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GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

A Bouquet for Judge Whedbee—His Remarkable Swiftmess in Disposing of Business Com-mended—There Can be no Complaint of the Law's Delay Where he Presides—Jail Now in Good Condition and a Prisoner Has Been Assigned the Job of Keeping it So—Other County Institutions.

The grand jury of the present term of court completed its work Tuesday and submitted the following report to his honor Judge H. W. Whedbee, judge presiding:

"We passed upon 114 bills finding 89 true bills and 25 not true bills. We returned two presentments.

COUNTY HOME.

We visited the county home in a body on the first day of court. We found the home in good condition with the exception of one house in which we found some odor. We also found some vermin, but this has been remedied since then. The inmates seem to have abundance of nourishing food and seem contented with their lot. The keeper, Mr. F. G. Meares, who has been in charge only a short time, seems to be doing the best he can to keep conditions as they should be and we find no criticism of his management. The county home is an institution which should lie very close to the hearts of our people and our county commissioners should see to it that any reasonable request of the keeper of the home as to food, bedding, repairs, etc., should be promptly complied with.

CHAIN GANG.

We visited the chain gang by committee and found the gang in Alfordville township. We found 24 convicts engaged on the road work in charge of Mr. F. A. Prevatt, the keeper, and three guards. We think the convicts should have better sleeping accommodations but we are informed that the road commission, having this matter in charge, has already, at its last meeting, made provision for the purchase of portable houses. We strongly approve this move as the convicts can then be well cared for in rainy or stormy weather when they cannot work on the roads. The prisoners get a sufficiency of food and things seem to be in good order and condition around the camp. Mr. Prevatt, the keeper, has had a good deal of experience in such work and he seems to be doing the best that can be done with the force at his disposal. We find no criticism of his management of the force or the work they are doing under his supervision.

COURT HOUSE.

We examined the several offices in the court house in a body. The glass in the transom over the door leading from the grand jury room into the court room is broken and should be repaired before the meeting of the next grand jury, as we were disturbed to some extent in our deliberations by what was going on in the court room. The janitor is giving better attention to his work and is keeping the building fairly clean. We cannot too strongly impress upon the authorities having the matter in charge the prime importance of keeping our court house in good condition and clean. We have a beautiful building, put up at great expense to the county, and it should be cared for in the best manner. We are pleased to note that our commissioners are taking steps to remedy the sound conditions in the main auditorium and that they have engaged experts to endeavor to discover whether the trouble in hearing can be remedied. We trust this defect in the building can be corrected before another term of court.

COUNTY OFFICES.

We visited the offices of the sheriff, clerk, treasurer, auditor, superintendent of education, etc., in a body. We find the offices well attended to and the records and books neatly kept and in apparent good order and condition. We congratulate the county on the fact that the new index in the office of the register of

deeds is nearing completion. This will be of much benefit to our people in investigating titles to their property and in searching the records of the county. We regret to note that Sheriff E. C. McNeill is confined to his bed with sickness and we pray for him a speedy recovery.

COUNTY JAIL.

Some complaint has been made to us to the effect that the jail was not in a sanitary condition and that the prisoners were not well cared for. We visited the jail in a body on the first day of court and also sent a committee to examine it carefully from bottom to top on another occasion. Many prisoners were confined in jail and under these circumstances we can understand and appreciate the difficulty of keeping it in just the condition it should be in. The large number of prisoners crowded in jail, bringing in vermin, and often of uncleanly habits themselves, makes the task of the jailer in keeping the premises clean no easy one. We report that we find no vermin and that today the jail is clean and now in good condition. We recommend that a bath tub be installed in the jail for bathing purposes. We are also glad to note that at this term of the court his honor assigned one of those sentenced at this term of the court to jail with the task of keeping it clean. This was needed and we trust judges succeeding the present judge will adopt a similar course. It will take about all of one man's time to keep the jail in the condition it should be in and as it often happens that some prisoner cannot well do service on the roads on account of his health or for some other reason, it is well to keep such a person on duty at the jail to keep it in good sanitary condition.

We are pleased and proud to note that the county commissioners, in connection with the board of commissioners of the town of Lumberton, are now engaged in the work of putting down cement walks in the court house square and also similar walks around the entire enclosure and that steps are being taken to beautify the square with grass and flowers. Our court-house square was long an eye-sore to people coming to the county seat and we congratulate our board of commissioners in taking this step. In our opinion the beautifying of this square fills a need which has long been felt in our county. We are advised also that a fountain is to be installed near the Confederate monument both for man and beast.

