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SUPERIOR COURT.

Two-Weeks' Term Runs Up to the Limit—Disposition Made of Many Cases but Many Left on Docket—Five Murder Cases Tried—A Shake-Up Among Blind Tigers—Judge Bragaw Highly Complimented by the Lumberton Bar.

A two-weeks' term of Robeson county superior court for the trial of criminal cases closed Saturday evening about 8 o'clock, running slam up to the limit. The court started with an almost unprecedented docket of 231 cases and, though an almost unprecedented number of cases was disposed of, many were necessarily left. Including the cases mentioned in today's paper, five murder cases have been disposed of, none for first degree, with varying sentences, as shown by his reports of The Robesonian, and there was a rattling of dry bones among the blind tigers on the last day.

Judge Stephen C. Bragaw of Washington, who was recently appointed to the bench by Gov. Kitchin, this being his first court here, made an unusually favorable impression upon all who had any business with the court. So favorably impressed were the members of the bar with Judge Bragaw's knowledge of law, judicial temperament, facility in transacting the business of the court and unflinching courtesy, that a resolution was passed expressing appreciation to Gov. Kitchin for his wise action in appointing Judge Bragaw to the position he adorns, returning thanks to Judge Bragaw for the manner in which he presided over the court and commending him to the brethren throughout the State. In presenting these resolutions Mr. A. W. McLean stated that they were not offered as a mere formality but because the bar really desired to show its appreciation of the high order of ability displayed by Judge Bragaw and the unflinching courtesy toward members of the bar and the people generally, which has not always been the case here.

Judge and Mrs. Bragaw went yesterday to Whiteville, where the judge presides over Columbus court this week.

Geo. Swan, murderer; verdict of second degree murder; 25 years in State prison at hard labor. Motion by defendant to set aside verdict and for new trial denied. Defendant shot and killed Mr. C. C. Gibson at Red Springs, at the plant of the Morgan Oil & Fertilizer Co., of which Mr. Gibson was superintendent, on the first day of June last. It was in evidence that deceased reprimanded defendant, who was an employe of the company, for smoking on the company's yards, this being against the rules, cursing at him. Defendant told deceased that he did not have to curse at him for him to quit. Mr. Gibson said he would shoot defendant and called for his Winchester, which no one brought. Defendant said he would leave as soon as he got his clothes but was not afraid of deceased. Mr. Gibson went to his home near by and returned to the mill with two pistols. He fired one pistol in direction of defendant, ball entering door considerably above defendant's head. Another negro employe came between them and tried to stop the difficulty. Swan said he would not leave until he got his clothes, Gibson said he must leave at once. Defendant passed by the man between them and grappled with Mr. Gibson and finally got one pistol out of his hand, Mr. Gibson having placed the other pistol in his pocket. The men then backed away from each other and Mr. Gibson then made a move as if to draw the other pistol, when defendant shot twice. Mr. Gibson was taken to the Highsmith hospital in Fayetteville and died the following Monday, this being Saturday. Swan ran and escaped but was caught near Hamlet some days later. His bad reputation and the fact that he did not leave the company's grounds as soon as ordered to do so, but remained and showed fight, served to make his sentence heavier than it otherwise might have been. Messrs. W. H. Kinlaw and W. Lennon appeared for the defendant by appointment of the court.

LORIMER OUSTED.

United States Senate Takes Away From the Junior Senator From Illinois His Seat, Which it Declares Was Secured by Corrupt Methods and Practices.

Washington Dispatch, 13th.

Overturning the majority of its own committee, and reversing its vote of March 1, 1911, the Senate took away from William Lorimer his seat as junior Senator from Illinois by a vote of 55 to 28. A member of the Senate since June 18, 1909, Mr. Lorimer today was declared to have been the recipient of votes secured by "corrupt methods and practices," and his election was held to have been invalid.

Technically Mr. Lorimer will pass out of the records of the Senate as a member of that body, notwithstanding his more than three years' occupancy of the seat.

The charges of bribery in connection with the Lorimer election were made public by The Chicago Tribune, April 30, 1910, when it published a confession of State Representative Charles A. White that he had received \$1,000 to vote for Lorimer. Senator Lorimer specifically denied these charges in a speech in the Senate May 28 of that year and said he courted an investigation.

The Senate authorized an investigation June 20, and it began in Chicago September 20, 1910, under the direction of Senator Julius C. Burrows of Michigan. As a result of that investigation Lorimer was exonerated by the Senate committee and on March 1, 1911, the Senate by a vote of 46 to 40 affirmed his title to a seat.

The second investigation began June 20, 1911, a result of charges that new evidence had been found, particularly the statement of Clarence S. Funk of the International Harvester Company, that Edward Hines had asked him to contribute to a \$100,000 Lorimer fund. The second investigation committee, presided over by Senator Dillingham of Vermont, again affirmed Mr. Lorimer's title to his seat; but the vote in the Senate today was an overwhelming defeat of the committee's report as well as of Mr. Lorimer.

