

TRUE BILL AGAINST GREGORYS.

Dave Gregory and His Mother Indicted For the Murder of Zeke Gregory—Superior Court in Session—Judge Webb Charges Grand Jury—Cases Disposed of Yesterday.

From 10 o'clock in the morning till near 8 last evening Superior Court worked busily at the county's criminal docket. Judge James L. Webb of Shelby, called court to order promptly on time and there were few minutes lost. The grand jury was given a clear and understandable charge by his honor. The various kinds of crimes against the Commonwealth were outlined and differentiated. The law against selling cigarettes to boys of immature age, said the judge, is being violated and its violators should be dealt with indiscriminately.

The violations of the law against selling whiskey and other forms of spirituous liquors were gone into at some length. The drug store must be bound by the letter of the law in the filling of liquor prescriptions and the same applies to the physicians who issue the prescriptions. The care of the poor and the sick at the county home, as well as the keeping of the jail and changing camp in a sanitary and healthful condition was not neglected by Judge Webb. In few words, but decisive and impressive, he urged upon the members of the grand jury their incumbent duty to make careful investigation and fearless reports on these matters.

The grand jury having retired, the docket was attacked with vigor. Ivey Hagar, a white man charged with carrying concealed weapons, was fined \$10 and the costs. Mr. W. T. Lay, who was arraigned for an assault on his wife, was dismissed on payment of the costs, he and Mrs. Lay having become reconciled outside court. Reece Hucks, charged with an assault, was fined \$25 and costs. Edward King, charged with stealing, was let go free on payment of costs, the warrant being changed to trespass. The case of Ephraim Falls, charged with forcible trespass, was dismissed on the payment of costs. The same disposition was made of the case wherein Ed Cox and Reece Hucks were charged with assault.

A sentence of eight months on the changing was borne off by the notorious Bob Alexander. He was charged with retailing liquor in six separate cases and was given a sentence which will keep him busy awhile.

The grand jury yesterday afternoon returned a true bill for murder against Dave Gregory and his mother, Lola Gregory, for the murder of Zeke Gregory, the father of the man and the husband of the woman in the case. The case was set for trial next Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. This is the case of the brutal killing of the man several weeks ago at his home near Davidson. The pair has since been confined to the county jail. The old woman is exceedingly aged, being perhaps 70.

Despite the unseasonable weather for traveling a large number of country people was in the city yesterday to attend court. There was hardly a minute from opening to close that the court room was not packed to suffocation, even standing room being occupied. It is the human interest feature, whether a blind tiger or some lesser criminal, with as a murderer, is on trial, that makes the multitude stare agape.

School Suspended For the Season. Owing to the illness of the principal, Mr. J. C. Bland, who was compelled by reason of it to retire from teaching, the school at Cochran Academy has been closed for the season. The committee found itself unable to obtain a satisfactory substitute and so it was decided to discontinue the school for the rest of the season and devote the money which would be expended in its operation to the liquidation of the debt on the school building. Two members of the committee, Messrs. R. A. Suttar and R. J. Harkey, were in the city yesterday with reference to the matter and the other member, Mr. W. L. Hood, was here last week in regard to it. All parties regretted the necessity for closing the school, but under the circumstances it is thought that the best thing possible has been done.

A Comparatively Heavy Fall of Snow. The heaviest snow of the winter fell yesterday morning. The city awoke to find the ground covered perceptibly, with flakes still falling in profusion. The children traded in their winter hats for a reminder of the old-time snows which linger in the minds of the grown-ups. Many a bad hour was spent by anxious mamma's, and often would those telephones have tingled, had they been installed, with inquiries as to the wetness or the dryness of little Johnny's feet. There was a more or less steady falling of snow and rain throughout the day. The atmosphere was cold and damp and the day was not as pleasant as it might have been. The snow melted rapidly in the afternoon, rain and mud taking its place.

Coroner's Jury Fixes Guilt on Murderer. Out through the rain, the sleet and the snow drove Coroner W. A. Gresham to Newell's yesterday morning and there held an inquest over the mutilated remains of the negro, Dave Lewis, six weeks dead. The jury returned a verdict of murder in the first degree by him, to-wit, Messrs. R. B. Orr, J. D. Blackwelder, W. C. Owens, Lewis Heron, J. C. Alexander and Victor Orr, returned a verdict to the effect that he came to his death at the hands of Henry McElwain, as the name is spelled at Newell's.

Nothing further has been discovered of the whereabouts of the negro who is "mucky" wanted. Congressman Webb Passes Through. Hon. E. Yates Webb, Representative from this district in the national House of Representatives, passed through the city yesterday, being en route from his home at Shelby to Washington. He left last night for the latter place. Mr. Webb believes that the Democrats have a fine chance to elect a Democratic House this fall and cherishes the hope of a Democratic President.

Libraries at County Superintendent's Office. The books which are to make up or at least go into the recently voted libraries for the communities at Ebenezer school, in district No. 2, Sharon township, and district No. 4, in Mardard Creek township, have arrived and are at the office of the county superintendent.

