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GRAND JURY SAYS NEW COURT HOUSE

Present Building is Unworthy of Best
North Carolina County.

Vaults Not Fire Proof.

If Fire Were to Occur County
Records Would be Destroyed—
Forty Four True Bills Returned
County Convict Force Greatly
Increased.

Superior Court adjourned Friday, after having cleared the criminal docket of all the cases that could be conveniently disposed of at this term. The grand jury made its report before the adjournment of the term and the reading of the report was listened to with much interest.

Forty-four true bills were returned and in twenty-nine cases not true bills were found. Six presentments were also made by the jury. The grand jury recommended in its report that new clothing and mattresses for the convicts should be purchased; otherwise, the camp was found to be in a good condition. Several new cells were recommended for the jail; also a new coat of paint for the building.

As to the condition of the county offices, they were found in as good condition as the building will permit. The "so-called fire-proof vaults" it was stated would be no protection at all if the building were to catch fire. Should a conflagration occur the records of a hundred years would be destroyed, meaning a great loss to every individual taxpayer, as well as a serious disaster to the county-at-large.

The jury recommended that as the county was free from debt, bonds bearing a low rate of interest should be floated in order to build a new court house. It was also suggested that the old building should be removed and the new court house occupy the site of the present inadequate building. The report was ordered recorded and a copy sent to the board of county commissioners.

Sylvester Powell was fined fifty dollars for retailing and placed under a bond in the sum of \$200 to appear at every criminal term of court for two years to show that he had not violated the law in the illegal sale of "ardents." An appeal being taken, bond was fixed at \$100.

Alex Brown and Alex McMillan were sentenced to 18 months on the county roads for assault. They were participants in the Panther Creek fight Christmas. Judgment was suspended as to the others. Gub McNeill, charged with murder of Aluritch Brown, by consent of Solicitor Lyon, was given the privilege of giving bond in the sum of \$1,000. He will not be tried for murder in the first degree.

Frank Branch was fined \$60 and assessed with the costs in the case charging him with assault upon Frank Pate.

A number of other cases for minor offences were disposed of during the week and several motions were argued. The criminal docket is now in good shape; only two state prisoners remaining in jail. There are two Federal prisoners in the county jail.

As a result of the court the county convict force has been materially increased. Ten were sent to the roads for terms of considerable length, a few others are on for

shorter terms. The present force is larger than it has been in some time. Last year there were as few as two in the gang, but this year it will never be so low as that number.

Wilmington Has a Fire.

Fire of unknown origin broke out after eleven o'clock Friday night, in Wilmington. It started in a three-story brick building, occupied on the first floor by Mr. W. A. Vollers as a grocery store, on the second as a storage room and on the third by Germania Hall, totally destroying the building with all its contents. Also the Willard Big and Manufacturing Company's new three story factory, with several warehouses immediately in the rear. The loss will aggregate at least \$100,000, the fire having been one of the worst in the recent history of the city.

The Littlefield Bill.

The House Committee on Merchant, Marine and Fisheries made a favorable report on the Littlefield bill which does away with compulsory pilotage in coast-wise sailing vessels. This bill is somewhat similar to the Wilmington pilotage bill which passed the last State legislature. Representative Patterson, who is a member of the committee, voted to report the bill unfavorably.

Buys Another Exchange.

The Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company has purchased the independent system at Rockingham and Maxton, says the Charlotte Chronicle. Mr. J. L. Bandy was the former owner of the exchange at Rockingham. The Bell Company will put in a new system and hopes to double the number of subscribers.

YOUNG LADY WONDERING WHO THE MAN MEANT.

Merchant Said he Would Send Parcel
By Her Husband--Lumber
Bridge News.

Lumber Bridge, Feb. 11.—A young lady of the town phoned to a business house in Fayetteville recently about the transmission of some article of merchandise and got the reply promptly it would be sent out in good time by her husband. Now that young woman is wondering if that is prophecy. And if so what is the color of his eyes, hair and extent of his accomplishments and capacity to provide creature comforts and make happy.

