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FIRST MEETING OF BOARD.

New City Fathers on the Job—Some of the Officers Filled—Details of the Meeting.

The board of aldermen met Monday night and was in session nearly three hours. It is safe to say that Lexington never had a board of aldermen more fully alive to the high responsibilities of their office than those who met in the assembly hall in the court house Monday night. Every man showed a deep interest in the city's affairs and the work was taken up with real zest and enthusiasm.

There were a score of applications for jobs of one kind and another, but all were left over until the next meeting Monday night with the exception of those officers which had to be filled at once. At the meeting Monday night a chief of police, two assistants, a tax collector and other officers will be named and there are not a few on the anxious seat.

The new aldermen were sworn in by the new mayor, Squibb John H. Moyer, who had already taken the oath of office before Judge Godwin, clerk of court. All of the aldermen were present with the exception of Mr. H. B. Varner.

Following the swearing-in process the new aldermen voted to make a motion of Alderman Harbin. Alderman Hendrick called for a statement of the financial standing of the town and said that it was the business of the retiring board to furnish a statement of some kind showing just how things stood in the past and how they stood at the present. He proposed for the new board to take charge of the finances without knowing anything about the town's assets and liabilities. On motion of Alderman J. R. McCrary a special committee composed of Aldermen Hendrick and Harbin was appointed to make a settlement with the outgoing officials.

Alderman Charles Young was elected clerk to the board, a position that he held under the old board.

Then followed the reading of applications for various positions from chief of police down to the position of street sweeper. There has been some talk of combining the jobs of chief of police and city tax collector and some of these applications were for the combined jobs and others for the places separately. One applicant for a place on the police force raised a laugh by offering to take upon himself the town of blind tigers, lawlessness of all kinds whatsoever and every form of vice, or words to that effect.

On motion G. W. Holmes was named as tax collector pro tempore. He will proceed with his work until the matter of combining the offices of chief and tax collector is settled, which will be done next Monday night. No police officers were named and the old ones will serve until Monday night. D. M. Michael was named for street foreman for one month and it is probable that there will be changes in this job. Alderman Harbin said that he was in favor of buying a horse for the street work, instead of having to use the horse drawn carts, with a shovel and a push cart, and to use the horse to run the hose wagon. Under his plan the street foreman would be a paid fireman and this plan would add much to the efficiency of the fire department.

Attention was called to the fact that certain committees were needed every day, and Mayor Moyer appointed the following:

Street Committee, J. Raymond McCrary, L. L. Barbee and T. H. Lamb.
Audit Committee, J. R. McCrary, or his ex-officio chairman, Charles Young and D. F. Conrad.
Water and Light, J. T. Hendrick, W. L. Harbin and H. B. Varner.
Health Committee, T. H. Lamb, J. R. McCrary and Dr. D. Hill.

Mr. J. T. Hendrick elected city treasurer and bond was fixed at \$5,000. An appropriation of \$250 was made for the work of keeping the books of the town for the coming year and the expenditure of this amount was put in the hands of Treasurer Hendrick.

Alderman Harbin called attention to the necessity of electing a superintendent of the water and light departments and he placed in nomination for the place Mr. A. L. Couch, the present incumbent. Alderman Young called attention to the good work that Mr. Couch has done since he had done twice as much work as any other superintendent of the town ever had. Alderman Harbin suggested that the salary of the superintendent be increased to \$1300 per year and that the duty of wiring houses and selling electrical fixtures be taken over by the town and placed in Mr. Couch's hands and this was agreed to. Mr. Couch was then re-elected for a term of one year and his election was entirely unanimous.

The board then adjourned to meet Monday night of next week.

Young Smith.

Wednesday evening at the home of Rev. Y. B. Booser, pastor of the Lutheran Church, Mr. Baxter Young and Miss Emma Lee Smith were married. Rev. Mr. Booser officiating. The marriage came as a distinct surprise to the friends of the young people. No announcement had been made of a happy event and only a few of the closest friends and relatives of the bride and groom were present.

The bride and groom are very popular in Lexington and have scores of friends. The bride is a daughter of Mr. J. S. Smith and the groom is vice-president of the Davidson Hardware Company and an exceptionally able young business man.

Held for Barn Burning.

Sam Kennedy, colored, is under a \$500 bond for his appearance at the next term of criminal court on a charge of burning the barn of Mr. J. Craig in the Mint Hill community on the night of April 11.

