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SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION.

Judge Lyon Presiding—Grand Jury Drawn—Jennings-Godwin Case Drawn Crowd.

Superior court convened Monday morning with Judge C. C. Lyon presiding. Judge Lyon lost no time in delivering his charge to the grand jury. He made his lecture short and snappy to the point and was soon down to the regular order of business.

The following were drawn as grand jurors for the term: J. F. Stokes, foreman; C. H. Fields, Geo. R. Tysinger, Chas. H. Curry, Thos. W. Beck, R. C. Myers, W. L. Snider, D. R. Connell, A. B. Loftin, C. T. Wilson, J. W. Wilson, R. L. Bule, H. L. Cecil, R. L. Pope, L. C. Lomax, J. L. Ward, J. D. E. Beck and R. L. Ward.

John Kennedy was appointed officer to the grand jury and was sworn in. The following jurors were excused for the term: P. M. Shoaf, W. F. Sparger, J. M. Fisher, Henry Lanning, A. T. Hedrick and Ivey G. Thomas, the last named being excused after Monday.

The petit jury follows: P. A. Myers, Mose Girsh, L. E. Michael, Walter J. Sowers, E. L. Tysinger, C. L. Kanoy, A. S. Owens, Joe Hege, J. V. Cook, Jacob E. Nifong, L. C. Gobble, Wm. Warford.

Because of the unusual number of jurors excused Judge Lyon directed that additional jurors be summoned and Sheriff Shaw summoned the following:

D. G. Mock, Ed Hedrick, A. H. Yokoy, J. L. Shirk, W. F. Curry, W. H. Kopy, A. H. Michael, C. A. Koozick, Jno. Nance, Stok's Carrick, N. G. Conrad and J. A. Hartley.

Judge Lyon was on the trail of the elusive blind tiger early in the game. The last case tried was that of State vs. Melvin Daniels, a young white man of Thomasville. A jury declared him guilty in this case and he pleaded guilty in two other cases. He drew four months on the roads in each case, a total of one year.

The horse-stealing cases followed and it did not take long to dispose of them, for the thieves pleaded guilty, and both of them, Olin Varnadore and W. R. Young, were sentenced to five years on the roads.

These are the men who hired a horse, the famous spotted pony, "Mack," from Mr. W. F. Broadie, and carried him off to the wilds of Chester county, South Carolina, where they kept him for weeks, awaiting a chance to sell him. Newspaper publicity was their undoing and Mack was discovered, and Varnadore was arrested and lodged in jail here.

Young made another attempt at horse-stealing in the case of Mr. J. E. Meredith's horse and headed toward South Carolina with him. He was arrested at the Piedmont Toll Bridge and the horse recovered. He gave his name as Augustus Wright, of Friendly, Md., but later admitted that his right name was Young. He pleaded guilty of the charge of stealing Mr. Meredith's horse, but at last accounts sentence had not been passed. He drew his first five years for his part in stealing Mack.

The next matter to engage the attention of the court was the celebrated Jennings-Godwin case, in which T. E. Jennings, defeated republican nominee for clerk of court, seeks to oust Judge C. E. Godwin, the successful democratic nominee, and take for himself the very lucrative office of clerk of the superior court of Davidson county. The case drew a big crowd. The plaintiff Jennings, appealed from the decision of Commissioner McRae, in which he held that witnesses could not be compelled to give evidence that would tend to incriminate them. This ruling practically wrecked the investigation conducted here last week, because witnesses absolutely refused to answer questions. Judge Symon, one of the plaintiff's lawyers, opened by reading decisions from law-books for about half an hour, for the purpose of showing that witnesses could be forced to testify and that the statute provided a full and general pardon for any wrong-doing admitted by the witness.

Mr. E. E. Raper, attorney for Judge Godwin, argued that the statute provided a pardon only for illegal voting and not for illegal registration or perjury in getting his name on the registration books. He also argued that the statute referred to applied only to contested elections before the General Assembly.

He was followed by Capt. F. C. Robbins, Z. I. Walker, Wade H. Phillips and Geo. Z. V. Waiser, all speaking for Judge Godwin.

Mr. J. R. McCrary followed speaking for the plaintiff and Mr. A. E. Holton, former U. S. District Attorney, closed for the plaintiff.

CONTINUED FOR JENNINGS.

Judge Lyon ruled that he witnesses should have been compelled to answer questions, thus overruling Commissioner McRae and the case was continued to the May term of court. The question of continuing the investigation before a commissioner was suggested by attorneys for Jennings and Judge Lyon took the matter under advisement and will make an order later.

