

## TWO MURDER CASES.

### THE GRAND JURY RETURNS TRUE BILLS.

**Jere Kittrell, Tom Ham, Both White, and Butler Alston, Colored, to be Tried for Their Lives at Next Term of Court.**

At the present term of Franklin Superior Court true bills were found against Jere Kittrell and Tom Ham, white, for the killing of Jack Thomas, colored, which occurred in Sandy Creek township, this county the latter part of last September. Two negroes, Wesley K. Williams and Fletcher Thomas, were suspected at the time, as being the murderers, and were held by the coroner's jury, but it seems that matters took a turn, and subsequent evidence which was produced before the grand jury last week, implicated Kittrell and Ham, and it is now generally believed that the killing took place at a blockade distillery which, it is reported, was being run at the time, near where Jack Thomas lived. As the whole matter is to be up at the next term of court we refrain from publishing any of the evidence which was heard before Judge Biggs, in the habeas corpus case, on Friday evening last.

The other indictment for murder was against Butler Alston, a negro boy, who, some time ago, shot a colored girl, Cleora Debnam, a few miles southwest of Louisburg. At the time the shooting took place it was reported among the colored people that it was an accident and the matter was hushed up. The killing was investigated, however, last week, by the grand jury, and Alston was arrested on a bench warrant and lodged in jail, where he will remain until the April term.

### Franklin Superior Court.

Our report of the trial of the state docket closed with the proceedings of Thursday of last week. The following cases were tried or otherwise disposed of Friday and Saturday, the trial of the State docket closing with Saturday's proceedings. The grand jury was in session until Saturday at noon. *State vs Porter Ruffin and G. W. Ford*, scifa continued. *State vs Chas Foster and W. M. Person*, scifa, continued until next term. *State vs Isaac Davis, Jr.*, failure to work roads, continued. *State vs Clellon Woodlief, s. d. w.* not guilty. *State vs Scott Shadrack, s. d. w.* judgment suspended on payment of costs, defendant to give bond of \$50 for his appearance at next term. *State vs Dock Young, o. c. w.* pleads guilty, judgment suspended on payment of costs. *State vs Henry Powell, o. c. w.* not guilty. *State vs Henry Powell*, disturbing public worship, pleads guilty, 60 days on roads. *State vs Willie Freeman*, disturbing public worship, 60 days on roads. *State vs Sidney Noble and K. J. Perry*, scifa, discharged on payment of costs. *State vs J. Y. Medlin*, \$50 fine and costs, and to satisfy damages with co-defendant Young, who was found not guilty by the jury. *State and P. B. Clifton vs W. H. Barnett*, judgment of lower court affirmed by consent of defendant. Fine and costs in both courts paid. *State and W. Hal Mann vs Isham Egerton*, false pretense, not guilty. *State vs B. H. Meadows*, continued. The grand jury brought in true bills for murder against Jere Kittrell and Tom Ham, for kill-

ing Jack Thomas, colored. Ham was arrested and under a writ of habeas corpus was allowed bond by the judge in the sum of \$2000, case being continued to next term. In default of bail, Ham was committed to jail. Kittrell not taken.

A true bill was also found for murder against Butler Alston, for shooting Cleora Debnam, both colored. Alston was committed to jail and case continued until next term.

The following reports were made by grand jury:

We the Grand Jury for this term respectfully submit the following report: We have passed on Bills that have come to our knowledge, and have returned the same to the court.

Our committee has visited the County Home for the aged and infirm and reports the same in good condition, the inmates well cared for, well clothed, and satisfied.

We have examined all the Magistrate reports of this county, and have found the same to be correct.

We visited the County jail in a body and find the same in a clean and healthy condition, and the sanitary condition good, but we recommend that a cell be placed in the building for white prisoners, for at the present time all the prisoners are confined in one apartment.

Our committee has visited the offices of the Clerk of the Court, the Register of Deeds, the Sheriff and Treasurer, and find the same well kept and in good condition.

We recommend more room in the offices, especially for the Sheriff, Clerk of the Court, and that a room be built for the Grand Jury, as at present there are no rooms that the Grand Jury can occupy, except one of the County Officers room.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. R. ANDREWS,  
Foreman Grand Jury.

