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COUNTY BOARD.

Commissioners in Regular Monthly Session Monday.

MOSTLY ROUTINE WORK.

Citizens Petition for New Road. Health Officer Reports. Eleven Prisoners in Jail. Other Matters.

Eliz. City, N. C., March 3, 1902. The Board of County Commissioners met today. Present, G. M. Scott, Ch'm., T. E. Palmer, W. J. F. Spence, S. N. Morgan and F. D. Sherlock. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. On motion, It is ordered, That Willis W. Lee be allowed to peddle in Pasquotank county, without license, on account of poverty and infirmity. On motion, It is ordered, That the following named persons be relieved of taxes as follows: Davis Smithson, \$3.37 tax on \$450 overvaluation; D. D. Overman, \$73.91, tax on \$9855 overvaluation, error in listing; John C. Ward, 75 cents, tax on \$100 overvaluation; Noah Godfrey \$2 poll tax for 1901; Nelson Cooper, \$2 poll tax for 1901; Luther Owens, \$2.50, tax in Nixonton Township, listed twice; Richard Barclift, \$2, poll tax, lives in Newberne; J. T. French, \$2 poll tax; G. H. Hancock, \$2 poll tax, lives in Newberne; Esau Johnson \$2 poll tax, lives in Virginia; Mrs. C. F. White \$3.00, tax on \$400 overvaluation of solvent credits. On motion, It is ordered, That W. B. Halstead, overseer, be allowed to purchase 18 slabs, 16 feet long, 8 in. wide and 2 in. thick to bridges on Pear Tree Road in Elizabeth City Township. On motion, It is ordered, That S. B. Bartlett be allowed to use the County road machine on his premises, provided, he will employ Mr. John T. Morgan to operate it, and will make good or replace any part of said machine that might break while he is using same. A petition signed by a number of citizens of Providence Township, was presented to the Board, stating that the grade of the new branch of the Norfolk & Southern R. R. which crossing the public road near Ward's brick kiln, was to steep at said crosses and asking that the board take steps to have the same remedied. On motion, It is ordered, That G. M. Scott, Ch'm., be appointed a committee of one to look after the matter. A letter was read to the Board from the North Carolina Good Roads Association, asking that the county appropriate \$10 toward a general fund for the Good Roads Association for the purpose of defraying the small incidental expenses in order that said Association may proceed with its work in a methodical and effective manner. On motion, It is ordered, That \$10 be appropriated for this purpose. On motion, It is ordered, That the Sheriff be allowed 30c per day, each, for boarding prisoners until the county shall see fit to reduce the price. On motion, It is ordered, That

Mordecai White be allowed to purchase enough slabs to repair the footway at Newbegun Creek bridge. Dr. J. E. Wood, Co. Health Officer, made the following report: Eliz. City N. C., March 3, 1902. To the Hon. Board of Co. Com. GENTLEMEN:—There are 30 inmates in the County Home as follows: White females 4; white males 7. Colored females 11; colored males, 8. Eleven prisoners in the jail and both buildings in good condition. Respectfully, J. E. Wood, Health Officer. On motion, It is ordered, That Dr. Isaiah Fearing's bill of \$5.00 for viewing the remains of Harrison Nixon, deceased, be referred to S. N. Morgan as a committee of one. A petition was presented to the Board asking that a public road be laid out from the school house at the fork of Newbegun Creek road and the Sand Hill road to the corporation of Elizabeth City, N. C. as follows: Said road begins at N. E. side of Newbegun Creek road at the forks of Sand Hill road at school house, running thence n 83 3-4 w 388 feet to a stake within 30 feet of a lead ditch, running thence parallel with lead ditch n 72 1-2 w 1126 feet, to a lead ditch which runs to Lamb's farm a course of n 191 4 e, running thence n 83 w 2200 feet to a stake 16 feet from a ditch at back of field, running thence n 37 1-2 w 145 feet to center of ditch between the C. W. Hollowell heirs' land and F. F. Cohoon, running thence n 37 1-2 w 1037 feet to A. C. Hathaway's land, running thence n 37 1-2 w 1930 feet to Cohoon's road, thence n 7 1-2 w 40 feet to Henry Wilson's land, thence n 7 1-2 w 88 feet to David Simpson's land, thence n 7 3-4 w 622 feet to Nixon Spellman's land, thence n 7 3-4 w 643 feet to Euclid Heights property, thence n 7 3-4 w 2524 feet to the County road at Broom Factory. The above to be a 30 foot road of which the above calls are to be the right hand side. Said petition was ordered to be filed in the office of the clerk of the Board Commissioners till their next regular meeting on Monday, April 7th, 1902, and said Clerk was instructed by said Board to give notice according to Sec. 2038 of the Code of N. C., to the owners of the land over which said road is to pass that the allegations set forth in said petition will be heard at the meeting of the Board April 17, 1902. On motion, It is ordered, That N. G. Grandy, sheriff, be allowed till the first Monday in May 1902 to settle county taxes for the year 1901. Total number of bills allowed \$547.56. There being no further business, the Board adjourned to meet again on Thursday, March 13, 1902 at 10 a. m. for the purpose of counting the votes cast in the election to be held Tuesday, March 11, 1902 in Nixonton Township for "Stock Law," or "No Stock Law." G. M. Scott, Ch'm. J. C. Spence, Clerk. Killed Wife and Self. Houston, Tex., March 4.—Frank P. Jacobs, aged 25, shot and killed his wife, aged 18 today, and then cut his own throat with a razor at Lynchburg, twenty miles from Houston. The bodies were found lying side by side. The couple had been married a year.