A weak stomach, means weak stomach nerves, always. And this is also true of the heart. The weak nerves, it is the case, do not continue to drug the stomach or stimulate the heart and kidneys. The weak nerves, not the stomach, need this help. This explains why Dr. Sippy's Restorative and is promptly helping so many sick and it goes direct to the cause of these diseases. Test this vital truth, and see. Miller's Pharmacy.

IN THE CITY POLICE COURT.

Willie Wade Sent Up Under \$300 Bond—Tom Tanner Appeals From Conviction on Vagrancy Charge—Negro Fined For Cursing Conductor.

Willie Wade, the colored boy who was charged with discharging a firearm Saturday afternoon in the Belmont neighborhood, was sent up to court in default of \$300 bond by the city recorder yesterday morning. Two cases were made against him, for carrying a concealed weapon and for assault with deadly weapon.

Tom Tanner, white, was charged with vagrancy. Evidence to the effect that Tanner was innocent of addition to the habit of labor was given by police officers. Evidence to the contrary was given by his wife and a young woman who boards at his home. His better half said that he works whenever the opportunity of remunerative employment lies for him within the range of things possible and that he has supported her according to the obligation passed upon him by the marriage bond.

Upon the defendant a fine of \$15 and costs was imposed by the judicial officer in charge of the trial. Intention to appeal to a court of more extended jurisdiction was given expression by the defendant and a bond of \$40 for his appearance at this term of Superior Court was required. The trial of Marshall Robinson, colored, charged with disorderly conduct on a street car, speaking in a disrespectful manner to the conductor or something similar, was not uninteresting. The defendant's story was to the effect that a negro woman had been carried beyond her destination Saturday night and the car was rung forward just as her foot touched the ground. The matter was remarked upon by two negroes who occupied the car and the incident became a subject of heated discussion between the negroes and conductor John Wingate. The latter alleged that Robinson swore and brought him to town under arrest.

"If this defendant was a white man," exclaimed his attorney heatedly, "nothing would ever have been heard of this case. The reason he was arrested is the fact that he was a negro."

The defendant was fined \$5 and costs. Selwyn Reid, the colored boy who was charged with an assault on a colored girl with a board, was discharged with the costs, it appearing that both were armed with boards.

Arthur Blanchard and Willie Freeman, young white boys, were charged with trespass. These in company with several others had built a fire on the fair grounds. All the others escaped but these two, who were dismissed on payment of the costs.

PRESBYTERIAL HOME MISSIONS.

The Work That is Being Accomplished Within the Bounds of the Mecklenburg Presbytery—A Glimpse of the Future.

The month of February is the month set aside by Mecklenburg Presbytery for the special consideration of the cause of Presbyterial Home Missions and Rev. George H. Atkinson, chairman, of the Home Mission committee of the Presbytery, has sent out to the members of the churches in the Presbytery a letter, in which is given much interesting information regarding the work and its needs. The letter also contains an earnest appeal for a liberal support of this cause, Mecklenburg Presbytery being assessed \$2,660 this year.

The four counties of Mecklenburg, Anson, Stanley and Union are embraced in this Presbytery, in which there is a total of 50 churches, 39 ministers, and 7,673 members. Most of the home mission territory lies in the last three counties named, as only two points in Mecklenburg county receive aid from the home mission committee, these being at Belmont and Bethel and Cornelius; the churches at both of these points are now looking for pastors, and but \$600 is appropriated to the two points. There are two groups of home mission territory in Stanley county and these receive \$110, in Anson county there is one group, to which \$250 is given, and in Union county \$500 is appropriated to the two groups there.

At the spring meeting of Presbytery last year, the chairman of the home mission committee was authorized to borrow a sufficient amount of money from the banks to keep the pastors who are looking after the home mission territory promptly paid. This has been done, and the collections received from the churches this month will pay off the bank notes.

It is probable that a church and manse will be built at Cornelius in the near future, a church and manse at New London also, and a manse at Marshville. During the present presbyterial year a manse has been built at Matthews, and the church houses at Beulah, Salem, Polkton and Locust have been renovated.

All of the work of the home mission committee is being carried on in a very satisfactory manner, and the report that will be made at the spring meeting of Presbytery in Huntersville in April will show advancement along all lines, and excellent work being done.

MRS. F. C. ABBOTT HURT.

Popular Charlotte Lady Slips on Ice and Badly Cuts Her Arm—A source of Danger.

Mrs. F. C. Abbott suffered a very painful accident late yesterday afternoon in front of the Little-Long Company's West Trade street store when she slipped on the ice-covered walk and fell heavily upon the spiked-guard which protects the heavy plate glass windows. Her right arm was badly cut and she sustained bruises and a shock which she will not get over for some little time. Several people who were standing nearby when the accident happened, rushed up and Mrs. Abbott was forthwith carried to the hospital for attention. A physician sewed up the wound and she returned to her home in Piedmont Park.

Mrs. Abbott's many friends will sympathize with her in her misfortune. The place where the accident occurred is a peculiarly treacherous one, several others having slipped there during the course of the day but without serious mishap. The sharp spikes on the iron railing about the window are liable to prove dangerous especially in times of such snows as were experienced yesterday.

Mr. Clem Dowd Better Yesterday.

