



QUALLA GRADED SCHOOL BUILDING

FAMILY MURDERED AND HOME BURNED

Columbia, S. C., June 28.—That John D. Jacobs, a farmer living near Peak, Lexington county, together with his wife and four children, were murdered, the house being afterwards set on fire in an effort to conceal the crime, was the conclusion reached today by the coroner's jury after an inquest which lasted all day.

Early this morning a milkman discovered a dense smoke issuing from a grove where the Jacobs residence was located. Investigating he found the house almost entirely destroyed and his further disclosed the presence of several charred bodies among the ruins. The inquest developed the fact that Jacob, his wife, his daughter Ellie, aged 23, and three sons, aged 18, 14 and 10, were all dead.

The bodies of all except that of the oldest son, were found lying in their beds as if they had been murdered while they slept. The body of Leslie Jacobs was found before the fireplace, with a shot gun beside it. A gun was also found beside the charred body of Mr. Jacobs, and an axe near the body of another of the boys.

The skulls of Mrs. Jacobs and the daughter were crushed as if by heavy blows, and blood was found beneath the other bodies. The mattress upon which the youngest boy lay was soaked with blood. No arrests have been made and there is no clue to aid the officers in their search for the murderer. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that the dead were slain by persons unknown.—Observer.

WORK OF COMMISSION.

July 1.—Lively debates on the initiative and referendum increased pay for Legislators, additional taxation talk, and some legislation to abate the special legislation nuisance, occupied the commissioner's time today.

It was the best day of the session now finishing its seventh day's work. More matters were acted upon than upon any former day. None of the discussions has been rancorous. It has been interesting throughout.

It became known today that the report made by the sub-committee on taxation exempting from taxation the income from property taxed, will be adopted.

The amendment to prohibit the Legislature from passing certain local, special, and private bills, passed its second reading, and will certainly appear in the final report of the final report of the commission to the Governor and the Legislature.

The initiative and referendum discussion was warm. The amendment passed its second reading after a resolution not to submit it at this time had been voted down. The vote was eight to seven. The debate on this was the feature of the meeting thus far, intellectually speaking.

The proposition to increase the pay of the Legislators from \$4 to \$8 a day and the presiding officers from \$3 to \$10, passed its second reading by a vote of 14 to 1.

The proposal to change the election of members of the Legislature and the time of the Legislature's meeting from two years to four years, was defeated. There is no sentiment for this measure in the commission. The amendment to change and make easier the amending of the State constitution was voted down.

The public appears to have gotten the wrong idea as to the reading of the Bible in the public schools. The proposition submitted, only permits the reading, and does not compel it. This passed its second reading tonight.

THE RAINFALL IN JUNE CONSIDERABLY SHORT.

From the standpoint of temperature June last was about like other Junes, the temperature was just about normal. The average daily temperature was 69 degrees while the normal for the month is 68.7 degrees. The highest averages recorded for June was 71 degrees in 1904, 1604, 1908 and 1911; the lowest average was 65 degrees in 1903.

The highest temperature recorded on any day in last month was 80 degrees on the 28th; the lowest was 46 on the 11th. The greatest daily range was 33 degrees on the 15th; the least was 7 degrees on the 9th. The highest temperature recorded for a day in any June is 92 degrees; the lowest 41. Since the first of the year there has been an excess of 425 degrees compared with the normal—or each day has been 2.3 degrees warmer than the average for 11 years.

We were considerably short on rain during June. There was a precipitation of 2.90 inches, while the normal for the is 4.35—a deficiency of 1.45 inches. In 1900 there was a fall of 7.74 inches; the year before there was only 90 of an inch. Since January 1 there has a deficiency of rain amounting to 5.35 inches.

There were 11 clear days in June; five cloudy and 14 partly cloudy. There was 75 per cent of a possible amount of sunshine—Gazette.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Jackson County.
E. L. McKee, Geo. W. Sutton, Lee Hooper, Jno. B. Ensley, S. W. Enloe, H. R. Snider, C. A. Bird, H. R. Queen, and T. L. Jamison, special committee appointed by the court house Act of 1913.

VS.

