

## EARL OVERTON COMMITTED TO JAIL WITHOUT BAIL IS THE RESULT OF HEARING

The preliminary hearing in the case of State vs. Earl Overton for alleged rape was held at Aurora last night at Thompson's Hall before Recorder W. H. Hooker and Justices B. H. Thompson, E. D. Lewis and W. L. Godley, acting as committing magistrates.

The State was represented by Edward L. Stewart and the defendant by Messrs. Rodman and Bohner and W. A. Thompson. L. B. Jarvis was the first witness examined by Mr. Stewart. He testified that he is 56 years old, lives at South Creek, and is step father to Polly Brown, the prosecutrix in this action. Last Friday finished some work in Mr. Geo. Johnson's field and the children were with me. We came past Earl Overton's farm and he asked me if the children could stop and help him grass out some cotton. They stopped and I went on home. I next saw them between 11.30 and 12 o'clock. I saw something was wrong with Polly's clothes and asked what was the trouble; she replied that she was hurt. She did not at any time in my presence make any statement as to how she was hurt. I sent for the doctor.

Cross examined by Mr. Rodman. I do not know the ages of Polly and Hesehah and had not heard any one say it what it was before this affair. I don't know Polly Ann's general reputation. I have known Earl Overton two or three years and never heard anything wrong of him. I don't know what occurred after the children left me.

Polly Ann Brown the prosecutrix was next examined by Mr. Stewart. She testified: I don't know whether I have any middle name or not. I don't know my age. She then went on and recited the details of the alleged crime and stated that the prisoner accomplished his purpose and that she told her mother that she had fallen and hurt herself.

Mrs. Margaret Malissa Jarvis testified: I am the mother of Polly Brown; she will be 12 years old the 18th of next January. When she came home Friday she told me that she fell down and hurt herself.

Cross examined by Mr. Thompson: It is about one mile from my home to Mr. Overton's field. Polly said she had hurt herself. I told the doctor she had fallen on a snag or something and hurt herself. I have five children living, the oldest is 23 years old.

The State then rested its case and the defense offered no testimony. The defense then made a motion that the prisoner be released on bail. Mr. E. L. Stewart, representing the State, made an able argument in opposition to the motion which was defeated by Messrs. Rodman and Thompson who presented strong argument why their client should be released under bond. After the argument was concluded the Justice and Recorder retired to a private room where they considered the matter and upon their return to the hall announced that they would amend the warrant to embrace the charge of rape as requested by Mr. Stewart at the beginning of the hearing, and that the prisoner should be remanded to jail without bail. There was a large crowd present in the town for the purpose of hearing the evidence but all who were not in some way connected with the case were excluded from the court room during the examination of the prosecutrix.

A gas boat loaded with persons from Hyde county, the former home of the prisoner arrived on the scene after the evidence had been closed.

## NEW THEATRE BEST SHOW OF THE SEASON

Washington always patronizes good shows as is being evidenced by the large number attending the New Theatre this week to see "The Gay Sisters Company." Since their first attraction of Monday evening last this company has been greeted by a record breaking house and although the company gives two performances each evening it is with reluctance that those who witness the first performance leave, so anxious are they to see the first performance repeated. Not only are the company all artists but the scenic effects are such as to bring forth praise from an appreciative audience. Not only are the ladies of the company attractive both in acting and appearance, but the comedians are the best Washington has ever seen for the price of admission.

Washington always appreciates something good and there is no kick coming when they receive their money's worth. This week this is being afforded them and the sequence is that the New Theatre is being generously patronized. No show has ever appeared before the footlights in Washington that was more worthy of patronage. The New Theatre management is to be congratulated upon securing such a worthy attraction for this week. The Gay Sisters are "all to the good." They know how to please and attract and the large audience greeting them knows how to appreciate as their hearty applause shows.

### FROM R. F. D. NO. 4.

Rev. Chas. D. Malone filled his regular appointment at St. Stephen's Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Blackwelder will conduct services at St. Stephen's church four days this week.

Mr. M. G. Singleton conducted divines at Piney Grove Sunday.

Miss Stella Congleton spent Saturday night and Sunday with her sister Mrs. Doris Cutler.

