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The Red Springs Citizen says the editor of The Robesonian is either ignorant of the facts or else he is misleading those of his readers who do not read The Citizen or are not familiar with the situation in Upper Robeson, when he says: 'Some folks in the upper end are taking a fresh hold in agitating that matter of a new county and Raeford and Red Springs seem about to fall out over the question which shall be the county seat.'

Well, we are schooled. But dear, dear, we care very little about this business and The Citizen's intimation that we are attempting to mislead makes us tired. We thought the people in the upper end were going to unite with some Cumberland folks about Raeford for a new county, and certainly from what The Citizen said last week about the matter in reference to what it was pleased to term a "dirty fling" by Facts and Figures, of Raeford, it certainly looked like those two papers were about to fall out about the question of the county seat.

The more we know about the tariff, as at present scheduled, the more we are inclined to think that it is, as somebody said about cotton, a darn fool.

McKenzie before Wednesday night. He will be glad to take charge of contributions of any kind and apply them for this purpose. Little enough pleasure comes into the lives of these unfortunate ones, and one could hardly contribute to a cause that would be more appreciated.

A short while ago The Robesonian called attention to the fact that the jail is very poorly constructed and that it is not at all difficult for prisoners to remove brick with a knife, or wire. We are glad to see that the grand jury has recommended that the walls be strengthened with concrete walls or iron sheeting. As the walls are now they offer a perpetual temptation to prisoners to attempt to escape.

When the case against June McKoy and Berry McLean for the murder of Alex. McKoy was first mentioned they were referred to as Croatan. Which was a mistake, of course, and every time the case has been mentioned since that mistake has been corrected by referring to them as negroes. Of course the mistake was simply one of those unaccountable mistakes that will sometimes creep in in spite of every effort to be always correct.

For the first time in many moons—in many cycles of moons—Robeson county has had a full two-weeks' term of criminal court, and disposition has been made of many cases. If Judge Neal, who will hold the criminal term in February, can be prevailed upon to keep the machinery of the court in motion for two weeks, as Judge Biggs has done, the docket will perhaps be cleared entirely.

Thursday's Robesonian will be issued a little earlier this week than usual in order to give the employes of the paper who look after the mechanical end of the work a part of the day, at least, for feasting and rest.

The State board of elections meets tomorrow in Raleigh and the official vote in the recent election, which no man knows up to this good hour, will be announced soon thereafter.

FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER.

Marriage of Miss Nannie Lewis and Mr. Jasper Griffin—Oyster Supper—Other News Items and Personals.

There will be an oyster supper at the school building next Wednesday night for the purpose of raising money to buy more desks. Let all go who can and help the good cause.

Mr. Jasper Griffin, a prominent young farmer of our community, and Miss Nannie Lewis, daughter of Mr. Warren Lewis, were married last Sunday.

Mr. J. D. Bush, of Wilmington, Del., is here with dogs and guns for his usual fall hunting vacation.

G. W. Thompson and J. E. Anderson attended the racing meet at Dillon last Wednesday, as also did Dr. and Mrs. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Thompson spent Thursday in Lumberton. The band practices nightly at the school building.

Some extra nice building lots have been laid off in North Fairmont on the Stephens property and we suppose they intend having an auction sale.

The Lumberton Gin Co. came near having a disastrous fire last Thursday from a match in the cotton. It was put out by hard work. Mr. W. H. Perry got his arm badly burned in his efforts to save the building.

Mr. C. D. Smith was married to Miss Sallie Gillespie at Rock Hill (S. C.) Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Smith left for their home at Rowland, arriving here on the evening train Thursday.

Mr. Smith is one of the leading young men of this section, being a large land owner. Mrs. Smith is also well-known in Rowland, having taught here for two years. She made many friends then, all of whom join in welcoming her to her new home. She will be quite an addition to the social life of the town.

Mr. Smith was accompanied to Rock Hill by Messrs. Clyde McCallum, S. W. Alford and B. A. Edens.

How to Treat a Sprain. Sprains, swellings and lameness are promptly relieved by Chamberlain's Liniment. This liniment reduces inflammation and soreness so that a sprain may be cured in about one-third the time required by the usual treatment.

MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE.

Junius McKoy Sentenced to Hang January 8 for Murder of Alex. McKoy—Murder in Second Degree and Manslaughter as to Duncan Monroe and Lawrence Townsend for Killing Will Smith—Two-Weeks' Term of Criminal Court Closed at Midnight Saturday—Other Cases.