The case was tried this morning before Judge R. H. Hilton, who after hearing all of the evidence held that there was probable cause. Solicitor George W. Wilson, of Gastonia, arrived in Charlotte on the 11 o'clock train to conduct the case of the state. Mr. Finnerman, attorney for the defendant, Charlotte Chronicle.

THE GREATEST BASEBALL GAME.

Bankers Defeat Lawyers in Game Marked by Thrilling Climaxes and Terrific Slugging.

The much-talked-of game between the lawyers and the bankers was pulled off on schedule time Friday afternoon and it was up to the expectations of the fans and that is saying a plenty for it. The game abounded in spectacular plays, humorous happenings and great good humor.

For the lawyers Wade Phillips caught a splendid game. He played ball from the word go and played it in big league style. Once upon a time he was a star catcher and he proved Friday that he has it in him to "come back." He was hampered by having to catch the offerings of every brand of pitcher known to the game, but he stood the strain well. He "opined" on the morning after, however, that if the Southern Railway or other octopus had damaged his personal pulchritude and general physical make-up as much as that game had done, that it would take at least \$15,000 to satisfy him about it.

Of the other players on the lawyer's side of the argument it is safe to say that General Walsler was the bright particular star. His pitching was glib and his delivery seemed to be a cross between wringing a chicken's neck and the gyrations of a contortionist and it puzzled the batters not a little. He not only had a mystifying delivery, but he speeded them up in Cy Young style and pitched them over so fast that they were dazed. He was terribly effective. When not pitching he played second base and he did stunts around the key-stone sack that would make Nap Lajoie turn green with envy. In his palmist days Nap Lajoie never dreamed of making a play like that to impede the progress of the ball, much less to stop it, but this is exactly what the interpid second-sacker of the lawyers did Friday.

When a speedy grass-cutter happened to come his way, out shot his right hand right foot and the ball stopped. Anybody can stop a ball with their hands but it takes an artist to stop a ball with one foot. There was some class to his performance and the crowd howled with appreciation.

The lawyers' outfield fell down in more ways than one. One of the fielders, who shall be nameless here, fell down every time he started after a ball and another had almost as much trouble in keeping on his feet. Scores of beautiful flies were knocked out and private catches were made.

The infield played good ball throughout, and with General Walsler's performances, furnished such amusement as the outfield.

The other side furnished less amusement, but a few better base ball men when the smoke had cleared away the score stood 24 to 4 in their favor. Dermot Shemwell, J. E. Foy, E. B. Craven, George Montcastle and almost the whole bunch played star baseball.

An amusing feature of the game was the unusual mix-up that occurred at the end of an inning along about the middle of the season. Two men were down and Dederick got a clean single. The next man up struck out and Dederick, not knowing that the pitcher had come out and not keeping up with the balls and strikes, "lit a par" for second base, intending to purloin it. Catcher Phillips saw him, caught the third strike and heaved the ball to General Walsler at second base who gracefully blocked its way with his agile right hand. When he picked it he found that he was off his base ten or twelve feet. Everybody was yelling "put it on him," "nail him," "tag him" and all sorts of other admonitions and Dederick was coming down the quarter stretch thinking like a house on fire and trying to get back. Right here the General got rattled. Some old recollection of boy-hood days when "round town," "one old cat" and like games were played, got the better of him and he drew himself up, put his twist-the-chicken-neck delivery on the ball and sent it oncoming hefty banker, striking him square amidships. The runner sat down with a suddenness, not to say abruptness, denoting dazed astonishment. The ump yelled "slide out" just at this juncture and Dederick, thinking that he had been called out, waxed exceedingly wroth for a few minutes, paying his compliments to the General in terms that sizzled and cracked.

The proceeds of the game went to the Lexington Civic League and will be used to buy a house and a garage on the corner around the square in which waste paper, banana peelings and other debris must be deposited. Nearly three hundred were in attendance and the net proceeds, after all expenses had been met, amounted to \$28.25.

Oil Painting of the Founder.

Mr. Zeb V. Turlington has accepted an invitation to deliver an address to the students of the agricultural and mechanical college in Raleigh on May 17, when the near Literary Society will present to the institution a handsome oil painting of our illustrious and lamented Agastus Lenzar, the founder of the great institution. Mr. Turlington's subject will be "The Life and Character of Mr. Lenzar." Mooreville Enterprise.

A Smart Dog.

