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SALISBURY COURT MAKES A RECORD

Quite a Number of Cases Disposed of, Some of Them Important Ones. The Lynching Cases this Week. Increase in Valuation of Property.

Special The News. Salisbury, Sept. 3.—City Clerk Harry J. Overman has completed the tax books and finds that they show an increase in the amount of real and personal property over last year of \$355,065, or a total of \$3,906,171. This does not include suburban property or improvements made on the North Main street extension, which connects Salisbury and Spencer.

Mr. H. Clay Grubb has purchased the old Meroney opera house on Main street, the price paid for it being \$29,000. The property was owned by Dr. Leroy J. Meroney, and sister, Miss Lena, of Philadelphia, and was used as a theater until last year when the Meroney's erected the handsome new play house. Mr. Grubb will greatly improve the property. The second floor is occupied by the Post Publishing Company.

Mayor Boyden, who was confined to his bed last week threatened with fever, has been able to get out and has gone to Haywood White Sulphur Springs to spend ten days.

This term of Rowan court is dispatching work with vengeance. Last week 33 persons were sent up for terms which aggregate over forty years. Of these Will Henderson, colored, who was found guilty of murder in the second degree, gets seven years in the penitentiary, and John Brooks, colored, for manslaughter, gets 18 months on the county roads. A young negro for burglary goes to the chain gang for 10 years and Tom Brown, a young white man, will also serve 10 years for burglary.

Brown is one of the prisoners who was released by the mob on the night of Aug. 6th. He went home and remained a short time, then clogged around for a day and returned to the jail and gave himself up. If he had another chance like that he would doubtless change his mind. Court this week promises to be interesting as the case against the three negroes charged with the murder of the Lyerly family is to come up, also the one against Geo. Gentle for participating in the lynching.

The grand jury at this term, which is a regular term, returned true bills against George Ervin, Henry Gillespie and Della Cunningham for the murder of the Lyerly family, and a true bill against Gentle for participating in the lynching. This will set at rest any question as regards the legality of the indictment against these parties.

No big celebration is being held here today, though many are taking the day off. The Spencer shops are shut down and a large number of Salisburyans are in Greensboro and Charlotte.

The much-talked-of Overman-Lanier suit has been referred to a referee and Judge Shepherd has been named as arbitrator in the case. This is an interesting case and will be watched with interest by the legal fraternity as well as others. About fourteen years ago the late James B. Lanier, a rich whiskey man and mine owner, purchased a large amount of cotton on margins and lost something like \$70,000. He paid about \$30,000 of this indebtedness before his death and gave Rountree & Co., of New York, a note for the remainder. Senator Overman was named administrator upon the Lanier estate and this claim was paid. The Lanier heirs objected to this payment on the ground that it was a gambling debt, and were arranging a suit when the administrator instituted a suit to force a settlement of the claim. The heirs have entered a counter suit and the matter goes before Judge Shepherd for decision.

The Rowan Chair Company, a manufacturing plant, located at Rockwell, this county, has gone into the hands of a receiver and Mr. J. C. Lingle has been named as receiver.

TODAY'S ..MARKETS

COTTON
Monthly Cotton Letter Report. (Furnished by the Charlotte Cotton Exchange and Board of Trade.)
New Orleans, La., Sept. 1.—Reports from our correspondents throughout the "Belt" indicate an average condition figure of 78.2 against 82.9 last month (Bureau August 3rd, 1906)—a deterioration of 4.7 points.

Deterioration seems to be greatest in those Central and Western States which, 30 days ago, reported the highest condition; while in the Atlantic an improvement, although slight, is reported. Among the prominent features of our correspondents' reports may be mentioned (1) that in the Central and Western Belt the plant is generally well fruited at the bottom and defective as to middle and top; and where the above is the case a rapid and to some extent premature, opening of the bottom crop indicates a heavy "farm movement" for September. (2) The extension of weevil depredations in Louisiana; marked activity of that pest in Texas, in contrast with the unusual scarcity of insects of any kind every where else; (4) The assurance of a bountiful corn crop in nearly every county and State of the South (of interest as bearing upon the farmer's ability to hold the remnant of the forthcoming crop after this rent and supply accounts are liquidated.)

Respectfully,
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BUCKET SHOP IN ROCK HILL.

Question of Cotton Exchanges Has Reached Climax in the Neighboring Town.
The bucket shop question is assuming a serious nature in Rock Hill. For several days heated controversies have been carried on in the columns of the Herald of that town between Mayor Roddey opposing the exchanges and Mr. F. B. Alexander, as their advocate.

This reached a climax down there Friday morning. A negro was arraigned in Mayor Roddey's court on charge of gambling. The mayor took the position that if the city council allowed the cotton exchanges to operate within the limits of the town, that he had no right to impose a penalty upon this negro, who was absolutely devoid of intelligence and who had only about 15 cents.

The recent removal to Rock Hill of Bell and Fowlie who left this city, has aroused a bitter opinion against the exchanges and Mayor Roddey is determined, so it seems, to use all his energies in driving them from that town.

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DR. KILGO YESTERDAY.

Preached Twice and Lectured Once Mob Law Fearlessly.