The civil docket was taken up Monday morning, and the following jurors were sworn for the week: H. L. Murphy, J. D. Alston, W. T. Cooper, W. E. Murphy, S. G. Griffin, Wade H. Harris, W. H. Creekmore, E. L. Fuller, M. D. Smith, H. H. Gilliam, J. L. C. Wester, P. H. White, W. H. Moseley, W. W. Weathers.

Messrs. R. C. Underwood, W. P. Montgomery and W. S. Strange were excused.

In the case of Andrew Yarboro and others, against W. T. Hughes & Co., trial of which consumed nearly two days, the issues were decided by the jury in favor of the defendants.

In the case of Alfred Telfair against W. T. Hughes, the plaintiff lost.

Richard Perry vs. W. M. Person, verdict for plaintiff.

Hollingsworth vs. Davie, verdict for plaintiff.

No other cases of note have been tried on the civil docket.

Court closed for the term yesterday evening. The members of the bar and officers of the court tendered Judge Biggs a vote of thanks for the impartial, patient and courteous manner in which he has presided, at this, his first term. Appropriate remarks were made by Messrs. F. S. Spruill and W. H. Yarborough, Jr.

### Lights on Again.

After a week off the electric lights were again turned on Tuesday night. D. M. Swink, an expert electrician, was here and repaired the "break down" at the power house. The lights do not appear altogether as strong and bright as before, but Superintendent Beck says that they will be all O. K. in a few days.

## THE COTTON GROWERS.

### A BIG MEETING HELD IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

**President Moore Writes That the Delegates Present Were More Determined Than Ever to Stand Firm.**

President C. C. Moore, under date of January 25th, writes the editor of the Times as follows:

I have just returned from Birmingham where I attended the great convention of the Southern Cotton Association, it was the most enthusiastic convention yet held in the interest of the south's money crop—"Cotton."

Four thousand delegates coming from every cotton producing state, holding three sessions daily for three days.

Addresses filled with good cheer and encouragement were delivered by some of the most distinguished men of the south, close attention was given to every speaker and the discussions on the important questions were broad and instructive.

The ringing note of the whole convention was "that the New York Cotton exchange is the enemy of the southern farmer."

The farmers are determined to protect their interest and to secure for themselves a fair and remunerative price for the staple they produce.

The action and resolves of this great convention ought to impress the gamblers with the idea that they need not confer among themselves as to what will be the price of cotton but that this question is to be settled by the producer and the consumer.

The day of reckoning is at hand and the cotton growers are going to make a vigorous war upon the vultures who have preyed and waxed fat upon their staple product.

The convention gave instructions to Pres. Harvis Jordan telling him to prosecute his attack on the New York Cotton Exchange and not to let up until its business is conducted in an honest, legitimate manner.

The executive committee after most carefully investigating the cotton consumption, the demand for the trade for the next two years, the present supply and considering the enormous yield from the acreage planted in 1906, passed this resolution:

"In view of the fact that a great many farmers have adopted the intensive system of farming, increasing the yield per acre and new territory each year is being planted in cotton that heretofore has not grown cotton, thereby increasing the production, therefore in order to maintain satisfactory and remunerative prices we urge and recommend a full reduction of 10 per cent of the cotton acreage for the year 1907."

"We further recommend that the acreage so reduced be planted in food crops."

"We are sure that unless the farmers unite to reduce their acreage of cotton that they will be confronted at the end of the season with equally as bad if not worse conditions than they were in 1904 when the price went down to 6 cents per pound."

Respectfully  
C. C. MOORE Pres.  
N. C. div. S. C. A.

### U. D. C.

The regular meeting of the Joe J. Davis Chapter will be held in the Masonic Hall, at 8:30 p. m., Wednesday, Feb. 6th.

Mrs. J. B. BARROW, Pres.  
Mrs. R. H. DAVIS, Sec'y.

### Attention Cotton Growers.

All parties interested in the Cotton Growers' Association of Franklin county, will please meet me in Louisburg on next Monday, February 4th, as the existence of the Association depends upon it.  
J. O. GANER, Pres.

## TAKES HIS OWN LIFE.

### ALGERNON A. EVANS COMMITS SUICIDE—YESTERDAY.

**With a Double-Barrel Shot Gun He Blows Off the Top of His Head—Temporary Insanity Said to Be the Cause.**

News was brought to town yesterday that Mr. Algernon A. Evans, a white farmer who resided in Sandy Creek township, had committed suicide.

