

THE ROBESONIAN

Established 1870.

Country, God and Truth.

Single Copies Five Cents

VOL XLIII NO. 7.

LUMBERTON, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1912.

WHOLE NO. 2741

BABY PICTURES WILL BE SHOWN AT THE PASTTIME THEATRE THIS EVENING

All Coupons Must be In by Saturday Night—Do Not Give Up Now—Work Right on to the End and You May be Surprised at the Result of Your Efforts—The Tide of Battle Has Not Turned Against You—No One Has a Safe Lead.

CONTEST CLOSES SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 23, 1912

Saturday, March 23, will see the curtain rung down on the baby contest, which has been in progress for the past few weeks, leaving a short time in which to work for votes for the final grand prizes. Do not be dismayed because you think someone has a few more votes than you. This should only urge you on to greater efforts as there is no one certain of victory yet, nor will anyone be until the last word has been said, the contest officially at an end.

Waste no time now about what you did not do earlier in the contest. The tide of battle has not turned against you by any means. One could easily start right now and work steadily and faithfully these last few days and win the first grand prize. There is no one who has a big lead over any of the others. The babies are right in a bunch and it would be hard to tell which one is ahead. The special prizes have been so evenly divided that no one has really gotten far enough ahead to feel that they are safe to quit now.

Anyone with a little extra energy and ambition could enter their baby and come out first. The weather has been so very unfavorable that the ladies could not get out to do much and consequently half of the territory is not worked and there is plenty of room to gather lots of subscriptions and get renewals before the close of the contest. It is not certain by any means that the prize winners may not spring from the very bottom of the list, so uncertain is this race at this writing. Some exceedingly active work is being done for some of the babies who are away down the line and it is evident that there will be some surprises in store when the contest closes.

Mrs. Joyce has one request to make of you, and that is not to wait until the last moment before turning in your subscriptions. It only adds to the confusion and makes it harder for all concerned. Bring in your subscriptions as soon as you get them, and if you want to work right up to the last minute do so, but do not wait until the last day and the last hour to turn in all you have.

Arrangements are already being made for the close of the contest, such as the selection of the judges, etc. The judges will be three in number and will be men of the very highest standing, men who are above reproach, and whose decision in this race will be accepted without question.

The coupon which has appeared in these columns from day to day has made its last appearance. We want all these coupons by Saturday night.

Certainly this is no time to ease up on your efforts to win for your dear little one. If they were ever in need of your best work it is now.

The baby pictures will be shown at the Pasttime theatre this evening and we look to you all to come out and cheer for your favorite.

Mesdames F. P. Gray and S. R. Clary went yesterday to Norfolk, Va., where they will spend a few days visiting relatives.

We request that all persons getting subscriptions for The Robesonian when accepting checks from their patrons have the checks made payable to themselves and get them cashed before turning them in to the Contest Office. After Saturday night of this week we will accept nothing but cash. For the benefit of those living out of town we will accept money orders. This rule will be strictly adhered to. We are making this announcement in time so it will not inconvenience anyone.

DECISION IN TAX SUIT.

Judge Whedbee Hands Down Decision in Tax Suit to Restrain Sheriff of Robeson.

Judge Whedbee, who recently heard the suit brought by Mr. Frank Gough on behalf of himself and others to restrain the sheriff of Robeson from collecting 10 per cent. of the State and county taxes levied on real estate in Lumberton and to restrain the collection of more than \$2 for poll tax, has handed down his judgment. He holds that plaintiffs have misconceived their remedy in so far as the 10 per cent. is concerned and that they should have paid the tax under protest and then brought suit against the sheriff to recover 10 per cent. of the amount so paid. Hence his honor dissolved the restraining order as to that. So far as the poll tax is concerned, the injunction is made perpetual, as asked by plaintiff.

It seems from this decision that so far as the tax on real property in Lumberton is concerned, the matter now stands just as though no action had ever been brought. The plaintiffs still have the right to pay the tax under protest and then bring suit to recover 10 per cent. of the amount. It is understood that a test case will be made up by the attorneys for Mr. Gough and the county and that an agreement will be entered into providing that all other cases shall abide the result in the test case.

Baby Pictures at Pasttime Theatre Tonight and Monday and Thursday Night of Next Week.

Pictures of babies in The Robesonian's great baby contest will be shown at the Pasttime motion picture show this evening at 8 o'clock and again at 9 o'clock. Enough of these pictures were tried out to test them after the doors closed last night and those who saw them say they are great, that they look much better, even, than the pictures that have been seen in The Robesonian—and you know they are great if they beat the cute pictures that have been printed in this paper. The mothers who see their babies' pictures at the Pasttime will want to buy out the show if the pictures are as good as Manager Wishart says they are—and if you doubt his word, go and see.

It Pays to Advertise.

Lumberton Cor., Wilmington Star.

One morning this week when the train arrived from Charlotte a gentleman got off and walked to where the Star man was standing and introduced himself. He said he had never been here before, but he had seen so much in the papers about Lumberton that he had decided to come and see it. He said he wanted a bill of goods and asked if we would show him a good place to trade. Nothing could give us more pleasure. We walked up town, stopping at a store where much printers' ink is used. We introduced him and left. We were told later that he bought a large bill of goods, paying the cash, and the indications are that he will be a good future customer. "It pays to advertise."