Mr. Clem Dowd rallied early last night in a way which astonished physicians and friends. As a result of this it was stated that his recovery was not a thing absolutely impossible. His friends trust that the improvement will prove permanent.

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PERSONAL.

The Movements of a Number of People, Visitors and Others.

Mr. Frank Sawyer is spending some time in Birmingham, Ala., on business. Mr. H. E. Briggs, of Raleigh, was registered among the guests at the Selwyn yesterday.

Mr. C. W. Nichols, of Hartford, Conn., was a guest at the Southern Manufacturers' Club yesterday.

Mr. J. D. Elliott, of Hickory, was registered among the guests at the Central yesterday.

Among the visitors in the city yesterday were Rev. George H. Bell, of Albemarle, and Rev. G. H. Atkinson, of Monroe. They were the guests of Mr. W. H. Bell, at the Central.

Mr. S. H. Matthews, of Monroe, spent yesterday in the city.

Mr. C. H. M. Tulluri, of North Wilkesboro, was a guest among the guests at the Central yesterday.

Mr. G. W. Fry, of Morristown, Tenn., was a visitor in the city.

Mr. J. H. Patrick, of Hickory, spent yesterday in the city on business.

Mr. R. E. Flake, of Salisbury, was a Charlotte visitor yesterday.

Mr. W. A. Scott, of Greensboro, deputy State insurance commissioner, spent yesterday in the city.

Mr. L. M. Bowman, of Shelby, was a Charlotte visitor yesterday.

Congressman C. J. Martin, of Polkton, was a guest at the Central yesterday.

Mr. J. D. Whitaker, of Raleigh, spent yesterday in the city.

Mr. R. A. Kellam, a prominent traveling man of Baltimore, was a visitor in the city.

Mr. J. C. Dodson, of Greensboro, spent yesterday in the city.

Mr. Frank D. Garvin, of Newton, was registered among the guests at the Buford yesterday.

Col. C. H. Gattis, traveling passenger agent of the Seaboard with headquarters in Raleigh, is expected in the city today on business.

Mr. J. E. Johnson left yesterday for a trip of several days in the eastern part of the State.

Prof. E. E. Randolph, of Lenoir, and Mr. Oscar Randolph, of the senior class of the University, are spending several days in the county with their father.

Mr. J. H. Ross returned to the city yesterday from Rock Hill, S. C., where he spent Sunday addressing a message of the church people of that town in connection with the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

Rev. C. S. Love, of New York State, passed through the city yesterday en route from New Hope, N. C., to Statesville, where he will visit his parents.

Mr. Willie Henderson left yesterday morning for a 10-days' trip to Florida.

Mr. F. D. Alexander left on a similar mission Sunday night.

Col. J. E. Newell has returned from Cabarrus county, where he spent several weeks. Mr. Newell's many friends will be glad to hear he is entirely recovered from his recent attack of grip.

Mr. J. R. Harris, of Raleigh, was registered among the guests at the Central yesterday.

Mr. J. T. Barnes, of High Point, was a Charlotte visitor yesterday.

Mr. J. H. Cathey, of Spartanburg, S. C., was a guest in the city last night.

Mr. T. C. Watson, of Winston-Salem, was registered among the guests at the Central yesterday.

Mr. R. H. Haynes, of Cliffside, was a visitor in the city last night.

Mr. E. J. Holton, who has been visiting his sisters in this city, has returned to his home in Charlotte.

Mr. Walter C. Croker returned last night from Forest City where he spent a few days with friends.

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MARTIN PAYS COSTS.

Young Man Who Shot Pistol Twice in Drug Store Appeals Night Has an Easy Time of It—Court Held That Swearing of Party Shot at Tended to Excuse the Act.

After being twice tried in one day on the charge of an assault with a deadly weapon, F. H. Martin, who on last Friday night fired two pistol shots in the drug store of J. N. Hunter in Atkinson's drug store, was dismissed in Superior Court yesterday afternoon on the payment of the costs in the case. The defendant submitted to the charge, merely offering evidence to prove that the firing of the pistol was in some degree justifiable.

Mr. Hunter, who was logically the prosecuting witness in the case was present at the morning trial, but was prevented by illness from attendance on the afternoon session. He stated before the trial in the recorder's court had no desire to prosecute the matter, but the machinery of the law had already been set in motion, the offense having, as a matter of fact, taken place in so public a place that the law could not but take cognizance of it. Mr. Hunter testified that he went into the store Friday night and asked for some wine. Mr. Martin declined to give it to him because he had not a physician's prescription. This precipitated a quarrel and the shooting, though whether or not the latter was directed at him or done merely to frighten him, the witness could not say.

Other witnesses were examined, the evidence showing that Hunter had used to the defendant words calculated to bring on a fight. The attorney for the defendant asked that the warrant be changed to charge an affray and that the same offense be charged against the other party, but the recorder declined to do this. The case was taken up yesterday afternoon in Superior Court, somewhat unexpectedly to the general public. Here evidence was introduced to show that there had been previous mention of the shooting, "in words used, at least one of them, being what Judge Webb termed a "fringing word." Judgment was suspended on the payments of the costs.

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