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WORK OF THE GRAND JURY.

Large Number of Bills Reported—Timely Recommendations.

While the Judge was not here Saturday the Solicitor and the grand jury and Clerk of court worked almost all day. They were straightening out matters. The following is a report of the grand jury for the term.

"We the grand jury, appointed for the December term of Durham county superior court, beg to submit this report of the proceedings of the jury:

"First. One hundred and nine bills have been examined and returned true bills, nine were examined and returned not true bills, and seven were returned unreported upon for want of witnesses, as per schedule A as attached hereto.

"Second. We find the court house generally in good condition and the records of the clerk, register of deeds, county treasurer and sheriff are well, neatly and we believe correctly kept; the systems of accounts of vouchers which has been lately introduced by the county commissioners is an admirable one and we believe does much to facilitate this branch of the county work. The jail is clean, free from offensive odors and well kept throughout, and we desire to express our satisfaction at the condition in which we find it, and the methods which are used in its general economy. The county home and convict camp are in good condition, and the inmates of the former appear to be well looked after, are contented and speak well of the care and attention which they receive.

"We recommend the following:

"First. That additional filling cases be provided for the clerk's office.

"Second. That the vault room in the register of deed's office be amplified to facilitate the examination of records.

"Third. That a safe or vault be provided for the sheriff's office large enough to hold the county tax books, which now, and for years past, have had no fire protection, but are left exposed at night on account of the sheriff's safe not being large enough to accommodate them.

"Fourth. That the court room be provided with a better system of ventilation, and that after each court shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected under the supervision of the county health officer.

"Fifth. That storm doors be provided during the winter season on the lower floor of the building, and that the corridors be comfortably heated and equipped with additional seats for the convenience of the numerous witnesses who are summoned to appear before the court and who under the present conditions, are exposed to too much cold and damp while waiting upon the court.

"Sixth. That the basement be thoroughly equipped with up-to-date water closet fixtures, in place of the out-of-date appliances that are now used; this system should provide for individual closets. Further that a separate system shall be provided for the women who are attendant upon the court.

"Three magistrates in this county have turned in fines to the county treasurer, but have not made the proper report to the clerk of court, as follows: P. A. Flinton, D. D. Harris and E. H. Venable.

"We have reviewed the report of chief of police to the city government in the matter of prescriptions filled by the drug stores for whiskey and recommend that the summary of this and future reports be printed by the city authorities. This summary should include the name of each one giving prescriptions and the number of prescriptions given by him.

"Fourth. We are not able to give the attention that was due to the matter of selling cigarettes to minors, but have conferred with and made recommendations to the authorities of Durham, which we believe will go far towards the apprehension of any who may violate the law on this subject.

"Respectfully submitted,
J. H. SOUTHGATE,
"Foreman."

LEWIS WILLIAMS WAS ACQUITTED.

Jury Returned Verdict Late Friday Evening—Court Ends Suddenly.

When the Recorder went to press last Friday the case of Lewis Williams, on trial for his life for assault, was in progress, and was given to the jury late Friday afternoon, and soon they returned with a verdict of acquittal.

The evidence of the girl and her mother, given last week, was such that it seemed that the negro would be convicted of the crime he was charged, but when all the facts had been heard and the lawyers had said what they could for and against the negro the jury found that there was not enough evidence to convict and they returned a verdict of not guilty and the negro that has been in jail since the commission of the crime left the court house a free man.

From the story told by the defendant it appeared that it was a put up job to get him in trouble. In fact the evidence against the negro was not sufficient to hang a man, and while there may have been some doubt in the minds of some, it seems they were willing to give the negro the benefit of doubt.

NEW HOSPITAL TO BE ERECTED.

Plans Accepted and Contractors Figuring on the Work.

Plans have been accepted and submitted to contractors and it is learned that the actual work on the buildings is to begin not later than March 1, of next year.

This work, which will be very extensive, is now being gone over by those of the contractors of the state who are competent to handle large contracts of this kind. As soon as the bids are submitted the matter will be gone over by those in authority and the contracts will be awarded.

The new Watts hospital is the gift of Mr. George W. Watts, the donor of the present hospital was presented to the city it was with the direct understanding and stipulations that no persons should ever be turned away from its doors because that person did not have the proper means. This has been lived up to but there has been such an increase in the population that many who want to get treatment in the hospital, regardless of money, cannot do so. Mr. Watts saw the need. He is now providing the means.

