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Astonishing Developments in a
Bale of Cotton at Pelzer.

Cor Greenville News,

Williamston, S. C., Nov. 21.—
One of Adam's black sons, Will
Clardy by name and a farmer by
occupation, induced by the ex-
ceedingly low price of cotton and
hard times generally, concluded
as he was helping to gin a bale
of his own cotton at Frank Dav-
enport's gin in Greenville county
one morning before daylight last
week, that he would add a few
pounds to the weight of his bale
by dropping a rock in the press
occasionally, and so he proceeded
to execute this plan, with the re-
sult that when his little bale of
cotton was suspended upon the
company's scales at Pelzer Cotton
Buyer Blake was astonished to
see that the beam was tipped at
the 819 figure. Naturally sus-
pecting that there was something
heavier than cotton in the bagging
Mr. Blake ordered the bale un-
hooped and A. P. Long, chief of
police, ordered Clardy to keep
quiet and watch the investigation,
which only lasted a few minutes
when 350 pounds of rocks were
separated from the cotton. The
largest one weighed 125 pounds.
Mr. Long, after pausing a few
minutes, came to the conclusion
that any man who would enhance
the value of flint rocks from noth-
ing to 4½ cents per pound would
do to take along, and he accord-
ingly invested his man with brace-
lets and escorted him to Anderson
jail. Will did not confess his
crime but only said, "it's de
strangest thing I ever seed how
dem rocks got into dat bale of cot-
ton."

SAY! DON'T DO IT!

Don't send off for jewelry,
watches, clocks, silverware, or
for anything in these lines, for
the identical thing can be obtained
from R. Brandt for the same
money and oftentimes for less,
besides you know how often one
is deceived.

Did you ever think of it, that R.
Brandt has made a study of ordering
such things for 8 years, and that he
certainly knows better where to order
from than you who occasionally read
an advertisement or receive a cata-
logue. Remember all jewelers are
not so well posted. Bring your own
fugue along and he will demonstrate
what he says. Now, tr. it, he want
you to do it.

Our prices are low and a 10 per cent
reduction makes them a great deal
lower. Write for circulars.

R BRANDT,

For you a money saving Jeweler,
Chester, S. C.

CLERK'S SALE.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF LANCASTER,
Court of Common Pleas.

Jennie P. Belk, Plaintiff,
vs.
William P. Belk, Defendant.

PURSUANT to an Order of court in
the above case, signed by Geo. W.
Gage, Circuit Judge, Oct. 5, 1898 I
will sell at Lancaster court-house on

The First Monday in December,
within the legal hours of sale, the fol-
lowing described property to wit:

All that tract of land in the county
of Lancaster and State of South Caro-
lina, containing

125 Acres, More or Less,
bounded, North by S J Starnes, and J
H Williams; South, by estate lands of
R W Belk, deceased; East, by lands
of Margaret Hinson and D A Funder-
burk; West, by estate lands of H R W
Belk.

Terms of Sale, CASH, or one-
half cash and balance in one year,
to be secured by bond or purchaser bear-
ing eight (8) per cent interest from
date which shall be secured by a mort-
gage of the premises. Purchaser to
pay for papers.

W. S. L. Porter,
C. C. C. L. C.
E. E. Wylie, Plf's Atty.

HOW MRS. HUGHES SLEW HER HUSBAND.

Details of the Dreadful Tragedy
at Greer's as Told at the
Coroner's Inquest.

An Only Child the Only Eye
Witness—The Boy's Simple
Story of the Fatal Scene
in the Parlor.

The following is the testimony
as published in the Greenville
mountaineer, taken by the coroner
at the inquest of George W
Hughes, the Greer's merchant
who was shot by his wife last
Friday night and died from the
effects of the wound the follow-
ing night:

R. M. Hawkins, being duly
sworn, says: I heard the report
of a pistol and went to the door.
I was at Mr. Sheppard's. It was
the night of the 18th inst. I
went over there. I saw Hughes
lying out in the porch when I
went to the door. He was bol-
dering for some one to come there.

