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LOCAL NEWS.

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Mr. R. R. King is confined to his home by a slight indisposition.

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Mrs. J. B. Stroud and children have returned from a visit to relatives in Alamance county.

Mr. Walter F. Bandy is at St. Leo's hospital suffering with the prevailing malsady—a gripper.

Senator Holt yesterday introduced a bill in the legislature to incorporate the town of Stokesdale.

Mrs. M. L. Sherwood is quite sick at her home on West Gaston street. The infirmities of age have overtaken her.

Another car of the celebrated Vulcan plows on the track for Townsend & Co. The third one this winter—they go like hot cakes.

Rev. W. M. Curtis, secretary and treasurer of Greensboro Female College, has returned from a visit to Mt. Airy and Elkin.

Rev. A. G. Kirkman is still confined to his room. A slight rise of temperature every day prevents him from regaining his strength.

Cotton and wool rags advanced to one cent. Fifty thousand pounds wanted. Best spring rat and mouse traps I ever saw. W. S. MOORE.

The family of Rev. Melton Clark, the new pastor of the First Presbyterian church, is expected to arrive in Greensboro from South Carolina tomorrow night.

Mr. S. J. Kaufman is in Alexandria, Va., to attend the marriage of his sister, Miss Rena Kaufman, and Mr. Raymond Blumenfeld tomorrow. He will extend his trip to New York.

Today is the beginning of the Lenten season, in commemoration of Christ's fast of 40 days. Easter will come on March 31st, which is the first Sunday after the first full moon after March 21st.

The taking of testimony in the Hardin bankruptcy case, on trial in the United States District court, was completed Saturday, since which time court has been hearing argument of counsel.

Mr. C. P. Vanstory left last night for Baltimore and New York to consult specialists in regard to the condition of his health, which has been very poor for some time. He was accompanied by Mrs. Vanstory.

Mr. H. L. Hopkins, Southern manager for the Atlantic Refining Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, has returned from a business trip to Cuba. It was his intention to visit Jamaica also, but the Kingston earthquake caused him to defer that part of the trip.

Mr. H. L. Moffitt died at his home on West Lee street Saturday night, aged 48 years. The funeral took place at the Holiness church, on Silver Run avenue, Sunday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Cox. Interment was made in Green Hill cemetery.

Mr. Ernest Clapp and Mr. E. D. Golden have purchased from Mr. J. D. White the valuable and beautiful grove lot on the corner of North Forbis and Lindsay streets. It has a frontage of 180 feet on Lindsay and 170 on North Forbis. The property was purchased as an investment.

Judge W. P. Bynum, Jr., went to Richmond, Va., Sunday to appear for the defendant in the case of the United States vs. the Old Nick Williams Distilling Company, which comes up for a hearing in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals this week. District Attorney Holton represents the government.

Mr. A. D. Shelton, who has been chief dispatcher of the Durham division of the Southern Railway since that division came into being on January 1, has been transferred back to his old post of chief dispatcher of the Danville division, with headquarters here. Mr. D. B. Nolan who has been chief dispatcher while Mr. Shelton has been in Durham, takes back his old place as night chief dispatcher.

Col. and Mrs. W. S. Ball, of New York, are on a visit to friends in Greensboro. They formerly resided in this city, Col. Ball practicing law here and taking an active part in politics. He was assistant United States district attorney under the administration of President Hayes. For the past fifteen years or more Col. Ball has been connected with the district attorney's office for the county of New York.

Go to Gardner's for all kinds of garden seeds.

FRANK BOHANNON HANGED.

Pays Penalty of Law for Crime of Murder—Faced Death With Unsurpassed Nerve—Issues Statement and Tells of the Murder.

In the county jail last Friday at noon Frank Bohannon, colored, paid the supreme penalty of the law for the crime of murder. He went to his execution with unflinching step, admitting the justice of the fate that had overtaken him and professing his readiness to meet the Great Judge whose law he had transgressed. The trap was sprung a few minutes before 12 o'clock, and in 18 1/2 minutes life was pronounced extinct.

Sheriff Jones conducted the execution, assisted by Deputies W. J. Weatherly, George P. Crutchfield, C. O. Reynolds, J. L. Parish, George T. Lane, John H. Barker, J. H. Shaw, and Mr. W. H. Foushee. The physicians in attendance were: Dr. Z. T. Brooks and Dr. Edmund Harrison, of Greensboro, and Dr. J. E. Foscoe, of Jamestown. Several newspaper reporters and a few other persons completed the small body of spectators.

It is doubtful if any criminal ever met death with greater nerve and self-possession than was displayed by Bohannon. Accompanied by his spiritual adviser, Rev. W. R. Tolliver, colored, the condemned man walked from his cell to the corridor on the second floor of the jail and, without the tremor of a muscle, stood ready to be swung off into eternity. Apparently he was the coolest and most collected person in the crowd.

When he had stepped upon the trap, Bohannon turned and addressed the crowd in a few words, saying: "Gentlemen this is the death of a murderer. I have come to pay the penalty for my crime, but I have made my peace with God and feel that my sins are forgiven. It is right that I should answer for the crime I committed but I am not afraid to die, and am going home to rest. This I believe is all I have to say."