POLICEMAN SHOTS NEGRO.

Jim King, a Well-Known "Bad Negro," Crazy Drunk on Mean Liquor, Beats Helplessly Drunk White Man, A. D. Watts, in Face With Bottle and Assaults Chief of Police Redfern When Ordered to Desist—Chief Redfern Shoots King in Face but Pistol Ball Phases Negro Only a Moment—A Fight All the Way to Jail—Nobility Seriously Hurt—King Bound to Court.

Considerable excitement was created on the streets Monday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock when Chief of Police H. H. Redfern had to shoot Jim King, a notoriously mean negro when under the influence of liquor, when arresting him for committing a murderous assault upon a helplessly drunk white man, and then all the way to the jail had to almost continuously use his club on the negro, who, phased not at all by the fact that he had a fresh bullet wound in his mouth, fought with the viciousness of brute strength raised to the nth power by mean booze. Before being placed under arrest King had beaten with a whiskey bottle and kicked almost into a pulp the face of A. D. Watts of Marion, S. C., a white man who was so drunk that he was offering no resistance, so far as any evidence goes to show, to the negro's blows. This happened in the door of the waiting room of the Seaboard passenger station and in front of the station. King's wound from Chief Redfern's pistol shot proved not serious, the ball entering his chin and coming out his left cheek. His injuries were dressed at the jail by Dr. W. A. McPhaul, who later dressed Watts' wounds in his office. Watts' face was badly cut and bruised, but his injuries are not serious. He was taken to jail to sober up and was released as soon as he was able to take care of himself. The negro and the white man were both drunk and the negro seems to have gotten into a rage because the white man would not take some cigars he had sent for.

Much feeling was aroused by what appeared to be King's entirely unprovoked assault upon a helplessly drunk white man and by his vicious fighting under arrest, and when the case came up for trial yesterday morning at 10 o'clock a large crowd gathered in the mayor's office. Mr. T. L. Johnson represented King, Town Attorney T. A. McNeill, Jr., appearing for the State. King was tried on three warrants, charging: assault with deadly weapon—a knife—on Mr. Chas. R. Sutton of Indianapolis, Ind., who sells box-ball alleys; assault with deadly weapon—a whiskey bottle—on A. D. Watts; and resisting officer. It was in evidence that Watts was in a drunken stupor at the Seaboard station, sitting in the doorway of the waiting room; that King, who was also drunk, but not helplessly so, went to Watts and offered him cigars, indicating that Watts had sent him up town for the cigars; that Watts refused to take the cigars, saying he had sent for none; that King then began to abuse and threaten Watts, struck him in the face with his fist and then kicked him in the face; that Mr. Sutton, who had business at the station at that time, remonstrated with the negro for mistreating a helplessly drunken man, that King turned upon him, that Sutton backed away, saying that he did not want a fight, that King followed and struck him on the cheek with his fist, that Sutton then knocked King down with his fist, that King then picked up a knife that had been observed lying beside Watts and said he would cut Sutton's throat and started for Sutton, when the latter turned and ran. Mr. Sutton laughingly admitted on the stand that he ran and that since then the boys have been guying him and calling him a "traveling man." He admitted that he did some tall traveling when the negro made for him with the knife and that he easily outran the negro. It was further in evidence that about the time Mr. Sutton suddenly departed Mr. Eugene Boney, who had witnessed the foregoing, ran up street after Chief of Police Redfern;

that Mr. Redfern saw King strike Watts in the face twice with a bottle as he turned the corner of the station running to the scene—another witness had also seen King strike Watts three or four times with a bottle in the face; that Redfern told King to stop beating the man and to consider himself under arrest; that King told the chief he'd bust his head with the bottle if he came on him and when the chief rushed on him King struck at him with the bottle, the edge of which hit Redfern on his head, the blow being partly warded off by Mr. Redfern's upraised left arm; that King started to strike again, that Redfern drew his pistol, threw up his left arm to ward off the blow and fired. King was slightly stunned for a moment by the shot and during that moment Mr. Redfern slipped his chain around King's wrists. King came out of his stupor presently fighting mad and it was all two men could do to take him to jail; he fought desperately all the way.

Mr. Boney helped the chief as far as McMillan's drug store and from there to the jail Mr. A. Schwartzberg helped. In front of McMillan's drug store King got away from both men for a moment. King fought as he was being put in jail and wanted to fight after that, and would not at first allow the doctor to make much of an examination of his injuries. The witnesses put upon the stand were Chas. R. Sutton, Eugene Boney, R. A. Duncan, Chief of Police Redfern, Dr. W. A. McPhaul. All told practically the same story.

Attorney McNeill agreed that a case of assault with deadly weapon on Mr. Sutton had not been made out, and Mayor White in that case fined King \$10 and costs for simple assault. Mr. Johnson gave notice of appeal. In each of the other cases a \$200 bond was required. Failing to give bond, King was remanded to jail to await trial at the July term of court.