Sunday was a great time with the Methodists of the city, they having the pleasure of hearing Dr. John C. Kilgo, one of the most eloquent men of the church, preach three times, at Tryon Street church in the morning, at the same place in the afternoon and at Trinity church at night.

The principal address of the day was that of the afternoon when the speaker took as his subject: "Mobocracy." This lecture was one of the finest efforts ever heard here on this subject. The speaker appeared to have made a close study of the subject and to have arrived at some rather startling but nevertheless true conclusions. He spoke first of the fact that the mob is the enemy, not of the criminal or supposed criminal on whom it wreaks vengeance, but is an enemy of the State and its wild acts, are aimed at the heart of the commonwealth. The growth of mob-spirit also, according to the lecturer, has not been one suddenly springing up, but has been forming for decades, and there lies back of it conditions and questions of the past that are now finding their fruition in the pitiless, lawless mob of the present century. In other words personal liberty and self-government have been wrongfully interpreted and have taken on a different meaning to the mob than that which was originally intended by their promoters. The ideas that men are born free, and that they possess freedom innately, and that men are born equal, are not the right interpretations of these cardinal principles. Freedom is something that is worked out by each man for himself, and is not presented to him with no effort on his part.

The trouble with the equality idea, as it presented itself to the mind of the speaker, was that the standard of equality is the lowest strata of society, and by equality, many men think that it is this mediocre and lower equality. There is very little thought of high standards of equality when many men dwell on this subject. The last part of this able discourse had to do with the false ideas of self-government that have taken hold of already too many minds. There is lack of respect for law, and the man who feels his "equality" is slow to bow to the mandates of the law, when it would restrain him, so the mob, thinking that in the majority the deepest expressions of the will of the people lies consider themselves a sort of constituted government, backed by public sentiment of those with them, and their work goes on.

This discourse and lecture was one of the best things of its kind that has been heard here in many days. Last night the speaker preached a very timely and helpful sermon on the battle between the flesh and the spirit. The text were the words of Jesus, when he found the three disciples sleeping: "The spirit truly is willing but the flesh is weak."

The preacher urged that we judge not too harshly our brother. The sleeping man may be one of the champions of God's cause when he is awake. Jesus Christ recognized the swiftness of the battle in all of its varying results between the body and the spirit, and He was able to overlook oftentimes the weakness of the spirit.

Men's lives must be measured by their trend like the flow of a native river and it is wrong and unjust and not like the Master to pass sentence on a man's life for one single deed, or for what he may be doing at one single moment. The only right way is Jesus' way—to sum up the whole trend of the man's life and judge by that standard. All of the talks of this eminent scholar and divine, were heard by large audiences, and these will be long remembered by those who heard them.

The Piedmont Industrial School will open tomorrow. The students are coming in today and Mr. Baldwin says he will have all he can accommodate. There will be no change of teachers. The teachers of last year, Mr. N. S. Ogburn Jr., Miss Isabel Woodley, Miss Ruth Cole, and Miss Fannie Burton will remain.

The Ohio Republicans seem to be in the hands of the boss and at the mercy of the political machine, for Senator Dick declares that he wants the platform to be the product of the entire coming convention. He must know he has a firm grip on the delegates.

Misses Martha and Jeannet Martin, of Columbus, Ga., who have been the guest of Mrs. W. S. Lee, Jr., on Tenth Avenue, will leave tomorrow for their home.

MRS. MADISON AT HOME.

A Guest's Experience on a Visit to Monticello.

Margaret Bayard Smith, in Scribner's Magazine. The long dining table (at Montpelier) was spread, and besides tea and coffee, we had a variety of warm cakes, bread, cold meat, and pastry. At table I was introduced to Mr. William Madison, brother of the President, and his wife, and three or four other ladies and gentlemen, all near relatives, all plain country people but frank, kind warm-hearted Virgians. At this house I realized being in Virginia. Mr. Madison, plain, friendly, communicative, and unceremonious as any Virginia planter could be—Mrs Madison, uniting to all the elegance and polish of fashion the unadulterated simplicity, frankness, warmth, and friendliness of her native character and native State. Their mode of living, too, if it had more elegance than is found among the planters, was characterized by that abundance, that hospitality, and that freedom we are taught to look for on a Virginia plantation. We did not sit long at this meal—the evening was warm and we were glad to leave the table. The gentlemen went to the parlors, the ladies, who all had children, to their chambers, and I sat with Mrs. M. till bedtime, talking of Washington. When the servant appeared with candles to show me my room, she insisted on going up stairs with me, assisting me undress, and chat-

ting till I got into the bed. How unassuming, how kind is this woman. How can any human being be her enemy? Truly, in her there is to be found no gall, but the pure milk of human kindness. If I may say so, the maid was like the mistress; she was very attentive all the time I was there, seeming as if she could not do enough, and was very talkative. As her mistress left the room. "You have a good mistress, Nanny?" said I. "Yes," with warmth, "the best, I believe, in the world. I am sure I would not change her for any mistress in the whole country." The next morning Nanny called me to a late breakfast, brought me ce and water this s (universal here, even in taverns), and assisted me to dress. We sat down between fifteen and twenty persons to breakfast—and to a most excellent Virginia breakfast—tea, coffee, hot wheat bread, light cakes, a pone of corn loaf, cold ham, nice hashes, chickens, etc.

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