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### SUPERIOR COURT.

**Trial of Aaron Stackhouse on Charge of Murdering Henry Lilly Begins Tomorrow—Disposition made of a Number of Cases.**

The second week of the Superior Court for the trial of criminal causes, Judge G. S. Ferguson of Waynesville presiding and Solicitor Sinclair being present to represent the State, began this morning at 10 o'clock. The following cases have been disposed of: Loftin Nance, retailing; guilty; 12 months on roads.

Clarence Patterson, attempt at rape; charge changed to simple assault and defendant pleads guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Mack McLaurin, resisting officer; guilty; 6 months on roads.

C. H. Williamson, carrying concealed weapon; plead guilty; \$10 fine and costs.

Lacey Robeson, carrying concealed weapon; guilty; 12 months on roads. Fred McCallum, larceny; guilty; 8 months on roads.

J. C. Wilkes, appeal from mayor and resisting officer; not guilty of resisting officer but guilty of violating ordinances of the town of Maxton.

**Ernest McKay, larceny.**  
The trial of Aaron Stackhouse on the charge of murdering Henry Lilly on December 15 last was set for tomorrow and a special venire of 75 men has been drawn.

Ernest McKay, larceny; guilty of receiving stolen goods knowing them to be stolen.

Ed. Melvin, larceny; not guilty. R. L. Kinlaw marked as principal prosecutor. The court finds that the prosecution is frivolous and malicious and ordered that Kinlaw pay costs.

Lum Thomas, assault with deadly weapon; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Jack Johnson, retailing; guilty; 6 months on roads. (An interesting article about the preliminary trial of this negro is reproduced in this issue from the Rowland Sun.)

O. I. Floyd, assault with deadly weapon; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Lum Edwards, Florence Edwards, Allen Lamb, Harriet Bapson, Henry Bapson, assault with deadly weapon; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Jim McNair, assault with deadly weapon; four months on roads.

Ben Baptist, carrying concealed weapon; plead guilty; 2 months on roads.

Will Carter, abandonment; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Jim McNeill, assault with deadly weapon; guilty of simple assault; judgment suspended.

Alex. Brown, alias Alex. McMillan, retailing; guilty; 6 months on roads to commence at expiration of sentence for another offense; 3 months on roads for carrying concealed weapon.

Purdy McNeill, assault with deadly weapon; plead guilty; judgment suspended.

Jim Britt, retailing; plead guilty; prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Walter McRae, larceny; guilty; 12 months on roads.

Jno. McNair, forcible trespass; plead guilty; judgment suspended; in another case for same offense, 10 months on roads.

Luke Lilly, forcible trespass; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

**Corn Exposition Will Continue This Week.**

Columbia, S. C., Dispatch, 7th.

At the urgent demand of prominent individuals and commercial organizations, the Fifth National Corn Exposition, which was to have closed tomorrow, will continue next week. This announcement was contained in a statement made public by E. J. Watson, State Commissioner of Agriculture, and concurred in by representatives of the exposition.

"The Fifth National Corn Exposition is to continue through another week, closing next Friday evening," the statement read. "The exposition is proclaimed by all to be too great in its educational value to the people to be closed before those who have just realized its magnitude have an opportunity to visit it."

Round-table conferences on the country church featured today's program at the exposition. One of the leading addresses on this subject was delivered by Dr. Warren H. Wilson, superintendent of the church and country life department of the Presbyterian board of Home Missions of New York.

In addition to conferences tomorrow, an address will be made by Zeferno Dominguez, a well-known Mexican agriculturist.

—Mr. J. J. Cherry, of Raleigh, has accepted a position in the Pope Drug Co.'s store as salesman. He began work last week and succeeds Mr. Hector McPhaul, who some days ago went to Raleigh, where he is taking a course in Page's School of Pharmacy.

### REVOLUTION IN MEXICO.

**Army in Revolt and Practically in Control of Capitol—Madero Takes Refuge in Palace.**

Mexico City Dispatch, 9th.

President Francisco Madero, with his ministers and a strong detachment of loyal Mexican troops, is fortified in the National Palace tonight while Gen. Felix Diaz, with a large majority of the regulars behind him, has practical control of the Capitol.

In several bloody encounters today, the President and his supporters succeeding in defending themselves against the rebels and, notwithstanding the fact that the troops in large numbers are in a state of revolt, which carried all before them today, there was an appearance of genuine optimism at the Palace among Madero and his ministers.

To all parts of the Republic, Madero telegraphed reassuring news which he and his Cabinet seemed to believe. The State Governors and military commanders were assured of the loyalty of the army and that tranquility had been restored.

