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MOONSHINERS SHOOT UP COURT.

Kill Judge, Prosecuting Attorney and Sheriff—Two Others May Die.

Hillsville, Va., March 14.—Judge Thornton Massie was shot dead on the bench in the Carroll county court house today just after he had sentenced Floyd Allen, leader of the noted Allen gang of "moonshine" outlaw, to one year in prison for aiding in the escape of a prisoner confined in the county jail.

The shot that killed Judge Massie was the spark for a flame of unprecedented outlaws that wiped out the entire human fabric of the Carroll county circuit court.

Two of Allen's brothers and several friends opened fire with revolvers and Commonwealth's Attorney William Foster and Sheriff Lewis Webb fell dead. Several bullets pierced Foster's brain and as Sheriff Webb started toward the assassins he was instantly killed. Several of the jurors who had tried the case were also injured. J. H. Blackenship is probably fatally wounded and Dexter Goad, the court clerk, is reported to have received injuries from which he cannot recover. Late reports are that Floyd Allen was surrounded by a posse and left in a dying condition along a hillside while the posse rode on after the other outlaws. The Allens, including the prisoner and their friends, after the killing of the sheriff backed slowly out of the court room, holding all would-be pursuers in check at the point of revolvers. Once outside they made a dash for the mountains on horseback. A posse of citizens were soon in full pursuit and special officers have been appointed to assist in apprehending the criminals.

Richmond, March 14.—Governor Mann this afternoon offered a reward of \$1,000 for the capture of any of the outlaws who killed Judge Massie and four others at Hillsville this morning.

Raleigh, N. C. March 14.—Governor Kitchin this afternoon received a telegram from Governor Mann, of Virginia, saying he believed the Carroll county outlaws had crossed into North Carolina.

Raleigh, N. C., March 14.—Special.—Responding to the special appeal from Governor Mann, of Virginia, Governor Kitchin this afternoon telegraphed the sheriffs of Stokes, Surry and Alleghany counties that under on Carroll county, Virginia, to take every step possible for the apprehension of the outlaws who killed the judge, Commonwealth's attorney and sheriff of Carroll county this morning. Replying to a telegram of Governor Mann, Governor Kitchin wired: "I deplore the awful tragedy. Have wired sheriffs of border counties fully."

Death of Esq. J. P. Wade.

Mr. J. P. Wade was sick for only about ten days, but for several days before death his friends realized that the end was not far away, and on Saturday morning at about 8 o'clock he breathed his last.

Mr. Wade was one of the best men in the County, having been for a number of years a member of the Board of County Commissioners. At his death he was cashier at the Farmers Warehouse, which position he acceptably filled for quite a while.

In his death the County loses a most valuable citizen. He leaves a wife and several children.

The Courier Contest Re-Opens Next Week.

The biggest offer ever made by a weekly paper will be announced next week.

Remember this and tell others.

SAND-CLAY STREETS FOR CITIES.

Over at Winston-Salem they are building sand-clay streets. City Engineer Spoon, of Forsyth, one of the best sand-clay road experts in the State, is probably supervising the work.

The above ament the local situation. Charlotte has miles and miles of streets that are not paved or even macadamized. They are now several inches deep in red clay mud. To make first class sand-clay streets would only require the hauling of sharp sand, placing upon the surface and mixing in and then a few draggings when the surface is wet. In the city a force would not even need to wait for rain, using a street sprinkler to wet the surface. The Chronicle believes that the executive board could investigate the matter with profit, for there are miles and miles of street in Charlotte that will not be permanently paved for several years and it is a certain fact that good sand-clay roads are as satisfactory, and more satisfactory in some instances, as the macadamized road. They are smoother, more resilient and more easily and economically repaired and they stand automobile traffic better.

Few Die and None Resign.

We stated a few weeks ago that Mr. A. M. Burns had resigned from the Board of Town Commissioners. Well the statement was true, as he did tender his resignation, but at the urgent request of the Board and many of the citizens he has withdrawn his resignation and will continue to serve on the Board.

Mr. Burns is one of the very best men in the town and it will be good news to all to know that he will continue to serve the town. He is a man of strong convictions and you may rest assured that whatever he does is done because he thinks it is right.

