

BLACKBURN INDICTED.

Bills Returned by Federal Court at Asheville Last Week.

Two indictments were returned by the Federal grand jury at Asheville last week against E Spencer Blackburn, Republican Congressman from the Eighth District of North Carolina, charging practicing before departments of the government, and accepting fees for the service after his election to the House of Representatives.

The indictments allege that Blackburn appeared before the Treasury Department and the Commissioners of Internal Revenue, as attorney, and obtained a compromise of the cases against Ace Dinkins and P A Davis, two men charged with violation of the laws governing the making of whiskey in the Fifth North Carolina District.

It is alleged that Blackburn was paid \$100 by Davis and \$500 by Dinkins for his services, and the date of acceptance of these fees is placed in February and March, 1905.

The indictments are based on section 1782, however, of the Revised Statutes of the United States on this subject says:

"No senator, representative, or delegate, after his election, and during his continuance in office shall receive or agree to receive any compensation whatever," etc.

Friday another bill of indictment was returned by the grand-jury at Asheville against Mr Blackburn charging that in May, 1905 he appeared before the department for W R Kryer, of Rowan, accepting there for a fee of \$50.

Mr Blackburn arrived in Asheville Saturday accompanied by his counsel Judge W P Bynum, of Greensboro. It is reported that he will also employ John G Carlisle and Judge Alton B Parker, of New York in defence. This is denied however.

When court convened at Asheville Monday morning Mr Blackburn accompanied by Judge Bynum. Mr G S Bradshaw and Chas J Harris, was in the court room. A few minor matters were disposed of and then Judge Bynum arose and said that the defendant requested as speedy trial as possible. Continuing Judge Bynum said that he had been in conference with District Attorney Holton, and that the middle of April would be the most convenient time for the government to try the cases.

An order of transfer of the case to Greensboro was accordingly made and agreed to in open court by counsel for both sides and the cases set for trial the middle of April, subject to the approval of the circuit judge.

This formality over Judge Bynum stated that his client was ready to give bond in any amount. Judge Waddill fixed the bond at \$1,000. Chas J Harris, recently Republican candidate for governor, signed the bond. Blackburn said that he was going back to Washington again to take up his official duties.

Mr Blackburn has employed Judge Bynum as leading counsel. Associated with Judge Bynum will be A L Brooks, E J Justice and G S Bradshaw, of the Greensboro bar, and Col V S Lusk, of Asheville. It is said that other counsel may be employed.

It was learned to-day that District Attorney Holton will be relieved of the prosecution and that Attorney General Moody has consented to either appear himself or have one or more of his assistants to appear in the case when it comes to trial.

The next move of the President in airing Republican soiled linen, will be an attempt to discredit the Douglas influence. It is generally known here that a record of events during Judge Douglas' reign as marshal and clerk is being prepared with a view to showing that the judge was short with the government to the extent of \$40,000. The Judge's active efforts in filing scandalous charges against Prof Frazier are said to be the cause of the revamping of these old charges to show that the pot should not call the kettle black.

No wonder the President gets sick and tired of North Carolina Republicanism, with Blackburn throwing off on a United States District Judge and United States District Attorney and others gravely preparing what might be termed accusations of embezzlement against a former Supreme Court Judge and a life long Republican Federal office-holder. It looks like the Democrats must have always been right

in not trusting the State into the hands of Republicans, any longer than it could take to make the negroes quit electing them to office.

It was much laughed at the day he said it, but the remark Hon Romulus Z Linney made to Collector Duncan in the bar of the Federal court, while the Samuels case was in progress may not be such a laughing matter after all. Said Mr Linney to Collector Duncan in a stage whisper so that half a dozen others would hear him: "Duncan, if you don't manage some way to stop this fellow Holton, d—d if we won't have to hold the next state Republican Convention in Atlanta, if we desire any working delegates in attendance."

OVERSEERS WARNED.

Something Must be Done in Columbia, Says the Board.

