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## TOBACCO PRICES HIGHER

Heavy Sales Yesterday and Farmers Declared the Prices Best of the Season. Around a quarter-million pounds of tobacco was sold in the Lumberton market yesterday and prices were higher than for several days, according to the farmers. Those who sold tobacco here yesterday were well pleased and some of the farmers declared that the sale yesterday was the best of the season.

## EQUAL SUFFRAGE IS THE LAW OF THE LAND

Secretary Colby Issued Proclamation This Morning Upon Receipt of Official Certification of Ratification of 19th Amendment by 36th State. Official proclamation of the 19th amendment, granting women the suffrage, was issued this morning at Washington by Secretary of State Colby, upon receipt of official certification of Tennessee's ratification of the amendment. A last effort of the anti-suffrage forces was blocked yesterday when Justice Siddens of the District of Columbia Supreme court refused to issue a "show cause" order against Secretary Colby. Gov. Roberts certified Tennessee's ratification Tuesday after receiving from his Attorney General an opinion that a writ issued by Chief Justice Lansden of the State Supreme court set aside a lower court order temporarily restraining the Governor from taking such action. Upon receipt of Governor Roberts' official notice Secretary Colby proclaimed the amendment in effect and equal suffrage the law of the land.

## RATE FOR STOVES RAISED OVER 50 PER CENT.

Price of Electric Current for Cooking Purposes Goes From 4 to 6 1-2 Cents—Looking the Purchase of Street Truck. The price of current used for cooking purposes was advanced from 4 to 6 1-2 cents the k. w. at a meeting of the mayor and town commissioners Monday evening. The meeting was called for the purpose of considering the matter of purchasing a truck to be used on the streets. Some trucks are being demonstrated here this week and the matter was deferred until a later date.

## WIFE MURDERER HANGS HIMSELF IN STATE PRISON

Simon Blount, Colored, Was Sent Up From Robeson at Last Term of Court for Shooting Wife. Simon Blount, colored, committed suicide at the State prison one day recently, according to information received here. Blount hung himself, it is said. Simon was sentenced to ten years in the State prison by Judge O. H. Guion at the last term of Robeson criminal court on the charge of shooting and killing his wife. Blount shot his wife to death at their home near Wakulla, last spring and then fired a load of shot into his own face. Jealousy was said to have been at the bottom of the trouble.

## Revisiting Scenes of His Youth.

Rev. Everett Ward of New Mexico, who has been in the county for the past month visiting relatives, is a Lumberton visitor today. He is on the program tomorrow for the union meeting of the Robeson Baptist association, which will be held at Rozier tomorrow and Saturday. Mr. Ward was born and raised on the Creek road, at what is now the Joe Stone place. He is a brother of Mrs. A. W. Israel of R. 5, Mrs. Alfred Lawson of Orrum, Mrs. Marshall Britt, near Orrum, and Mr. W. J. Ward, near Tobermory, and a first cousin of Mr. Archie Ward of Lumberton. Next Sunday night he will begin with Pastor W. H. Dodd a series of meetings at the old home church, Mt. Ehim.

## Arthur McNair Gives Himself Up.

Arthur McNair, colored, charged with shooting Luther Hicks, also colored, near St. Pauls Sunday, gave himself up to Mr. J. Browne Evans of St. Pauls Tuesday and was brought here and placed in jail. As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, Hicks was shot in the face with a shotgun, the shooting following a row over a crap game.

## THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

T. C. Barker of Howellsville. Mr. T. C. Barker, 32 years old, died yesterday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Barker, in Howellsville township. Deceased had been sick for a year or more with some head trouble. The funeral and interment will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock at Ten Mile church.

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The "first wireless message to be heard around the world" was received August 21st by Secretary Daniels at Washington from the Lafayette radio station at Bordeaux, France.