At the conclusion of this brief speech, the colored minister conducted a short religious service. After offering a fervent and well worded prayer, he asked those present to join in singing "Mother, I'll be There." The minister raised the tune and sang the first verse alone, but when he began the second stanza Bohannon joined him, singing in a clear, distinct voice.

When the rope had been placed around his neck, the black cap pulled over his head, and his hands and feet securely tied, Bohannon was asked if he was ready. "Farewell, good people," came the reply from the doomed man. "Lord, have mercy," was heard in a muffled sound from the black cap as Sheriff Jones moved to spring the trigger. The trap fell with a click, the body of the murderer shot downward, and his soul went out into eternity. The murder of last July was expiated. "As the body swung at the end of the taut hangman's rope, the attending physicians gathered around the suspended form and counted the heart beats until life was extinct.

The body was placed in a plain black coffin and shipped to Davidson College for dissecting purposes at the North Carolina Medical College. This was done in accordance with a state law giving to medical colleges the bodies of executed criminals when friends or relatives do not defray the expense of burial. It is understood that Bohannon's wife and sister undertook to raise money to defray the burial expenses of their husband and brother, but were unsuccessful.

BOHANNON'S LAST NIGHT.

The condemned man rested well the night before the execution. He went to sleep early, and if he awoke again his guard did not notice it. He was as calm as a May morning and apparently happy when he asked the jailer for breakfast, which he ate with seeming relish. He told those present that he was feeling fine, and that he was sure he could go through the ordeal without losing his nerve.

After eating his breakfast, he asked Jailer May for a better suit of clothing. This was secured for him, and he wore the new suit, a neat, plain, black outfit, with a small black tie. These clothes he wore to the scaffold. Sheriff Jones read the death warrant to him in his cell after which Rev. W. R. Tolliver, who had been his spiritual adviser for several weeks, conducted a service in the presence of Bohannon and Frazier Jones. The latter displayed a great deal more nervousness than did Bohannon. Jones had been in the cell with Bohannon since he was brought here on the day he killed his wife at Gibsonville.

The story of Bohannon's crime is told on another page in a statement made by the condemned man a short time prior to his execution.

SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION.

Civil Term Began Monday—Judge Ward on the Bench.

A two-weeks' term of Guilford Superior court, for the trial of civil cases, was convened in the county court house Monday morning. It will be followed by a criminal term of one week's duration. Judge Ward, of Elizabeth City, will preside over both terms, he having exchanged courts with Judge Justice.

Both the criminal and civil dockets are in a very congested condition, and as is usually the case only a small part of the cases can be tried at these terms. There are several important cases on the criminal docket.

The principal case tried Monday was that of Monroe Graves vs. the Greensboro Electric Company. He sued for damages for injuries sustained when he came in contact with a live wire some time ago during or after a storm. He was represented by Col. Barringer, while ex-Judge Shaw and Z. V. Taylor appeared for the defendant company. The jury gave the plaintiff a verdict of one hundred dollars.

A divorce was granted in the case of Frank Flint vs. Alice Flint.

The following cases were continued: Estella M. Hanes vs. Southern Railway Company; Singer Manufacturing Co. vs. G. A. Summers; Gaar, Scott & Co. vs. R. F. Loman; Cape Fear Manufacturing Co. vs. T. A. Armstrong.

The trial jurors were excused for the term just before court took a recess for the day, the regular jurors being told to return yesterday morning at 10 o'clock.

Hattie Matthews was granted a divorce from William Matthews.

The case of Dr. John Thames against E. D. Golden consumed the greater part of the day in court yesterday, resulting in a verdict in favor of the defendant. Dr. Thames was suing for an amount alleged to have been due for professional services and hospital treatment received by a sister of Mr. Golden's.

The case of W. J. Tate vs. the North Carolina Railroad Company was compromised, the plaintiff receiving \$1,900.

The court will not even meet today as there are no cases ready for trial. The sickness of Mr. R. R. King and the circumstance of Mr. A. B. Kimball being engaged in federal court have had a good deal to do with the difficulty that has been experienced in arranging cases for trial. It is also contended on the part of some of the bar that a more expeditious arrangement of the calendar is possible.

CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Young Men Meet English Girls and Become Entangled With Uncle Sam.

Lonnie Hardin and Albert Taylor, two young men of this city, appeared before Judge Boyd, in the United States District court, Saturday to answer a rule citing them to show cause why they should not be attached for contempt in interfering with two witnesses of the court. The case grew out of the disappearance for a night of two of the English girls held here as witnesses against the Charlotte cotton mill men, as related in last week's PATRIOT.

When the case was called Maj. Chas. M. Stedman, attorney for the defendants, read affidavits from the young men denying that they aided or abetted in the detention of the young women and affirming that they had no acquaintance with the English lassies. The affidavit of Taylor recited that the girls went into Hardin's restaurant, on South Elm street, and asked to be served with coca cola. It appeared that Hardin offered to treat his foreign customers to whiskey if they would go to his room, and it was in evidence that the invitation was accepted.