Mrs. Minta Fleming and children returned to their home in Greenville Wednesday after a pleasant stay of two weeks with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hodges.

Ice cream parties seem to be the latest craze at Wilmar. The young folks seem to be enjoying life.

Miss Stella Congleton spent Thursday afternoon with Misses Jennie and Estelle Hodges.

Mrs. Carrie Singleton and two children, Walter and Majorie were guests of Mrs. W. A. Congleton and daughter Friday last.

Curing tobacco will soon be the order of the day in this vicinity.

Mrs. Beattie Alligood spent while Thursday afternoon with Mrs. W. A. Congleton.

Mr. Augustus Nelson and son Mr. Curtis Nelson spent Tuesday with Mr. Carl Nelson at "Tanglewood."

Mrs. Annie Congleton spent while Wednesday afternoon with her aunt, Mrs. M. F. Congleton.

Mrs. J. A. C. Alligood visited her mother Mrs. Adeline Alligood Wednesday.

Mrs. Ed. Bell spent a few days last week the guest of her mother Mrs. Martha Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Caba Cutler and children and Miss Estelle Spencer were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Bright Sunday.

Mrs. Williams of your city spent Crops are looking well considering the awful dry weather we are having.

Miss Lydia Braddy is visiting her sister Mrs. John Holt.

### COMING WEDDING

The Daily News is in receipt of the following invitation:

Mrs. B. D. Rowe request the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter, Ruth to Mr. Allen A. Holifield, Sunday evening, July 19, 1914, 5 o'clock, at home Small, N. C.

## THE SERVICE LAST NIGHT PLEASING

The services at the First Baptist Church last evening was encouraging and the large congregation was more than appreciative. Evangelist J. W. Ham was at his best and an earnest of the series of meetings was more enjoyed.

Several candidates appeared for baptism which was administered after the evening service closed. The services are being much enjoyed and Evangelist Ham and his singer Prof. Lyon have delighted the congregation at this church. There will be services to night at the usual hour to which the general public has a warm invitation.

## WILL ATTEND HOUSE PARTY OCEAN VIEW

Miss Mabel Hill, Miss Rosa Lee and Mr. H. G. Selby left this morning via the Norfolk Southern train for Ocean View, Va., where they will be the guest at a house party given by Miss Harris of Rocky Mount, N. C. Their many friends wish them a pleasant outing.

### CATTLE ASSOCIATION

The Southern Cattlemen's Association at Meridian, Miss., August 12 and 13, will resemble the Great International Live Stock Exposition as there will be assembled purebred breeding cattle from the best herds in America.

The great beef breeding Associations, namely: The American Short horn Association, The American Aberdeen-Angus Association and the American Hereford Association will hold separate sales of cattle during the two days.

The question of the best breed of cattle has been argued since there has been more than one breed. The Southern Breeder has confidence in his type and sees the weaknesses of the other breeds. The Hereford breeder swears by the white faces. The proud possessor of the Aberdeen Angus thinks he has the other two outclassed. The question probably will never be settled to a unanimous conclusion.

There is room for all the breeds in the South and they are all welcome, providing they bring us the best. The Meridian meeting, is bound to bring out the blue ribbon cattle for the Associations are in keen competition to make the best impression.

The Association's guarantee every animal to be free from tuberculosis. Each animal is registered in the purebred association and the pedigree will be delivered to a new purchaser. Excursion rates will be given by every railroad from Virginia to Texas.

Meridian is famous for her hospitality and is bound to break all records in entertaining the cattlemen. Prof. R. S. Cutris of the Iowa Agricultural College, one of the leading authorities of the country in the cattle industry has accepted the invitation to address the convention.

Another important subject on the program is "Cattle as a Basis of Banking Credit." This will be discussed by the leading bankers of the South and should arouse great interest.

### VISITING MRS. CARTER.

Mrs. Mary Moses of Birmingham, Ala., aunt of Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Edna and Mary Tate of Summerfield, Ala., are the guests of their aunt, Mrs. Dr. H. W. Carter on Harvey street.

### GUEST OF DR. AND MRS. CARTER

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Spencer of Raleigh, N. C., arrived in the city today and are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Carter on Harvey street.

