

CRIMINAL COURT BEGINS.

INTERESTING CASES ON DOCKET.

A Number of Minor Offenders Quickly Disposed Of—Walter Daniels Forfeits a Bond by Non-Appearance—Hearing of the Testimony in the Case Against "Bill" Hasten Charged With Selling Whiskey Near Gideon Church—Counsel Employed by Congregation to Assist in Prosecution—Judge Allen's Warning to a Witness—Solicitor Clarkson Attacking the Work Like a Veteran—True Bill Against Little.

The December criminal term of Mecklenburg Superior Court was begun yesterday morning, with one of the largest dockets ever known here. Judge W. R. Allen presided. Solicitor Heriot Clarkson went at his work like a veteran and did his full share in the despatch of business. The court room and corridor outside was crowded with witnesses, defendants, lawyers and curiosity seekers.

Walter Daniels, who had been pardoned by Governor Aycock, after conviction of gambling, on the condition that he would put up a \$500 bond for his appearance at court, did not answer to his name and the bond was forfeited, his bondsmen being Dr. R. J. Brevard and P. W. Shuman, deceased.

C. H. Dudley, charged with abandonment, paid the costs. Isaac Jackson, for an assault, was fined \$15 and the costs.

R. F. Kirkpatrick, C. A. Fuller and S. R. Bennett were charged with an affray. The first named was fined \$10 and the costs, and the others were made to pay the costs.

William Wright, for an assault, was fined \$5 and the costs. Dora McManus was made to pay the costs for trespassing.

W. T. Rushton, for carrying concealed weapons, had to pay \$5 and the costs. Charlie Reeves and John Williams, colored, for gambling, were fined \$10 and the costs each.

Will Probst, for carrying concealed weapons, had to pay \$10 and the costs. Charlie Sams got the same medicine for the same offence.

Willie Black got 30 days on the roads for cruelty to animals. In the afternoon a case of apparently little importance was thoroughly threshed out. It was that of three negroes, Luther Gordon, Henry Davidson and Ern Broadway, who had a scrap on the night the circus was here.

Mr. E. T. Cansler represented Gordon and Broadway, while ex-Judge Frank I. Osborne appeared for Davidson. There were many witnesses, and they testified how Gordon and Broadway had jumped from a wagon on the Rozzell's Perry road and the former became engaged in a fight with Davidson. The latter was a yellow negro, while the others were black. This fact was in some way responsible for the fight according to the epithets which witnesses said were used.

Judge Allen fined Gordon and Davidson \$5 and the costs each, and discharged Broadway. Then came up a very interesting case which took up the greater part of the afternoon and is not yet concluded. W. C. Hasten, who lives out near the Gideon A. R. P. church, was charged with retailing liquor. A committee appointed from the church engaged Mr. Crawford D. Bennett to assist Solicitor Clarkson in the prosecution. The defendant, who is well-known in the county and has had lots of trouble with the courts, was represented by Judge Osborne, Mr. A. B. Justice and Plummer Stewart. The case was vigorously prosecuted and defended.

Willis P. Howard, a young, sandy-haired man, was the principal witness against Hasten. He testified that he had bought liquor from the defendant last April.

"How did you pay for it?" asked the solicitor.

"Well, I took about 50 cents worth of peas to his store, and got in return for it, a half-pint of liquor, three bottles of beer and the rest—10 cents change. I traded out also. The testimony about the beer was ruled out, as it is not named in the indictment."

Judge Osborne took the witness in hand. "Did you ever tell anybody that if Bill wasn't convicted you wouldn't get your money back?"

"I said I reckon I'd get paid." After a few more such questions and answers, it was evident that the witness did not understand, for when Mr. Clarkson asked him point blank, "Have you been promised any money for testifying in this case?" he answered in a surprised way, "No, sir."

The next witness was Lester Rogers, an uncle of Howard. He got on the stand in a rather peculiar fashion, and made an answer to the first question put to him in a very voluble manner.

"You saw that liquor Howard had?" asked Mr. Clarkson.

"Yes, sir," in a loud voice.

