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MORRISON PAYS PENALTY.

First Electrocution in the State—Negro Rapist from Robeson Breaks Down and Cries Piteously—Held Cross in His Hands—His Criminal Record.

Raleigh News and Observer, 19th.

Having lost his nerve as he faced the mysterious electric chair so different from the familiar gallows, Walter Morrison piteously called for mercy, until the head-gear had been adjusted, and with a final prayer half spoken, his body became rigid and life was extinct. Thus at 10:19 o'clock yesterday morning the first infliction of the death penalty in North Carolina by electrocution was successfully carried out. But to entirely satisfy all for a second time the powerful voltage was shot through the body.

There was no burning of the parts of the body where the contact with the current was arranged, no accident or mishap to make the electrocution more gruesome than anticipated, though after the application of the current of eighteen hundred volts, there still remained sufficient heart throb and pulse beat to cause the prison physicians, Drs. McGeachy and Riddick, to call for the application of the current again. The skin on the leg later appeared flabby at the point of contact, but it was not broken or burned. It appeared very much like a huge blister.

With Warden Sale immediately by his side, the inventor of the electric chair, E. F. Davis, of New York, assisted in throwing the switch that carried the death current. There was no harrowing scene and but for the knowledge that a human being was being hurled into eternity the incidents would have been void of special interest. The electric current travelling at fifty thousand feet a second was through the entire body before another nerve conduit came into action, the latter travelling only 111 feet per minute.

The testing apparatus had been placed on the death chair and the current was sent through it for a second's time just as the prisoner was being brought from his cell. Hurriedly it was removed and as it was taken through the door, at 10:18 o'clock the condemned man appeared with prison guards N. S. Smith, K. B. Ewing, W. R. Campbell and H. H. Hunnicut, two on either side. He had been dressed in a new, but plain suit of brown with a heavy jeans shirt open loose at the neck. He wore new and heavy shoes which made much noise on the hard floor. He was sobbing and crying and a pitiful pleading for mercy poured from his lips.

The actual moment of death was without horror to compare with that of the moment of prayer; pity was on many faces within the death chamber.

Morrison carried in his right hand a Cross. Firm in his grip he clung to it through death and this afforded the one spectacular incident of the electrocution.

"Jesus please help me" were the first words of his plaintive moan that could be heard as he approached his death. "Lord have mercy. Jesus I pray to you. At last I meant to do what was right. Lord have mercy upon me."

He was crying bitterly, but not loudly. There was none of the sensational shouting or hysterical screaming that have so often attended hangings. Morrison appeared not to notice the witnesses. He kept his eyes firmly upon the Cross in his hand except for a brief moment as he looked at the chair. If he had looked at the auditors he would have seen no members of his race there to witness his death. Only one, a minister, had asked for a card of admission and he came after the electrocution was over. The condemned man's eyes went back to his Cross and again he poured forth his prayers and lamentations.

"Jesus, My Lord, take me to rest for mercy sake. Have mercy, O Jesus," repeated the prisoner as without resistance, he took

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FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER.

Work of the Beaufort Lumber Co. — Commencements — A Protracted Meeting — Preparations for Easter.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, March 18—Mr. Lauch McLean will bring home his bride, Miss Sinclair, who lives near Maxton, next Sunday. We are glad to welcome her and wish the young couple a pleasant journey together.

Mesdames Lewis and Burkhead, of Whiteville, were guests of Miss Lorena Lewis and Mrs. C. W. Smith last Thursday.

Mr. N. T. Andrews and Mr. Henry Purvis, of No. 2, are attending a National meeting of the Farmers' Union in Washington City this week.

Rev. Alex. Pitman, of Greenwood, S. C., is the guest of his sister, Mrs. A. E. Floyd, coming most especially to be with his brother, Rev. N. R. Pitman.

Mrs. Talbot, of Richmond, Va., has been spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Spivey.

One of the tram engines of the Beaufort Co. arrived last Monday and was put to work at once helping in track laying. The store and offices of the company will soon be completed.

