

WORTHAM BRAND A LIAR BY DIST. ATTORNEY PURNELL

Opinion of Court That Wortham is Liar was Statement Made by District Attorney Purnell in Fed. Court. Regarding Sale of Liquor in Jail.

Legislative Committee Examined Books of State Treasurer, Auditor and Insurance Commission. Found to be in Good Shape. Concerning the Indigent Insane.

Raleigh, Dec. 21.—The opinion of the court is that Wortham is a liar, was the statement made by Judge Purnell from the bench in the Federal Court this morning after he had heard the testimony and statements of the officers as to the widely published charge that Gilliam Henderson, a United States prisoner, had sold liquor to prisoners while in the Wake county jail at ten cents a spoon full.

The charge was made by Lawrence Wortham, who was a few days ago sentenced to imprisonment in the Granville county jail for retailing in that county. He had been in the Wake jail some time with Henderson who is one of the most notorious and persistent retailers in Raleigh.

Just before the Federal Court adjourned for the term this morning, District Attorney Harry Skinner called on Judge Purnell to fix the date on which Deputy Revenue officers D. C. Dowling and J. C. Stencil should surrender themselves to the custody of the court and the argument be heard for a bail in the case against them moved from the Duplin County Superior Court to the United States Circuit Court, charging them with the murder of Watson Jernigan. The defense, he said, will be that the Revenue Officer Downing shot Jernigan while in the discharge of official duties in the raiding of a blockade distillery and while the man Jernigan was attempting to get a shot at the officer with a rifle.

The legislative committee here examining the books of the State Treasurer, State Auditor and the Insurance Commissioner, completed their work in the treasury this morning and made an endorsement to the effect that they found the books well kept and vouchers and other documents in fact. Also this showing of balance in the treasury: Balance on hand Dec. 1, 1905, \$290,672.25; general fund, balance on hand Dec. 1, 1904, \$348,838.57; receipts for the present year to Nov. 30, \$2,440,724.77; total receipts, \$2,795,562.29; disbursements for the year, \$2,504,881.04; educational fund, balance on hand Dec. 1, 1904, \$7,903.81; receipts during the year to Dec. 1st, 1905, \$63,171.58; total receipts, \$71,075.39; disbursements, \$59,568.12; balance, \$11,517.27; grand total of both the general and the educational funds in the treasury Dec. 1, 1905, \$302,399.52.

The committee began today the examination of the auditors office and expect to complete this and the office of the insurance commission this week. Members of the committee are Senators A. H. Eller of Winston-Salem and J. J. Laughinghouse of Pitt and Representatives Harry Stokes of Martin county, Wescott Roberson of Guilford and Walter Murphy of Rowan county.

It is believed that when the sales of the Raleigh dispensary for the last quarter are footed up January 1st and the aggregate of sales for the year is made the amount will be fully \$200,000 as compared with \$178,000 during 1904, the first year of the existence of the institution. There is a steady increase in the business.

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ELABORATE PREPARATIONS. Charleston Making Great Preparation For the Reception of the New Cruiser.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Elaborate preparations are being made by the people of Charleston, S. C., for the reception of the new 10,000-ton protected Cruiser Charleston, the first of her class, which will visit Charleston January 9, 10 and 11, and be presented with a handsome silver service by the city.

SCHOONER WENT ASHORE. Crew Was Rescued.—Vessel is in Good Condition.

New York, Dec. 21.—The lumber laden schooner George F. Phillips, from Norfolk, Va., for New York, went ashore in the thick weather off Bay Head, N. J., the crew was rescued. The vessel is in good condition, and is not in immediate danger.

HENDRICKS TESTIFIED. Supt. of State Insurance Department Was Before Investigating Committee.

New York, Dec. 21.—Francis Hendricks, Superintendent of the State Insurance Department, testified before the insurance investigating committee.

ASHEVILLE POSTMASTER. President Sent Nomination of W. W. Rollins to Senate.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The President sent to the Senate the nomination of Wallace W. Rollins as postmaster at Asheville, N. C.

HEMPHILL HELD IN A BOND OF \$200. Negro Thought to Have Been a Wholesale Thief, Makes Better Showing. Frank Fox Held in Bonds Aggregating \$300. Other Cases.

Jim Hemphill, colored, the negro bus driver who was caught yesterday with corn that he admits he took from Wadsworth's stable, was given a hearing before the Recorder this morning. Mr. Crawford D. Bennett represented Hemphill and declared that the only charge against his client was that of stealing about one half bushel of corn; that Hemphill acknowledged the theft of the corn and the police had been unable to saddle any other crime on the negro.