To a representative of the Associated Press, President Madero said the facility with which the new revolt had been suppressed was only another indication of the strength of the government and the loyalty of the army. Pointing from the window in the Palace to a mob, for the most part boys, carrying the National flag and crying vivas Madero, the President said:

"There you can see the people are with us. It is said that the government stands alone, but that is not true. The government has the support of the people. There will be no more temporizing; we are going to use the iron hand."

Earlier in the day, shortly after the first outbreak occurred, Madero declared martial law throughout the city and announced that he would ask Congress to authorize a suspension of the guarantees throughout the Republic. General Huerta was named as post commander on account of the wounding of General Villar.

The army which is in revolt in Mexico City, took possession of the public buildings, shot down Federal adherents in the street, released Gen. Felix Diaz, leader of the Vera Cruz revolt from prison, and falling into line under his banner practically captured the Mexican Capitol.

Francisco Madero, President of the Republic and members of his Cabinet, took refuge in the National Palace, where they were besieged, but with some loyal troops at their backs, succeeded in defending the Palace from the assaults of revolutionists.

Madero's family has taken refuge in the Japanese Legation and tonight the President is making a fight desperate in its efforts, against what appears to be enormous odds for retention of his power.

General Diaz, who is the nephew of the deposed President, Porfirio Diaz, is now at the head of a majority of the Capital troops, including most of the artillery and is in possession of the arsenal in the city and the powder works nearby.

Madero is relying upon the loyalty of Gen. Blanquet, who has been summoned from Toluca, 40 miles distant, but Blanquet has only a thousand men under his command and the rebels are confident of defeating him should he refuse to join the revolt.

**Turks Repulsed With Heavy Losses.**

Sofia Dispatch, 9th.

An official statement issued this afternoon says the Turks on Saturday took the offensive against the Bulgarians before Bulair in the Gallipoli Peninsula.

After a fierce engagement lasting several hours the Bulgarians repulsed the Turks pursuing them to Bulair forts. Many wounded were left on the field.

Turkish prisoners say six divisions took part in the movement. At nightfall the Turks made another attempt down the coast where 20 vessels had made their appearance. The landing parties from the ships were attacked by the Bulgarians, who inflicted heavy losses. The Turkish vessels thereupon sailed away.

All attempts of the Turks to assume the offensive at Tchatalja have been checked. They essayed to land troops at Podima to the northeast of Istrandia on the Black Sea, but were beaten off leaving 50 dead.

The bombardment of Adrianople continues with uniform success. Deserters say the people within the invested city are fleeing from one section to another to avoid the Bulgarian shells.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dubois, of Johnson City, Tenn., are in town guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hamilton. Mr. Dubois was for some years proprietor of the Lumberton Bakery, going from here to Tennessee where he has been in the same business. He has sold out in Johnson City and says that he will try the business in Lumberton again if he can buy his old shop, which is now owned by Mr. J. R. Morris. Whether he can buy his old business or not, it is hoped that he and Mrs. Dubois can be induced to stay in Lumberton.

### WEBB BILL PASSES HOUSE.

**Senate May Now Say Whether Liquor May Be Shipped Into Dry States.**

Washington Dispatch, 8th.

The Webb bill to prohibit the interstate shipment of liquor into dry States for purpose of sale "or in any manner used" in violation of the State laws, was passed by the House of Representatives today. 240 votes were recorded in favor of the measure while 65 Representatives voted against it.

The passage of the bill ended one of the most stubbornly fought all-day contests of this Congress. Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, author of a Senate measure of the same general purport sat in the House most of the day, watching the fight, which opened with a contest over the rule to bring up the Webb bill.

Representatives or organized saloon advocates sat in the galleries and kept tallies on the roll calls.

All amendments offered to the bill were rejected.

One of these would have substituted the bill already passed by the Senate and another would have added a penalizing clause with fine and imprisonment provisions, which some members declared would have made the measure unconstitutional. The bill now goes to the Senate.

### BOTH RIGHT AND WRONG.

**Part of Fairmont Rural Route No. 2 Discontinued and a New Section Added.**

Mr. Fred B. Johnson, who lives on route 2 from Fairmont, was in town Friday and he puts the Robesonian right with regard to the rumor that route 2 from Fairmont had been discontinued. He says that only part of the route has been discontinued and that was effective the first of the month. Mr. Johnson lives on the part of the route discontinued and says that he has been unable to learn the cause for the change. The route from Bethesda church to Mr. J. R. Rhodes', a distance of about two miles, has been abandoned and the carrier now goes from Bethesda church out to Hedgpeth's place, and Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth's place, coming back into the old route at Mr. J. G. Rhodes', a distance of about two and quarter miles. Mr. Johnson says that on that part of the route abandoned 22 families were served and on the new section of the route only 11 families are served.