We cannot close this report without respectfully congratulating the people of the county upon the acquisition of his honor who has presided over this term of the court. Much is being said these days about the delay of the law. We beg to venture the assertion that no such complaint will be made wherever his honor goes. Twice during this term of the court his honor has had to stop and wait upon the sending of bills from this grand jury. We believe such a thing is unheard of in this county. There were about 175 cases upon docket and yet the docket is clear and clean on this Tuesday of the second week of the court. This is a record of which his honor and the solicitor may well be proud, as we are proud. The rapidity and efficiency with which the work of this court has been dispatched has not only been noticed by the bar and by this grand jury but must be apparent to, and has been commented upon, by many citizens. We wish for your honor a term of long and useful service upon the bench you adorn.

R. O. PITTMAN, Foreman.

Hoke Smith Elected to the Senate.

Atlanta, Ga., Dispatch, 12th.

Governor Hoke Smith was elected United States Senator from Georgia on the first ballot taken by the House and Senate in joint session at noon today. He succeeds Joseph M. Terrell, who was appointed by Governor Brown to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator A. S. Clay.

He announced that he would not resign his office as Governor until after the present session of the Legislature, and probably not until December.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Adjourned Tuesday—Many Cases Disposed Of—Judge Whedbee Makes Splendid Impression.

The criminal term of Robeson Superior Court which began Monday of last week closed Tuesday afternoon, Judge H. W. Whedbee of Greenville, who presided, and Solicitor Sinclair having worked themselves out of a job for this term. On every hand one hears favorable comment on the way Judge Whedbee conducts his court. No grass is allowed to grow under anybody's feet. Everything moves along smoothly and rapidly and cases are disposed of with dispatch. The following cases were disposed of from Monday noon to the closing of court:

Jim Byrd and Warren West, murder; Byrd guilty of manslaughter; 12 years in penitentiary; West not guilty. As stated in Monday's Robesonian, the trial of this case began Monday morning and the solicitor asked for verdict of second degree. Byrd and West were charged with killing Wm. Smith in East Lumberton April 7 last.

Hector Gavin, retailing; plead guilty; 6 months on roads.

Lester Jones, abduction; plea of nolo contendere; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

John Blue, retailing; case removed to Hoke county.

Marshall Roper, retailing; 6 months in jail, to be assigned to work in and around court house and jail and to give bond in sum of \$500 to the next term of criminal court to show good behavior and that he has sold no liquor.

H. C. Adcocks, assault with deadly weapon; judgment of \$50 and costs changed as to fine to \$25.

Lawrence Bartley, assault with deadly weapon; called and failed; judgment nisi, sci fa and capias; if bond in sum of \$300 filed in 30 days forfeiture to be stricken out.

Luby Prevatt and Joe Stone, assault with deadly weapon; not guilty.

Len Mourning and Frank Bell, murder; plea of manslaughter accepted; Mourning 15 years in penitentiary and Bell 10 years. Killed Alfred Cheek, colored, near Fairmont last April. Sentence later changed to 12 years for Mourning and 7 years for Bell.

Andrew Pratt, retailing; plead guilty; 2 months on roads.

Ab McRae, retailing; guilty; 3 months on roads.

M. K. Cooper, assault; guilty; 30 days in jail, assigned to work on public roads. This case was sent up from Mayor White's court Monday, as mentioned elsewhere in this paper.

Lowmack McRae, assault with deadly weapon; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Dock Porter, assault and disturbing religious congregation; plead guilty; 3 months on roads.

Will McArn, carrying concealed weapon; plead guilty; 3 months on roads; if \$10 fine and costs paid, defendant to be discharged.

Herndon, embezzlement; plead guilty; 4 months on roads.

Andrew Pratt, retailing; plead guilty; 2 months on roads.

John Gibson, secret assault; 2 months on roads, changed to 250 fine and costs.

Alex Blount, retailing; plead guilty; 3 months on roads.

Catherine Blount, retailing; plead guilty; 1 month in jail.

Chas. Brown, retailing; plead guilty; 12 months in jail, to be assigned to work on public roads.

Vester Brown, retailing; plead guilty; 30 days in jail.

Will Stephens, murder; removed to Hoke county.

Murd Watts and Earnest Watts, assault with deadly weapon; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Nol. Pros. has been entered in the following cases: Buddie Love, carrying concealed weapon; Lem Mourning and Frank Bell, assault with deadly weapon; J. V. Faulk, nuisance; Walker Hodge, trespass; Thos. Rush and Baxter Rush, carrying concealed weapon; Jas. Seely, retailing; county commissioners, nonfeasance; Richard Parham, attempt at rape; Alfred Davis, larceny; W. C. Lewis, carrying concealed weapon; Jane Hanchey, retailing. The following cases have been

Funeral of Dr. John B. Carlyle—An Impressive Tribute to His Life Work.

