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Today, May 6th.	
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Middling	39.50
Lower Grades	23 up

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WADE WAIVES HEARING

Robert Wade, of High Point, Waives Preliminary Hearing Wednesday and is Bound to Superior Court Under \$1,000 Bond.

As stated in last week's POST-DISPATCH, Dr. A. C. Everett on Sunday, May 2nd, recovered his Buick car that was stolen Feb. 6th, he finding it at a garage in Greensboro. The car had been brought to the garage by a man named Scott Anthony for repairs. Anthony lives between Greensboro and Pleasant Garden, and when questioned as to where he got the car, stated that he got it from Robert Wade, of High Point. Dr. Everett thereupon had a warrant issued for Wade, the burden then being upon Wade to show just how HE came into possession of the stolen property. The warrant was served upon Wade at High Point the last of last week, and the preliminary hearing set for yesterday [Wednesday] at Rockingham before Squire Wm. Little Steele.

Accordingly, Wade and his attorney, Leonidas Williams, together with Will Wade and M. L. Burke, came from High Point Wednesday morning, but instead of going into a trial they waived a hearing and put up a bond of \$1,000 for the appearance of Wade at the July term of criminal court. Questioned by the representative of the POST-DISPATCH, Attorney Williams stated that he would be able to prove that Wade bought the car in good faith from another party, but that since they were unable to get this party here for the preliminary hearing Wednesday, they thought it best to simply waive a hearing now and clear the matter entirely at the July term.

Representing the State was Don Phillips, of the firm of Phillips & Thomas.

The Post-Dispatch man also interviewed Robert Wade. Mr. Wade says he is 31 years old, is married and has two children; that he works for the Thompson Chair Factory at High Point, chiefly keeping up the cars of the plant. He says he swapped a 1918 model Ford, together with some boot, to a man for the Buick touring car some time in February. Asked as to the name and address of the man who traded with him, he refused to answer, saying that if the man's name was published it might put him on guard and prevent securing his testimony at the trial in July. As the reporter was talking to Wade, Mr. Williams, his attorney, called to Wade to "be careful and not talk too much." Wade says he traded the Buick to Scott Anthony for a Buick roadster and some boot; in neither case

would he say just how much boot was received, or given. However, that is immaterial. But he says he will easily show at the trial in July that he not only had nothing to do with the theft of the car, but that he was an innocent purchaser of same.

The State's contention is that the car was stolen; that Wade was in possession of it before its sale to Anthony, and of course the burden is upon Wade to show just where and from whom he secured the car. Should he do this, the State would then go after the man who sold it to Wade; if that man can show from whom he got it the State would then go after the third man. And so on down the line until the finger finally rests upon the thief. It might prove to be a sort of endless chain, taking several trials to unwind. But it is determined to unwind it, no matter how tangled the skein may be.

SUGAR SPUD CAR COMING TO HAMLET.

Brings a Message to All Interested in Sweet Potatoes.

Though the sweet potato is still only a Jack in the game compared to King Cotton, he has attained the dignity of traveling in a special car and is touring North Carolina to let 'em know he's enlisted in the fight against the boll weevil.

The sugar spud special will arrive in Hamlet at 12:30 in the afternoon of May 18th and leave Hamlet at 8:45 a. m. of May 19th. It will remain in Laurinburg from 9:28 a. m. to 8:45 p. m. of May 19th. It will be in charge of sweet potato experts from the N. C. Division of Horticulture, State Department of Agriculture, who are cooperating with the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line railroads in boosting sweet potatoes as a cash crop in rotations with cotton and tobacco.

A feature of the exhibits carried by the special car is a model sweet potato storage house built to exact scale according to government plans. Houses built by these plans will keep sweet potatoes over a period of several months without loss and so permit a longer marketing period. Plans will be furnished free to persons who want to build storage houses. The exhibit also includes types of containers; charts and pictures, and examples of correct packing; and other information concerning the sweet potato industry which has already proved its value as a money crop in other Southern States.

Bank Statements.

On page seven can be seen the bank statements for the quarter ending May 4th.

