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NO TIME SET

For Ford Murder Trial—Judge Shaw and Solicitor Bower Dispatch Business Rapidly.

The July term of superior court began Monday morning with Judge T. J. Shaw of Greensboro, the new judge of this district, which is composed of Davidson, Guilford and Stokes, presiding. Judge Shaw is an old hand at the game, however, and has been here before. He was given a hearty welcome and he went about the business of clearing the docket with all of his old time force and hustle.

THE FORD CASE.

The case that overshadows all other cases to be tried at this term of court is the Ford case. The defendant is Lee Ford, the man who shot and killed Policeman Mel Garland several months ago on Depot street in this city. As The Dispatch goes to press nothing has been done toward setting a day for the trial.

THE GRAND JURY.

The following citizens were drawn for the grand jury: J. M. Mendenhall, J. L. Ouyer, C. J. Stokes, J. A. Shriver, T. S. Wall, I. H. Clodfelter, J. P. Zimmerman, H. J. Tysinger, C. A. Kimmel, R. V. Newsum, C. A. McGehee, D. W. Clodfelter, M. L. Feezor, W. E. Conard, Ed. L. Green, C. A. Lanier, H. L. Shoaf, John G. Hege.

High Point Sells Bonds.

The \$100,000 issue of bonds of High Point has been sold at par. The National Travelers Protective Association through C. F. Tomlinson took \$5,000 worth. I. G. Lawrence, a High Point contractor, \$20,000, and the rest was sold to the Commercial National Bank of High Point.

Lightning Kills Two.

While services were being held a church at Highlands, Macon county, a few days ago a bolt of lightning struck the church, killing outright Miss Ella Wright and a Mrs. Turner.

Judge Edmonds Fines the Southern.

The Southern Railway Company was fined \$500 by Judge W. R. Edmonds in the city police court of High Point last Friday morning, after being convicted of the offense of running fast freight trains on Sunday contrary to the statute and peace and dignity of the state.

ENGLISH CONVICTED.

Sentenced to 25 Years in the Pen for Killing John Armstrong at Archdale.

After being out from 6 o'clock Friday evening, the jury Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock returned a verdict of second degree murder against Linton R. English on trial at Asheboro for the murder of John Armstrong, at Archdale, Randolph county, March 24, and he was sentenced by Judge Long to twenty-five years imprisonment. Counsel for defense gave notice of appeal and was allowed fifteen days to prepare papers. Bond of prisoner was fixed at \$15,000 dollars, but the consensus of opinion is that the appeal will be abandoned.

The case has been one of the longest and hardest fought legal battles in the history of Randolph county, and attracted such interest that the courtroom was filled with eager listeners from the time the case was called Tuesday until it was given to the jury Friday evening. English was ably defended. He was vigorously prosecuted, both sides being represented by the best legal talent in this section of the state.

Farmers Are Suing City of Greensboro.

Complaint has been filed in the action of James R. Donnell vs. the City of Greensboro, in which the plaintiff asks for \$2,500 damages to his property on Buffalo creek, resulting from the emptying of a sewer line into the stream and also for a permanent injunction against the city. This is one of more than 50 cases which have been instituted by the farmers of the Buffalo creek section against the city on account of the emptying of the sewer line and septic tank into the stream.

Business News Notes.

The J. B. Smith Company points out the fact that it is important to use good stationery in writing to your friends. See the ad of Catawba College. It is a great school.

Swore Falsely Against Her Father.

Rev. Martin Capps, of White Bluff, Ark., was convicted and sentenced to hang, on a charge that he burned to death his daughter, Priscilla, four years old, and Rose, two years old. The Supreme Court reversed the case and remanded it for trial. The prosecution was forced to dismiss the case because the strongest witnesses, Bertha Capps, 15 years old, and Ella Capps, 14 children of the defendant, repudiated their former stories and would testify in favor of their father at a second trial. The oldest daughter said she swore falsely against her father because he opposed her marriage.

OPENING SEPTEMBER 1.

Coler Road Will Be Doing Business at That Time—High Point Will Celebrate.

September 1 is the time set for the final completion of the Carolina and Yadkin River railroad, commonly known as the Coler road, on account of the fact that the chief promoter of it is the W. N. Coler company, of New York. When the road is ready for regular business, there will be a big celebration in High Point and this will probably take place the last week in August.

The importance of the new road can hardly be overestimated. The road from Thomasville to Denton, which was built by the late Milt Jones, was sold June 1, 1912, to the Coler company, and the name changed to what it is now. The length of the road was then 21 miles and it opened for development a splendid country at the end of which was the enterprising and growing town of Denton. The new company promptly began the extension from Denton to High Rock, at which place connection is made with the Southbound and indirectly with the Norfolk and Western and Seaboard systems. The extension from Thomasville to High Point was then begun and is just now being completed.

