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NEGRO SHOOTS LANDLORD

Mr. Crayton Prevatt Wounded in Knee by Tenant.—Negro Preferred Hunting to Picking Cotton.

Mr. Crayton Prevatt, who lives near Back Swamp, was shot in the knee with a shotgun in the hands of Junius Hooper, colored, Friday night. Twenty-five shots were taken from the knee, but owing to the fact that Mr. Prevatt had on very thick pants, it is thought that amputation will not be necessary. The negro farmed with Mr. Prevatt this year and it is understood that he was too fond of hunting to harvest his crop. Mr. Prevatt went to the negro's home and told him that he must pick more cotton and hunt less, and it seems that the negro didn't like the tone, so he shot Mr. Prevatt. Saturday morning Rural Policeman Eli Phillips and Deputy A. H. Prevatt went to the home of the negro and found him in the field picking cotton. The negro had his gun with him, but that didn't keep the officers from bringing him to jail.

Superior Court.

A two-week term of criminal court convened this morning at 10:30 Judge C. M. Cook of Louisburg presiding. The grand jury was duly empaneled with Mr. W. A. Griffith, foreman and Mr. Geo. Barnes officer in charge. Solicitor N. A. Sinclair of Fayetteville is here to represent the State. This is the last court he will attend in Robeson, as after this month Mr. S. B. McLean, who was elected to this position last Tuesday will enter upon the duties of solicitor of this district. The morning session was taken up in lining up for business. The judge's charge to the jury was not aside from the usual. The following out-of-town attorneys are attending court: G. B. Patterson, S. B. McLean, J. E. Carpenter and B. F. McLean of Maxton; J. S. Butler of St. Pauls and E. L. Gavis of Roseboro.

Belgian Relief Fund.

Mr. R. D. Caldwell announced at the Baptist Sunday school yesterday that Mr. E. L. Whaley, assistant cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, has been appointed to take charge of the local fund for the relief of the Belgians. Mr. Whaley took in 10.50 this morning. All who desire to contribute to help the starving Belgians, against whom one of the greatest crimes of the ages has been committed and who are innocent sufferers in the great war, may hand it to Mr. Whaley with the assurance that it will reach the proper channels.

A movement is on foot to give a musical entertainment by local talent here in the near future for this cause.

Rejoice and Thank God.

The following from the sermon of a well-informed Baptist preacher yesterday is well worth passing along: "American people should be rejoicing and thanking God instead of talking hard times. We should thank God for the God-fearing, peace-loving men at the head of our government, men who must have been sent by God for the present time. There is no need for all the unrest that is among our people today. Talk about the love of God and stop talking hard times."

More Small Grain Being Planted—Flour Mill.

In traveling through the country now one will see far more small grain planted than one usually sees at this season of the year. In many sections of Robeson the farmers are planting wheat, quite a bit of it. There's a reason.

It is understood that the Farmers' Union flour mill, which has been located at Pembroke, will be moved to St. Pauls at an early date. It's high time to diversify crops in Robeson, where anything will grow.

Raised Plenty of Corn and is in Good Fix.

Mr. S. P. Smith, who lives near Allenton, was among the visitors in town Friday. Mr. Smith says he didn't plant any cotton this year, but on a one-horse farm he raised corn a plenty and has more than 300 bushels to sell. More money in that than there is in raising cotton at most any price, considering the difference in amount of fertilizer used under corn and cotton.

THE VOTE CANVASSED.

Official Vote of Robeson — McLeod Ran Behind Ticket 252 Votes — Democratic Vote Light—Vote Against All Amendments Nearly Two to One.

The official vote of Robeson county in the election last Tuesday was canvassed here (Thursday). (The vote given below is complete with the exception of the vote for commissioners for St. Pauls township, which the board of canvassers was unable to obtain and which is therefore left blank in the official returns. The majority of Geo. B. McLeod, Democrat for the State Senate over Rev. D. B. Humphrey, Independent, was only 771, while the Democratic majority as represented by the vote for the House of Representatives was 1197.

