

GRAND JURY URGES NEW CT. HOUSE BUILDING

SUBMITTED REPORT TO SUPERIOR COURT, SEVERELY CRITICIZING THE PRESENT STRUCTURE.

BUILDING IS TOO SMALL

Jury Claims That County is Growing Too Rapidly to be Accommodated in the Old Building. No Place for Keeping the Records.

In the report of the grand jury, submitted to the Superior court this week, strong criticism was expressed regarding the condition of the court house and an urgent appeal was made for a structure that would better supply the needs of the county.

We, your undersigned Grand Jury, beg leave to submit the following report.

We have made dual disposition of all bills handed us by the Solicitor. We have inspected the Court House, Jail, County Home and Constable's office.

We desire to call the attention of the County Commissioners very strongly to the attention of the County Commissioners very strongly to the urgent need Beaufort County has of a new court house. The present building is inadequate, antiquated, and wholly out of keeping with what a county the size of this, and with the progressive spirit of this county, should have.

With reference to our inspection of the offices of the Register of Deeds and Clerk of the Superior Court, as to the manner in which these two officials are performing their duties, we can find no fault with either.

The sheriff's office and prisoner's quarters appear to be well kept and are clean and sanitary. The jail building itself is in about the same class as the court house.

The County Home was also inspected. The inmates seem contented and well cared for.

Taking into consideration the increasing cost of provisions, we ask that the County Commissioners look into the matter and ascertain if the

M. O. & C. CASE WILL BE TAKEN TO SUPREME CT.

(The United Press) WASHINGTON. — Solicitor General Davis today indicated strongly that the Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf R. R. test case of the Adamson eight-hour law would probably be the one selected to go to the United States Supreme court for the final test.

\$120.86 FOR ARMENIANS

The Armenian and Syrian relief fund, as reported today by Treasurer John G. Bragaw, Jr., is as follows: Previously reported \$116.86 Mrs. A. D. Tanfield 1.00 S. F. Allgood 1.00 Margaret Bragaw .50 Lou Gilliam Bragaw .50 Total \$120.86

NEW EMPEROR FACES GERMAN UNION OR SPLIT

WASHINGTON. — The Austro-Hungarian Embassy has notified the State Department of the death of Emperor Franz Josef. Both the Austro-Hungarian and German embassies flew their national flags at half-mast.

Changes of far-reaching consequence, it is believed in Teutonic circles here, will follow the ascension of Karl Franz Josef to the thrones of Austria and Hungary. It is considered improbable, however, that important permanent changes will be effected before the close of the war.

The various possibilities seriously considered here are: A parliamentary union embracing Germany and Austria-Hungary; A federal state; A complete separation of Hungary from Austria;

Abandonment of the dual agreement of modus vivendi; An artificial arrangement for a personal union. It is considered inevitable that there will be a greater liberalizing influence in Austria-Hungary under the new regime; that political concessions will be granted to the Czechs of Bohemia, the Croats, the Serbians and the Poles. These concessions, however, will not, it is thought, be practicable until after the war, although earlier promise of them is looked for.

The nationalistic sentiment has been growing in Austria-Hungary, and in recent years has won consideration from the Austrian and Hungarian parliaments, although both have been hostile to it. Hungary is said to have been fairly successful in extinguishing it to a large extent in that kingdom, while Austria has been less successful.

DANCE TO BE GIVEN AT THE ELKS HALL

The German club will hold their first dance of the season at the Elks Hall tonight. It is expected that a large number of members and invited guests will participate in the dancing.

Pour Out Liquor.

The police officials yesterday poured out 180 pints and 120 half-pints and twelve gallons of monkey rum. A large crowd of spectators were present to witness the ceremony.

present allowance made for maintenance at the County Home and the allowance for feeding the prisoners in jail, is sufficient.

Respectfully submitted, A. J. COX, Foreman of the Grand Jury.

H.A. BOYD GETS SIX MONTHS ON COUNTY ROADS

RESIDENT OF CHOCOWINITY GETS HEAVY SENTENCE FOR VIOLATING LIQUOR LAW.

OTHER CASES ARE TRIED

Superior Court Adjourned Yesterday Afternoon After Having Disposed of All of the Cases on the Docket.

Superior court adjourned yesterday after having disposed of all the cases on the docket.

The case against H. A. Boyd, of Chocowinity, for violating the search and seizure law, was probably one of the most interesting cases brought up. A number of witnesses were examined and the case took some time for trial. Boyd was found guilty of the charge against him and was sentenced to pay the costs and serve six months on the county roads.