No papers were served upon Watts. It was considered that he had been punished sufficiently. His only offense was being helplessly drunk. King is considered a peaceable negro when sober but is something of a terror when drunk. He has been in several difficulties. Some four years ago while drunk one night he took possession of the main business street of Lumberton, running everybody in doors and firing off his pistol at least once, and for that festive work the then mayor pinned a little bouquet on him in the shape of a fine of \$5.

Minor Court Cases—Sack of Meal, Not Barrel of Flour.

Wash. Maulsby, who was caught in the act of stealing goods from White & Gough's store Saturday night and lodged in jail, was tried Monday afternoon before Justice J. A. Rowland and was bound to court in a \$50 bond, which he was able to give with the assistance of Mr. J. I. Carter of Britt's township. In connection with mention of this case in Monday's paper it was stated that a white man who had been caught stealing a barrel of flour from the same store, also from another store, was allowed to go free by the solicitor, who accepted a plea of nolo contendere, upon payment of costs, and that Messrs. White & Gough would ask that this negro be given as good treatment as the white man received. That was correct except that it was a sack of meal and not a barrel of flour. He stole one sack of meal from White & Gough and also one from L. H. Caldwell, and Mr. White wants this corrected so that the solicitor may have the benefit of whatever difference in degree there may be in stealing two barrels of flour and in stealing two sacks of meal.

R. A. Hauxhurst, advertising agent for E. C. DeWitt & Co., was before Mayor White Monday afternoon to answer a charge of doing some bill posting without first obtaining town license for same. He was taxed with the costs and required to pay a tax of \$4 for two days' posting which he had done.

Messrs. J. I. Townsend, Ed. M'White, S. E. Britt and Ira Barker, of Ten Mile, are among the visitors in town today.

LOCAL BRIEFS

—Middling cotton today, 10 cents.

—Mrs. Marvin Beverly returned Monday from Ansonville, where she attended the funeral of her father, Mr. G. T. Dula, who died in a sanatorium at Salisbury last Tuesday.

—Rev. J. W. Rowell, of Lumberton Bridge, is spending the week in town delivering a series of lectures to the local lodge of Masons. While here he is a guest of Dr. N. A. Thompson.

—Miss Flossy Barnes, who underwent an operation two weeks ago for appendicitis, was able Monday to leave for her home at Buie. Mrs. P. S. Kornegay, who underwent an operation at the hospital a few days ago, is getting along nicely.

—Mr. J. Scroff Styles, an attorney of Asheville, with his family, arrived last evening and will locate here for the practice of his profession. Mr. and Mrs. Styles have two small children and they are making an effort to find board in a private family for the present. Later they will buy a home.

—Wilmington Star, 13th: Many friends of Miss Dee Melvin will be glad to know that she returned yesterday afternoon from Lumberton and Bladen county, where she visited relatives, and is able to resume her position as stenographer for Mr. J. O. Brock, after undergoing an operation for appendicitis.

—Messrs. A. E. White and Frank Gough, of the firm of White & Gough, expected to leave this evening for the Northern markets to purchase goods, but Mr. White was called to Winston-Salem on account of the illness of his mother, who has been sick for some time, leaving for that place last night, and Mr. Gough is detained at home on account of the illness of his son Master Frank, who has measles. They will probably leave for the North Sunday night.

—Dr. W. A. McPhaul received a telegram yesterday from Mrs. Lucy Elvington to the effect that her husband Geo. Elvington died Tuesday night at 8:40 o'clock at their home at Kemper. No particulars were given. Mrs. Elvington was Miss Lucy Grantham and is an aunt of Mrs. McPhaul. It will be recalled that she was married to the deceased last summer while she was a clerk in the store of Mr. A. Weinstein here. Mr. Elvington was about 60 years old. He was a farmer and was very wealthy.

—About 6 o'clock Monday evening, while yet the shooting of Jim King by Chief Redfern was all the talk on the streets, a horse belonging to Mr. I. V. Hooper became frightened at a motorcycle in front of the post-office on Elm street, backed away, started to turn and fell down. The only damage was to the harness, which was broken in a few places. Mr. Willie Davis was in the buggy at the time, Mr. Hooper having just stepped into the Pope drug store. The buggy was not damaged.

—Messrs. A. E. White and Frank Gough, of the firm of White & Gough, spent Tuesday at Shannon, where they purchased an up-to-date stock of general merchandise from the Klapp-Currie Co. It was not a bankrupt sale, the firm merely deciding to discontinue business, and the stock is new and up-to-date, the best, say Messrs. White & Gough, they have ever bought. Messrs. D. D. French and J. S. Thompson went to Shannon yesterday to pack the goods for shipment to the White & Gough store here. They will return tonight.

Japanese Operetta by Graded School Girls at Opera House Tomorrow Evening.

A Japanese operetta by 35 graded school girls will be given at the opera house tomorrow evening. The performance will begin at 8:30 o'clock. Seats are on sale at McMillan's drug store and prices are 25, 35 and 50 cents. To say that graded school girls will star in this operetta is the same as saying that it will be pure delight, for they never do things by halves.