Guilty of murder in the first degree. To be hanged by the neck until dead on Friday, January 8, 1909.

The above fateful verdict and sentence were heard Friday morning shortly after Robeson Superior Court convened at 9:30 o'clock and Junius McKoy, a light-colored negro about 30 or 35 years old, is the convicted and doomed man—convicted of the murder at Rowland on February 22d last of Alex. McKoy, also colored, and doomed to hang thereafter.

To all appearances the prisoner heard the verdict and sentence unmoved. He stood up steadily, walked steadily and showed no emotion, not realizing, apparently, just then the awful import of what the jury and the judge had said; failing to grasp all at once the awful fact that he had been convicted of setting a limit to the life of a man and that now the law had set a limit to his days and had decreed that on the 8th of next January the mortal machine in which he lives and moves shall stop short, never to go again.

And so he walked steadily and showed no emotion just then. Judge J. Crawford Biggs has been on the bench two years and he will always remember Junius McKoy as the first man he ever sentenced to be hanged. It was a trying moment for him, no doubt, but sentence was passed with all the solemnity and impressiveness that the occasion demanded.

When Coroner Rancke made his investigations in regard to the murder of Alex. McKoy he committed Junius McKoy, the condemned man, Berry McLean and Frank Jacobs, all colored, to jail for the murder. At the July term of criminal court Solicitor N. A. Sinclair sent in a bill against Berry McLean and June McKoy, but for reasons satisfactory to the State he did not send a bill against Frank Jacobs at that time, but continued his case and held him under a justified bond in the sum of \$1,000.

At this term, last Tuesday, McKoy and McKoy were put on trial. At the close of the State's evidence, which all tended to show McKoy's innocence, Solicitor Sinclair announced to the court that the State was not justified in asking for a verdict against McKoy and agreed that he be discharged. Mr. G. B. Patterson, of Maxton, represented McKoy.

The evidence against June McKoy was very conclusive. The testimony of 13 witnesses was to the effect that he had armed himself with three half-bullets and had sought Alex. McKoy for two or three hours on the night McKoy was killed and had made threats to do away with the deceased because he (the deceased) was a liquor spy; that he did not want but one d—n lick at him. The evidence traced June McKoy step by step to Advil Brown's store a little before ten o'clock and followed him up across the street up which the deceased had gone about five minutes before.

Alex. McKoy was never seen alive again. Early next morning, about 25 steps up the street from Brown's store, was found a pool of blood three feet in length, a half-brick with hair on it and Alex. McKoy's hat. Five weeks afterwards, about 900 feet from Brown's store, within the corporate limits of the town, was found a hole about four feet deep which had been covered with broom-straw and small bushes and which contained the body of the deceased, stuffed in head downward and with the legs bent to get them in the hole.

It was also in evidence that June McKoy went to Berry McLean and begged him to help put Alex. McKoy out of the way, but Berry refused to have anything to do with it, advised June to let the deceased alone, and went home. On the witness stand the prisoner denied making any of the threats testified to and stated that while he was passing at the time deceased was killed he saw Berry McLean strike deceased with a brick.

Frank Jacobs is still held under bond. He seems from the evidence to have been with June McKoy about the time of the killing.

The trial began Tuesday morning and the jury took the case at seven o'clock Thursday evening.

The jury was composed of the following: J. J. Prevatt, M. McLeod, J. L. Currie, W. B. McLaughlin, R. M. Phillips, Jetter, D. Lewis, David F. McCormick, J. C. Johnson, H. L. Grimsley, James Kitchin, J. G. McRae, Hugh G. Mitchell. The first ballot taken showed 10 for first degree murder and two for second degree. The verdict of murder in the first degree was returned immediately after the convening of court Friday morning. Mr. R. E. Lee defended the prisoner and put up the best.

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fight possible under the circumstances, but the evidence was overwhelmingly against him. Mr. J. P. Wiggins, of Rowland, and Messrs. McLean & McLean assisted Solicitor Sinclair in the prosecution. Mr. A. W. McLean opened the argument, Mr. Lee followed and Solicitor Sinclair closed. Mr. Lee gave notice of appeal to Supreme Court, which will stay execution of sentence until this district is reached in February.

The jury in the above case first returned a verdict of murder in first degree "with mercy", but being instructed by the court that there was no alternative but sentence of death in a verdict of murder in first degree and that the verdict must be that of murder in second degree or not guilty, the jury retired and returned a verdict as given above.