Ramseur, N C,
Feb 20th, 1906.

THE COURIER, Asheboro, N C.
The Board of Supervisors at our last meeting, requested me to send you for publication the following and last appeal to delinquent overseers of public roads in our township. Racket or no racket, something must be done to them to wake them up.

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP.

The Township Board at the February meeting determined to call attention to overseers once more, to their neglect of duty. It is not necessary to call names or specify sections. There are overseers who were continued last August because they had neglected their roads. To these with others appointed last August who have continually promised much, and by various pretenses evaded, or failed in their duty, this is to all such, the last appeal. However unpleasant it will be to all parties concerned, if this notice is not heeded the remedy is prosecution in justice's court of an adjoining township.

John Wade and Lige Elliott Arrested.

True bills were found against John Wade at the December term of court for selling liquor in the vicinity of Randleman during last summer and fall. The fact that a bill was found was not known outside of a few individuals until last week when Wade was arrested and bound over to court in a bond of \$200.00. The bond is not only justified but the officer investigated the surety to be worth \$10,000.

A man by the name of Elliott operated with Wade. He was arrested on last Saturday by Deputy Sheriff W H Glasgow, in Providence township, and was taken before Mr J A Russell, a justice of the peace, at Randleman. After a trial he was bound over to the March term of court and failing to give a bond in the sum of \$350 was committed to jail. There is evidence that Elliott has sold liquor on different occasions and to several different people. There were two witnesses who testified before the justice of the peace that they had bought liquor of Elliott.

There may be some prominent "else doing" where more prominent persons are interested than Wade or Elliott.

To Indict Holton.

It was reported from Asheville two or three days ago that a motion would be made in open court before Judge Boyd in Asheville to appoint a special prosecuting attorney to prosecute District Attorney A E Holton for failure to prosecute in certain instances, and also other charges not specified. Affidavits will be presented to Judge Waddill, of Richmond sustaining these charges. Later advices from Washington say:

District Attorney A E Holton has replied to the charges brought against him by Representative E Spencer Blackburn. His answer is now in the hands of Senator Foraker, of Ohio, chairman of the subcommittee having charge of the case.

Mr Blackburn submitted charges alleging falsification of accounts on the part of the district attorney; using his office to further his political ambitions; failing to prosecute certain offenders against federal statutes, etc. It is understood that Mr Holton goes into each count at length.

One who has read the reply says that it meets squarely every accusation brought by Mr Blackburn.

THE FRANKLINVILLE GRADED SCHOOL.

First County School District to Inaugurate the Graded Plan. Prepares Its Pupils to Enter State University. Led Randolph County. Mr. O. R. Cox the Leader.

In next week's issue will be found a communication from Prof R C Welborn, formerly of this county but now of Eudora, Kans., in which he states that the entire public school system of that state is conducted on the graded plan, and that the cost of the system is \$6,000,000, annually. North Carolina is just now getting under way in establish-

ing graded schools. Franklinville led Randolph county in voting a graded school law, under the general school law. The election was held August 8, 1902, at which time one hundred and six men, determined that their children should have the opportunity of securing an education, went as one man to the voting place and cast their ballots for a graded school tax. There was not one dissenting vote.

Immediately following this expression of the people's desire for better schools the small shanty as shown in the accompanying illustration was replaced by the splendid new building which is also presented here. The old building and site were sold at auction for \$35.00; the new building was erected at a cost of about \$2,700.00. The new school has a full graded course of study, and prepares young men and young women for entering any college in the State.

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public education in general. He believes that, in spending money to educate the children of our county we not only benefit the children, but the entire nation will be more prosperous because of the more intelligent, industrious, and skilled citizenship.

Mr Parks was the leading spirit in building the Franklinville Graded



Mr Hugh Parks, Sr.

School, and is still taking a great deal of interest in making it one of the leading schools of the county. Mr Parks has the confidence and esteem of the Franklinville people, and his co-workers—good men, all of them—work in perfect harmony with him.