## SPECIAL SESSION ADJOURNS TODAY

House Refuses to Raise Salaries—Repeal of Primary Will Be Submitted to Voters—Registration and Voting of Women Provided For. Both houses of the General Assembly held sessions last night and speeded up with the purpose of adjourning today at noon, the time fixed by both houses for the end of the special session. The House defeated by a large majority 4 bills to raise salaries of constitutional officers, State officers, judges, and clerks of the several departments. Under the provision of a bill which passed both the Senate and the House this week, repeal of the primary will be submitted to both parties in the November election and if a majority of the vote cast shall favor repeal, the bill will be in force from that date. The constitutional amendment bill, which previously had passed the House, passed the Senate Tuesday. The Senate Tuesday passed a measure providing for the registration and voting of women. The act provides that "nothing in any of the laws of North Carolina shall be construed as to prevent the registration and voting of women 21 years of age and having other qualifications provided for men and that women shall not be required to pay poll tax as a prerequisite to voting. A bill was passed to increase the salary of solicitors, a sliding scale of fees ranging downward from the \$40 given for conviction in capital cases to \$10 in lesser offenses. The maximum in the old schedule was \$25 for murder cases.

The House rejected the Governor's proposal to create a commission to prepare a suitable road bill for the regular session in January. It passed a resolution asking the Corporation Commission to maintain the present intra-State passenger rates.

## RECORDER BRITT'S BUSY DAY.

Temporary Theft of Auto Draws Road Sentence—Other Cases. Monday was a busy day in Recorder E. M. Britt's court, the following cases being aired: Rowland Norris, abandoning his wife; not prosed. Mrs. Norris, who swore out the warrant charging abandonment, failed to show up for the trial. Joseph Brittain, colored, temporary on the roads. The auto belonged to larceny of auto; sentenced to 30 days a traveling man, who hired Brittain to wash the car. When he started to take the car to the place where he was to wash it, Brittain drove it about town for a spell, taking a number of his colored friends for a ride. John Wannamaker, colored, larceny; six months on the roads. Wannamaker was convicted of stealing six cotton sheets from one of the tobacco warehouses. Bill Ganus, using profane language on the public highway; thirty days on the roads. W. F. McLeod, assault with deadly weapon upon Edmund Hunt, Indian; not guilty. Edmund Hunt, assault upon W. F. McLeod; fined \$25 and cost.

## OFFICER SHOT DEAD IN PRESENCE OF HIS FAMILY

Belfast, August 22—Police Inspector Swansey, against whom a verdict of wilful murder was given by a coroner's jury in connection with the assassination of Mayor McCurtain in March was shot dead today while proceeding to his home from church at Lisburn to which town he had been transferred after the finding of the coroner's jury. The killing of Inspector Swansey was among the most daring of a long series. The congregations were leaving all the protestant churches at the time. The officer had been with his mother and sister in attendance upon the service at Christ church and had reached the corner of Railway street, where he resided. Here three men armed with rifles confronted Swansey and fired on him in the presence of his horrified family. Swansey fell, but, to make double sure, the assassins discharged their weapons again into his body.

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## NEGRO LYNCHED AT GRAHAM: ASSAULTED CHILD

Mob Took Prisoner From Sheriff Near Scene of Conflict Between Machine Gunners and Masked Mob—Negro Admitted Crime. A Durham dispatch of the 25th gives the following: On almost the identical spot where James Ray fell mortally wounded during the battle between a masked mob and the Durham machine gun company guarding the Alamance county jail, on the night of July 19, another mob this afternoon overpowered Sheriff C. D. Storey and six deputies and took away from them John Jeffress, a negro charged with assaulting a four-year-old child. Afterwards the mob carried the negro, without resistance to a lonely spot half-way between Burlington and Belmont cotton mills, west of Graham, and riddled his body with bullets. He was reported to Sheriff Storey, afterwards, as dead. The crime for which the young negro was put to death is alleged to have been committed at 10 o'clock this morning near the child's home. Cries of her mother, it is said, caused the negro to run, leaving the little girl without serious injury. An armed posse formed immediately after the crime was reported, but it was Sheriff Storey's posse, composed of deputy sheriffs and police officers of both Graham and Burlington, that landed the prisoner. They found him crouched in a honeysuckle vine near the Graham railroad station. He was arrested and placed in the Alamance county jail shortly after the noon hour. He admitted the crime, Sheriff Storey said.