Messrs. F. C. Jones and Henry Purvis went to Laurinburg last week and returned in a handsome Buick machine which Mr. Purvis bought from Jno. F. McNair & Co. It is one of the prettiest machines we have ever seen.

This is commencement week with the colored school and they are having very interesting exercises. They have had a splendid school.

The most interesting event of the week to the ladies has been the millinery opening on Thursday and Friday of Miss Lorena Lewis.

The protracted meeting of the Baptist church is growing in interest daily. The congregations are larger each day and former friends and new ones of the preacher, Rev. N. R. Pitman, are enjoying his fine sermons.

Commencement for our graded school will be here in two months. The school is holding up well, very few stopping to go to work.

The Children's Missionary Brigade of the Methodist church will have an egg hunt Saturday before Easter and we suppose there will be other Easter celebrations. Eggs are cheaper and the little folks can have lots of fun dyeing them.

Miss Pearl Adams, of Purvis, visited Mr. J. E. Thompson's family last week.

News Notes and Personals from Raft Swamp.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Raft Swamp, March 18—Plowing seems to be the order of the day.

Miss Appie Davis returned home Sunday after visiting friends and relatives in Bladen and Columbus counties. She was accompanied by Miss Callie Phillips, who expects to remain two weeks.

Mr. Luther Tyner is all smiles; it's a boy.

Mr. J. D. Davis, the brick mason, returned home Friday from Fairmont.

Miss Addie Tyner spent Sunday in Fayetteville.

Mrs. Quince Powell and children, of Page's Mill, S. C., have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Powell.

Mr. W. R. Tyner, of Lowe, was taken ill Wednesday morning. Hope he will soon recover.

Mr. J. A. Townsend, mail carrier of Buie, R. F. D. 1, has purchased a new automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Townsend, of Buie, were visiting relatives here Sunday.

Miss Ina Poole, who is teaching near Parkton, was the guest of her sister, Miss Ella Mae Poole, Friday and Saturday.

Sorry to report Mr. Roy Tyner sick with the appendicitis and hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Q. Davis visited friends and relatives near Mt. Eliam Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. N. C. Stubbs is visiting friends and relatives at Bennettsville, S. C.

RED SPRINGS REVIEWS.

A Recital this Evening—Miss Ethel Johnson Entertains the Good Times Club—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, March 19—Miss Lillian Farquhar, assisted by Mr. Charles Vardell, will give a recital in the college auditorium Monday evening. Any one who has heard Miss Farquhar play knows how well she manages her violin, how beautiful her solos are, but she has arranged a specially good program for this occasion, and the recital promises to be a great treat for music lovers. Mr. Vardell is a skilled young pianist who always gives much pleasure whenever he plays. We hope many from the neighboring towns can come and hear this recital.

Misses Katie McNeill, Hattie Mayes and Daisy Edwards are spending the week-end with relatives and friends in Lumberton.

Misses Emma Belle McRae and Sallie Lou McKinnon, of Maxton, were in town Thursday attending Miss Katie Brown's beautiful display of millinery. Mr. Hamilton McMillan is visiting his son, Mr. John McMillan, in Bladen county. Mrs. George Bullock and little daughter have returned from a pleasant visit to relatives in Laurinburg. Miss Mary McAlester, who had been teaching in Alabama the past winter, has come home to spend the summer with her mother, Mrs. Jennie McAlester.

Miss Ethel Johnson delightfully entertained the Good Times Club Thursday evening. Miss Johnson gave her guests a pleasant evening and firmly established her reputation as a charming and ideal hostess. Many games and contests were indulged in and at a late hour the guests reluctantly departed.

A good many from Red Springs expect to attend the Laymen's Missionary Convention to be held in Antioch Presbyterian church tomorrow. The college girls are all going.

Maxton News Notes and Personals.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Maxton, March 18—Dr. W. A. McPhaul, of Lumberton, was in town Tuesday. Mr. Drennon, of Sumter, S. C., visited his brother, Mr. J. H. Drennon, the first of the week. Mr. G. B. McCallum, of the American Realty Co., was in town Friday. Mr. Lucius McLean has returned from Baltimore.