Affidavits were read from the girls to the effect that they went into the Hardin restaurant to buy coca cola and were induced to go upstairs and given whiskey, and persuaded to spend the night there.

Judge Boyd reserved his decision until Monday, when he imposed upon each of the defendants a fine of \$40 and costs.

New Enterprise for Greensboro.

The secretary of state has granted a charter to the Aden Axle Lubricating Company, Greensboro; authorized capital stock, \$25,000, with privilege of commencing business with \$750, shares to be \$50 each. Incorporators are: C. M. Vanstory, 5 shares; F. P. Hobgood, Jr., 5, and Joseph Aden, 5. Object is to take over a certain mechanical device known as the "Aden Axle Lubricator," and to sell said device either by wholesale or retail; to own and operate plant for manufacturing such device, etc.

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PASSED AWAY AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS.

Mr. J. B. Taylor, of Guilford College, Succumbs to Attack of La Grippe.

Mr. James Byron Taylor, a highly esteemed citizen of Friendship township, died this morning at 1 o'clock at his home near Guilford College after suffering for a few days with la grippe. His funeral will take place Friday morning at 11 o'clock, with interment at Greene Hill cemetery here, after services which will be conducted by Rev. J. A. Bowles and Rev. C. E. Hodgkin at his late residence.

Mr. Taylor was a native of Ohio and came of one of the most prominent families in the southeastern portion of that state. He was born about seventy-two years ago and spent most of his life in his native county of Guernsey. In early manhood he studied law, practicing successfully for several years. Later he was associated with a brother, the late David D. Taylor, in the publication of the Guernsey Times, one of Ohio's leading newspapers. For four years he was postmaster at Cambridge, retiring from that office with an enviable record. Soon afterward, when the weight of years began to bear heavily, he brought his family South, and for more than a decade Guilford has been their home. The first few years here were spent in Greensboro, but later, in order to give his children the advantage of the educational facilities afforded by the old Quaker college, Mr. Taylor bought a large farm near Guilford College and had since resided there. Of late years Mr. Taylor had suffered with Bright's disease, and the resulting complications in his last illness caused his friends to fear from the start that no human aid could prolong his life beyond a brief period. The deceased was an upright christian gentleman and his entire life was in accord with all that term implies. We valued his friendship from our youth and feel a deep personal loss in his death.

Mr. Taylor is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ella C. Taylor; two daughters, Mrs. John W. Hasley and Miss Mary Taylor; and two sons, Messrs. H. C. and B. H. Taylor. Both the latter are clerks in the Greensboro postoffice. They have the sympathy of a very wide circle of friends.

WOUNDED NEGRO DIES.

George Wilson Succumbs to Bullet Wound Inflicted by Policeman.

After lingering at the point of death for many weeks, George Wilson, colored, died at St. Leo's hospital last Friday morning, death being the result of a pistol shot wound inflicted by Police Officer Skeenes several months ago. It will be remembered that Wilson was shot while attempting to escape after he had been placed under arrest by the policeman. The bullet penetrated the negro's spinal cord and resulted in paralysis.

After the death of Wilson, Coroner Turner summoned a jury and conducted an exhaustive inquest. A number of witnesses were examined Saturday and Sunday, and after all the facts had been ascertained, the following verdict was rendered:

"We, the undersigned, being duly summoned and sworn as jurors to investigate the death of George Wilson, do find and say for our verdict that he came to his death by a pistol shot fired by Robert Y. Skeenes while in the discharge of his duty as an officer. We further find that from all the evidence that we could find that he was justifiable in the act. (Signed) C. M. Vanstory, E. G. West, B. A. Stone, J. C. Watkins, C. W. Lee, R. A. Gray and Dr. J. P. Turner, coroner."

It will be remembered that, after the shooting of Wilson, the matter was formally investigated by the board of aldermen, the investigation resulting in the exoneration of Policeman Skeenes. Not satisfied with the finding of the board, relatives of the wounded negro employed counsel and had the officer indicted in a magistrate's court. The presiding justice, Squire Wolfe, held the policeman for an investigation by the grand jury.

It is presumed that the verdict of the coroner's jury will practically end the matter.

Last week the PATRIOT published an item to the effect that Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, Speaker of the national House of Representatives, would probably return to the state of his nativity and deliver the commencement address at Guilford College in May, but it appears now that the matter is in grave doubt. It is said that Mr. Cannon has been careful not to commit himself to an acceptance of the invitation.

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FREIGHT CONFERENCE.

Chamber of Commerce to Send Delegates to Richmond.

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night a communication to Mr. C. H. Ireland from Messrs. T. Peyton Giles and John Donnan, of Richmond, was read, asking co-operation in the formation of an association to improve freight service by sending representatives to attend a meeting to be held at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond, March 7, at which time the association is to be formed. After discussion the president was instructed and authorized to appoint five representative men for this purpose.

The secretary read a communication from the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, calling attention to certain resolutions recently adopted by that body with reference to pending legislation in regard to railroad rates, and asking the co-operation of the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce. After some discussion the whole matter was, on motion of Mr. R. M. Phillips, referred to the committee on legislation, with power to act.

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