REAL BLAND THERE TERM UDGE BRYAN SCARES THE BOYS

to Court Ever Like the One Now in Session in Charlotte—The House Will Not Hold the Throngs of De-fendants, Witnesses and Spectators The Facts were to the effect that the figure. The facts were to the effect that the figure. The facts were to the effect that the figure. The facts were to the effect that the figure. The facts were to the effect that the figure. The facts were to the effect that the figure. The facts were to the effect that the figure. The facts were to the effect that the figure. The facts were to the effect that the figure. The facts were to the effect that the figure. The facts were to the effect that the figure. The facts were to the effect that the figure. The facts were to the effect that the figure. The facts were to the effect that the figure. The facts were to the effect that the figure. The facts were to the effect that the figure. The facts were to the effect that the figure. The facts were to the effect that the figure. The facts were to the effect that the facts were to the facts were to the effect that the facts were the facts were

The February criminal term of the the county roads. yesterday morning with Judge Henry failing to appear as a witness after R. Bryan, of Newbern, presiding, and he had been summand. was called out and fined \$80. Solicitor Heriot Clarkson and Mr. Cameron Morrison representing the State and the Law and Order League. respectively, prosecuting. There are something over 300 cases on the docket, 200 of which were sent up from the recorder's court. About two thirds of these cases are for selling liquor.

There has never been a more interesting assembly than that at the court yesterday morning. It was democratle in the broadest sense of the word. As front of the judge, the Charlotte lawhers occupied seats. To the left were grand jurymen who were to pass on every case and mark upon it either "true bill" or "no true bill." To the left sat a number of petit jurors, all rendy and waiting for a case. Clerk Russell and his deputy, Mr. W. M. Moore, Sheriff N. W. Wallace and his jailor, Mr. E. O. Johnson, and Mr. as they made ready for business. The presented the side of the State,

But the most interesting section of the congregation lay behind the rail. of the pale, where the common herd did foregather and wait for some There were rich thing to turn up. poor people, pale people, pink people, black people and others. Ambug the sinners were a few of the other cass, for Rev. W. W. Orr and one o other members of the Law and Order League were there to pass the time of day with their attorney.
In "Nigger Hebben." the gallery just

bove the rear end of the main hall. veral hundred Afro-Americans had thered to hear and witness the prolittle dark at best, reminded an looker of a swarm of black birds in the low grounds. Many of them were interested in cases, either as defendants or witnesses. Some were common spectators. taken all in all the crowd

of the greatest ever seen Mecklepburg county court

The grand jury, composed of the following named good citizens the county, W. J. Chamb the county, W. J. Chambers, foreman; G. R. Todd, J. A. Fasnacht, S. B. Porter, J. M. Miller, J. M. Renfrew, Thomas B. White, D. H. Cowan, R. J. Hunter, W. T. Alexander, E. F. Sinclair, J. W. Mock, M. C. Crosby, James F. Peare D. J. Downs, I. W. Schorn and W. A. Caldwell, was charged by the Judge on the criminal law. Judge Bryan was court especially plain in his remarks concerning city or county officials buying closer goods from themselves, and railroad Creek. of life. The criminal law covering such crimes should be rigidly en

were indicted for an affray. The ne-groes had fought but without doing any damage. They were drunk at the The case of Life Huntley and his gal.

time and Ivey threatened to cut Wat- Hattle, was called but Mr. Plummer son's throat. Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick, who defended the darkies, put Rev. D. M. Austin on the stand to testi'v as to Ivey's character.

"What do you know about this boy?" asked the attorney.

Austin, known him for 15 years and he is a good negro. His father has tried to raise him right, and I never heard of him getting drunk until this one time and he admits that no Richmond, got a jug of whiskey and drank too much."

Others swore that Ivey had a figur rate character. Col. Kirkpatrick had succeeded in presenting pretty good begrees to the court and a med willing to rest there. He had submitted his elient and pleaded the mercy of the judge. Therefore, when he sat down all ears were to the ground to see what his honor would do.

"Six months on the county roa is for livey and four for Wilson. Call the next case

That was a stunner, and a cold chill passed up and down and the aigh and across the back of every defendant in ear shot of the bench "Judge, please your honor, could you

not make that a fine?" begged Col. Kirkpatrick, grabbing at a last straw. "No," was the reply.
But later the court did relent and

the sentence was changed to fines of \$50 and \$40 respectively.
On the portion just outside of the court room, Judge Bryan was dis-

just "drapped out to ketch er bref of air," before the next case came up. were taking the matter seriously. "Humph, I tell you dat air jedge is done made me sick," said one. "Did you see how he flung de hooks in dem niggers des für fightin? Yes, sir, dat

sho' do look bad fur dem what's "spectin' mercy at his cote." Inside, heavy, oppressive silence had fallen over the common herd, and the

lawyers were looking said. Col. Kirkpatrick was unable to rally until he took a turn in the open air.
The next defendant was Ambrose