About two to one against was the vote for the amendments. It is a curious fact that the lowest number of votes cast for any of the amendments was cast for the first. Robeson county voters seem much to prefer to have veterans of the Civil War called rebels. The tax amendment and amendment for 6 months public schools received twice as many votes for as the first, but the vote against was also higher, the highest number of votes cast against any being against the tax amendment, 1171.

The total vote of the county, with the exception noted above, was as follows:

United States Senator—Overman 1823, Whitener 527. Corporation Commissioner—Travis 1821, Parsons 527. Judges—1824 for all Democratic nominees except O. H. Allen, 1823, Geo. Rountree, 1821, and C. C. Lyon (this, 9th, district), 1782, and 527 for each Republican nominee except Judge Lyon's opponent, who received 526. Solicitor, 9th judicial district—S. B. McLean, dem., (no opposition) 1870. Representative in Congress, 6th district—Godwin 1775, Davis 480. State Senate—McLeod 1572, Humphrey 801. House of Representatives—Sellers and Shepherd 1824, Purvis 627, Hall 626. County offices—Clerk Superior Court: Skipper (Dem., endorsed by Independents) 2450. Register of deeds: Floyd 2153, Hester 625. Coroner—Dem., endorsed by Independents) 2505. Sheriff: Lewis 1882, Brown 594. Treasurer: McKenzie 1897, McRae 641. Commissioners: Floyd 1737, McNair 1730; Atkinson 491, Currie 486.

The vote of Sterling's township for county officers, which The Robesonian was unable to obtain for publication last Wednesday was as follows: State Senate: McLeod 28, Humphrey 9. House: Sellers 35, Shepherd 24, Purvis and Hall 8. Clerk Superior Court: Skipper 41. Register of deeds: Floyd 33, Hester 8. Coroner: Rancke 43. Sheriff: Lewis 25, Brown 8. Treasurer: McKenzie 33, McRae 8. Commissioners: Floyd and McNair 34; Atkinson and Currie 8.

Vote for Amendments.

The vote for the amendments was as follows: No. 1—to substitute "War Between the States" for "insurrection or rebellion against the United States"—for 207, against 982; No. 2—to increase pay of members of Legislature—for 564, against 993; No. 3—to restrict local, private and special legislation—for 655, against 1006; No. 4—fixing day of inauguration of Governor—for 683, against 984; No. 5—to prevent delays in trials by providing emergency judges—for 625, against 1054; No. 6—removing obsolete sections from Constitution—for 639, against 1014; No. 7—to revise and reform system of revenue and taxation—for 510, against 1171; No. 8—to prevent special charters to corporations by the General Assembly—for 625, against 1047; No. 9—to prevent special charters to towns, cities had incorporated villages—for 596, against 1044; No. 10—to require 6 months public school term—for 594, against 1118.

Sheriff Finds Collections Slow.

Sheriff R. E. Lewis completed his first rounds for Taxes Saturday, with the exception of Lumber Bridge, where he goes tomorrow, the date having to be changed from last Tuesday on account of election day. Mr. Lewis says collections have been slow. However he has "fetched" in a little every day except Friday of last week, when he went to Buie and didn't collect one penny.

GERMANS ARE ON DEFENSIVE IN BOTH THE EAST AND WEST

London Dispatch, 8th.

The German and Austrian armies are now on the defensive both on the east and west. They have given up, at least for the present, their efforts to break through the allied lines around Ypres, in Belgium, where the British and French have taken the offensive and according to reports from French headquarters, have commenced to advance. In the east they have fallen back over their own frontiers in East Prussia and in Poland, while Russian cavalry has penetrated Silesia to the north of Kalisz and cut the German railway.

The Russians also are following up their advantage in Galicia, and it is said have cut the retreating Austrian off from Cracow, while the Germans are retiring through Poland. At only one point at two battle fronts do the Germans claim success. That is at the west of Argonne region, where they have taken from the French an important height near Vienne-LeChateau.

French troops have re-taken the positions which they had lost during the course of the week. That is notably so in the Aisne Valley around Soissons, where they have regained the ground which the Germans by fierce assaults had taken from them.

The Belgians holding the line reaching the coast also have made progress.

