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## A BUSY WEEK IN SUPERIOR COURT

### Murder Case Goes Over to Next Term of Criminal Court.

### GRAND JUROR PAYS FINE

#### Mr. Sykes Found to Have Been in Drunken Condition During the Session of Court—Stephen Freeman Fined \$200 for Retailing—Many Cases Heard.

Judge Justice and Solicitor Lyon have disposed of a large number of cases in Superior Court this week. The grand jury returned a number of true bills and in a number of cases true bills were not found. Judge Justice has heard a number of motions in Chambers and upon the whole the session has been one of the most busy ones held here in months.

The case of State against Stephen Freeman for retailing was tried Tuesday and defendant was found guilty. He was kept in custody until Wednesday morning when Judge Justice imposed a fine of \$200 and required defendant to give a bond in the sum of \$500 for his appearance at the criminal terms of court until the end of two years to show that he has not engaged in the illegal sale of whiskey. The case was one of the most interesting of the session owing to the excitement caused at the hearing.

The grand jury returned a true bill in the case of Alex Brown, Alex McMillan and Gub McNeill, the three negroes charged with the murder of Alurich Brown at Panther Creek last Christmas. Solicitor Lyon took a nol prosee as to Alex Brown and Alex McMillan and the case against Gub McNeill was continued. McMillan and Brown pleaded guilty to the charge of disturbing a public gathering. From the statements made in court it seems to have been a long-to-be remembered negro festival, some forty pistol shots having been fired in the melee that followed the extinguishing of the lamps.

Another interesting event of the court occurred Thursday when Judge Justice fined J. D. Sykes \$25.00 for being in a drunken condition while sitting as a grand juror. It was shown that the juror was very much under the influence of whiskey during the time the grand jury was in session.

Jim Lewis, who stole a bale of cotton from the platform of Mr. O. C. Norment, was sentenced to three years imprisonment. He hauled the cotton from the platform, sold it and bought a bicycle with a part of the money. The cotton was stolen in broad daylight.

Frank Branch, who cut Frank Pate at the cotton mill a few days ago, was found guilty. An appeal was taken, Judge McCaskill for the larceny of a house and suit of clothes was sentenced to three months imprisonment. Daniel Morrison was sentenced to two years imprisonment for larceny. Ernest Ray was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment and Joe Ellison to six months for larceny. A number of other cases of less importance were tried.

A true bill was returned against E. D. McNeill for retailing. The case has not yet been reached by the solicitor.

RAILWAY COMPANY WINS.

The temporary restraining order heretofore granted in favor of Mrs. Cochrane a northern woman who

owns a farm near Fayetteville, against the Raleigh and Southport Railroad Company, came up for hearing here on Monday before Judge Justice. The order was obtained to prevent the defendant company from constructing its railroad across the lands of plaintiff. The plaintiff alleged that she would be imparably damaged if the defendant were permitted to do this. The defendant was allowed to proceed with its work upon giving bond to indemnify the plaintiff against all loss and damage sustained by her by the construction of the road across her lands. The plaintiff was represented at the hearing by Col. C. W. Broadfoot, of Fayetteville and the defendant by Messrs. R. N. Simms, of Raleigh and D. T. Oats, of Fayetteville. President John A. Mills of the Raleigh and Southport, and Mr. S. H. Strange, manager for Mrs. Cochrane was also present.

RESTRAINING ORDER DISSOLVED AS TO SAUNDERS AND LYNN

Judge Justice spent Tuesday evening in hearing the injunction granted, in behalf of A. H. Slocumb, Receiver of the Southern Saw Mills and Lumber Company against the Philadelphia Construction Company, and W. H. Saunders and R. H. Lynn. The plaintiff alleged that a mortgage held by the defendants, Saunders and Lynn, on the property of the Philadelphia Construction Company, was fraudulent and void, and that this property

