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JOHNS TATUM KILLED BY BRAZ MARTIN

HOMICIDE IN NORTHERN STOKES--MURDERER ESCAPES INTO PATRICK--BOTH PARTIES NEGROES, AND BOTH WERE DRUNK--DISPUTED OVER SOME TOBACCO--SHERIFF JONES NOTIFIED MONDAY MORNING--NO INQUEST OVER DEAD BODY.

Late Sunday evening, near Frank Cardwell's, in the settlement known as Smithtown, Braz Martin shot and instantly killed Johns Tatum, after a dispute over some tobacco. Both parties were drunk. Immediately after the killing the slayer fled across the line into Virginia, which is only a mile or two distant from the scene of the murder. After securing a warrant Deputy Sheriff R. L. Coleman made a search for Martin, whose whereabouts could not be learned.

The Reporter has been unable to secure definite particulars, as there is no telephone connection nearer than Lawsonville, which is about 5 miles from the place of the homicide. One report is that the parties were drunk and that Dick Martin, the father of Braz, shot at one of Johns Tatum's sons, and that Johns took up the quarrel, which resulted in his being shot to death by Braz Martin.

The news of the murder did not reach Danbury until Monday morning about nine o'clock. Sheriff Jones was informed of

the affair in a telephone message from Lawsonville. It is learned that an inquest was held by Coroner R. H. Morefield and that the finding of the jury was that the man came to his death by the hands of Braz Martin.

Sheriff Jones requests the Reporter to announce that he offers \$25,000 reward for the capture of Braz Martin.

Meeting To Begin At Corinth.

The Reporter is requested to announce that a protracted meeting will begin next Sunday, Oct. 6th, at Corinth Christian church near Germanton. The meeting will be conducted by Rev. S. G. Sutton.

Registration Books Open.

The registration books for 1912 election open today. If you want to vote in the election next month, and are not already registered, see that your name gets on in time.

FOR THE SENATE CRIMINAL COURT

J. W. HALL IS NOMINATED

Executive Committee of Senatorial District Meets at Pilot Mountain--Democratic Candidate Not Yet Named.

Last week the Republican executive committee of the Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, which is composed of the counties of Stokes and Surry, met at Pilot Mountain and nominated Mr. John W. Hall, of Danbury, for the position. This news is learned by Mr. Hall's friends with much pleasure.

The Democratic candidate for the Senate has not yet been named.

Robert George Getting Better.

Mr. Walter W. George, of Francisco, was in Danbury Monday and told the Reporter that his brother, Mr. Robert George, of Stuart, Va., who recently had his skull fractured being struck with a stick by Jim Haley at Stuart, was much improved and had been removed from Dr. Martin's hospital to his home.

Mr. Joseph Martin is attending court as a juror. He was quite sick last night, but is better today.

ADJOURNED FRIDAY AT NOON

A Very Light Docket Was Disposed Of--Total Fines For the Term Amounted To Only Sixty Dollars.

The fall term of Stokes criminal court adjourned Friday of last week about noon, after disposing of a very light docket. The total fines imposed during the term amounted to only sixty dollars. None of the offenders tried were sentenced to road terms.

Following are the cases disposed of which were not reported in our last issue:

State v. Howard Lovins, three cases, indictment retailing, guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of cost in each case.

State v. Davis Nelson, Jas. Nelson and Jas. P. Smith, indictment affray, not guilty as to Davis Nelson. Guilty as to Jas. Nelson and J. P. Smith, judgment as to Jas. Nelson fine \$10 and cost, as to Jas. P. Smith fine \$25.00 and cost.

State v. Robah Caudle, indictment retailing, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State v. Dolph Hill, indictment a. d. w., guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State v. John Yates, indictment a. d. w., guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of half the cost.

State v. Rufus Smith, indictment larceny, defendant entered plea of nolo contendere, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State v. Cleve Lawson, indictment c. e. w., guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State v. John Yates, indictment c. e. w., guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of half cost.

State v. Delph Hill, indictment c. e. w., guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State v. E. O. Caudle, indictment trespass, not guilty.

State v. Jesse Reid, indictment a. d. w., not guilty.

State v. Bob Lawson, indictment assault, not guilty.

State v. Chas. Ray, indictment a. d. w., guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State v. Ham Manuel and Thos. Martin, indictment gambling, not guilty.

State v. F. Tuttle and T. B. Lawson, indictment affray, guilty as to Tuttle, judgment suspended upon payment of cost. Not guilty as to Lawson.

The county commissioners will meet next Monday.

CONVENED MONDAY

CIVIL TERM OF COURT

Only A Few Cases Disposed of Yet--Session Will Probably Last Throughout the Week.

The civil term of Stokes Superior court convened here Monday with Judge O. H. Allen presiding.

The following cases have been disposed of up to this writing:

John S. Zigar vs. W. S. Hairston. Judgment of non-suit signed.

William Lash vs. J. W. Pell. Judgment vs. defendant for cost.

Hampton Buggy Co. vs. S. C. Hill. Judgment for plaintiff, \$400.

Wainut Cove Mercantile Co. vs. Jas. F. Smith. Judgment for defendant, \$25.38.

Taylor Grocery Co. vs. John H. Alley and others. Judgment for plaintiff \$120.

W. F. Connaway vs. Robt. Lee Hairston. Judgment for plaintiff.

Kennedy-Brown-Hall Co. vs. W. E. Butner. Compromise judgment signed.

Two of the most important cases on the docket, which are yet to be tried, are Rufus H. Mitchell v. Neal Cardwell and others, and Cook v. Cook.

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Stokes County Fair!

THE BEST. WHERE? KING, N. C. WHEN?

OCTOBER 15, 16 and 17.

WHY? BECAUSE IT IS YOUR FAIR AND OUR FAIR.

We are all interested in its success. We are going to have the exhibits of the finest that can be produced, and the attractions are the best ever booked. The Vaughn Publishing Co., of Monroe, Wis., will send their most famous Lady Aeronaut, Miss Dorothy DeVonda, to make three daring balloon ascensions and parachute drops, one each day. G. R. Gibbs will again be with us with his Merry-Go-Round. And the midway will be well filled with shows, restaurants, refreshments, etc., etc. The railroads will give us reduced rates and all trains stop opposite fair ground. So don't forget the date. Come the first day and see the Baby Show which takes place at one o'clock. Premiums paid to the three prettiest babies under two years of age. Come three days and all the fun is yours.

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