### GONE TO DUNN.

Mrs. J. P. Calmes left this morning via the Atlantic Coast Line for Dunn, N. C., to visit Mrs. M. F. Garner for the next two weeks.

## Government Aiding Movement Securing Greater Uniformity

Washington, D. C., July 16.—In a recent bulletin issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, the attention of cotton growers, merchants and spinners is called to the importance of the uniform standard for grading cotton and also to the fact that also the same grades are used in nearly all markets, they do not always have the same meaning. This inevitably results in confusion which, however, it is hoped will be done away with before long. An important step in this direction is the preservation by the Department of Agriculture of fifty sets of official samples of each grade in large vacuum tubes. In these tubes there is no light to bleach, no air to oxidize, and no moisture to permit mildew. The samples, therefore, remain permanently unchanged and provide an authoritative standard from which other standards may be prepared and issued by the Department for use in grading commercial lots.

This standard is the outcome of an act passed by the sixtieth Congress authorizing the establishment of nine official grades to be named as follows: Middling Fair, Strict Good Middling, Good Middling, Strict Middling, Middling, Strict Low Middling, Low Middling, Strict Good Ordinary and Good Ordinary. In this system of grading middling is taken as a basis. The grade names containing the word "strict" are known in the trade as half grades the others as full grades.

The grade of cotton is dependent upon the amount of foreign matter or impurities, such as leaf, dirt and sand, which it contains and also the quantity of strings, notes, nepi, gin cut ber, cut seed and unripe fiber, and also to a certain extent color. In determining the amount of foreign matter in the cotton the weather is a very important factor, either wind or rain being often responsible for an unusually large quantity of dirt or sand. Much of this foreign matter can be taken out by the use of cleaning attachments at the gin and if the cotton is sold strictly by grade, therefore, the cost of this process (due to loss in weight) can be recovered in the markets. The various impurities and kinds of defects already mentioned caused waste in manufacture and for this reason the fewer of them the cotton contains the higher price it should bring.

In addition to the grade cotton is also classed by its color. The most desired is a bright cream. This, however, is lost if the cotton is left in the field too long or it may be altered by heavy falls of rain. The soil also has a distinct effect upon the color of cotton. The United States official standard requires that all cotton grading Strict Middling or better, should be of a bright cream or white color and free from discoloration. In the lower grades a fixed color is not so much insisted upon. The variations in color, however, have given rise to several trade names which it would be well for all persons interested in cotton to familiarize themselves with. There are standard or white; "Off Color," "Fair Color," "Spotted," "Tinged," and "Stained." By adding these to the grade names different classes of

the same grade are formed. In considering prices of cotton it should be remembered that the various grades do not indicate in any way the length of staple. It is usual to call cotton that averages 1 1/8 inches or more in length, staple cotton, and that less than 1 1/8 inches, short staple cotton. Length types are being issued by the Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the Census Bureau. Little difference is made in the price for the various lengths of short staple cotton but there is a tendency at present to make closer distinctions in this respect. Hitherto it has been found almost impossible to measure the staple exactly. It may be stated, however, that the addition of 1-16 of an inch in the length of the staple adds approximately as much to the value of cotton as a full grade does.

Just what this amounts to varies of course from year to year. Some statistics contained in the new bulletin which is published as Farmers' Bulletin 591, the Classification and Grading of Cotton, show that at New Orleans in May, 1914, Middling Standard Cotton sold at 13 1/4 cents. At the same time Good Ordinary brought only 11 3/16 cents, and Middling Fair 14 9/16. From an 8th to one 5-8 cents was deducted from the prices depending upon the amount of variation in color.

At the present time the difference in price for the various grades are fixed three times each year on the New York Cotton Exchange. This rule, however, has recently been revised and beginning on September 9, 1914, the price differences will be adjusted monthly. On September 1, 1914, the Liverpool market will adopt the new standards which it has agreed upon. These are much like the United States standard except that the word fully is used for word strict. The lower grades in the Liverpool scale also have wider color variation than the United States standards permit.