Mayor and Assistant Recorder in Court.

Mayor A. E. White and Assistant Recorder E. M. Johnson were before Recorder R. A. McLean Thursday afternoon charged with running their automobiles on Elm street without lights. Mayor White submitted, and gave as his reason for so doing: "Because I started my car on one of the most beautiful and best lighted streets in North Carolina, Elm street, and forgot about turning on the lights." He was taxed with the costs. Johnson plead not guilty because of the fact that his lights went out after he got on this beautifully-lighted street and he didn't know about it till he stopped his car. His case was dismissed.

Dr. W. A. McPhaul was also tried at the same time for allowing his automobile to leak on the paved streets. He didn't draw any fine, but was taxed with the cost. He appealed to the Supreme Court.

Delicious Luola Grapes.

Mr. G. W. Lennon brought some very delicious Luola grapes to the Robesonian office Thursday of last week. Mr. Lennon lives in Lumberton, but picked the grapes from one of the 75 vines of this late variety which he has on his farm in Bladen county. The Luola is considered one of the best grapes grown on the American soil, and Mr. Lennon has sold numbers of the vines from his vineyard to Uncle Sam. These grapes never get ripe till October, after other grapes are gone. Mr. Lennon remembers the editor each year.

Law Firm Dissolved.

The partnership that has existed for the past year and a half between Messrs. W. Lennon and H. E. Stacy, attorneys, has been dissolved. Mr. Lennon will continue to occupy the offices formerly occupied by the firm Mr. Stacy will occupy an office in the same building just to the rear of his former office.

Dived and Struck Head—Serious Results.

Mr. M. A. Humphrey of Saddle Tree was taken yesterday to Richmond, Va., and placed in the Memorial hospital. On August 22 Mr. Humphrey, while bathing in Raft Swamp, near his home, ran and jumped into the stream and owing to the fact that he didn't jump far enough his head struck the bottom and came very near breaking his neck. He has been getting worse since that time and now is almost paralyzed and cannot walk.

Mrs. M. N. Culbreth of Wilmington is a guest at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. B. W. Page. Mrs. Page's sisters, Miss Julia, teacher of voice at Carolina College, Maxton, and Miss Rebecca, who teaches at Marietta, spent the week-end here, returning to their schools this morning.

THE FINAL SUMMONS.

Mr. Frank Britt of East Lumberton.

Mr. Frank Britt died at his home in East Lumberton Thursday afternoon at 7:30 o'clock. Deceased had been sick for several months and his death was not unexpected. He is survived by his wife and several children. The funeral was conducted at the grave Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Rev. W. R. Davis and interment was made in the family burying ground at Mt. Eliam.

Mr. Britt was about 40 years old and for a number of years had been a faithful member of the Mt. Eliam Baptist church.

Mrs. Forest Page, of Page's Mill.

Mrs. Forest Page, aged 28 years, died at her home at Pages Mill, S. C., Friday about noon. She had been in ill health for several years. The remains were brought to the home of her father, Mr. W. D. Prevatt, who lives at Clyburn, Saturday afternoon. The funeral was conducted yesterday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. J. W. Cobb of Lumber Bridge and interment was made in the family burying ground. Deceased is survived by her husband and two children.

Mr. H. Q. McLean Succumbs to Stroke of Paralysis.

Mr. H. Q. McLean aged 52 years, died at his home about two miles from town on the Fayetteville road Friday morning at 5:30. Mr. McLean was in his usual health up to midnight Thursday night, when he was stricken with paralysis. Deceased is survived by his wife and four children. The funeral was conducted Saturday morning at ten o'clock by Rev. W. R. Davis, pastor of deceased, and interment was made in the family burying ground near Allenton.

Mr. McLean was a member of Antioch Baptist church, and in his death the church loses one of its most loyal members and Robeson loses a valuable citizen.

Mrs. W. H. Shooter received a wire message Wednesday to the effect that her father, Mr. John Baker, formerly of Robeson, died that morning at 9 o'clock at his home in Alapaha, Ga. He was about 70 years old and suffered a stroke of paralysis, which caused his death.

State Banks for Cotton Loan Plan.

