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CITY ALDERMEN HOLD ANOTHER MEETING

Matters of Importance Were Transacted by the Board

TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

THE TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY WAS FIXED AT THE MEETING LAST NIGHT—TO EXCEED NOW FEWER AROUND CEMENTERY. COMMITTEE APPOINTED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

There was another meeting of the Board of City Aldermen at the City Hall last evening. On Monday evening the board did not finish their business and postponed action until last night. The following business was transacted:

On motion it was ordered that the pop license be made \$2.00 per year. On motion it was moved that the mayor and city clerk be authorized to sign the voucher of W. B. Windley, ex-city clerk for sixty cents that had been allowed by the previous board.

It was moved and seconded that the power heretofore conferred upon the mayor and city clerk at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen on April 8, 1911, to enter into an agreement with the Atlantic Coast Coal Line in reference to the wheat matter be and the same is hereby revoked.

It was moved that a committee be appointed to examine the report of the finance committee and report at the next meeting. The following committee was named: Messrs. Ayers, Buckman and Swindell.

On motion it was ordered that the treasurer be instructed to ascertain from the Clerk of the Recorder's Court what is due the city from said court and make a report on same.

It was moved and seconded that the mayor and city clerk be authorized to borrow one thousand dollars for necessary current expenses.

The tax levy for the year 1911 was placed as follows:

General city tax 50 cents on the \$100 worth of property; \$1.50 on the poll.

School tax 45c on \$100 worth of property; \$1.25 on the poll.

City bond interest on issue of \$32,000 dated October 1903, 5c on \$100 worth of property and 15c on the poll.

City bond interest and improvement bonds \$25,000 May 1, 1904, 5c on \$100 worth of property and 15c on the poll.

School bonds May 1, 1911 \$25,000 5c on \$100 worth of property and 15c on the poll.

Electric light bonds May 1, 1905, \$15,000 4c on \$100 worth of property and 12c on the poll.

School bond May 1, 1905, \$1,000, 3c on \$100 worth of property and 8c on the poll.

Street improvement bond, January 1, 1910, \$25,000, 5c on \$100 worth of property and 15c on the poll.

Funding bond issue \$15,000, 4c on \$100 worth of property and 12c on the poll.

Provided that the board may make any change in levy after assessment has been ascertained.

On motion Mayor Harding was appointed a committee of one to close a deal with Mr. Hepinstall with reference to siding the city.

On motion the bill of Jesse Farham was referred to Aldermen J. P. Buckman and F. J. Berry.

It was moved that the cemetery committee put down a pump and two closets.

It was ordered that a committee be appointed to confer and get contracts to build a fence around the cemetery.

IS IMPROVING

The condition of Mrs. Isabel Sims, 70, is improving.

THE W. C. T. U.

There will be a meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at the hall of the Young Men's Christian League tomorrow afternoon at five o'clock.

WHITE MAN DEAD FROM A NEGRO'S BLOW

Ed Pearce Succumbs to Wound Inflicted by Will Weaver

IN WAKE COUNTY JAIL

TRouble occurred at Saw Mill, White Man abusing a Negro who used fine limbs with terrible effect. Weaver captured in Nash County last night.

Raleigh, N. C., June 6.—As the result of too much liquor and a disagreement with Will Weaver, a negro, Ed Pearce, a white man of the Zebulon section, is dead, and his assailant is in Wake county jail awaiting trial in July for murder. The tragedy occurred at Mr. B. Z. Gill's saw mill, three and a half miles northeast of Zebulon, last evening at 11:35 o'clock. Pearce, according to the coroner, was seen coming along the negro, who returned in kind and later struck the white man twice across the head with a pine limb, crushing the skull and causing death.

Mr. Z. V. Gill, at whose mill the trouble occurred, rushed to the injured man, carried him to Doctor Caviness and later carried him to Rex Hospital, where the wounds were dressed. Pearce died at 3 o'clock this morning. No inquest was held over the body. Coroner Sparks not having been requested to do so.

Mr. Gill was standing within thirty or forty yards of the men when the trouble started. Both are employed at the saw mill and Weaver, who was not at work yesterday, came to the mill in the wagon usually driven by Pearce, and started to drive a loaded wagon to the log yard, when the trouble started. The fore part of the log was dargging the ground and Pearce protested vigorously and profanely. Both men cursed each other. Weaver then picked up a pine limb and struck Pearce twice across the head, crushing the skull completely, and making death only a matter of time.