### Among the Sick.

Mrs. Sue Rowland, who for several days had been very sick at her home, in north-western part of town, is better and it is expected that she will be able in a few days to be up again.

Miss Leslie Proctor underwent an operation yesterday at the Thompson hospital for appendicitis. Dr. H. A. Royster of Raleigh performed the operation, assisted by Drs. N. A. Thompson and John Knox. Dr. Royster arrived yesterday morning and returned to Raleigh last evening.

The condition of Mr. B. Stansel of Allenton, who for several days has been sick at the Thompson hospital, is unimproved. He is suffering from a complication of troubles and his condition is thought to be very serious. Practically all of Mr. Stansel's family are here with him. Mr. J. P. Stansel of Wilmington has been here since Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Stansel of Rowland arrived yesterday and Miss Mattie Stansel of Greensboro came in this morning.

Miss Jessie Prevatt, of Orrum, who about a week ago underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital for appendicitis, is getting along nicely and it is expected that she will be able to go home in a few days.

### Residence Burned Last Evening.

Mr. Charlie Bennett had the misfortune last evening of losing by fire his home, which was in the northern part of town on the Elizabeth road, just within the corporate limits. The fire was discovered about 8 o'clock and within a very few minutes the house was in ashes. The family all left the house about three-quarters of an hour before the fire was discovered and were at the home of Mrs. Cora McNeill, which is only about 500 yards away. With the exception of three chairs and a few pictures from one front room, nothing was saved. The house was a good seven room building and was recently remodeled. Mr. Bennett says that he had \$1,250 insurance on the house, but had none on his furniture.

—Mr. L. R. Varser has had lumber placed on the ground for remodeling the old Baptist parsonage on Fifth street, which he recently purchased from the First Baptist congregation and which is still occupied by Rev. C. H. Durham. As soon as the new parsonage, Walnut and Sixth streets, is ready for occupancy, Mr. Durham and family will move in and Mr. Varser will begin work on the old parsonage. He will add a room on the first floor, put in an extra bathroom, repaint the entire inside and make other changes.

### THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**Question of Two Judicial Circuits Comes Up Again—Committee to Work Out Apportionment of State With 20 Judicial Districts—Other Items.**

The question of dividing the State into two circuits of Superior Court looms up for contest a second time this session. Ward in the Senate and Weatherspoon in the House introduced bills for the State to be divided into two judicial districts of ten districts each Saturday and with the question of 20 districts settled, lawyers intend to fight it out along with the redistricting of the State under the new act.

Through joint resolution by Senator Jones, put through immediate passage in the Senate, heads of State institutions are directed to report at once the very least money each can get along with for the next two years, this for information of the committee on appropriations.

The House Thursday referred the Justice State-wide primary bill to a special committee of five, appointed by the Speaker, to take the whole matter under consideration, draft a new primary bill and report to the House in seven days.

A mileage bill passed the House Thursday requiring railroads to carry the wife and children of the purchaser of an intra-State mileage book of 1,000 miles at 2 cents a mile or sell tickets at 2 cents a mile at the option of the company. These mileage books must be interchangeable and any railroad in the State must stand ready to accept such mileage issued by the other roads in the State or sell tickets at 2 cents a mile. It does not require railroads to pull mileage on trains.

The Stewart anti-tipping bill has been killed in the Senate.

Among the bills of State-wide interest introduced are the following:

Senate—To encourage road building by authorizing a State bond issue; to take convicts from railroads and put them to building public roads; to make uniform the crime of larceny; to fix the salary of the Commissioner of Agriculture by law; to compel the Carolina, Tennessee and Southern railway to begin work on the Franklin end of the proposed line within two years.

House—To create the county of Middlesex from portions of Wake, Nash, Franklin and Wilson counties with Middlesex as the county seat.

Two subcommittees of the joint committee of Senate and House on judicial districts will work out the apportionment of the State into the 20 judicial districts decided upon and the matter of the salaries to be paid the 20 solicitors. Senators Martin, Bryant and Watts and Representatives Bowie, Dunning and Wooten were appointed on the committee to redistrict the State, Senators Council, Pharr and Little and Representatives Warren, Kellum and Faircloth being named on the committee on solicitors' salaries.

