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PREVATT SURRENDERS.

Voluntarily Gives Himself Up to Sheriff to Answer the Charge of Killing Emory McNeill. Jr.-Awaits Trial in Jail-Says He Had No Intention of Leaving County-Father of Prisoner Makes a Statement to the Pub-

Barfield Prevatt, charged with firing the shots last Saturday night which resulted in the death the following day of Emory McNeill, Jr., has voluntarily surrendered to the officers. He was placed in jail here yesterday.

Monday, the day after McNeill's death, Sheriff R. E. Lewis was informed by Mr. W. D. Prevatt, the boy's father, that his son would surrender himself. As soon as arrangements were completed yesterday to employ counsel Mr. W. J. Frevatt of Lumberton, a cousin of Barfield Prevatt, 'phoned Sheriff' Lewis and requested him to go out with him to where Prevatt was so that he could give himself up. Mr. W. J. Prevatt and the boy's father went with the sheriff to the home of the latter and young Prevatt gave himself

Prevatt says he had no intention of leaving the county but did not wish to surrender himself until arrangements were made to secure counsel so that he could obtain a fair trial.

The well-known firms of McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor and McLean, Varser, & McLean have been retained to defend Prevatt, while Mr. H. F. Seawell of Carthage and Mr. T. L. Johnson of Lumberton have been engaged by the father of McNeill to assist the solicitor in the prosecution.

Statement From Prevatt's Father. To the Public:

I am in deep grief over the difficulty of last Saturday in which Mr. Emory McNeill, Jr., lost his life. As the father of Barfield Prevatt I am naturally concerned that he have a fair hearing. He has voluntarily given himself up to the officers, believing that he can and will receive a fair and impartial consideration of his case. So many wild rumors, utterly without any foundation, are being circulated, that I feel it my duty to ask and to earnestly urge upon the public to withhold their judgment until the again. real facts can be brought out. I feel the boy is entitled to a consideration upon rumors, and this we ask at the hands of the public.

Respectfully, W. D. PREVATT. Lumberton, N. C., April 2nd, 1913

United States Government Will Be First to Recognize New Chinese Republic.

Washington Dispatch, 2d. The United States government has decided to recognize the new Chinese Republic. Secretary Bryan conferred with President Wilson for nearly an hour today at the White House completing the details, and a note is being prepared at the State Department to be addressed to China through

the Chinse minister here. Whether it will be presented before the meeting of th constituent assembly next Tuesday or is intended to Chinese minister and the resumption diplomatic circles as tantamount to recognition.

The United States government is anxious to show its friendliness to- Q. T. Williams. ward China, and while there has been ment and recognize China before the a few days, perhaps. United States does in official circles here it was believed that the United States would be the first to show its faith in the new republic.

No formal announcement is expected from the administration here until the Chinese government is in receipt of the American government's note.

J. P. Morgan's Remains Will Be Brought to New York.

Rome Dispatch 2nd. The Eternal City gave its last farewell to J. Pierpont Morgan, whose body was conveyed this afternoon from the Grand Hotel to the railway station and there placed aboard a train for Havre. It will be transported to the United States by a steamer, probably the France, sailing for New York on Saturday.

Express companies of the country have been hit hard by the operation of the new parcel post system, according to statements submitted to the Inter-State Commerce Commission Tuesday by counsel for the companies in their final arguments against the reduction in express rates proposed by the new commission. It was declared that the companies have suffered a loss approximating 25 per cent in small package business, a loss which amounts to six per cent of the gross revenues of the companies.

TOWN POLITICS.

Will Now Grow Warmer and Warmer Until the Appointed Day-Some of the Probable Candidates Before the Primary-Those Whose Terms

Now that the dates for the primary and election for the nomination and election of town officers for the ensuing year have been fixed by the town commissioners, town politics will grow warmer and warmer until the verdict of the sovereign people is known. Maybe. And then again maybe it will be an unexciting and uneventful time. The chances are, though, that it will be warm a plenty.

A mayor to serve a term of one year, 3 commissioners for 2 years, 3 graded school trustees for 2 years and 3 members of the board of audit and finance for 1 year are to be elect-

Mayor A. P. Caldwell, who is finishing his first term, is a candidate to succeed himself. Opposing him in the primary ,it is understood, will be former Mayor A. E. White and Mr. Alf. H. McLeod. Which makes it reasonably sure that there is plenty of fun ahead for the primary. Friends of each of these candidates will doubtless pull off their coats and go to work in carnest pretty soon, and a lively time may be expected.

