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LEWIS WEST CAUGHT.

Negro Deperado Who Killed Deputy Sheriff Mumford at Wilson Caught at Maxton-- Taken to Penitentiary at Raleigh.

Maxton Special, 10th, to Charlotte Observer.

Carrying an extensive supply of artillery, consisting of nine brand new revolvers, the numbers on three of which are identical with three of those stolen in the raid on the Dunn hardware store; two large new knives, one bloody and both believed to have also been stolen in the raid at Dunn, and a sufficient supply of ammunition for a lengthy engagement, a negro believed to have been implicated in the murder of Deputy Sheriff Mumford at Wilson last Friday was arrested here at 10 o'clock tonight and is being closely guarded in the town jail pending further developments. The presence of the negro in a restaurant on the outskirts of the town was made known to Chief of Police Dunlap by a negro, who had seen him go in and exchange one of the pistols for supper. Accompanied by another officer, Chief Dunlap hastened to the scene and placed the negro under arrest before he had any suspicion of his danger. The officer was prepared for trouble and entered the restaurant with his pistol drawn, ordering the negro to throw up his hands. The surprise was so great that the negro offered no resistance whatever and allowed the officers to lead him away to jail.

Upon first examination, it was thought that the negro was Dave Young, who it is said was in the house of Mary Young at the time of the crime and who probably took part in the shooting, as he answered very closely to the description of Young sent out by the Wilson authorities. A second and more minute examination, however, gave reason to believe that he is Lewis West, the leader of the desperadoes. He is six feet and two inches tall in his stocking feet, when made to stand erect, but he is naturally stooped and does not look quite that tall. He wore a black cap—the same as Lewis West—and had a wen on his neck, which is the strongest point of identification about West. However, he has several front teeth missing, as Dave Young is said to have, and is about the color and size of Young. To make sure of his identity, Chief Dunlap telephoned to Fayetteville for somebody that could identify either Young or West to come to Maxton and a party from that city is en route in an automobile.

In addition to finding about a quart of pistol cartridges concealed about his person, the second examination of the negro disclosed the fact that he has been painfully wounded. Attracted by a fresh scar on his left breast, which was grazed by a bullet, the officers searched farther and found that the prisoner had been shot through the left arm, just below the shoulder.

The prisoner gave his name as Branch McLean and said he was from Nevada, near Wilmington. When asked where his people lived, he replied that he had neither father, mother, sister nor brother, his entire family being dead. At first he would make no statement at all and when he did talk he couldn't give a straight account of his actions of the past few days.

The over supply of weapons, tallying descriptions, wound in his arm and his conflicting statements about his actions of the past few days form a strong chain of circumstances, which lead the officers to believe they have one of the murderers of Deputy Mumford. Pending the arrival of the identifying party from Fayetteville, the negro is being closely guarded by twenty-five heavily armed citizens. Should he be identified as either West or Young, he will be immediately taken to Wilson, or, if thought necessary, he will be taken to the penitentiary at Raleigh for safe keeping.

The negro arrested at Maxton proved to be Lewis West, the outlaw who killed Deputy Sheriff Mumford and wounded Chief of Police Glover at Wilson a week