The order of continuance was made on motion of the plaintiff, Jennings. Judge Godwin's attorneys announced that they were ready and anxious for trial.

The answer of the defendant, Judge Godwin, contains intimations that he will come more than three score republicans who voted illegally, these coming from practically every township in the county.

The trial of one of the cases against Bob Hayes, in which Bob is charged with selling liquor, took up a large part of the court's time yesterday morning, resulting in triumphant acquittal for Bob. The other case is still to be tried.

Charles Myers was found guilty of breaking into the residence of Mr. H. L. Waiser, in Tyro township, and stealing several articles of furniture and other personal property. The Dispatch went to press.

The court was busy yesterday afternoon with the trial of the case in

AFTER THE TIGERS.

Bob Hayes and Jule Tesh Get Two Years Each on Roads—George Williams Six Months.

The officers of the law, assisted by two Greensboro detectives, rounded up three of the city's most persistent blind tigers Wednesday night. They were Bob Hayes and George Williams, negroes, and Jule Tesh, a young white man.

Boy Hayes has not been off the gang very long. He served his last sentence for selling liquor and did not stay out of the business very long after his release. Judge Critcher, having tried Bob and sentenced him once, did not feel inclined to be merciful and gave him two years on the roads, a year in each case.

Jule Tesh, also an old offender, having served time for selling booze, met the same fate at the hands of the court. He was given two long years on the gang.

George Williams, facing Judge Critcher for the first time, did not fare so badly as the other two. It was in evidence that he had served time for selling liquor but that was in the dim and distant long ago. Judge Critcher gave him six months.

In each case notice of appeal was given. There was much criticism of the two detectives, lawyers for the defendants claiming to possess a vast amount of evidence against them and threatening to spring it at court this week.

That the detectives will be able to take care of themselves, is ardently hoped by every good citizen. There is a strong prejudice against the use of detectives in trailing tigers to their lairs but there seems to be no other way to catch them. Lawyers for the slightest beast will undoubtedly spend all their fury on the luckless detectives this week, for that is their only hope. No one doubts for a minute that the three men convicted are guilty as charged. They are all old offenders.

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SHOP TALK.

Green & Rothrock advertise a big shirt sale, lasting one week. Note the bargains offered.

If in need of quilters' hardware, don't fail to see the Manning Hardware Co. Their line is biggest and best.

For new books and magazines and all of the Sunday newspapers, go to the Old Reliable, the J. B. Smith Co. Read their ad in this issue. Their line of magazines is complete.

Oxford time at Woodruffs, go summer the new low-cut for spring and summer. Their new line is just in.

You must plant seeds to make them grow. See the moral that the Commercial and Savings Bank draws from this sentence. It is worth while.

If you want goods that are neat, clean, uncrumpled—buy them of the Fred Thompson Co. Read their story about their new way of keeping their stock.

Note the ad of L. L. Barnes, the Variety Store man. He has made a big reputation selling \$15 suits and he is offering a fine variety of woolsens to select from. See him.

Note the specials of the Penry Grocery Company. They will save you money.

If that watch of yours needs repairs, see A. E. Sheets & Co. Note their ad.

The W. G. Penry Co. announce the coming of their expert tailor from Baltimore, with a big line of samples. It is worth noting that his goods are \$3 to \$5 below in price on the suit than ever before.

If you want an Easter suit that is an "Easter" suit, pay strict attention to what "Stitch" Bender is saying in his ad on page 4. He is a practical tailor and knows the business from the ground up.

Favorable Report on Anti-Jug Bill.

There was a joint executive hearing and ultimate favorable report Wednesday night on the Thomas anti-liquor bill of the state anti-saloon league to prohibit the shipping of intoxicating liquors from any point without the quota of North Carolina to any point within said state, and to prevent the delivery and receipt of any intoxicating liquors to shipped within said state.

An especially remarkable amendment was that of striking out Sections 3 and 4 that provide for the act not to apply to shipments of wines for sacramental purposes "when received by any minister or other duly authorized person of such Church."

Another amendment struck out "or otherwise" in Section 1 so as to make the section read "That it shall be unlawful for person firm or corporation, or any agent, officer or employee thereof, to ship, transport, carry or deliver in any manner of by any means whatsoever, for hire (or otherwise stricken out here) any spirituous, vinous fermented or malt liquors or intoxicating biters, from a point without this state to any person, firm or corporation, or any agent, officer or employee thereof, in this state."