Members of the board of town commissioners whose terms expire are Messrs. M. W. Floyd, W. J. Prevatt and D. D. French. Mr. Floyd has been a member of the board for the past seven years and has given the town good service, but he says he's through, that he will not serve again. Mr. Prevatt has been a member of the board for the past two or more years and has also made a good commissioner. He is not a candidate for re-election but says that he might serve, under certain conditions, if elected. Mr. French has been a member of the board something less than a term of two years, having been elected by the board to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. H. B. Jennings. Mr. French has also given the town good service, but he says he is not a candidate for the office

Messrs. W. I. Linkhaw, L. R. Varser, J. P. Russell and Amos King of his case upon the evidence and not have been mentioned for commissioners. Neither of these gentlemen is a candidate for the office, but it is street talk that their friends will ask them to allow their names to go before the primary. All are good men and would make good commissioners.

> The commissioners whose terms do not expire are Jas. D. Proctor, D. P. Walters and C. B Redmond

Ex-Judge T. A. McNeill and Messrs. Frank Gough and W. S. Britt compose the board of audit and finance, the first-named being chairman. It is a job these gentlemen are

The terms of Messrs. L. E. Whahad a taste of the honor these gentlemen will not be overly anxious to reach the Chinese government on that succeed themselves but might be predate, has not been disclosed, but the vailed upon to serve. And there are who lives near Rowland, claimed that mere presentation of the note to the others presumably who might be pre- the machine company had misreprevailed upon to serve. As with the of formal international relations with board of audit and finance, nothing The lower court decided against the the Chinese minister are regarded in definite has developed as to this board. The members who hold over are Messrs. C. B. Townsend, chairman, R. D Caldwell, Alf H. McLeod and

The situation at present is about as ticipate the action of this govern- themselves with more definiteness in

Superior Court.

As The Robesonian goes to press the case of W. W. Carlyle et al vs. the A. & R. Ry. Co. is on trial. Mr. Carlyle is suing for the value of an automobile wrecked by the railroad company near Rennert a year and a by Mr. Tom Pate of Lumberton and ton, Messrs. McNeill & McNeill of in it were ex-Sheriff Geo. B. McLeod and Mr. T. L. Johnson. It will be recalled that Mr. McLeod was seriously injured and was confined in a

hospital in Fayetteville for some time. The following cases have been disposed of since court began Monday: McLeod vs. Hope Mills Mfg. Co., a verdict of \$442.50 for plain- died last night at his home near Cartiff. Divorce has been granted in the J. E. McLaughlin vs. McLaughlin, Richard Mathis vs. John Mathis, Arrie Thomas vs. J. B. Thomas. Judgments have been signed in J. S. Willis et al vs. O. I. Floyd et al; A. B. Pearsal vs. A. C. L. Ry. Co. Several cases have been continued and the Legislature. The funeral will non-suit has been entered as to several others.

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TOWN PRIMARY AND ELECTION.

Primary to Be Held April 29 and Election May 5 for Town Officers-Mayor, 3 Commissioners, 3 Members of Board of Audit and Finance and 3 Graded School Trustees to Be Elected-Primary and Election Officers-Other Town Affairs.

At the regular monthly meeting Tuesday night of the town commissioners a primary was ordered to be held on the last Tuesday in this month, April 29, for the purpose of nominating a mayor, 3 commissioners, 3 members of the board of audit and finance and 3 members of the board of graded school trustees. If a second primary is necessary it shall be held two days later, on Thursday, May 1. And the general election was ordered to be held on the first Mo...

For the primary Masars. A. P. Mason are appointed managers. It is and he died almost instantly. their duty to call and conduct the primary according to the rules heregeneral primary and election of the Water street, and was drowned.

appointed registrar and James L. Williamson, R. R. Carlyle and L. T. Townsend were appointed judges. The registrar was ordered to make publication notices as required by

Elsewhere in this issue something is said about whose terms expire and probable\_candidates.

At this meeting of the commissioners other business was transacted as follows:

Chief of Police Redfern was instructed to proceed with all possible haste to collect all taxes due the town for the year 1912-13 and to make levy when it appears to be necessary.

The mayor and clerk and treasurer were authorized to execute the note of the town in the sum of \$617.90 to the Studebaker Corporation, South Bend, Ind., payable November 15 next, for street sprinkler, sweeper, etc. .

