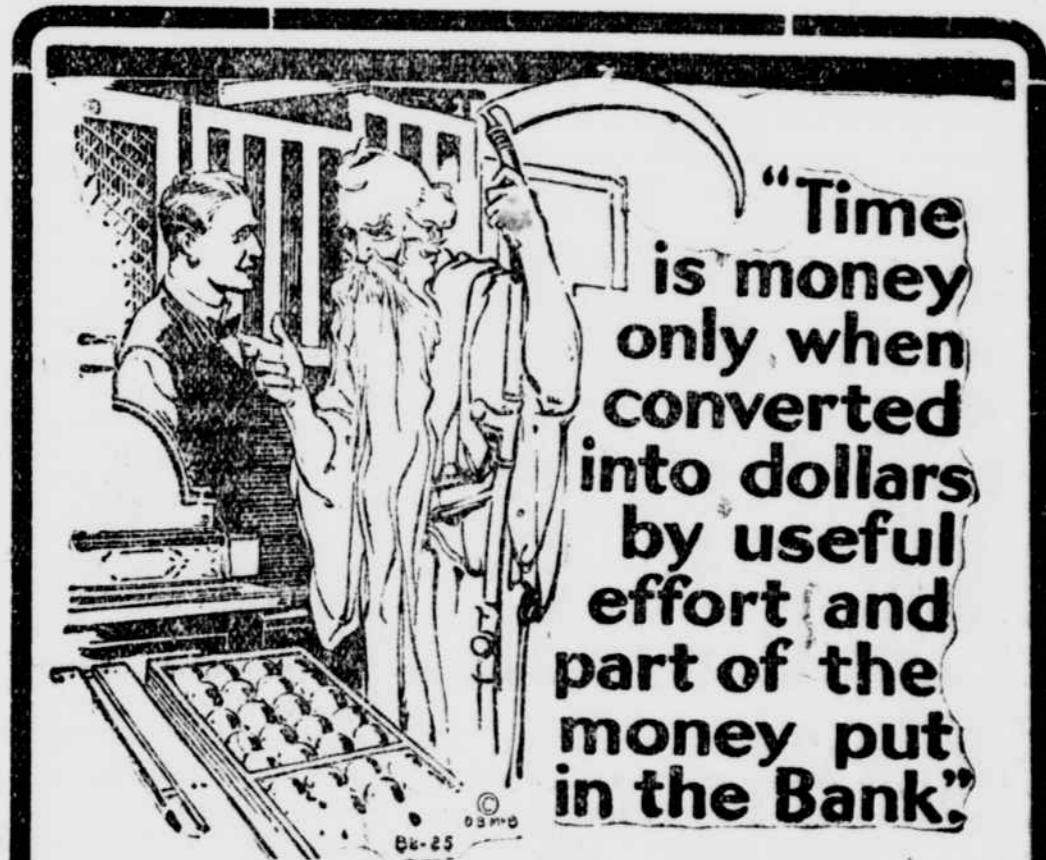
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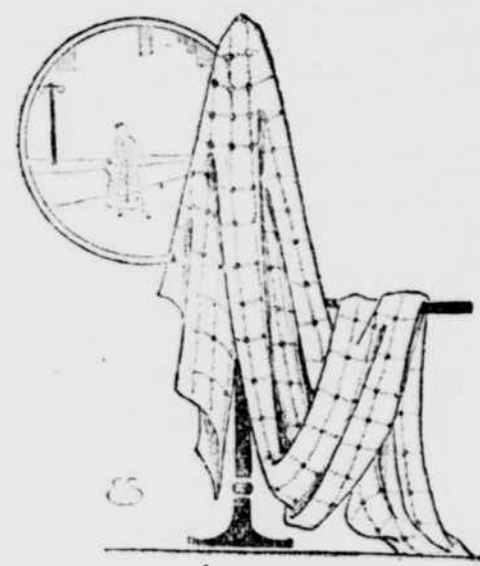
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