Duncan Monroe, Lawrence Townsend and Rob. Maulsby, colored boys between 18 and 18 years old, were put on trial Friday morning for the murder of Will Smith, also colored, near Rowland on September 14. The shooting took place on that date and Smith died on September 29. At the beginning of the trial the State entered Nol. Pros. as to Maulsby. Messrs. McLean & McLean assisted Solicitor Sinclair in the prosecution and Messrs. McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor appeared for the prisoners. At 12 o'clock Saturday night the jury returned a verdict of murder in second degree as to Monroe and manslaughter as to Townsend. Monroe was sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary and Townsend to the roads for 3 years.

The State's evidence tended to show that there had been trouble between Duncan Monroe and deceased about a woman and that Monroe had made threats that he would kill Smith or Smith would kill him; that he said on the day before the shooting that what he was going to do would be heard of before night of the next day; that on that day he gave his pistol to Maulsby, who went to Rowland and brought back 8 cartridges; that he and other boys shot at a mark with 6 of the cartridges, when Monroe stopped them, saying that he was going to do the other two that night. On that night Monroe, Townsend and Maulsby went to Rachel Baker's house, where Will Smith had been in habit of going. Townsend arrived there a few minutes before Monroe with pistol in his hand and began cursing; then Monroe came and joined in cursing Rachel and Smith. One of them whistled and Maulsby came up. Rachel begged them to leave her yard. They refused and Smith came out of the house and told them they had to leave. Monroe and Smith cursed each other, Townsend handed Monroe the pistol and Monroe shot Smith, the ball entering just below his ribs, near center of body, and passing through. Defendants contended that Monroe shot in self-defense, as Smith was trying to shoot at same time; that they ran, Smith pursuing, and Monroe turned and shot.

Notice of appeal was given. The jury was composed of the following: W. A. Chason, W. E. Garrett, Q. T. Williams, E. McQ. Surles, Archie Willis, D. L. McLaurin, B. M. Hayes, Jesse S. Stone, A. A. Stewart, D. S. Carley, C. C. Baxley, J. C. Lewis. Court adjourned at 12 o'clock Saturday night, immediately after sentence was passed in the above case. Other cases were disposed of as follows: Ben Flowers, carnal knowledge of child—Guilty; 2 years on roads.

John, George, Richard and John C. Porter—John Porter allowed to give \$100 bond and other defendants recognized in sum of \$100 each for appearance at next term of court.

Marion Iron Work vs Charles Rankin—Plaintiff being called on failing to appear in State vs. Junius McKoy was ordered stricken out. E. D. McNeill vs. W. F. Biddell—Claim and delivery for recovery of horse and wagon; defendant to pay plaintiff \$52 in full settlement, costs to be paid by plaintiff.

The forfeiture entered against C. A. Purcell for failure to appear as a venire juror in State vs. Junius McKoy was ordered stricken out. Geo. Bailey, assault with deadly weapon—Guilty; 60 days on road.

Lewis Hunt, escape—Continued, defendant to give \$100 bond. It appearing that the special road law of Robeson county does not allow a sentence of more than 3 years on the roads, the judgment entered against Neill Brown, convicted of larceny, of four years on roads was changed to 3 years.

Report of Capt. Swift Galloway's Death Erroneous. Kinross Special, 19th, to Charlotte Observer.

It was learned here this afternoon that the reported death of Capt. Swift Galloway at Snow Hill, in Greene county last Friday at 3 p. m. was a mistake, Captain Galloway still being alive this afternoon. His physicians say, however, that there is no chance for his recovery.

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Timber for Sale. The following timber leases will be offered for sale at the county court house at Lumberton, N. C., on the 15th day of December, 1908, at public auction, for cash, at 12 o'clock, m, and will be sold to the highest bidder, subject to the approval of the Circuit Court of the United States, to wit:

On tract described in deed by S. A. Edmunds, recorded in book 4 T, page 589, Robeson county, 49 acres, estimated feet thereon, 30,000.

On tract described in deed by Fanny Lewis, recorded in book 4 T, page 176, 25 acres, estimated feet, 200,000.

On tract described in deed by Ella Britt, recorded in book 4 T, page 393, 100 acres, estimated feet, 150,000.

On tract described in deed by E. M. Small, recorded in book 4 T, page 609, 70 acres, estimated feet, 25,000.

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