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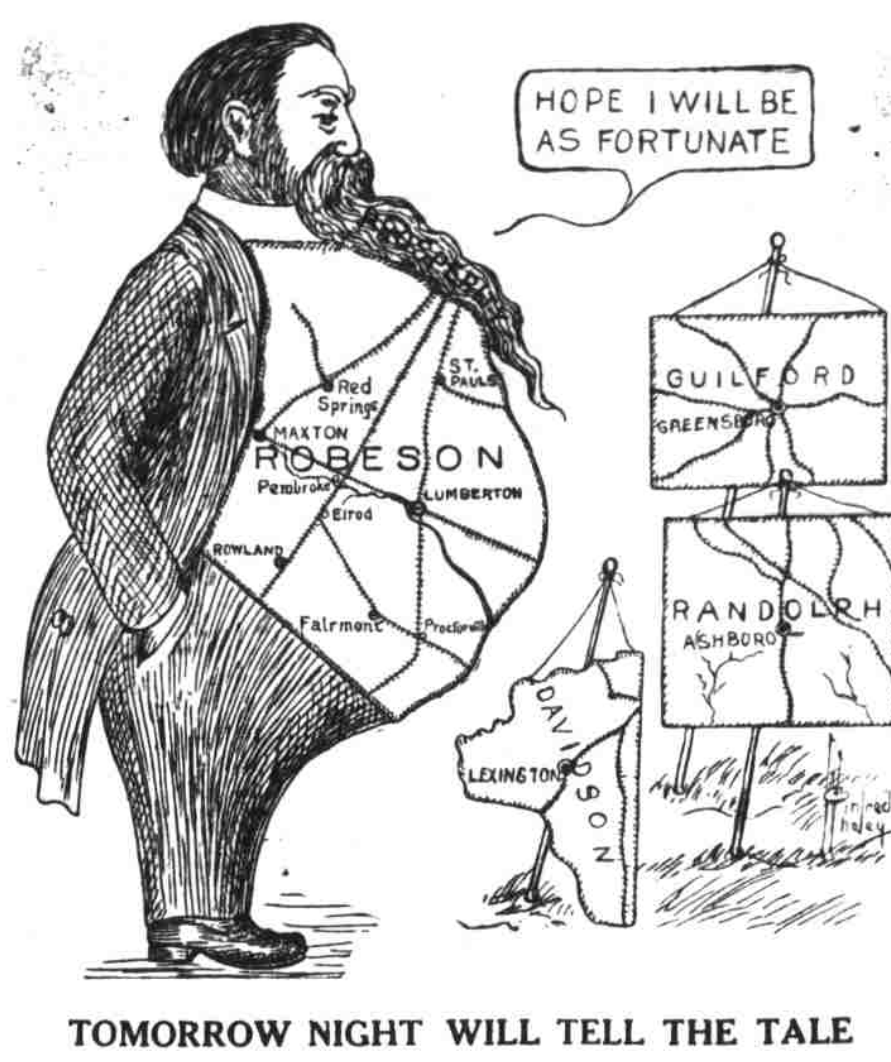
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LOCAL BRIEFS.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Holloway delightfully entertained a few friends Thursday at their home on Elm street at a Dutch supper.

—Licenses have been issued for the marriage of Rosa L. Tucker and T. B. Adams; Maud Webb and J. H. McPhail; Eliza Pitman and A. C. Gilchrist.

—Mr. Frank P. Humphrey, who underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital about two weeks ago, returned to his home at Saddle Tree Saturday.

—Mr. A. E. White spent Friday in Charlotte on business in connection with the new Methodist church, which the Lumberton congregation will erect on the corner of Chestnut and Eight streets.

—An unsigned communication from Boardman states that last Wednesday morning, between 2 and 3 o'clock, all of Sam Cromarty's fingers were cut off by a rip-saw. It is stated that he was playing with the saw.

—Master Jno. B. McLeod, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alf. I. McLeod, went last week to Baltimore, Md., to undergo treatment for a throat trouble, accompanied by Messrs. Sandy and Badger McLeod. They will probably return this week.

—The Jno. T. Biggs Co. is advertising something new for Lumberton—a spring opening and display sale of ladies' man-tailored suits, coats and skirts, made to measure. Mrs. Eleanor P. Sturtevant will be at this company's store tomorrow and Wednesday taking measures and displaying samples.

—Mr. Guy Bell, the special representative of the Charlotte Observer who has been giving The Observer and The Chronicle excellent write-ups recently of some near-by towns, spent Friday and Saturday in Lumberton and in a short while he will tell a large number of people through those papers what Lumberton has.

