MASONIC MEETING.

St. John's Lodge, No. 4, A. F. and A. M., will meet in regular commun-ication this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Licenses to marry were granted Saturday to two colored couples, both of Lenoir county: James Abraham, 40, and Queenie Davis, 26; Fred. Lane, 42, and Mollie White, 40.

BOX PARTY FRIDAY NIGHT.

There will be a box party and ice cream supper at Byrd's schoolhouse, in Trent township, on Friday night next. The proceeds will go to school benefit. Miss Annie Grady is the

ELEVEN WANT RURAL CARRIER POSITION.

Eleven applicants were examined by A. S. Taylor, local secretary for the position of rural mail carrier from Pink Hill. The appointment will not be announced for some days,

NORFOLK SOUTHERN STATION AT PANTEGO ROBBED

Norfolk Southern Bailroad special agents of the northern and Beaufort ivisions are looking for a robber who Friday night or Saturday morning entered the station at Pantego, in Beau-fort county, and made off with \$3.50 and a check, the amount of which is not known.

BOAT DAMAGES BRIDGE; TRAFFIC IS HELD UP.

The fishing boat Pilgrim, a vessel of large tonnage, crashed into the bridge of the Norfolk Southern Railroad between Beaufort and Morehead City late Saturday while attempting to go through the draw, and caused sunday afternoon. Passengers and nail had to be transferred around the

WEATHER SHOWS SIGNS OF DOING THE RIGHT THING

After a two-weeks' period of coninued inclemency, the weather this merning took a turn for the better. The bright sun more than compensated for the low temperature of the early part of the day. Sunday evening's little windstorm, of a few min-utes' duration, was of sufficient severeness to blow down eight or ten telephone poles about two miles south of the city. A few flakes of snow fell on Sunday morning.

OFFICER WITH EMPTY GUN HAD FIVE PRISONERS.

John Brock, a Jones county deputy heriff who brought Jonah Houston and five negroes through here late Saturday en route to Edgecombe county, where the men are to do time on the public roads, discovered after his arrival here that a big revolver which he carried was empty. Had the prisoners known it on the lonely road from Trenton here, something might have happened to John Brock. And by the way, it was Brock who, as a revenuer, arrested Houston fifteen years ago when he first began his long criminal career, an account of which is carried in another column.

JUDGE ALLEN IN AN INTERESTING CASE

Judge Oliver Allen of Kinston has sued an order from New Hanover county Superior Court temporarily restraining the mayor and commisoners of the town of Southport from taking any steps toward securing a system of waterworks and sewerage. Protesting citizens presented a petition for the injunction. In the comlaint, it was alleged that to secure the improvements a bond issue would necessary, and that as a result the tax rate would have to be raised gher than is allowed by law. The real objection of the citizens is said to be to the officials acting too hastily. The protesting petitioners, it is believed, are not really adverse to the improvements, but thought the mayor and board were about to be on the soint of entering into a contract without securing disinterested advice. Judge George Rountree wil hear the matter on the 28th.

BROTHER SLAYS BROTHER

IN WESTERN CAROLINA Asheville, Dec. 13 .- A report has reached here of a tragedy in the northern part of Yancey county in hich Marshall Byrd shot and killed ais brother, Henry Byrd. The brothers, who are sons of Frank Byrd, fell out over a debt one owed the other.

SHERIFF TAYLOR RETURNS SAM MILLS KILLED BY FROM BLUE GRASS STATE

Bringing Gabriel Pool, Wanted For Violation of State Prohibition Laws, Who Jumped Bond Last Spring

Sheriff A. W. Taylor returned this morning from Lexington, Ky., with Gabriel Poole, a middle-aged white man, who was arrested last spring for operating a still near Kelly's mill and skipped his bond. Poole disappeared from the courthouse immediately after signing the bond and was not seen again by a local officer until the sheriff walked into the Lexington police station and the man was turned over to him.

Poole told the sheriff on the way back to Kinston that he was never more surprised in his life than when a policeman arrested him in a tobacco warehohse in Lexington, and steadfastly denied having been connected with the still at Kelly's mill. Poole, after leaving Kinston in the spring, located near Washington, N. C., made a crop of tobacco which he marketed there, and then went to Richmond, from which city he went to Lexington and secured employment. The sheriff furnished the Lexington police information which resulted in his ar-

A deputy was allowed to take the prisoner today to see his wife and family in the country.

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The famous Hoe library sale caused the indifferent public to stop and take some notice. Several of the Hoe volumes brought prices away up into the thousands of dollars, and the Guttenberg Bible from this wonderful library brought the record price of \$50,-000. So the average buyer and reader of everyday books is wondering if the prices of books are going up with the cost of living.

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HEBER FRAZIER SUNDAY

Dead Man Was Victim of Bullet Probably Intended for Another-It Is Thought Assassin Wanted to Kill Red Bryant,

With no apparent cause whatever, Heber Frazier, 35, shot and instantly killed Sam Mills, 40, in the house of Red Bryant at Wyse's Fork, near the Lenoir-Jones counties line, Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Frazier escaped and had not been apprehended today. All the parties are negroes.

Frazier, according to the best version of the murder obtainable, had been with the other men in Bryant's home. There had been no drinking so far as is known; in fact, the dead man was of a reigious character and of good reputation. Frazier had made one attempt to kill Bryant, for a reason unknown, but had been disarmed and left the place. He returned, and possibly mistaking Mills, who was siting in a chair with his back to the slayer, for Bryant, seized a shotgun standing handily by, pointed it at the unfortunate man and pulled the trigger. The range was so short that the full load of shot, entering the back of the victim's head, made no more of an abrasion than a .38 calibre pistol bullet would. Frazier, it is believed, did not stop even long enough to ascertain his mistake, but fled into the woods.

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