Miss Janie Malloy, who has been visiting several weeks in the South, mostly among kindred in Florida, reached home Tuesday and resumed at once her place in the store of Mr. A. L. Shaw. She was missed greatly in her absence. Everybody had cordial greetings for her on her arrival.

Mr. A. L. Shaw, who converts his dwelling into a hotel whenever it happens there are no accommodations elsewhere in town for the traveller who wants a shelter, a dormitory or something to eat, has had somewhat of a crowded house of late.

It is reported that Mr. M. L. Marley has purchased a good lot of timber from Mr. A. L. Shaw near town and will put down a new saw mill at an early day. There is no better saw mill man among us than he is.

Mr. and Mrs. Tillinghast, of Providence, R. I., are sojourning here for rest, diversion and shelter from the severe weather of Rhode Island and are delighted.

The volume of business here, it is said, is to be increased at least

RED SPRINGS NEWS AND NOTES

Robesonian Correspondent, Rev. P. R.
Law Starts on Tour South.

COURT HOUSE DISCUSSED.

Mr. W. H. McCallum, of Rowland, Visits in the City—Greys and Blues are to Meet at Fort Fisher This Summer and Proceed to Fight Battle Over Again
Red Springs, Feb. 11.—A stub of a pencil, a tablet and a short note saying, "occupy till I come back," is what the talented and versatile editor of your Red Springs department sent over to your present correspondent before he started South. The writer can very easily occupy the position, but can no more fill it than any other ordinary man. It reminds us of an anecdote told on Caud Townsend when clerk of superior court during the days of the last political upheaval. A certain fellow of the baser sort was appointed a justice of the peace and coming in the clerk's office asked to be qualified. The clerk told him that he could swear him in, but all nature couldn't qualify him only he didn't exactly use the words, all nature.

Another bone of contention between the upper and lower ends of the county was unearthed, when the judge instructed the grand jury to recommend in their report, the building of a new court house. Wonder who instructed the judge.

Among the pleasant visitors to our town a few days ago was Mr. W. H. McCallum, of Rowland. You'd have to go far and search earnestly to find a better and a truer man than William McCallum. Such specimens are getting scarcer every day.

If Judges would put whiskey sellers on the roads, instead of fining them a few dollars which they can always very easily raise, the moonshine and blind tiger business would soon stop. We have seen the thing tried.

The high type of American and British citizenship was shown in their refusal to attend the bull fights, gotten up for the edification of delegates at Algericas, Spain.

A certain gentleman of our acquaintance remarked the other evening when we were looking for Rev. Peter McQueen, that he would like to attend the lecture if he thought he could understand him. I suppose he thought his lecture would be in Galic.

We were pleased to meet the new editor of The Robesonian for the first time a few days ago. He is a much younger man than we expected to see at the helm of so important a paper, but that don't count anything these days.

The Greys and Blues are to meet at Fort Fisher next summer and after passing around the pipe of peace will proceed to fight the battle over again.

It is S. H. Sikes who lives in Florala, Ala., but W. H. Sikes hats from Red Springs.

one-third over last year.

The school is flourishing. It has an enrollment of more than a hundred.

Misses Treva and Allie Malloy are enjoying the warm sunshine and balmy air of West Florida.

Mr. A. W. Currie is thinking seriously, we think, about a trip at no distant day to Florida.

Mr. Vandone, of New York, is the guest of Mr. R. A. McEachern.

WHO IS THE WIFE. OF LATE WEED?

Much Interest Aroused in Mystery Un-
solved at Fayetteville.

BELEIVED TO BE STILL ALIVE

It is Thought That He is not Dead
but Feigning—Work on Railroad
Will Proceed—New Paper Is-
sued at Fayetteville—Local
and Personal.