## FIRST REUNION OF WILDCAT DIVISION

Special Trains and Reduced Rates to Reunion at Columbia Sept. 20-21. Columbia, S. C., Aug. 23.—Much enthusiasm is being manifested by the citizens of Columbia and of South Carolina in anticipation of the first reunion of the 81st (Wildcat) Division, which is to be held in Columbia September 20-21. Special trains will be run from different sections of the country and reduced rates have been granted by all railroads to those expected to attend the reunion. All "wildcats" expecting to attend the reunion should communicate with the secretary of the Wildcat Veterans' association at once requesting that they be sent an identification certificate entitling them to this reduced railroad rates. The members have been requested to bring their uniforms, but this is not compulsory. Between eight and ten thousand are expected to attend the reunion.

## Thompson Hospital Notes.

Reported for The Robesonian. Mrs. Ira Bullard, city, who was a patient at the hospital for some days, was able to return home last week. Mrs. H. C. Barnes, Orrum, was admitted to the hospital for treatment yesterday.—Mrs. Roy Tyner, R. F. D. Buies, who was operated on two weeks ago, returned home yesterday.—Mr. D. G. Williams, R. F. D. Fairmont, is a patient at this week.—Miss Irma Spivey, Marietta, is a patient at the hospital and will undergo an operation this week.—Evan Williams, East Lumberton, was operated on Tuesday for fractured bones in his face as result of being struck by base ball. He is getting along nicely.—Davie Chavis, Indian, Bennett, who underwent a very serious operation for gangrenous appendix last week, is getting along as well as could be expected.

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## PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

Sunday School Picnics and Other Social Items—A Trip to Jackson Springs—The Ubiquitous Mosquito—Personal and Other Items. BY C. D. WILLIAMSON. Parkton, Aug. 24.—The M. E. Sunday school will hold its annual picnic Friday at Victory Lake. They will assemble at the church at 3 p. m. and leave in cars, and a good time is anticipated. We also hear that one of the classes of the Presbyterian Sunday school, including their families, will have a picnic at the same place in the forenoon. Bathing will be the order of the occasion. Aside from the good things to eat, a jolly good time awaits them. Mrs. Nan Carter will entertain her Sunday school at her home on Thursday p. m., 5 till 7 o'clock. The Christian Endeavor society is holding a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Thomason tonight. Mr. A. F. Hughes left Saturday night for Lodewisha, Ga., where he will attend the funeral of one of his brothers, who was drowned during the late war in the waters of Scotland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lancaster spent a few days last week in Charlotte, and her sister, Mrs. Jackson, who has been on a visit and who enjoyed the trip with them, has returned to her home. Mrs. Katie Fields and two children, of Florida, are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thames. Mr. Joe Thomas and little boy of Raleigh spent the week-end with his parents. Rev. Graham Stubbs and wife who have been on a visit to his brother, Mr. A. M. Stubbs, of our town, and other relatives, left this afternoon for their home in Florida. Miss Nellie Stubbs returned home Sunday afternoon after spending a week with relatives at Clio, S. C. and at Johns, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Angus McLaurin of Johns spent the week-end with home folks. Mr. McLaurin returned home Monday p. m. while Mrs. McLaurin will remain for a few days. This scribe and the following friends spent Friday at Jackson Springs: T. W. Thompson, Dr. Herndon, Collier Cobb and Jack Thompson. The day was rainy but we enjoyed the day just the same. Thousands of people were there that day. This was my first trip there and as to the water, I can say I never enjoyed any better; only wish I could live there a month or more. We saw hundreds of acres of tobacco and more than hundreds of acres of peaches. The peach industry of that section is becoming more and more important. While at the Springs we met scores of old friends and met as many new acquaintances. Just here the mosquitoes have appeared and trouble no little. Will some one advise us where there is no mosquitoes? They entertain day and night, and so long as I hear their deceitful music there is no sweet sleep. Only wish it was in my power to blot them off the globe. Mr. W. W. Gaine is placing building material on his lot in town for a nice residence. The work will be rushed to completion. The Parkton pharmacy changed hands last week. Mr. W. G. Britt and Mr. J. M. Johnson purchasers. Mr. Johnson is manager. Mr. L. M. Powell left last night for Baltimore on a business trip. Mr. Norman Perry and his attractive bride spent ten days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Perry, and left for their home Monday of last week in Baltimore, where Mr. Perry operates an extensive delivery business. We were glad to have them in our midst. Mrs. Katie Stubbs of Purvis spent the week-end with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Stubbs. Mr. Wm. Canady and family moved today to Fayetteville. Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Hasty are the fond parents of a fine 10 lb. boy, of the 21st.