The combined statements of the four banks at Rockingham show total resources of \$2,716,041.69. The Ellerbe bank has total of \$284,753.16.

Speeding.

The following were pulled for speeding in town last week: Oscar McDonald and John Smith, each fined \$5 and costs; and James Hasty, let off with payment of the costs.

BONDS NOT SOLD

Commissioners Met Wednesday to Open Bids for \$100,000 Bonds for New Courthouse. All Bids Rejected. New Bids to be Received June 7th.

The County Commissioners were in special session Wednesday, all five members being present. The purpose of the meeting was to open bids for the \$100,000 in bonds to be sold for the new courthouse fund.

Five firms submitted bids, the best bid amounting to \$96,510. The Commissioners rejected all of them, and is advertising now for new bids, these to be opened at the regular meeting June 7th.

The firms submitting sealed bids, and their amounts, were:

- Prudden & Co., of Toledo, Ohio, \$94,850.
- R. M. Grant & Co., New York, \$95,103.
- Elston & Co., Chicago, \$94,400.
- Hanchet Bond Co., Chicago, \$96,510.
- J. C. Mayer & Co., Cincinnati, \$95,002.

The Hanchet bid was the best received. All the firms sent representatives here with the exception of the Mayer firm.

JACKSON SPRINGS OPENING.

As can be seen in the full page announcement on page nine of this issue, the formal opening of the Jackson Springs Hotel for the summer season takes place tomorrow, Friday, May 14th. And tomorrow night the Uriel Davis orchestra will inaugurate the regular summer dances there. In fact, the Davis orchestra will have its headquarters at Jackson Springs for the summer.

We invite your attention to this full announcement (page 9) and ask that you give Proprietor Ross your consideration.

TELEPHONE SERVICE.

The telephone young ladies of the Rockingham Exchange entertained their mothers, and a number of invited guests, in the rest room of the Exchange Monday afternoon. Streamers of red and white radiated to the four corners from the chandelier; Victrola music was enjoyed, and conversation and "good fellowship" combined to make everyone feel perfectly at home. The speaker of the occasion was Attorney Ozmer L. Henry, and as usual with this gifted gentleman his words were much enjoyed. Refreshments of cream and cake were then served.

It is a matter of more than local attention that the phone service here at Rockingham is especially good. The chief operator, Mrs. James Threadgill, has been at the Exchange here for the past eight years, and her unflinching courtesy is known of all. Just now the office is short two operators, and this doubles the work heavily upon the others; but despite this, and the fact that one or two new operators are being "broken in," the service continues on the high plane of the past. Miss Essie Clark, for five years operator at Laurinburg, is now with the office here. The other members of the "force" are Miss Johnnie Boggan, Miss Maude Phillips and Miss Frances Dunn (relief). Miss Mary Fields is Manager Rayle's stenographer.

MORRISON IN '98.

A subscriber a few days ago sent the Post-Dispatch a copy of the "Richmond Headlight," of date of May 9th, 1902. In that old copy was a long article urging Cam Morrison for Congress from this, the seventh district. Singularly enough, Mr. Morrison's present opponent for governor, Robert N. Page, was his opponent for Congress 18 years ago, Mr. Page winning by a fraction of a vote.

The article is signed by "A Ninety-Eighter" and the reasons given for Morrison's selection then are just as true today. The blight of Republican fusion rule was still keenly in the minds of the people of the negro-ridden counties, and the people had not forgotten the invaluable service rendered the white people by Cam Morrison in those days of '98 and 1900 that tried men's souls.

And so here is what this old "Ninety-Eighter" had to say of Cam in 1902:

"By next November the Amendment will have gone into effect. New and untried conditions will prevail. The Democrats of the district want to nominate a strong man. It is no time for a weakling. We want to nominate a man capable of canvassing the district with force and fervor, and a man who is able to successfully meet any man opposed to the principles of his party.

"We want a party man who has helped to fight his former battles; a Democrat who has SEEN SERVICE; who has pulled the plow and pulled it well.

