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NEGRO KILLS WHITE MAN.

Mr. Mack Brown of Red Springs Shot and Killed by Negro Named Dupree Near Dundarrach—Negro Shot from Ambush and Death Resulted in 30 Minutes—Had Just Been Discharged by Mr. Brown—Poses Hunting Murderer—Funeral This Afternoon.

Mr. McCormick Brown of Red Springs was shot and killed by a negro named Dupree yesterday morning near Dundarrach, Hoke county. The shooting took place about nine o'clock and Mr. Brown lived about thirty minutes after he was shot. The negro used a shotgun loaded with buckshot, the load taking effect in Mr. Brown's breast, left side.

The murder took place on Mr. J. A. Singleton's farm. Mr. Brown was superintending work on the place. He had a force of hands at work pulling and blowing stumps and it seems that Dupree, who was one of the hands, gave Mr. Brown some slack or impudence early in the morning and Mr. Brown discharged him. The negro went home, got his gun and went and hid himself in a small farm house, where the dynamite used in blowing the stumps was kept, expecting Mr. Brown to go there for dynamite. About the hour above mentioned Mr. Brown did go to the house for dynamite and just as he entered the house—knowing nothing of the negro's whereabouts—was shot. Brown picked up a bundle of fodder, turned and walked out of the house and lay down on the fodder just outside of the house. Some of the hands nearby ran to Mr. Brown and he was taken to Mr. Singleton's house, three or four hundred yards away, where he died. After shooting Mr. Brown Dupree jumped out of the house through a window and ran for the woods and up to this writing has not been captured. With Dupree when he did the shooting were two of his brothers and they were arrested and placed in jail at Raeford.

It is said that quite a number besides the officers are in search of the murderer and capture is expected at any hour.

The military company at Lumber Bridge has been ordered by Lieut. Gov. Daughtridge to keep itself in readiness to protect the negro in the event of his arrest. Adjutant General L. W. Young of Raleigh is with the officers in their search for the negro.

Mr. Brown was 24 years old and a son of Mr. John G. Brown, postmaster at Red Springs. He was a member of the Masonic order and also of the Presbyterian church. The funeral takes place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Red Springs from the residence of the family. The Masons will have charge of the burial.

The murder occurred in Hoke county but Sheriff R. F. Lewis was notified of the shooting shortly after it occurred and went at once to the scene of the awful crime and spent the day with Hoke county officials in the search for the murderer.

Petition for Bridge Across Canal Denied.

Judge C. C. Lyon of Elizabethtown spent yesterday in town hearing a petition from Brit's township to require the Back and Jacob Swamps Drainage District to build three bridges across the canal on the Hester-town road. Judge Lyon denied the petition, but the case will go to the Superior Court for a jury to decide whether or not the road in question is a public road. Mr. T. L. Johnson, attorney for the drainage district, contends that even if it is a public the district would not be compelled to build the bridges.

New Pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist Church Arrives.

Rev. W. B. North, who succeeds Rev. J. W. Bradley as pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, arrived last night and is a guest at the home of Mayor and Mrs. A. E. White, Eighth street and Elizabeth road. Mr. North served Northampton circuit last year. He drove through last night from Pembroke, his horse having been shipped wrong by the railroad agent. Mr. North's family will not arrive until after Christmas. He will fill his first appointment at Chestnut Street church Sunday morning and evening.

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ANOTHER HOTEL PROJECT.

Mayor A. E. White Considering Building Handsome 40-Room Hotel on His Lot Facing Chestnut Between 4th and Court House Square—Ideal Location—The "White House" Wouldn't Be Half Bad.

A handsome 3-story 40-room hotel on the lot between Fourth street and the court house square and fronting on Chestnut—that would be about right, wouldn't it? Ideal location, et cetera.

Mayor A. E. White says up and down that he is seriously considering putting up such a hotel on that lot, which he owns. And if Mayor White makes up his mind to do that, why that is what he will do. Here's his hoping.