With that the negro walked off, while Mr. Gill ran to the wounded man. He was brought to Raleigh, as stated, and died in Rex Hospital at 3 o'clock this morning. The body was prepared for burial at the undertaking establishment of H. J. Brown & Co.

A number of citizens started after Weaver, who was caught at the home of his uncle, near Taylor's store in Nash county, seven or eight miles from the place of the killing, by Mr. Oscar Williams. Weaver was given a preliminary trial at Zebulon before Justice of the Peace I. M. Whitley and committed to the Wake county jail to await the July term of Wake superior court.

Ed Pearce, the slain man, was about thirty-six years old and is survived by a wife and five children, the oldest being about twelve years and the youngest one year. When not under the influence of liquor he was a peacable citizen, but liquor made him quarrelsome and rough. He owned a small farm near Zebulon.

Will Weaver is about seventeen years old. Mr. Gill did not know whether he was drinking when he inflicted the wound.

Whitening To-day

The Episcopal Sunday school is holding at Riverside Park today.

PISTOL DUEL BRINGS DEATH AT EAGLE ROCK

Bud Robertson Shot and Killed by H. W. Montague

ROBERTSON, AGGRESSOR

CLAIMED TO HAVE CALLED MONTAGUE OUT, AND AFTER FEW WORDS TO HAVE BEGUN SHOOTING—FIRST BULLET PASSES THROUGH ARM OF MONTAGUE, WHO FIRED TWICE AT ANTAGONIST, ONE BALL SHATTERING CHIN AND OTHER ENTERING CHEST.

Raleigh, N. C., June 6.—J. B. Robertson was killed and H. W. Montague was wounded in his right arm as the result of a pistol duel on Mr. H. H. Hicks' place, near Eagle Rock, at an early hour Sunday night. Montague surrendered later in the night to Deputy Sheriff R. H. Biggs at Wendell, and was brought to Raleigh and committed to the Wake County jail on the charge of murder.

Miss Flossie Hicks, a young lady threw herself between the men in an attempt to prevent trouble.

Miss Hicks and Robertson, known in this community as Buck, and Montague and Miss Claude Robertson were returning home from a wedding celebration at the home of Mr. Stone and had reached the home of Miss Hicks when the trouble occurred.

Buck Robertson, it seems, called Montague from the house and wanted to know what Montague had been saying about Robertson and his sister.

Montague replied that any report to that effect was a lie, that he thought too much of Miss Robertson to make any remarks about her, and assured Robertson that nothing had been said about him or his sister.

After this declaration, Robertson is said to have declared that he would shoot Montague, and thereupon drew his gun. Miss Flossie Hicks then appeared upon the scene with a buggy whip in her hand and endeavored to prevent any trouble. She knocked up Robertson's pistol arm with the whip and the bullet intended for Montague's body went crashing through his right arm. Robertson fired again, and was advancing on Montague when the latter drew his gun and sent two bullets into his antagonist. One of these shattered Robertson's chin in pieces and the other struck him in the chest.

Robertson fell to the ground mortally wounded, but raised up long enough to fire a third shot at Montague. The bullet went through the dress of Miss Hicks, but she was unharmed. Robertson died in a few minutes.

How Miss Hicks escaped injury in the mild fusillade of bullets is hard to understand. The men were shooting at each other with the intent of doing mischief, and the young woman was in the line of fire. One of the bullets, the last fired by either party, tore through her skirt and all but wounded her.

Buck Robertson was the son of G. E. Robertson of the Eagle Rock section. He is about 21 years old and is said to have had a reputation as a trouble maker. A year ago Mr. Robertson forbade his daughter from keeping company with Montague, and the trouble last night may be traced to feeling over this. It was about Miss Robertson that Buck Robertson and Montague fired at each other.

Montague, who was committed to jail, is 21 years old, is of slight build and of fair complexion. He would weigh about 135 pounds. He is a native of Granville county, but has been staying with Mr. Nat Puckett for some time. Parties from the Eagle Rock section said that he was a splendid young man and that he bore a good reputation in the community.

Montague said that after the shooting he requested those about the place to send for a doctor to look after the wounded man. He has not yet employed a lawyer, and Sheriff Beare and others suggested that he do little talking about the affair until he had secured a lawyer. He said that he preferred to go to jail until the next term of court, next month.