"Such a man is Cameron Morrison. Never as long as time shall last shall we or our children's children forget the trying days of 1898—when white women were shoved from the sidewalks by burly negroes; when the white vote was swamped in an avalanche of black ballots; when negro magistrates presided in our courts, and negro school committeemen had a say-so over our white children's education. BUT A MAN AROSE to the occasion. That man was CAM MORRISON—all glory and honor to his name. Shall we forget his heroism and stalwart fight for our homes? NO, a thousand times NO. Rally to Morrison, the man who led the White Man's fight."

"A NINETY-EIGHTER."

TWO TO FEDERAL COURT.

Sheriff McDonald and Deputy Reynolds last Friday arrested Sam Baldwin, colored, and Frank Thompson, white, near Exway. The colored man had in his possession a three gallon jug, in which was two gallons of whiskey; he was seen by the officers coming from Thompson's house with the jug. He admitted getting it from Thompson, and so the officers searched the white man's house then, finding one quart and a barrel in which beer had recently been mixed, and arrested him. Thompson admitted furnishing meal, molasses, etc., and mixing the beer, for a division of the product, but would not tell who actually made the whiskey. Both men waived a preliminary hearing, and were bound under \$200 bonds to Federal Court which convenes in Laurinburg the last of September. They gave bonds through W. A. McDonald.

Charged with Gambling.

Local officers Sunday afternoon rounded up a crap game in a house just south of Franklin street, and nabbed ten colored men. They were given a hearing before the Mayor Tuesday night, and all but three released. The seven released were Gene Covington; Ben Wall, Berry Stanback, Ches. Leak, Robert LeGrand, Robert Allen, Harry Ewing. The three bound over to July 26th term of Court were Robert Worth, Love Davis and Carl Smith. W. A. McDonald furnished \$100 bond for the last two, each, and Stansill Covington put up \$100 bond for Robert Worth.

Memorial Day.

As was most fitting, the members of the graduating class of the Rockingham school last Monday observed Memorial Day by visiting the graves of the various Confederate veterans around the city and placing flowers thereon. A detailed account of this will appear next issue.

Hiram Johnson political advt on page three.

SUPERIOR COURT.

May term of Superior Court for trial of civil cases will convene here May 24th, with Judge Thomas B. Finley presiding. The calendar of cases can be seen elsewhere in this issue. The next term after the May 24th term will begin June 14th, and this also is a civil term.

The jurors for May 24th term are:

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| Jas R Ewing | C D Russell |
| H S Sheely | E C Thomas |
| L B Brady | W E Robertson |
| M B Nicholson | W R Bethune |
| W D McCoy | A S Cowan |
| Charles Brady | Walter L Steele |
| W L Usery | Paul Smith |
| W B Martin | C C Taylor |
| J O Ballard | W C Hicks |
| E B O'Brien | W F Grant |
| W T Covington | S O Bauserfeld |
| J L Pankey | E M Smith |

Excitement at Roberdel.

The steady blowing of the whistle at Roberdel Mill No. 2 last night about midnight created a deal of excitement at the village, and elsewhere, many thinking a serious fire must be in progress.

As the colored watchman, Jim Fletcher, was making his rounds through the mill last night, he espied in the weave room two men. Fletcher quickly ran to the switch and threw on the lights, and then started after the intruders. The men had their shoes off, tied together and swung around their necks and were crawling on the floor when discovered. One managed to get away, but Jim nabbed the other; he leveled his pistol at the man and tried to hold him this way, but the man (whose name is John Woodard) told the watchman he was going to run and he could shoot if he wanted to. Fletcher with commendable presence of mind, laid aside the weapon and grabbed Woodard, at the same time telling his son to run and blow the factory whistle so that help might come. The son did as he was told, and kept the whistle going for quite a while. A crowd soon gathered and the Sheriff was phoned for and Woodard brought to jail at Rockingham to await a preliminary hearing. The Sheriff found an empty sack in the man's bosom, and the supposition is that he had entered the mill with the intention of getting cloth.

Woodard is now in jail here; he is about 18 years old. It is not known just who the other man is, as Woodard remarked to some, "one that he 'had rather died than tell.'"

Cotton Prices.