The House committee on counties, cities and towns has decided to make favorable report on the bill to create Aycuff county out of portions of Guilford, Davidson and Randolph with High Point as the county seat.

The House Friday passed the Senate bill amending the law limiting the borrowing capacity of building and loan associations. As passed the bill limits the borrowing capacity to 30 per cent of the amount "then paid in subscriptions and dues on installment shares," instead of 50 per cent of "assets" as passed by the Senate. The amendments offered on the floor of the House were voted down. The bill goes back to the Senate for concurrence in the House amendments.

The committee substitute for the Miller employers' liability bill passed the House and goes to the Senate. It abrogates the doctrines of contributory negligence and negligence of a fellow servant, and applies only to employees in hazardous occupations other than railroad work. It establishes the doctrine of "comparative" negligence and abolishes the doctrine of assumption of risk. It does not apply to employers of fewer than twenty-five persons.

### Sings Evenly Through Confusion Caused by Fire Alarm.

When the fire alarm was sounded last evening Chestnut Street Methodist church was filled almost to overflowing and of course everybody felt that it might be his or her home and wanted to get out and find out. A general exodus was begun but it was orderly and there was no stampede; the crowd behaved beautifully under the circumstances, and when it was found out where the fire was most of the crowd came back quietly and resumed their seats. All this occurred while Miss Lula Jackson of Littleton, governess for Mrs. Mollie Norment, was singing a solo, and she sang serenely and bravely through all the confusion without missing a note and without a quaver in her splendid voice. It was well done.

### PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

**New Residences Just Completed and in Course of Construction—A Happy Boy—Irish-Potato Planting Time.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, Feb. 10.—Rev. Fred Collins of Lumberton filled the pulpit at the Baptist church here yesterday a. m. and at night, preaching two able sermons. Rev. E. L. Stack filled his regular appointment at the M. E. church last night, preaching in his usual attractive manner. The choir was at its best and rendered some good music.

Mr. W. L. Stanton is having material placed on his lot for a new dwelling which he expects to erect in the near future. Mr. J. C. Webb is also erecting a cottage near town. Also Mr. Ed Nunery has just completed one.

Mr. E. K. Campbell will move this week into his nice new residence, which he has just completed on the edge of town.

Mr. A. M. Blount has bought Mr. A. B. Williamson's new house and lot.

Mr. I. C. Hall, our esteemed agent at the Atlantic Coast Line depot here, has been changed to Benson. We regret losing Mr. Hall and family, as they have made many friends while with us.

Miss Edith Joice spent Sunday with homefolks at Maxton.

Mr. A. J. Garris, our livestock hustler, has bought and sold nearly two car loads of stock already.

The happiest youth in all the Southland is Master Neill McNatt, who rode into town yesterday morning to Sunday school on his new pony that his father Mr. J. D. McNatt purchased while in Lumberton last week.

It really looks like there will be more live stock bought this year than ever in one year before.

We have been advised that on next Friday night, February 14, in the town of Parkton, in the Brown building, the ladies of the Aid Society of the M. E. church will give a box supper and apron party. Everybody invited to come, a good time in store for all. The proceeds will go to the parsonage building fund, and of course the above occasion is looked forward to with the greatest of interest.

Miss Dora Cashwell spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks. Miss Dare teaches at Bloomsdale.

This week and next will be occupied with most of our farmers planting Irish potatoes, as there are more than 500 acres to be planted in and around Parkton, Lumber Bridge and Rex.

Mrs. A. M. Stubbs is on a visit to relatives in Ohio, S. C.

### State Board of Education Issues Its Second Hundred Thousand.

Raleigh News and Observer, 8th.

The State Board of Education yesterday issued its second hundred thousand dollars to the county schools, fifty-seven of the counties calling upon the treasury for aid.

Of this amount only \$92,500 in actual cash could be divided among the needy. The department of education had to make provision for rural libraries and it took \$7,500 for that purpose. The applications exceeded the amount asked by \$11,329.01. The whole amount asked for was \$103,829.01 and the rural libraries had come from the sole \$100,000 at hand.

The amounts called for individually present an interesting study in finances. There are fifty-seven of the counties of the State that are commonly called "pauper counties." They aren't really paupers, but they must have help from the State. Some of these have great school systems, notably Wilkes and Sampson, though each draws pretty heavily from the State funds. The mountain counties call manfully upon the State and it is natural because the disadvantages of the hilly section are great.

Very conspicuous in the forty-three counties that pay in more than they take out are Wake, Durham, Guilford, Halifax, Mecklenburg, Edgecombe and many others.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of bringing the school term up to the required four months. It is to be used exclusively for that purpose.