There is to be an administrative building, three stories; a general pavilion; operating buildings and then such out buildings as the kitchen, electric lighting plant, laundry, dining room and other necessary parts of a complete structure of this kind. The general plan of the building is such, that if, at any time in the future, there is the necessity of another ward or several wards, the work can be done without changing the architectural plans of the present structure.

The hospital buildings will be erected in the grove near the macadam road—the oak grove—and will face east. This will face out on other property purchased for this purpose, the whole containing fifty-six acres. The land fronting the hospital proper, so it is learned, will be laid off into drives and plats where there will be flowers and shrubbery and grass. This will be used to beautify the grounds and for "breathing space" for the convalescents.

All of the buildings will be of brick and concrete and will be fire proof. It is thought now that the buildings already planned and on which the contractors will submit bids within a short while, will cost all of \$100,000 and probably more. The buildings will as a matter of fact, cost close to \$200,000. Then will come the cost of the ground purchase and then the equipments. It will all foot up close to \$300,000. Other additions that are contemplated, so it is said, will make the total reach close to a half million.

The Methodist Conference in session at New Bern this week decided to hold the next session with Trinity church, this city.

The public schools of the county will close Friday, Dec. 20th for the Christmas holidays. The time set for the opening of the schools is Monday, Dec. 30th. A few of the schools are preparing for exercises.

The funeral and burial took place Sunday, the burial being in the burying ground at Rose of Sharon church.

Death in the Country.

Mrs. Mollie Green, wife of G. M. Green, who was 44 years of age, died at her home some seven miles south of Durham Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. She had been afflicted for nearly four years and her death was no surprise to those who had been watching by her side.

The funeral was conducted from the home this afternoon at 1 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. William S. Olive, and the burial took place immediately after the funeral service, this being in the family burying place near the home.

FATAL ACCIDENT IN THE COUNTRY.

William Scott, 10-Years Old, Shot by His Brother Saturday Morning.

A distressing accidental shooting occurred at the home of John L. Scott, whose home is on the Guess Road near the Gear mill, last Saturday morning with his ten-year-old son, William, was accidentally killed by his brother James.

While the other members of the family were in the dining room eating breakfast they were startled by the report of the discharge of a gun. Upon investigation it was found that William had received the entire load from the gun in face and head and was dead by the time the family reached him. James and Williams were in the room together and from the best information obtained, James picked up the gun and snapped it at William, not knowing that it was loaded.

The accident was a deplorable one and quite a number of friends and neighbors gathered at the saddened home to assist the grief-stricken parents and children all they could.

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COURT ENDS SUDDENLY.

During the afternoon Judge Cooke received a message stating that his son was not expected to live, and arrangements were begun at once to adjourn court for the term. Many cases of minor importance were serled, that is, such as submissions, not pros, etc., but no case of any general importance were disposed of.

Was Painfully Hurt.

Last Friday morning about 10 o'clock Mrs. Annie J. Jordan, who has charge of the primary class in the Morehead school building, fainted while she was at her work as teacher and was painfully hurt in the fall she received.

The fainting of Mrs. Jordan caused a stampede and much consternation among the students many of whom left the building and went home to tell the story to their parents.

When Mrs. Jordan, who had been hard at work teaching the little ones of her class, fell her head struck a desk and a long gash was cut on the side of the head, this necessitating several stitches being taken by Dr. Cheatham, who was summoned to attend her. Her nose was also bruised and hurt; several teeth were loosened, and there was a bad bruise on the side of the neck.

After being attended she was removed to her home and the information from Mrs. Jordan last night was resting very well and getting along nicely.

Mrs. Jordan has been connected with the city schools for a number of years. She has always been recognized as a fine teacher and the reason that she was injured Friday was because she tried to teach when she was not physically able, having been ill for several days.

The special tax election in White's Cross Roads District will take place to-morrow, and from reports it promises to be closed. The result will be watched with interest all over the county.

FOR SALE.

Five hundred white and brown leghorns. Will sell for 75 cents, each Friday 13th of December. No orders filled before this date. Reason for selling to make room for stock. Call or write "Y" Poultry Farm, B. G. Briggs, Prop'r. East Durham.

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Statement of Bank at Close of Business December 26, 1907.

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Loans and Investments,	\$588,954.95	Capital,	\$100,000.00
U. S. Bonds,	150,000.00	Surplus,	60,000.00
Premiums U. S. Bonds,	5,050.69	Undivided profits,	14,272.25
Banking House,	13,000.00	Circulation,	100,000.00
Cash and due from Banks,	293,129.84	Deposits,	781,657.23
Redemption Fund,	7,200.00	Dividends unpaid,	15.00
	\$1,055,944.48		\$1,055,944.48

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