Mr. W. H. Bass, representative of the Steiff piano, is in town this week. He has several fine pianos on exhibition in the vacant store adjoining Mr. Strickland's.

Mrs. N. H. D. Wilson, of Laurinburg, was the guest of Mrs. A. J. McKinnon last Wednesday. Mrs. Lucy McQueen, who has been visiting Mrs. H. W. McNatt for several weeks, returned to her home in Richmond, Va., last Tuesday. Miss Bessie McKay, of Rowland, is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. B. Sellers, this week. Miss Mamie Best, of Goldsboro, and the Misses Covington, of Laurinburg, were the guests of Mrs. Robert Everette this week.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. J. T. Poole was very much benefited by her treatment at Hot Springs, Ark.

Mrs. S. H. Cotton, of Fayetteville, and Mrs. Turner, of Chester, Pa., returned to their homes after several days' visit with the family of Mr. A. J. McKinnon. A representative of the Postoffice Department was in town today. Mr. Hugh McNeill was in Fayetteville the first of the week. Mr. John McKay, assistant cashier of the Bank of Maxton, returned Tuesday from Camden, S. C. Mrs. Wm. Alford and sister, Mrs. Rouse, are visiting Mrs. Alford's son, Mr. McP. McL. Alford, near town. Mr. R. D. Croom went to Rowland on business this week.

Mr. Ben Barnes and family moved into their new home on Elm street Wednesday.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are safe, sure and reliable, and have been praised by thousands of women who have been restored to health through their gentle and curative properties. Sold by Dr. J. D. McMillan & Son and The Pope Drug Co.

MILLINERY OPENINGS.

The Gladdest Days of all the Glad New Year for the Ladies—Beautiful Shapes and Shades.

Comes now one of the semi-annual occasions when the luckless reporter must write of things of which he knows not, must cudgel his brains for some fit way to tell the ladies of things of which they already know more at a glance than he will ever know, must walk as in a dream in a garden of dreams with never a fitting word at command to describe the "perfect dreams," the "lovely creations," the "toot-cute-for-anysings?" the "Aren't they darlings," the "Aren't they sweets?" and—

For opening days—millinery opening days—spring millinery opening days—are here.

—Wake me early, wake me early, mother dear, These are the gladdest days of all the glad new year; For I'm going to look at hats, mother, look at hats all day, And I'll buy a few "creations," and father'll have to pay.

Miss Josephine Breece's opening was Thursday and Friday and Messrs. Caldwell & Carlyle's opening will be tomorrow and Wednesday, so this comes sandwiched in between the two. Beautiful creations—you need not turn up your nose at that expression; it's a good expression, an opening expression, a millinery opening expression—beautiful creations of the milliner's art have been on exhibition, are on exhibition, will be on exhibition. For days and days expert milliners trained in Northern cities to fashion what Dame Fashion demands have been busy adorning with deft, accustomed fingers the latest shapes, and the results are all that feminine hearts can desire.

Casting about for good expressions, now, what do you think of "self-colored ostrich plumes"? or Chantecler red, "that bright color seen in the wattles of a white Leghorn rooster"? H'm. That last is copied right out of a book, and they say it's having a tremendous vogue. They are some of the newest shades, as are also gold, and electric blue. Dull plumes with those same self-colored ostrich plumes is one of the latest combinations. Flowers and wheat are used much together; amethyst shades are used with black; lots of lace veiling is used with crowns of flowers; there are facings of gold cloth, there are French rosebuds, lots of French turbans, and—and—you don't need to be told that they are all prettier than ever.

Shapes? Well, the upturned brim is one of the wrinkles, upturned in many ways. But all these things have to be seen to be appreciated. This is but looking through a glass darkly.

Miss Breece's store was crowded during her opening, and tomorrow and next day the ladies will crowd the millinery department of Messrs. Caldwell & Carlyle. And on Easter Sunday, which follows hard upon these openings, the men will gaze upon and wonder about the beautiful creations—there it is again!—so haltingly mentioned here.