The "White House." Not half bad as name for a hotel, is it? Incidentally it may be remarked that Mr. White has one White House where he and his family live and where he and Mrs. White delight to entertain their friends; but if he builds this White House the tariff will be placed on all its guests. And everybody will be glad to pay the tariff, for goodness knows—u-m—Did you hear anybody remark that maybe Lumberton needs a ho—Shucks! Tell it not. Lumberton is going to have a dandy hotel some time before the year 1914 gives place to 1915.

It is to be noted that Mr. White will do this thing. The location is all that could be desired, the need is—well, anyway, the "White House hotel" would be full all the time, which would be much better than for the town to be full of sadness about not having a hotel and for visiting drummers to be full of bitterness and words which they scatter all over to get them out of their systems.

Hurrah for the "White House hotel."

RACE SEGREGATION ENDORSED

State Farmers' Union in Convention at Shelby Approves Proposed Legislation—Preparing for Torrens System—Financial Condition of Union Good—Officers Elected.

Special to The Robesonian. Shelby, December 18—There are seventy-five counties represented in the annual State convention of the North Carolina Division of the Farmers' Union, which convened here yesterday and will last through tomorrow. There are about 300 men in attendance. The body endorsed proposed legislation aimed at race segregation in rural communities and requested the State Attorney General to prepare necessary forms for clerks of court in putting into effect the Torrens system of guaranteeing land titles.

Reports of the officers show that the financial condition of the Union is good.

The old officers were all re-elected with the exception of two or three of the executive committee. President, H. Q. Alexander; vice-president, J. M. Templeton; secretary-treasurer, E. C. Faires; organizer-lecturer, J. Z. Green.

C. C. Wright, W. R. Gibson, W. H. Moore, S. H. Hobbs and Editor Clarence H. Poe, of the Progressive Farmer, were elected as the executive committee. G. B.

Death of An Infant—Mrs. Berry Huggins.

The 14-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Green, who live at the National Cotton Mill village, died Wednesday night, and the interment was made yesterday afternoon in Meadow-brook cemetery.

Mrs. Berry Huggins, about 75 years old, died yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock at her home in East Lumberton. The funeral and interment will take place this afternoon at the cemetery at the county home. Deceased is survived by her husband and several children.

New President of Atlantic Coast Line.

New York Dispatch, 18th. J. R. Kenley, third vice-president of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, was today elected president of the company, succeeding the late T. M. Emerson. Mr. Kenley's headquarters will remain at Wilmington, N. C.

The Best Hot Weather Tonic
GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC enriches the blood, builds up the whole system and will wonderfully strengthen and fortify you to withstand the depressing effect of the hot summer. 50c.

RADICAL CHANGES ADOPTED

Republican National Committee Concludes Labor for Reform in Party Procedure—Change in Basis of Representation in National Conventions Will Reduce Quota of Southern States.

Washington Dispatch, 17th. The Republican National committee tonight concluded its labor for reform in party procedure, and launched its campaign for a reunion of warring elements, by adopting a resolution providing for a radical change in the basis of representation in national nominating conventions which would reduce the quota of Southern States from 33 to 16 per cent of the convention's total.

Action of the committee criticized in vigorous terms by several of its members but made unanimous before adjournment, but be endorsed by the States entitled to cast a majority of votes in electoral college before it becomes a party law. The committee appointed a subcommittee of three consisting of Charles B. Warren of Michigan, Senator Borah of Idaho and Governor Hatfield, of West Virginia, to prepare an address to the States urging immediate ratification of the proposal. This address will be drawn up shortly after Christmas holidays and leading members of the committee expressed the hope tonight that it would be met by early action.