—On Friday night of this week at 8 o'clock, the Druopian boys of the Philadelphus high school will give a minstrel show in the school auditorium at Lumber Bridge. The program will be varied and interesting, including songs, banjo and guitar music, and old-time shuffling. Everybody come. Admission, adults 25c, students 15c.

—There will be a Valentine party and other amusements at the Glenwood school house on Friday evening, February 17th, at 7:30, given under the auspices of the Woman's Betterment Association. Refreshments will be sold and the proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school. County Superintendent Poole will be present and make a speech. The public is cordially invited to come out.

—The floor near the fireplace in the colored waiting room at the Seaboard depot was damaged slightly by fire Thursday evening about 9 o'clock, the fire originating underneath the floor and being due to the floor being too close to the fireplace. The floor in the waiting room for white people was damaged in the same way some time ago. The fire alarm was given and there was the usual excitement for a few minutes, but the flames were soon extinguished.

—Eight days having passed since to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weinstein a man child was born, yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Weinstein a covenant was kept with the Lord, according to the old Mosaic law. The ceremony was performed by Rabbi M. B. Shocket, formerly of Lumberton but now of Florence, S. C. Quite a number of friends, both Jews and Gentiles, gathered in honor of the occasion and enjoyed the hospitality so lavishly dispensed.

Phillip Mills, colored, convicted of murdering his wife in Transylvania county, paid the death penalty in the electric chair in the State's prison at Raleigh Friday morning. The woman was fleeing from the negro with her infant in her arms and her husband broke a gun stock over her head, the infant receiving injuries from which it died. Mills made no statement before electrocution.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Torrens Land Title Bill Reported Favorably—Bill to Provide Medical Inspection of School Children—Other Notable Bills.

Senator Cotten's bill to provide the Torrens land title system was reported favorably Friday by the committee on agriculture and sent to the committee on judiciary.

The bill increasing the salary of judges received a favorable report from the committee on salaries and fees, but action was deferred.

Dr. Kent's House bill prohibiting the sale of near-beer, beer and other like drinks was reported favorably when an amendment by the committee on propositions and grievances was made special order for tomorrow at noon to give Senator Bassett time to prepare an amendment relating to the sale of cider.

Senator Boyden introduced a bill to provide for medical inspection of school children in towns having a population of 4,000 or over.

Especially notable bills introduced in the House are by Sykes to fix salaries of Supreme Court Justices at \$4,500; by Spainhour to appropriate \$400,000 additional to public schools; by Privatt to assist farmers by co-operative field experiments; by Kent to prevent carrying revolvers and sale of them except to officers of the law.

A joint resolution was passed Friday asking Congressmen to support a parcels post bill.

The Sykes-Boyden highway commission bill is adopted for favorable report by the joint committee on roads and turnpikes as a substitute for the Sykes bill to encourage road building in North Carolina and the Boyden bill for highway commission, and it is to have combined strength of both bills in pressing passage through both Houses. The substitute bill adopted Friday provides for a State highway commission to have supervision of road building in State, issues of State bonds of \$200,000 every six months at 4 per cent to be loaned to counties at 5 per cent running forty-one years with automatic sinking fund to retire bonds without cost to State.

There is machinery to enable incorporated road districts and townships to avail themselves of this State aid separate and apart from county units by elections.

The committee decided to have the Spainhour bill for working State convicts on roads through district chaingangs revised by a sub-committee and report it favorably later with changes that would leave present county chaingang system intact.

A bill was introduced in the House Saturday to pension all Confederate soldiers and their widows at \$5 a month.

In the Senate Sykes of Wake introduced a bill to increase the county tax for schools the State over from 18 to 25 cents on the

\$100 valuation, estimated to increase the school fund under present valuation over \$400,000. Representative McPhaul introduced a bill Saturday relating to collection of taxes in Robeson.

Superior Court.