H. Marvin Holliday, an electrician, Sunday morning went to a residence on one of the main streets of Greensboro, called Thomas Monroe, 18 years old, to the door, and fired 4 shots at him from a pistol, neither shot taking effect except in the woodwork of the house. Holliday then drove to the jail and surrendered to the sheriff. He claimed that Monroe had had improper relations with his wife and said that he shot to kill the boy. At a hearing Monday Holliday was bound over to court. Ninety-eight applicants for license to practice law in North Carolina, including 2 women and 2 negroes, faced the examination before the Supreme court Monday.

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## PHILADELPHUS SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7TH

New Dormitory Will Be Equipped With Electric Lights and Steam Heat. Correspondence of The Robesonian. Red Springs, Aug. 25.—School will begin at Philadelphus on Tuesday, September 7th. All the teachers for the coming year have been appointed and everything is now ready for the opening of school. The new dormitory will be completed by that time and ready for use also the buildings will all be furnished with electric lights this year. The new dormitory will be heated with steam heat. There is still room for about eight or ten more girls and twelve or fourteen boys in the dormitories and anyone wishing board at the dormitories and go to school here should write A. J. Caldwell at Red Springs, and reserve room at once, or for any information concerning the school.

## QUARTERLY MEETING

East Robeson Quarterly Meeting Institute Will Be Held at Cedar Grove Next Sunday. Correspondence of The Robesonian. The East Robeson quarterly meeting institute will meet with the Cedar Grove Sunday School on the 5th Sunday in August 1920. PROGRAM 10:30—Meeting called to order by the president, Rev. L. E. Daily. Song, "I Must Need Go on By the Way of the Cross." Prayer, by L. E. Tyner, Ruff Swamp. The roll of schools will be called and letter read from each school. Each school will be represented by speaker and music. At 11:30 Mr. Luther Britt of Lumberton will deliver a Sunday school address. Mr. Britt is a young lawyer of Lumberton and it will be worth while to any one in Robeson county to hear him speak on Sunday school that day. In the afternoon the singing contest will come off. Every school is earnestly requested to be represented with plenty of music and more special songs from the children. Come one, come all, and enjoy a good day at Cedar Grove. EVANDER D. STONE, Chairman Program Com.

## CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. C. W. Walters will begin a tent meeting at Fairmont tomorrow night. The meeting will last two weeks or longer. A series of meetings will begin at Baltimore Baptist church, near Fairmont, the second Sunday in September, instead of the third Sunday, as first announced. Rev. E. A. Paul will assist the pastor, Rev. J. R. Miller, in the meeting. Rev. Dr. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, is assisting in a meeting at Marietta this week but will return in time to fill his pulpit Sunday, both morning and evening. Mr. W. W. Lewis of Fairmont is a Lumberton visitor today. Mr. D. P. Buie of Philadelphus is a Lumberton visitor today.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hines and three sons, Messrs. E. M. Jr., Wiley and John Charles, of Rowland were among the visitors in town yesterday. Messrs. H. M. and Duncan Smith of R. 5, Lumberton, were in town yesterday. Mr. J. C. Carlyle of the Rozier section was a Lumberton visitor Monday. Mr. J. S. Gore returned Monday from a week's visit to Conway and other points in South Carolina. Mr. R. C. Lawrence spent yesterday in Charlotte on legal business. Miss Margaret Woodward left yesterday for her home at Morganton after spending three weeks here visiting at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Townsend, Sixth and Walnut streets. Miss Hellice Miller left Tuesday evening for Lancaster, Pa., to join her mother, Mrs. E. S. Miller.

