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## SUPERIOR COURT.

### Term Will Close This Afternoon—Disposition Made of Many Cases—Jail Almost Empty.

The two-weeks' term of criminal Superior Court which really did not begin until last Wednesday will close this afternoon, all cases on the docket that could be taken up at this time having been disposed of. The court has gotten through with a considerable amount of work, many cases having been disposed of, among them several for murder. There has been no long-drawn-out trial, in every murder case a verdict of manslaughter being agreed upon. The trial of Coot Patterson and the other negroes in jail for participation in the recent riot at Buie in which a negro was killed goes over to another term of court. These are the only prisoners of special importance left in jail. There were 34 prisoners in jail at the beginning of the term and now there are only nine, or will be when all are out that this court has dealt with.

Judge G. S. Ferguson, who presided, presided also at a special civil term of one week immediately preceding this, and he and Solicitor Sinclair, who appeared in the civil case at the special term which held over into the criminal term, have been in Lumberton nearly three weeks.

The following cases have been disposed of since Monday's paper:

Itzie Strickland, murder; plea of guilty of manslaughter through attorneys, McLean, Varsar & McLean, accepted by solicitor; 12 months on roads. Killed Sam Britt in Black Ankle section some months ago. Corable homicide but grand jury found homicide and grand jury found true bill. It was in evidence that Strickland was in a field stacking hay, that deceased came by and raised a quarrel with him and shot at him twice before defendant fired. Carrying concealed weapon; plead guilty; judgment suspended.

Elijah Hunt, murder; plea of guilty of manslaughter accepted by solicitor; 12 months on roads. Shot Allen Hunt, Indian, in affray in Black Ankle section of county January 26 last. Hunt died in hospital in Florence, S. C., the following day. Defendant, also an Indian, was shot in the left breast and through muscle of the left arm. Carrying concealed weapon; plead guilty; judgment suspended.

B. B. Barnes, retailing; not guilty. In another case for retailing; plead guilty; \$100 fine and costs, defendant to give \$500 bond to appear at each term of court for 12 months and show that he has not violated the law in the sale of whiskey.

Will Douglas, resisting officer; juror withdrawn and mistrial ordered, bond to be renewed.

W. A. Maynor, murder; not guilty. Defendant killed his son, Columbus, at his home near Pembroke on December 22d last. He made no attempt to escape and the evidence showed that he shot in self defense, his son having drawn a pistol on him and threatened to shoot. Before that he had had trouble with his sons and had been run away from home by them. The solicitor asked for verdict of manslaughter in second degree of manslaughter. McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor appeared for the defendant.

Thurman McIntyre, seduction; plea of nolo contendere accepted by solicitor; judgment suspended on payment of costs for which county would be liable.

Jim Evans, retailing; guilty.

Aaron Stackhouse, murder; verdict of manslaughter agreed upon; three years on roads. Defendant, a negro boy about 16 years old, shot and killed Henry Lilly, a negro man who about 35 at Maxton. It was in evidence that deceased forcibly took liquor away from defendant, went to his home and got his pistol, followed up defendant, who had gone away and gotten a gun, and shot at him twice before defendant fired. Mr. S. B. McLean of Maxton assisted Solicitor Sinclair in this case, Mr. G. B. Patterson of Maxton appearing for the defendant.

The judgment in the case of Mack McLaurin has been changed to 3 months on roads.

D. E. Ivey, larceny; charged to forcible trespass and defendant plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

### Miss Ida Prevatt and Mr. Jake Baxley — A Runaway Marriage. Reported for The Robesonian.

Miss Ida Prevatt and Mr. Jake Baxley, of the Pleasant Hope section, near Fairmont, were made as one Tuesday. The performance was given in Mr. R. E. Lee's law office, in Lumberton. The words that made them happy were spoken by Justice John H. McNeill. It was a runaway affair and but few saw it happen.

Wilmington Star, 12th: Mr. L. S. Swain, insurance agent, formerly of Wilmington, and a son of Rev. Ephraim Swain, of Shallotte, Brunswick county, committed suicide in the Lathan House at Washington, N. C., Monday night, by drinking carbolic acid. No cause is known for his act.

## ANOTHER TERRIFIC BOMBARDMENT

### Mexico's Capital Again Torn Asunder by Shot and Shell—Rebels Turn Aggressive—Neither Side Seems to Gain Advantage.

Mexico City Dispatch, 12th.

Mexico's capital was torn asunder again today by shot and shell. It was not until 9 o'clock tonight that the fire in all quarters ceased.