Honor Roll Bethel Hill High School.

First Grade.—Lamar Fontaine, Dorothy Fontaine, Sadie Walker, Lucile Woody, Pat Woody.

Second Grade.—Addie Walker.

Third Grade.—Annie Long.

Fifth Grade.—Tommye Crutchfield, Clyde Carver, Bernard Woody, Willie Baird.

Sixth Grade.—Elizabeth Woody.

Seventh Grade.—Jack Woody, Clarisse Brooks, Christine Lucas, Manly Woody, Maude Montague, Mary Sue Woody.

Eighth Grade.—Garnette Bailey, Inez Brooks, Addie Jones, Norman Long, Mary Montague.

Ninth Grade.—Plato Brooks, W. C. Bailey.

NOTICE.—

Notice is hereby given to the business men of Roxboro to meet in the office of Mr. N. Lunsford on Thursday evening March 21st 7:30 o'clock. This is an important meeting, and it is earnestly requested that all business men be present.

This March, 18th., 1912.
Marcus C. Winstead, Mayor.

LAWRENCE VS FOREIGN WAGES.

Here is a comparison of full time wages paid in England, and at Lawrence, Mass., U. S. A., which fails to substantiate the high protectionist theory that it is necessary to place a high tariff on woolen clothing in order to protect American workers from what American trust magnates delight to describe as "foreign pauper labor." The figures show that the so called "foreign pauper labor" receives as much wages as the all-but-pauper labor at Lawrence, while the cost of living is much higher here than in England.

In England, spinners receive from \$9.50 to \$12 per week; in Lawrence they are paid from \$5.10 to \$7.70 per week.

English weavers receive \$2.75 per week for attending looms; in Lawrence the rate is 83 cents per loom. The English weaver makes as much attending two looms as the American makes for taking care of seven.

In the English mills the average pay of women workers of all classes is \$5 per week; the average in Lawrence for the same class of work is \$5.10.

The English mill worker who winds the spun wool receives \$9 per week; his brother twiner at Lawrence receives a dollar a week less.

The woolen trust wants protection for the sole reason that through protection it is able to gouge the consumer, while at the same time paying the lowest possible wages to its employes.

A Remarkable Old Gentleman.

Mess. Editors:

I know an individual, now an invalid, who was yesterday 81 years, 5 months and 5 days old. I have known him ever since he was 4 years of age, well remember when he was 6 years old. He has seen 6 generations of his people—grand parents, parents, brothers and sisters, children, grand children and great grand children. He professed the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ at 11 years of age and wanted to preach, and did preach I reckon. He commenced going to school and chewing tobacco at 8 years of age. He commenced riding horse back and gunning at an early age, which was a great thing in that day.

A little later and for many years a fox hunter. At 19 years of age he put in for an extensive education. After going through the preparatory course for college quit and married. Expressed a desire to live to be 40 years old and to be a good shoemaker. He has been a Methodist, a whig, a know nothing and a democrat. Is now an anti-saloonist and prohibitionist world without end.

Senex.

Brookland, N. C.

Looh Lily flour has all the properties in the grain of wheat, as nature intended, making a creamy white flour and absolutely pure. Corn meal from air dried Person County corn.

VITAL WASHINGTON NEWS.

Tax The Poor man or The Rich—Which?

Washington, March 18.—Will it be possible to transfer the \$53,000,000 sugar tax from the breakfast table to the shoulders of the wealthy? Are the people sufficiently in control to accomplish this end?

These questions are being asked everywhere. The status of the situation is this:

The Democratic House, in keeping with its promise to reduce the costs of living, will at this session pass a bill repealing the \$53,000,000 annual tax on sugar reducing the price of this commodity to the consumer nearly 2 cents a pound. Then another bill will be proposed taxing incomes in excess of \$5,000.

The bill will go to a Republican senate. If the progressive republicans vote with the Democrats, both bills will pass the upper body.

The fate of the two measures will then rest with the President. If Mr. Taft accepts the advice of those about him, who were described by the late Senator Dooliver as being "men who know exactly what they want," he will veto the bills.

