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NO PROSECUTION OF REGISTRARS.

The Motion Made by District Attorney Holton and Seconded by Assistant District Attorney Price—Mr. Holton Makes a Statement Giving His Reasons for This Action.

Greensboro, April 9.—Just before the adjournment of Federal Court, this afternoon, the cases against the Democratic registrars, which were set for trial at the present term, were not pressed. In making the motion District Attorney Holton made the following statement, which was concurred in by Assistant District Attorney Price:

"In view of the situation in this State and the general desire for peace and quiet, and in consideration of what we conceive to be for the best interest of the State, we respectfully recommend to the court that in these cases, a nolle prosequi be entered upon the terms and conditions following; that is to say:

"First, that the United States attorney reserves the right to re-instate if in his opinion, the public good requires it.

"Second, we are prompted to pursue this course in consideration of the recommendation to us by leading conservative men of the State, of all political parties, as that course would, in their opinion, best subserve the public welfare, regardless of the guilt or innocence of the parties.

"Third, That this course is recommended without passing upon the question of the guilt of the parties inasmuch as, according to the testimony in the possession of the government, the defendants, in our opinion, might properly be convicted; but with the sole desire to be promotive of peace and quiet in the State and with the firm belief on our part that it is the desire of the law-abiding citizens of the State to secure and enforce the constitutional right of every citizen and fully protect him in the exercise of his elective franchise and privileges.

"If these commendable purposes can be accomplished or subserved we consider to be for the best interest of the State, in the present state of affairs, to discontinue the further prosecution of these cases, with the understanding that conditions hereafter are to be such that there will be no necessity for the prosecution of such cases."

In ordering the cases not pressed, Judge Boyd said:

"The court approves the course taken by the district attorney, because I believe that it will better subserve the future peace and good order of the State than would a further prosecution of the indictments. I am not oblivious of the conditions which surround me, and I am satisfied that those who represent the best classes of citizens desire to uphold the good name of the State, and preserve that harmony and good will among our people which ought to prevail for the best interest of all. I have confidence in the integrity of those who have suggested the action taken to-day in these cases, and commend the district attorney that he has responded to a request which seems to come to him as a command from representatives of the best social and business element of the State. The cessation of the turmoil which has afflicted us, the restoration of peaceful and cordial relations among our people, are considerations far above those which may enter into any individual prosecution.

"Believing that the discontinuance of these cases is a long step toward the realization of conditions so material to the future welfare of the community, I desire to express my hearty approval of the action which has been taken and I am sure that good citizens will join me in the hope that what has been done here to-day will have the effect to cement together our people in closer bonds of friendship and insure to the inestimable blessings of peace and good order among us."

Legislature Adjourned Sine Die.

The adjourned session of the Legislature which met Wednesday of last week was in session two days. Four Senators and eight Representatives were present, as follows: Senators—London (president pro tem) Arrington, Broughton, Woodward, Representatives—Lawrence, Winston, Russell, Wilson, Simms, Beddingfield, Watts, Richardson.

The following list of bills were ratified; all passed during the two days' session to-wit:

Amending judicial district act, 1901; amending Wayne stock law act; amending Chapter 203, Private Laws, 1889; to allow clerks per diem and mileage for this adjourned session; to regulate fees of witnesses and officers in Iredell county; to strike out Wake from the primary election act; to compel attendance upon public schools in Mitchell county; to amend the county board of education act so far as Iredell county is concerned (correcting name); to allow increase to \$100,000 the capital stock of the Goldsboro Lumber Company; to appoint J. E. Peterson, G. W. Langston and W. H. Collins justices of the peace for Wayne county; for relief of Miss E. C. Spruill, public school teacher in Nash county; to provide for the publication of the proceedings of the Court of Impeachment; to increase the number of commissioners in Iredell county from three to five; to abolish the office of enrolling clerk and delegate the duties of the office to the Secretary of State; to increase the number of commissioners in Wilson county from three to five.

Death of Dr. Solomon Pool.

Greensboro, April 9.—Rev. Solomon Pool, D. D., died at his home in this city last night, surrounded by his family and other loved ones. He was 69 years old and had been in feeble health for the past four years, having suffered a stroke of paralysis while engaged in pastoral work in the eastern part of the State.

