

**ASSOCIATION NOT GUILTY.**

Verdict Agreed on After Several Hours' Consideration of the Charge of Permitting Gambling at the Last County Fair—Lawyers Spoke Yesterday.

"Gentlemen, have you arrived at a verdict?"

"We have. Not guilty."  
These were the words by which last night was announced the decision of the jury, which for three days has been trying the Mecklenburg Fair Association, W. S. Orr, manager, and C. M. Creswell, secretary, charged with permitting gambling at the last county fair. The verdict was returned about 7 o'clock.

Interest did not abate yesterday in the case and a crowded court room testified to the desire of the populace to hear the speeches of counsel for and against the Mecklenburg Fair Association. There were, for the prosecution, Solicitor Clarkson, F. M. Shannonhouse and F. M. Simmons. For the defense Judge Frank I. Osborne, T. C. Guthrie and W. C. Maxwell appeared. Every one of the speeches, which occupied the greater part of the day, was well received and much enjoyed. The evidence was gone over in detail, both that brought out on direct examination and by cross-examination. The array of counsel was an able one and the case gave them ample opportunity for biting sarcasm and witty thrusts. It was give and take and it was hard to say who gave the most.

The judge charged the jury in the afternoon about 3 o'clock and many thought that a verdict would be returned in a few minutes. Judge Moore took up other cases, however, without waiting and things began to happen with marvelous rapidity. All of the cases were insignificant and little time was consumed in their trial. Between the closing of the big case and adjournment for supper a large number of cases wherein arrears, real estate and so forth was charged had been put out of the way. Finally, despairing of a verdict, court adjourned at the usual time.

Tuesday afternoon, Judge Moore had announced the conviction of the taking of testimony and before the argument of counsel had begun that there was no evidence to go to the jury on the charge of allowing innocent exposure of persons, either on the part of Thelma, who affected tight, the "Jolly Young Widows From Gay Coney Island," who wore robes and painted faces, or of the Philippine, warmly clad in short strings. This reduced the charge to the single allegation of gambling, and from that time on it was about this point that the hottest of the fight was waged. Whether there had been gambling under the statute and whether or not the association was liable for it, if there was any—these were the main questions at issue. The attorneys for the defense contended that the fair association, being lessee of the place, were not liable.

There was much interest in the trial and much speculation as to the outcome. The general opinion was that the gentlemen on trial would be acquitted and their friends were much gratified at the result. The length of the time the jury took to decide the case was somewhat of a surprise to the most optimistic of the defendant's supporters, but the ultimate outcome proved their hopes were not unfounded. The clerk of the court received the verdict.

The case will go down in history as one of the most unusual of the sort in the record in the county. It is not to be supposed that it will have any appreciable effect on the conduct of subsequent fairs, although the possibility that it will not be without its influence in the matter of future prosecutions is a not unlikely eventuality.

**DEATH OF MRS. BURROUGHS.**

Aged Woman Succumbs to a Long Illness—Was Ill More Than a Year. Funeral Services To-Morrow Morning.

Death came to Mrs. J. C. Burroughs last night at 8:45 at her late residence, 400 South Tryon street, after an illness that has kept her in bed for more than a year. The end was not unexpected as the attending physicians realized several days ago that her hold on life was growing feeble every passing day.

Before her marriage, the deceased was Miss Margaret Spratt and was born in the Steele Creek community about 70 years ago. She was married to Mr. Burroughs in 1861 and is by him alone survived, but her life she was quiet and unassuming, but displayed the spirit of self-giving to a fine degree.

Mrs. Burroughs had been a life-long member of the First Presbyterian church and in the work of this congregation she ever took a prominent interest. She was particularly interested in the affairs of the Barium Springs Orphanage and similar institutions. She was naturally charitable and withal gentle, unostentatious and unpretentious.

The time for the funeral has not been definitely fixed upon, but it will be held to-morrow morning at some hour, to be conducted by Rev. Dr. W. H. Kinnaird at the First Presbyterian church. The interment will be in Elmwood.

**PAUL YOUNG RE-ARRESTED.**

Capias Issued by Judge Fred Moore Does the Work and the Alleged Vagrant Will Have to Face Judge Moore Again.

