

COURT CALENDAR ARRANGED.

30 Cases Set for Trial at the January Term of the Mecklenburg Superior Court—18 Cases Against the Life Insurance Company of Virginia—Several Cases Sent Back From the Supreme Court.

The Charlotte bar met in the law library yesterday afternoon and arranged the calendar of cases to be disposed of at the January civil term of the Mecklenburg Superior Court, which will convene the 14th instant, with Judge W. R. Allen, of Goldsboro, presiding. The calendar comprises 30 cases, including 18 against the Life Insurance Company of Virginia and several that have been tried in the local court before and were taken to the State Supreme Court and sent back for a new trial.

The calendar follows: Monday, the 14th: Ely M. Smith vs. Frankie R. Smith, P. N. Glenn vs. Ada B. Glenn, Samuel Hayes vs. A. & C. A. L. Railway Company, John Boyd vs. Southern Railway Company, H. L. Creighton and wife vs. Board of Water Commissioners, W. W. Stein and wife vs. North Carolina Railway Company, J. W. Shaw vs. Highland Park Manufacturing Company, W. Z. Clanton vs. W. H. Price.

Tuesday: W. M. Smith, administrator vs. Charlotte Electric Railway, Harry J. Overcash vs. Charlotte Electric Railway, Light and Power Company, Jasper Hillier vs. A. & C. A. L. Railway Company, Jeff Wilson vs. Maggie Wilson.

Wednesday: William Sprinkle and others vs. Charles S. Holton et al., J. B. Ross & Co. vs. S. A. L. Railway Company, Knox & Brown vs. Southern Railway Company, Knox & Brown vs. Southern Railway Company, James A. Cathart vs. Life Insurance Company of Virginia, Charles Faust vs. Catawba Power Company, A. J. Stewart vs. Catawba Power Company, Jane E. Strunge vs. Life Insurance Company of Virginia, John W. Weddington vs. Life Insurance Company of Virginia, A. F. Starnes vs. City of Charlotte, Dr. J. A. Austin vs. City of Charlotte.

Friday: J. M. Sikes and wife vs. Life Insurance Company of Virginia, John M. Boyd, administrator, vs. A. & C. A. L. Railway Company, J. F. Woodside vs. Life Insurance Company of Virginia, Elizabeth Bugner vs. Thomasville Spoke Company, F. H. Andrews vs. Rena Tompkins, W. E. Austin and wife vs. Life Insurance Company of Virginia.

Saturday: C. L. Blackwelder vs. Life Insurance Company of Virginia, Gregory B. Givens vs. A. & C. A. L. Railway Company. Monday, the 21st: Z. S. Bennick vs. Life Insurance Company of Virginia, Edmund Ritch and wife vs. Life Insurance Company of Virginia, T. O. Squires and wife vs. Life Insurance Company of Virginia, J. P. Yandle vs. City of Charlotte, Joe P. Brown, administrator, vs. A. T. and O. Railway Company, T. R. Brinkley and wife vs. Western Union Telegraph Company.

Tuesday: J. S. Robinson vs. Life Insurance Company of Virginia, John Barnes vs. the Atherton Mill, J. D. Helms vs. L. A. Ferguson, administrator, Walter C. Cathey, vs. R. B. Smith.

Wednesday: Phillip Carey Manufacturing Company vs. C. E. Moore and Wife, C. E. Moore vs. Phillip Carey Manufacturing Company, E. L. Thompson vs. Southern Railway Company, William McCain vs. S. A. L. Railway Company, W. B. White vs. Maggie A. White and others.

Thursday: Mecklenburg Flour Mills vs. Southern Railway Company, H. B. Sterrett vs. J. W. Wadsworth and Co., W. M. Kirk vs. E. T. Kirk, S. J. Christenbury vs. E. C. Sweet.

THE PRESBYTERY MEETS.

Rev. A. D. Colt Preaches Ordination Sermon—Will be Ordained at Second Presbyterian Church Sunday Evening—Movement for Larger Salaries in Country and Small Churches—The Noel Case.