This gives High Point for the first time a competing railway line and the good effects are expected to be great. Besides this, it opens a rich section of timber and producing lands that will be generally and mutually beneficial. The equipment is being improved and will be made in every way first-class and the road will afford the best service that is possible.

Congress Anxious to Adjourn.

Steps were taken in both houses of Congress Saturday looking to an adjournment immediately following the passage of the tariff bill. Leaders of both parties are disposed personally to quit as soon as the tariff bill is out of the way, putting banking legislation over until the December session. The democrats will make no promises in this regard so long as President Wilson stands out for currency legislation.

Lutherans Meeting at Rockwell Church.

The Salisbury Post of the 25th said: The Southern Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina convened yesterday at St. Peter's Church, near Rockwell. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. R. S. Patterson, general secretary of Home Missions for the United Synod. After the noon recess the first business session was held at 1:30. The topic for discussion at the afternoon meeting was "Beverage for the Sanctuary" led by Rev. L. B. Spracher, of Union Church.

No Complete Agreement Reached as to Freight Rates.

Returning to Raleigh Saturday evening from the four days' conference with railroad traffic managers at Old Point, the members of the corporation commission gave out a statement Saturday night to the effect that the conference had not resulted in such complete agreement as to freight rate reduction as that the proposed adjustment will be presented to Governor Craig with recommendation that it be accepted, but did result in such concessions that the commission will present the result to the governor for his consideration.

The commission statement says: "At the last conference in the office of the governor the commission insisted that the proportion of through rates represented by the rate from the Virginia cities should be reduced 25 per cent and presented a basis for working out the new rates that would approach that average."

"The most important commodities in volume handled from the west are grain and grain products and under the scale now agreed to by the carriers the classes under which they are handled would be reduced 28 per cent."

Democrats Put in Office in North Carolina.

While the seekers after patronage continue to bemoan the alleged slowness of the administration in turning over all the positions in the government service to democrats, never giving a thought to the great responsibility toward other kinds of workers in the army and navy who were given promotions but the president must know personally and attach his signature to each of these.

Planned Under Wreck Engineer Committed Suicide.

Caught under an overturned locomotive in the Louisville & Nashville yards at Decatur, Alabama, Wednesday night, Houston G. Fleming, a 28-year-old man, committed suicide by cutting his throat with his pocket knife to bring relief from the agony he was suffering. With his legs crushed and steam fairly cooking his body, the young man begged the fellow workmen to kill him. The men refused, though they could not rescue him from the wreck.

Prominent Physician a Suicide.

Dr. John McPherson, a prominent physician of Haw River, committed suicide by slashing his throat with a razor at the home of his father in Guilford county, Sunday night. Dr. McPherson was at his old home attending a family reunion, and so far as is known he gave no indication Sunday that he was thinking of putting end to his existence. He was 40 years of age and lived at Haw River. He enjoyed a large practice in Alamance county and spent three days weekly in special practice at Durham. He was well liked by a large acquaintance. A few weeks ago he and his wife separated and this probably had something to do with his suicide.

TRIAST OFFICERS NAMED.

Men Named to Enforce Compulsory School Attendance Law—One For Each Township.

The compulsory school attendance law passed by the last legislature goes into effect this year. The law, if properly enforced, will result in great good for Davidson county as it will place in school hundreds of children who, through the indifference or aversion of their parents, have been worked in the mills, on the farms, or allowed to spend their time in idleness.

The officers named, technically known as "Attendance Officers," will also be charged with the duty of supervising the taking of the school census in their townships. Copies of the new school law will be placed in their hands at an early date so that they may familiarize themselves with their duties. They are as follows: Cotton Grove, Walter Yow. Boone, J. L. Beall. Tyro, Charles Koons. Yadkin College, J. A. Hartley. Reedy Creek, Walter Warner. Hamont, J. W. Newsum. Arcadia, Henry Perryman. Midway, Frank Lindsay. Abbotts Creek, C. M. Hamner. Thomasville, J. W. Lambeth. Conrad Hill, E. G. Kindley. Silver Hill, E. A. Hedrick. Emmons, Arthur Gallimore. Alleghany, W. W. Newsum. Jackson Hill, A. B. Loftin. Healing Springs, W. B. Cross. Lexington, J. H. Yokeley.

No Pardon for Ex-Representative Wells.

At a hearing held Saturday at Asheboro, Governor Locke Craig refused to grant a pardon to Lon Wells, a former member of the General Assembly and Elector-at-Large for North Carolina when Cleveland was elected president who was convicted at a recent session of the Swain county court of larceny.

It is charged that Wells, who was moving from Murphy to Bryson City, in receiving his household goods shipped by the Southern Railway, received a box of clothing which did not belong to him and he and his wife kept it. Both Wells and his wife were found guilty of larceny and the man was sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary. An appeal was taken to the supreme court and the judgment of the lower court was affirmed.