Upon investigation our reporter learned from Mr. Willis Joyner, who lives near the home of Mr. Evans, that about four o'clock yesterday morning while his family was asleep, Evans arose and went out into a hallway, where he, in some way, shot the top of his head off, using a double-barrelled shot gun. He died instantly, and there was no one in the house at the time except his wife and two children. His wife and the neighbors had noticed for several days that Mr. Evans seemed to be worried and only the day before his suicide he told his wife not to leave home, that some one was trying to get all he had, from him. It is thought that this preyed on his mind, until he became temporarily insane, and caused him to commit the rash deed.

He was about 51 years of age, leaves a wife and two children, and two brothers.

### Married.

The home of Mr. John C. Foster, of Laurel, was the scene of a beautiful marriage ceremony on Wednesday evening at six o'clock, when his daughter, Miss Lula, was joined in the holy bonds of wedlock to Mr. Albert S. Gupton, of Louisburg. Rev. G. M. Duke officiated. The bride who is a young lady of very sweet disposition has a large circle of friends and admirers, and the groom is one of our most popular young citizens. For some time he has held a position in the store of Mr. J. W. King. The editor congratulates him in his good fortune in securing for himself as a help-mate a young woman worthy of his love and care, and wishes them a long and happy life.

### Honor Rolls.

The following were on the honor roll of Red Bad School last month—  
Miss Sasia Macon, teacher.  
3rd grade—Myrtle Parrish, George Lancaster, Fernie Smith.  
4th grade—Mattie Lee Smith.  
5th grade—Maude Lancaster.

Honor roll of Hickory Rock Academy, Miss Lily Hayes, Principal, and Miss Lucy Webb, assistant.

Fifth grade—Eugene Bobbitt, Arthur Insoce, Moses Insoce, Ollie Insoce, Bettie Unsell, Clara Sledge, Nonie Wester.

Sixth grade—Norman Tucker, Leslie Wilder, Grover Insoce.

Seventh grade—Minnie Neal, Minnie Hicks, Alice Hicks, Jessie Wilder.

First grade—Lena Bobbitt, Beulah Glasgow, Eleanor Unsell, Mary Bartholomew.

Second grade—Clara Bobbitt, Blanche Wester, Sallie Hicks, Arch Wester, Fannie Hicks, Gertrude Swanson, Nina Swanson.

Third grade—James Insoce, Wallace Neal.

Honor roll of Centerville Academy for week ending Jan. 25, 1907:

1st Grade—Annie Neal, Lucy Demant, Gerland Demant.

4th Grade—Bertha Neal, Johnnie Neal, Ruth Parrish, Yiddie Gupton, Nannie Gupton, Viola Hunt, John Hunt.

5th Grade—Harrison Jenkins, Mattie Neal, Floyd Parrish, Clarence Neal, Eleanor Upchurch.

7th Grade—Lillian Upchurch.

### Col. J. F. Jones.

Col. Jones was born in Franklin county, N. C., near Laurel, November the 24th, 1821, and died December 28th, 1906—being 85 years old when he died. He was married four times, first to Miss Lucy J. Stumper on December the 9th, 1847; to them were born four children—Ed and Sidney, Ella and Linnie—all of whom died before him. January 18th, 1872 he married Mrs. Harriet E. Perry, January 4th, 1887, he married Miss Sallie M. Person, and on April 28th, 1897, he married Mrs. Annie T. Perry, who survives him.

In giving a brief sketch of Bro. Jones' life I regret that I know so little of his youth, but he must have enjoyed considerable advantages which, joined with his natural gifts, untiring energy and fine business qualifications, made him, for a long time, one of the most prominent men in the county; enjoying for some time the distinction, I think, of being the only cotton manufacturer in the county with his mill at Laurel. He was also a fine mechanic, having received the premium for a cotton elevator.

I enjoyed his friendship, and was more than forty years intimate with him. In his beautiful home at Laurel and the impressions that I have of the things that made him what he was, were these: He had proper views of life, its duties and pleasures as well as its ultimate aim. He believed in God and the great doctrines of the bible.