He said he wanted to make a
statement. He said that Mattie
had killed him and had done it
without cause. That she gave
him two minutes to get ready to
fight her fair. He said that he
told her that he would not hurt a
hair on her head, and that she
had shot him without a cause. I
think I was the first one to get
there. She was on the porch
with him. She had gotten him
into the house, but he had come
back out. This occurred when I
was at Mr. Sheppard's. She did
not interfere with my taking him
into the house. I helped to get
him to bed. She did not object
to my coming into the house.
She had a pistol in her hand when
I got there. Don't know size of
pistol; it was blue. She was
turning pistol about. Did not
see anybody run. Mr. Groce was
there afterwards and helped to
get him into the house. Mr.
Hughes did not have on coat when
I got there. Did not find any
pistol on his person; I think that
I would have felt a pistol if he
had had one. Mrs. Hughes
showed very little sorrow or re-
gret for the crime. I don't know
that I saw anything unusual in
her appearance. Didn't know of
any previous trouble. I would
have taken her to have been un-
der the influence of liquor; I
could smell whiskey pretty
strong; I am satisfied that it was
on her breath.

W. H. Groce testified very
fully and in substance as follows:
I ran up and saw Mrs. Hughes
standing over Mr. Hughes on the
porch. She saw me and said:
"Go for the doctor, I have shot
George and I did not do it inten-
tionally." I started for the
doctor and Mr. Hughes called me
back and said he wanted to make
his dying statement. He said:
"She shot me without cause."
He then fell back and said: "Oh,
my God!" Mr. Hawkins and I
carried him into the room. I
went into the front room and Mrs.
Hughes said: "God knows I did
not do it intentionally." She
said: "Where is his coat? He
has got a pistol. I am going to
kill myself; I have killed him."
I hunted for the coat and pistol,
but could not find it. I heard
him say that she had given him
two minutes to fight her fair. He

said that he caught her arm in the
time of it. I heard him say that
he would not have hurt a hair on
her head. I heard at the house.
Heard them quarrelling the Wed-
nesday night before; have heard
quarrelling at different times;
didn't know the reason of their
difficulties. On Wednesday night
before shooting, I heard her say:
"You accuse me—" of some-
thing; I could not understand
him, only I heard him say: "Keep
quiet, or the neighbors will hear
us." I heard her call him a
"damn fool," or something. I
heard her say: "Bring up those
that accuse me of so and so." This
was on Wednesday night. Never
heard her threaten his life
at any time. Mr. Hughes said
that he caught her arm before he
was shot. At supper she was a
little red in the face. At noon
she went in the room and gave
me a drink of corn whiskey. After
the shooting I did not consider
her under the influence of liquor.
I never did find Mr. Hughes' coat.
Judging from the way
they had quarrelled I was not
surprised at the killing. From
what I had seen, Mr. Hughes had
always been pleasant and kind to
his wife. On the fatal night he
did not seem to be angry. I did
not hear him accuse her at any
time. I don't know of any reason
why he should suspect or accuse
her; he never showed any jealousy.
I was only with them at the table.
Mr. and Mrs. Hughes had separate
bed rooms; their rooms were
adjoining; the little son slept with
Mr. Hughes.

R. M. Hawkins, recalled, said:
I did not hear Mr. Hughes say
that he caught her arm, but I
heard him say several times that
he did not catch her arm. I did
not see Mr. Groce until he came
into the piazza. I stay about 100
feet from Mr. Hughes' house. It
is over 100 yards to the Vitor
Mfg Co.'s store.

John Zimmerman, at Mrs.
Hughes' request, went for Fannie
Cohen, the cook with whom he
returned to the house. From
that point, he said: When we got
to the doorstep we heard Leo
screaming and hollering. Fannie
went on into the dining room
door. I took a peep up through
the hall to the parlor and saw Mr.
Hughes coming out into the hall
with Mrs. Hughes following him.
Leo was hollering: "Mamma,
don't shoot papa." Mrs. Hughes
had the gun in her ad pointed at
his head. She was about six feet
from him. Mr. Hughes said:
"I am going out of the back door,
Mattie." She said: "No, you
won't. If you go out of the
back door, you will go out with
your head full of balls." He
then said: "I will go back in the
parlor and sit down." She got
back in one corner and with a
pistol pointed at him, made him
go back in the parlor. Mr.
Hughes said: "Mattie, what in
the world is the matter with you?"
Fannie Cohen and I went out to
Fannie's house. I said: "Fannie,
Mrs. Hughes is going to kill Mr.
Hughes." Fannie said: "No, she
has done done that way two or
three times before." I started
back and got to the kitchen door.
Leo was still hollering: "Mamma,
don't shoot papa." I got scared
and went back to Fannie Cohen's
house. I heard a pistol fire. I
heard only one report and report
and heard Mr. Hughes holler,
"Oh, Lordy." Mr. Hughes had

no pistol when I saw him. Had
on his coat. He made no attempt
to hurt Mrs. Hughes. When she
had the pistol drawn on him, she
said: "You repeat that and I will
kill you." Mrs. Hughes called
her husband a "black G—d—s—
of a b—." Mr. Hughes said dur-
ing the fuss: "Mattie, I would
not hurt you for anything in the
world."