Wake Forest Special, 11th. to Raleigh News and Observer.

The remains of the beloved North Carolina educator, Dr. J. B. Carlyle, were laid to rest at Wake Forest this afternoon. At the funeral there were gathered all the members of the Wake Forest faculty, who were not too far away to come for the funeral, a number of the college trustees, the entire summer law class, about seventy-five Masons, representing lodges in Wake Forest and neighboring places as far north as Henderson, and numerous kinspeople, many of them from a distance. Dr. Carlyle had a host of friends who loved him and believed in him.

The church service was held in Memorial Hall on the Wake Forest campus, where the portraits of men who have done noble service at the college were an appropriate reminder of Dr. Carlyle's great services to his alma mater. In this hall there was gathered a large congregation of mourners, including a great many young people, and in the gallery upstairs—the colored people who had been employed by Dr. Carlyle's family. The hall was almost completely filled.

The funeral service was conducted by the late Dr. Carlyle's friend Rev. J. A. Campbell, of Buies Creek Academy, in obedience to a request made by Dr. Carlyle shortly before his death. Those who assisted Mr. Campbell were Rev. W. N. Johnson, of Wake Forest; Dr. W. R. Culom, of the college faculty; President W. L. Poteat, of the college; President F. B. Hobgood, of Oxford College, representing the Wake Forest College board of trustees, of which board he is president; and Dr. W. B. Royall, of the faculty. The music, in which a choir of about fourteen voices took part, was under the charge of Mr. Hubert Poteat, formerly a student under Dr. Carlyle. The services were a beautiful tribute to the dead man and his life work.

Edward L. Travis, of Halifax Appointed Corporation Commissioner.

Raleigh News and Observer, 12th.

The announcement came from the executive office yesterday afternoon that Governor Kitchin had appointed Hon. Edward L. Travis, of Halifax, member of the North Carolina Corporation Commission to succeed the late Henry Clay Brown. Immediately after appointment the oath of office was administered to Mr. Travis by Associate Justice William R. Allen, of Goldsboro, and he will assume the duties of his new office today.

Mr. Travis is a prominent lawyer of Halifax, and has long been in the front ranks of the Democratic party in North Carolina, serving in some of its most important fights. He has been county chairman since 1898, and has served three terms in the State Senate. He has also been a member of the State Democratic executive committee since 1898. In the celebrated campaigns of 1898 and 1900 he took a leading part, and while in the Senate in 1899 he was chairman of the Senate committee on constitutional amendments and helped frame the Constitutional Amendment which gave the white man control of politics in North Carolina. All during his political career he has been one of the wisest party leaders in the State, always standing foursquare for pure Democracy. He was born in Brunswick county, Va., in 1866.

Mr. Alex. Leggett, of Route 2 From Fairmont, Killed by Lightning.

Special to The Robesonian.

Fairmont, July 12.—During a thunder storm this afternoon about 3:30 o'clock Mr. Alexander Leggett, who lives about 5 miles from here, on rural route No. 2, was killed by lightning. He was struck as he was taking the ordie off his mule at his barn door and he and the mule were both killed instantly. Mr. Leggett was about 40 years old. He leaves a wife and several small children. A heavy rain fell here all the afternoon.

Constipation causes headache, nausea, dizziness, languor, heart palpitation. Drastic physics gripe, sicken, weaken the bowels and don't cure. Doan's Regulets act quickly and cure constipation. 25 cents. Ask your druggist.

Buildings That Project Upon Sidewalks Must Be Moved Back—Committee Appointed to See About Fire Pump.

At a meeting of the town commissioners Tuesday night an ordinance was passed requiring all buildings that encroach upon sidewalks to be moved back even with other buildings. The buildings that will be affected are the Columbia hotel building, occupied by the Farmers & Merchants Bank, the Dixie cafe and Meares' barber shop, and the building occupied by J. H. Wishart and H. C. Boylin. These buildings are on opposite corners of Elm and Fourth streets. The Robesonian has several times called attention to the way these buildings mar the appearance of this street. Work must be begun on this change within 90 days.

Messrs. H. B. Jennings and W. J. Prevatt were appointed a committee, to which Supt. Pitman, of the light and water plant, and Fire Chief J. P. Townsend were added, to investigate the matter of the fire pump which was purchased some time ago. There is some hitch about the company from which the pump was bought agreeing to the terms given by its salesman.

The board will be in session again tomorrow night, when other important matters will be considered.

Contract Let For Remedying Acoustic Defects of Court Room in Court House.