MUST GIVE BOND.

Street Car Matters Before the Board Monday Night.

MINORITY REPORT MADE.

The Company Must Construct One Mile of Road Within Twelve Months--Other Provisions.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Town Aldermen, Elizabeth city, Monday evening the city franchise to construct and operate an electric street railway within the corporate limits of the town was granted to the Elizabeth City Electric Railway and Power Co., (incorporated) represented by C. M. Ferebee, attorney. Sixty days ago the said company presented to the Board its propositions, among which were several looking to the paving and improving of the streets occupied by the rails of the company, together with an approved bond of \$3,000 conditioned to the performance of said proposition. At the same meeting a proposition was also presented by G. W. Ward and assigns, asking for the city franchise but omitting the proposition to pave or otherwise improve the streets occupied by the rails of his proposed road, and also omitting the tender of any bond. Both propositions were referred to the street committee which reported last evening as follows: A majority report was submitted by Dr. Pendleton to the effect that the franchise be granted to the Elizabeth City Electric Railway and Power Company provided that said company shall construct one mile of road, at least within 12 months from date and file with the Board a bond of approved security in the sum of \$3000 within four months from date, the franchise to be in operation until the said bond is executed. The minority report was submitted by M. N. Sawyer, and was adopted by a vote of 4 to 3 and is as follows: "It is hereby ordered by the Board of Aldermen, that the C. M. Ferebee Company, represented by C. M. Ferebee, be granted the franchise to construct and operate a street railway according to the propositions submitted by him; Provided that said Company, or the said Ferebee, will file with this Board a good and sufficient bond with sufficient security within sixty days from this date conditioned that the said company shall construct one mile of said street Railway within 12 months from this date; and unless said bond is filed within sixty days, this franchise shall be null and void, and the filing of said bond shall be a condition precedent to the granting of this franchise. It is further ordered by the Board of Aldermen that unless the said Ferebee shall file the said bond as aforesaid within sixty days, that G. W. Wane and his assigns shall be granted all the rights mentioned in the propositions submitted by him to operate said street railway, which grant shall take effect within sixty days from this date subject to to provisions as aforesaid."

REBELLION SPREADS.

Troops Dispatched to Scene of Disturbance in Caina.

Hong Kong, March 4.—The rebellion in Kwang Si province is spreading rapidly. Signs of unrest are already apparent at Kwe Lin and Nan King, the newly opened river treaty ports. The Canton viceroy has dispatched troops to the scene of the disturbances and has stationed over 1,000 men at Kwe Lin and Nan King for use in case of eventualities. The rebels are believed to be the former soldiers of Marshal Su, who were disbanded on his proclamation. Their propaganda, which has spread far and wide, includes the overthrow of the Manchu dynasty, the founding of a Chinese dynasty and helping the oppressed and needy Chinese. The French are said to be secretly supporting the rebels.

PRINCE WAS GRIMY.

Rode in Cab of Engine at Rate of Sixty Miles an Hour.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—Prince Henry of Prussia traversed the States of Maryland, Pennsylvania and Ohio in his special train speeding through Kentucky in Tennessee. He saw a stretch of fifty miles of the Allegheny Mountains from the cab of an engine, and most of it was down grade at a speed that thrilled. The train had lost two hours at Portage by reason of a wreck to the westward of that point, and when the special got a clear track again an attempt was made to win back some of the time that had been lost. At times the swaying engine was running sixty miles an hour, and when the Prince left the cab he was almost as grimy as the engineer.

TRINITY COMMENCEMENT.

Notable Speakers Engaged for the Occasion.

Durham, N. C., March 6.—Special At the approaching commencement of Trinity College there will be a list of distinguished speakers. The baccalaureate addresses will be delivered by John F. Crowell, of Washington, former president of Trinity. Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of the New York Christian Advocate preaches the baccalaureate sermon. "The commencement literary address will be delivered by Dr. H. V. Dyke of Princeton University. The commencement will begin June 1 and hold through June 4. A large number of distinguished visitors are expected.

Masacres in China.

Victoria, B. C., March, 5.—Report of two massacres of missionaries in China were received by the steamer Empress of India, which arrived from the Orient this evening. In Kanus, Father Van Mirhaeghe and Bougaerts were murdered by a band of Chinese including soldiers who attacked their mission. The first named priest was killed instantly by a sword thrust, but the latter lingered for five days, suffering from terrible wounds. The other massacre took place in Kang Shi, Father Julien being attacked while he slept and cruelly murdered. His body was mutilated, both hands cut off. His two servants were also killed. The Viceroy has sent a troop to hunt for the murderers.