The reorganization plan adopted came as a compromise which reflects the views of many committee-men that Southern representation should be reduced but not brought to the vanishing point. The resolution reads as follows:

"Confident that the action of this committee representing as it does practically the unanimous sentiment of the Republican electors of the States, will be ratified by the Republican electors of the States:

"Be it resolved that this committee shall issue a call for the National convention to be held in the year 1916 to nominate candidates for President and Vice President in accordance with the following basis of representation:

"Each State shall be entitled in such convention to four delegates-at-large; one delegate-at-large for each Representative in Congress at large from any State; one delegate from each congressional district; an additional delegate from each congressional district in which the vote either for Republican presidential electors in 1908 or for the Republican candidate for Congress in 1914, shall have been not less than 7,500 and that for each delegate chosen, an alternate delegate shall be chosen in the same manner and at the same time to act in the absence of the delegate.

"Provided, however, that the above basis of representation shall not be made the basis of the call for the National convention to be held in the year 1916, unless prior to January 1, 1915, Republican State conventions held under the laws of the States or called by the Republican State committee of the States in such number of States as are entitled to cast a majority of the votes in the present electoral college shall ratify the action of this committee in respect to determining this basis of representation.

Tar Heel Topics.—Movements of the People.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Tar Heel, Dec. 17—Mr. Ed Brady visited his sister Mrs. J. E. Kinlaw here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. M. R. Powers of Ten Mile visited his daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Monroe here last Monday night.

Messrs. E. J. and Wm. Monroe went to White Oak on business last Monday.

Mrs. M. E. Calhoun and son Mr. J. F. Lackey spent last Monday in Fayetteville.

We are glad to report Mr. Roland Hall who has been confined with a broken limb is improving.

Dr. J. R. Ballance left last Sunday for Nashville.

Mr. J. L. Wilson went to St. Paul last Monday on business.

Mr. Braxton Martin of Tolarsville was a pleasant caller in this vicinity last Sunday.

Mr. F. M. Melvin visited his son Mr. E. D. Melvin here recently.

We are expecting the wedding bells to ring soon.

There is no moment without some duty.—Cicero.

FALLS FROM STREET CAR

Mr. T. R. Tolar of Lumberton Gets a Bad Fall in Richmond—Injuries Not Considered Serious.

Richmond, Va., Times-Dispatch, 17th. J. R. Tolar, about 40 years old, a lumberman, of Lumberton, N. C., was badly hurt last night at 9:30 o'clock when he fell from a Main street car at Main and Rowland streets. He was about to alight when he suddenly lurched forward. He struck on his head and when picked up was unconscious. He was taken in to a nearby residence and rendered emergency treatment by Dr. M. F. Torregrossa, City Hospital ambulance surgeon, and removed to Grace Hospital. He quickly regained consciousness, though the extent of his injuries cannot be determined until to-day, it was said that it was not thought that he was seriously injured, but suffering principally from shock. Surgeons said that he probably would be able to leave the hospital in a few days.

Mr. Tolar has been a guest at Murphy's Hotel, and is well-known in Richmond.

Mr. Tolar's initials are T. R., and he is familiarly known hereabouts as Tom. He returned to Richmond a few weeks ago to undergo treatment, having been much benefited by former treatment there. Mrs. Tolar left Wednesday night for Richmond to join her husband.

Five-Year Old Girl Burned to Death.

Clarkton Special, 18th, to Wilmington Star. Little Annie, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Powell, of this place, was burned to death yesterday morning. The community was greatly saddened. While the little girl was standing before the fire, her clothing caught and before her mother could extinguish the flames she was fatally burned. Mrs. Powell's hands and arms were badly burned in her efforts to save her baby.

Drs. Clark and Evans did all that skilled physicians could do to save the child's life, but the little one passed away at 10 o'clock last night.

The funeral was conducted this afternoon by Rev. A. Lapsley and the remains were laid to rest in the family burying grounds. Many friends and relatives were in attendance.

Play at Purvis.

The high school students of Purvis school will give a play, "Which One Won," Monday night, December 22nd, for the benefit of their library. The public is cordially invited. A small admission fee will be charged.