Mr. W. W. Crowder has a water spaniel that he will back against anybody's dog for smartness and a finer dog feeling. Yesterday, Mrs. Crowder had a hen "come off" with 13 Plymouth rock chickens and a middle of another breed. Every one who has had experience with chickens knows that Plymouth rocks, when first hatched, are dark. The chick of a different strain was yellow and the hen got it into her head that it did not belong to her and she about pecked the poor little thing to death. The water spaniel was standing near and after the hen had pecked the chick viciously two or three times the dog drove the hen away and gently picked up the biddy in his mouth and carried it to the house and dropped it in the name of peace. The hen was so afraid of the dog's eyes and he had seen the death of his loved ones and he was the result.

Mr. H. O. Bannister, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, at Raleigh, dropped dead in a hotel lobby at Richmond Wednesday. Bannister lost his wife and baby three months ago in Raleigh. They were appraised while taking a bath and Bannister has been the same since. He survived after the death of his loved ones and he was the result.

ROAD TAX CARRIES IN DOONE.

The Majority for Road Tax and Progress is 78—Comparatively Light Vote Pooled.

The people of Boone township did themselves proud Thursday by voting a special tax of 20 cents on the \$100 and 60 cents on the poll for road work in that township, thereby lining up with Cotton Grove, Silver Hill and Lexington townships in the fight for better roads.

The vote polled was not heavy. At noon the message went out by telephone to all parts of the township that the tax had been carried with all ease and many of good farmers who favored it did not take the time to go to the polls, for Thursday was a busy day with the tillers of the soil. As it happened the measure carried away, only 27 votes were recorded against it. 105 votes were cast for it.

Boone is to be congratulated. This good township has taken a step that will mean increased prosperity and added happiness and she has set a worthy example for Allegheny, Emmons, Healing Springs, Jackson Hill and Reedy Creek, who vote later in the month. It is believed that every one of these townships will fall in line on May 31, "Good Roads Day," and be found standing with Boone and the other progressive townships.

Sunday School Excursion and Picnic.

The Methodist Sunday School will go on an excursion and picnic from Lexington to Southmont on Thursday, May 25th, this being Ascension Day. The excursion and picnic is under the management of the Baraca Class of the Methodist church. The train will leave Lexington about nine o'clock and return about five o'clock in the afternoon. Reduced rates have been arranged for and the fare will be announced later.

Col. Patrick, promoter of the new and flourishing Southmont, has arranged for the entertainment of the crowd by way of furnishing the best of old time string music, and games of various kinds. These will include basket-ball, potato races, walking the pole, climbing the greasy pole, running broom jump and high jump through a hoop, and an amateur game of base-ball between the junior and senior Baraca Classes of the Methodist church. Any visitor present at any church can take part in the games. There will be talks by local pastors on various denominations and by Col. H. E. Fries, president of the Southmont.

Scholars of all churches are given a cordial invitation and as many of their friends as desire to go. In order to keep from getting left it is suggested that those who intend to go will let it be known to Mr. L. E. Miller, local secretary of the Southmont Realty Company, at his office in the rear of the court house. By this means the railroad company will be able to approximate the number of cars necessary to send for the occasion.

Let everybody take their dinners with them, as only cold refreshments will be sold on the grounds. Let everybody go out and enjoy the occasion. We have been shut up all winter and should go to the country and get some fresh air and sunshine. The children will enjoy it as well as the grown folks.

Company B Wins Trophy.

The members of the Lexington Rifles, Co. A, Third Regiment, N. C. N. G., will be interested in the following Raleigh dispatch to the Greensboro News Sunday:

Announcement was made today by Adjutant General Lister that the Dupont trophy goes to the team of Company B, Third Regiment, Raleigh, for the highest score in 1909 points. This trophy is awarded each year by the Dupont powder people to that company of the North Carolina National guard which makes the highest score. The trophy is now held by Company L of the Second Infantry. This team scored 1090 points and thereby takes the second place. The third honors go to Company B, Second Infantry, of Goldsboro, scoring 1071 points, while the fourth place is held by Company K of the First Regiment of Asheville. This company scored 1067 points. The highest possible was 1500 points.

The highest individual score was made by Private J. H. Brown of Asheville, a member of Company B. He scored 127 shots out of a possible 150. He was awarded the Royter medal, a gold medal given to the best marksman in the highest individual score made by any member of the North Carolina National guard. The McGee medal, for the second highest individual score goes to Corporal Wade, of Company D, of Goldsboro. He scored 125 points.