The second week of the criminal term of Superior Court which began last Monday convened this morning, Judge C. M. Cook, of Louisburg, presiding and Solicitor N. A. Sinclair being present to represent the State. Besides those mentioned elsewhere in this paper the following cases have been disposed of:

Jim Oxendine, assault; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

The jury in the case of Gus Hunt, Croatan, charged with the murder of his wife, was selected Thursday afternoon in order to relieve the 75 special veniremen from returning Friday, this case having been set for Thursday afternoon but the case of State against Dan Wallace not having been completed at that time. The jury was placed in charge of an officer until Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, when it appearing to the court that it would be impossible to complete the trial of Dan Wallace before Saturday afternoon, the solicitor and all the other counsel consenting thereto, a juror was withdrawn and a mistrial ordered.

The jury in the case of Dan Wallace, colored, charged with killing Chas. Watson, also colored, on Mr. A. T. McKellar's place near Rowland or December 22nd, 1907, returned a verdict Saturday evening of murder in second degree. Wallace ran away and was not caught until last July.

Wallace was sentenced this morning to 4 years in the State's prison at hard labor.

Henry Allen, larceny; plead guilty; 4 months on roads. T. L. Johnson was appointed by the court to defend.

R. L. Patterson, larceny; plead guilty; 6 months on roads.

Calve White, Wm. Davis, Ferro Jones, Otho Allison, rambling; plead guilty; \$1 fine each and costs.

Frank McRae, a. d. w. and c. c. w.; 12 months on roads.

Henry Richardson, colored, who killed B. Colfax, colored, near Raeford in December last, plead guilty of murder in second degree and just before court adjourned for dinner at 1 o'clock he was sentenced to the penitentiary for 12 years. Mr. W. S. Britt was appointed by the court to defend.

McPhail-Webb.

Reported for The Robesonian.

Mr. John H. McPhail and Miss Maude Webb, both of East Lumberton, were married Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Fleming, pastor of East Lumberton Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. McPhail will continue to live in East Lumberton, where they have many friends who wish for them a long and happy life.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Sunday-School Teachers' Training School.

The Sunday school teachers' training school conducted here at the First Baptist church through Friday, Saturday and yesterday was a great success, it having been well attended. The services were conducted by Mr. E. L. Middleton, secretary of the North Carolina Baptist State Association, assisted by Prof. J. H. Highsmith, of the chair of pedagogy at Wake Forest College. Thirty-five of the churches of the Robeson Association were represented. Certificates were awarded at the service yesterday afternoon to eight persons who had attended twenty lectures of this Sunday school work. The sessions closed yesterday afternoon with the service at 3 o'clock, which was in the nature of a mass meeting of the Sunday schools of the town, and the church was filled to its capacity.

Annual Convention of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

The seventh annual convention of the Christian and Missionary Alliance began yesterday at the Gospel tabernacle, Rev. M. M. Bales, of London, O., preaching morning and evening. Unfortunately Mr. Bales, who was the principal speaker for the week, was advised yesterday of the serious illness of his mother and had to leave for his home this morning. Rev. W. D. Combs, of Durham, is expected to night and a returned woman missionary from China and Rev. R. A. Forrest, of Atlanta, Ga., are expected during the week. Services will be held this evening and every evening this week at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. W. M. Fairly, of Fayetteville, preached to the Presbyterian congregation at the old Baptist church yesterday morning and evening. Mr. and Mrs. Fairley came Saturday evening and were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean until this morning, when they returned to Fayetteville.

Services were held for the first time yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the new Methodist church, just completed, at St. Paul's. Rev. S. J. McConnell is pastor. Rev. E. M. Hoyle, pastor of the Lumberton Methodist church, and who has charge with Mr. McConnell of mission work connected with this charge, delivered an address on Methodism. A fuller account of this service and the work that is being done at St. Paul's will be given in Thursday's paper.

Magazine publishers will have to pay a rate of four cents a pound on the advertising sections of periodicals carried as second-class mail if an amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill adopted by the Senate committee on postoffices and post roads Thursday is accepted by both branches of Congress.