Although the grower may find that for practical purposes it is sufficient that he can distinguish between the three important grades of Low Middling, Middling, and Good Middling the types of which are being prepared and sold by the Department for \$7.50 others in the cotton trades are compelled to be more exact. For their purposes a full set of official cotton grades, each set showing nine grades can be obtained from the U. S. Department of Agriculture at \$20 a set. The cotton to be graded is of course compared with these official grades. The work of grading can best be done in a room with a north light or skylight. Great care should be taken to see that none of the trash of the commercial cotton falls over the standard grades, and these grades should also be carefully kept from light and dust when not in use. Few people realize the importance of the latter precaution. The working standards that are in daily use deteriorate rapidly and it is necessary, therefore, to compare them frequently with official standards. It is on this account that these permanent standards preserved in vacuum tubes have been found so valuable.

## SO. FUR. CO. BUYS THE BUSINESS

The Southern Furniture Company John W. Oden, manager, has purchased the undertaking business of W. T. Farrow and it is the intention of the Southern Furniture Company to continue the business at the stand on Second street formerly occupied by Capt. Farrow. For the past eighteen years Capt. Farrow has been actively engaged in this business and retired due to poor health. The Southern Furniture Company proposes to make this branch of their business one of the best in this section of North Carolina. No expense will be spared looking towards this end. For the past seven years they have conducted the undertaking business in connection with their regular furniture department. They are preparing to install all the latest appliances in the undertaking business.

### IS INDISPOSED.

The numerous friends of Mrs. E. L. Brooks will regret to learn of her continued indisposition at her home on North Market street. The entire city wishes her a speedy recovery to her accustomed health.

Let's build in Washington Park.

## COST SALE BOWERS-LEWIS CO. BEGINS

The fifteen day \$45,000 cost sale at the well known firm of Bowers-Lewis Company, an announcement of which has appeared in this paper, began yesterday morning and since the opening of this sale bargain hunters have swarmed in the doors and have left fully convinced that no place of business gave out more inviting bargains. The sale will last for the next fifteen days and it will pay all to visit this well known emporium.

### LEFT FOR NORFOLK.

Miss Carroll Willis left today for Norfolk, Va., and Virginia Beach.

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## CHAS. RICKS MARRIED TO MRS. ALLIGOOD

Last night at the home of Mr. R. B. Weston, best known as the "Weston House," Mr. Charles Ricks and Mrs. Flossie Irene Alligood were happily married by Rev. Robt. V. Rope, pastor of the Christian Church, in the presence of a few friends and relatives.

The groom is deputy sheriff of Beaufort county under his father Sheriff George E. Ricks. The bride is the widow of the late Charles Alligood and before her first marriage was Miss Flossie Jarvis of Swan Quarter. Mrs. Ricks left this morning for Swan Quarter where she expects to spend a week or ten days. This paper extends congratulations and wishes the bride and groom all the happiness this world bestows.

### NEWS FROM HAWKINSVILLE

Rev. C. E. Durham filled his regular appointment here Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Edgar Waters and children of Slatestone, spent Saturday night and Sunday with her mother Mrs. A. S. Woodard.

Miss Millie Lee was the guest of Misses Hattie and Bertha Singleton near Zion Sunday.

Mrs. J. D. Swain and little daughter Thelma left Saturday for Roper, N. C., where they will spend several days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Ambrose.

Miss Millie Lee spent while Sunday afternoon with Miss Jennie Woodard.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. A. Woodard and children were the guests of Mrs. Mary C. Baynor and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Pinkham and children of Jessama, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Isalah Pinkham Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sullivan spent while Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Jennie Woodard.

Tobacco curing will soon be the order of the day with our tobacco farmers.

This section was visited by a much needed rain Monday night.

Some of our people attended divine service at Rosemary Monday night.

Mr. L. L. Wallace of the N. S. Railroad force was here Sunday.

### WILMARGRAMS

Several farmers in this section have begun housing tobacco. A big rain fell here Tuesday which has refreshed crops lots.

The Dominion Lumber Company's saw mill here is shut down for about ten days.

Mr. Wm. J. Bleakely is off on business, but will return Friday.

Mr. R. A. White spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at Hertford.

Mr. C. R. Cox and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Darden of Washington Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Church Nelson of Weldon, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nelson of this place last week.

