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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MET ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY THIS WEEK.

The Meeting Full of Routine, but No Business of Importance Transacted—Several Reports Received.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday morning with all members present except Mr. J. H. Ballentine, whose absence was caused by injuries received in a run away several days previous. After reading and approving the minutes of the previous meeting the following business was transacted:

J. O. Wilson was allowed piping to put across public road in Cypress Creek township.

H. C. Taylor was allowed to extend his building 30 feet back—the time to expire with contract heretofore made.

Lisbon Kearney was relieved of poll tax in Hayesville township—being over age.

J. P. Cash, white, Jack Cradup, colored, B. L. Pearce, white, Lewis Jeffers, colored, were relieved of poll tax in Youngsville township—being over and under age.

Lewis Boone was allowed \$4.00 for coffin for Annie Thomas' child. Joe Ridley was relieved of taxes on four acres of land—being listed twice.

Mrs. Emlie B. Benton was relieved of taxes on 204 acres of land in Cypress Creek township—the same having been listed twice.

J. L. Mitchell was relieved of taxes on two mules, they being listed by Tony Pearce, at \$200.00, in Franklinton township.

Report of F. R. Pleasants, Manager Medical Depository, was received and filed.

Mrs. Gency Cash was stricken from outside pauper list—being dead.

Report of Dr. J. E. Malone, Superintendent of Health, was received and filed.

Rufus Mitchell was allowed \$1.00 per month as outside pauper.

Bidget Malone was allowed \$1.00 per month as outside pauper.

E. N. Williams was allowed \$300.00 per year as Superintendent of County Home, and such assistance as the Board deems necessary.

It was ordered that as provided in section 12 of an act of the General Assembly of 1911 entitled "an act to provide good roads in Youngsville township" the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to turn over to the duly elected and qualified Treasurer of the Board of Road Trustees the road land of said township.

That a certificate from the Chairman and Secretary of said Board shall be sufficient evidence of the election and qualification of such Treasurer.

A number of accounts were allowed and the Board adjourned until Tuesday morning.

The Board met on Tuesday morning according to adjournment and after approving minutes of the previous meeting proceeded as follows:

It was ordered that the Board take no action in the appropriation to the Colored Industrial College.

Dr. A. R. Winston was relieved of taxes on \$250.00 worth of personal property—the same being paid by Dr. A. R. Winston and charged to the R. N. Winston estate, also.

Report of E. N. Williams, Superintendent of County Home, was received and filed. He reports 9 white and 13 colored inmates.

Report of W. H. Ruffin and T. S. Collier, committee appointed on county printing for 1911, was received and recorded.

After allowing a number of ac-

counts the Board adjourned to its next regular meeting.

Fire Tuesday Night.

The fire alarm was sounded about one thirty o'clock Tuesday night and it was soon learned that the trouble was in J. A. King's store.

The fire was first discovered by night policeman J. W. Harris and it seems that it was caused by rats and matches. The fire started in a drawer, under the shelves about midway the store and was making good headway when the fire companies responded to the alarm. They soon succeeded in extinguishing the flames and no great damage was done to the store, however the damage to the stock by the fire and water, was about \$1,000, fully covered by insurance.

But for the timely arrival and splendid work of the fire department there is no doubt, but that the fire would have done great damage to that portion of the town.

New Meat Market.

Garrett & Hill has purchased the meat market business of R. R. Perry, and are moving it to their store where they are fitting up a nice market room.

Alston Co Stock Sold.

Mr. F. N. Egerton, assignee for the Alston Company, informs us that he has sold the stock of goods of that company to Mr. W. P. Cooke, of Beaufort. Mr. Cooke is now packing the stock preparatory to shipping same.

J. H. Ballentine Badly Hurt.

News was received here Monday to the effect that on Friday of last week Mr. J. H. Ballentine one of our newly elected County Commissioners, was thrown from his buggy in a runaway at Dunn and very badly hurt. The injuries were such as to cause his absence at the meeting of the Board on Monday, however his many friends will be glad to learn that he is getting along all right and will be able to be out again in a few days.

Appointments.

I will be at the following places on the dates mentioned for the purpose of talking to the members of the Farmers Union upon matters of business. See that every member of your local is present on the date named:

Centerville, Friday night, February 10th, at 7:30.

Dickens, Saturday night, February 11th, at 7:30.

Woods, Monday night, February 13th, at 7:30.

Sandy Creek, Tuesday night, February 14th, at 7:30.

Laurel, Wednesday, February 15th, at 12 o'clock and at Moulton at night at 7:30.

Ingle side, Thursday, February 16th, at 12 o'clock and at Hayes School House at night at 7:30.

Prospect, Friday, February 17th, at 12 o'clock and at Mapleville at 7:30.