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## BULL FIGHT ONE OF THE FEATURES OF CONFERENCE

### Brilliant Thought Blood Spectacle is Witnessed by Large Crowds At Algiciras.

Algiciras, Feb. 4.—The brilliant though bloody spectacle of a bull fight in honor of the conference on Moroccan reforms was the event of today. Crowds came from all parts of Andalusia to the vast stone amphitheatre where the bull ring is, and more than 6,000 persons saw the fight. A box gaily decorated with the Spanish colors accommodated the ambassadors and officials of many countries. Most of the delegation to the conference were represented and many of the envoys were accompanied by their wives, and daughters. The Duke of Almodovar, the Spanish Foreign Minister, who is president of the conference, accompanied by the Duchess, was the center of a group of ambassadors and white-garbed Moors, and through of Spanish women in picturesque costumes lent a touch of quaintness to the animated scene. The American and British delegates did not attend.

Three celebrated bull fighters furnished the sport, and the bulls were from the famous herd of Don Moreno Sante Maris, of Seville. The first animal brought into the ring, a huge black Andalusian beast, killed two horses before the matador, Lagartijo, skillfully drove his sword to the hilt into the animal, which fell dead. Thousands cheered this and the band played a Spanish fandango.

The second bull was ceremoniously dedicated to the Duke of Almodovar by Matador Morinita, which is a custom of the country. It proved to be an ugly fighter and gored the blind horses of a picador. This bull also was dispatched. Another bull killed five horses, four of them dying in the arena; while the fifth, terribly gored, staggered outside and died.

## MUSIC RECITAL GREATLY ENJOYED

### Second Quarterly Musical of Students at Red Springs Seminary.

### NO LECTURE BY MACQUEEN

#### Scotch Minister's Outfit was in a Wreck and Seriously Damaged—Mr. Sikes Buys Carmichael Estate—Churches Catches Fire.

Red Springs, Feb. 5.—The second quarterly music recital at the college Monday night was the event of the week in town. A highly appreciative and ever average audience heard it. We were unavoidably absent. Those present tell us the crowd was highly entertained. The music cabinets and nice critics were delighted. If the people who were brought up solely on "Arkansas Traveller" "Mississippi Sawyer" and the like as well as the advanced students of the day who can soar in ecstasy among the beauties of Bach Mozart Wagner etcetera are highly pleased with the rendition of a scholarly, high grade programme like that Tuesday night we are at a loss to know how a higher compliment could be won. Some of the young ladies did better than others in whole or in part and none came short painfully. Unstinted praise in a word is all we have heard of this recital.

Rev. Peter MacQueen did not appear in the Auditorium Tuesday night according to engagement. There was no little disappointment. Every body appeared to have resolved to hear him and a full house was anticipated. The reason he did not come was the breaking of some part of the apparatus whereby his pictures were operated. He expressed a willingness and a desire to come later if arrangements therefor should be made.

Our people were glad to see and meet the Editor of the Robesonian who made his first visit to our town last Tuesday. As only incarnated principles move men mightily we may in reason expect the influence of the paper to be increased by the visit. And since it was of necessity a visit largely among the Scotch there is profit in a second coming.

Mr. W. H. Sikes, of Florida, Alabama, a brother of Mr. S. H. Sikes of our town, has purchased at a sale by public outcry the Archie Carmichael land, a tract of about 1,500 acres on the hills of Rockfish for \$76,500.00. This is a big price but the land is covered with magnificent pine forests most of which is round timber.

The old Presbyterian church in which Sunday school is conducted was found to be on fire last Sunday morning as the Sunday school closed for church services. Timely and well directed efforts extinguished the fire before any serious damage was done. Steve flues are sources of danger always when not watched carefully.

Mr. R. F. Currie was in Maxton Monday night in conference with old comrades to arrange for the great reunion at Fort Fisher in May.

Rev. R. W. Jopling had a large and attentive congregation to hear his first sermon last Sunday. Every body was delighted, we learn.

Fayetteville Presbytery is expected to meet in special session here February 20 to receive Rev. R. W. Jopling and make order for his installation as pastor of the Red Springs church.

