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## A SHOCKING CRIME.

Three White Men Drive a Georgia Farmer's Wife from Her Home and Burn the House, Together With Three Little Children.

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 19.—A special to The Times-Union and Citizen, from River Junction, Fla., says: This afternoon, about 4 o'clock, three unknown white men went to the house of Andra Shackelford, farmer living about five miles above here, in Decatur county, Georgia, and demanded food from his wife. She was alone with her three little children, and offered bread, saying it was all she had. With an oath they demanded meat. She became frightened and fled to the woods. The tramps caught the three little children and set fire to the house, roasting the little ones to death.

Sheriff Patterson, of Bainbridge, Ga., has been wired to come at once with bloodhounds, and strong hopes are felt that the fiends will be apprehended.

## No Bidders.

The Chester Mills were offered for sale yesterday at an upset price of \$60,000. There were no bidders. It will be necessary to get another order of court, and the result of yesterday's effort indicates that a lower price will have to be named. We trust that no time will be lost in getting the institution in shape to utilize its plant.—Chester Lantern, 18th inst.

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## 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 following described property, to wit:

All that tract of land in the county of Lancaster and State of South Carolina, containing

125 Acres, More or Less, bounded, North by S J Starnes and J H Williams; South, by estate lands of H R W Belk, deceased; East, by lands of Margaret Hinson and D A Funderburk; 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 bearing eight (8) per cent interest from date which shall be secured by a mortgage of the premises. Purchaser to pay for papers.

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

[For The Ledger.]  
Flying Trip of a Lancasterian Through the Shenandoah Valley.

Editor of The Ledger:

I recently had the pleasure of making a flying trip through the Shenandoah Valley in the western part of the State of Virginia, stopping off at Roanoke and Salem, Virginia, and perhaps a brief description of the same would not be uninteresting to the readers of your paper.

Roanoke is a city of 22,000 inhabitants, situated on the Roanoke River, between the Blue Ridge on the east and the Alleghany Mountains on the west. The climate is healthful and invigorating. In winter it is cold but free from blizzards so common in the north; in summer it is mild and salubrious. The sanitary condition of the city is all that could be desired. The great natural attractions in this place, which make it of so much interest to the world at large, are the Crystal Springs and the mountains which almost surround the same. The Crystal Springs comprises two springs, one limestone and the other freestone, in about five steps of each other, which flow from the foot of Mill Mountain, a spur of the Blue Ridge. These two little springs, not more than two feet across, feed to large lakes in the same park, and the supply of water seems to be inexhaustible. The water is as clear as a crystal from the time it leaves the springs and passes into the lakes, until it mingles with the turbid waters of the Roanoke River, hence its name, this clearness not being affected at all by rainy weather. These springs are a great resort for summer visitors and the city is always full of these pleasure seekers in the summer and spring. These springs can be easily reached in fifteen minutes from the city by electric car, which passes right by the same.

The other attraction here is the mountains. Mill Mountain is situated at the head of the Crystal Springs, just on the eastern edge of the city, and rises many hundred feet above the surrounding country. Good roads have been graded around the same and a pavilion, observatory and other amusement places mark the summit, which is a great rendezvous place for picnics and pleasure parties in the springtime, when the mountain is covered with her verdure of green. The Blue Ridge Mountains run along the eastern edge of the city, while the Alleghany are some miles distant on the west, both of which lend enchanting scenes to be viewed and admired by all who are so fortunate as to behold them.

The Virginia College for young ladies is situated on the eastern edge of this place at the foot of the Blue Ridge and is surrounded on all sides by everything that makes up an attractive and comfortable temporary home for our dear college girls. The building is large and commodious, containing all the modern conveniences, and no pains are spared to make the girls comfortable, and it is one of the best equipped female colleges in the south. The faculty is composed of the best instructors and the curriculum is very high. This institution was founded by that eminent Georgia divine, formerly president of the Wesleyan Female Institute of Salem

