

Shower tonight in the east; cooler Tuesday.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EXONERATED

A Most Enthusiastic Mass Held in the Court House Saturday to Discuss the Court House Problem.

At the courthouse Saturday the people of Beaufort county again made their wishes known with respect to a new courthouse.

The meeting was called by the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners upon request of Solicitor Ward, for the purpose of ascertaining the sentiment of the people.

Promptly at 11 o'clock it was called to order by Mr. R. R. Warren, chairman of the board.

Mr. B. D. Rowe was called to the chair as temporary chairman, and upon motion of Mr. F. H. YonEberstein he was elected permanent chairman.

Commissioner Thomas Green then made a motion that the meeting adjourn until 1 o'clock, on account of the absence of Mr. Ward, he being at Plymouth Court attending to the duties of his office, could not get relieved until Saturday morning, and as Mr. Ward had requested that he be permitted to face the people that out of respect and justice to him the adjournment should be taken.

This motion met with a storm of protest from a number of those who come under the impression that Mr. Ward wanted to force the Commissioners to build a new courthouse regardless of the wishes of the people.

At a few minutes past 1 o'clock the meeting was again called to order by the chairman for the transaction of the business for which it had assembled.

Commissioners Warren and Eberstein again explained the purpose and object of calling the citizens together.

A motion was then made by Mr. F. B. Hooker calling for the reports of the meetings held in the various precincts of the county.

Rev. R. A. McFarland is arranging a service which is very unique, but at once helpful to a class of people who are usually deprived of the privilege of attending on the services of the sanctuary.

Persons having conveniences which they desire to be used, should notify some member of the church or phone the pastor, and all the particulars will be explained.

Those who know of persons who would like to attend this service are asked to phone their names to the pastor of the church, Rev. J. A. Sullivan.

DANCING LESSONS. Dancing class opens tonight in the Armory at 8 o'clock.

Advertisement for men's athletic underwear, 'The Peter Brand 50 Cents'.

A WAREHOUSE SITE

Has Been Selected for the Building Here.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

A Most Enthusiastic Tobacco Meeting Was Held Last Friday—A Delegation Now in Richmond to Confer With the American and Imperial Tobacco Companies.

The meeting of the citizens and subscribers to the tobacco warehouse, Friday, was an enthusiastic one, and the determination that Washington should have a tobacco warehouse was clearly shown on the faces of those present.

Mr. Joyner made an interesting talk in which he told in plain terms what opposition we may expect to go up against and the many obstacles which we might meet.

A committee was appointed to go to Richmond to interview the managers of the American and Imperial tobacco companies with respect to furnishing buyers for this market.

The outlook is very promising for a successful market here.

GALETTI THEATRE. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights Boes, Armstrong and Boes will present three entire changes of vaudeville—a new act each night—also there will be new songs and new pictures each evening.

The pictures tonight will be "The Village Inventor," a dramatic picture, and "The Fisherman's Granddaughter," both March released films and only three weeks old.

Tonight Boes, Armstrong and Boes will put on a comedy sketch entitled "The Book Agent," which will keep you laughing from the time you take seat until you leave.

SIX PRISONERS. Six prisoners were brought to this city Saturday afternoon on the Norfolk & Southern from Plymouth to work on the roads of the county.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE. The Washington District Conference convenes in the town of Ayden Wednesday morning.

CONTINUES. Yesterday Was a Great Day at the First Baptist Church—Service Tonight.

Yesterday was a splendid day in the revival meetings at the First Baptist Church. There have been eight additions to the church thus far.

At the Sunday school hour, Rev. McFarland spoke on the subject "Who Shall I Do to Be Saved?"

At the night service the church and singer could not contain the great congregation. Every available seat was taken, and many were standing on the sidewalk.

There was no service this afternoon, but elsewhere will be found a notice of the "Old Folks" service tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The meetings will continue this week. The service tonight will be at 7:45 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited, and asked to come in time for the song service.

Some things are better in the past or future times, but things don't change.

MAYOR'S COURT

Another Walking Blind Tiger is Caught.

WOMEN ARE TO LEAVE

Mayor Sterling Has a Most Interesting Session of Court This Morning at the City Hall—Blind Tigers, Hawky Houses and Pistols Claim His Honor's Attention.

Tribulation Hall presented a busy scene this morning at 10 o'clock. There were several cases of interest passed on by His Honor and in consequence the city treasury is enriched.

The first case disposed of was State vs. G. L. Sanders for an assault with a deadly weapon on Thomas Carrow at the house of Clara Bell, Saturday night.

After hearing all the evidence the Mayor gave the defendant until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock to leave the city and not to return again during his term of office.

Bertie Nelson and Aubrey Taylor, who are inmates of the Clara Bell house, were indicted for being vagrants. The Mayor fined them \$25 each and cost or they could have until tomorrow morning to leave the city.

The next case was State vs. Emiline Little, colored, charged with disorderly conduct Saturday afternoon. She was convicted.

HAIL STORM. Hall Did Much Damage in Martin County and in This County Yesterday is the Report Today.

News reaches here of a severe hail storm near Smithwick's creek, Martin county, yesterday. The hail was reported to be as large as hen eggs.

THE GEM. The Gem starts off the week with a new show scheduled for tonight, new songs and music.

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FUNERAL SERVICES

Held Over the Late Mark Twain in New York.

CEREMONY WAS SIMPLE

Rev. Henry VanDyke Selected to Conduct the Last Sad Rites Over the Remains at the Brick Presbyterian Church—The Interment Will Take Place at Elmira.