Wallace, who was accused of toting a pistol and breaking up a colored festival by starting a "rucus" The old darkey, who testified against him "He shot de nigger what was callin' figgers and brung de festival to a sudden eend." Mr. Abernethy, for whom Ambrose works, said a good word for him and the judge made th fine \$10, and later changed it to \$5. ert Cuthbertson, colored, was sent to the chain gang for six months for carrying a concealed weapon. Nathan Lindsay and Levy Berry were fined to each and taxed with the costs for an affray, J. B. Hall, white, was made to pay a fine of \$7 and the comis for carrying a pistol. The same thing happened to O. B. West, white. For forcible trespass Thomas Watkins was taxed with the costs and required to

Platt Kennedy, a little, black negro,

Agonizing Burns

tre Instantly relieved, and perfectly healed, by Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

C. Rivenbark, Jr., of Norfolk, Va., orlice: "I burnt my knee dreadfully; that it blistered all over. Bucklen's Arnica Salve stopped the pain, and bested it without a scar." Also hem a All wounds and soves. 25c, at B. H. Jordan & Co.'s, Druggista.

is years of age, was charged with hitting a street urchin. Abram by name, on the head with a tock. It will be recalled that this incident occurred near the square saveral weeks ago. Abram is a thry foreigner who lives in the streets, and is well known along West Trade. It is cause was championed by Mr. R. H. Matthews, the main witness in the case, who had seen the negro knock the boy down. championed by Mr. R. H. Matthews
The First Shot Out of the Box
His Honor Makes the Weak-Kneed
Fale Under the Gills and Sick at
Heart—Solicitor Clarkson and Mr.
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sentenced the negro to six months on The February criminal term of the Tom Wilson, colored was fined \$3 Mecklenburg Superior Court convened for carrying knucks, Mr. W. M. Yates.

James H. King, the blind wine seller, who has figured in several courts prior to this, appeared to give an account citizenship. Mr. Plummer Stewart, his attorney, spoke for him. "This man, please your honor," said Mr. Stewart, "was indicted here for

selling wine in quantities less than a gallen. He did not know that he was breaking the law. He submitted and the judge was merciful to him. He one entered the door he had to elbow obey the law in the future and to appear before he could see the light. On the bench sat Judge Bryan, a man of that he could sell the wine, his own years and dignity, and aristocratic brow. In the bar, immediately in any one have less than a gallon in a any one have less than a gallon in a lot. He followed my instructions to the letter, but later we found that he was breaking the law which says that wine cannot be sold within a certain dis-tance of a church. Technically, he is guilty but I am responsible for it, as

I failed to find the act when I looked I hope you will give him anoher chance. Here Solicitor Clarkson arose and

"Please your bonor, I do not believe foregoing named persons made up the that there is a spot in this county where it is legal to sell liquor or wine in this county of any kind. I do not see why thin man, afflicted as he is, does not quit this. He was let off before because of his blindness. He has wine scattered all through that country and he seems compelled to sell it. A man who sells liquor is like a dog that sucks eggs. he will go back to it if he has the liquor. Let him pour it out or get rid of it some other way.

At the thought of pouring out the wine there was a perceptible shudder and drawing up of mouths. One two old sots drew in big mouthfuls ex-Pollceman J. S. Yandle, who owns of air.

man." said Mr. Stewart, edings of court. The place, being a all right. He can prove a good chartle dark at best, reminded an on-acter. I do not want him abused. Please your honor, I want the prayer of the court continued and I will see

that he gets rid of his wine."
"How much has he?" asked Judge Bryan while the congregation rose half way up to hear the better.

"About 500 gallons." Several left the room at this juncthey could not stand the pressure. One fellow, as he struck the por thee, said: "Think of it! Wine, 500 gallons and not a drop to drink! Why. didn't know that there was that such in the State." "Not that much," declared Mr. King.

About 250 gallons," They drink wine at Wadesboro, said Judge Bryan, with a serious face. "Mr. Stowart do what you can to help him get rid of it," suggested the

The thirsty throng moved a little closer to the gentleman from Goose

men who are responsible for accidents. The wine will be sold if any place He touched but lightly on the blind can be found where it is not against He declared that he thought the law to let it go. Some one sugthat there were entirely too many railroad accidents and that somebody against the town, and could afford to
should be held responsible for the loss loss the wine, he might approunce might announce lose the wine, he covering that on a certain day he would "pour mes should be rigidly en out the stuff," as Mr. Clarkson sug-"It is time for the grand jury gested, and depopulate the city. That to investigate," said Judge Bryan, in would be as mean as the tramp who Everything was attention when the ants and undermine the town of first case was called. Two negro Greensboro. The man who suggested boys, Harvey Ivey and John Watson, the idea to Mr. King was likened to Mark Twain's man who corrupted the

town of Heidelberg.