Dr. Pool was one of the most eloquent and best known ministers in North Carolina and had filled some of the most important appointments in the Methodist Conferences of this State. He was noted for his scholarly attainments, depth of thought and beauty of expression. When a young man he was a member of the faculty of the University of North Carolina. During the reconstruction days he was president of the institution. He afterwards entered the Methodist itineracy, where he remained until overtaken by poor health four years ago. The deceased was a brother of Hon. John Pool, once a representative of North Carolina in the United States Senate.

Dr. Pool leaves a wife and eight children.

A Remarkable Accident.

One of the most remarkable accidents that ever occurred in the history of railroading took place about a mile north of this city this morning.

North-bound vestibule train No. 38, A. C. L., pulled out of the station here about 2 o'clock on regular schedule time, and had almost reached the Cape Fear river bridge, when suddenly, and without the slightest warning, both driving wheels of the enormous engine broke off and rolled down each side of the embankment. The two steel rods also dropped. Engineer Donlon took the situation at once, strange as it was, and brought the train to a standstill so quickly that no other part of the train was wrecked, and the passengers hardly knew there had been a wreck. It was two hours before the wrecked engine, which remained on the track, was gotten off and another substituted, and the train proceeded.—Fayetteville Observer, 9th.

There are now in the Soldiers' Home at Raleigh, 54 inmates.

PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

Gen. Toon Issues Rules and Regulations for Their Government—The Keeping of Books—Designation of Librarian, Place Where Books Shall be Kept.

General T. F. Toon State Superintendent, has addressed the following letter to county superintendents regarding the school libraries established under the recent act of the Legislature:

Dear Sir:—I send you by this mail, under separate cover, copies of the law in relation to the establishment of public libraries and the rules and regulations for their management.

Permit me to urge upon you to see that every possible safeguard be thrown around the custody of the books. When the bill was before the General Assembly, a number of the members expressed the fear that the proper care would not be taken of the books. If the officials will give this matter their careful attention, they can show that there need be no further apprehension on this account. In many of the great libraries, the loss of books is infinitesimally small. There is no reason why small libraries in the country cannot be managed as well as large libraries in the city.

Women are eligible to appointment as purchasers of books as local managers, and as librarians.

You will note that the authority to select books is left to the discretion of the person who is appointed to perform that duty for all the libraries that may be established in any county. In counties where several libraries are established, it may be well for the purchaser to buy different books for the various libraries with a view to exchange, as is provided in the Act.

If the purchaser of books in any county should desire to have any suggestions as to the choice of books, I shall be glad to submit upon application, lists suitable for such libraries.

Very truly yours,

T. F. TOON.

Rules and Regulations Governing Libraries for the Public Schools in Rural Districts Under Acts of 1901.

THE PURCHASER OF BOOKS.

The purchaser of books shall not turn over the books until a book case shall have been provided without expense to the public. The case must be of good material and furnished with a substantial lock. The doors may be of wood or of glass. The case should be not less than three feet high, three feet wide, and one foot deep in the clear. There should be not less than three shelves, each about one-half inch thick. The distance from the bottom of the case to the lower shelf should be 10 inches, from the second to the third shelf to the top of the case 8 inches. White pine should not be used for the case or shelving.

The purchaser of the books, when he turns over the books shall furnish to the local manager a full and complete list of the books in a blank book, and said entry book shall remain in the possession of the local manager.

THE LOCAL MANAGER.

The local manager, shall upon the receipt of the books, enter in a blank book the title of each book, and author and publisher, and said book shall remain in the library. He shall appoint a librarian and shall designate the place at which the library shall be kept. During the session of the school, the library may be kept in the school house, but the library shall not remain in the school house during the months that the school is not in session. If the local manager may deem it best to have the library located at some point other than the school house while the school is in session, he shall so order.

Upon the death, resignation, or removal of the local manager the teacher of the public school in the district in which the library is

situated, shall at once report the facts to the county superintendent, who shall see that the vacancy is filled without unnecessary delay.