Newport, Monday night, February 20th, at 7:30.

Mt. Olivet, Tuesday, February 21st, at 12 o'clock and at Pope's at 7:30.

Oak Level, Wednesday, February 22nd, at 12 o'clock, and at Fat Rock at night at 7:30.

New Hope, Thursday, February 23rd, at 12 o'clock, and at Pearce's school house at night at 7:30.

Pine Ridge, Friday, February 24th, at 12 o'clock and at Bunn at night at 7:30.

Seven Paths, Saturday, February 25th, at 12 o'clock.

Gatesville, Monday night, February 27th, at 7:30.

Bab Rock, Tuesday night, February 28th, at 7:30.

J. B. FULHAM,
Business Agent.

FARMERS INSTITUTES

WERE HELD IN LOUISBURG ON TUESDAY.

The Meeting For Men Held in the Court House and the One For Women Held in the Hotel. —Good Number Present.

According to the announcement made last week the Farmers Institutes were held in Louisburg on Tuesday of this week. The session for men being held at the court house with a splendid attendance, and was called to order at 11 o'clock by Mr. T. B. Wilder, who introduced the speakers.

Mr. Broom was the first speaker, his subject being "The Improvement of the Soil, Rotation of Crops, and the Cultivation of Corn and Cotton." Mr. Broom having given this subject much thought and being a practical, experienced farmer himself, enabled him to fitly discuss the subject.

Mr. Frank Parker spoke on the subject of "Fertilizers," paying special attention to the home mixing of chemicals. Mr. Parker thoroughly explained how it was done, as he has had much experience in this line.

At the afternoon session Mr T. Sherman, of the state department of agriculture, spoke of the insects that trouble our crops and explained some of the methods of preventing or avoiding loss from these pests.

Owing to the small number of women present the meeting for the women was held in the parlors of the Louisburg Hotel and was conducted by Mrs. F. L. Stevens. The programmes as published last week were out and resulted in much good and useful information for the farmers. A study of seed corn was made and many other things were discussed in detail. The lectures on this occasion were splendid and showed a thorough knowledge of the several branches of the work and will no doubt prove a great benefit to those who heard them.

Although the weather was very bad there was a good crowd of men present.

These institutes are proving to be of great value to the farmers of the State and the results are becoming more and more evident each year.

The institutes were held with equal success in Franklinton on Wednesday.

A Terrible Tragedy at Wilson.

Wilson, N. C., Feb. 4—Deputy Sheriff George Mumford was shot and killed, and Chief of Police A. O. Glover probably fatally wounded yesterday, while with other officers, they were attempting to arrest a negro wanted by the Dunn authorities for breaking into a hardware store.

The Wilson county and city officials received notice to be on the lookout for a gang of negroes who had broken into stores in the towns of Fayetteville and Dunn. At once when it was learned that the desperadoes had arrived in Wilson county and city officials, jointly began to devise ways and means to apprehend the rascals.

Officer Wynn was the first to get a glimpse of them going in the direction of a near-beer joint, known as the "Ball Place" on South Goldsboro street, about half a mile from the court house. He communicated his find to Chief Glover and Deputy Mumford, and these three, with Police Officer Warren soon started on the trail, and learned while near the Norfolk and Southern depot that two of the gang had just gone into the home of a negro woman near the depot.

Quickly the house was surrounded Officers Warren and Wynn guarding the back way while Deputy Mumford and Chief Glover entered the front way. When the door was entered the brave officers met a fus-

illade of bullets (parties who heard the firing say that at least 25 shots were exchanged.) The officers came out and covered the exits, though badly wounded. Louis West, the most desperate of the pair, went to the back window, when officer Wynn shot at him. He then dashed out of the front door, when Deputy Mumford sent two balls in his direction.

From loss of blood from wounds this brave and fearless officer sank to the ground, when the brute passed by him and said: "Damn you, you are not dead yet, but I'll finish you," and shot him in the head two or three times.

Chief Glover was shot in the shoulder, and it is thought, through the lungs. Both were taken to the Wilson Sanatorium. It is said that the deputy died before reaching this institution.

The woman, Mary Young, in whose house the tragedy occurred, is under arrest.

Both parties evaded the angry crowd and made their escape, going past the Contentnea Guano Factory. John D. Mercer's bloodhounds were sent for.

Lewis West is a tall yellow negro, and wore, when he committed the crime, a red sweater and a cap. Officer Warren shot at him four times when he dashed from the house.

The other negro, according to Mary Young, answers to no other name than "Stetson."

Several negroes, one said to be from South Carolina, have been committing depredations at Dunn. They broke into a hardware store at that place, and it was for that crime that they were wanted.