Shooting in North Wilkesboro.

Tonight at 8:30 o'clock Goldston Smith, one of the policemen here, and John Upchurch, a township constable met on the street near the Brame Drug company and exchanged a few words, when, it is said, Upchurch drew his gun and shot Smith in the hip, causing a slight flesh wound. Smith also hit Upchurch over the head with his bullet. Each man claims the other was the aggressor. Both men displayed wonderful nerve and were not at all excited when their friends rushed between them. Several men were near when the shooting occurred. The affair created a great deal of excitement.—North Wilkesboro special to Charlotte Observer.

Mr. R. L. Smith Dead.

The following associated press dispatch from Asheville tells of the sudden death of a former citizen of Jubilee: "Becoming unconscious on a Southern train about twenty minutes before its arrival here yesterday afternoon, R. L. Smith, a traveling man of Memphis, Tenn., was taken from the train to the Mission hospital where he died at 4:30 yesterday afternoon, the attending physicians giving the cause of death as Bright's disease."

The deceased is survived by his wife and son who were accompanying him on the train. The body will be shipped to Jubilee this afternoon for burial.

Reunion of Confederate Veterans Today.

Git my old knapsack, Mary, and my uniform of Gray, Git my battered helmet, Mary, for I'll need them all today. Git my canteen an' my leggins; reach me down my rusty gun, For I'm goin' out paradin' with the boys of '61.

Never mind them' bloodstains, Mary; never mind that ragged hole; It was left there by a bullet that was seekin' for my soul; Just brush off them cobwebs, Mary; git the bonny flag of blue, For I'm going out paradin' with the boys of '62.

These old clothes don't fit me, Mary, like they did when I was young, Don't you remember how neatly to my manly form they clung? Never mind that sleeve that's empty; let it dangle loose and free, For I'm going out paradin' with the boys of '63.

Pull my sword belt tighter, Mary, fix that strap beneath my chin; I've grown old and threadbare Mary, like my uniform and thine, But I reckon I'll pass muster as I did in days of yore, For I'm going out paradin' with the boys of '64.

Now I'm ready; kiss me; kiss your old sweetheart good-bye; Brush aside them wilful teardrops—Lord, I didn't think you'd cry; I ain't goin' forth to battle, cheer up, Mary, takes alive, For I'm going out paradin' with the boys of '65.

Lutheran Synod This Week.

Rev. V. Y. Booser, pastor of the Lutheran church, left this week for Wilmington to attend the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church to be held in Wilmington this week beginning today. The sessions of the synod will be held in St. Paul's Lutheran church of which Rev. W. A. Snyder is pastor.

Much interest is being felt in Wilmington and throughout the state in the gathering and Wilmington has made arrangements to entertain royally the visitors. The gathering is one of no small importance, representing as it does the North Carolina division of the largest protestant denomination in the world. It has a numerical strength of 56,000,000, nearly 2,000,000 of which is in the United States.

The synod of North Carolina, according to its last published report, has a membership of 9,777, and, including members not yet confirmed, 11,387. One year ago there was reported to synod a net gain of 619 members for the year just closed. The total membership of the Sunday schools is 7,691.

The churches in the synod of North Carolina are valued at \$18,462, and the synod has an income of \$55,242. Last year the total amount received for the various beneficences of the church in this synod was \$21,962.80, the increase over what was contributed the year before being \$12,702.35. The amount contributed by the churches was \$17,086.60, an increase of \$24,644 over that of the year before.

The following named are the officers of synod: President, Rev. V. Y. Booser, Lexington; vice-president, Rev. J. E. Shenk, Greensboro; secretary, Rev. H. A. McCulloch, Allenton; treasurer, J. D. Heilig, Salisbury.

Allegation of an Aldermanic Blind Tiger.

The Greensboro News Sunday morning carried a sensational story telling of the arrest of a newly elected Salisbury alderman, John Ludwig, on the charge of operating a blind tiger. An unusual feature of the arrest was that the tiger was carrying the goods in an automobile—his own machine—and he was trying to dispense the stuff outside of his own ballwick. He was caught in Mooresville. The story is as follows:

This morning the Mooresville officers got wind that a Salisbury man was to bring a lot of liquor to Mooresville and they immediately got on the lookout. During the afternoon they heard that another party had asked to be loaned a certain tract of woods near the cotton mill and the officers left for the scene at once. As they went into the woods they met the auto coming and when the occupants of the machine observed the officers, they made an attempt to speed away, but the road was rough and they were forced to stop the machine. Before doing this, however, it is said they threw about 20 pint bottles of liquor from the machine. Ludwig and Logan Cook, of Mooresville, were in the machine, and Ludwig was immediately placed under arrest and the big auto searched, with the result that 72 pint bottles filled with booze were found.

