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A PRELIMINARY TRIAL.

The Two Negroes, Tom Carr and Robt. Richardson, Go Upon the Stand and Testify as to the Shooting of Policeman Kerns—Both Negroes Taken Back to Jail.

On Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock the two captured negroes, Tom Carr and Robert Richardson, were brought from the jail and arraigned in the court room before Esquires W J Hill and Jas. N Brown. The negroes were informed of the charge against them and were given the preference of a preliminary hearing or else go back to jail to await the Superior court. Both asked for a preliminary hearing.

Dr. L M Archey was called upon the stand, stating that he was called to attend Mr. Kerns but that Mr. Kerns had been dead fifteen or twenty minutes and possibly longer when he reached him. Thinks it was a .32-calibre pistol ball. Shot directly through the heart. From appearance of wound thought that he must have been fired upon from one side slightly instead of directly in front.

A young man, Will Johnson, who stayed at Mr. Kerns house, was sworn. He was with Mr. Kerns at house about five minutes before his death. After Mr. Kerns left he heard six shots and saw a negro come running by, and two more then came by walking fast. Went to back porch and talked a short while to Dave Hanna then went up and found Mr. Kerns lying with his feet in ditch. Thinks the same negroes that went by the house walking fast came back and looked at the body of Mr. Kerns.

Mr. Adolphus Penninger went upon the stand and at once recognized the black negro, Tom Carr, as the negro he saw at Jas. Walter's store last Saturday night. Carr purchased some tobacco and Edwards, the negro that has escaped, some salmon. Some little discussion followed between Mr. Penninger and the negro, Edwards, as to the pronunciation of the word "salmon." The negro got mad and Mr. Penninger told him to go away and the other two negroes called Edwards but he replied that "he would not go until he got ready, and would allow no d—d man to run over him." They left the store talking and went towards depot and soon heard pistol shots.

Robert Richardson, one of the negroes, went upon the stand. His story about at the store coincides with the other accounts. He says that he dropped behind a few steps as they went down towards the depot. Edwards and Carr were walking along cursing and boasting of their "grit." Mr. Kerns met them and asked them what that cursing was about. Edwards answered something but don't remember the words. Mr. Kerns then said that he would have to come and go with him up town. Edwards replied "I will go with you nowhere" just as he was jumping back, and then he shot Mr. Kerns. The officer then shot Carr, then turned to one side and

shot two more times then gave a loud hollow and stepped across the ditch, then said "Lord have mercy." Thinks Edwards shot twice before Mr. Kerns shot either time. Then went on down to house across the bridge and when the alarm was given went back with Hill Lucky and his wife and saw the body. Didn't see Carr from the time of the first shot until I saw him at the bridge. Edwards was near the bridge when Mr. Kerns was shooting at him. From where he stood it seemed that Edward's pistol was pointed at him (Richardson.) He had no conversation in bed that night with Tom Carr about the shooting. About half an hour after he saw the body of Mr. Kerns, Mayor Means came down and arrested him.

The other negro, Tom Carr, came upon the stand. Conversation the same about the store. Edwards came down the street talking about the way that white man (Penninger) had treated him. Officer asked what the cursing was about. Edwards replied "none of your d—d business." Mr. Kerns told him to come and go with him. "I ain't going nowhere" Edwards replied and stepped back then commenced shooting at Mr. Kerns. Shot two or three times and ran, then Mr. Kerns fired. When he got nearly to the bridge heard Mr. Kerns say "Lord have mercy." Went on to his home with Richardson and met two negroes at the door and told them that he thought Will Edwards had killed a man. In ten or fifteen minutes went back and saw body. Went back the second time. Was standing two or three steps in front of Edwards at the time of the shooting. Says he was about ten steps from Mr. Kerns. Says he walked down towards the bridge with Richardson and that Richardson's statement about that they were not together until at the bridge is untrue. If Richardson dropped behind he didn't miss him. Last time he saw Edwards he was running. Says that if there was any boasting as to their grit he did not remember it. Said he told Mr. Means he didn't know Edwards. Had been staying with Edwards about three weeks. Confessed that the statement he made to Mr. Means that night that he didn't know anything about the shooting was false. Didn't have any pistol that night and never has had one. Denied the statement that he had ever said anything about if Mr. Kerns ever tried to arrest he would get arrested. Never knew Mr. Kerns from any other officer. He is from near Cleveland in Rowan county.