Raleigh Times: Dr. R. T. Vann, president of Meredith College has received information from Boston, Mass., that the will of Ella Ford Hartshorn has been compromised without the college here losing any of the \$25,000 bequeathed in the will. Mrs. Hartshorn provided for a bequest of \$25,000 for Meredith College on the advice of her husband, Mr. W. N. Hartshorn, who spent a few days in the city several years ago as the guest of Mr. N. B. Broughton.

Raleigh Times: Mr. F. A. Hampton of Remy Mount, who was in the city Tuesday, says that the movement for the new county of Euts, with Rocky Mount as the county seat is apparently gaining force. He tells of a big banquet at Rocky Mount last Thursday at which it was seen that the citizens of the territory it is proposed to take in, were almost unanimous for the new county. The proposition is to have five miles from Ash county on the east and six miles from Edgecomb on the west.

—Dr. W. A. McPhaul returned this spent two days attending a meeting of the Southern Surgical association. Dr. McPhaul says that the meeting was well attended, many of the leading physicians of the United States being present.

—Mr. R. W. Shelby is an extra salesman in Mr. A. Weinstein's department store during the holidays. Mr. Walter Prevatt, who has been with Mr. Weinstein as a salesman this year, says that he will not be with Mr. Weinstein after January. He is considering a proposition to clerk for another mercantile firm in town, morning from Atlanta, Ga., where he

A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city.—Proverbs.

POSTAL SERVICE PAYS

Self-Supporting for First Time Since 1883 According to Annual Report of Postmaster General—Favor Principle of Government Ownership of Telephone and Telegraph Lines.

Washington Dispatch, 17th. A declaration in favor of the principle of government ownership of telephone and telegraph lines, and an assertion that the Postal service now is self supporting for the first time since 1883, are features of the annual report of Postmaster General Burleson, transmitted today to Congress.

Concerning the acquisition of telephone and telegraph lines, Postmaster General Burleson says that the government has demonstrated its capacity to conduct utilities, and, from his present information, he is inclined clearly to the taking over by the Post-office Department of the telegraph lines and possibly of the telephone lines. Discussing that the Postmaster General says:

"A study of the constitutional purposes of the postal establishment leads to the conviction that Post-office Department should have control over all means of the communication of intelligence. The first telegraph line in this country was maintained and operated as a part of the postal service and it is to be regretted that Congress saw fit to relinquish this facility to private enterprise. The monopolistic nature of the telegraph business makes it of vital importance to the people that it be conducted by unselfish interests, and this can be accomplished only through government ownership.

Evidence of Ultimate Policy.

"The act of July 24th, 1866, providing for the government acquisition of the telegraph lines upon payment of an appraised valuation and the act of 1902 directing the Postmaster General to report to Congress the probable cost of connecting a telephone and telegraph line system with the postal service by some feasible plan, are evidences of the policy of this government ultimately to acquire and operate these electrical means of communication as postal facilities, as is done by all principal Nations, the United States alone excepted."

General Financial Policy.

As to his general financial policy Postmaster General Burleson says: "The dominant policy of the present administration will be to conduct the postal service for the convenience of the public and not for profits. Its controlling purpose will be to promote efficiency by the complete standardization of the service.

Growth of Parcel Post.

The report indicates that the growth of the parcel post business has been phenomenal. "The experience gained in the operation of the system under the revised rates and weights has shown that a further reduction of rates and increase of weight limit is justified" says the Postmaster General.

"It is believed that the parcel post should be made eventually to serve the people as fully and completely as possible without interfering with the efficient conduct of the postal service, and that changes in the regulations that will have the effect of increasing the volume of the parcel post mail, should be made gradually and only after experience and investigation have shown that they may be put into effect without loss or detriment to the service."

It is the announced purpose of Mr. Burleson not to encourage the extension of free delivery of mails in villages because of the inferiority of the service and the impossibility to secure economical administration of it. It is his intention, therefore, wherever practicable to utilize the service of the rural carriers for the delivery of mails in small towns.