Protectionists oppose an income tax for two reasons; 1. They are rich as a class and like other humans have no desire to pay more taxes than necessary. 2. Protectionists know that if this country gets into the habit of raising revenue by taxing wealth instead of the things the people must have in order to live, the tariff will be reduced on those commodities in which they now have monopolies. If the tariff trusts, such as the steel trust, the sugar trust and the woolen trusts are not allowed to dictate what the people must pay for their products, the enormous dividenes they are now drawing down on stock that is watered until it is soggy, will be interfered with. Therefore protectionists fear an income tax as they would a plague.

Moriah News.

Miss Etta Cutchin and Miss Annie Duncan closed their school at Moriah Saturday March 9, 1912 by giving a splendid concert by the pupils, notwithstanding the inclement weather a goodly number was present and seemed to enjoy the occasion first rate. The writer regrets not having the program for publication as it was especially good.

Mr. D. M. Cash is now Postmaster at Moriah.

The committee of the cemetery at Bethany M. P. Church have had the trees cut off the grave yard. The pastor of the church failed to fill his appointment Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. John Henry Nelms has been appointed substitute mail carrier on route 1 from Moriah.

The younger daughter of Mr. Cornelius Clayton has pneumonia.

Will Pearson Sent to Gang.

Will Pearson, a well known colored man here was up before the Police Justice this morning on four charges namely: Drunkenness, cursing, resisting officer and an assault on Jim Goodman. When arrested by Policeman Benfield, he was unruly, and the officer had to give him a few whacks over the head with his billy before he would surrender.—Ex.

ORGANIZATION PERFECTED.

Preliminary Work on Greensboro, Roxboro & Henderson Railroad Under Way.

Greensboro, March 13.—Special. A meeting of the stockholders of the Greensboro, Roxboro & Henderson Railroad has been called for Thursday afternoon in this city, the object being to perfect an organization, elect officers and take steps for the preliminary work of construction, surveys, etc. The charter for the road provides that the organization may be perfected when \$10,000 in stock has been subscribed. This has now been accomplished and the money is to be used in the preliminary work.

Arrangements have already been made for a survey from a point in Alamance county to Greensboro. The Lynchburg, Danville & Carolina, a road which is believed to be closely allied with the Chesapeake & Ohio, has already completed a survey from Danville to Alamance, the route running along Haw river, and the Greensboro-Roxboro-Henderson promoters hope to form a connection with them, thereby gaining a C. & O. connection at Lynchburg and a deep waterway connection, the ultimate aim of the Lynchburg, Danville & Carolina being to reach the Atlantic coast. It is

believed they have Southport in view as an objective point. Then, too, the Greensboro-Roxboro-Henderson will have a Seaboard connection at Henderson.

Blind Tigers on the Jump.

It has been an open secret for some time that the blind tigers were doing a large business here all efforts to bring them to law had been futile until last, Thursday.

A few weeks ago a gentleman claiming to be a jeweler landed in the town and began to make inquiries as to renting a room for the purpose of locating. He managed to get in with the boys and apparently was one of them, and on last Thursday he swore out warrants against the following: W. Y. Carver, James Buckhanon, Lester Clayton, A. P. Simpson and S. R. Whitt, and also against Haywood Williams and Bob Bailey, col. for retailing. The cases came up before Mayor Winstead, with Mess. Carver & Winstead, prosecuting, and Mess. L. M. Carlton and W. D. Merritt, defending. After spending all day Thursday and a good portion of Friday in hearing the different cases Mayor Winstead bond them all over to Court, save Mr. S. R. Whitt, who proved an alibi.

Mayor Winstead is determined that this business shall cease and if the good people of the town will give him their cooperation he will put a stop to this class of business.

We Will Give
to the first 100 ladies calling at
Whitted's Drug Store
Thursday and Friday a free sample
of Zoleum powder in a neat little
box.
Whitted's Drug Store.
Roxboro, N. C.

FIRST SHOWING
—OF—
SPRING PATTERN HATS.
The spring pattern hats of our
millinery department will be displayed
Thursday, Friday and
Saturday of this week.
You are cordially invited to
attend this display.
Harris & Burns
Miss Ruby Paul, Milliner.
Miss Lillian Clayton, } Assistants.
Miss Irene Murray, }