Rev. S. E. Mercer reports a very successful series of meetings at Redford last week.

Miss Minnie Townsend, of Lenoir is visiting at the home of Mr. S. R. Townsend.

### Bad Men From Manila.

San Francisco, Feb. 5.—When the transport Logan arrived yesterday from Manila, the police took from the vessel a number of men who bore the reputation of desperate characters. When the Logan left Manila she carried 90 white men who had been ordered deported by the Secret Service officers of Manila. On several previous transports men who had been accused and convicted of serious crimes were landed in San Francisco, after the police had been apprised of their arrival. Among those who arrived today were men who had served terms for murder, robbery and embezzlement. When the Logan arrived at Honolulu 13 of the deported men were stopped voluntarily as sailors on the ship Phelps, destined for Philadelphia. After the San Francisco police officers searched and exhibited the new arrivals, the men were given their liberty.

### Bill was Killed.

The committee of truckers from North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida which went to Richmond to prevent the passage of the bill in the Legislature to stop the running of freight trains in Virginia on Sunday, was successful. The bill was killed. The passage of this bill would have entailed a tremendous loss on the farmers of the South, for it is vitally important to get truck on the Northern markets quickly for two reasons—one to catch the market at its highest, and the other to prevent the loss of truck by decay.—Char. Chronicle.

## MR. D. W. CRUMP AND MISS NANNIE WATSON WED

### Prominent Merchant of Lumberton and Charming Young Woman of Tatum, S. C. Married.

At the home of the brides mother, Mrs. Harriett Watson, of Tatum, S. C., Miss Nannie Watson and Mr. D. W. Crump were united in marriage Wednesday morning at eight o'clock. A large number of friends were gathered in the tastily decorated parlor to witness the consummation of the marriage vows, by the pastor of the bride, Rev. A. T. Dunlap, of McColl. Mr. John Watson, brother of the bride acted as best man, and the lady attendants were Miss Dell Roper, maid of honor, and Misses Susie McIntyre and Mollie Braeden. Little Miss Viola Jenkins and Master Tom McLaurin, were ribbon bearers. Mendelshon's Wedding March was most excellently rendered by Mrs. Roxie Hamer, of Tatum. The bride was charmingly gowned in a going-away suit of blue broadcloth. Directly after the ceremony the bridal party left on the 8:45 train, amid a shower of rice and good wishes. They arrived at Lumberton on the morning train, and went directly to their home, east of Lumberton.

Mrs. Crump is a splendid young woman, and her sweet disposition and charm of manner have made her countless friends during several visits to her sister, Mrs. Daisy Jenkins, of this place, who extends her a cordial greeting and welcome to their midst.

Mr. Crump is a prosperous young merchant, a member of the firm of Crump & Floyd; a young man of excellent character, integrity and sterling worth, and is held in highest esteem by all who know him.

The presents received were many and valuable, and went far to attest the high regard in which the young people are held. Those

## SPLIT IN ENGLISH UNIONIST PARTY

### Messrs. Chamberlain and Balfour Have Agreed to Disagree.

### THE POLITICAL SENSATION

#### is Being Discussed at Almost Every Public Meeting—Several Will Soon Decide Whether or not They are to Contest the Seat for the City of London.

London, Feb. 5.—That there is a split in the Unionist party is recognized as an existing fact by the Unionist newspapers this morning. They say it is definitely known that Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain have agreed to disagree and that it is believed Mr. Chamberlain will withdraw from his adhesion to Mr. Balfour and organize a separate party on tariff reform. This, it is admitted by The Standard, The Morning Post and other Unionist newspapers, will be the only course open to Mr. Chamberlain, unless, indeed, Mr. Balfour decides to call a meeting of the party and allow its members to decide the question of leadership. Even then, the papers say, it is not believed that either Mr. Balfour or Mr. Chamberlain will recede, the former Premier having told Mr. Chamberlain that he would not accept his tariff reform policy.