"What did he tell you he gave for it?"

and M. W. Van Felt were witnesses to the food character of Hasten. Mr. W. Biddle, who, with Mr. M. B. Alexander, are paying counsel to assist in prosecuting Hasten, went on the stand and said that Hasten's reputation was bad. Mr. W. C. Crosby, a teacher, and Mr. W. T. Cashlon, also gave Hasten a bad reputation so far as whiskey-selling went.

At this period the court stopped the trial in order to transact a little formal business in the line of submissions. The trial will be continued to-day.

The grand jury returned a true bill against Ephraim and Clayton Little, charging them with the murder of John Thompson. There will be about a dozen witnesses, although only the two men, and one companion, saw the affair. Thompson was killed in Mallard Creek township several weeks ago, his body being undiscovered for a week after death. The wife of one of the Littles is said to have acted so as to arouse the jealousy of her husband, and it was directed towards Thompson.

The following are the jurors: First week—J. K. Alexander, S. A. Armstrong, J. Wilson Alexander, W. A. Allen, J. P. Cashlon, Mack Wilson, W. S. Caldwell, W. E. Hitt, Sr., Adolph Freeman, S. M. Hinson, Frank P. Dixon, J. B. Hudson, G. W. Little, Joe A. Freeman, W. E. King, W. C. McWhirter, W. L. Long, John G. Fisher, A. M. Sammons, R. B. Baxter, W. E. Chambers, W. E. Campbell, T. C. McGinn, W. B. Beattie.

Second week—M. W. Cranford, James N. Gibson, J. G. Moes, J. H. Bigham, J. P. Youngblood, James A. Knox, E. E. Barnett, R. H. Caruthers, W. M. Crowell, T. S. Berryhill, J. J. Hutchison, Holt Armour, G. L. McAuley, P. H. Phelan, Joseph Garibaldi, Chas. Bell, J. E. Brown, J. C. McClure, W. D. Alexander, P. P. Alexander, J. G. Frazier, W. Mack Smith, W. T. Holder, H. G. L. Rea.

AT ELIZABETH COLLEGE. Two Lectures Delivered Last Evening by Rev. B. S. Brown, of China Grove, and Mrs. Thurston, of the Y. W. C. A. Mission Work—Memorial Service by Churchmen Society—The Diocesan Programme.

At Elizabeth College yesterday evening there were given two lectures, both of which were instructive and thoroughly enjoyable. The first lecture was given by Rev. B. S. Brown, of China Grove, this being one of a series of lectures arranged for by President King to be given at the college this session.

The first in the series having been given by Dr. L. A. Lox, of Salem, Va., about three weeks ago.

Rev. Mr. Brown took for his theme, "Life or Existence," and treated it in a philosophical and practical manner. He said that existence was in two forms, material and immaterial. Generally speaking, body is material and life immaterial, but man is a combination of material and immaterial—the material body and the immaterial spirit. In plant life, the body, the material, never dies and the life does, but in human existence, both body and life are imperishable. For the body does not depend on perishable life, but has its life by combination with the imperishable soul of man. Then, the body can never, after all, be destroyed. It may be changed, and life takes, after what we call death, the body again—life and body changed and glorified.

The speaker then suggested the practical lessons that could be drawn from the thoughts and left it with his hearers to draw these lessons. A mere outline can not do justice to Mr. Brown's lecture as the close sequence of thought and gradual development of ideas in the address cannot be appreciated in a condensed summary.

Mr. Brown was followed by Mrs. Thurston, who has been attending the Y. W. C. A. convention in the city. Mrs. Thurston represents the mission-ary branch of the students' volunteer movement. She gave yesterday evening a most interesting lecture in her work in mission college in Turkey and described the home life, the child life, the intellectual life and the spiritual life of the people. She closes by calling attention to the fact that it is our duty and our responsibility to impart to others some of the benefits we have received, that we, like Christ, are not here merely to be ministered unto, but to minister and to return something of that which we have received.

The music for the occasion was furnished by Professor Zehin at the organ, and the speakers were introduced by President King.

The following programme will be rendered at this evening in the hall of the Christian Literary Society in memory of Miss Lillian Smith, who was a member of the society, and whose sad death occurred on November 27th: December sixth, 1883-1904.