The Wilson Military secured the woods in every direction soon after the tragedy, but could find no trace of either of the gang. Six arrests have been made, three women, who may be able to throw some light on the matter as to the identity of the gang, and three men—one at Middlesex and two at Baileys. A negro from Edmondson's bridge reported that a negro answering the description of West was in that neighborhood when he left, and that he was badly wounded. Sheriff Sharp and posse in automobiles left at once. There is no clue as to the whereabouts of any of the others of the gang. West is an escaped convict from the South Carolina penitentiary.

Bloodhounds from Tarboro arrived at 9:25 and started on the hunt. At this writing (Thursday) the officers have caught Stetson, who has been taken to Raleigh for safe keeping together with a Wilson negro who is believed to be implicated in the deed, but no tidings has been received from Lewis, the murderer. It was thought on Wednesday they had him hemmed in a swamp near Ridge Springs but they caught the supposed negro who proved to be the wrong man. A large posse is still searching for him and a reward of \$500 has been offered by the State and county.

Entertained.

Miss Bettie Boddie delightfully entertained a number of her friends at Bridge at her home on Cedar street on Monday night in honor of Miss English, of Monroe. After the game delightful refreshments were served and the occasion was one of much enjoyment.

Louisburg Markets.

Owing to the weather our market conditions have not been very lively the past week, however the prices remain very good. The prices on tobacco continue strong with a very good demand. Cotton sold for 14-14 cents here yesterday, but owing to the weather the receipts were very small. Country produce is in strong demand and is bringing splendid prices.

THE MOVING PEOPLE

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere For Business or Pleasure.

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H. L. Candler returned the past week from a visit to Asheville.

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Miss Mattie Hester returned the past week from an extended visit to friends at Lakeland, Florida.

E. K. Hill returned Saturday from the horse and mule markets where he bought a nice lot of stock for his stables.

Mrs. E. C. Allen returned from a trip to Williamston, where she had been to attend the funeral of her mother, Saturday.

At Opera House.

The young men of Louisburg will give a minstrel in the Opera House Friday night, Feb. 17th. They have been working on this for some time and a first class performance is promised. Those taking part are Messrs. J. A. Turner, A. H. Fleming, B. T. Heiden, G. L. Crowell, H. L. Candler, W. D. Jackson, Malcolm McKinnis, Wiley Joyner, S. P. Boddie and Henry Joyner.

Mr. Turner and Dr. Fleming will do some specialties and Senator Holden will sing that late production of Wagner's, entitled, "He sleeps beneath an old oak tree," or "Who Killed Near Beer."

There will be some good dancing and banjo playing by Joyner and Boddie. This is to be a real feature as one of the members of their team has traveled extensively (from Louisburg to Franklinton.)

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The Matthew Davis Debating Society Meets.

The meeting of the Matthew Davis Debating Society, being postponed on Saturday, January 29, was called to order by the president Miss Pauline Smith, on Tuesday afternoon, January the 30. After the

preliminary business was over, the opposing sides went into discussion.

The momentous query, Resolved, "That Congress should enact laws prohibiting the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors," was hotly debated by both sides. Mr. Russel Harris, representing the negative side, appealed to the audience and judges by the great power, "persuasion." In soft, pleading tones and many gestures he told of the many and wonderful cures, whiskey had effected, the fortunes accumulated by the sale and manufacture of it, and the downfall of State's rights, when Congress took these matters in hand.—On rejoinder he tried to win over the judges by his witticisms and anecdotes. Mr. Thomas Ruffin plead for the affirmative side. In the most perfect, logical order, he attacked the subject on every feasible side—with life like pictures, he illustrated the ruin, the wrecks and the unrealized dreams caused from the accursed alcohol. His strength was not in his oratorical power but in his sincerity and earnestness. With his ease and frank cordial manner he may soon follow in the footsteps of some of his notable ancestors. When Mr. Henry Strickland approached the speaker's stand, the silence was intense, for it is still a mystery how such a "small" fellow can say such "great big" things and say them with half the power and force of Demosthenes. Beginning at a common point of interest he had the listeners up to his climax and then tore every point of the opposing side to pieces. His pictured illustration brought down the house with laughter, but it accomplished his purpose. Only time and opportunities are needed for Louisburg to produce a son, who will not only be an honor to the old North State but to our fair South land. The debates of all were good, especially were, those of Misses Macon, Thomas and Jones. When the judges retired, the critic, Mr. Raymond Taylor read a most critical judgment of the debates. When the judges report was read, in favor of the affirmative side, Henry Strickland having the best debate, the applause was loud and prolonged. The speakers seemed to have taken inspiration from the beautiful plays the Society Hall was decorated with and the noble faces of Washington, Lee and Jackson, seemed to smile down with approbation on that—one of the finest debates ever held by the Matthew Davis Debating Society.

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