There was three-hour discussion of the bill by the joint committee held in closed doors and in the end the senate committee withdrew, not having the bill before it, and the house committee voted for the favorable report as amended with two dissenting votes.

GO TO THE LYRIC THEATRE where they always have a good show, and show what they advertise. They are not trying to fool anybody. You are always welcome at the Lyric.

which S. D. Barnes and R. L. Sharp are on trial for an affray. Barnes is represented by Waiser & Waiser and Sharp by T. F. Hudson, of Salisbury and McCrary & McCrary, of Lexington. Solicitor Bower represents the state and is prosecuting both.

INDIANS CELEBRATE.

Local Tribe of the Iroquois Enjoy Smoke Feat and Celebrate Moving Into New Quarters.

Lexington's leading business and professional men were guests Monday night of the Iroquois club in their new quarters in the Varner Building, and it was an occasion of great joy. More than a hundred men, including the members of the club, enjoyed an evening of unalloyed pleasure.

Following the customs of the Iroquois everybody smoked, from the Big Chief of the tribe, L. J. Peacock, down to the humblest brave in the ranks and of course, their many guests joined in the pastime.

Naturally there was speech-making. At the request of the president of the club, Mr. L. J. Peacock, General Zeb Vance Waiser made the speech of welcome and when he had finished he stepped to the chair Col. G. F. Hankins, who directed the proceedings for the rest of the evening.

Mr. Hankins called on Captain F. C. Robbins for a talk on the influence of club life on young men and he delivered a very fine and a very impressive speech. His speech was followed by many others, including addresses by such well known and justly famous post-prandial speakers as L. V. Phillips, G. W. Mountcastle, H. B. Varner, Rev. A. W. Plyler, Dr. J. C. Leonard, Rev. Theodore Andrews, Rev. W. A. Daniel, Dr. D. J. Hill, and others equally famous.

After the speaking the club's guests were invited to make use of the pool and billiard tables, the reading room, and other conveniences and many gathered around the tables in the card room for games of rook, set-back, etc.

The Iroquois Club is one of the town's best assets and it deserves the very large measure of prosperity that it now enjoys. Visitors expressed themselves as being delighted with the club's new quarters and many new applicants for membership will doubtless soon be knocking at the club's doors.

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An Incident Worth Noting.

The following is taken from the Greensboro Daily News of Sunday and will be of interest to the many friends of Rev. W. T. Thompson, Jr., in this city:

The Thomaston Daily News carries one of the most refreshing narratives of the year in its current issue. The author is a former citizen of North Carolina, Rev. W. T. Thompson, who was for a number of years pastor of the Presbyterian church at Lexington, but who recently accepted a call to Knoxville, Tenn. A few days ago the claim agent of the Knoxville Street Railway company received the following communication:

"Knoxville Street Railway: 'Gentlemen: This afternoon at the corner of Eighth street and Highland avenue my automobile and a street car collided. It was entirely my fault and I am sorry the accident occurred. The motorman and conductor were as kind as could be.

'Now, the street car was damaged to some extent—just how much I do not know. Please let me know the amount of the damage that I may send you a check for it. I should have come down this afternoon and attended to this in person but for the fact that I had to leave the city.

'Regretting the occurrence, I am, 'Yours very truly, 'W. TALLIFERRO THOMPSON.'

The clergyman will never know how close he came to being the innocent claim agent; fortunately, though, the gentleman was possessed of a strong heart able to withstand even so tremendous a shock. The news was broken gently to the president of the company, and a letter sent to Mr. Thompson explaining that that was the first communication of the kind the president had seen in his 25 years' experience as a street-car man; that although people sometimes admitted that accidents were due to their own carelessness and not that of the motorman, nobody had ever before offered to pay damages to the company; and that under the circumstances the company would present no bill.

The stand of the company is in its way no less admirable than that of the preacher; but it is scarcely complimentary to our moral standards that so much fuss should be made about the occurrence. It is a reiteration of the old truism that plain honesty is the scarcest thing in the world. With all due respect to the cloth, even the fact that the man in question is a preacher does not rob the story of its value.

Still, there is a measure of satisfaction in it after all. In another day Diogenes searched all his life for an honest man, and searched in vain. That in the modern world the philosopher might have better luck is something to boast of.

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University Extension Work at High Point.

DEMONSTRATORS TO MEET.