THE WRECK OF THE MAINE NOW EXPOSED

The Hull of the Once Famous Battleship Brought to Surface

TO SOON KNOW SECRET

GREAT CENTRIFUGAL PUMPS BEGIN REMOVAL OF WATER FROM COFFERDAM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE CAUSE OF EXPLOSION.

Havana, June 6.—The preliminary stage in the work of exposing the wreck of the old battleship Maine was completed this afternoon when repairs to the caisson which was ruptured two weeks ago were finished by the driving of the last interlocking piles.

Immediately the work of pumping out the water from the main coffer dam was begun, two powerful centrifugal pumps being used, and the water level had been lowered two feet when darkness set in and the work was suspended.

At this stage of the operations no indications have been observed of any instability in the retaining walls. The pumping will be resumed tomorrow morning and it is expected that the water level in the cofferdam will be lowered about five feet. This will suffice to expose most of the steeper part of the deck, which was remote from the immediate effects of the explosion. This mainly affected the forward part of the ship, from a point just after the forward tench turret.

After a considerable quantity of water has been removed the pumping operations probably will be suspended for ten days or so that the most careful tests of the stability of the retaining wall may be made before the entire wreck is freed from the water.

Present indications are that some weeks will elapse before a complete examination is possible.

It is not expected that human remains will be found until the uncovering of the hull permits a complete exploration.

The next part of the program provided to be the most interesting of the evening, being the presentation of medals and prizes. This pleasing duty was filled by Mr. W. L. Vaughan county superintendent of schools. Mr. Vaughan was most happy in his remarks and every word of wisdom and advice given fell on good soil.

Gold medals were presented for scholarship to Misses Irene Judkin and Ida Shavender. A gold medal was given to Miss Ida Shavender for her essay on Corn Culture. The medal for penmanship was awarded to Miss Pearl Davis. The prize for the best kept flower bed throughout the entire year being a handsomely bound book, was presented to Misses Lotta Bishop, Pearl Davis and Ida Shavender.

The diplomas to the members of the graduating class were also awarded by Mr. W. L. Vaughan to the following class for the year 1911: Misses Aleaze Aycock, Lotta May Bishop, Irene Gertrude Judkin and Ida Isabelle Shavender.

The above class is one of the brightest and most promising to leave the Pantego High School and no doubt will exert no small influence in their section for good and the uplift of their neighbors in the years to come.

The certificates of honor were presented by Rev. C. A. Jones, pastor of the M. E. Church at Belhaven. His remarks of presentation were ornate and timely. The following were the recipients:

For those neither absent or tardy during the year: Misses Lotta Bishop, Pearl Davis, Temperance Aycock, Aileen Davis, Miss Ricks, Elsie Respass, Gladys Judkin, Masters Carry Duke, Edmund Credie, Bruce White and Orren Topping. Those absent one day or less or simply tardy once: Misses Aleaze Aycock, Mattie Lannier, Carrie Smithwick, Irene Judkin, May Chalmers, Grace Shavender.

MR. CHERRY DEAD

Aged, Citizen Passed Away Yesterday At Pineville, N. C.

News reaches this city of the passing of Mr. Robert Cherry at his home about five miles from this city yesterday. At the time of his death the deceased was about seventy-five years of age and was honored and esteemed in his neighborhood. He had been confined to his home for months. Although the end was sudden it was not unexpected. He lived to a ripe old age and his last days were well spent in rearing and training those around his fireside. The funeral took place this afternoon at the late residence and was conducted by Rev. W. A. Davis of this city. The interment was in the family burying ground. We extend sympathy to the bereaved. He leaves a widow and several children to mourn their loss.

THE SENATE IS TRYING TO KILL THE BILL

Reciprocity Bill and its Amendments Are Not Acceptable

COMMISSION IS NAMED

THE SECRET IS OUT WHY SENATOR ALDRICH CALLS HIS LAME DUCK COMMISSION A "MONEY-TARY" COMMISSION—BECAUSE IT SPENDS SO MUCH MONEY.

(By Tavenner.) (Special News Correspondence) Washington, June 7.—That the "farmers" principally interested in killing reciprocity are Wall Street "farmers", whose "crops consist chiefly of lumber and paper trust dividends, was revealed in testimony taken by the senate finance committee.