General Felix Diaz, in command of the rebel forces, fortified and entrenched in and around the arsenal, had held his ground against the Federals, and had subjected the city to a more terrific bombardment than that of yesterday.

He had enlarged his zone of action, and had sent forces against the National Palace.

But tonight Madero was optimistic. Throughout the bombardment and the almost continuous rattle of the machine guns and rifles, the President went about his work in the Palace apparently unperturbed. He took counsel frequently with the Finance Minister, Ernesto Madero. From time to time he was in conversation with General Huerta, the commander-in-chief, regarding plans of attack. His courage was great, his confidence remarkable.

Over at the arsenal General Diaz calmly directed the operations. He characterized them as solely defensive. He too, was optimistic. The number of dead and wounded cannot even be estimated, but it is large. For two hours during the forenoon rebel gunners rained shot and shell at the lofty structures of the city, from the roofs of which Federal sharpshooters and machine gun men had attempted to rake the insurgents in the trenches and behind the barricades of the arsenal.

Madero has promised to make a combined assault on the rebels' position tomorrow, but the operations of today indicate that Diaz has much in reserve. On the first day of the battle, it was the government forces that burned their powder. Today it was the rebels' turn to be aggressive. Diaz brought forth heavier guns than he had used before.

Two threatening features of the day were the appearance in the outskirts of the city of Zapatistas, who harassed the government troops, and the release from the city jail of several thousand prisoners.

Some of the latter have joined the rebel ranks, but others are foot free, and may turn to looting.

## PLUMBING AT JAIL.

### Terms of Contract With McAllister Pdw. Co.—County Commissioners Recommend Some Legislation.

An adjourned session of the county commissioners was held Tuesday. The only claim passed was one allowing W. W. Smith \$12.40 for conveying a prisoner from outside the county to jail.

The McAllister Hardware Co. submitted written contract for plumbing work at jail, the contract having been awarded this company at the regular monthly meeting Monday of last week. The contract provides for the following: Plumbing consisting of one bath tub, one kitchen sink, one 40-gallon range boiler, one closet, tub to be 51-2 feet in length, porcelain inside, painted outside. All material to be first class in every respect and fully guaranteed. Company further agrees to overhaul and put in good condition all the old plumbing in the jail and to run a new supply line for water from the city main, this line to be one inch instead of 3/4-inch, as it is now, also to run a new sewer line from the jail to the river of 6-inch cast iron, put in new drains in old jail (used as home of jailer), repair plastering in old jail, paint woodwork in old jail, and finish with murexco or calcimine all walls in both jails; the company to furnish all material and labor and all work to be done in most approved sanitary manner and subject to approval of inspector of town of Lumberton. The contract price is \$565.

The commissioners discussed some legislation they would recommend and decided to ask the county's representatives in the Legislature, in framing the road law, to provide that whoever has charge of the chain gang shall have authority to hire out any prisoners that are not able to work on the gang; also to ask that the depositing of county funds be taken out of the hands of the county commissioners and placed in the hands of the county treasurer. Commissioners John Ward and Rory McNair volunteered to present these recommendations to the representatives, as they were going to Raleigh.

## Walked Through Plate-Glass Door.

A man who couldn't see very well, or was not looking ahead, tried to walk through one of the glass doors in White & Gough's department store yesterday. He broke the glass, which was very thick, into shreds. He said he didn't think the door was closed. The wonder about it is how he escaped getting hurt to some extent.

## BAPTIST MISSION INSTITUTE

### Being Held at First Baptist Church—Began Last Evening With Splendid Addresses by Revs. Livingston Johnson and C. E. Maddy—Three Sessions Today—Interesting Address with Stereopticon Views This Evening at 7:30.

A Mission Institute of the Robeson Baptist Association began last evening at the First Baptist church with instructive and inspiring addresses by Rev. Livingston Johnson, corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Board of Missions, and Rev. C. E. Maddy, pastor of the Baptist tabernacle of Raleigh. The Institute will continue through this evening.

Beginning at 7:30 o'clock this evening Mr. Maddy will give an illustrated address, showing with 175 stereopticon views every phase of mission work. This will be a most interesting and instructive feature of the services this evening. Following Mr. Maddy's address this evening the following appears on the programme: 8:15-9—Report of committee on deliverance and discussion; 9:15—What shall we do about it? The programme for this afternoon is as follows:

2:00-2:30—The Work of Our New Department.

2:30-3:00—The Associational Campaign.

3:00-3:30—The Formation of Compact Fields.

3:30 to adjournment—Open Conference.