The Mecklenburg Presbytery held an adjourned meeting at the First Presbyterian church yesterday, and had an interesting session, several matters of importance being passed upon. Rev. A. D. Colt, recently called to be co-pastor of the Second Presbyterian church with Rev. Dr. Martin D. Hardin, was examined for ordination and preached his ordination sermon. Mr. Colt will be ordained and installed Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, the services to be in charge of a commission consisting of Rev. Dr. M. D. Hardin, Rev. Alexander Martin and A. R. Shaw and Mr. J. H. Wear.

A paper from the elders and deacons of Tenth Avenue Presbyterian church asking that a meeting of the officers of the churches in the Presbytery be called for the purpose of discussing an increase of salary for the pastors of small churches and churches in the country, was read and adopted by the body. It is stated that, although the price of necessities have advanced much during the last few years there has been little or no increase in salaries, and that the present salaries are in no wise commensurate with the services rendered.

The Presbytery, in adopting the paper, decided to set aside one day during the spring meeting of the body, which will be held at Sugar Creek church early in April, for the meeting of the officers for the discussion of the salary matter.

The case of Rev. Lucien D. Noel, formerly co-pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, against whom charges were preferred several months ago, alleging that he had mistreated his family and had been guilty of conduct unbecoming a minister and a gentleman, was discussed at length. Finally the case was continued indefinitely and resolutions were passed suspending Mr. Noel from his official ministerial functions until the case is disposed of. The resolution was without censure. Mr. Noel has been away from Charlotte more than a year, and his present whereabouts are not known.

FALL CAUSED HIS DEATH.

Negro Jumps From Freight Train and Lands on Head.

John Bookman, a negro who came to this section of the country from Jonesville, S. C., and worked for the Seaboard Air Line Road, jumped from the local freight coming from Monroe to Charlotte, yesterday morning, just this side of Sardis, and fell on his head, receiving injuries that resulted in his death a few hours later.

There seems to be some mystery connected with the fatal leap from the train; no one can say why Bookman took it. He had not been working for some time, but was on his way back to Charlotte to take up his old job.

He remains here brought to the undertaking establishment of A. S. Hovis & Co. They will be sent to the negro's home.

COL. COIT'S NEIGHBOR.

He Brought Down a Bunch of Steers and a Pair of Mustaches From Watauga County.

Early yesterday, when the farmers were beginning to congregate about the square, a tall, bony, clear-eyed man, with high cheek bones and long mustache, stood against the mailbox at Jordan's corner. Two Observer men were nosing around for some sort of a sensation. The older one said to his companion: "Look at that pair of mustaches over there!"

"Here comes Col. R. O. Coit," said the younger man, "let's see if he can tell us who he is."

"I bet that he is not a native of these parts," added the first speaker. "Col. Coit, there is the only man in this country that has a longer pair of mustaches than your own. Turn and view him!"

The colonel wheeled about, shot his shoulders up a time or two, shook all over, giggled and said: "He is my neighbor. Come here Woodie!"

The reporters shivered, for they did not know but what the stranger had heard some part of their remarks about his great mustache. But, no sooner had the words left Col. Coit's lips than did the visitor turn and smile.

"These are my newspaper friends, Woodie, they are good fellows, watch," said Col. Coit. "They will write you up."

Col. Coit was very gracious in his introduction. "What are you doing here, Col. Woodie?" asked one of the scribes. "Bringing in a bunch of cattle from Watauga."

"How many have you?" "Thirty-two."

Col. Woodie's steers weighed from 900 to 1,250 pounds apiece and brought from \$3.50 to \$4 a hundred. Col. Woodie comes from Shull's Mills.

THE LYERLY MURDER TRIAL.

It Will Come Up at Stanly Court Next Week.

The negroes, charged with complicity in the Lyerly murders at Barber's Junction last summer, will be tried at Stanly court next week.

Those accused are Della, the widow of Jack Dillingham, who was unlawfully hung at Salisbury, with Nease and John Gillespie, and Henry Gillespie and George Irvin, and they are here in the Mecklenburg county jail.

There is considerable speculation as to the result of the trial of these negroes. Men who have studied negroes do not believe that as shrewd a negro as Nease Gillespie would have taken a whole pack of so dastardly a crime as the one that was done in Rowan. Those who forget their prejudice against the negro do not believe that the women had anything to do with the murder of the Lyerlys. It is pretty generally believed that the guilty negroes died at the ends of lynchmen's ropes at Salisbury. Therefore, the interest in the coming cases is very insignificant.