At a meeting of the county commissioners Monday the H. W. Jones-Manville Co. of Baltimore was awarded the contract for remedying the acoustic defects of the court room in the court house, the contract price being \$1,500. As has been stated in The Robesonian, Mr. E. J. Britt, county attorney, has had this matter up for some time with acoustic experts and recently a representative of the Jones-Manville Co. came here to investigate the conditions to be remedied. It is proposed to lay off the middle ceiling in panels, which are to be covered with what is known as acoustic felt, and this will be covered with burlap which will be colored so as not to mar the appearance of the building. The contractors guarantee a first-class job in every respect and to make the acoustic properties of this room perfect. Under the terms of the contract they are to receive no pay until the work has been thoroughly tested by the commissioners and is to their entire satisfaction.

It will be a source of gratification to every citizen of the county that this work is to be done, for this is the only defect of the new court house. The work will be begun within the next ten days and will be completed by the September term of court.

Average Increase in Valuation of Robeson County Farm Lands 39 1-2 Per Cent.

The county board of equalization of taxes is in session again today and it is found that the average increase in valuation of farm lands in Robeson county, as shown by returns of list-takers, over the valuation 4 years ago, is 39 1/2 per cent. The average for the county in 1907 was \$7.28; this year it is \$10.07. The greatest increase, 55 per cent, is shown in Howellsville and St. Paul's townships, while Lumberton township shows a decrease of 11 per cent. The board has not yet determined whether it will make an increase or decrease in any township.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

—The condition of Sheriff E. C. McNeill, who has been sick for some time with typhoid fever, is not thought to be any better today.

—Cantaloupes are bringing the best price ever known on the local market. Mr. H. F. Bissell, of route 4 from Lumberton, brings a load to town every day and sells them in a few minutes.

—Sixteen applicants are standing examination today before County Superintendent Poole for public school certificates, 3 for high school and 3 for A. and M. College. Colored teachers will be examined tomorrow and Indians Saturday.

—Mr. Jno. Duncan of Bellamy, who was in town Tuesday selling green peas, said he brought 60 bushels with him and sold them in town and at the factories at the rate of 60 cents per bushel. That was making money some on peas—\$36.

—F. L. Jernegan, principal of the Oak Dale Academy, Marietta, last term and who has been engaged to teach next term also, beginning some time in October, has accepted the principalship of the Magnolia school in South Carolina near Fair Bluff, N. C. He will only teach a summer school there until his other school at Oak Dale begins in the fall.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Caldwell and Mr. K. M. Biggs returned yesterday from Wake Forest, where they went to attend the funeral of Prof. J. B. Carlyle, who was an uncle of Mr. Biggs. Owing to the crowded condition of the paper a more extended account of the life of Prof. Carlyle than appeared in Monday's Robesonian is held over for the next issue.

—During the heavy rain and electric storm yesterday afternoon lightning struck a large oak tree in the vacant lot near ex-Judge T. A. McNeill's residence, Elm and Tenth streets, riving it, and Mr. L. R. Varsar says that balls of fire played about over the Presbyterian manse, Chesnut and Tenth, which he and his family occupy, about the same time. The rain was a heavy downpour and the lightning at times was exceedingly keen.

—Miss Margaret McNeill and Mr. W. E. Garrett, both of Red Springs, were married Monday in the Presbyterian manse at Fayetteville, the ceremony being performed by Rev. R. W. Jopping, pastor of the Red Springs Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. W. M. Fairley of Fayetteville. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. McNeill of Red Springs and the groom is head of the firm of Garrett & McNeill and president of the Carolina Bank & Trust Co.

—Mr. T. F. Reeves, manager of the Fairmont tobacco warehouse, was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday and says that they will be ready for business on the 20th; and he says further that among their buyers for this season will be Mr. W. M. Lewis, of Danville, Va., who represents the American Tobacco Co., and Mr. R. W. Watson, representing the Imperial Tobacco Co. These are old buyers at Fairmont and are well known to the host of farmers that raise tobacco in that vicinity.

Lives Lost in Railroad Wreck.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dispatch, 11th.

Twelve battered bodies in the morgue, 44 suffering in the hospitals and a mountain of junk at the foot of a twenty-foot embankment at the western end of the city tell the tale tonight of the worst wreck in 58 years' history of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad.

Washington, July 9.—The 40,000 odd rural free delivery carriers in the United States are to receive salary increases as a result of an order issued today by Postmaster General Hitchcock. The order provides for the disbursement during the current fiscal year of \$4,000,000, which will mean an increase of \$100 over the present salary of \$9.00 for all carriers on standard routes, with proportionate increases in shorter routes.