This morning's session began at 9:30 o'clock. The general subject for discussion was "Scriptural methods of giving." This was divided up under sub-heads as follows: 1. Who should give? 2. How much should we give? 3. When should we give? 4. What are the best plans for church benevolence. Discussion under these heads was participated in by Revs. C. A. Upchurch of Raleigh, A. A. McClelland of Maxton, A. T. Howell of Hamlet and others.

This institute is the first of a series of conferences called to be held for the purpose of discussing methods of financing and otherwise promoting by all means possible the Kingdom of God on earth. A similar conference will be held in Winston-Salem next week, in Charlotte week after next, and in several other places later.

The addresses made last evening by Revs. Livingston Johnson and C. E. Maddy were most instructive and inspiring. After a song and prayer service the pastor of the church, Rev. C. H. Durham, cordially welcomed all visitors and turned the meeting over to Mr. Johnson, who is almost a Robesonian, being a native of the famous Spring Hill section of Scotland county. He is at home among the Scotch.

Rev. C. J. Thompson, of Raleigh, a former pastor of the Lumberton church, had been put down on the programme for an address last evening and Mr. Johnson explained his absence. Mr. Thompson had promised to attend as many institutes as possible and Mr. Johnson, in making out the programme for Lumberton, had "drawn a bow at a venture," not being able to communicate with Mr. Thompson at the time, and put him down. But it happened that a previous engagement conflicted and Mr. Thompson could not come.

Mr. Johnson explained the purpose of the Institute as given above. He declared that the most tremendous menace to this age is our prosperity and that the supreme need is to Christianize a commercial age. Mr. Johnson drew some important lessons from some interesting figures. In 1902 there were in North Carolina 173,668 Baptists and they contributed to mission work of all kinds \$53,611.54; in 1912 there 240,520 Baptists in the State and their contributions to mission work amounted to \$128,285.40, an increase in membership of 45 per cent, and increase in contributions of 140 per cent. Of the 2,121 Missionary Baptist churches in North Carolina, 359 churches, with a total membership of 30,163, did not contribute a penny to missions last year. Assuming that the contributions to missions of the churches that did contribute were made by one-third of the membership of those churches, of the 210,365 members of the contributing churches only 70,168 contributed to missions, leaving 170,500 who did not contribute. If all had contributed in the same proportion as those who did the total for missions would have been \$433,202 instead of \$128,000. The speaker said that if all the Baptists in the State gave a tenth of their incomes to God the amount raised by them for missions would be \$2,000,000. He gave as remedy for this condition the dissemination of information and every member doing personal work.

Rev. C. E. Maddy spoke on stewardship. This is an age of intensive methods in farming and intensive methods should be applied in mission work. The plans that have been followed have proven wholly inadequate to finance the great task of spreading God's kingdom. The great problem is financing the undertaking. God has laid down rules for everything else important in our lives. Has he

## GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

### Janitor Work at Court House Criticized and Recommended for Immediate Attention—Some Minor Repairs Needed at County Home and Chain Gang Needs a Tent—Improvements Needed at Jail Which Commissioners Are Preparing to Make.

The grand jury was discharged with the thanks of the court Tuesday afternoon after making the following report:

To His Honor G. S. Ferguson, Judge Presiding:

Your grand jury drawn for this term of the court, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have found 62 bills of indictment, 53 true bills and 9 not true bills.

We visited the county home by committee and found ten inmates, eight white and two colored. The inmates are well cared for. There was no complaint for the lack of food or clothing. We did find panes of glass out of several windows and in two windows the entire sash was missing. We would especially recommend that the repairs be made at once.

We visited the chain gang in Raft Swamp township by committee and found 28 prisoners at work. We found the camp well kept and all prisoners cheerful and satisfied, and stated that they were well fed and clothed. They also stated that they were well treated by Mr. H. D. Morrison and all seemed to like him.

We also visited where the grading was going on and inspected the teams and found them all at work and in good condition. We found the quarters in fairly good shape. We advise that one tent 22x22 be furnished in place of one that is rotten and practically worthless.

We visited the jail in a body and found conditions generally satisfactory. We also found that several improvements were necessary, but understand the county commissioners are now investigating preparatory to making the required changes. We also found that one prisoner, Hector Gilchrist, was in very bad physical condition, having a loathsome and contagious venereal disease, and would recommend that he be isolated.

We visited the various county officers in the court house and found all affairs in good shape but we find the janitor has been negligent in performing his duties. The cuspidors need attention as well as the floors. The chandeliers and lamps are covered with dust and dirt. We especially recommend that this matter receive immediate attention as same has been previously and repeatedly called attention to by former grand juries.