Some idea of the improvements in the public school building at Franklinville can be gained by knowledge of the fact that the old public school building was sold at public auction for \$35.00. The new building cost about \$2,700.00.

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Old Franklinville Public School.

educating the children of his community than the whole-souled, progressive and public-spirited gentleman who is the subject of this article. Mr Parks, once a school teacher, is very much interested in

FAREWELL SERMON.

Rev C W Robinson Has Accepted a Call to His Old Pastorate.

Rev C W Robinson, who served the Presbyterian church here as pastor for several years, has resigned to accept a call from the churches at Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro. The latter is an old pastorate of Mr Robinson's. He preached his farewell sermon to his congregation Sunday night.

During his stay here, Mr Robinson has greatly endeared himself to our people, and they received his farewell sermon with feelings of keenest sorrow, and their prayers and best wishes will follow him to his chosen field of labor.

Mr Robinson left Monday for his home in Wilkes county.

Mrs A M Rankin and children, of High Point, arrived Monday afternoon to visit Miss Etta Blair.

DIED IN ALABAMA.

Successful Young Man Died Last Week—Native of Randolph.

Mr W C Cox, of Jacksonville, Ala, whose illness was noted in THE COURIER some time ago, died February 17th. Mr Cox was born at Franklinville and was one of its most ingenious young men. He has held several responsible positions in cotton mills and was superintendent of a cotton seed oil mill, at Jacksonville, Ala, when he met with an accident, some time ago, by getting scalded when a steam pipe bursting, which caused his death. He was a member of Hank's Lodge at Franklinville for many years, and was loved and respected by all of its members, who deplore his untimely death. He leaves a wife and several children, who have the sympathy of a host of friends.

RAMBLERS ENTERTAINED.

Washington's Birthday Appropriately Remembered by Book Club.

Saturday afternoon the Rambler Book Club met at the home of Mrs J V Hunter. After their regular business meeting they adjourned into a social session at which the members became the guests of Misses Daisy Stuart Page and Maggie Lee Erwin.

The room in which the meeting was held appropriately reminded the attendants of the birthday of George Washington. It was decorated in the national colors, the stars and stripes and the notable hatchet being much in evidence.

The feature of the afternoon was a contest for which each was given an unique hand painted card, presenting the cherry tree, with the hatchet buried in the limb and here and there a stray cherry, a bow in the corner presented the national colors. On this card was written "Washington" and all vied with one another trying to write the greatest number of words containing only the letters of the great statesman a given time.

Miss Nannie Bulla was awarded first prize and consolation was given Miss Esther Anman.

The meeting both literary and social combined into a pleasing success.

DEATH OF O L COX.

Retired in Apparent Good Health—Was in Asheboro Monday.

Mr O L Cox, died suddenly at his home five miles south of Asheboro Monday night. He is survived by a wife and several children, and was a brother of Mr Newton Cox, of this place.

Mr Cox was in Asheboro Monday morning having brought a load of cross ties, and seemed to have been enjoying perfect health. Returning home he worked on his farm and after eating a hearty supper retired. During the night his wife was aroused by a noise and found her husband in the throes of death. Before anything could be done life had departed. The deceased was one of Randolph's most honest and industrious farmers, and during his life of 45 years had suffered little illness.

The body of the deceased was interred at Flag Springs, 8 miles south of Asheboro yesterday.

Fire in Davidson.

A barn and its contents, belonging to J S Tesh, a prosperous farmer of Enterprise, Davidson county, was destroyed by fire at two o'clock Monday morning. The origin of the fire is unknown. Mr Tesh's loss includes four horses, several hundred bushels of wheat, threshing machine, reaper, a large quantity of feed stuff, drill, plows and other farming machinery. The loss aggregated \$2,000 or more, with no insurance.

Mrs A F Eshelman, of High Point Dies in Salisbury.