On a capias issued by Judge Fred Moore, Paul Young, the man tried some days ago before Recorder Smith on the charge of vagrancy and bound over to Superior Court, was sent to jail in default of \$200 bond and subsequently released on the giving of a reduced bond of \$100. Judge Moore at the time remarked that he and the missing defendant had met her before and he supposed the latter was not anxious for a renewal of the acquaintanceship. Young was surprised at the arrest, but, knowing the matter was dropped. The case will come up to-day.

**"ONE TOUCH OF NATURE MAKES THE WHOLE WORLD KIN."**

When a rooster finds a big fat worm he calls all the hens in the farm yard to come and share it. A similar trait of human nature is to be observed when a man discovers something exceptionally good—he wants all his friends and neighbors to share the benefits of his discovery. This is the touch of nature that makes the whole world kin. This explains why people who have been cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy write letters to the manufacturers for publication, that others similarly afflicted may also use it and obtain relief. Behind every one of these letters is a warm-hearted plea for the remedy to be sent to someone else. This remedy is for sale by E. H. Jordan & Co.

Michael Strogon, a Courier of the Star, at the Casino To-Day.

**PRESIDENT OGDEN SPEAKS**

TO EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Feature of the Opening Session of the Eleventh Conference For Education in the South is the Address of President Robert C. Ogden—Cheers and Hand-Clapping Continue For Several Minutes When He Arises to Speak—Former Ambassador to Japan Delivers the Address of Welcome—A Plea For a General Uplift of the Educational Spirit and School Advantages—Greetings of the City Are Presented by the Mayor—A Word From Arkansas.

Memphis, Tenn., April 22.—The feature of the opening session to-night of the eleventh conference for education in the South was the cordial reception tendered President Robert C. Ogden, of New York, who was greeted with cheers and hand-clapping that continued for several minutes when he arose to speak.

The large crowd present when the exercises were begun in the Lyceum Theatre by an address of welcome to Tennessee by General Luke E. Wright, former ambassador to Japan. The delegates present represented the North, East and South and were equally divided between men and women.

The dominant tone of General Wright's address was for a general uplift of the educational spirit and school advantages. The greetings of the city were presented by Major J. H. Malone, and Chief Justice J. M. Hill brought a word of welcome from Arkansas. J. B. Aswell, superintendent of education of Louisiana, then spoke of "County Supervision."

**PRESIDENT OGDEN SPEAKS.**  
When President Ogden arose he was given an ovation which lasted several minutes. He said:  
The opening of the eleventh conference for education in the South marks the completion of ten years of organic life. These ten years have witnessed an educational renaissance throughout these Southern States. The past is secure. The future commands us. The conference does not concern itself to any great extent with professional methods, with questions of pedagogy. Its first appeal is to the people as a whole, to men and women of every grade, on behalf of the public school. To promote that purpose the conference deals with principles more than with methods. Thus industrial, compulsory school attendance, high schools, county supervision, teacher training, public school funds, campaign methods, are found among the topics to be discussed by the array of able educators whose names appear upon the programme.

It is expected that these addresses and discussions will develop a large dynamic force that will radiate to all the states and communities represented here. Interchange of experience is needed. The organization and more especially the successes of each State should be known and appreciated by every other State. Every point gained and secured in any State is a point for every other State. In fact, this is an educational clearing house for all the States here represented.

The conference devotes itself more to spirit than to a program. It may be said that the public opinion that will become mandatory upon the body politic for school improvement. By this we mean school terms, every where, and the introduction of all approved school methods and taxations to support the resulting progressive plans. But we look beyond these conditions to the creation of a public opinion that is broad and so alert as to form an intelligent educational public conscience, as will see to it that the schools everywhere are maintained upon a continually rising and ever broad movement.

Under all the forms of organization that command this conference are two vital, inspiring forces; one of them humane, the other political—in the best sense. The humane force is the American child. The child of to-day must answer the questions of to-morrow.

The days that are coming will surely fill the world with experiences that will make our present lives appear simple and easy, much as the lives of our grand-parents appear now to us. To meet these conditions, more thoroughly educated and better trained minds, controlled by hearts that beat in unison with the noblest ideals of humanity will be required. If it be true that great characters of any period are the best product of the best thinking of the period in which they live, how vastly important it is to raise the level of intelligence that the human stuff may be produced with which to meet the great issues of the future.