To Settle Virginia-West Virginia Debt Question.

To settle the long standing monetary dispute between Virginia and West Virginia, commissioners representing those commonwealths met in joint session Friday at Washington following out the suggestion of the Supreme Court which, in October, 1910, awarded Virginia judgment of \$7,132,607 on the amount of Virginia bonds should pay as her part of the public debt of the original commonwealth. The amount of interest alone is now in dispute.

Thirty Babies Die Every Minute.

Of the 55,000,000 babies born every year, 15,000,000 of them die before they are a year old, according to the statement of Edward B. Phelps at the International Congress on Hygiene and Demography in Washington last fall. This means that 40,000 babies die every day, and the United States contributed 1,000. In Sweden and Norway, where nearly all babies are breast-fed, the infant mortality is the smallest.

Rankin Back From Panama.

Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the State Board of Health, is just back from an official trip to Panama for the purpose of examining into the methods of the United States government in the sanitation of the canal zone, his trip being under the direction of getting ideas that may be applied in North Carolina for the improvement of sanitary and health conditions. Dr. Rankin expresses the highest satisfaction at the results of his trip and believes that he has gathered information and ideas from this first hand inspection that will be of great benefit in the work of the State Board of Health in North Carolina.

Auto Saves Bull's Victim.

The following is from the Englis, Ill., correspondence New York Times: Matadors may be succeeded by automobiles as bull fighters. That was shown today when Peter Breen, 60 years old, a farmer of Huntley, was being gored by a bull when in one of his pastures. His shouts attracted an automobile party of three men. The men gazed at the attack for a moment then the driver of the big touring car made a dash into the pasture after the bull. The auto horn was tooted and the bull was driven away from the helpless farmer. Three of Breen's ribs were broken, but he will recover.

Autumn Saves Bull's Victim.

A. B. Salesby, a well known Syrian resident of Salisbury, has made application for appointment as United States consul to Syria.

REVENUE AND TAXATION.

Text of Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the State of North Carolina.

Following is the proposed amendment to the state constitution relating to revenue and taxation: Section 1. Taxes shall be imposed only for public purposes and with the consent of the people or their representatives in the general assembly.

Section 2. The General Assembly, may consistent with natural justice and equity, classify subjects of taxation; and all taxes shall be uniform upon the same class of property within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax; provided that no income shall be taxed when the property from which the income is to be derived is taxed, and, consistent with natural justice and equity, the general assembly may separate subjects of taxation for state and local purposes.

Section 3. If the subject of taxation be separated for state and local purposes, in a manner not allowed by law immediately prior to the adoption of this amendment, no part of the ad valorem tax on real estate, except the real estate of public service corporations, shall be applied to state purposes.

Section 4. The power to tax shall not be surrendered, suspended or contracted away, but property taxation to the state, a county or a municipality shall be exempt from taxation; and the general assembly may exempt cemeteries, properties held and used for educational, scientific, literary, charitable or religious purposes; and also personal property of a national person or corporation not exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

Section 5. The ad valorem taxes on real estate or personal property shall not exceed for all state and county purposes fifty cents (50c.) per annum on the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation of such property, unless a greater rate be approved by a majority of those who shall vote at an election held thereon. The ad valorem taxes collected on real estate and personal property by cities and towns shall not exceed, for all purposes, seventy-five cents (75c.) per annum on the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation, unless a greater rate be approved by a majority of those who shall vote at an election held thereon. Provided, that these limitations on the rate of taxation shall not apply to taxes necessary to pay debts contracted prior to the adoption of this amendment, nor to taxes heretofore authorized by vote of the people.

Section 6. The general assembly may provide for a capitation tax on every male inhabitant of the state over twenty-one and under fifty years of age, but not exceeding two dollars (\$2.00) per annum for all purposes. The general assembly may also provide, by general law, for the exemption from payment of said capitation tax in special cases on account of poverty and infirmity.

Will Settle Tariff Question First.

It is announced from Washington that Senator Simmons has made up his mind that he will give little, if any, attention to patronage matters before the tariff bill is well out of the way. This he has emphasized in numerous talks with interested persons. Neither will he permit himself to be drawn into a fight on his position in the senatorial race. The political speculators or gossips may gossip as much as they care to, in the opinion of friends of Mr. Simmons, he will not for a time at least take a hand in patronage matters or senatorial candidacies.

Secretary Daniels Says Women Will Vote.

Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels told the women of the San Francisco Civic League Friday night that whatever the opinion of individuals about the wisdom of woman suffrage, "we may as well get ready for the inevitable, for women are going to vote."

Prominent Lutheran Minister Dead.