Lillian Smith. God calls our loved ones, but we lose not what wholly who He has given us. They live on earth in thought and deed as truly as in heaven. Whittier, A Lament. Head of the President of the Society.

Miss Elizabeth Cargile. Miss Elsie Hyams. Memor. Miss Elsie Longfellow. Resignation. Miss Mary King. Whittier. Gode. Miss Helen Thyne. Whittier. Crossing the Bar. Miss Lillian Willing.

The Diocesan Literary Society will also hold its meeting this evening with the following programme: THE DRAMA. 1. Origin of the Drama, Miss Corriker. 2. Miss Hedges. 3. Comparison of Modern with Ancient Drama, Miss Onley. 4. Sketch of Some of Shakespeare's Greatest Dramas, Miss Bryant.

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THE CITY ALDERMEN MEET

HOLD THEIR REGULAR SESSION.

Business of Minor Importance Transacted Last Night—Aldermen Ross and Withers Change Their Wards and Are Elected the One to Succeed the Other—Fifth Street Fire Department Petition for Increase in Salary—Mr. Cramer Buys a Strip From the City, Adjoining His Property—New Lights—Resolutions on the Death of Dr. O'Donoghue.

The board of aldermen met in regular monthly session last night at the city hall, with Mayor P. M. Brown presiding, and the presence of the Messrs. J. H. Wearn, J. B. McLaughlin, and W. L. Long.

Alderman Ross, who has moved from the First to the Second Ward, was elected to the position of alderman from the Second Ward, vacated by the removal of Alderman Withers from the Second to the First Ward, and Alderman Withers was elected to Alderman Ross's place. In effect, it was merely an interchange.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting were dispensed with, upon motion. The first item read from Mr. C. O. Squires, asking that he be excused from paying taxes on property purchased from Mr. J. P. Long, which he had not secured a deed to. Upon motion, it was decided that the matter be referred and the tax put where it belongs.

A petition was read from the Fifth street fire department branch, asking that they be allowed the property. The motion by Mr. McNinch, the matter was referred to the fire committee to report back to the board.

A letter was read from Mr. Stuart W. Cramer, offering \$200 for the strip of 9 feet between his residence at the corner of Morehead and South Brevard streets, and that owned by the city and Alderman Withers. Mr. Cramer wants the property to protect his splendid residence and plot from the possibility of future encroachment on his light and air by the erection of high buildings on the property. The present lot occupied by Prof. Graham has a frontage of 100 feet on South Brevard street. The price Mr. Cramer offers is on a basis of \$2,000 for a 30-foot front lot in the street, which is liberal indeed, above the market. The board decided to sell the strip to Mr. Cramer at the price he offered.

A petition from property owners in the vicinity of the corner of East Fourth and Long streets was read, asking for a light to be placed there. There is at present no light within two feet in all directions from the corner. Mr. Cramer offers to place there a light angled very badly at the corner of Twelfth and Poplar streets. Mr. Cramer moved that the board consider the installation of both lights, and upon motion, the matter was referred to the light committee with power to act.

Mr. McNinch offered and moved the adoption of the following resolutions which were seconded by Mr. Cramer: "Resolved, that this body regrets to learn of the death of Dr. O'Donoghue, of our city, who was recently associated with us in our civic administration, and in his death we have lost a noble and patriotic citizen, and to this acknowledge his valuable services to our city during his three terms as alderman." The mayor appointed the entire board as a committee and said that he hoped that as many as possible would attend the funeral services.

Upon motion the board then adjourned.

Funeral of Dr. O'Donoghue This Morning. Bishop Low Haid arrived in the city last night, and will conduct to-day the funeral services of the late Dr. Dennis O'Donoghue, which will take place at St. Peter's Catholic church, beginning at 10 o'clock. After the usual religious high mass, the remains will be taken to Belmont for interment. Delegations from the board of aldermen, the Charlotte Medical Society, and the Knights of Columbus will attend officially, while the many personal friends of the beloved dead will doubtless send their presence at the last sad rites.

The city school board will meet this evening at 7 o'clock in the city hall.

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