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ROXBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY EVENING, July, 8, 1903:

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## ROXBORO IS DRY.

The County Commissioners Refused to Grant License Last Monday.

Last Monday was one of the most exciting days we have seen in Roxboro in a long time.

Saturday night it began to be whispered around that there was to be a fight made before the Board of County Commissioners to close up the bar-rooms in Roxboro. It was also stated that one of the Board was in favor of granting license and one against while the third was not committed.

When the Board met Monday they set 1:30 p. m for the hearing of the matter. At the appointed time there was a large crowd assembled to hear the discussion. The Anti-Liquor people were represented by Revs. K. D. Holmes, G. T. Watkins and J. A. Beam. They presented to the Board petitions from nearly, or all th townships in the County, and also from the town. The liquor dealers were represented by Messrs J. S. and W. D. Merritt and W. T. Bradsher. These gentlemen presented to the Board th applications of their clients, showing that the Board of town Commissioners had granted license to them.

It was an interesting fight, and well managed by both sides, the argument by the anti-saloon representatives was simply unanswerable.

The attorneys for the saloon men took the position that as it was a matter in which the town people alone had to do, and as the town Commissioners had thought it best to license saloons, that the County Commissioners should indorse them also. To offset this argument the anti-saloon people showed that they had a petition from a majority of the white registered voters in the town asking that no license be granted. Looking at it from this standpoint Messrs. Bailey and Hester voted against granting license and Mr. Noell voting to grant them.

The lipuor dealers claim that they were faken advantage of by the fight being made on the quiet order and not expecting a fight from that source they had made no defense. And more, that they were closed up without any notice whatever, and now have no chance of disposing of their goods. Well, there is something in this. We believe in fair play, to fight open and above board. THE COURIER has done that. No one who reads the paper will say that they didn't know where its editors stood on this great question; but to be honest, we would rather have seen the whiskey men given sixty or ninty days in which to close up in. That looks to us like it would have been better. But the commissioners have acted, and we believe they did what they thought was best, and we have no criticism to make. We believe the liquor men will abide the decision of the Board in good faith, they have certainly acted manly under their defeat. We have not heard of their abusing any one. We hope this feeling will continue—it is best for all.

Some think it is a great mistake, and that the business of the town will suffer. Well, it may, but we can't believe it. We know some mighty good towns in North Carolina where there has not been a licensed bar room in 15 or 20 years. The people there are no better than our people, and they are no more loyal than our people.

## RIOT IN YAYKEEDOM.

Middleboro Incapadined by Young Blades Opposed to its Government

Middleboro, Mass., July 4.—A mob of young men, angered by the arrest of one of their number during the night, wounded a deputy sheriff by shooting him in the face with a blank cartridge, assaulted a policeman, bombarded the house of a police court judge with stones and stormed the town hall in an attempt to release the prisoner. They previously had set several fires and when Judge Nathan Washburne, whose house was stoned found that the local authorities were helpless to control the riotous crowd telephoned to nearby places for police assistance. Aid arrived at 7 o'clock, but the mob had dispersed.

The summoned officers, however, were placed in charge of the town for the time being and a call was issued for the select men to meet for action in the emergency.

The mob was composed of about 500 young men and boys. The trouble began at midnight. The rioters first went about town starting fires, three of which were set in houses. The others were bonfires. Then the mob began smashing windows and doing other damages. After several warnings Deputy Sheriff Lincoln and Policeman Hatch arrested Charles White. The crowd attempted to rescue White, but the officers succeeded in getting the man to the lock-up. When the officers returned to the street the crowd surrounded them demanding the release of their comrade. Some one fired a revolver loaded with a blank cartridge full in the deputy sheriff's face.

After the momentary quiet following the injury to the deputy the mob sent up the cry to lynch Hatch. The crowd started in pursuit of Hatch, who had left the vicinity hastily, and after a time he was overtaken. The mob forced him to go to Judge Washburn's house and ask that a special session of the police court be held so that White could be set free or admitted to bail. This Judge Washburn refused to do. The crowd retaliated by a fusilade of stones against the judge's house. Then they went to the town house where White was confined. They tried to batter down the doors, and not succeeding broke the windows, but did not get at the prisoner.

## Kinston Nears Free Mail Delivery.

Kinston, N. C., July 4.—Kinston will have free mail delivery next year. The local office is now in the second class. Annual receipts of \$8,000 place an office in this class and the receipts at the office last year were \$9,400. Postoffice receipts of \$10,000 for the year will entitle the town to free delivery, and there is not the slightest doubt that these figures will be passed next year.