Frederick executive committee of Wake Forest College Alumni association announces the appointment of Mr. Trella D. Collins as secretary of the association to succeed F. K. Pool, resigned. Mr. Collins began last week with the work as secretary and he states that before the opening of the college he hopes to visit the various alumni associations of the state. Charles Bowles, an ex-soldier, Sunday in Durham county shot and killed Theibert Ellis, a prosperous young farmer of Person county, who married the girl Bowles wanted. Mrs. Ellis was the only witness.

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## BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Pattle Bullock, daughter of Mr. C. W. Bullock and Mr. Clyde Pittman, both of Fairmont. A negro minstrel troupe gave a band concert on the streets at noon yesterday and a performance under tent across from the town hall last evening. Among local bills introduced by Senator Stacy, in addition to those heretofore mentioned, was one to allow Rowland to sell its water works and electric light plant. Miss Amelia Linkhauer and her nephew Master Frank Gough returned yesterday from New York, where Miss Linkhauer went to purchase millinery for her "Style Show". The ice cream supper advertised for Saturday night at Barnesville will be given tonight instead of Saturday night. The supper will be given for the benefit of the Methodist church. Speaking of good crops, Mr. E. C. Graham says that Mr. E. T. Taylor of Howellsville township has the finest field of cotton he has seen this year. "Sure it must be dandy cotton."

Mr. J. R. Phillips, who lives near Allenton, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday. During this summer of abundant peach crop not much has been said about apples, but Mr. Phillips comes along with some "Seedlings" as big as your two fists. Important meeting of the Lumberton Post of the American Legion this evening at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present, as some matters of interest will be considered. Meeting in the Legion hall, second floor of the municipal building. Miss Josephine Breece returned yesterday from Baltimore and New York, where she bought goods for her millinery store. She was accompanied to New York by Miss Cora C. Collins, her head milliner, who is expected to arrive here Sunday. Misses Hilda and Miriam Weinstein delightfully entertained at a dinner party at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Weinstein, Elm street, last evening in honor of their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nathan of New Bern and Wilmington and Mr. F. Hahn of Norfolk, Va.

The Southern Truck & Car Corporation of Greensboro is beginning today a series of demonstrations of its trucks in Robeson. As will be seen from its advertisement elsewhere in this paper, its schedule takes in St. Pauls, Red Springs, Lumber Bridge, Maxton, Pembroke, Rowland Proctorville, Marietta, Lumberton, and Pages Mill and Dillon, S. C. Mr. K. F. Kinlaw of R. 7, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town yesterday. Mr. Kinlaw did well with tobacco this year. He will realize around \$350 the acre. Mr. Kinlaw says he has heard tobacco was bringing better prices at some other places than Lumberton but that he has seen it sell for less on other markets.

Mr. J. A. Greene, Jr., who has been with the New Orleans Item for the past 4 years, arrived here yesterday to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Green. Mr. Greene recently returned from Guayquil, Ecuador, South America, where he spent nearly 5 months with a party of newspaper men working on a history of Ecuador's part in the war for the Fighting Journalists. A new Studebaker auto belonging to Mr. W. R. McNeill of Buie was burned one night recently. The car stuck in the mud and when a lighted lantern was carried near the car in order to furnish light so the car could be moved some gasoline that had leaked out of the gas tank caught from the lantern. The flames spread to the tank and the car was burned up before the flames could be extinguished.

Miss Lucy Williams, who had been a guest at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McNeill, Jr., left yesterday for Wilmington, where she will visit her sister Mrs. Louis Hall before returning to her home in New York. She came to Lumberton Friday of last week with her mother, Mrs. W. F. Williams, from Culpepper, Va., where they attended the funeral of Mr. Jas. A. Williams, whose death in Costa Rica has been mentioned in The Robesonian.

Mr. C. B. Hocutt is hobbling on crutches as a result of a street accident in Darlington, S. C., last Friday. A big Buick auto knocked him down and ran over his left foot. As Mr. Hocutt dodged a rapidly approaching Ford, driven by a negro, he jumped in front of a slowly-driven Buick. The negro who was to blame for the accident drove rapidly away. Mr. Hocutt's sides and legs were bruised and he has to wear his left foot in a bandage. He had a narrow escape from death as he was knocked down with his head nearly under the Ford.

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