New York, April 23.—Service as simple as his whole home life attended the tributes paid here today to Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), author, humorist, philosopher and citizen of the world.

New York city was only a stopping place in the last journey. The body was brought here from the home at Redding, Conn., where Mr. Clemens died, but was taken to Elmira, N. Y., for burial.

The Brick Presbyterian church, at Fifth avenue and 27th street, was the place selected for the funeral services this afternoon, and two close friends of Samuel L. Clemens were chosen to voice the eulogies.

The honor fell to Rev. Henry VanDyke, formerly pastor of the Brick Presbyterian church, and now professor of English literature at Princeton University, and to Dr. Joseph H. Twitcheil of Hartford, a citizen for seven years of the author's home.

Although Brick church seats 1,200 people, it was by no means large enough to contain all who had desired to see for the last time the face of Mark Twain.

In keeping with the known sentiments of Mr. Clemens, there was no vocal music and no pallbearers. Two organ selections, brief prayers and the few words of eulogy constituted the services.

PARENTS' DAY. Washington Public Schools May 4-8 And Possibly 6.

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SWEPT BY FLAMES

Three Million Dollar Fire in Louisiana Town

TWO THOUSAND HOMELESS

Twenty or More Blocks of Lake Charles Swept by Flames Fanned by a High Wind—Houses Had to be Dynamited to Stop the Progress. 2,000 Persons Homeless.

Lake Charles, La., April 24.—Fanned by a high wind, a fire which broke out here shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon, swept over 20 or more blocks of the city, destroying several hundred buildings and resulting in a property loss estimated at about \$3,000,000.

When it became apparent that the local fire department could not cope with the blaze, requests for aid were wired to Beaumont and Orange, Tex., and Jennings, La., all of which were within a radius of 50 miles of Lake Charles.

While many of the buildings destroyed were merely frame cottages, scores of handsome structures also fell prey to the flames.

Starting in the old opera house in Rival street, near Pajo, the fire spread to adjoining buildings, burned out the northern portion of the city's business section and then sweeping into the residential district.

ABLE SPEAKER. A rich treat was all those who attended the Christian Church Sunday morning and evening for they heard sermons of high merit and thought, delivered by Rev. Dr. Caldwell, president of the Atlantic Christian College, Wilson.

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A CAR IS HELD UP

Motorman Killed and Conductor Fatally Shot.

CRIME SHOCKS ATLANTA

Three Negro Highwaymen Attack Street Car at the End of a Suburban Line and Secure Small Sum of Money—Negroes Make Their Escape After Robbery.

Atlanta, Ga., April 23.—At the end of the Druid Hill street car line, a lonely spot in the outlying section of one of Atlanta's residential suburbs, three negro highwaymen tonight shot and killed Motorman S. T. Brown and after robbing Conductor W. H. Bryson of \$35, fatally shot him in the back and made their escape into the nearby woods.

Twenty minutes later the crime was discovered and Atlanta's entire police reserves was rushed to the scene.

There were no passengers on the car. The car had just reached the end of the line and the motorman was reversing his trolley when the attack came from the negroes, who had concealed themselves behind a clump of bushes.

Motorman Brown was shot down as he started to re-enter his car and with revolvers leveled at the conductor's head, he was ordered to throw up his hands.

The dead motorman and injured conductor were found by Motorman Tinsley and Conductor Royner, who were in charge of the car which reached the end of the line just 20 minutes later.

Before losing consciousness Bryson told of the attack.

"Motorman Brown was shot to death by the negroes," he said, "and then they turned their attention to me. After taking all the money I had one of the negroes yelled 'hit the grit,' and while running I was shot in the back by one of the men. I didn't have an opportunity to get away."

LIST OF LETTERS. The following list of letters remain uncalled for in this office for the week ending April 23, 1910:

Gentlemen—W. K. Carr, William H. Cimons, Rev. A. G. Danes, S. D. Davies, Isaac Fass, Palmyer Gorahan, L. B. Jarvis, D. W. Key, J. E. Lane, William Moyer, Marlee MacCall, Odell Co., Max C. Pittard, St. Philip Tab. No. 104, N. H. Spencer, Jim Templeton, S. P. Taylor, Millard Wright, Luther Workman, L. A. Winborne.

Ladies—Miss Florence Adams, Misses Edmonds, Miss S. Hardee, Miss Charity Joiner, Miss Millie Lupton, Miss Annie Sparts, Miss Saldier Saunders, Miss Lucy Tetterton, Miss Idor Taylor, Miss Bettie Wolard.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office May 9, 1910, if not delivered before. In calling for the above please say advertised, giving date of list.

A man's idea of house cleaning is to have his winter whiskers removed. Speaking of her callers, a spinster says single men are doubtly welcome.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Gem Theater. Gaiety Theatre. J. K. Hoyle—Corsets. Old Bay Line Steamers. Co.—Roofing. Southern Furniture Co.—House Furnishings. Mother Gray Powders. Parisian Sages. Cardui. Doan's Kidney Pills. Laxative-Bromo Quinine.

VIOLIN LESSONS. For rates and other details address me, inclosing a two-cent stamp. L. G. SCHAFER, Washington, N. C.

How to Get New Boarders. Write to the people of this city who live in boarding houses—then a want of message. Tell them something vital about your boarding house—some fact that looks big to boarders—some things that would interest you if you were reading the boarding ads, with the "moving" spirit moving within you.

EMPHASIZE something in your ad. Location of your house—if that's desirable. Size or furnishings of rooms—the cooking your former boarders' conveniences of your home—anything that might be a deciding factor with a boarder.

THAT order more than one insertion of your ad!

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