ton, Virginia, Rev. William A. Harris, D. D., and its doors were opened to pupils in the autumn of 1893. On the death of Dr. Harris, a year or two ago, he was succeeded as president of this Seminary by his daughter, Miss Mattie Harris, a lady noted for her scholarly attainments and high culture and refinement and who is eminently qualified for this responsible position. She has in the last two years of her administration of this office, brought the school up to a higher standard of excellence than ever before in its history. Every department of this college is well provided for. The music department is one of the best in the south, being under the supervision of Prof. R. E. Henning of Cleveland, Ohio, one of the most eminent musicians in this country. If young ladies desire a complete musical education, as most of them do, they will find the course here as thorough as can be found in the southland. The writer, through the courtesy of the president, was conducted through the college by some of the teachers, and he is convinced that what he has above written is no exaggeration but the unvarnished truth. The following South Carolinians are engaged here as teachers and are giving thorough satisfaction as I learned: Col. J. Colton Lynes, Prof. of Modern Languages, and who was some years ago, Superintendent of the Kings Mountain Military School then located in Yorkville; Miss Miller of Columbia, who is the teacher of English; Miss Mamy Allison of Lancaster, who presides over the practice division in the Music Department. The courteous and affable Mr. Boatwright, formerly of the Empire State of the South, is the efficient Secretary of this institution. Fathers and mothers, you will not find a better equipped school for your girls, where they will be under more competent instructors than this. The salubrious climate and invigorating mountain air here make this a very desirable location for the same, from the standpoint of health. Situated, as it is, at the foot of the mountains, facing the west, it is very inspiring to stand in the front porch of this building and view the hills and vales as they lie stretched out before you, and beyond in the distance the majestic Alleghany Mountains, as they extend far away to meet the south-western horizon Winchester, one of the famous battle fields of the Civil War, is only a few miles from this city.

The Hollins Institute, situated about five miles from Roanoke, is another fine institute for young ladies, but the writer did not have time to visit it, but only passed by on the train on his way to Harper's Ferry. Roanoke boasts of two as fine and well equipped hotels as can be found in the country, the Ponce de Leon and the Roanoke, the latter being owned by the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company and situated on an elevated site near the depot, occupying a whole square to itself. The Norfolk and Western Company own all the railroad lines coming in and going out of the city and have therefore a monopoly of the business.

The writer had the pleasure of visiting the quaint old town of Salem, which is situated about five miles south-west of Roanoke

in the same county and which is connecting with the same by electric line and the Norfolk and Western Railroad. This place is situated at the foot of the Alleghany mountains and is almost surrounded by the same. Situated in an apparently little flat and encircled almost by these enormous natural giants, it presents an enchanting scene to the eye, as you enter the village by the electric line over a high hill on the north-western boundary. It looks like a little fairy land. On the western limits of this place is a very rugged range of mountains known as the North Mountains, which is a branch of the Alleghany, and as each peak rises into view, one is reminded of the Sierras in the west, we have read so much of. It is impossible to describe this picturesque scenery and you have to see it yourself in order to appreciate it. As you stand in the midst of this old town and observe these giants of antiquity looking down upon you on all sides with all of their grandeur, you are very deeply impressed with the omnipotent power of the Great Almighty and how insignificant and perfectly helpless is man in comparison. His power is all-powerful and we should never forget that we owe everything to him, and should be ever ready to advance his cause. Salem is a small town between 2,000 and 2,500 inhabitants and is the county seat of Roanoke county.

Roanoke College is situated in the southwestern portion of the town, on a square behind the county court house, just at the base of the Alleghany. As is well known, this is one of the oldest colleges in our country and is noted also for its fine library, where you will find a great many curiosities in the way of ancient publications. This is one of the most attractive features of the Roanoke College and is the pride of the same. The grounds are also beautifully laid off and enclosed, the backgrounds extend to the foot of the mountains and scenery on all sides is very inspiring.

After leaving Roanoke, I pursued my trip up the Shenandoah Valley and passed on my way the Natural Bridge, Grottoes and Luray, all famous for the magnificent scenery, but as this was after nightfall, I saw nothing of them. Day broke on us at Shenandoah Junction, where we took the Baltimore and Ohio track and went by Harper's Ferry, one of the most picturesque points in our country. This scenery here is a strong rival to that along the Hudson in New York. The Shenandoah River flows into the Potomac at Harper's Ferry and the railroad runs down the banks of the Shenandoah to the Ferry, and then crosses the Potomac at the junction of the two streams. For miles up and down both of these rivers the banks are lined with high mountains on each side and this "historic military post" is situated right in the heart of these enormous rocky cliffs on the Virginia side of the Potomac. The cliffs project so close to the edge of the streams that the railroad has had to dig out of these rocks long tunnels for its track. As these great rivers wind their way around these tall and precipitous cliffs, one can get a good idea what a canon is, such as we have

studied of in the Rocky mountain regions of the west.

