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HOUSTON AWARDED \$4,000 BY JURY.

Traction Company Loses in Suit on account of Death of Fuller Houston.

The suit of Mr. B. R. Houston against the Durham Traction Co. on account of the death of his son, Fuller Houston, was concluded in the Superior court last Saturday night at 9:45 o'clock and Mr. Houston was given damages in the sum of \$4,000. The original suit was for \$35,000. The Traction Company appealed to the Supreme court.

This case has been claiming attention in the superior court for some time, since the death of Fuller Houston, who was working in the basement of the Trakas store in front of the post-office.

The particulars of the death of young Houston are familiar to many of our readers. Deceased was at work repairing the building mentioned above when he had occasion to use an electric light. Some way in the use of the light he got the full current and fell over dead. Just how the circumstance caused his death is not clear to many, but the facts as near as possible were brought out in the trial last week.

Much interest has been shown by many people in Durham in this case and the final outcome will attract much attention.

County Sunday School Convention.

The Durham County Sunday school convention was held in Trinity church Saturday. The attendance was not very large owing to the busy season with all classes.

The programme was not fully carried out but the secretary's report showed much work having been done during the past year; every country Sunday school having been visited by a representative of the county association and a convention of much interest and profit having been held for every township.

Resolutions were adopted thanking the secretary for his faithful work during the past year and the ladies of Trinity church for their labors in providing refreshments for the convention delegates.

The following resolution was also adopted:

"That the third week in November of each year be observed by all the Sunday schools of the county as Sunday school devotion week, during which special effort shall be made by all officers and teachers to secure as many of their scholars as possible to decide to become Christians, to accept Christ as their savior."

This action was taken by the county convention upon the petition and recommendation of the convention held for Durham and Lebanon township at Dukes Chapel last September.

The following officers were elected: President, George W. Watts; vice-presidents, J. D. Pridgen, John W. Umstead, G. C. Stallings, for Durham, Lebanon and Oak Grove townships; J. F. Clements, for Patterson and Cedar Fork townships; secretary, J. D. Priagen, treasurer, H. C. Linthicum.

Executive committee—H. N. Snow, chairman; R. L. Flowers, L. G. Cole, Rev. W. P. Constable, C. C. Mulholland.

The time and place for holding the next county convention was referred to the executive committee for selection and announcement.

The board of education met this week to look after the school work of the county and allow the monthly accounts of the board. No special action of the board that would be of general public interest was reported.

THE DEATH RECORD.

LILLIAN HONEYCUTT.
Lillian, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Honeycutt, died at the home of her parents on Mangum street last Saturday. Pneumonia, resulting from measles, was the cause of her death. The funeral took place from the home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. G. T. Adams, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, after which the interment took place in Maplewood cemetery.

MRS. W. J. JOHNSON.
Mrs. W. J. Johnson, aged 49 years, died at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Charles Alford, last Tuesday.

Apoplexy was the cause of death. She left, besides Mrs. Alford, two daughters, Misses Ruby and Jeffie Johnson and her husband. The funeral and burial took place Wednesday at Olive's Chapel Baptist church, Rev. W. S. Olive, her pastor, conducting the funeral.

United in Marriage.

Miss Mayde Mesley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mesley, was united in marriage last Wednesday morning at the home of her parents to Mr. J. Otho Lunsford. Rev. N. C. Yearby, brother-in-law of the groom performed the ceremony in the presence of a number of relatives and friends of the contracting parties. They left immediately for a western tour.

Miss Mattie Warren was united in marriage to Mr. Sayers D. Eubanks, in West Durham Wednesday night, Rev. T. L. Trott officiating. Both are well known in West Durham and deservedly popular. They will continue to reside in West Durham.

Miss Ola Hamilton was united in marriage to Mr. Frank Pendergraph in Edgemont Wednesday night, the ceremony being performed by Rev. O. N. Marshall. Both these young people have the best wishes of the people in the community in which they will continue to live.

Miss Rosa Horton, of this city, was united in marriage to Mr. Thomas Lloyd, of Chapel Hill, last Wednesday, Rev. G. W. Fisher officiating. It was a surprise marriage to their many friends that will wish them much happiness in their new relations. They will live in Chapel Hill.

Executive Committee Meets.

Durham county Democratic Executive committee met at the court house last Saturday. The new plan of Democratic organization was discussed and other matters relative to party success in the coming election.

The date for the precinct meetings will be held June the 25th at 3 o'clock. This is just before the county convention, which will be held July the 2d.