Ludwig was taken before Justice Verles. He said that the liquor belonged to another party and asked that the case be continued until Tuesday. The magistrate required a \$400 bond, which was given, and Ludwig left on the next train for Charlotte, leaving the liquor and his machine with the Mooresville officers. Sheriff Deen went to Mooresville tonight to help work up the case and see that it is properly prosecuted. Ludwig was recently elected an alderman of Salisbury.

Long Trestle at Muddy Creek Burned.

About sixty feet of the long trestle across Muddy Creek, near Clemmons, on the Mooresville-Mooresville road, was burned about 2:30 this morning. The fire was discovered by a farmer living near the trestle. He was awakened and looking out of his room window he saw a very bright light. Getting up to investigate he discovered that the trestle, which is 800 feet long, was ablaze. He promptly telephoned to a party at Clemmons station who went to the home of the railroad operator and notified him of the fire. The dispatcher went to his instrument and notified the dispatcher's office in Winston-Salem.

The yard engine, with a force of men, were rushed to the scene of the fire and soon had the flames extinguished. The fire is supposed to have originated from sparks from one of the engines passing over yesterday afternoon or last night.

The discovery of the fire just at the time it was made saved a freight train due here early this morning from Spencer from a disastrous wreck. A special train with three bridge forces were rushed to Muddy Creek early this morning and they hope to have the damage repaired by tonight. Until the work is completed passengers, baggage and mail will have to be transferred at the trestle and on account of its length this will cause considerable delay.—Winston-Sentinel.

Postal Savings Bank at Concord.

Washington dispatch, 8th.—Postmaster Hitchcock today designated thirty-six additional postoffices as postal savings depositories, which, including those previously selected, will make a total of one hundred and twenty-nine depositories established since January 1. The work of furnishing the necessary equipment to the offices and having the postmasters and their assistants thoroughly instructed in the operation of the system will be rushed so as to permit receiving deposits on June 1. Mr. Hitchcock is well pleased with the reports received from the offices that have been established, and expects to extend the system as rapidly as possible until he has a postal savings bank in every State, the offices in southern states designated today follow:

Enley, Ala.; Miami, Fla.; Hopkinsville, Ky.; Natchez, Miss.; Concord, N. C.; Dartletsville, Okla.; Sumter, S. C.; Jellico Tenn.; and Staunton, Va.

Stricken While Bathing.

Stricken with an epileptic spasm while in a bath tub in the barber shop of C. E. Hayes, No. 33 North Erson street, this morning, a young man who gave his name as Coleman, and his address as Roanoke, was rescued from drowning by the proprietor who heard his moans and the sounds of his strangulation.

Taken immediately to the Mercy General hospital he received treatment, but was not out of danger at the time of going to press. He was unconscious until after 1 o'clock, when he revived long enough to inform the nurse in charge that his name was Coleman and his home was in Roanoke.—Charlotte News.

CENTRAL HIGHWAY WEEK.

Big Tour Starts in Eastern Carolina—Big Celebrations All Along the Line.

Mr. H. B. Varner left Sunday for Morehead City to begin the eastern part of the journey through the state in the interests of the great Central Highway. He is president of the Central Highway Association and chairman of the executive committee that has in charge the work of laying off the road. For the use of President Varner and the other official members of the party the J. I. Case Company tendered the use of one of their big touring cars, which is known as the "Official Scout Car." A telegram from the Case company Saturday announced that the car would be on hand at Morehead City Monday, ready for the run, and in charge of one of the company's expert mechanics.

Eastern North Carolina is profoundly stirred over the road. No great amount of interest is being manifested here, but it is believed that there will be something doing before the tour is over, because there is a probability of the road taking the "ridge" route further south and cutting out Lexington altogether.

The News and Observer Sunday had the following announcement of the doings of the week:

This is "Central Highway Week" in North Carolina, for during the entire week officers and members of the board of trustees of the Central Highway will make an automobile trip over the suggested route through the counties of Carteret, Jones, Craven, Lenoir, Wayne, Johnston and Wake. The tour begins Monday at Morehead City and ends Saturday in Raleigh.