New York futures closed today as follows: May 40.30, July 38.07, Oct. 35.93, Dec. 35.00. Rockingham prices in upper left hand corner this page.

TO BAPTIST CONVENTION.

The following from Rockingham left Monday night for Washington City to attend the Southern Baptist Convention; they are stopping at the New Willard: Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Benton and Virginia Benton, Mr. and Mrs. T. Cole and Ozmer L. Henry.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gore left Wednesday night to attend the Southern Baptist Convention at Washington.

MONROE GAINS 2.

The census figures for Monroe were announced Saturday. They give the Union County capital a gain of two people since the 1910 census, the present figures being 4,084 as compared with 4,082 ten years ago.

Lumberton Gains 461.

Census for Lumberton announced Tuesday gives that town a population of 2,691, which is an increase of 461, or 20.7 per cent over the census of 1910. Reidsville has 5,333, an increase of 505, or 10.5 per cent.

MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

G. P. (Bud) Henry was Tuesday morning given a hearing before Squire Steele on two charges. One was for an assault on M. L. Pickleseimer with a knife, and the other for being drunk and disorderly. On the former charge he was bound over to court under \$100 bond, and in the latter case he was fined \$5 and costs of \$3.75. Inasmuch as at the April 5th term of court Judge Finley had given Henry a conditional sentence of 75 days on the roads, commitment not to be made during good behavior, it became necessary for commitment to be served now that he had lapsed from good behavior. Accordingly, he was placed in the hands of the sheriff after the magistrate's trial, and is now serving his 75-day sentence on the chain gang.

Carl McQueen, white, was charged by Roger Derby with stealing corn. The matter was heard before Squire Steele Saturday. Fred W. Bynum appeared for McQueen, and W. R. Jones prosecuted for Derby. McQueen was bound over to court under \$200 bond, which was given by W. A. McDonald. For an assault on Walter Farmer, child of A. H. Farmer, John Odom was required to pay a fine of \$5 and costs of \$8.45, by Squire Steele May April 27th.

Four hoboes were sent to the chain gang for 30 days each, by Squire Steele Saturday morning. They were found on the railroad tracks, begging, and gave their homes from various States. The four are M. D. Creel and James King, white, and Henry Ragan and Frank Banks, colored.

Squire Alfred Barrett Monday night aired a case wherein Murrell Jenkins was charged with an assault with a knife upon Johnnie Baker. There were two cases, the other for an assault with a Bevo bottle upon Baker. The two cases were combined. Chesley Sedberry represented Baker. Fred W. Bynum appeared for Jenkins. The magistrate found probable cause and bound Jenkins over to July term under \$50 bond.

ROBERDEL VS. MCCOLL.

Roberdel No. 2 team will play the fast McColl team at Roberdel Saturday afternoon at 3:30. No admission; a free will offering will be taken.

UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONS.

The University baseball team won the State championship Monday by defeating State A. & E. 6-2. Murray and Lefty Wilson were opposing moundmen. Carolina secured 8 hits and made no errors; A. & E., 4 hits and 7 errors.

Carolina put a second and final clincher on the State championship by defeating Trinity at Chapel Hill 2-1 in a 12-inning game.

PROHIBITION SPEAKING.

Rev. Leon M. Hall will have Dr. Cotton, a noted prohibition speaker with him next Sunday at a number of appointments; as follows: Roberdel No. 2—11 a. m. Midway—4 p. m. West Roban—8 p. m. The public is cordially invited to hear this visitor speak on such a heart-gripping subject. Come and bring your friends.

MUSIC RECITAL.

Miss Ruth Gaither will give her closing music recital at the school auditorium on Thursday night of next week, May 20th, at 8:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Colored Commencement.

The closing exercises of the Rockingham colored school will begin May 30th with sermon by Rev. Bruce Benton at the A. M. E. Zion Church. Exercises will be held June 1st and 2nd, with address by Dr. S. G. Atkins. A more detailed account of the program will be given next issue.

Keys Lost.

Bunch of 7 or 8 keys on triangular ring lost at postoffice Wednesday. Reward for their return to the Post-Dispatch office.

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— IN —

'LITTLE MISS HOOVER'

— AT —

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