Jack Barefoot, a young man, stated that he and his wife that night met three negroes near Robbins' store. One had pistol in his hand and another one had one in hip pocket. Tom Carr, the one he knew as the big black one, said that he "had his gun loaded for bear." Fellow in light suit (this is Edwards) laid his hand on his hip pocket and then he saw his pistol handle.

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THE COLLEGE OPENS.

A Young Child Slightly Scalded—Protracted Meetings—A Reception To Be Given the Young Men—The Police Registers.

Written for The Standard.

Mt. Pleasant, Sept. 5.—About forty students are now in attendance at North Carolina College.

The baby of Mr. Bob Johnson, while sitting at the table last Sunday morning overturned a cup of hot coffee and scalded itself very badly.

Mrs. Jane Jerome, of Georgeville, who has been visiting Mrs. L. J. Foil, has returned to her home. While here she was given a surprise party by the older ladies.

Rev. Prof. C. L. T. Fisher and family, of Charlotte, are visiting Rev. Prof. H. N. Miller.

Miss Esther Milton, of Albemarle, who has been visiting at Mrs. Jake Misenheimer's has returned to her home. "Jack's" smiles bloomed for a few days, but now they are withered, and have passed away.

Quite a number of our young people are attending the protracted meeting at Cold Springs church this week.

The ladies will, on next Friday night, give a reception to the college students on the college campus.

Chas. A. Phillips, of Concord, has been with us again for the last few days.

A Baptist protracted meeting will begin here next Saturday night, conducted by the Rev. G. W. Henderson, of Blaine, Montgomery county.

Monday evening two negroes, Bill Miller and John Shankle, thought to play a joke on our police. Shankle "played drunk" and Miller reported his condition to Mr. Tucker, who arrested Shankle. Upon finding out the joke he arrested Miller too. The mayor found no bill against them and Tucker, thinking he was wronged, resigned.

Mr. J. M. Tise, of Winston, a junior in college here last year, has accepted the tutorship of the preparatory department this year.

Mr. Horace Barrier left here this morning for a few days vacation in Charlotte.

Mrs. R. L. Patterson, of Maryland, has accepted a professorship in music at Mont. Amoena this year. She will probably be here this week.

A Suspicious Negro Caught.

Some little excitement arose here Monday night when a telephone message came that a suspicious negro had been arrested at Newells answering somewhat the description given of Will Edwards, the negro wanted for trial here. Mr. Jno. B. Caldwell, who knows the negro, was sent down there that night and after looking at him only a short while informed the crowd that he was not the man we are wanting. Some other parties went in the country a mile or two from the Bala mill answering a report but failed to get anybody.

The Enochville School Closed.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Enochville High School Monday night it was decided to discontinue the school until the second Monday in November, at which time Prof. F B Brown will take charge of it, with Miss Mary I Barrier as assistant. This closing of the school was caused by the death of the principal, Prof. C H Black, who died last week. During his sickness Rev. V R Stickley taught but his duties as pastor and teacher were more than he could attend to.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Mr. Robt. Coit, of Salisbury, is here today.

—Rev. W P McGhee, of Pineville, is here.

—Parks King went over to Charlotte this morning.

—Dr. C A Misenheimer, of Charlotte, was here today.

—Mrs. Laura Lowe left this morning after spending yesterday with Mrs. W S Bingham.

—Mr. S J Lowe is here today having his household goods shipped to Charlotte, where he will go to housekeeping. He and Miss Edna Lowe will leave to-night.

—Mr. Will Morris and wife went over to Charlotte this morning. Mr. Williamson Morris and wife are expected home tomorrow night from their bridal tour to Waynesville.

Mr. Wolfsohn, the Singer, Here.



Mr. H A Wolfsohn, the sweet singer, of Atlanta, Ga., arrived in town Monday night and is the guest of Rev. B Lacy Hoge. Mr. Wolfsohn has come to conduct the singing for the series of meetings that will commence Wednesday evening at the Baptist church. Mr. Wolfsohn is well known in this State and needs no introduction to North Carolina people. He has sung in almost all the principal cities of the United States. He is the musical director of Dr. L G Broughton's great tabernacle in Atlanta.

The Lawn Party Tonight.

Tonight on the lawn at the Odell mills creams, ices, cakes, etc., will be served by the ladies. The Concord band will be there and furnish music for the occasion.

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