There are some who say, "Well, we ought to hang the other three and get rid of that many more negroes." Such persons are not humans, much less Christians.

Mr. C. H. Hix a Visitor.

Mr. C. H. Hix, general superintendent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, with headquarters at Portsmouth, Va., spent yesterday in the city. He left last night, but may return here to-night. He is busy straightening out the freight business on his road in this section of the State.

Mr. W. A. Garrett general manager of the Seaboard, is expected here within the next few days.

Charlotte has become quite a centre for big railroad men. Mr. Ascert and Mr. Seale, of the Southern, were here last week.

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THE BIG DUFFERS MAN.

He is Disappointed in the Dress, the Face and the Speech of a Winner That he had Picked—An Interesting Story.

"One morning I thought I had picked a winner," said the Big Duffer, who has just returned from an extended Western tour, but a bridal party a night-meeting tour, to an Observer man yesterday afternoon, "but he fell down on me."

"It was in a city of size and reputation. Seeing a large and commodious eight-seater automobile car I engaged a seat for a turn around the town. I was one among the last few of the 50 or more passengers to get in. Being fond of studying people I began to look about me and scan my fellow travelers. After devoting some time to the ladies of the party my eyes fell upon a very distinguished looking gentleman on the front seat, with the driver."

"That's the statesman of the group," said I to myself, as I admired his long gray locks, his splendid shoulders and noble bearing. I could not see his face, for while others twisted about and rubbeded he remained like a statue.

"But, just before we started, my friend rose in his seat, turned half around and said: 'Ladies and gentlemen: With your kind attention we will see this historic and beautiful city.'"

"I noticed that the speaker wore collars and cuffs that fairly glistened. 'Celluloid,' said I to myself. "My man had fallen a peg or two but I had not given him up, for his little speech was couched in elegant language."

"When we had shot down the pike for a half hour or more we came to a cement plot, where the dignified person said: 'As we have come around the corner I will call your attention to the fact that this cement plot was once a bayou that was navigable to within 100 yards of where we now stand.'"

"Having saw this until you are satisfied I will show you the most famous graveyard of the country." "On arriving at the cemetery the guide rose and spoke after this fashion: 'Ladies and gentlemen: With your kind attention, and after you have unmounted, we will proceed to this grand old place.'"

"I got to the place where I could not see the scenery for watching my friend in celluloid. In all my life I have never before been so carried away with a fellow's hack and so disappointed in his front."

"His English is all right when he speaks a piece, but his original remarks take the breath from his auditors."

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY A SAFE MEDICINE FOR CHILDREN.

In buying a cough medicine for children, never be afraid to buy Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There is no danger from it, and relief is always sure to follow. It is intended especially for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough, and there is no better medicine in the world for these diseases. It is not only a certain cure for croup, but when given as soon as the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. Whooping cough is not dangerous when this remedy is given as directed. It contains no opium or other harmful drugs, and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. For sale by R. H. Jordan & Co.

AN IMMENSE CREDIT BUSINESS.

Several Charlotte Concerns Carry From \$10,000 to \$25,000 in Accounts on Their Books—How the Trick is Done.

"An Observer reporter learned upon inquiry that there are four or five gentlemen furnishing and drygoods establishments in Charlotte that carry from \$10,000 to \$25,000 upon their books. These are retail stores and the accounts range from a few dollars to \$150, few of them being above the latter figures, so it will be seen that the number of accounts is very large."

"Do you lose much through poor accounts?" asked the reporter of a merchant yesterday. "No," was the reply. "We must know that a man is gilt edge before we give him any credit and thus we are always easy about what is on the books. We lose less than five per cent. of our credit accounts."

"How do you collect? Most accounts in the city are collected by our collectors who present the bills in person. Out-of-town bills are mailed. Many debtors both in the city and out come in and pay their bills without having them presented and many write for statements and mail checks. "Oh, the credit business is all right when you are sure of your customer."

When His Mind Changes.

"I think I am a pretty good merchant," remarked a well-known tradesman to a reporter yesterday, "until I begin to take stock and learn how much dead stuff I have on hand, stuff that I ought never to have bought."

"And then," he continued musingly, "I realize that I ought to be in the country plowing a mule."

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