His honesty! through his long life I know of no instance when there was even a suspicion of dishonesty. Coupled with this was his close attention to his business. And with his many excellent traits he lived at home. His temperate habits and regular life were the liberal fulfillment of Paul's injunction to "be temperate in all things," and his life is a fit example for us to imitate.

He was very prudent in his speech being one of the few who did not talk too much. Generous and courteous in his manners, kind in his home, friendly with his neighbors, fair in his dealings with his fellow-man, and was loved and respected by all, both white and colored.

In his latter years he had many trials, and was a man of many sorrows. He bore these with commendable christian patience and resignation, complaining little and bearing much. He will be greatly missed around Laurel. One of the old landmarks is removed.

His christian life shone out through his deeds, and not in words. Many times did he help the needy, give to the poor and assist those in distress. He was faithful to his church—Trinity. A Methodist he was; but was never absent from Mt. Zion when in his power to be present. He was the friend of every good work. His Sunday School teaching, his pious life and his noble deeds will be remembered by us all. Though dead he yet lives and will live by his noble and unassuming life in the hearts of each and every one with whom he came in contact.

A great and good man has passed away, and as we drop the tear of sorrow we rejoice that our loss is his eternal gain. Well done faithful soldier, and may the Lord comfort the bereaved ones. His funeral was preached by the writer at his home to a large crowd of sorrowing friends and he was buried in the cemetery at Louisburg. The burial services were conducted by Rev. L. S. Massey, of Louisburg.

"Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

G. M. DUKE.

He who cheers others need not fear for himself.

The law is best kept when it is lost in love.

## THE MOVING PEOPLE.

### THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

**And Those Who Come and Go Some for Pleasure, Some for Business and a Large Number Because They Like It.**

W. K. Martin, Jr., of Wake Forest, was in the burg this week.

E. C. Perry returned one day last week from a business trip to the Exposition grounds at Jamestown.

Dr. S. P. Burt and Mr. W. F. Bessley returned Saturday from Baltimore, where they went to consult an eye-specialist.

Miss Mabel Hight, of Henderson, who has been visiting her cousin, Miss Nan Hight, returned home one day this week.

Mrs. J. H. Lockamy, who has been visiting her brother, Mr. J. A. Thomas, returned to her home at Lenoir Point, Va., Monday.

Mr. J. Leavitt, of Raleigh, who is in town one day this week. He informs us that he is representing the North Carolina Building & Supply Co., of that city.

Miss Ruth Mann is at home from the Baptist University in Raleigh, where she has been attending school, on account of the illness of her father, Dr. J. J. Mann.

Mr. W. E. Sledge who has for some time been attending King's Business College at Raleigh, has left us for a trip to the Philippine Islands.

Col. W. T. Hughes and Miss Allie Spruill attended the reception of the Capital Club, tendered the members of the legislature and some of the friends, at Raleigh, last Friday night.

Rev. I. S. Massey left yesterday for Durham to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Educational Board of the N. C. Conference. He will return today or tomorrow.

Col. W. T. Hughes came over from Chase City, last Thursday. He was accompanied by his father-in-law, Mr. M. L. T. Davis, of Norfolk. They had a case on the civil docket this week.

Miss Lydia Anderson, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. L. S. Massey, here, left Tuesday for Greenville, to be present at the marriage of Miss Lora, daughter of Judge M. B. F. Long, to Congressman I. N. Hackett.

### A Treat in Store.

The managers of the Opera House here inform us that they have, after several unsuccessful efforts, succeeded in making an arrangement with the "Montreal Ladies Quartette" for February 2nd. This is one of the best and most entertaining Concert companies on the road, and the managers are to be congratulated upon being able to book it. This Quartette was in Louisburg a few years ago and played to a crowded house, and the audience was most highly pleased.

### Death of E. Y. Williams.

The editor regrets to hear of the death of Mr. Sidney T. Williams which event occurred at his home near Poplar Springs on Tuesday morning of this week. He was about 59 years of age, and he was a good citizen. He is survived by his wife and a number of children, and quite a large family connection.

He was a brother of our townsman, John R. Williams, Superintendent of Roads and W. H. Williams, Esq. of Sutton.

The editor joins in sympathy to the bereaved family.

It's not the engine with the longest wheels that is hauling the longest train.