[Senators Simmons and Overman of North Carolina both voted to expell Lorimer.]

EVIDENCE AGAINST BLEASE.

Testimony Purporting to Show That Governor of South Carolina Has Been Guilty of Selling Pardons and Grafting in Other Ways.

Before the special investigating committee of the South Carolina Legislature, which instituted its probe in Augusta, Ga., on the 12th into the old State dispensary system. Detective W. J. Burns was the star witness and claimed that he has evidence of grafting by Gov. Coleman Blease. Evidence taken by a telephonic device and personally by a Burns detective was submitted purporting to show that Governor Blease secured \$2,000 for pardoning Rudolph Rabon, convicted of harboring stolen goods. Testimony from the same source was to the effect that Governor Blease received \$500 for blocking railroad legislation, \$200 for thwarting the first attempted dispensary investigation and that the Governor gets his share of the blind tiger "protection" money from Charleston, S. C.

Saturday further sensational testimony was introduced including records taken with a telephonic device relative to negotiations for the purchase of a convict's pardon.

The firm of McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor and Mr. A. P. Spell of Red Springs assisted the solicitor. The trial began Thursday afternoon and the jury rendered its verdict Friday. There was much interest in the case and many attended the trial.

Robt. Cain, retailing and a. d. w.; after evidence was in defendant agreed to verdict of guilty; 3 months on roads.

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FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER.

Tobacco Market Opens Well—Ball Team Meets Defeat—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, July 12—Mr. E. Fisher went to visit relatives above Fayetteville last Sunday in his automobile and brought home with him a sister and brother and a cousin who have spent the week with him.—Mrs. Strickland of Nashville is the guest of her sister Mrs. Moyle.—Messrs. Gibson and Spaulding of Maxton were here on insurance business several days this week.—Miss Annie Lewis of Waycross, Ga., is a welcome visitor here among former friends and relatives, who are delighted to see her again.

Mrs. H. G. Stubbs has gone to Fayetteville for treatment at the Highsmith sanatorium, where we trust she may speedily improve.

Fairmont's valiant ball team went down in the dust before the doughty sons of Bethesda last Thursday to the solemn tune of 5 to 1; and the fans and fannies are still giving the excuse for it.

Mr. Will Byrd and wife of Branchville, S. C., are visiting Mr. Byrd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Byrd.—Miss Ruth Ashley is visiting her brother Glyn at May, S. C.—Mrs. D. W. Gallo-way came home from Southport last week to be with her daughter Mrs. Chambers, who is still suffering with rheumatism.

Our town is full of tobacco-buyers, sellers, sympathizers and interested spectators and the weed itself. It livens us all up.

Thursday was red-letter day in town, being the opening sale of tobacco at both the old and new houses and 120,000 pounds was sold. The Robeson sold 80,000 and the other, which was not expecting any very special sale, was gratified at receiving 40,000. Large crowds attended, plenty of alert and business-like buyers, and it was an interesting sight. The Fairmont has the same corps of pleasant men with the addition of a handsome young brother of T. F. Reeves, who is gladly welcomed. Most of the buyers are old friends.

The Robeson warehouse filled all the expectations of its builders and proprietors, being roomy and light, and Messrs. Davis & Co. are well pleased with their beginning. The personnel of the new company is as follows: E. J. Davis, Harry Davis, G. H. Simple; O. M. Allen, auctioneer; J. W. Morris, floor manager; and they are fast making friends. The highest price paid at the Fairmont was 11½ to N. L. Mitchell; the same price at the Robeson to Clyde Flowers of Ten Mile. Men from Gaddysville, Marietta and other places the same distance brought tobacco to our market and all were pleased.

Mr. Wiley Taylor and Master Hal V. Brown, accompanied by Miss Bessie McLeod of Maxton and Miss Mary Lou Sanford of Laurinburg, who are visiting here, went to Lumberton Thursday and on to Wrightsville Beach and spent a delightful day with friends from Laurinburg and Maxton.

Mr. W. K. Bethune, of international fame, was showing a smiling face and incidentally gathering up ads for The Robesonian in town last Wednesday.

Mr. Edgar Thompson and sister, Miss Eva, returned Tuesday from Ridgecrest, to the great pleasure of their many friends.

Industrial & Commercial Club Moves Up Stairs.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Industrial & Commercial Club Thursday evening it was decided to give up the room heretofore occupied on the second floor of the Lumberton Cotton Mills Co.'s office building and to occupy in its stead the room on the third floor of the same building heretofore used by one of the local Pythian lodges. The club pool room has been on the third floor since the club was organized and it was thought best to have the reading and assembly room on the same floor.