Mr. B. S. Skinner, resigned as precinct chairman of Five Points voting precinct and his successor will be appointed by the county chairman.

Express Admiration for the Stieff.

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Mr. T. Foy Simmons, Man'gr for Chas. M. Stieff:
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Very sincerely,
MRS. GEORGE A. FISHER,
Pianists for Thacker-Fisher Evangelistic Party.

The County Commissioners.

The county commissioners met in regular monthly session Monday to look after the best interests of the affairs of the county. Mr. O. K. Proctor appeared before the board asking that a road be built from the main road that now passes his home to a site that he recently donated for a home for parentless children. The road was ordered built and permanent arrangements will be made for the erection of the building.

An election ordered to be held in Bragtown district No. 5, May 19.

The proposition is the voting of school taxes, the prolongation of the work by special levy. While most of these elections go towards the tax, it is said there will be a sizable scarp over this one and that there will be citizens to oppose it. Between now and the day of election there will be some wire working.

Thirty-six jurors for the May term of court were drawn. They are H. S. Forrey, P. M. Gallagher, J. S. Leigh, J. L. Eakes, H. Q. Hudson, J. W. Smith, J. P. Massey, W. T. Cole, Sr., J. J. Baldwin, J. S. Horner, A. W. Cates, H. T. Hopson; A. L. Weatherspoon, D. B. Roberts, J. M. Williams, W. H. Vickers, C. T. High, B. H. Cozart, O. T. Carver, Philip Moore, J. W. Rogers, C. E. Chambers, T. C. Markham, C. H. Burch, F. S. Mangum, J. H. Morris, J. R. F. Page, L. C. Norwood, J. W. Proctor, J. W. Lumley, D. G. O'Neal, George L. Lyon, A. C. Melvin, W. G. Harward, D. B. Cameron, J. M. M. Gregory.

Flag and Bible Presented.

Tar Heel Council No. 2, Jr. O. U. A. M. was well pleased with the trip of their representatives to Northside last Friday, who went out for the purpose of presenting the school at that place with a flag and Bible.

The first thing on the program was the Educational address of Mr. D. W. Sorrell, of this city. After Mr. Sorrell's address the crowd present enjoyed a good dinner that was served in the school yard.

The Junior Order exercises took place immediately after dinner, when the following order was observed:

Presentation of the flag by Mr. Chas. Scarlette, of Durham. Acceptance on behalf of the school by Mr. T. G. Stem, of Oxford.

Presentation of the Bible by Mr. Zeb P. Council, of Durham. Acceptance on behalf of the school by Rev. Mr. Roberson.

This was followed by the raising of the flag and singing of patriotic songs by the school.

The day was very pleasantly spent. Mr. A. S. Hobgood, of Durham was chairman of the committee from the Junior Order and presided over the meeting.

About 20 Juniors went over from Durham and a large crowd was present to witness the exercises. The regular closing exercises of the school took place Friday and from what the school has accomplished under the leadership of Miss Esther Holmes, the closing was enjoyed by all that were privileged to attend.

Paid Off Indebtedness.

Members and friends of the Second Baptist church, of this city, are rejoicing that the aim of the congregation one year ago to reach the place where they would pay off their indebtedness by April the first, 1910, had been met and the mortgage deed was burned last Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service. Just one year ago this congrega-

tion found that they had an indebtedness of \$18,000 on their new church building and company were formed from the membership each company agreeing to raise in one year \$1,000. It was a great undertaking and there were many that felt that it was a larger undertaking than would be accomplished, but the many sacrifices and united efforts of the members was rewarded by the accomplishment of their aim. The pastor and membership and friends are very grateful that they have been able to get in position to begin without debt, and they are to be congratulated upon their push and the energy shown in their untiring efforts.

Durham Boys Lose the Debate.

Durham High school boys met defeat in two instances in debates last Friday night—one debate taking place in Durham and the other in Raleigh.

The debate in Durham was held in the High School building and two representatives came down from Greensboro and walked off with the honors of the occasion.

The other debate took place in Raleigh and the Durham boys failed to make their point against the Raleigh boys also.

The question of both debates was the same except the boys that went down to Raleigh took the opposite side of the boys remaining in Durham. The query was "Resolved, That the commission plan of municipal government is the plan best suited for North Carolina cities."

The Durham boys just simply have to acknowledge that they were outclassed by the Greensboro and Raleigh boys.

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