VIOLENCE FEARED.

Police Cannot Control Strikers and Their Sympathizers.

THE SITUATION SERIOUS.

Martial Law May be Proclaimed a Conference Between Civil and Military Authorities.

Norfolk, Va., March 4.—A mob of five thousand strike sympathizers thronged the streets of Norfolk today on which the main line of the Norfolk Railway and Light Company runs, and the police were unable to cope with it from noon until after dark, when the cars which, guarded by detachments of militia, had run with difficulty all day, were housed in the barns. The mob had things its own way in the city. In the country where the barns are the military was in control of the situation. The cars are repeatedly derailed, wagon loads of rocks were piled on the tracks and free fights between military guards and the crowd occurred during the day, at frequent intervals. In one of these a sergeant ran a bayonet into the arm of H. Harmanson, a barber. Mrs. Harmanson was standing beside her husband at the time. She knocked the sergeant to the ground with both fists and then discolored the face of Lieut. E. R. Gale, who was near her with a well directed blow. Several soldiers were hit by bricks and other missiles thrown through the windows of the cars. A number of arrests have been made by the police and military. A conference was held by Mayor Beaman, Police Chief Villines, Col. Higgins, commanding the 71st Virginia regiment, eight companies of which are in service, relative to placing the city under martial law. The police force of one hundred men were on duty for forty-eight hours and is unable to meet the emergency. It is possible that the four additional companies of the regiment and a battery of artillery will be called out in the morning to take charge of the city. There is no settlement of the strike in sight, both sides standing pat to their first positions. Later Developments—Thursday. At an early hour this morning the strike is as far from being settled as it has been at any period of its existence. Last night Mr. Johnston issued a letter to the Central Labor Union committee in which he stated that he was willing to this, but that the only condition with which the union men could come back to work were that they signed within the next twenty-four hours, work with the non-union men brought here from other cities, and only such union men as the company desired would be re-employed. The result of the meeting was that the car men positively refused to accept the conditions set forth in Mr. Johnston's letter, that they will not go back to work until all the employees are taken in and that they will not work with the "scabs."

LYNCHING WAS FEARED.

Capt. Williams Meets Death at the Hands of Two Negroes.

A special from Washington, N. C., to the Morning Post says: Swan Quarter, the county seat of Hyde, which has no telephone or telegraphic communication, was the scene of a foul murder Sunday evening last. The facts as best we could gather them from the coroner, Dr. N. M. Gibbs, are: That a white man named Henry Williams from Elizabeth City, who was mate on Capt. Frank Carter's oyster boat, and some three negroes, had some trouble at Elizabeth City recently. On Sunday they were all ashore at the oyster factory at Swan Quarter. The quarrel was renewed. Williams and the negroes removed their coats and some little fighting took place. This blew over. Later the fuss was renewed. The three negroes, Cliff Mullin, Zion Baker and Garland Spencer, and Williams, removed their coats, secured clubs and for a time trouble was rife. Again the trouble was about to end, when one of the negroes said he would fight him and started to Williams, striking him with the club. Williams returned the blow with a club. The other two then joined in the fight. One of them struck Williams with a club from behind and knocked him senseless. The club was about six feet long and weighed eleven pounds. This occurred between 5 and 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and at 8 o'clock Monday morning Williams died. Baker and Mullin were arrested and put in jail. Spencer made his escape. He is a coal-black negro, about thirty-five years old, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high and weighs 170 pounds. There is a small reward offered for his capture. At one time lynching was feared, but at last accounts all was quiet. Dr. E. H. Jones was called to Williams, but he was unable to save his life. The skull was crushed. At Washington's Grave. Prince Henry of Prussia journeyed to Mount Vernon and placed two wreaths on the tomb of Washington. He approached the grave of the first President with bared head, and that there might be nothing irreverent in the ceremony he asked the holders of a dozen cameras who stood around to refrain from photographing him. Prince Henry walked to the Washington home and was driven from there down over the slope of the hill to the tomb. When the iron gate of the tomb was opened he removed his cap and entered. Two large wreaths made at Washington by his order already had been sent to the tomb, and taking them up he formerly set them in place. A group of over a hundred men that stood in the approach to the grave uncovered and that with their silence added to the spirit of solemnity. Fifty feet down the slope that falls away from the tomb Prince Henry planted a linden tree. The tree had been set in place prior to his arrival and taking a spade the Prince filled the earth in around its roots. The Prince was taken to the old Washington house where he spent a few minutes in looking at the Washington relics and then departed for Washington. The lots owned by the Riverside Land Co. are all sold but about 30. Parties desiring to purchase would be wise to come forward at once. Price of lots \$210, payable \$10 per month. Apply to C. W. STEVENS, Elizabeth City, N. C.