The purpose of this tour is both to inspect the condition of the roads and to impress upon the different sections through which the Central Highway is to pass the importance of the movement and there will be meetings held in each county in order to have a concerted movement developed in the work, and to arouse enthusiasm for it. In the party will be Chairman H. B. Varner, of Lexington, of the Central Highway Trustees; Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, State Geologist, and a number of the trustees of the Central Highway and there will be big meetings at Morehead City on Monday, New Bern on Tuesday, Kinston on Wednesday, Goldsboro on Thursday, Smithfield on Friday and Raleigh on Saturday. The meetings occur at one o'clock each day.

A telegram last night from Morehead City giving the following concerning the meeting to be held there Monday:

"Good Roads Day at Morehead City will be observed at the Central Highway meeting on Monday, May 8th. The official party and invited guests will arrive in New Bern by Norfolk Southern at nine thirty o'clock Sunday morning, where they will be met by automobile and proceed to Morehead City, arriving there about five o'clock. There they will be given a banquet at the new Inland Waterway. Monday morning a fishing party will be given. At 1 o'clock there will be a number of speeches on good roads, and how to build them. After the speaking a sea food banquet will be given. A good time awaits all who come."

That means a splendid start off in the work of the Central Highway.

At New Bern the visitors will be taken in charge by Mr. William Dunn, the Craven county member of the Central Highway Board of Trustees, and a trip both to Beaufort and Morehead City will be made in automobiles, of which there will be a number in service. On Tuesday morning the party will leave for New Bern and the arrangements are for a big meeting and a big time at that place.

The reports from western North Carolina are bright for the Central Highway. The county boards of commissioners have endorsed the plan and have made donations of \$25 each for preliminary work in the inauguration of the movement. Indications are that there will be a substantial support given to the movement, that the funds allowed by the act will be voted, and that in each county the road forces will be used in constructing the Central Highway.

There is enthusiasm in Central and western North Carolina on the proposition for the Central Highway, and a tour of that section of the state will be made early in June, beginning in Madison county and extending to Raleigh. In the west the county commissioners are endorsing the plan and it is expected that the interest will increase as the result of the tour of that section. The Central Highway is to extend from Beaufort harbor to the Tennessee line and will be 460 miles long.

The sixteen counties through which the Central Highway is to pass and the members of the Board of Trustees from these counties are: G. D. Canfield, of Carteret; James D. Craven; J. H. Bell, of Jones; J. F. Hooker, of Lenoir; G. C. Royall, of Wayne; James A. Wellons, of Johnston; Dr. J. M. Templeton, of Wake; Dr. A. Chestnut, of Durham; H. M. Melver, of Orange; Capt. S. H. Webb, of Alamance; Clem G. Wright, of Guilford; H. B. Varner, of Davidson; P. B. Beard, of Rowan; R. R. Clark, of Iredell; R. L. Shuford, of Cabarrus; W. E. Walton, of Burke; W. T. Moran, of McDowell; E. C. Chambers, of Buncombe; and Thomas J. Murray, of Madison. The chairman of the board is Mr. H. B. Varner, of Lexington, the secretary, Mr. Edward E. Britton, of Raleigh, and the treasurer, Mr. Geo. C. Royall, of Goldsboro.

Failure at Kannapolis.

News was received here yesterday afternoon that M. M. Furr, a merchant of Kannapolis, had filed a petition in bankruptcy. There are 35 or 40 creditors, a number of them in Concord. The debts amount to several thousand dollars. Mr. Furr did a general merchandise business, having a grocery store in one side and dry goods in the other. It is stated that his brother-in-law, J. W. Furr, is still running the grocery store, it having been turned over to him to satisfy a note he held against M. M. Furr. A number of the creditors were in Kannapolis yesterday to look after their interests.—Concord Tribune.

General Shooting Scrape.

The following story comes from Pennington Gap, Va.: Constable John Haz came down from St. Charles county yesterday to help Town Marshal George Hinkle keep order in Pennington while a circus was in town.

Haz arrested an unknown man for some trivial offense and started with him to the lock-up. Hinkle desired that being taken away he would go to the prison yard instead. While the prisoner got away, Haz shot Hinkle and Hinkle shot Haz. Both died almost instantly.

A Cleveland county farmer last week lost a fine horse valued at \$275. The horse's death was caused by his drinking out of shallow troughs.