J. M. RUTLER, Foreman.

The county commissioners being in session Tuesday, at the conclusion of the reading of this report Judge Ferguson requested them to come before him for consultation as to recommendations of the grand jury. The commissioners were not censured for conditions. His Honor merely impressing upon them the importance of having needed repairs at the county home made at once, also the importance of seeing that the court house is well cared for. Mr. E. J. Britt, county attorney, stated on behalf of the board that at the first meeting of the present board the matter of caring for the court house was placed upon the sheriff, with authority to employ and discharge a janitor, the commissioners to pay the bills. Judge Ferguson remarked in this connection that the sheriff is so starved for fees that he has no backbone—by which he did not mean any adverse criticism of the sheriff, but merely that having to bear all expenses of his office out of a salary that is hardly adequate the sheriff is naturally shy about taking hold of some things that he otherwise might.

not laid down a plan by which his work may be carried on? The speaker declared that God had laid down a plan. He quoted four passages of Scripture to prove that one-tenth of our substance belongs to God and declared that this plan would raise ample funds for carrying on the work. And the Scriptures teach that this contribution ought to be brought to the church treasury on the first day of every week, not held back till the close of the year. Two-thirds of the population of the world are unsaved and only one-third of the one-third that profess to be saved contribute anything to advance the kingdom. Giving one-tenth of one's income to God is going into partnership with God and adds dignity and power to one's life.

The above is merely a bare outline of the points brought out by these two speakers, who have at heart the great work they are presenting and make their hearers realize its tremendous importance.

Besides those mentioned above the visiting preachers attending the institute are: Revs. C. C. Wheeler of Southport, J. H. Pooteet of Whiteville, T. B. Justice of Red Springs.

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

### Senate Kills Divorce Bills—Some Bills of Interest—Recommendations for State School for Deaf and Dumb at Morganton—To Investigate Collection of Inheritance Tax.

The Senate yesterday killed the two House divorce bills, one to make five years abandonment sufficient cause for divorce, the other putting husband and wife on the same basis in securing divorce on Scriptural grounds.

The Jackson county bill passed third reading in the House yesterday amended so that a majority of the voters of the county must vote for the removal of the county seat from Webster of Sylva. A bill which sought to amend the statute making violations of the present Sunday law a misdemeanor punishable with fine or imprisonment instead of a simple penalty of \$1 was lost in the House.

A joint resolution by Representative Clark would memorialize Congress to remove the Federal tax of eight cents a pound from manufacturer of tobacco, "for the relief of the tobacco farmers."

A joint resolution by Senator Evans, of Bladen, would have the whole subject of working convicts on the State farm or on railroads investigated by a special committee to report to the General Assembly of 1915. Senator Weaver introduced a bill to abolish tenancy between husband and wife.

Representative McNair of Robeson introduced a bill in the House Monday to create St. Paul's graded school district and authorize special tax.

Among the important bills introduced this week are the following:

Senate—Bryant, to establish reformatory for women; Ward, to amend the revisal relating to the removal of special proceedings from the clerks of the court and to amend the Revisal relative to the estate of life tenants; Williamson, to reduce salaries and expense funds of the Superior Court judges from \$4,000 to \$3,400 and to require that the judges remain at the county seat during the entire term designated for court, whether court is actually in session during the entire period or not, unless providentially called away, and that the absence on the part of a judge shall be noted in the court record with the cause of such absence, on the ground that the increase in the number of judges will reduce the amount of work imposed upon them and that the salary should be reduced also; to amend the amendment to the constitution relating to prepayment of poll taxes in order to vote; to amend the law so as to regulate the time of argument of counsel before juries.

House—Mills, to regulate the practice of architecture and provide for a board of architectural examination; McNair and McMillan of Robeson, to create a State bureau of supervision of State taxation; Rector, to prohibit dispensing of dangerous and secret drugs; Miller, to regulate employment of labor in manufacturing establishments; Kellum, to provide for sale of beer in New Hanover county; Bridges, to amend the lien law of the State.

Both the Senate and the House took recess for a few minutes Tuesday in honor of a distinguished visitor, United States Senator Owen of Oklahoma.

The Miller "pure shoe" bill was killed in the House on its second reading by an overwhelming majority. The bill provided that all shoes offered for sale in this State not made entirely of leather should be so stamped, so that the purchaser might know when he is buying "adulterated" shoes, and would be protected against having shoes made partly of paper or fibre sold him as solid leather.

Raleigh News and Observer, 12th: The report of the special visiting committee to the State School for the Deaf and Dumb at Morganton was made by Chairman Barnes. The report was highly commendatory of the management of the school, and recommended an increased appropriation for support and for an enlargement of the present buildings, many applicants for admission being declined for lack of room. The committee reported that in the financial department it had made careful examination and found that a dollar had been wasted.