Fannie Cohen, the cook, testi-
fied to substantially the same
facts as John Zimmerman. She
said Mr. Hughes seemed always
to be kind to his wife. They had
separate rooms and at their former
residence, Mr. Hughes and Leo
slept up stairs and Mrs. Hughes
down stairs.

Jacob Wood, who lives op-
posite, heard the shot, and as
Hughes tried to go out the door
his wife pulled him back, his coat
being pulled off in the scuffle.
Got to Hughes a few minutes
after shot was fired and saw no
one around but Mrs. Hughes.
Heard Hughes say that Mattie
told him to get up and not die
like a dog. Said she would give
him two or three minutes to get
up.

Sam Greer was passing the
house and heard the fuss. When
pistol fired he ran from Fannie
Cohen's house to big gate. Mrs.
Hughes said, "Who is that?"
She said, "Sam, I shot George,
but he was trying to do me." Mr.
Hughes said, "Sam, I want you
to know I was not doing a thing
to Mattie," and repeated this
several times.

Earle Austin heard the first of
the fuss that preceded the shoot-
ing. The night before heard Mr.
and Mrs. Hughes fussing at the
supper table. Mrs. Hughes called
Mr. Hughes a vile name and said
if Mr. Hughes did not make peo-
ple stop talking about her, she
would kill him.

Chaney Littlefield took oyster
supper with Mr. and Mrs. Hughes
that night, and at Mrs. Hughes'
invitation took a drink with her.
Hughes said he would not go
down town that night after sup-
per. If Mrs. Hughes was drink-
ing could not tell it. Boarded at
the house several years and knew
they had had trouble. Have
heard them quarrel frequently.
Have heard her curse and abuse
him, also threaten him. Only a
few days ago, she told him if he
ever mentioned another man to her
she intended to shoot him. He
replied, "When I have cause to
do so, I will do it." She said, "Re-
peat that and I will kill you right
now." Have seen Mrs. Hughes
drink. Not certain I ever saw
Mr. Hughes drink; if so, it was
very little, if any. During Mrs.
Hughes' frequent abuse, he al-
ways acted submissive. Often
heard him say he would not harm
a hair of her head for the world.
Wednesday night heard her curs-
ing Mr. Hughes, calling him all
kinds of s— b—. About an
bad oaths as you could get up.

T M Boswell testified to about
the same as other witnesses and
in addition said: Mrs. Hughes
said, "George, I shot you, but
would not do it again," and said,
"George, I gave you two minutes
to get ready to fight me a fair
fight." Mr. Hughes said: "Mat-
tie, I would not harm you for the
world." Mr. Hughes said: "Mat-
tie, you have been threatening
this for a long time." She said:
"Yes, and I want you to fix to
get me out of it." She knelt

down before him and kissed him.
He said: "Mattie, that's the
first time you have done that for
years." He said while she was
at his bed: "Mattie, you have
shot me without a cause."

Other witnesses testified to the
same and similar facts, concern-
ing Mrs. Hughes' frequent curs-
ing of her husband and his kind
forbearance.

Leo, the nine year old son, was
questioned by W W Burgess, at
the request of the coroner and
his statement is given as follows:

"Papa and mama went into the
sitting room after supper and
papa asked mama if she had any-
thing to say. mama then com-
menced cursing papa. Papa
started out the front door and
mama was next to the door and
told him G—d—him if he went
she would kill him. Papa then
went to the back door and mama
followed him with the pistol point-
ing at his back saying if he went
out that door she would kill him;
that she would follow him she
did not care where he went. Papa
then went back to the sitting
room and said, 'Well, I will sit
down.' Papa just sat there, but
mamma pointed the pistol at him
and said she would kill him and
give him two minutes to get up
and fight. But papa told mama
that he would not hurt her for
anything. Papa caught the pistol,
but mama had her hand on the
trigger and shot him. mama
was mad, but papa was not mad
at mama. Papa never abused,
scolded or whipped mama, but
mamma cursed papa. When he
was shot papa said, 'Oh Lord,'
and went out the front door, but
mama tried to pull him back.
mamma got papa's coat off and
put it on the chair and said,
'There's the pistol.' Never saw
any pistol, but heard something
hit the chair when the coat was
put on the chair. me and sam
Greer went for the doctor and
that's all I know about it."