Mr. Leon Taft has returned from a business trip to Tunis.

We must think Haw Branch took last week for vacation as we did not hear from her. Hurry oop and write some more thoughts yet, and tell us everything good.

### UNCALLED FOR LETTERS

Following is a list of letters remaining uncalled for in this office for the week ending July 11th, 1914:

Gentlemen—Ange, Walter; Bulla John-W.; Brown, Thomas; Barrow Charlie; Belk & Bro., W. K.; Crawford, Robt.; Callapen, Foster; Dixie Theater; Fu'cher, Edward; Foremar Ruben; Gem Theater, Kinsey, J. E.; Lilley, Robt.; Rawlston, Brown V.; Shelton, T. L.; Spain, Joe; Smith, Bryce B.; Waters, T. E.; Williams Frank.

Ladies—Carter, Miss Flossie L.; Harris, Mrs. Jannie; Harris, Mrs. Jannie; (2.) Jones, Miss Sarah; Keith, Miss M. E.; Latham, Miss Emma; Roberson, Mrs. Florence; Shafer, Mrs. Lizzie.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office July 27th, 1914, if not delivered before. In calling for the above, please say "Advertised," giving date of list.

HUGH PAUL, P. M.

### LEFT FOR NORFOLK.

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## REMAINS OF MRS. JONES BROUGHT HERE

The remains of Mrs. Sallie E. Jones was brought to this city last night via the Norfolk Southern for interment here. The deceased was a daughter of Mr. J. H. Ormond who managed the Hotel Nicholson here for several years. The funeral took place this afternoon at two o'clock and was conducted by Rev. R. L. Gay, pastor of the First Baptist Church. The deceased was pleasantly remembered here and the news of her death is deplored. Mrs. Jones passed away yesterday in her home in Norfolk.

## NEW BOOKS RECEIVED BY THE LIBRARY

It is with pride and much pleasure that the management of the Public Library announces the receipt of the following books: "Library of Natural History" by Richard Lydekker, (with introduction by Ernest Innes-Thompson—12 volumes.) "Beacon Lights of History," by Jao. Lord—15 volumes.

We consider this a fine selection and a most valuable addition to our already valuable and growing collection, and no doubt will be enjoyed and appreciated by our citizens, and prove a factor for intellectual uplift in our community life. The public is cordially invited to call at the library and make good use of these, as well as the many other literary good things to be found here.

The purchase of these new books was made possible by the generosity of Mr. William Bragaw. Some months ago an article appeared in this paper in which the writer of said article proposed to be one of a number to contribute \$50 each to the library.

Mr. Bragaw seeing the article, with his usual public spirited generosity, and with the prompt and positive independence so characteristic of him without waiting to see what any one else would do, promptly handed to the president \$50, which has been expended for the books above referred to, and it is to him we are indebted for this fine acquisition to our library. Who will follow his lead?

JNO. B. SPARROW, President.

## TOB. MARKET OPENS AUG. 19 IS ANNOUNCED

The Washington Tobacco Market will open on Wednesday, August 19, and the prospects are that the season this year will far exceed that of last year in every way. Increased facilities are being provided for the handling of the weed here and the farmers bringing their product to Washington have no cause to regret it. Washington's market this year is going to compare with any in the state.

### RAVE RETURNED

Mr. W. H. Jones and family who recently located in Rosemary, N. C., have returned to their old home at Edward, N. C.

### MRS. J. D. ALDRIDGE.

Mrs. J. D. Aldridge returned from Hobucken, N. C., this morning where she has been the guest of relatives and friends.

### RETURNED HOME.

Miss Kathrine Willis has returned from a visit to relatives and friends at Pactolus.

### RETURNED HOME

Mr. John Thomas who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. C. C. Thomas, has returned to his home at Sanford, Fla.

## PINEY GROVE MEETING ON AUGUST 3RD

The sixth annual camp meeting of the Piney Grove Pentecostal Holiness Camp Meeting will be held at Piney Grove camp ground on August 3rd. Rev. J. N. Holmes will be in charge. There will also be a number of evangelists and specialists present. Every body is cordially invited to attend and bring their families.