A committee composed of Jas. D. Proctor and R. E. Lee was appoint- we know to thousands of others to of the town and making chart of same. Any citizen having any complaint to make of this work will confer with this committee.

Mr. W. J. Dubois was allowed a rebate of \$2.50 for privilege tax

Supreme Court Renders Decision in Some Cases of Local Interest.

The State Supreme Court yesterday rendered decisions in three cases of local interest.

Virginia & Carolina Southern Railroad vs. the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, reversed. The right of the V. & C. S. Co. to maintain a crossing alnot running after but they probably ready established in Lumberton across will not run away if it is offered them the Seaboard was involved. Judge Peebles had decided against the V. & C. S. The V. & C. S. was repreley, W. S. Britt and L. H. Caldwell sented before the Supreme Court by expire as school commissioner. Having its president and counsel, Mr. A. W. McLean of Lumberton.

J. I. Case Threshing Machine Co. vs. McKay, no error. Mr. McKay sented a traction engine sold to him. machine company and the higher court finds no error. Messrs. McLean, Varser & McLean and McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor of Lumberton represented Mr. McKay, Messrs. Dorman Thompson and W. D. Turner of chine Co.

Barnes, administrator, vs. Railroad, no error. A case in which the Coast Line Railroad Co. was sued for damages for death of Jno. Stafford, a negro fireman killed near Pembroke. The lower court held that no damage should be recovered, and the higher court sustains this view. The railroad was represented by Messrs. Mchalf ago. The car was being driven Lean, Varser & McLean of Lumber-Lumberton representing the plain-

Mr. R. M. Phillips Passes.

Mr. Robert M. Phillips, associate editor of the Greensboro Daily News and one of the best known and most popular newspaper men in the State, thage He had been sick but a few cases of Sandy Locklear vs. Locklear, days and the news of his death comes as a shock to friends all over the State. Death was due to heart failure superinduced by chronic gastritis. Deceased was 48 years old. Mr. Phillips was reading clerk in the Senate during the recent session of take place tomorrow at Carthage.

> Itching piles provoke profanity, but any drug store.

WRITTEN AND SPOKEN WORD

A Street of Which the Superstitous May Fight Shy-Reportorial License-More Appreciation.

Water street, on which Barfield Prevatt fatally shot Emory McNeill last Saturday night, has a record that is calculated to make the timid fight shy of it at any time. It is a record that on a dark night would make even the brave "pass by on the other side," so to speak.

Mr. W. S. Wishart, who remembers everything that has happened hereabouts in the last 50 years, and has heard everything else that ever did happen hereabout, says that 40 years ago, when barrooms were pretty thick in Lumberton, a drunken man, who had started out of town on a mule, was killed on that street when his mule ran beneath a tree and the Allister, J. D. Norment, W. Lennon, man's head struck a low-growing E. A. Thompson and Geo. L. Taemp- limb. The eman's head was broken

Some years ago Mr. Rory McNair, a lawyer, walked into the river down tofore made and existing at the last by the old wooden bridge, just off

One Chas. Allen was drowned near For the election, J. B. Bowen was the old wooden bridge some years

> Three or four years ago Policeman D. W. Biggs, since deceased, shot at a fleeing negro on that street. The negro, an expert swimmer, jumped into the river near the old bridge and a few days later his body was found just a little piece down the river. The pistol shot had not taken effect.

Two or three years ago Mr. Alex Currie, who was then policeman, shot and wounded a negro on that street and the negro died the following day.

It seems that every time a man is shot or hurt on that street his wounds prove fatal and going into the river from that street, at least between Second and Fourth streets, seems certain death.

Thus the Lumberton correspondent of the Wilmington Star in last Sunday's paper:

"It is a genuine pleasure to us and ed for the purpose of investigating note the very great improvement in and making settlement with Mr. W. The Robesonian since it changed from W. Whaley for numbering the houses hand to machine type setting. The paper is neat and clean as a pin and it seems to us that the make-up is all that one could desire. The business men are showing their appreciation of the dear old paper by taking all the space they can get. This is right and proper as the publishers deserve it. There is one thing, though, which we can't quite understand. Everybody in this section knows good and well that W. K. Bethune, the business manager and local newsgatherer, is a hustler, and yet when he is right on the spot and a man is run over and knocked his length on the ground, he overlooks it. Last Monday morning while Mr. Bethune was at the passenger station he saw a young man exceeding the speed limit coming down the hill on a bicycle. The rider was 75 or 100 yards away when Mr. Bethune first noticed him coming, and both he and the rider seemed to be charmed with each other, or something like that At any rate the wheel made directly for the newspaper man, who was so charmed he couldnt' move and as a result the wheel knocked him down and went right on over him without stopping until Chief Redfern took a hand. Mr. Bethune admitted next day that he was knocked senseless in spots. Be that as it may he still shows an inclination for standing in preference to sitting, and rumors that other nations might an- outlined above. Things will shape Statesville representing the Case Ma- rather walk than ride. The Robesonian has been issued twice since that accident and if it has been noted