Mr. Bennett contended that the fact Hemphill had in his possession a lot of clothing, shoes and other articles of wearing apparel, should not prejudice the Court in the matter of fixing the bond; that by reason of the fact that Hemphill lived better than the majority of negroes—had hogs and chickens and other evidences of thrift—should not weigh against him. After hearing the evidence and the argument by counsel, the Court fixed the bond at \$200. The negro had not been able to raise the amount up to this afternoon.

THE DUKE DIVORCE CASE UP AGAIN. Hearing in Suit of James B. Duke Against Mrs. Lillian B. Duke was Resumed. To Determine Whether Mrs. Duke is Answerable to New Jersey Court.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 21.—The hearing in the divorce suit of James R. Duke, president of the American Tobacco Company, against Mrs. Lillian B. Duke was resumed. The hearing is to determine whether Mr. Duke is a resident of state of New Jersey and whether his wife is answerable to the New Jersey court in his divorce. Both Mr. and Mrs. Duke were on the witness stand.

A SEVERE STORM SWEEPS COAST OF VA. AND N. C. Severest Storm of the Year Swept the Coasts of North Carolina and Virginia Last Night and This Morning. Great Velocity of Wind.

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The storm is supposed to have wrought great havoc at sea and grave fears are entertained for the smaller vessels. The wind and rain wrought much damage in Norfolk, many telephonic, telegraph and trolley poles being blown down together with factory smokestacks and the like.

ODELL SCORES PRES. AND GOV. HIGGINS. Former Governor Odell, Made Hot Statement To-day Charging President Roosevelt and Gov. Higgins with Attempt to Wreck Party for Personal Ambition.

New York, Dec. 21.—Former Governor Odell, chairman of the Republican State committee, made the statement today in which he charged President Roosevelt and Governor Higgins with the deliberate attempt to wreck the Republican party of this State, for their own personal ambitions.

He declared if the disaster ensued they, not he, will be responsible. Mr. Odell's accusations were part of his comment on the situation growing out of the contest in the Republican party in this State for the Speakership of the New York State Assembly. Mr. Odell had declared himself in favor of E. A. Merritt for several days.

On Monday, Governor Higgins came out in favor of J. W. Wadsworth, Jr. Governor Odell said: "I charge President Roosevelt and Governor Higgins with the injection of their personalities into the Speakership contest. They will be to blame if disaster results. I and my friends have not made this fight but now we are for harmony and we will have it if we have to fight for it."

BRYAN DECLINES. Will Not Be Guest of Governor Ideas Because He Doesn't Wish to Be Under Obligations.

Manila, Dec. 21.—W. J. Bryan has declined from Honkong declining to be his guest during his stay in Manila because he comes as a newspaper representative and not as a private citizen, stating that acceptance of the acting governor's hospitality would feel under certain obligations to the government which he might wish to write about in the near future.

COTTON GINNED BY STATES. Amount of Cotton Ginned by Cotton Growing States Up to Date Named.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The amount of cotton ginned by the several cotton growing States for 1905 up to the date named, is as follows: Alabama, 131,821 bales; Arkansas, 474,350; Florida, 69,663; Georgia, 1,020,859; Indian Territory, 274,813; Kansas, 1,000; Kentucky, 1,055; Louisiana, 414,715; Mississippi, 947,293; Missouri, 33,538; North Carolina, 598,594; Oklahoma, 257,403; South Carolina, 1,042,806; Tennessee, 226,476; Texas, 2,172,613; Virginia, 14,374.

12,000 EMPLOYEES OF IRON WORKS JOIN IN STRIKE. The Railroad Strike Began at Nicholas Station at Noon. The Employees of Pulloff Iron Works Have Struck. Situation on Baltic Roads.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—At noon the Sentimental train left the Warsaw station with a military engine drivers and a strong guard of soldiers. The tender and locomotive were old strikers having rendered all others useless.

According to the information from Moscow that the city was in the seat of great excitement yesterday. Stores were boarded up, the great majority of factories and mills closed and the Postal Telegraph offices closed. Last night Moscow was in darkness. The strike leaders at Moscow are boasting that the strike will be transformed into an armed revolution.

TRIES SUICIDE IN TWO WAYS. Postmaster Brimberry, of Camilla, Shoots and Cuts Self.

Thomasville, Ga., Dec. 21.—Thomas W. Brimberry, postmaster at Camilla, attempted suicide by shooting himself in the head with a pistol and slashing his throat with a knife. He was still alive at 3 o'clock this morning, but his recovery is said to be impossible.

PRIZE FIGHTS RECEIPTS. San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The gate receipts at the Fitzsimmons and Obrien fight last night were \$14,405. Sixty per cent went to the fighters, the winner receiving 75 per cent of 60 per cent and loser getting 25 per cent.

SMALL BOY IN SADDLE. Explosives are Still Being Fired on the Streets.