It was shown that Allen & Graham alleged attorneys for the National Grange, are really professional lobbyists for the big tariff trusts. Their argument when seeking business is that they can pull the necessary wires in Washington to defeat or bring about the passage of any legislation they may be assigned upon.

Mr. Allen was made to admit under cross examination that the anti-reciprocity literature with which the agricultural districts have recently been flooded came direct from the lobbyist headquarters within a stones throw of Wall street. Mr. Allen also admitted that the American Lumber Manufacturers' association, the Pulp and Print Paper association and the American Wool Manufacturers' association (lumber trust, paper trust and wool trust, respectively) are among those who pledged themselves to finance this holy crusade for the farmers.

Allen & Graham have among their clients some of the best "farmers" in Wall street. The firm was shown to have represented as lobbyists the Whisky Security Company (whisky trust) and the Standard Oil Company, the latter of which organizations is headed by John D. Rockefeller, whose occupation as a big oil (Continued on 4th page.)

FOUL PLAY IS EVIDENCED BY TWO WOUNDS

Killed and Buried in a Cell—Patched by Man and Woman

FOUL PLAY IS INDICATED

BOTH ACCUSED EACH OTHER AND THEN WOMAN SAID SHE FOUND HARDING DEAD IN HER HOUSE AND BURIED HIM—TWO WOUNDS ON BODY INDICATE FOUL PLAY.

Norfolk, Va., June 6.—Murdered by his paramour and an accessory, so the county authorities claim, and then buried under two feet of earth, by the pair, was the fate that befell L. J. Harding, a young carpenter and painter, whose half-clad body was found Monday evening lying in a crude grave under the house of Mrs. Minnie L. Murdock, alias Maymie Taylor, on Mason's Creek, about two and a half miles beyond Ocean View, in Norfolk county. The woman is locked up in the county jail at Portsmouth. Another cell is occupied by Charles Merkle, said to be a Greek, who is held as an accessory.

The Taylor woman, when first arrested, told the county officers that the deed was committed by Merkle. The man said that the woman killed Harding. Later, in jail, the woman claimed that Harding died in her house last Thursday and that she buried him, assisted by Merkle.

The charge against the woman is murder. Harding and the woman have resided in the house together for several months. She is known in local police circles.

Several friends of Harding are said to have informed the authorities a few days ago that he was missing, and they suspected foul play. Another report that gained some circulation was that he had been in a street car accident and was laid up in bed as a result. County Officer John Hays and Clifford White, special officer for the Norfolk and Portsmouth Traction Company, went to the Taylor house on Mason Creek, and made an investigation. Just under the edge of the house they saw what appeared to have been a new grave. The officers continued their investigations. Some of the earth was removed and the stench was sickening. A board was found, when removed, the head of Harding was easily distinguished. The body was in a bad state of decomposition.

Dorothy Aycock and Eva Windler, Master Guy Clark, Dewey Topping and Carl Windler.

Thus closed one of the most delightful and entertaining commencements in the history of the Pantego High School.

The faculty of the school is composed of the following well-known educators and instructors: Prof. L. E. Bennett, principal; Mrs. Claud Spruill of Pantego, teacher of the primary grades; Miss Effie Jarvis of Belhaven, teacher of the intermediate grades; Miss Annie Tyler of Farmville, N. C., in the efficient assistant in the high school department.

In addition to the efficient instruction given in this institution of learning (Continued on 4th page.)

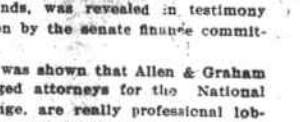
THE SERVICES ARE CLOSED

At the Christian Church Last Evening—Many Additions.

The series of meetings closed at the Christian church on last evening to the regret of every communicant. There were five additions at the closing service and the rite of baptism will be administered this evening at the regular service. The pastor, Rev. Robert V. Hope will preach a special sermon. Below appears an excellent cut of Evangelist H. C.

Bobbit of Rocky Mount, who has been assisting the pastor of this church in the series of meetings. He is a speaker of power and from the first sermon gained the hearts of all who heard him. Mr. Bobbit will always receive a warm and cordial welcome to our city.

Hope that portrait statue will not turn out as bad as it is painted.



Evangelist H. C. Bobbit.