Two new members, Messrs. L. R. Varsar and C. V. Brown, were taken in at this meeting.

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PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

In Social Circles—Graded School Faculty—Tried in J. P.'s Court—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, July 11—Tuesday night Miss Effie MacMillan very pleasantly entertained a large crowd of her friends at the lovely country home of her sister and brother-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy MacMillan. The crowd assembled on the lawn and porch at Mr. H. C. MacMillan's and left from there in hay ride style to the party, being chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jones. They were received at the door by Mrs. Murphy MacMillan. The porch was beautifully lighted with Japanese lanterns. Place-cards were given to the boys on which successive dates were made with each girl, granting each boy five minutes to talk to her. Delicious refreshments were served in the dining room, which was beautifully decorated with bougths of crape myrtle. Each went away greatly thanking Miss Effie and Mr. and Mrs. MacMillan for the lovely evening they had spent, and voting Miss Effie a charming hostess.

Misses Maggie and Flora Currie of Maxton are visiting their brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Currie.—Miss Annie Williamson is visiting Miss Emma Currie of Lumber Bridge, this week.—Miss Georgie Williamson and uncle, Mr. Ed. T. Fisher, returned Monday from the Charlotte sanatorium, where they had been for several weeks undergoing treatment.

Mr. J. M. McCormick has purchased a handsome Buick car.

Mr. Charlie Livingston and daughter, Miss Mary Patterson, of Riverton, spent Sunday in town visiting relatives.—Mr. Clarence McArthur and Miss Ida Joyce spent Sunday in St. Paul's.

Little Miss Sarah Currie, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Currie, gave a very delightful birthday party Monday afternoon at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Sallie Johnson, this being her fourth birthday. Miss Sallie Johnson, an aunt of little Sarah, and Miss Annie Williamson assisted in entertaining the little folks, who were many in number. Several interesting games were played in which the children delighted very much. Sarah recited several real attractive little pieces, also sang some very sweet little selections. She received hoards of lovely presents, which was a real proof of little Sarah's popularity. Delicious refreshments were served. The occasion was so greatly enjoyed by the little folks that they were very much disappointed when the time came for their departure.

The following constitute the graded school faculty for the next term: Prof. Ralph A. Pope of Durham, Misses Ella Pierce of Colerain, Martha McLeod of Red Springs, Mary Stallings of Concord, Anna Meta Buchamana of Laurinburg, and Rebecca Ward of Lumberton, music teacher.

Court convened in our town this afternoon at the academy, Mr. J. B. McCormick, J. P., in the chair. The case tried was H. C. Mathews, who shot Pete Bynum at Buie a week or so ago, thinking he was shooting an escaped convict from Cumberland county. Mathews was bound over in bond of \$200.

Store Broken Into But Nothing Missed—No Arrest Made.

The grocery department of Mr. L. H. Caldwell's store was broken into Thursday night. The intruder entered from the rear door by means of a brace and bit used to bore several holes through the door, making a place large enough to lift the latch on the inside. Nothing of any consequence was missed from the store. Chief H. H. Redfern says that he has a clue to the party that entered the store, but no arrest has been made as yet. The rear door of McMillan's drug store was also found open Friday morning, but nothing was missed from the store and it is thought that the door was left open in closing up Thursday evening.

When baby suffers with eczema or some itching skin trouble, use Doan's Ointment. A little of it goes a long way and it is safe for children. 50c. a box at all stores.

NEW HOTEL COMING.

An Out-of-Town Man Offers to Put \$10,000 in a \$30,000 Hotel in Lumberton—Local Business Men Will Bring it to Show Down—Definite Announcement May be Made Soon.

It looks like Lumberton is in a fair way now to secure that much-needed, long-needed hotel. A gentleman from another town, who does not care to have his name mentioned in this connection just yet, has offered to put \$10,000 in a \$30,000 hotel here and it is now up to local business men. This proposition was discussed at the regular monthly meeting of the Industrial & Commercial Club Thursday evening and President R. D. Caldwell is now engaged in trying to bring the matter to a head so that some definite announcement may be made in regard to it in the near future. If it develops that this is a straight-out proposition with no strings tied to it—and there is no reason to doubt that it is—the public-spirited men of Lumberton will get behind it and push it through at once. As has been stated in The Robesonian, Mr. A. W. McLean offered some time ago to finance a \$40,000 hotel if others would raise \$15,000, and now that outside capital has proposed to come in, other business men are becoming interested. It is too good an opportunity to let slip and if no hitch occurs The Robesonian will be able to state definitely soon that an up-to-date hotel—Lumberton's greatest need—will be built here soon.

Suddenly Struck Stammering.