Mrs A F Eshelman, of High Point died here last week and the remains were taken to her home for burial. Mrs Eshelman had been in declining health for months and was brought here the second time several days for treatment. She is survived by her husband, who is connected with the Union Furniture Company of High Point, and several children.—Salisbury Post.

Plans For Chrysanthemum Show.

At a meeting of the School Improvement Association on Monday it was decided that the Association would take charge of the Chrysanthemum Show for this fall. A list of the flowers and premiums will be published as soon as the committee can arrange them.

A great deal of interest was manifested in the Chrysanthemum show here last year and some very fine flowers were raised.

Mid-Winter Concert.

The Courier acknowledges the receipt of the following:

You are invited to be present at the Annual Mid-Winter Entertainment given by the Music and Elocution Classes of the Lucama Graded School Friday March the second, nineteen hundred and six Lucama, N. C.

Mrs W J Teague and Mrs J T Underwood have returned from a visit of several days to relatives in Florida.

HIENOUS CRIME

Mother Brutally Slain Before Her Helpless Children. Murderer in Jail.

Duham, N C, February 26.—A crime that shocked the entire county was that of J H Hodges, of West Durham, who yesterday dragged his sick wife from her bed and shot her to death. He had had trouble with his wife on numerous occasions, and recently they separated, and she began proceedings for divorce. His visit to her here at mid-night Saturday was his first there in a week or more.

It was after one o'clock Sunday morning when the officers down street knew of the crime.

The property owned by Hodges, several houses and lots, had been given to his wife. Divorces were talked and the property was divided, the understanding being that both should go their way and separate. The trouble was patched up and other fusses followed. Hodges was in court several times and then Mrs Hodges instituted suit for divorce, this suit being now pending.

Recently he has been sober and last week worked six days. He brooded over his troubles, however, and on Saturday purchased the pistol from some friend, not now known, and the murder was done.

The murderer is in jail and asserts that he is "glad she is dead," and he is willing to pay the penalty. He declares he will go into trial without any defense.

WEST RAMSEUR.

Citizen Used Tobacco 50 Years—A Thought For Chewers.

Mr and Mrs J A King, of Why Not, who have been visiting their sister, Mrs J O Forrester, and brother, Mr Will King, returned home to day.

This being election year and as usual there will be a full crop of candidates on hand let us go slow in selecting our seed, for the market will be glutted.

We will admit that this is really spring like weather and all those who are planting and sowing their early seeds should remember that the second day of February, ground hog day, said 40 more days of winter Better save some of your seed.

A O Phillips, who has reached his 63rd year and has been addicted to the use of tobacco for fifty years abandoned the habit the last day of the year 1905 and has not used or either wanted it since. His average weight at the time of quitting the use of it was 190 pounds and he now weighs 207 a gain of 17 pounds in less than two months. He says he does not know whether it is a sin to use tobacco or not. But says he knows it is not a sin not to use it and that he had spent in the 50 years at the low estimate of 10 cents per week \$260 for the weed and never had received any benefit—only half a pint of nasty amber a day which would have filled a pool of 1140 gallons or 38 barrels, and after considering the whole he thinks he will try to live the few remaining days of his life partly a clean man in the flesh.

SHANKS.

Elected an Architect

The Asheboro School Board has elected Mr L L Hunter, of Charlotte architect to prepare plans for the new school building. Mr Hunter was here last week and laid before the board a set of drawings which greatly pleased them, and it is probable that these, with a few changes will be adopted.

The plans are of Colonial design and present the most modern arrangement of similar buildings. It will contain nine class rooms, a library, superintendent's office, assembly hall and an auditorium which will seat from 800 to 1000.

Mr Hunter, though a young man, has had experience in this work making a specialty of public buildings. He will return to Asheboro in a few days to consult the wishes of the board in any charges desired in the plans offered.

Presiding Elder S B Turrentine spent Sunday and Monday in Asheboro. He preached a strong sermon at the Methodist Church Sunday night his subject being "character" He was the recipient of much praise and it was received with good effect by the large congregation.