The local manager shall transmit annually on or about the first day of June to the county superintendent of Public Instruction, the report of the librarian as hereinafter provided with such suggestions and observations as he may deem desirable.

THE LIBRARIAN AND THE BOOKS.

The librarian shall be authorized to loan books, free of charge, to any member of the school over twelve years of age, and to any patron of the school or donor to the library.

No book shall be taken from the library until it shall have been charged by the librarian in a book to be kept for that purpose only.

A book may be kept out for two weeks with the privilege of one renewal. A penalty of one cent a day shall be charged for each book kept out longer than the prescribed time, and the privilege of the library shall be withdrawn by the librarian from any person who refuses or neglects to pay arrearages, or who abuses or suffers a book to be abused.

All books must be returned to the library by the 15th of May of each year; and no book shall be taken out of the library from the 15th of May to the first day of June, except by written permission of the local manager.

On or about the 25th day of May of each year, the librarian shall make out a list of the books on hand, designating such as have been received by purchase and such as have been donated. He shall report, by title, author, and publisher, every book which shall have been lost during the year and the name of the person against whom the book is charged. He shall also report the number of volumes taken out during the year, making mention by name of the three children of school age who have shown the greatest interest in and improvement in literature.

Northern Visitors in Clayton.

Clayton, N. C., Apr. 10.

Easter week has brought guests from afar to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hardee Horne. Their son, Dr. H. H. Horne, returned last week from his place of work in Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, for the Easter vacation, and brought with him two of his colleagues, Prof. D. C. Wells, of the Department of Sociology and Dr. J. H. Gerald, of the Department of Biology.

The visiting party is completed by the presence of Miss Bessie Worthington, of Wilson.

On Easter Sunday the morning and evening services were in part given over to the visitors. Saturday evening they enjoyed a supper and reception, at which were present many friends of the family.

Monday Professor Wells left for Columbia, S. C., to see his brother, who is manager of the Savannah Division of the Southern Railway. Thursday Dr. Gerald leaves with Dr. Horne for Chapel Hill to see the State University.

It is a special pleasure to have gentlemen from the North study Southern manners and institutions on Southern soil.

Many Leave Fair Hellas.

During the current month 2,000 young Greeks have left for the United States to make their fortunes. For some time the number of emigrants from Greece has been increasing. The newspapers deplore the depopulation of the country, attributing it to the agricultural depression and exhorting the government to take measures for improving the situation.

Some 30,000 Greeks have already settled in the United States, and the hope of imitating the small proportion who are doing well there encourages the spirit of adventure, especially in the Peloponnes, where the crisis in the current industry has seriously disturbed the economic position of the people.—Athens Dispatch to London Standard, March 28.

STATE NEWS.

Short Items of Interest Culled From our State Exchanges.

Mayor A. M. Powell has been renominated by the Democrats of Raleigh as candidate for mayor.

The town of Enfield voted on the graded school proposition last week. Graded schools won by a vote of 218 to 3.

The committee investigating the defalcation of Martin say that it now appears the amount stolen will reach over \$15,000.

The Chinese Minister at Washington, Mr. Wu Ting Fang, has accepted an invitation to speak at a banquet in Charlotte, April 18th.

The University trustees have created the chair of physiology and ordered the erection of general heating, water and sewerage systems.

The commissioner of agriculture says the sales of fertilizer to date this season are 30 per cent. greater than for the corresponding period last year.

Last week at Wilmington, Hannah Richardson, an old colored woman, said to have been 109 years old, met a horrible fate by being burned to death.

Sam Mangum, who has been on trial at Raleigh, charged with the murder of Pete Griffin, was acquitted Thursday. The jury were out over twenty hours.

There are persons who have the belief that oil will be found in Chatham county, in the region of the coal fields. It is asserted that oil is observed on several of the streams.

The leading cotton dealers at Raleigh states that they now think there will be a 10 per cent. increase in cotton acreage this year. This is, as they say, a very large increase, as there was an increase last year.

Last week Governor Aycock appointed Frank D. Winston, of Bertie, to be Judge of the new Second District, and George A. Jones, of Macon, to be Judge of the Sixteenth District. Both are regarded as very good appointments.