Mr. Willie McGill, son of Mr. W. B. McGill, who lives on First street, is suffering from a rather unusual affliction. It is an impediment in his speech. Late yesterday afternoon he was talking to his aunt, Miss Sallie Pate, and says that he was thinking of a boy that stammers, with whom he often played about ten years ago, and he suddenly lost control of his tongue, and since he has been unable to speak only in a stammer. He says that he is suffering no pain whatever, and that the trouble is in his jaws and tongue and when he tries to speak his tongue runs away with him.

Bank of Lumberton Directors Meeting.

At the regular quarterly meeting of the board of directors of the Bank of Lumberton Thursday the regular 5 per cent semi-annual dividend was ordered paid. Messrs. L. R. Varsar and C. V. Brown were elected to fill the vacancies on the board caused by the death of Mr. S. A. Edmund and the resignation of Mr. A. W. Peace, Mr. Brown having succeeded Mr. Peace as cashier.

—Mr. James T. Barker, who rescued the body of little William Linkhaw, drowned in Lumber river on the 3rd instant, was presented Friday a beautiful gold watch and chain. It was given by Mr. W. I. Linkhaw, William's father, as a token of his appreciation of Mr. Barker's service in recovering the body.

—In the absence of Rev. R. E. Steele, pastor of the Presbyterian church, who is camping with the troop of boy scouts at Lake Waccamaw, services were conducted at the Presbyterian church yesterday morning by Mr. A. P. Dixon, who is a candidate for the ministry. There was no service at this church in the evening.

—Messrs. Elwood Whaley, W. F. French, D. K. Gregory, J. R. Morris and Ira Bullard went yesterday to Wrightsville Beach. They made the trip in Mr. W. W. Carlyle's auto. Messrs. Whaley and Morris returned yesterday afternoon, Mr. French will return this afternoon, Mr. Gregory will spend some 8 or 10 days at the beach and Mr. Bullard will return tomorrow in the auto with Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle and several of their children, who have been at the beach for some time, where Mr. Carlyle has a cottage.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

—Middling cotton today, 11¢ cents.

—There will be a regular meeting of St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. and A. M., tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

—Rev. Mr. Noe, an Episcopal minister of Wilmington, will preach in the Presbyterian church tomorrow evening at 8:30 o'clock.

—Rev. A. T. Howell, of Hamlet, is assisting Rev. A. H. Porter in a series of meetings this week at Clyborne, on the Carthage road about 3 miles from town.

—Fourteen colored teachers and ten Indian teachers stood the examination held here Friday and Saturday for these races for public school teachers by County Superintendent J. R. Poole.

—At the expiration of Sheriff McNeill's term of office, if not before, Jailer J. H. Floyd will move into a house he is remodeling and practically making new on Water street, on the old Methodist church lot. He is building a 7-room house.

—Mr. W. D. Jennings, who has been principal of the Oakdale academy near Marietta for the past two years, has resigned that position and has accepted the principalship of a school of longer term in South Carolina, at what point has not been learned.

—The town is building new stables for its mules on the north side of the fire house at the foot of Fourth street, the old stables on Water street have gotten too dilapidated to use. This places the stables, fire house, mayor's office and calabrese all snug and tight up close together.

—Rev. J. W. Bradley, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, left this morning for Roseboro, Sampson county, where he will assist Rev. J. W. Hoyle in a protracted meeting this week. He was accompanied by Mrs. Bradley as far as Fayetteville, near which place she will spend the week with her sister Mrs. Chas. Bennett. They expect to return Saturday.

—Chief Clerk G. R. Schultz of Greensboro, who has charge of this division of the postal service, spent Thursday in Lumberton for the purpose of preparing a report to the Postoffice Department as to the efficiency of the clerks in the local postoffice. His examination of Clerks Troy M'White and C. C. Blake impressed him so much that he has been bragging at other places about the grades they made.

—Mr. E. L. Holloway went yesterday to Wilmington in response to a message to the effect that an aunt of Mrs. Holloway, Miss Belle Anderson, died there early yesterday morning. Mrs. Holloway went to Wilmington Friday to be with her aunt and her condition was thought to be so much improved Saturday that Mrs. Holloway was expected to return home yesterday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kerr left last evening for Atlanta, Ga., where Mr. Kerr has secured a position in the prescription department of the Jacobs Pharmacy Co., which is one of the largest drug companies in the South, operating ten stores in Atlanta. Mr. Kerr has been pharmacist for the Pope Drug Co. for two and a half years and is a most efficient man. His successor at the Pope drug store has not yet been employed. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr have many friends here who regret to lose them.

—Jim Allen, colored, was brought here last night from Maxton by Deputy Sheriff W. W. Smith and an effort is being made to have him committed to the Goldsboro asylum, where he was confined for several years. He had a severe epileptic attack Thursday and was unconscious until Friday night, when he began to rave and refused to eat though he did not become dangerous. Dr. B. W. Page, county superintendent of health, went to Maxton Saturday night to examine the negro and recommended that he be confined until admission could be obtained for him in the asylum.