## A Quiet Day in Richmond.

Richmond, Va., July 4.—There were no developments in the street car strike. One car was shot at tonight near the Jefferson Hotel, with a flobert or simular rifle. The bullet took effect in the fare registering apparatus ringing up a fare or two, but doing no other damage. The man who fired the shot was not found.

## RACE WAR IN EVANSVILLE.

Negroes Incensed at the Efforts of a White Mob to Lynch the Slayer of a Patrolman—Jail Attacked and Iron Gates Battered Down—Policeman Save the Negro.

Evansville, Ind., July 5.—Twenty-five policemen twice prevented a lynching at the jail in this city early today, but their bravery was not sufficient to avert a bitter race war between negroes and the white mobs that sought the life of Lee Brown, the negro slayer of Patrolman Massey. The mobs smashed down iron gates and was part way into the jail before it was repulsed by the policemen. The efforts to lynch Brown aroused the enmity of the negroes of the city, who gathered about the jail and made threatening demonstrations. The negroes were chased away by a crowd of white men. Mutterings of revenge are heard and a lash may be precipitated at any time.

Brown killed Massey in a street battle Friday. All Saturday there was talk of lynching and about 10 o'clock at night men and boys began to assemble in the neighborhood of the jail. Sheriff C. W. Kratz had served deputies sworn in to protect the prisoners. Shortly before midnight Judge Rasch, of the Circuit Court, met the other officers of the court and ordered the grand jury to convene Monday to look into the Brown case. It was announced to the crowd that the negro would be indicted Monday and his case brought to trial at once. This appeased the crowd and it dispersed.

## TWO NEGROES KILLED.

Evansville, Ind., July 6.—At 1 o'clock this morning this city is in the hands of a mob. Troops have been ordered out by the Governor to protect the jail, which is surrounded by 2,000 men. Two negroes have been killed in the race riot which is rampant.

## Railroad War At Knoxville.

Knoxville, July 4.—The Southern Railway to-day served an injunction on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad restraining it from proceeding further with occupying of the right of way along the south bank of the Tennessee river here. The Southern has, since the Louisville & Nashville enjoined it yesterday from occupying this ground secured deeds to considerable of the right of way in question.

The Southern injunction is most sweeping, compelling the Louisville & Nashville not only to stop work, but to vacate the property and also to remove its tools therefrom. All work has ceased and the matter is now in the courts.

## Loud's Company Rejected.

Washington, July 4.—An order has been issued at the Postoffice Department discontinuing the contract with the Postal Device and Improvement Company for the purchase of devices for indicating the hours of collection of mail from letter boxes. The order took effect July 1. This is the company in whose behalf, it is alleged, Representative Loud, of California, visited the Postoffice Department. It is a California concern and has furnished thousands of devices to the postal service.

## Selling Out at Cost.

Great bargains at Max Koplons Clothing and Dry Goods Store. Everything going at cost from now until further notice.

We are going to make a change in our business.

Lawns from 4 to 7 cents. The best Calico from 4 to 5 cents. All dress goods must go at once at and below cost.

## 150 pairs of Slippers.

We have 150 pairs of slippers worth \$1.50 now going at \$1.00.

White cloth 3 lbs to the yard going for 5 cent Counterpains large size worth \$1.00 now going for 65 cents.

## You all know

we carry a large stock of Clothing. And we are Going to sell Clothing and pants at cost. Also a very nice line of Shirts going cheap.

## Men's Shoes, low and high tops.

Men's Shoes, low quarters and high tops going at cost. All cordially invited. We have a large stock of ladies hats on hand, which we are going to sell at and below cost.

Max Koplons.

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Not Bargains in Name Only but Bargains in Fact. among special values for this months sale are

44 inch black mohair 50 cents. (worth 65c.)	Gauze vests, 10c. (worth 12½c.)
44 inch black serge 50c. (worth 60)	Silk mitts and Lisle gloves 25 & 50c. (worth 35 and 65c.)
42 inch grey crepoline 75 cent. (worth \$1.00)	Straw hats, 10c to 75 cents. (worth 15 to \$1.00)
Linens and silk gingham 20 cents. (worth 25 cents)	Trunks, \$1. to \$7.00 (worth \$1.25 to \$8.00)
Fancy dimity and lawn 10 cents, (worth 12½ to 15 cents)	Dinner set, \$12.50. (worth \$15.00)
Fancy lawns, 12½ to 18 cents. (worth 15 to 25 cents)	Table damask, 75c. (worth \$1.00)
36 inch percales, 10c. (worth 12½c)	Hammocks, \$1.25 to \$3.00 (worth \$1.50 to \$3.75)
W. B. and R & G Corsetts, 75 cts. (worth \$1.00)	Matting, 12½ to 28 cents. (worth 15 to 35 cents)

Other specials throughout the Store.

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