State vs. R. H. Dawson, colored, violating search and seizure law, four months on the roads.

State vs. C. A. Cutler, violating search and seizure law, not guilty.

Five cases against A. S. Wallace for violating city ordinances; \$10 and costs in each case.

State vs. W. R. Owens, for abduction; not prosed with leave, owing to the refusal of one of the principal witnesses in Norfolk to be present at the trial.

State vs. J. R. Stewart, disposing of mortgaged property, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs. William Moore, colored, for perjury; judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs. C. B. Blackwell, who was indicted for wearing an Elk's pin, was not prosed.

State vs. Jesse Flowers, assault with deadly weapon; \$50 and costs.

State vs. Henry Hummerill, arson; not guilty.

State vs. Henry Keys, colored; obstructing road; judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs. Reuben and Sam Brown, larceny and receiving; judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs. Dr. W. T. Beebe, colored, cruelty to animals (poisoning chickens) \$25 and costs.

State vs. N. R. Oliver and L. W. Hodges, violating search and seizure law; not guilty.

State vs. Lee Ham, larceny and receiving; not guilty.

State vs. P. D. Gurganus and W. A. Harding, violating search and seizure law; not guilty.

State vs. Guy Bright, assault with deadly weapon, \$50 and costs.

State vs. Lotus Boyd, colored, assault with deadly weapon; not guilty.

State vs. William Kuntz, colored, housebreaking; six months on the roads.

State vs. Ouis Blow, colored, violating liquor law; 60 days on roads.

Spence Deddick, colored, violating liquor law; 4 months on the roads.

Joe Ward, stealing; 6 months on the roads.

Ed Manning, violating search and seizure law; not guilty.

Romeo Dudley, colored, assault with deadly weapon; judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

George Gayford, colored, assault with deadly weapon; three months on the roads.

MEN WON'T ARBITRATE

(By United Press) BALTIMORE. — The American Federation of Labor today reiterated vigorous opposition to all compulsory arbitration. "The men, individually and collectively, are entitled to stop work any day and at any time in a free democracy. Their right to do this should never be surrendered." This was the statement issued.

RAILROADS NEED BILLION AND HALF DOLLARS YEARLY

(By United Press) WASHINGTON. — A billion and a half dollars yearly will be needed by the railroads in the United States during the next ten or twelve years, Alfred P. Thom, counsel for the railroads declared today at the resumption of the hearing before the Newlands congressional committee. Of this amount, one billion and a quarter will be needed to increase facilities in order to keep up with the commerce of the country.

CAR SHORTAGE FEARED

(By United Press) WASHINGTON. — To stave off a disastrous car shortage all railroads in the country have been ordered by the Car Shortage Committee of the American Railway Association to return to the owner lines all foreign fruit and refrigerator cars on their lines.

ELKS COUNTY FAIR WAS WITNESSED BY A LARGE AUDIENCE

"The Elks County Fair" at the New Theatre last night was witnessed by a crowded house. The event was a "scream" from start to finish and there was continuous laughter and applause from the audience. It proved to be one of the most humorous entertainments ever staged in the New Theatre.

The Fair was put on under the direction of Miss Annie Sara Bock. The choruses were exceptionally well drilled and it was very evident that Miss Bock did her work in most thorough fashion.

All of the characters were good. J. F. Tayloe made an impressive "Boss" Jones. B. W. Taylor, as the widower, was one of the best features of the play and aroused much laughter. Ike Hughes, as Uncle Jake, Warren Shelton, as Aunt Mary, Whiting McIlhenny as Handy Andy, Reta Warren as Giggling Sal, C. A. Little as the dutch woman and William Baughman as the country groom and Miss Elsie Kelly as his winsome bride, all made good in their parts.

The musical numbers were splendidly carried out. A yodelling specialty by Enoch Simmons and LaMotte Blakely was encored several times as was also the quartette, composed of Enoch Simmons, LaMotte Blakely, John Smith and Dave Smith. Miss Cassie Lewis, William Baughman, Miss Elizabeth McIlhenny, Miss Adelle O'Brien and Miss Mabel Dalley sang solos in most pleasing fashion. A Spanish dance, by Misses Dorothy Brown, Adelle O'Brien and Thelma Mayo also pleased the audience. A unique electrical display to the accompaniment of the "see-saw" song, concluded the play.