—Mr. F. W. Walters, who lived this year on a farm about three miles north-west of town, which farm he purchased something over a year ago, with his family moved Wednesday back to his old home place near Barnsville. He has rented his farm near town for next year.

—Mr. Alex. Spivey has sold his farm at Kingstee, S. C., and has bought a farm three miles from Lumberton, on the Allenton road. Mr. Spivey is a Robesonian but has been residing in South Carolina for the last 21 years. He has rightly decided that Robeson is the best place to be found.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Good cotton today, 12 cents.
—The party which was to have gone to Wrightsville Sunday for an oyster roast has postponed the trip until after Christmas.

—Mr. E. C. Morgan, the Robeson Corn Club boy who won a trip to Washington, offered by Congressman Godwin mention of which has been made in recent issues of The Robesonian, passed through town this morning en route home from Washington. Clifton says he had a big trip, and enjoyed it very much. He was in Washington about a week.

—Mr. Dennis Berry, the new night policeman who has been on the job only a few weeks, seems to be on the job all the time. He was chief of police at Marion, S. C., for a number of years and has had valuable experience. Chief of Police Redfern says he thinks the town is fortunate in securing the services of such a man as Mr. Berry.

—Miss Lizzie Caldwell will supervise the preparation of the usual Christmas dinner for the county home inmates. All who wish to contribute to this dinner—and they are usually many—will send their contributions to Miss Caldwell's home not later than Wednesday evening of next week. It is desired that the ladies send cooked stuffs and the men fruits.

—All the evidence in the case of Charity Townsend vs. J. A. Rowland, administrator of the estate of H. A. Townsend, was taken Wednesday at the hearing here before Prof. N. Y. Gulley of Wake Forest, referee, mention of which was made in Wednesday's Robesonian. It is expected that a date will be set in the near future for argument by counsel.

—Tonight the Pastime theatre will offer "The Artist Trick," a Pathe drama; "An Old, Old Song," a feature dramatic story by Essany, and "The International Spies," an interesting Kalem picture. A 5-pound box of candy will be given to the person holding the lucky number. Tomorrow night some one will receive a 5-pound cake. The coupons which are being given out each night are good for both drawings.

—Rowland Sun, 18th: Mr. and Mrs. Graham McKinnon went to Charleston Monday to a hospital, where on yesterday Mr. McKinnon was operated on for appendicitis. Mr. McKinnon is one of the most popular men in this section and his many friends will be glad to know that the operation was successful and that he is doing as well as he possibly could. Dr. Carmichael, his family physician went to Charleston yesterday morning to be present at the operation.

—There will be special music at both services Sunday at Chestnut Street Methodist church. Mrs. B. W. Page is choir leader. The regular choir will be assisted by Mrs. Page's sister Miss Julia Culbreth, who is in charge of the music department of Carolina College, Maxton, and who has delighted congregations at Chestnut Street church on several occasions with her singing, and by Messrs. E. Freeman and R. R. Carlyle. These will be the first services conducted by Rev. W. B. North, who arrived last night.

—"Paid in Full," the attraction at the opera house Wednesday evening was decidedly one of the best plays that has come to Lumberton this season. Each member of the cast interpreted her or his part well. The far and form and manner of locomotion of Eiley O'Connor, leading lady, is much to be desired, but her acting was all right. And Jack Jevne as Jimm Smith was the most natural and likeable fellow on the stage a body ever saw; and the same thing may be said of Will E. Culhane as Capt. William Of course Miss Clementina St. Felix as Beth Harris was a pill, but she didn't count anyway.

—A large touring car, belonging to some hunters from New York was burned at Hunter's Lodge near Monck's Neck Tuesday night. The party drove the car near General F. A. Bond residence and started on to the house and before they reached the house the car caught on fire. The party, including the owner, were afraid to go to the car fearing that the gasoline tank might explode, so they stood off as it saw it burn. It was a nice car—cost several thousand dollars—but the owner is, it is said, worth something like six million dollars, and the loss will not pinch him very much; he need not spend a sad Christmas on account of the burned car.