Advertised Letters.

Following is a list of letters remaining in the postoffice at Lumberton, N. C. for the week ending March 19th, 1910:

Miss Kizzie Bullock, Mrs. Elizabeth Baker, Miss Bailie Basuk, Mrs. Clarison Breeden, Miss Cody Blount, Effie Crouch, G. S. Dues, Miss Celia Durant, William Jones, Miss Kitty Jane Key, Briston Kelly, Miss Leslie D. Malloy, Miss Carrie McMillan, Miss Willie B. McKinnon, Will McLean, James Nivins, Sberly Pearce, Chas. Reynolds, Miss Jessie Richardson, D. W. Ray, Mary Robinson, Miss Martha Sanders, A. R. Smith, Miss Almener Sikes, S. W. Thompson, Eli West.

Persons calling for any of the above will please ask for "advertised letters" R. M. Norment, P. M.

Mesdames R. D. Caldwell and Jno. T. Biggs left this morning for Oxford, where they will attend the Woman's Missionary Union, which begins tomorrow and continues until Friday. From Oxford, they expect to go to Wake Forest and Raleigh, where they will visit relatives. They will be away about ten days.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

—Mayor J. A. Rowland has been confined at home several days with rheumatism. His condition is somewhat improved today.

—Mr. H. E. Carter, formerly with Messrs. White & Gough and recently with Mr. J. P. McNeill, began work Thursday with the McAllister Hdw.Co.

—At an election held in district No. 3, Blue Springs township, Bethel school, last Wednesday, a special tax was voted of 30 cents on the \$100 and 90 cents on the poll.

—The colored people had a baptizing at the old wooden bridge yesterday afternoon. Quite a large crowd witnessed the ceremony, many white people being among the number.

—Fifteen or twenty members of St. Albans lodge of Masons, constituting a third-degree team, will go to Fairmont this afternoon to do some degree work and attend a banquet there this evening.

—Mr. John N. Regan, who lives on rural route No. 1 from Lumberton, brought to this office Saturday some Blue Andalusian hen eggs that are beauties. They are at least a third larger than the ordinary hen egg.

—Latest reports from Mr. A. W. McLean, who, accompanied by Mrs. McLean, went to Baltimore last week for treatment, are to the effect that his condition is improving. It is not known just when he will return home.

—An arch of Tungsten lamps has been strung across Elm street where it crosses Fourth and these lamps will be substituted for the arc lamps from the Seaboard depot to the opera house. They make a greater show and a much more attractive appearance, and cost less.

—Dr. W. A. McPhaul has purchased for the Pope drug store at Maxton, of which store he is principal owner, a large soda fountain weighing 10,000 pounds. It was bought from the same company from which the beautiful fountain at the Pope drug store in Lumberton was purchased.

—Mr. E. M. Britt returned Friday from New Orleans, La., where he went to investigate what might be done in the case of Alex. M'White, a former citizen of Howellsville township, who was recently sentenced to 20 years in the Louisiana penitentiary for incest. Mr. Britt has not much hope of accomplishing anything toward securing a pardon under a year or two.

—About \$36 have been collected to put the old baseball grounds in shape for the season and it is thought that the amount will be raised to \$50 dollars in a few days. The grounds have been rented for the season and are being put in shape. With proper encouragement the boys will give Lumberton a good team this year and it is to be hoped that they will receive liberal support.

—Dr. N. A. Thompson returned yesterday morning from Beaver Dam, Va., where he went Friday to see Mrs. R. H. Taylor, who is very sick with pneumonia. Dr. Thompson thought Mrs. Taylor's condition was somewhat improved when he left. Mrs. Taylor is a daughter of Mr. Thomas Prevatt. Mr. Prevatt and two daughters, Misses Flora and Katie, have been with Mrs. Taylor for several days.