Rev. H. M. Brown, a native of Rowan county, who spent the whole of his ministerial life in the service of the Lutheran churches in this section until a few years ago, died at Columbia, S. C., Tuesday of last week after a short illness. He was prominent in the Lutheran denomination in this state and in 1912 accepted a call to a pastorate near Columbia. He had been in usual health until recently. Surviving is a wife and several grown children. One daughter is the wife of Rev. R. B. Bowers, a well known Lutheran minister at Granite Quarry.

IN AND ABOUT LEXINGTON.

Personal Mention—Movements of the People—Small Items of Interest.

Miss Janie Spencer leaves soon to visit friends at her old home in Virginia.

Mr. George H. Coggin has accepted a place with the Perry Grocery Company.

Mrs. George Feezor, of Winston-Salem, will arrive to-day to visit Miss Roxie Sheets.

Little Miss Jennie Estelle Jones, of Washington, D. C., is visiting Miss Carrie Spencer.

Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Clodfelter returned last week from a visit to relatives in Virginia.

Mrs. J. B. Smith and Mrs. A. E. Sheets and daughter, Hilda, are at Wrightsville Beach.

Mrs. G. V. Patterson expects to leave Saturday for Tennessee to visit relatives and friends.

Mr. Ralph M. Pratt, of Winston-Salem, spent Saturday and Sunday in the city visiting friends.

Mrs. H. B. Varner left last week for Morehead City, to spend a few days at the Atlantic Hotel.

Miss Roxie Sheets returned Monday from Charlotte, where she was the guest of Mrs. W. A. Smith.

Miss Laura Ridenhour, of Concord, arrived yesterday to spend several days with Miss Lettie Shoaf.

Miss Margaret Hall, of Barber, has returned home after a short visit to her aunt, Mrs. Lee V. Phillips.

Rev. J. D. Andrew, formerly of Burlington, now president of Catawba College, was in the city Saturday.

Misses Ola Horney and Mary Trice returned Sunday night from a visit to Mrs. E. E. Jones at Waterboro, S. C.

Rev. J. M. Hamrick attended the Junior Order picnic at Reeds Saturday afternoon and reports a very delightful time.

Mesdames Chas. and Baxter Young and Fred O. Slink returned Monday from a four weeks' stay at Healing Springs.

Miss Lola Male Holland returned to her home in Greensboro yesterday after spending the past week with Miss Mary Hunter.

Rev. J. M. Hilliard and Mr. J. M. Sechrist, of High Point, were visitors at the home of Mrs. T. H. Spencer Saturday afternoon.

Mr. L. F. Weaver went to Chesterfield, S. C., last week, at which place he is engaged in erecting several brick store buildings.

Mr. and Mrs. Kerney E. Surraat spent several days of last week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Surraat, at Southmont.

Mr. J. H. Alexander and children returned last week from a visit to relatives and friends at Mt. Vernon Springs and Red Springs.

Mr. P. Spanolia left yesterday for Cincinnati, Ohio, where he goes on a business trip in interest of his tailoring establishment.

Miss Florence Brown, of New York City, returned home last week after an extended visit to Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lowe in this city.

Mrs. J. R. McCrary and children have gone to Cris, Va., to spend several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Tatum.

Mr. Charles Fagg and son, Edward Fagg, of Christiansburg, Va., spent several days of last week here visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Shoaf.

Mrs. S. N. Judd and daughters, Misses E. M. and A. V. Judd, and Mrs. E. Yarbrough have gone to Hidenstone to spend a week or two.

Miss Lois Williams, who is spending the summer at Black Mountain, is in town this week. She leaves Friday for Clarksville, Va., for a house party.

Rev. J. Ed Thompson, of Asheboro, was in the city Monday enroute to South Carolina. Mr. Thompson is pastor of the Methodist church at Asheboro.

Mr. Eccles Hedrick, who graduated in textile engineering at Philadelphia last spring, has accepted a position with the Cones at Greensboro and will begin work there soon.

Dr. Thurman Mann, Mr. Randall Mann, Miss Linnie Mann, Miss Beatie Pitts, of High Point and Miss Helen Creech, of Goldsboro, visited Misses Janie and Mabel Spencer Saturday.

Mrs. A. L. Clodfelter returned Saturday from Virginia, where she has been spending some time at her old home. She was accompanied to Lexington by her little niece, Eloise Brandon.

Hon. E. J. Justice, of Greensboro, is here attending court. Mr. Justice is an avowed candidate for the U. S. Senate to succeed Senator Overman and he has many friends and well-wishers in Davidson.

Messrs. J. L. Gallimore, A. A. Neese, W. F. Sparger and W. J. Lancaster returned last week from a very pleasant and profitable business trip to New York City in the interest of their furniture factories.

Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson, of St. Louis, Mo., are at Morehead City this week. They will accompany Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Varner to Lexington the latter part of this week and spend several days here as their guests.

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