Among the counties added to the list and the amounts they are to receive are: Bladen, \$2,599.27; Columbus, \$433.42; Cumberland, \$1,640.06; Harnett, \$1,260.80.

Robeson is one of the counties that pays in more than it takes out.

### Notices of New Advertisements.

Winter tires with a bull-dog grip—R. D. Caldwell & Son.

Carload of Guernsey and Jersey milk cows to be sold here February 12 and 13.

Notice given that lost or stolen will be null and void.

Cote piano for sale, good as new.

Room and board wanted.

Report of the condition of the Bank of Parkton.

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### BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Middling cotton today, 12 cents.

—There will be a special meeting tomorrow evening of St. Albans Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., for work in the third degree.

—Miss Josephine Breece is having the house on the corner of Second and Chestnut streets, known as the Fannie Petersen house, repaired. A new porch is also being built.

—Mr. Owen C. Norment, one of Lumberton's best-looking and spry old men, was 75 years old Saturday. He was stepping about the streets Saturday as nimble as ever and said that he was feeling as fine as he had felt in years.

—Mr. C. M. Fuller goes West again. He left Saturday afternoon for St. Louis, Mo., where he will purchase two more carloads of mules and horses. Mr. Fuller says that this makes six or seven times that he has been West this season for mules and horses.

—Messrs. E. B. Paul and Jesse Humphrey, who live on routes 1 and 2, respectively, from Lumberton, are among the visitors in town today and they report considerable smallpox in their sections among the Indians and negroes. Mr. Paul says that at the Indian school near Rozier only about 20 of the 60 children who usually attend are attending.

—Mr. Jno. P. McNeill caught in a trap at his store Thursday night two of the nastiest looking, most repulsive looking little varmints to be sure. Nobody hereabouts seems to know what they are. Two of 'em, about the size of your middle finger, say, were caught in a small trap that had been set for rats or whatever has been going after Mr. McNeill's cheese.

—Ex-Sheriff E. C. McNeill and Messrs. Arch Hedgpeth and D. W. Bullock are among the visitors from Rowland in town today. Mr. Hedgpeth says that the condition of his father-in-law, Mr. Milton Lytch, who about a month ago suffered a stroke of paralysis, is improving. He says that Mr. Lytch was able yesterday for the first time to sit up for a short while.

—Dr. W. A. McPhaul expects to leave this afternoon for Raleigh, where tomorrow afternoon he will appear before the legislative committee on health in the interest of a cigarette bill which has been introduced by Representative Clark from Pitt county. Dr. McPhaul will advocate the passage of this bill. He will also attend Wednesday a meeting of the board of directors of the State Hospital, of which board he is a member.

**Real Estate Changes Hands—New Bank House Probably in Near Future.**

A. P. Caldwell purchased Saturday from Mr. D. P. Walters the vacant lot on the corner of Chestnut and Fourth streets. The consideration was \$3,500. Mr. Walters bought the property about one year ago from Mr. W. L. Linkhaw and paid \$5,000 for it. The lot is 24x106 feet. It is understood that Mr. Caldwell bought the property for the Farmers & Merchants Bank and it is expected that a building will be erected on the lot in the near future. Mr. Walters says that he had intended starting a building within the next week or so had he not sold.

### Judge McEachern Corrected the President-Elect.

D. P. McEachern in Red Springs Citizen.

We think it was about 1872 when both Vance and Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Wilmington, delivered addresses at Floral College commencement. We remember eating dinner in company with the Governor, when a certain lady of criticism tendencies joked him about his pronunciation of the word children. She twitted him for his pronouncing the name children. The Governor admitted the pronunciation, but added that we have to durn 'em before we can raise them properly. Dr. Wilson had his son with him on this occasion, who was perhaps about 15 years old, and while the doctor was speaking the lad was misbehaving, and as he was sitting immediately behind the writer, he had occasion to administer a little oral correction. Now this lad was Woodrow, and if he remembers the occurrence, our last hope of office expires.

### Mission Institute—Special Speakers.

A Mission Institute of the Robeson Baptist Association will be held at the First Baptist church this week, beginning Wednesday evening at 7:15 o'clock and closing Thursday evening. There will be services also Thursday morning and afternoon. The programme of the entire institute was published in Thursday's Robesonian.

Revs Livingston Johnson and C. J. Thompson will speak Wednesday evening. On Thursday evening Rev. C. E. Maddy will make an address with stereopticon. These meetings will begin at 7:15 o'clock, and a cordial invitation to attend them is extended to all.