The Banks of North Carolina are to be counted in on the Wade-St. Louis cotton plan and they are called upon to meet the subscriptions needed to secure for this State such part of the cotton loan fund of \$135,000,000 as may be found necessary for the loans on cotton required in this State, the State to receive from the fund three dollars for every dollar it places in the fund.

This was the action taken here yesterday at the meeting of the special committee appointed by the North Carolina Banks' Association to consider the plan and if it was favored to take steps to put it into effect so far as this State is concerned.

Tombstone at Head of Cotton—But It is Dead No Longer.

Mr. Fred Brown of Antioch, Hoke county, who spent yesterday in Lumberton, says he saw the other day, in the place of business of Mr. W. J. McLeod, cotton buyer, at Red Springs, a tombstone at the head of a sheet containing cotton. It just happened that way, Mr. McLeod handling tombstones as well as cotton. Mr. Brown told Mr. McLeod that was the most appropriate thing he had seen. But indications are that cotton is going to be the liveliest sort of corps in the near future.

Mr. J. S. Thompson of Fairmont Makes Assignment.

As will be seen from an advertisement elsewhere in this issue, Mr. J. S. Thompson, who has been conducting a general merchandise business at Fairmont for the past year or so, has made an assignment. Mr. Thompson was formerly a clerk in the store of Messrs. White & Gough here and he and another bought out a store of Messrs. White & Gough at Fairmont a year or more ago. Mr. Thompson bought out his partner some months ago and has since conducted the business alone. He and his family have many friends here where they lived for some time.

Mr. Sandy McNeill of Wakullah is a Lumberton visitor today.

CHURCH NOTES.

Protracted Meeting at Presbyterian Church Will Close Tomorrow Evening.

The series of meetings which has been going on at the Presbyterian church since Tuesday evening of last week will close tomorrow evening. Services are being held at 3:30 and 7:30 each day. Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure of Wilmington has been assisting the pastor, Rev. J. F. Gorrell. Dr. McClure has been preaching some powerful sermons, large crowds have been attending the services, and much interest has been manifest.

The mission study class of Chestnut Street Methodist church will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the parsonage with Mrs. W. B. North. All ladies of the church are invited.

Rev. W. R. Davis left this morning for Burgaw, where he will assist Rev. E. L. Weston in a series of meetings. Mr. Weston was formerly pastor of the Baptist church at St. Pauls, having gone to Burgaw from that place.

Rev. Chas. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church, went yesterday to Antioch, near Allenton, where he aided Rev. W. R. Davis, pastor of the church, in ordaining Messrs. A. E. Israel and J. P. West as deacons of the church.

Colored Baptist Association.

The colored folks of Robeson held their annual Baptist Association at the St. John's Baptist church here last week. The meeting was opened Thursday night. Mayor A. E. White delivered an address of welcome Thursday evening. Large crowds of colored folks from every way attended the association.

Oxford Orphanage Singing Class at Opera House Wednesday.

The singing class of the Oxford Orphanage will give a concert at the opera house Wednesday evening of this week. The concert will begin at 7:30 o'clock. The singing class sent out from this orphanage every year always gives an excellent concert and the visit of these children is always looked forward to with pleasure by the people of Lumberton. And no doubt the children and their teachers look forward with pleasure to their visit to Lumberton, for the people of this town have a justly-earned reputation of contributing with open-handed liberality to any orphanage that they have opportunity of helping, and the children are always entertained here royally. Mr. Frank Gough is chairman of the committee that has entertainment of the children and those who will come with them in charge. Lumberton will no doubt turn out in force and pack the opera house for this concert.

Notices of New Advertisements.

Card of Thanks.

A full dress suit for \$35.—R. D. Caldwell and Son.

Notice of dissolution of law partnership of Lennon and Stacy.

Woodbery Lennon has law offices over Postoffice.

Execution for sale of land—McLean, Varser and McLean, attorneys.

Notice of sale of goods, wares and merchandise.—T. A. McNeill, Jr., assignee of J. S. Thompson, Jr.

Don't get tangled in the debt of extravagance; bank your money—First National Bank.