The whole situation forms the political sensation of the hour and nothing else is discussed in the political clubs. It was stated very emphatically yesterday that if Mr. Balfour would not agree to call a meeting of the party, former Secretary of State for Home Affairs Amos Douglas, would be appointed leader and interim until Mr. Balfour is returned to Parliament by the city of London.

There is still a remote chance of Walter Hume Long, former President of the Local Government Board, being asked to accept the leadership under a compromise; but well-informed persons say positively that Mr. Balfour will refuse anything like a compromise while Mr. Chamberlain insists on standing for protection.

It is even intimated that the intimation to Mr. Balfour to stand for the seat for the city of London resigned in his favor by Alban G. H. Gibbs may be withdrawn unless he goes over to Mr. Chamberlain, but this is believed to be hardly likely.

The Liberals will decide today whether they will contest the seat for the city of London, and in view of the latest development there is a likelihood of Mr. Balfour having to fight for it.

### Resigned As Pastor.

Rev. E. E. Smith, who for the past six years has been serving as pastor of the colored Baptist church of the city, has resigned the pastorate. The church prospered under his care, there having been numbers of communicant added. During all these years he has been principal of the State Colored Normal School located here. As both the school and church work has increased, each requiring more time, Prof. Smith found it necessary to give his entire time to the increasing duties of the school.—Fayetteville Observer.

who attended the marriage from Lumberton were Misses Ethel Williams and Margaret Boone, Mrs. H. C. Freeman, Messrs. E. B. Freeman and P. S. Vann.

### Baptist Preacher Suicides.

Peoria, Ill., February 6.—Rev. Geo. H. Simons, pastor of the First Baptist church, president of the Interstate Savings Bank, and the Peoples Savings Bank, and recently appointed manager of the Yates senatorial campaign in Peoria county, was found in bed this morning. He has been the object of investigation at the hands of the state's attorney, the two banks, and his congregation on the gravest charges and it is presumed to be a case of suicide. The body was found by his wife when she called him to breakfast. He remained down town until late last night, disposing of some business matters. A letter found beside him showed that death was premeditated. He said this was his last night on earth and he wanted to leave a message of undying love to all. In part it said:

"Also no blame must attack to Ex-Governor Yates nor his associates. He simply gave me an opportunity which enemies have prevented my using." The last line, "time failed me should I attempt to write personal messages, indicates he was dying as he brought the letter to a close.

### Lindell Lots Being Purchased.

Messrs. Harris and Sam Dunie have purchased lots in Lindell, where they intend to shortly have two large handsome residences erected. These were the first lots sold, but will be followed quickly by other purchasers.

## LINEMEN ARE MAKING REPAIRS ON 'PHONE LINE

### Ashpole Badly Needs More Carpenters To Work in Growing Town.

Ashpole, N. C., Feb. 8.—Our town badly needs more carpenters. It is almost impossible to get building done. Houses hardly begun and others almost complete are standing idle waiting for workmen.

The three lodges Masonic, Pathian and Junior Order are all in flourishing condition according to recent reports and are gaining new members rapidly.

Litemen are out making necessary repairs to the phone line in all directions and making preparations for removal into the new office.

We are glad to learn that the recently remodeled hotel "Robeson Inn" is proving extremely successful in the hands of Mrs. John D. McLean.

Miss Rosa Bullock has returned from a delightful visit among numerous friends and again has charge of the phone exchange.

The Methodist Congregation gave their pastor a pleasant "pounding" last Tuesday night as a slight token of their regard for him and his good wife.

Messdames P. B. and G. W. Thompson spent part of last week week with Mrs. Taylor Fisher at Parkton.

We are sorry to report Capt. Willis P. Moore not able to be cut yet, though improved from a severe attack of Grippe.

M. B. Schoket, of Lumberton, of the firm of Dunis Bros. is spending a while at their branch store in town.

Mrs. C. B. Thompson was quite sick last week but is now improving.

The only sickness in town now to our knowledge is chicken pox.

Mr. J. W. Jernigan, of John Station was in town Tuesday.