Fayetteville, Feb. 12.—The late E. B. Weed has filled no small space in public print in the last two weeks. Coming here some years ago, he established a fine plant in the outskirts of the city, and later he moved into the country. He has been usually spoken of as manager of the Weed Distilling Company, but having resigned as stockholder and director about a year ago, he had no position in the company afterwards. Weed left here in December, and in a day or two afterwards a telegram was received here announcing his death and stating that he died in a New York hospital. Since that time his wife, whom he married since coming here, has resided at "The Pines," a fashionable winter resort on Haymount. On Jan. 31, wife claiming to be No. 1 arrived from Jacksonville, Michigan, where she claims to reside with her father-in-law, and having with her papers to substantiate her claim. Refusing to receive her December remittance of \$50 from Mr. Weed she had written the Chief of Police here and learned of his death. After arriving here she made unsuccessful attempt to see wife no. 2, who pleaded nervousness as an excuse. It is said they have not yet met.

The whole matter is a kind of mystery. The body was said to have been cremated. People here have begun to believe he is not dead at all, but that it is a trick to start life anew. The question has not yet been answered: Who is the wife of E. B. Weed?

The work will proceed at once on the construction of the Raleigh & Southern Railroad company's line through "Myrtle Hill," the estate of Mrs. Eva Cothran, the injunction prohibiting same having been dissolved by Judge Justice at Lumberton Tuesday.

W. C. Douglas, Esq., of Raleigh, addressed a union congregation at Haystreet Methodist church Sunday night on "Liquor and Law Enforcement."

The Southern Eagle, an insurance journal published by the Southern Life Insurance Company, makes its first appearance this week. This company has written in three months one million one hundred thousand dollars of insurance.

The new steamer, C. W. Lyon of the Tar Heel Steamboat Co., is said to be a splendid boat. She will undergo government inspection and begin a regular schedule between Wilmington and Fayetteville this week.

President W. L. Poteat, of Wake Forest College was in the city a short while Saturday on his return from Red Springs where he spoke Friday night.

Messrs. Jno. A. Oates and O. K. Jimcoke attended the meeting of the executive committee of the State Anti-Saloon League in Raleigh Thursday.

Mr. E. J. Humphrey has been quite sick for a week, but is improving.

LAND TRANSACTION. Quite a Great Deal of Real Estate Change Hands.

The following land transactions have been made in the county since February 1st:

J. P. Williams to Sallie McCallum, \$375; Mrs. Mary E. Barnes to D. W. Millsaps, \$40; Board of Education to N. A. Mercer, \$2; R. L. Bullock and wife to Beauport Lumber Co., \$215; A. L. Jones to J. G. McCormick, \$120; M. L. Marley to D. V. Walker, \$150; Maxton Building & Loan Association to Jno. Leach, \$228; East Carolina Loan & Improvement Co., to D. F. Lowre, \$2; Jno. M. McNair and wife to M. Murphy, \$800; Jno. N. Seasons and wife to Dr. J. D. McMillan, \$250; J. S. Rozier to R. A. Rozier, \$150; R. H. Lewis to J. D. McMillan, \$125; Harry Mercer to T. Purnell, \$5; Troy Singletary to Calvin Moore, \$100; A. W. McLean to Sam Dunnie and Harris Dunnie, \$500; Jno. M. Buie to Margaret Buie, \$118; M. D. A. McDuffie to Lula McDuffie, \$200; T. L. Grimsley, and wife to Sam Dunnie and Harris Dunnie, \$1,100; J. B. Allen to T. L. Grimsley, \$1,100; C. L. Allen to Thomas Allen, \$150; Henry Bullock to L. O. Carlyle, \$2,125; Henry Bullock to Bullock, a gift; N. D. Kelley to W. W. Kelly, \$10; R. F. McDonald, to W. F. McDonald, \$270; Jno. McPhaul to Alloway Singletary, \$1,500; D. G. Robeson and wife to Alloway Singletary, \$1,500; Ira Wilcox to McDiarmid-Williams Lbr. Co.; W. H. McCallum and wife to L. Z. Hodgpath, \$30; B. G. Worth to Martin McKinnon, \$600; Jno. F. McIn-

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF MOON LAST FRIDAY MORNING

Few Stayed Awake to See Shadow
Darken Face of the Fair Luna at
Early Hour.