> we just overlooked it." The kind words are appreciated. Maybe Mr. Bethune thought that it was a time when a man was justified in using reportorial license. If it is true that he still has to eat off the mantle he cannot be blamed much for not sitting down to write about the cause of his sudden preference for standing.

The Robesonian man appreciates the following, received this morning, very

"Dear Sir: I want to endorse every word that R. D. Caldwell said about The Robesonian

J. D. CLARK." St. Pauls, N. C., April 2, 1913.

A disastrous wreck occurred on the Salisbury-Asheville division of the Southern Railway Monday when a west-bound freight train was turned over about miles east of Hickory on account of a broken rail. Conductor E. V. Boyd of Asheville, Engineer W. M. Eagle of Spencer and Fireman A. L. Huddle of Asheville were killprofanity won't remove them. Doan's ed and a young man who was beat-Ointment is recommended for itching, ing a ride, giving his name as Ray bleeding or protruding piles. 50c at Pope of Asheville, had a leg seriously form of government in an election crushed and lacerated.

SPECIAL SALES DAY

April 25 will be a Time of Unusual Interest in Lumberton.

Plans are under way for a special sales day for Lumberton. Friday the 25th day of April is the day, and it is expected to be a time of unusual interest with regard to buying and selling. Several of the leading business concerns of the town have already agreed to take a hand in the effort to make the occasion one of great interest to the public. For this day quite a number of the leading merchants will have on special sales. offering goods at greatly reduced prices. The A. K. J. W. Company has some valuable town property that will be sold to the highest bidder on this day, and in general this is expected to be a day the like of which Lumberton has never before had. Music for the occasion will be furnished by a brass band and there will be other a!tractions.

To keep posted with regard to what the occasion is expected to be it will only be necessary to watch The Robesonian.

Death of Mr. J. G. Boylin of Wadesboro-Brother of Mr. H. C. Boylin of Lumberton.

Mr. H. C Boylin received this mornng a message from Wadesboro to the effect that his brother, Mr J. G. Boylin, editor and owner of the Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer, died this morning at 4 o'clock at his home in Wadesboro. He had been sick for some time with pneumonia. He was 50 years old and is survived by his wife and several children. He is also survived by two brothers and three

Mr. H. C. Boylin spent Sunday and Monday in Wadesboro with his brother, and when he left Monday evening thought his condition was somewhat improved. Mr. Boylin will leave this afternoon for Wadesboro to attend the funeral which will be some time tomorrow.

Drunk and Down on Street and Locked Up, But No Case in Court.

A man who has his local habitation near the town of Lumberton and who has a reputation of occasionally imbibing a little too freely of "the old familiar juice," was in town Monday. Some time about the hour of 5 o'clock in the afternoon just across the street from The Robesonian office, to the rear of the City barber shop, he lost all power of locomotion and lay down upon the ground, or the ground flew up and took him to bed or something to that effect. About the time of going to bed Policeman Roach came along and gathered up the unfortunate victim of mean liquor and, with the aid of some bystanders, piled him up in a one-horse wagon and carried him to the jail, where he had out his drunken sleep. This man was on the streets in town today, though not drunk. Mayor Caldwell says that he has had nothing doing in his courtbut maybe the man won't get drunk

Serious Flood Situation Along the

Ohio. Shawneetown, Ill., April 2-(By boat to Dekoven, Ky.)-All that is left tonight of Shawneetown is the substantial brick and stone buildings behind the main levee, and they are considered unsafe. There are less than 100 persons left in the former town of 3,000. They are in the second and third stories of the main street buildings, the structures on the highest street in town. A strong wind rising at 10 o'clock this morning, completed the destruction begun by the opening of the south levee yesterday.

up to the 57 foot level of the Ohio A break in the northern levee also added to the danger of the town and

The water within the levees was

the main force of the Ohio striking the north levee. The entire north and east levees are submerged.