C. Buchanan.

To C. Buchanan, owner,
Whereas, an act ratified by the General Assembly of North Carolina on the 24th day of February, 1913, authorizing a vote of the citizens of the county on the question of removal of the County-seat of Jackson County from Webster to Sylva was duly carried at the election held on the 8th day of May, 1913, as under said Act provided; and

Whereas, the committee named in section three of said Act met on the 17th day of May, 1913, in the town of Sylva and selected a site for the Court-house and Jail and made their report as by statute provided to the Register of Deeds on the 18th of June, 1913, which site comprehends your lot in the town of Sylva at the West end of Main street, and which lot is described as the second tract in the report of said committee to the Register of Deeds and recorded on the Minute books of the Commissioners of Jackson County; and

Whereas, the said committee has been unable to purchase the said lot from you at a reasonably fair price in their judgment, and being of opinion that the price asked by you is too high, you will take notice that the said Court House Committee named in section three of said Act will, on the 2nd day of August, 1913, meet on said lot to appraise the value of the same, and your notified to be present in person or by representative and to present such evidence as you may choose to offer as to the value of said lot, and that on said date the said committee will fix and appraise the value of said lot and make their report to the Board of Commissioners of Jackson County, all as in said Act specially provided.

By order of the Committee, this the first day of July, 1913.

E. L. McKEE,
Chairman.
GEO. W. SUTTON,
Secretary.

Owing to a break in the dam of The Dillsboro and Sylva Electric Co., the towns have been without light and power since Monday.

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NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE.

By VIRTUE of an execution to me directed from the Superior Court of Jackson County, N. C., bearing date July 2, 1913, on a judgement in the case of Coleman C. Cowan, plaintiff, against John O. Bowman, J. Edward Ackley, F. A. Lincoln, James Brown and Tuckasee Development Company, defendants, in favor of said plaintiff and against said defendants for the sum of \$1381.50, with interest thereon from the 20th day of February, 1911, and costs of the action I have levied the said execution upon and will, on the 4th day of August, the same being the first Monday in said month, 1913, expose for sale and sell at the Court House door in Webster to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said judgement and execution, principal, interest and costs, the following described properties:

1. All that tract and parcel of land, containing two hundred and eighty (280) acres, situate in Jackson County, and fully described in a deed from T. G. Picklesimer and wife, Ellen E. Picklesimer, to Tuckasee Development Co., dated June 12 1907, and registered in the Register's office for Jackson County, in Book "NN," page 62 et seq., on July 8, 1907.

2. All the timbers, woods, acid woods, barks, and growths, timber rights, interests, privileges, roads, ways, terms, and whatsoever rights relating to the same, being fully set forth and described in a deed from

A. J. Moore and M. C. Moore to Tuckasee Development Co. on June 12, 1907, and registered in said office in said County in Book "NN," page 216 to 222, inclusive, on August 26, 1907, together with all rights, terms, licenses, privileges, easements and ways thereunto in any wise in the said deed passed and conveyed.

3. All the timbers, trees, woods, barks, acid woods and growths in, on, and upon a certain tract of land in Mountain township, fully described in a deed from J. T. Stewart and wife, Palestine Stewart, to Tuckasee Development Co, dated October 3, 1907, and registered in said office in said County in Book "NN," page 473 and following, on October 7, 1907, together with all the rights, terms, licenses, privileges easements and ways thereunto in any wise appertaining and in said deed passed and conveyed.

4. All the timbers, trees, woods, acid woods, barks and growths, standing, growing and being on a certain tract of land in Hamburg township, Jackson County, N. C., as follows:

Beginning on two chestnuts, runs South 50 East, 24 poles to a chestnut; thence North 37 degrees East, 55 poles to a stake and oak, chestnut corner down; thence south 18 degrees East, 89 poles to a birch near a small branch, the head waters of Grassy Camp Creek; thence South 35 west, 170 poles to a chestnut stump at the head of a branch near the Short Off Gap; thence North 45 degrees West, 90

poles to a stake; thence North 31 degrees East, 158 poles to the beginning, containing 110 acres.

Together with all rights, license and easements to said defendants belonging at the date of the levy of said attachment.

This the 2nd day of July, 1913.

J. W. Buchanan,
Sheriff of Jackson County, N. C.

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COUNTY EXAMINATION FOR TEACHERS

The Public County Examination will be held beginning Thursday, July 10, 1913. At this time examinations for the High School Certificate, the Five Year State Certificate and entrance to A. and M. College will also be given.

Respectfully yours,
David H. Brown,
Co. Supt.