Lehigh University, of Pennsylvania, and the University of North Carolina played a game of baseball at Winston, Monday. The Carolina boys were victorious, the score being 13 to 2. Tuesday the two teams crossed bats at Chapel Hill, Lehigh being the victors, the score of Monday being reversed.

Thursday evening there was a wreck on the Durham and Charlotte railroad near Gulf, in Chatham county. The engineer and two negroes were killed and another man was injured. The train ran off the into a creek, catching the three men under it. A similar wreck occurred at the same place about a year ago, a young lady being killed and several injured.

The sub-commission of the State Text-Book Commission is composed entirely of teachers, 10 in all, and ever since March 25 it has been examining books. Room on the upper floor of the Capitol at Raleigh is used, and more than 1,500 books have to be examined. The proceedings are secret, and book agents are notified that if they attempt to discuss their books with a commissioner they shall be barred from the competition.

At the State experiment farm at Raleigh 15,000 roses are now being grown for a Philadelphia florist. At a point quite near there 100,000 Bermuda lilies are growing, also for the trade, and to make a test of the adaptability of this soil and climate 60,000 bulbs of these were grown here last year. The farm is under control of the Agricultural College, as is also the dairy, in which there are 40 cows, and the poultry experiment farm. It is found by practical tests that the Leghorn and Plymouth Rock fowls are the best.

Governor Aycock is asked to name a "North Carolina Day" at the Charleston Exposition. He will probably designate one between January 15 and February 15.

By the middle of next month 23 brood sows from all the leading breeding establishments in England will be received at the Biltmore farms. These animals will be the finest England affords.

It is considered quite probable that the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry, which in 1892 left the State guard, will again become part of it. Gov. Aycock desires that this course be taken.

There are signs that there is oil underneath the soil of the town of Thomasville and a company has been formed to dig an oil well. The necessary machinery and apparatus for boring has been ordered.

Governor Aycock has appointed J. F. Spainhour, of Burke County, Solicitor for the new Fourteenth Judicial District. Mr. Spainhour was a member of the recent Legislature and one of the Board of Managers of the House in the Impeachment trial.

The legislative examining committee expects or rather hopes, to be able to complete this week its inspection of the State Treasury books. Some of these, during the worst period of the mismanagement of the penitentiary, are found to be badly tangled.

On the 17th of March, at Albemarle, Mattie Rodman was granted a divorce from her husband, David Rodman, aged 60. He was absent at the time. Last week he returned, became lonesome, recourted his ex-wife and Friday they were remarried.

The people of Macon county have voted by a handsome majority in favor of issuing bonds for the construction of a railway which will connect Franklin, the county seat, with the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line. The road will be built to Tallulah Falls, Ga., and to Cornelia.

Governor Aycock has begun the first of a series of talks on educational topics. He is keenly interested in promoting education and intends to inaugurate a great and genuine educational revival. He outlined this in his inaugural address. The first of his speeches was made at Goldsboro last week and aroused the most marked enthusiasm.

The Educational Conference, which begins its session at Winston-Salem, April 14, will be a great affair. Arrangements are made to have all the delegates visit Greensboro and see the State Normal and Industrial College for young white women, where there are 450 students, and the State Agricultural and Mechanical College for negroes, where there are 200. Some of the most noted educators in the United States will attend the conference.

In the Federal Court at Greensboro last week there were two sensational convictions of boys, brothers, aged 14 and 15, Luther and Bennett Holman, of Yadkin county, for moonshining. They were caught in the act. They will be taken this week to a reformatory at Washington to serve a year's sentence. Revenue and court officials say they are the youngest moonshiners ever convicted in this State. They have never been to school and cannot read or write.

The new Corporation law, applying to private corporations, almost entirely copies the New Jersey law. The tax is 20 cents on each \$100 of authorized capital stock. All charters must originate in the office of the secretary of State and not in the counties. The new law requires all existing corporations to send in within 90 days lists showing name, principal place of business, authorized and actual capital stock, etc. It is also further provided that it is to cost twice as much to obtain a legislative charter as for one under this law from the Secretary of State.