LABOR FEDERATION FAVORS THE EMBARGO

(By United Press) BALTIMORE. — The American Federation of Labor today declared itself unanimously in favor of an embargo against the exportation of wheat and other food stuffs "until prices are restored to normal conditions."

SIR HIRAM MAXIM DIED THIS MORNING

(By United Press) LONDON. — Sir Hiram Maxim, inventor of credit and automatic firearms, died here at 3:30 this morning.

FRANZ JOSEF'S LAST MESSAGE TO PEOPLE

(By United Press) LONDON. — Emperor Franz Josef's farewell to his nation was contained in his will, accounts of which reached here today: "I bid farewell to my beloved people and give them the heartiest thanks for their loyalty and love toward me and my house in happy days as well as in times of stress. May they continue to observe this same patriotic attitude toward my successor. I remember my army and navy, feelings of deepest gratitude for their bravery and their devotion. I trust that my successor will rely on them no less than I have done."

POPULATION OF UNITED STATES IS 113,390,285

(By United Press) WASHINGTON. — The population of the United States and its possessions on January 1 will be 113,390,285 as compared with 111,500,000 last year, according to United States census bureau estimates. North Carolina's population will be 2,418,000; Virginia's, 2,202,000 and South Carolina's, 1,630,000.

OPERATE ON CAPTAIN HILL

Captain George Hill left today for Baltimore, where he will be operated on for cancer of the tongue. It was only recently found out what Captain Hill's ailment was and it was deemed advisable to have the operation performed at once.

MRS. WIDMER DEAD

Mrs. Edgar Widmer died last night at the hospital in Wilmington, N. C. The remains will arrive here tonight and the interment will be at Oakdale cemetery. The time of the funeral has not yet been decided upon.

ADDISCO CLUB MEETING

Was Held Yesterday Afternoon With Mrs. J. B. Sparrow, Interesting Meeting.

The Addisco club met yesterday afternoon with Mrs. John B. Sparrow at her home on West Second street. The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Jane Myers. Fifteen minutes were read and the roll call was answered with items of unusual interest.

The paper for the afternoon was read by Mrs. W. Dempse Grimes and showed splendid preparation, giving in a most interesting fashion the history of Ecuador and depicting the bright future of this South American country.

The hostess served a delicious ice cream. Mrs. Dupuy, Mrs. Hargrove and Mrs. Meekwith were most welcome visitors at the meeting.

DEATH OF INFANT

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bowen of Greenville, N. C., died Wednesday night and was brought here for burial yesterday afternoon. The interment was at Oakdale cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Bowen formerly resided in Washington and will have the sympathy of their many friends here for their loss.

ADVERTISE IN THE DAILY NEWS

GERMANS CAPTURE CITY OF ORSOVO

TEUTON ARMY IS REPORTED TO HAVE COMPLETELY SURROUNDED THE RUMANIAN FORCES.

FALKENHAYN ADVANCES

Is Making Material Gains. French Report Successes in Alsace. Much Territory Taken by the Allies at Monastir.

(By United Press) PETROGRAD. — The further advance of the allied forces in Dobruja is reported in an official statement: "We have advanced southward, reaching Tashul. At various places our troops have crossed the Karlar river."

Falkenhayn Advances. BERLIN. — General von Falkenhayn is approaching the Alt valley. The resistance of the enemy in the west corner of Rumania has been broken, declares an official dispatch.

Agies Take Much Territory. SALONIKA. — Nearly 200 square miles of territory around Monastir has been captured from the Teutons in their recent advance. The drive of the allies continues.

French Are Successful. PARIS. — The French were successful in their surprise attack against the German trenches near Hilsenheim in Alsace, according to an official statement.

Orsova Captured. BERLIN. — Orsovo has been captured from the Rumanians, according to an official statement.

LONDON. — If German official reports are correct, Falkenhayn's vice has closed still tighter on eastern Rumania. Berlin claims the occupancy of Orsovo, Turau and Severin, which with Craiova, the capture of which was announced during the early part of the week, gives the Teutons a hold on three large cities in the eastern section. Whether the Rumanian army, which Berlin claims has been encircled, has escaped is the question that is worrying military critics.

The Thetis in Port. The yacht Thetis from Rhode Island, Captain Fuller, arrived in port yesterday and will remain here through the winter. Among those on board were Captains Fuller, Mrs. Fuller and several other ladies.

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TODAYS PROGRAM

—AT— New Theatre

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