The second force that calls this conference is the voice of democracy. It comes with an imperial command that we pause and consider our national place in the Congress of the World, that we think somewhat of our institutions, the principles that underlies them, the vast experiment upon which we are engaged.

Although very far advanced in our attempt to establish a democracy that will successfully solve the social and economic issues submitted to it for solution, we have not yet emerged from the experimental stage and perhaps never will, for progress means an ever-longer and fiercer struggle with the unending struggle with the new questions that accompany increasing population and the intermingling of alien peoples.

It is vastly important that we understand our democracy. I have referred to it as a political experiment, but it is vastly more. The destructive forces of democracy have done their work and so far as this country is concerned, the principles that underlies them, the vast experiment upon which we are engaged.

your neighborhood? Join it. If none exists create one or influence some existing organization to take up the school work. There is in this crusade a place for the work and helpful service of every one.

**EARL GREY DEPARTS.**

Governor General of Canada and Lady Grey Close Their Visit at Blittmore House—J. B. Allison Shoots a Negro—Passenger Agents in Session.

Special to The Observer.  
Asheville, April 22.—Earl Grey, Governor of Canada, and Lady Grey left for Washington this afternoon after a visit of several days at Blittmore House, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt.

General Passenger Agent Tayloe, of the Southern Railway, and about thirty passenger, representatives of the road are here to-night in annual session to discuss summer rates and schedules. The meeting will not adjourn until to-morrow afternoon. It is understood that some important passenger schedules and rates will be the result of the meeting.

J. B. Allison, who several months ago shot and killed a young man named Roberts from Charlotte while Allison had Roberts under arrest, shot a negro here last night and inflicted injuries from which it is feared the man will die. Allison is now employed as stable manager for a local dray company and says that he caught the negro stealing hay; that he called to the man to desist, whereupon the negro drew a weapon. A vicious looking knife was found beside the negro after the shooting. The negro denies, however, that the knife belongs to him or that he had it. Allison is locked up awaiting the result of the negro's injuries.

**TO SETTLE OHIO'S CLAIM.**

Assistant Attorney General Goes to Norfolk to Try to Settle the Claim of Ohio Against the Jamestown Exposition Company.  
Columbus, O., April 22.—Assistant Attorney General Miller has gone to Norfolk, Va., to try to settle the claim of the State of Ohio against the Jamestown Exposition Company. When the Ohio commissioners arranged to erect a building for the State on the exposition grounds, it was with the understanding that the State should have a clear fee simple title to the ground on which it was erected, including the bay frontage, so that at the close of the exposition the State might get more than the wreckage value out of the property. It was found that the company was unable to give title, as there was first the claim of the United States government and after that a mortgage claim underlying it as a lien on all the property of the company.

**Gasoline Kills a Child.**

Special to The Observer.  
Greenville, S. C., April 22.—Helen, the 19-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Odum, of this city, drank some gasoline which was in a coca cola bottle and died twenty minutes later to-day. The little child suffered agonies for the twenty minutes preceding its death.

**Will Have an Egg Social.**

The following eggs-ceedingly remarkable notice, if not eggs-emplary in orthography, has been sent to The Observer, with a request for its publication:  
An eggs-ellent plan has been adopted by Epworth Class, Calvary Methodist Sunday School to eggs-haust the eggs-pense of a Memorial Window.  
We shall hold an Egg Social at Mrs. Champ's 11 West Vance street, to which the eggs-pense of admission is eggs-actly ten cents.  
Thursday evening, April 23.  
We shall have an eggs-ellent time. Please eggs-ert yourself to come and the novelties prepared. No one will be eggs-cused.  
You may eggs-pect much joy at small eggs-pense.  
An eggs-ellent committee will wait upon and eggs will be served.  
Make your eggs-it at your pleasure.

**Burlington Items.**

Special to The Observer.  
Burlington, April 22.—Solicitor Brooks is circulating among the Democrats here in the interest of his candidacy for Congress. He feels no uneasiness as to the result of the contest; but is working hard to make sure his nomination.  
U. S. Commissioner W. A. Hall has in his possession a counterfeit dollar which was given him yesterday by the Foster Shoe Company. The piece of money bears date of 1890 and is a clever deception, being so perfect in appearance that it was not detected as counterfeit by Foster Shoe Company, but was returned to them by their banker.

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