There was a total eclipse of the moon Thursday night, though few, if any, Lumberton people remained awake to see it. The earth's shadow first struck the moon at 12:57 s. m., Washington time, and one hour later the entire surface was in eclipse. The moon was in darkness for one hour and thirty-nine minutes. The moon then began to emerge and was out of the shadow at 4:37 Friday morning.

Off on Southern Tour.

The Rev. P. R. Law, our correspondent at Red Springs has gone South on his annual winter vacation. Our readers in Southern States will no doubt be glad to see and meet him again. The editor received a pretty souvenir post card from him yesterday stating that he arrived in Jacksonville, Fla., Friday.

Delegates to Convention.

Mr. L. E. Wishart of this place, who has been a student of Wake Forest, during the past year, has been appointed the fifth student delegate to the International Students Volunteer Convention, which meets in Nashville, Tenn. February 28th, to May 4th.

Engineers Here to Survey.

A party of engineers are in the city working on the survey of the proposed railroad, to run from Fayetteville to Lumberton, being a part of the Raleigh & Charlotte railway.

There will be a Valentine party and fruit and oyster supper at the grocery store of Mr. G. W. Jones on South Elm street, on Wednesday night, February 14th.

PISTOLS USED IN POLITICAL FIGHT

One Man Killed and a Number Wounded
in Melee.

POLICEMAN AMONG WOUNDED

Babe Dyer was Killed in a Fight
Which Started by an Attack on
McKenna—Some Forty Shots
Were Fired—Several Arrests
Made.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 9.—Partisans of the two rival local political factions had a pistol fight this afternoon in front of the City Exchange. "Babe" Dyer was killed and Frank Nagle, a bystander, was shot through the eye, and in a critical condition; Pnt Kearner, a policeman off duty at the time, was shot through the neck, and C. H. or "Sap" Dyer, was shot twice through the legs.

"Snatcher" Dyer and Thomas Hewitt, a private detective, are under arrest. Besides those under arrest or wounded, those who participated in the shooting were Harbor Hester, James McBryde, his son, Tim McBride, who is a clerk in his father's office; Plumbing Inspector Richard McKenna, and James Cane, keeper of the police station.

It is not known definitely who fired the shots by which the killed and wounded were struck. The shooting was general and about forty shots were fired.

The battle started when the three Dyers attacked McKenna, one felling him with a billy. The others came to the assistance of McKenna.

There had been a fight earlier in the day in the court house, when McKenna beat "Babe" Dyer with a billy. This had followed a fight in the court house on Wednesday last when two of the Dyer brothers fought with the police patrol driver, Monroe. Half a dozen pistols were then drawn, but no blood was shed.

McKenna, at a late hour tonight was reported to be in a precarious condition. A report from the hospital stated that Kearney is suffering from paralysis as a result of his wound. The condition of Nagle also is reported worse than was at first surmised. Tonight the coroner's jury returned a verdict that "Baby" Dyer came to his death at the hands of parties to the jury unknown. "Sap" Dyer and "Snatcher" Dyer swore out warrants against James McBryde, Tim McBride, Sumes Lane and Pat Kearney, all of whom were arrested, charging them with murder. When the verdict of the coroner's jury was announced they were released.

JIM CROW BILL PASSES HOUSE.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 9.—The Barrett bill providing for separation according to race in street cars and other public conveyances passed the House of Delegates today. It extends over the entire State the operation of the Richmond law which secures separation of whites and blacks in street cars and public halls practically without friction.

The Robesonian has received a copy of the "Oldest Inhabitant on Union Pacific," a large and beautiful picture issued by the Union Pacific Railroad Company. The picture represents a large buffalo, which is fast becoming extinct in the West.