Paducah, Ky., April 2-The flood situation here is growing worse hourly. At 7 o'clock tonight first floors of every wholesale house and many retail stores were flooded. The river rose a foot and a half today, going to a stage of 52.2 feet and the forecast is for four feet more of water. Should this occur only five blocks in the city will be out of the water.

Notices of New Advertisements.

Rhode Island Red eggs for sale-D. E. and W. G. Nance. Reward for return of strayed or sto-

len Fox Terrier. Free Trip to Fayetteville-W. E.

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Twenty customers wanted to take quart of milk daily-Woodlawn Dai-A nice cottage for rent-Miss Jose-

phine Breece. Coburn's Minstrels April 5.

Raleigh adopted the commission held Tuesday.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

-Middling cotton today, 12 cents.

-Mr. W. G. Pitman, superintendent of the water and light plant, is having the water tank, near the jail. repainted.

-Mr. Dennis Biggs, manager of the Lumberton Furniture Store, has. just completed a nice office in the rear of his store.

-Mrs. W. L. Whitehead, of Pender county, is undergoing treatment. at the River-Side hospital, street. She arrived Tuesday.

-"Pandora's Box," a Vitagraph picture in which John Bunny and a box of mice take prominent parts, and "Into the Jungle," a dramatic production by Kalem, will be shown at the pastime theatre this evening. Mr. Bunny is one of Lumberton's favo-

-A series of meetings was begun-Sunday at the East Lumberton Baptist church and will probably continue until Sunday. There are two services. each day, one in the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and the other at 7:30 in the evening. The meetings are being conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. R. Da-

-Mr. H. H. Anderson, manager of the Waverly hotel, has just fitted upthe front south-east corner room for a parlor. On account of lack of rooms and crowded condition, the hotel for quite a while has been without a parlor. The room is small but it has been nicely furnished and has been repapered and painted. But this does not mean any addition to the already inadequate number of sleeping rooms.

-Mrs. Lucy G. Elvington, of Fairmont, has purchased from Prof. R. E. Sentelle the two-story residence on Elm street at present occupied by Prof. Sentelle and family. The deal was closed yesterday. Prof. Sentelle purchased the house and lot from Mr. A. W. Peace of Fayetteville. Prof. Sentelle is to give the home up May 1st, and says that he will probably buy a lot and build a new home.

-Mr. E. D. McNeill had work started this morning on a brick building to be erected on Fourth street adjoining his livery stable building, in which at present Beasley Brothers are conducting a livery business. The new building will be 20x40 feet, single story. It is understood that it will be used for a blacksmith shop. Mr. D. P. Walters, contractor, is superintending work on the building.

-Mr. W. H. Barnes, who lives on the corner of Water and Fourth streets, where Barfield Prevatt shot Emory McNeill, Jr., last Saturday night, McNeill falling with his head against Mr. Barnes' fence, found this. morning one of the large bullets from Prevatt's pistol. The bullet struck a wire of the fence, bent the wire. glanced to the house, then glanced off into the yard, where it was found by Mr. Barnes.

-In the account in Monday's Robesonian of the shooting of Emory Mc-Neill last Saturday night it was stated that it was perhaps 25 minutes before any officer arrived on the scene. That was an error due to misunderstanding of a remark made by Chief of Police Redfern. Night Policeman Lloyd Roach was one of the first to reach McNeill after the shooting. But the statement that no immediate pursuit of Prevatt was made was cor-

Blind Tiger Cases From Fairmont.

Sheriff R. E. Lewis brought to jail from Fairmont yesterday four negroes-Wm. Walker, Roy Ellis, Bud Elison, Richard Haywood-who are charged with retailing and were unable to give bonds in the sum of \$100, required in each case, and so must await trial in the higher court in jail. They were tried before Justice A. E. Floyd Tuesday and at the same time three other negroes-Bill Lindsey, Earl Willis and Jno. Eady-and three white men-J. P. Brown, Wiley Taylor and H. H. Pitman-were required by Justice Floyd to give bonds in the sum of \$100 to appear at court to answer the charge of retailing.

Among the Sick.

Mr. J. A. Rowland has been sick for several days at his home, northwestern part of town. His condition today is not thought to be much improved.

Mrs JJ A rGeen, who has been sick at her home on the eastern edge of town since returning Saturday from Wilmington, where she spent two days with her son Mr. Harry reen,, is able to sit up today for the first time.

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