Hickory the Gathering Place for Men of Western District Next Week.

Mr. John B. Steele, county farm demonstrator, will leave Monday for Hickory to attend a meeting of the farmers agents of the western district of North Carolina. There will be many agricultural experts present to address the demonstrators and much good will doubtless result from the meeting.

The county agents of farm demonstration now at work in the western district and who will probably all be present at the meeting are E. H. Anderson, Guilford; F. S. Walker, Rockingham; Bruce Anderson, Forsyth; J. C. Dobbins, Yadkin; William P. Holt, Stokes; G. M. Goforth, Caldwell; W. R. L. Bailey, McDowell; J. B. Steele, Davidson; E. L. Perkins, Henderson; W. H. Crumpton, Bowman; A. L. Siler, Macon; R. W. Graeber, Mecklenburg; A. G. Hendren, Wilkes; H. K. Foster, Catawba; R. M. Gidney, Cleveland; J. W. Johnson, Surry; G. E. Dall, Iredell; B. P. Folk, Gaston; R. D. Goodman, Cabarrus; F. E. Patton, Yancey; J. R. Sams, Madison; E. D. Bowditch, Mitchell; Thomas L. Brown, Haywood; E. D. Weaver, Buncombe.

These men in 1914 worked a total of 6,733 days, made 49,979 visits to farmers, traveled 69,081 miles, by rail 22,101 miles, visited 560 schools, talked to 29,156 school children, held 495 public meetings, speaking to 31,384 farmers, and wrote 9,153 letters.

E. S. Millsaps, the district agent, received during 1914 2,569 letters, forwarded 3,037 letters, made 36 visits to agents, traveled by rail 13,647 miles, traveled by team 1,157 miles, held 70 public meetings and spoke to 9,332 persons.

These figures represent merely the physical work of the men engaged in farm demonstration work in the western district. According to Mr. Millsaps, the results obtained are too big for a short report and that during the seven years of demonstration work in the state the results have amounted to almost a revolution in agriculture.

He says the yield of corn has increased more than 20,000,000 bushels; wheat over 2,000,000 bushels and cotton more than 500,000 bales. All other crops have increased in the same proportion.

He goes on further to say that when this work was started a farm house screened from flies was an exception—now the unscreened house is the exception. At the beginning of the work only a few counties were doing improved road work—now it is a mighty poor county that is not doing some good road work.

The change in school work has been remarkable and along every line of rural improvement the farm demonstrators have been active promoters. Perhaps every creamery in the state has started since this work began.

Mr. Millsaps is very enthusiastic over the work. He says that although the agricultural awakening has been slow, it is really just beginning and that when the state has an even hundred demonstrators still, greater results will be accomplished.

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WAR NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD.

Since End of January Teutonic Allies Have Captured Over 140,000 Men.

Both Germany and Russia agree there has been a severe defeat of the Russians in East Prussia, but they differ with reference to its actual importance. Whatever has happened to the Russian Tenth Army it at least has been driven back many miles and one army corps, numbering 40,000, has been badly cut up.

Since the end of January the Teutonic Allies, according to official reports from Berlin and Vienna, have captured 140,000 men, including 71 officers. Among these are seven generals. These prisoners include those made in East Prussia and in the fighting in the Carpathians. In addition 193 guns are said to have been taken.

In the West Zeppelins have come into action. One has bombarded Calais, dropping 10 bombs which killed five people. A German dirigible whether the Zeppelin which bombarded Calais or another has dropped bombs on the railroad running from Dunkirk to St. Omer, according to a news agency.

The official statement issued by the French War Office records the bombardment of Rheims by the Germans and the loss of a considerable number of lives. At the same time it reports advances for the Allies in the neighborhood of Sonain between the Argonne and the Meuse and in Alsace.

The British Prime Minister has informed the House of Commons that the Allied Governments still are considering methods of reprisals against Germany for its naval policy, and that he hoped to announce the scope of the measures at an early date.

Only 15 men from the American steamer Evelyn, which was sunk off Borkum Island, have been definitely accounted for. They were picked up by a Dutch pilot ship. Another boat, believed to contain 13 members of the crew of the Evelyn, has not been heard from.

Much anxiety is said to exist at Curhaven over the absence of two large submarines which are two days over at their base.

The Scandinavian government's representatives are holding a conference on Germany's sea war zone proclamation.

The Prussian Diet has appropriated \$25,000,000 to be used in alleviating the sufferings of persons affected by the war.

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