Harper's Ferry is a historical point and is the place where John Brown and his band of traitors, in 1868, seized the United States Armory and tried to raise a slave insurrection in the State of Virginia with the hope of securing freedom for the slaves. But as we all know, United States Troops under Gen. R. E. Lee (then Colonel) were dispatched to this place to quell the insurgents and John Brown and his cohorts were executed. This is a point that all southerners should see and I am sure that they will never regret the time and money spent on such a trip.

"G. W. A."  
Shenandoah Valley, Va.,  
Nov. 16, 1898.

## HILL PAID THE DEATH PENALTY.

Murderer of Miss Lybrand Legally Put to Death at Lexington—Protested Innocence to the Last.

Special to The State.

Lexington, Nov. 18.—Jesse Hill, the negro who was tried, convicted and sentenced at the September term of court to be hanged the third Friday in November, following for the murder of a white woman, Miss Mary Lybrand, paid the death penalty today. The boy's father was convicted at the same term of court as accessory to the crime and received life sentence in the penitentiary.

Jesse Hill, the victim who appeared not entirely sane, was 21 years of age, medium size, and of a ginger-cake color. Just before his execution and after he was upon the scaffold, he made a statement to Magistrate George Sawyer that he was ignorant as to the guilty party, and that God had forgiven him of the crime for which he was charged, and that he was ready and prepared to meet his God.

At 1:15 o'clock, S O Kaminer, by special request of Sheriff Thos H Caughman, read the death warrant, the negro's hands were tied behind his back, the black cap adjusted, the trap sprung, and in 13 minutes Dr Hendricks pronounced life extinct.

## 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 advised 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.

Solicitor Bollinger Resigns.

Special to The Daily News.

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 21.—Solicitor Bellinger's resignation has been accepted. His successor will be appointed December 1st. Capt. Sawyer will likely be appointed.

All druggists sell Dr. Miles' Nerve Plaster.

## KILLED HER HUSBAND.

MRS. HUGHES SAYS SHE SHOT HIM ACCIDENTALLY.

The Dying Man Said She Dared Him to Fight but that He Refused to lift his Hand Against Her.

Greenville News, 20th inst.

George W. Hughes, the merchant of Greers, Greenville county, who was shot night before last by his handsome wife in a domestic quarrel at their residence in Greers, died from the effects of his wound at 8.30 o'clock last evening. The death occurred while a representative of The Greenville News was conversing over the phone to Greers about the shooting. The wife is now in jail here awaiting trial for murder, and it is said that she has a very black case hanging over her head. She says the shooting was accidental, but it was reported last night that while Hughes forgave her he never at any time excused her and that up to the time of his death he resolutely refused to say that the shooting was accidental, declaring that he could not die with a lie on his lips.

Friday night, it is reported, when he was understood to be in a dying condition, and when, as she mistakenly thought, they were alone, Mrs. Hughes tried to get him to say to her that the affair was accidental. He said:

"No, Mattie; you know it was not accidental and that I did not grab your arm. You know you said, 'George, I'll give you two minutes to get up and fight like a man, and not die like a d—d cowardly dog,' that I said that I never would raise my hand against you even in self defense, and that the little boy said, 'Mama, don't shoot papa.' While I freely forgive you, I cannot die with a lie on my lips."

"Yes, I know, George," she is reported to have said. "I shot you, but you know it would never have happened if you had not grabbed my arm."

"No, Mattie; you know I never grabbed your arm," replied the wounded husband.

Willful Murder.

Greenville News, 22d.

Coroner Willbanks spent Sunday holding an inquest over the body of George W. Hughes, the Greer's merchant who was shot Friday night just after supper by his wife and who died 24 hours afterwards from the effects of the wound she inflicted. The verdict of the jury was "that George W. Hughes came to his death at his home in Greer's, S. C., from a pistol shot wound inflicted by his wife, Mattie Hughes, on Nov. 18, 1898." The jury added "that the aforesaid Mattie Hughes then and there, wilfully and feloniously, did kill the said George W. Hughes, against the peace and dignity of the State aforesaid."

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