Mrs. Hughes has been in jail
since Saturday and is taking
things coolly. She is about thirty-
two or three years old and was
married at the age of sixteen. She
is a daughter of Mr. Isaac Waldrop,
of Spartanburg county.

ROBBED THE GRAVE.

A startling incident, of which
Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia,
was the subject, is narrated by
him as follows: "I was in a most
dreadful condition. My skin was
almost yellow, eyes sunken,
tongue coated, pain continually
in back and sides, no appetite—
gradually growing weaker day by
day. Three physicians had given
me up. Fortunately, a friend ad-
vised trying 'Electric Bitters';
and to my great joy and surprise,
the first bottle made a decided
improvement. I continued their
use for three weeks, and am now
a well man. I know they saved
my life, and robbed the grave of
another victim." No one should
fail to try them. Only 50 cts per
bottle at Crawford Bros' Drug
Store.

The most rabid of all the negro
meetings yet held was that in
Washington City Monday. They
denounced President McKinley,
Booker T. Washington and other
leaders; called Governor Russel
a physical monstrosity and a
political nonentity, and praised
The Washington Star as the friend
of the negro, while The Washing-
ton Post was denounced. The
resolutions advised that force be
used against the whites in the
South.

HUGHES STRANGE WILL.

Left a Third of His Estate
to the Wife Who Killed
Him.

Greenville News.

The will of the late George W.
Hughes, the Greers merchant who
died last Saturday night from the
effects of a pistol shot wound in-
flicted by his wife on the night
before, was probated here yester-
day. The alleged murderess is
made heir of one-third of the
estate and the only son, Leo
Hughes, is given two-thirds. The
document is dated the night of
the shooting and is witnessed by
D. Bahari Simpson, W. E.
Walker and J. L. Carman. Mr.
Carman was also a member of the
coroner's jury that said Mrs.
Hughes was guilty of wilful
murder in killing her husband.
The will was evidently hastily
drawn as it contains a number of
clerical errors.

The estate is valued at \$4,400
with about \$1,200 of debts to be
paid out of this. In addition to
this there is an insurance policy
for \$2,000 to be divided equally
between the wife and the child.

In the second paragraph of the
will the testator speaks of the
alleged murderess as his "be-
loved" wife. In the fourth
paragraph this endearing term
was repeated but was afterward
stricken out.

It was reported from Greers
yesterday that on Saturday morn-
ing just before Mrs. Hughes de-
parted with Deputy Sheriff Gil-
reath to come to Greenville to
jail she went through the pockets
of her dying husband and got \$4
or \$5 in silver. This was while
the operation was being performed
to find the direction of the bullet
she had fired into his body. When
she arrived at the jail here she
had \$176 on her person. All but
a few dollars of this was in bills.

QUITE HEAVY UPON SENATOR MATT QUAY.

Grand Jury Indicts the Politician
and his son.

Philadelphia, Nov. 21.—The
grand jury today presented to the
county court true bills of indict-
ment against United States Sen-
ator M. S. Quay, his son Richard
R. Quay, and Benjamin J. Hay-
wood, ex State treasurer. The
bills charge the defendants with
conspiracy with John S. Hopkins,
late cashier of the People's bank,
for the unlawful use of the moneys
of the bank in the purchase of
stock and conspiracy with Hop-
kins in the misuse of state funds
on deposit in the People's bank.
Hopkins committed suicide by
shooting in March last.

Beauty Is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No
beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathar-
tic clean your blood and keep it clean, by
circling up the lazy liver and driving all im-
purities from the body. Begin to-day to
vanish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads,
and that sickly bilious complexion by taking
Cascarets.—Beauty for ten cents. All drug-
gists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

Gov. Ellerbe has commuted the
sentence of J W Powell of Rich-
land who killed C W Sloane in
January 1896. Powell was
sentenced to 7 years in the peni-
tentiary. He will be freed on
Christmas day not having served
quite three years of his sentence.
The petition for his pardon con-
tained over 3,000 signatures.