EQUIPMENT FOR INTERURBAN.

Orders Placed for \$800,000 Worth of Machinery and Electrical Appliances.

The Charlotte Observer Saturday carried the following interesting story: The Piedmont Traction Company promoting the interurban through the Carolinas yesterday signed contracts with the Westinghouse Electrical and Manufacturing Company for the entire electrical equipment of the road between Charlotte and Kings Mountain, Spartanburg and Greenwood, S. C., the deal involving an expenditure of \$300,000.

The contract calls for the delivery of all of the numerous electrical appliances for the cars, eight locomotives of motor type, transformers, etc., which will be necessary in the operation of the road. The promoters of the interurban, Messrs J. B. and B. N. Duke together with the local representatives, Messrs W. S. Lee and L. C. Harrison, have been in conference nearly all week with the representatives of the Westinghouse, concern of Pittsburgh, the General Electric Company of New York and the Western Electric Company of Chicago, running over the endless details of the contract.

The deal involves many electrical appliances which may seem unimportant, but which, nevertheless, play an important and necessary function in the complete equipment of the road with fixtures and appliances, laying aside the matter of securing the proper transformers and the motor engines to pull the trains, both freight and passenger.

The award of this important contract, considered the most vital step in grading the road, was closed some time ago, and calling for an expenditure second to that necessary in building the road itself, clears the way for the immediate building and equipping of the road. While the promoters of the interurban have been closed and in many matters relating to this monumental enterprise, they can go about their further tasks with greater deliberation and less haste owing to the fact that the most stupendous contracts have been closed and the bidders are already or will be in a few days, beginning to ship the materials to be used.

The contracts so far awarded for materials necessary for the operation of the road and the work that is to be done in laying off the road, are worth a considerable amount. The bridges, aggregating an expenditure of \$2,000,000 or more.

The figures embraced in all the contracts that have up to the present been awarded bear out the original estimates of the promoters that it would require an expenditure of \$25,000,000 a mile for the building and the operation of the road. By the time the freight and passenger cars are contracted for, many other smaller details are cleared out of the way, and the operating expenses of the road, under consideration, it will be evident that the early estimates were not greatly wide of the mark.

The road in distance between Charlotte and Kings Mountain is 34 miles and between Spartanburg and Greenwood about 90 miles. The cost of an improvement of the road, under consideration is for the steel to be used in the building of the bridges between Spartanburg and Greenville which will, perhaps, aggregate as much as that to be used in bridging the streams between the other terminals. It will be taken into consideration that several other large streams that must be crossed between these points and the contour of the approaches which demand an unusually large amount of steel.

Court Room Sensation.

Yesterday morning upon the convening of the superior court the jury in the case of F. J. Watkins filed into the court room and announced that it had reached a decision the foreman announcing the verdict of the jury as manslaughter.

At 12:30 a sensation was sprung in the court room when Mr. Locke Craig the senior counsel for F. J. Watkins arose and presented an affidavit alleging that a member of the jury had been prejudiced against the defendant, that this member of the jury had both formed and expressed an opinion regarding the guilt of the defendant, and upon the strength of this affidavit moving that the verdict of the jury be set aside by the presiding judge.—Asheville Citizen.

(Watkins was sentenced to eighteen months in the penitentiary Saturday. Judge Webb refused to set aside the verdict and grant a new trial.)

Failure at Kannapolis.

News was received here yesterday afternoon that M. M. Furr, a merchant of Kannapolis, had filed a petition in bankruptcy. There are 35 or 40 creditors, a number of them in Concord. The debts amount to several thousand dollars. Mr. Furr did a general merchandise business, having a grocery store in one side and dry goods in the other. It is stated that his brother-in-law, J. W. Furr, is still running the grocery store, it having been turned over to him to satisfy a note he held against M. M. Furr. A number of the creditors were in Kannapolis yesterday to look after their interests.—Concord Tribune.

General Shooting Scrape.

The following story comes from Pennington Gap, Va.: Constable John Haz came down from St. Charles county yesterday to help Town Marshal George Hinkle keep order in Pennington while a circus was in town.

Haz arrested an unknown man for some trivial offense and started with him to the lock-up. Hinkle desired that being taken away he would go to the prison yard instead. While the prisoner got away, Haz shot Hinkle and Hinkle shot Haz. Both died almost instantly.

A Cleveland county farmer last week lost a fine horse valued at \$275. The horse's death was caused by his drinking out of shallow troughs.