Ask any "JAP" that you may see, Why the Czar, with Bear behind," had to climb a tree. The Yanks, God bless the Yanks,

says he. They gave us Rocky Mountain Tea. R. H. Jordan & Co



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The case of Will Jenkins, colored. The case of Will Jenkins, colored, charged with running a blind tiger, was brought up, Jalier Johnson notified the court that Jenkins was real sick. Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick spoke in behalf of the defendant, who is a client of his, saying: "Judge, as the sheriff and the jailer well-know (and it is no fault of theirs) the fall is in a bad way. A sick negro cannot get any rest there, and I believe that humanity demands that you send this boy to the county home, or somewhere else."

Mr. Clarkson agreed to let him go to the Good Samaritan Hospital.

"Let him go at once," said Judge Bryan Court adjourned for dinner at 1 o'clock

The following cases were disposed of in the afternoon: John Clifton, Pink Alexander and Arthur Wyatt, colored, and J. F. McIlwain, white, carrying concealed weapons. Clifton and Mc-Ilwain were fined \$5 and costs each: Alexander and Wyatt \$7 and costs

F. A. Brown and Tom Simpson white, who were arrested last week on the charge of playing poker, were find \$7 and costs each.

Messrs, J. C. Palmer and Robert Gray, Jr., who were tried at a recent erm of the court on the charge of retailing whiskey at the Gray drug store, were arraigned to testify that they had not dispensed any straight booze or "don't care" drinks with whiskey in them, since the last term of court. Solicitor Clarkson and Mr. Morrison were simply tuning their instruments yesterday and they will open up with lively piece or two to-day. fully intend to walk about among the ligers, and if they succeed a shortage of hoe hands will follow. The good roads work will prosper.

DO NOT LIKE THE ELEVATION. A. F. Starnes and J. S. Yandle

Will Sue the City for \$1,700 and 8500 Respectively for Excavating Brevard Street in Front of Their Property-They Suffer Mental An-

Mr. A. F. Starnes, who runs a groresidence just beside the store, have instituted suit against the city for damages on account of the excavation of the street just in front of their re-spective places. Mr. Starnes will be satisfied with a verdict for \$1,700 and Mr. Yandle would like to have \$500.

The case is an unique one. A few months ago the city to give a better outlet from the city to North Charlotte and the new Highland Park and Meck-lenburg Mills and to enable the 4C's to build a line to that section, ordered the street excavated and a grade crossing made. The buildings in ques-tion were just above the old street. The excavation was about 10 feet and under the title of R. A. Lee & Comnow the Starnes store and Yandle respany, have dissolved co-partnership. idence has something of the appearance of an elevated pigeon house

IN THE CITY POLICE COURT. Three Blind Tigers Arraigned—Two Initiates for Order of Boose Artists —Pickaninnies Fight.

The array of blind tigers in the city The array of blind tigers in the city police court yesterday morning consisted of John Key, John Barnes and Henry Robinson, colored, the latter two of whom had been caught by Patrolman Christenbury in a freight car, which they were using as an improved saloon. The court consumed little time in hearing the cases and the three offenders were bound over to the present term of the Superior Court present term of the Superior Court and sent to jail.

J. T. Traywick, white, was arraign-under the recent decision of the Supreme Court to the effect that a man who acts as agent is gullty of retail-ing. Mr. Traywick had gotten some whiskey on two occasions for a friend. He was bound over to the Superior

Court. Jesse Owens, an old veteran, and Jim Black were initiated into the order of Booze Artists. The initiation fee was \$5 in either case.

Alfred Palmer and Ernest Twitty.
two pickaninnies who had "flung"
rocks at each other, were fined \$3 and

STORE OF M. C. COGGINS BURNED

the costs for their dic diversion.

Damage Estimated at \$1,400-Roof of Adjoining House Also Burned— Kitchen of Mrs. Catherine Roediger

Catches Fire.

The store of Mr. M. C. Coggins, situated at No. 316 East Twelfth was discovered in flames yesterday morning at 3:40 o'clock and an alarm was turned in at once from box No. The department responded immediately but the fire had reached that stage where neither the store building nor its contents could be saved. The root of the adjoining house caught fire but the flames were extinguished. Mr. Coggins estimates that his damage mething like \$1,400, while the damage to the adjoining residence will be something in the neighborhood of \$300. Both store and residence belonged to

Mrs. Elizabeth Hunter. Fire was discovered in the kitchen of Mrs. Catherine Roediger, at 301 North-Church street at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The flames were extinguished by the chemical engine and the damage was small.

To Organize Brass Band. There is a very strong movement on foot to re-organize the old Charlotte brass band. Two meetings for practice have already been held and considerable enthusiasm has been manifested at each. At the practice several nights ago, there were 18 present. The movement which is designed to give the city a first class band is to be commended and should meet with hearty co-opera-

Mr. H. J. Gregg to Establish Office. Messrs, R. A. Lee and H. J. Gregg, who for the past several years have been in the cotton business together pany, have dissolved co-partnership. Mr. R. A. Lee will continue the business at the same stand, over the Char-The gentlemen bringing the suits do lotte Drug Store, while Mr. Gregg will not like their elevation. They say that go into business on his own account, they feel as though they were living. He has not yet secured his office.



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