The House passed a concurrent resolution, offered by Representative Young, of Harnett, that a joint committee of three, two on the part of the House and one on the part of the Senate, be appointed by the presiding officers of the two bodies respectively, to investigate the books, records, etc., of the officers charged with the reporting and collection of inheritance taxes and report their findings to the General Assembly. The resolution recites that the State Treasurer's report shows that \$9,000 was collected from this source in 1911 and only \$6,000 in 1912. Mr. Young claims that if the inheritance tax law had been rigidly enforced it would have produced a surplus instead of a "shortage" in the State Treasurer's office.

Judge Council for the special joint committee appointed to investigate the condition of the Governor's man-

## BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Middling cotton today, 12 cents. —In Payton correspondence of the Fayetteville Observer of the 11th it is stated that a petition is being circulated about Parkton to annex that township to Cumberland county.

—The annual meeting of the stockholders of Robeson Building & Loan Association will be held in the directors' room at the Bank of Lumberton this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

—The Seaboard authorities during the last few days have been making some improvements in the tracks on the local yard by removing lots of bad ties and replacing them with new ones.

—Mrs. J. Abner Barker of Roseboro, is spending a few days in town in the interest of a fund for a new Baptist church at Roseboro. While here she is a guest at the home of her parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Barker, Elm street.

—Prof. A. N. Cullum and daughter, Miss Florence, of Fayetteville, will give a music recital at Mt. Elam Baptist church Friday night of this week. Prof. Cullum knows what to sing and how to sing it. No charge will be made for admission.

—Miss Mary Weddell, a music teacher in the graded school, and her class will give a music recital tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock at the graded school auditorium. Some time has been spent in preparation for this occasion and some good entertainment is promised.

—Mr. C. M. Fuller returned this morning from St. Louis, Mo., where he spent two or three days purchasing mules for his sales stables, Chestnut and Second streets. He brought two carloads, which are expected to arrive about Saturday night or Sunday morning.

—The store building on Elm street, near the Seaboard station, which was vacated some days ago by the Coca-Cola bottling plant, will be occupied by Mr. S. T. Freeman. He will conduct a mercantile business and expects in a few days to be ready for business. The store is now being fitted up with shelves, etc.

—Mr. Alf. H. McLeod has purchased a handsome new 5-passenger White automobile. It is a 6-cylinder 60 horse power car and cost over \$5,000. The machine was driven in Sunday from Columbia, S. C., by Mr. R. D. Lambert, agent for the car. Mrs. Lambert and Mr. Sandy McLeod, who had been in Columbia since last Friday, came in the car with Mr. Lambert.

—Mr. J. R. Morris, proprietor of the Lumberton Bakery, has placed an order for new furniture and fixtures for his shop. The new fixtures will consist of new cases, wall cases, etc., and quite a number of things have been bought for the baking room. The fixtures ordered will cost nearly \$1,000 and Mr. Morris says that when all of these new things arrive and he gets them installed his place of business will be right up to any of 'em.

## New Residences.

Mr. James Sanderson is having a nice six room cottage erected in North Lumberton on Pine street. The house will be completed in a few days and will be occupied by Mr. Sanderson and family. Mr. Sanderson now lives about one mile from the court house on the Elizabeth road, just within the corporate limits.

Mr. R. T. Sanderson is just completing a 9-room two-story residence in the eastern part of town. This new home is located near where the V. & C. S. railroad crosses Seventh street.

Mr. James D. Proctor's handsome new home on North Elm street will soon be completed. This is a beautiful modern 10-story building and when completed will represent an investment of probably \$6,000 or \$7,000.

## Freight Rate Committee Asks for Additional Powers.

Raleigh Special, 12th, to Wilmington Star.

After a conference continuing from noon to 7 o'clock the special legislative commission and the officials of the railroad companies doing business in North Carolina reached the agreement for the legislative commission to ask the General Assembly for powers beyond that of investigating as to the long and short haul principle, that is charged with being the cause of the discrimination against North Carolina shipping points, and then meet again with these railroad officials February 26th, when the whole scope of freight matters can be gone into.

The report stated that the entire furnishings of the building need replenishing and renovating. This relates to carpets, rugs, furniture, kitchen arrangements, etc. It recommends that a special appropriation of \$2,500 be made at once to repair the building, it being reported in bad condition. To properly supply the furnishings would require \$10,000.

The Senate judiciary committee reports favorably the Torrens land-title bill introduced by Daniels, the bill endorsed by the Bar Association.