—Messrs. W. P. and H. M. McAllister and Sandy McLeod went to Columbia Saturday after a 60-horse-power aerocar which Mr. H. M. McAllister has just purchased. They left Columbia Saturday afternoon with a driver from the garage where the machine was purchased and made the trip to Lumberton, 192 miles, in 12½ hours, an average of more than 15 miles per hour.

Stubborn as Mules

are liver and bowels sometimes; seem to balk without cause. Then there's trouble—Loss of Appetite—Indigestion. Nervousness, Despondency, Headache. But such troubles fly before Dr. King's New Life Pills, the world's best Stomach and Liver remedy. So easy. 25c at all druggists.

—Miss Katie Kerr, of Kerr Sampson county, began work this morning as bookkeeper and stenographer for the Pope Drug Co., and she will also do stenographic work for Mr. E. J. Britt. She arrived last evening, coming over from Fayetteville with her brother, Mr. Jas. Kerr, who is pharmacist for the Pope Drug Co. Mr. David Fuller began work this morning as clerk at the Pope drug store, succeeding Mr. P. J. Redmond, who resigned last week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weinstein, who were married in Baltimore, Md., the home of the bride, a week ago yesterday, arrived Friday and are living at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Weinstein, on Third street. Mrs. Weinstein was Miss Yetta Katzen. Mrs. S. Weinstein and Mr. and Mrs. A. Weinstein and children, who attended the wedding, Mr. A. Weinstein also visiting the Northern markets while away, returned the first of last week.

—Will McByrd, one of the negroes wounded in the pistol duel near Elrod on the 6th, reported in The Robesonian of the 10th, was brought to jail Thursday night by Deputy Sheriff J. A. Kitchin. McByrd's was too seriously wounded to move when Ed. Campbell, the other negro in the duel, who received a flesh wound in his left thigh, was brought to jail on the 9th, but he was rapidly recovering and was making preparations to vacate. Both will await trial at the next term of criminal court.

—Rowland Sun: Probably the largest crowd that has ever been in the academy auditorium on a similar occasion was that which greeted the "Home Talent Minstrels" of Lumberton, on last Wednesday night. There were about twenty-five in the play, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. There are some excellent musicians and fine voices with the "Home Talent Minstrels," while the "niggers" were hard to beat. Taken in all, it was one of the best shows that has come this way.

—Rowland Sun: Robeson county has in Mr. W. W. Whaley, of Lumberton, a cartoonist that will in a few years win laurels. At the minstrel show last Wednesday night he exhibited a number of drawings, made especially for the occasion, for business men of Rowland, and others. Mr. Whaley has already had cartoons in some of the leading dailies. He is yet quite a young man, and we predict that, with practice, he will in a few years be ranked with the great cartoonists of the country, such as Davenport and others.

—"Tempest and Sunshine" was presented to a fair-sized audience at the opera house Friday evening. And the audience seemed to enjoy the show very much. "Tempest" lived up to her name all the way through, playing the very dickens with everybody's happiness, but after the inevitable smash came she quieted down to a dead calm. "Sunshine" was "Sunshine" at first, "Showers" in between, and then, Bless her heart! she came into her own again and was "Sunshine" at the last. One wanted to wring "Tempest's" neck and take "Sunshine" to his heart, which is the way one naturally feels about those opposites; so you see the show was all right.

Mrs. A. B. Watson, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Humphrey, returned Saturday to her home in Dillow, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Thompson have been visiting the son, Dr. Dunlop Thompson, at Morver, for the past week. They are expected home tomorrow or Wednesday.

Saved a Soldier's Life.

Facing death from shot and shell in the civil war was more agreeable to J. A. Stone, of Kemp, Tex., than facing it from what doctors said was consumption. "I contracted a stubborn cold" he writes, "that developed a cough, that stuck to me in spite of all remedies for years. My weight ran down to 120 pounds. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery, which cured me. I now weigh 175 pounds. For Coughs, Colds, LaGrippe, Asthma, Hemorrhage, Hoarseness, Croup, Whooping cough and lung trouble, it's supreme. 50c. 1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists.