

SAUNDERS GETS SIX MONTHS

**Sentenced By Judge Turner
Friday In Police Court.
Took An Appeal.**

W. O. Saunders, editor of the Independent, was tried for criminal libel before Judge Turner last Friday morning, found guilty and sentenced to the roads for six months. His attorneys, I. M. Meekins and W. L. Cohoon took an appeal. The case will be heard here probably at the next term of superior court.

"What will be Aydlett's next move?" Saunders was asking in his paper of last week which appeared Thursday afternoon. He got his answer Friday morning when he was arrested and taken before Judge Turner for trial. This is regarded as a preliminary skirmish of this fight; and Saunders evidently had the worst of it. The grueling cross examination to which Aydlett was subjected by the defendant's counsel, I. M. Meekins, failed to shake his testimony in any detail. It appears, then, that if this testimony is to be shaken it must be done by witnesses who will testify in person and not by letters or papers that the defense may have in their possession. Attorneys for Saunders lay much stress on the fact that their witness have not been heard.

Mr. Aydlett went on the stand and told his story briefly and practically as it appeared in the Advance of April 25th. I. M. Meekins subjected this testimony to the closest scrutiny and kept Mr. Aydlett under a constant fire of questions for about two hours, but without strengthening the case of his client.

Ex-Judge J. B. Leigh and Hallet S. Ward both spoke for the prosecution, Mr. Ward making the later speech. He spoke of the prominence to which Mr. Aydlett has attained in North Carolina and that without the aid of public office; and of the regard in which he is held. He discussed the viciousness which characterized the attack upon Mr. Aydlett's character and stated that one could not believe that it was conceived in and prompted by malice. The attack showed, too, he said, that Saunders must have had the assistance and backing to prepare the article in question and asked what could be more likely than that this aid was furnished by Andrew Brown Aydlett's sworn enemy. For the reason, then, that Andrew Brown or whoever had led Saunders into his attack upon Aydlett doubtless stood ready to pay any fine imposed, Mr. Ward urged that nothing less than corporal punishment could in any degree atone for the offense. He asked that Saunders be committed to jail or to the roads for not less than a year.

I. M. Meekins made the closing argument. He stated that he was actuated in the case by no motive other than a desire to give his client advantage of the best of his ability. Even if that client were guilty, he said, corporal punishment should not be imposed upon him, as much more flagrant cases of libel had been punished by fines not in excess of five hundred dollars. He held that upon Mr. Aydlett's evidence, Saunders ought to be acquitted—or at least a very light sentence—whereupon he was interrupted by Hallet Ward, who stated that he would be willing to put the evidence in hand before the State Bar Association and was sure that they would find Mr. Aydlett guiltless of any violation of professional ethics.

Judge Turner's sentence was rather less severe than was expected. He required bond of \$250 for Saunders' appearance at the next term of Superior Court.

COLUMBIA NEWS

Columbia, N. C., May, 10th—Mr. J. A. Sexton left this morning for Norfolk on a business trip.

Dr. Griffin left this morning for his home in Edenton. He has been in town a few days completing some work which he failed to do court week.

Mr. M. F. Tillitt of Elizabeth City has been in town this week on business.

Mr. T. W. White of Mackey's N. C. is in town this week visiting Mrs. W. R. Baldwin.

Misses Olga and Bertha Brickhouse of Soundside were in town this morning.

Miss Sue Wilkinson is visiting Mrs. A. B. Combs at Fort Landing.

Miss Minnie Wilkinson made a business trip to Belhaven this week.

Mrs. Emma Ambrose who has been visiting her son, Mr. J. W. Phelps of Belhaven has returned to her home in Columbia.

Mrs. J. A. Sexton left this morning for a visit to her friends in Roper.

Mrs. R. F. Howell has returned home after a short visit to her daughter, Mrs. E. F. Rodgers of Norfolk, Virginia.

Mr. Joe Tillitt of Elizabeth City, is visiting his sister Mrs. J. F. Combes on Bridge street.

Mr. Z. T. Sawyer made a flying trip to Gum Neck last night to see his father who is very sick at his home.

Mr. Dolphia Peacock of Roper was in town to-day.

Mr. D. P. White of Elizabeth City made his regular trip here this week for the Kramer Bros. & Company.

Mr. Charles Tillitt of Weeksville has purchased the vacant lot of Messrs. J. A. and J. W. Brickhouse.

HAD FOOT CRUSHED

In trying to save Henry Grady Stevens, who was run over and fatally injured by a train at Corapeake junction a few weeks ago, Mr. Hugh Dudley, surveyor for the Roper Lumber Company, got his foot caught under one of the cars and it was very badly crushed.

The accident, though serious, did not prevent Mr. Dudley's marriage on May, 5th to a young lady in Suffolk, and he is now away on a tour with his bride. After May 15th they will be at home in New Bern.

Mr. Dudley is well known here and this item will doubtless be of interest to his many friends.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Corner Lot 60X120 feet in same block with M. R. Griffin's residence, Church St., extended. Can be bought cheap for cash.

J. G. FEARING
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SUNDAY SCHOOLS PLANNING FOR PARK

The Sunday school of the First Baptist Church, Sunday, took steps to establish a permanent resort somewhere on the Pasquotank river, for the Sunday schools of Elizabeth City and the surrounding communities. It is the plan of this Sunday school to have all of the Sunday schools of the town to co-operate in securing property to be converted into a park, when the Sunday schools may have their pic nics and other outings.

A committee was appointed by the First Baptist Sunday school and the other Sunday schools will be requested to appoint similar committees. These committees will confer in making these plans.

HERTFORD HAPPENINGS

Hertford, N. C., May, 10th—Mr. W. G. Newby, Mr. J. R. Stokes and Mr. E. L. Reed were elected as the town commissioners last Tuesday night. They met on the 8th and elected Hon. J. S. McNider as Mayor and Mr. S. F. Sumner as chief of police.

The Memorial Day exercises were observed Friday the 9th and dinner was served on the Court House green. Mr. S. B. Underwood made the address.

The small children of the town banked flowers around the monument that was erected to the Confederate soldiers last Spring.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Butler and son, Heywood, have returned from Gates county where they attended the Chowan Association.

Mr. David Cox has returned from Gates county.

Mrs. John D. Parker returned from Norfolk Wednesday night.

Mrs. Penelope Ellie of Norfolk is visiting Mrs. C. W. Morgan.

DREDGE OPERATING IN CAMDEN COUNTY

Actual dredging work has begun in the Camden Run District in Camden county, the dredge getting into operation the latter part of last week.

The Eastern Dredging Company of Greensboro has contracted for this work and J. G. Dyer of Lawrence, Michigan, is in charge of the force on the dredge.

It is expected that the work of cutting the canals for the drainage of this district will be completed within a year.

IMPRESSIONS OF CHOWAN ASSOCIATION

By Rev. L. T. Reed

A stranger's first visit to as large and influential a body of Christian workers as the Chowan Association is always an event of personal importance and a time of close scrutiny as to the personnel, the methods of business and the type of discussion upon the topics under consideration. Our first impression was one of hearty welcome and appreciation of the importance of the work in hand. Very little time was wasted in getting down to business and after the wheels of machinery started, things ran smoothly and successfully to the end. Mr. Lycurgus Hoffer and Mr. A. F. Rountree, moderator and vice-president respectively, presided over each session with dignity, and dispatched the business of the body with courteous celerity. Both these gentlemen possess that charming power of personal authority without personal pettishness; they know how to manage men by managing themselves; indeed a rare gift: Selah. Mr. J. G. Gregory ably assisted the moderator and the body in general by his facile pen as clerk and by his experienced use of every opportunity made the detail work of the association much more effective.

We were again impressed much by the reciprocal courtesy of each speaker toward the remarks of other speakers, there lingered a tone of profound respect for the feelings and privileges of each brother and if any lapsus lingue was noticeable it was merely given a quiet smile of indulgence and sympathy. The reports read by Rev. W. R. Haight, reading clerk, mostly showed careful preparation, their language was chaste, grammatically and rhetorically correct. One or two reports

SHE CAME BACK

After causing serious alarm among her friends Mrs. Ella Trueblood returned to Elizabeth City last Saturday from a visit to Princess Anne county, Virginia.

Mrs. Trueblood disappeared without giving notice to her friends here as to where she was going and the gravest fears as to her fate were entertained for several days. Her brother at Edenton was telegraphed to and went in search of her and inquiries were being made throughout this section for some trace of her whereabouts.

Last Friday word reached Elizabeth City that Mrs. Trueblood was with her mother in Virginia and on Saturday she reached Elizabeth City much surprised to learn of the alarm she had occasioned.

PEA MARKET

Green peas sold in northern market yesterday at \$2.50 to \$2.75 per half barrel baskets.

The pea crop is about over. This week will practically end it.

The crop this season has been short and the prices have been high.

WANTED

WANTED—1 Jersey Cow Fresh giving not less than 3 and one-half gallons of milk.

A. H. DAVENPORT,
Manteo, N. C.

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MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED

Memorial Day was fittingly observed on Saturday. The program having been arranged by the D. H. Hill chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The services were conducted in the summer house at the cemetery.

The assembled crowd joined in singing the hymn "My Faith Looks up to Thee".

Mr. I. N. Loftin then introduced Mr. Wooten, who made a prayer. Mr. Wooten introduced Dr. Reed of the First Baptist church, the orator of the day, who made a brilliant and eloquent address.

The audience were dismissed by Rev. I. N. Loftin of Blackwell Memorial church. The services were continued in the Episcopal cemetery, a hymn being sung by those present and a fervent prayer offered by Rev. Mr. Wooten of the First Methodist church.

The veterans were dined at the Shelton Hotel by the U. D. C. The flowers in the cemetery were unusually beautiful, every grave being decorated.

REV. T. T. MARTIN
TO BE HERE AGAIN

Rev. T. T. Martin, Baptist evangelist, who was here last year and conducted a meeting of extraordinary interest at Blackwell Memorial church is to arrive in Elizabeth City on May 19th and will conduct another series of meetings with the same church.

Mr. Martin's preaching attracted large crowds last year and it is expected that the interest will be even greater in his preaching this year. He is one of the most widely and favorably known evangelists among Southern Baptists.

A DOUBLE WEDDING

Lonnie S. Bright of Greenville N. C., and Miss Mattie Goldie Williams of Norfolk and Walter H. Walker, of Roanoke and Miss Lois Lee Hyshop of Portsmouth secured marriage licenses here Saturday and were united in marriage in a double wedding by justice of the Peace J. W. Munden.

PIANO RECITAL

The pupils of Miss Covert's music class will give a recital at the high school auditorium on next Friday, May 16th. The public generally is invited to be present.

SCHOOL CLOSSES AT
FORT LANDING

Fort Landing, N. C., May 7—The Fort Landing School entertainment was held at the Methodist Church last night.

All enjoyed the exercises and a large audience was present.

Miss Charlotte Alexander, and Miss Mae Melson held the honor of validictorians, for spelling. Both receiving a present from their teacher Professor John Whedbee of Weeksville, N. C.

Miss Cornelia Simmons of Jerry, was here this week visiting her sister, Mrs. Anne Basnight.

Mr. Henry Whedbee has been here visiting his brother, Mr. John Whedbee, who has been teaching school here. They both left this morning for their homes in Weeksville, N. C.

The people of the community thank Mr. John Whedbee greatly for the service he has rendered in their Sunday school.

Mr. Herbert Peele returned to Elizabeth City yesterday after spending Sunday at Burgaw and Wallace N. C.

TRAIN 4 HOURS LATE SATURDAY

**Big Barge Got Stuck in Canal
Draw and Train Had to be
Run By Suffolk**

Business was somewhat crippled in Elizabeth City last Saturday by the failure of the south-bound Norfolk Southern to get through Currituck and Camden county to Elizabeth City. This train had to come around by way of Suffolk and did not reach Elizabeth City until about four o'clock Saturday afternoon.

The delay was due to the hanging up of a barge in the Albe-Marle Chesapeake canal draw-bridge and so preventing all trains from crossing the canal during the day. The canal has been made a free canal but has not been dredged or deepened.

The barge in some way got afloat of the draw, it is reported here, and the tide going out, it was found impossible to move the vessel.

Would be shoppers in Currituck and Camden county found themselves without the usual means to get to Elizabeth City. Some farmers at Shawboro had driven all the way from the lower end of Currituck county to take the train and telephoned to Elizabeth City for automobiles to bring them to town. A. C. Stokes got them here in two machines and they spent Saturday night in Elizabeth City.

BROUGHT BRIDE
DOWN LADDER

Bridegroom of 42 Was a Determined and Bold Lover

Claude Jones age 42 years and Miss Julia Irene Barber age 17 years came here on the early train Sunday morning and were married by Justice of the Peace J. W. Munden at nine o'clock.

Mr. Jones had a rather strenuous time in getting his bride away from the watchful eye of her step father, who opposed the marriage. He stole her out of a second story window from her home in Hertford, Sunday morning at three o'clock. A ladder was used in getting his bride to the ground.

The groom was greatly pleased at the success of his efforts to outwit the irate parents and win a fair bride.

144,000 FREE MEALS
FOR THE VETERANS

Chattanooga, Tenn, May, 2nd—In commemoration of the bloody battle at Chickamauga 50 years ago, Chattanooga announces perfection of the plans for entertainment of the United Confederate Veterans and the sons who will hold their annual Reunion May 27—29. High officials of the G. A. R. state that Chattanooga's expenditures for entertainment and amusement, etc., will soon on a more lavish scale than was ever customary for their meeting even surpassing the high water mark at Los Angeles.

MIKE—WHITE

J. P. Mike, an officer on the U. S. S. S. "Foote" and Miss Alene White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jethro White were married early Sunday morning at the home of the bride's parents in this city. Rev. I. N. Loftin performed the ceremony.

They left on the early train for Norfolk.