Coal and wood—Lumberton Wood & Coal Yard.

All goods at small profit—Boylan's Jewelry Store.

Advantage of paying by check or draft.—Farmers' and Merchants Bank.

H. E. Stacy, office in First National Bank building.

Two Men Killed by Falling Tree.

Two young men by the name of Fax and Tuberville, natives of Columbus county, were killed Friday near Marietta, in the Southern part of Robeson, while sawing logs for the Butters Lumber Company of Boardman. The boys, whose first names have not been learned, were sawing near where two other men were sawing and a tree fell on the two above-named, killing them instantly. An inquest was not thought to be necessary.

WATCH—Watch the label on your paper if renewals are not in by date on label paper will be stopped.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Maxwell, Monday of last week, a 12-pound girl.

—Mr. A. Weinstein left last night for New York, where he will purchase goods for his department store.

—Mr. Duncan McWhite and family moved last week from the Wishart place at Allenton to the Ira Flowers place, 3 miles from Lumberton.

—License has been issued for the marriage of J. C. Smith and Ophelia Gilmore; M. L. McLean and Meloma Willard; T. A. Brodeau and Lucy Watson.

The Civic Association will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. V. Brown, North Elm street. All ladies of the town are cordially invited to attend.

Messrs. H. M. Beasley & Bro., have opened up a wood and coal yard near the Coca-Cola bottling plant in the eastern part of town. They have installed a mill and will cut their wood on the yard.

—There was a temperance rally at Lone Branch Baptist church yesterday. There was a large crowd present and a beautiful and entertaining programme was rendered. Mr. E. J. Bell of Lumberton was the oratorical speaker.

—Mr. Fred Brown who was among the visitors in town yesterday, says that Maj. A. J. McKinnon of Maxton made an address on the cotton situation at Antioch, Hoke county, Friday night of last week that was greatly enjoyed by a large crowd.

—A chicken hawk struck at some chickens in Mr. W. C. Collins' back yard one day recently at the wrong place and wrong time. The hawk struck down and got tangled in some chicken wire, which held him fast until Mr. Collins caught him. After he was caught he would try to claw anyone who would get near him.

—Rev. Chas. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church, asks The Robesonian to say that on account of the coming of the Oxford Orphans Wednesday evening the usual prayer-meeting at his church will be held at 7 o'clock instead of 7:30, in order that all who wish may attend prayer-meeting and the children's exercises too.

—Mr. J. F. McNeill and two sons, Masters Clarence and Vernon, and Chief of Police H. H. Redfern and son, Master James, visited the State Sanatorium a Montrose yesterday, making the trip in Mr. McNeill's auto. Mr. McNeill was much impressed with the excellence of the roads in that section and with the sanatorium, where a relative of Mr. Redfern is a patient.

—Dr. Tom Norment, Independent, is spending much time these days smoking his long-stem pipe, passing his fingers through his Bohemian whiskers and reflecting over the results of the election. Dr. Tom made three speeches for the Independent ticket and says he is sure if he had started out earlier and delivered three more his ticket would have carried the State.

—A horse belonging to Mr. G. M. Whitfield and which was hitched to a wagon and driven by Mr. Geo. W. Thorndyke, became frightened at a train near the Seaboard station Friday afternoon and proceeded to do about. He ran into a post near the railroad after Mr. Thorndyke had broken one of his lines and threw him out against the railroad track, knocking him unconscious for some time. His head was somewhat bruised and the harness was torn up. Dr. W. A. McPhaul dressed the wound and Mr. Thorndyke went back to his work. The horse was not hurt.

—Judge H. E. W. Palmer of Atlanta, chief counsel and Mr. M. B. Spier of Charlotte, district manager, for the Southern Bell Telephone Co., Messrs. McLean, Varser & McLean, local attorneys for the company, and Messrs. H. E. Stacy and R. C. Lawrence, attorneys for the town, met here Thursday of last week and held a consultation in regard to the recent order requiring the Bell Company to remove its poles off Elm street. Nothing has been given out in regard to the conference but it is understood that a satisfactory settlement of the matter will be reached soon.