There has been no let-up in the popping of explosives on the streets today, although a great many citizens have protested to the city authorities. Recorder Shannonhouse instructed the police this morning to arrest any one guilty of firing explosives on the streets. He was informed by Chief Irwin that Mayor McNinch had given his positive instructions to not interfere with the small boy and his fun, and here the matter rests. The Mayor says the boys shall and the Recorder says they shall not.

FIVE WERE BURIED BY THE COLLAPSE OF SCAFFOLDING OF SCAFFOLDING. Great Panic Deep Under East River in Pennsylvania Railroad Tunnel. Five Injured, Three Seriously. Men Thought River was Coming in on Them.

New York, Dec. 21.—Deep under East River, a panic occurred in the Penna Railroad tunnel at which five workmen were injured, three seriously. The men thought the river was coming in on top of them when some scaffolding near the roof of the tunnel, 100 feet out from the shore suddenly collapsed.

The gang of men who were working near the scaffolding started on a run toward the tunnel mouth, shouting warnings to the diggers who were still further out under the river. When the men were assured that the tunnel had not caved in they returned to find five men buried under the scaffolding.

FAIR WEATHER PROMISED. Weather Man Thinks the Storm Has About Passed.

The weather man comes to the front today with some weather news that will appeal to all. In his report today, Mr. Bennett of the local weather office, says that we may expect cooler and fair weather tomorrow. The storm that has been prevalent over this section has about subsided and now Christmas shoppers may reasonably expect better weather in which to make their purchases.

HOLIDAY CLUBBING OFFER. In order that the readers of THE NEWS may be supplied for the coming year with the best reading matter for the home and be supplied at a reasonable cost, we have arranged the following clubbing proposition:

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HUGH WATT WAS SENTENCED. Former Member of Parliament Gets Five Years Penal Servitude.

London, Dec. 21.—The trial of Hugh Watt, the former member of Parliament charged with inciting hired agents to murder his divorced wife, Julia Watt and Sir Reginald Beauchamp, has ended with a verdict of guilty. Watt was sentenced to five years of penal servitude.

A Handsome Present. In one of the show windows at the Wellington Hardware Co's place, on East Trade street is one of the prettiest Christmas presents to be seen. It is a miniature touring car of the latest model. This auto is to be given away.

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CANAL NOMINATIONS NOT CONFIRMED. Held up Until After the Holidays by Agreement of Members of Canal Committee. Senators Will be Given Opportunity to Make Objections.

Washington, Dec. 21.—It was agreed by the members of the committee of the Senate on the interoceanic Canal that the nominations of the members of the Isthmian Canal Commission, the confirmation of which were reconsidered by the Senate yesterday, should not be taken up again until after the holidays.

TO REPORT TO ALDERMEN. City Water Commission to Report to Aldermen Tomorrow Night.

The Board of Water Commissioners held an important meeting last night and will be in session again tonight. The commissioners have prepared a report that is to be submitted to the Board of Aldermen, at a called meeting to be held tomorrow night at the City Hall.

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Married Last Night. Last evening at the home of the bride's father, in Groveton, Mr. John J. Blalock and Miss Carrie B. Williams were joined in the marriage relation. Rev. A. B. Shaw officiated.

The inclemency of the weather did not prevent the assembling of a parlor full of friends, who were present to see the happy young couple assume the vows of matrimony.

Killed by Woman. By Associated Press. Paducah, Ky., Dec. 21.—W. M. Pryor, aged 67, a prominent farmer, was killed by Mrs. Ella Gholson, a young widow. Pryor and Mrs. Gholson were in a dispute over a tree which the woman wanted to cut down.

President Signed Bill. By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 21.—The President signed the emergency Canal Bill appropriating \$11,000,000. This is the first bill passed by this Congress.

District Meeting. There will be a district meeting of the Junior Order, American Mechanics, at the Blivorth hall, over J. W. Sims' store, this evening. This district meeting includes Mecklenburg and surrounding counties. Refreshments will be served and a number of speeches made.

Early Train on the Seaboard to Leave an Hour Later. Mr. James Ker, city ticket agent of the Seaboard Air Line, gives The News the following concerning a change of schedule that goes into effect the 7th of January.

The Seaboard announces that with the change of schedule January 7th, train No. 49 between Charlotte and Wilmington, now leaving Charlotte at 5:01 A. M., will leave at 6:01 A. M., arriving at Hamlet at 8:20 A. M. Passengers between Monroe and Hamlet will take train No. 38, passengers from Charlotte for points north of Hamlet will make connection with No. 66, having 20 minutes at Hamlet for breakfast. Train No. 66 will not stop at points north of Hamlet to let off passengers picked up by train No. 49 between Monroe and Hamlet. This change is made to give passengers the benefit of one hour longer in Charlotte in the morning which should prove of considerable convenience to the travel from Charlotte.

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