

SERIOUS CHARGES ARE NOT PRESSED

Prosecution In Case Against Alexander Reaban Agrees to Drop the Matter.

On recommendation of Acting City Solicitor A. Hall Johnstone, a nol prosee with leave was taken in the case against Alexander Reaban charged with criminal assault on Mrs. Wilburn G. Buckner of No. 33 Central avenue, when the case was called in Police court this morning.

R. M. Wells, attorney for the private prosecution asked the court to take a nol prosee when the case was called today and Acting Solicitor Johnstone told the court that he thought that would be the only thing to do in the case.

Reaban, who lives near New Bridge on the Weaverville line, was arrested at his home several days ago on a warrant, sworn out by Wilburn G. Buckner, in which he charged that Reaban had assaulted his wife two days previous to the swearing out of the warrant. When arrested Reaban protested his innocence and said that his intentions when he visited the home of Buckner were good. The case attracted no little attention and the court room was crowded today when it was called.

QUICK WORK DONE ON BICYCLE THEFT

Biltmore Officer Last Night Lands Much-Wanted Negro in County Jail.

A clever and quick piece of work on the part of Officer Lee Sharpe of Biltmore, last night resulted in the arrest of Clarence Huston, colored, who was arrested by the Biltmore officer on charges of the larceny of a bicycle, the property of the drug firm of Teague & Oates.

A delivery boy working for the company late yesterday afternoon rode up to a store on Patton avenue and while making purchases inside left his wheel out front. When he returned the wheel was gone and the matter was reported to the local police department.

About two hours later Officer Sharpe stated that a boy had just sold a wheel to a Mr. Stroupe at Swannanoa station and was coming to Biltmore on passenger train No. 21. He was told by the local police to arrest the boy and bring him to police headquarters. This was done and Huston admitted when locked up at the station that he stole the wheel.

He will be tried tomorrow afternoon at the session of juvenile court, as he is only 12 years of age.

FIRE WASTE IN STATE AN IMPORTANT ISSUE

Interesting Figures are Given for the Benefit of Owners of Property.

Thirteen per cent of the fires in North Carolina during the past year resulted from preventable causes purely and eighteen per cent grew out of conditions which were largely of a preventable nature, says the Raleigh News and Observer. This is the general conclusion from the figures presented by the report of the statistician of the North Carolina Firemen's association just published. This makes a possible total of 31 per cent of fires which might have been prevented if proper precautions had been taken.

The figures were presented in way of emphasis on the campaign which has been inaugurated by Insurance Commissioner J. R. Young for the education of the state as to the proper methods of fire prevention. To this Sherwood Brockwell former chief of the fire department of Raleigh and one of the best known and most successful fire fighters in the state as well as an authority on the subject of fire prevention has been retained as chief of the bureau of fire prevention. The duty of Mr. Brockwell will be to reduce the fire hazards in the state, as well as to train the existing companies along the lines of greatest efficiency.

The statistician's report shows that 738 fires were reported for the year. Eighty-four of this number occurred from defective wiring and twelve from defective wiring, making a total of 96 or 13 per cent from strictly preventable causes. One hundred and thirty-five fires were caused from sparks from chimneys or from locomotives. If shingle roofs and trash piles could have been eliminated five of these fires would have occurred.

The total value of property risk reported was \$5,712,942. The total damage by fire was \$588,648, leaving the value of property saved from destruction \$5,124,294.

There are 936 volunteer firemen in the state and 136 paid firemen. Three cities reported fully paid firemen. The fire equipment includes thirteen auto trucks.

FIELD MINSTRELS OPEN SEASON AT AUDITORIUM

First Show Will Be Given September 9—Good Bookings Are Secured.

The regular theatrical season for 1914-15 at the City Auditorium will open on September 9, the first attraction, as usual, being A. G. Field's minstrels. Mr. Field brings his troupe to Asheville directly after he opens his season in Columbus, Ohio, his home. Other attractions will follow in short order, according to Manager Bailey who is now finishing up the season's bookings which will include high class shows of different kinds. A good season is expected by the house management.

Improvements are to be made at the Auditorium before the regular season begins. These will include re-wiring of the house, painting the front and other things necessary to aid to the general attractiveness of the playhouse. This work will begin immediately and will be rushed forward to completion.

INSURANCE OFFICIAL TO INVESTIGATE BIG FIRE

Deputy Commissioner Jordan Goes to Madison County to Look Into Recent Blaze.

Deputy State Insurance Commissioner F. M. Jordan of this city, went to Madison county yesterday where he is investigating the burning of the residence and stock barn of Sheriff Buckner of Madison county, which occurred several months ago.

Deputy Jordan was in Madison county last week working on the case and will doubtless be there several days this week. It was not learned whether he had been able to secure any clues as to the burning of the residence and barn.

The residence of Sheriff Buckner burned one night last week and it is believed that the fire was of incendiary origin. A few nights later the large barn owned by the sheriff burned and it is also believed this too was of incendiary origin, although no clues as to the guilty parties were found at the time.

DO NOT YET ACT ON APPEAL OF CHINA

London, Aug. 11.—The Peking correspondent of the Times telegraphs as follows:

"Replying to China's request of the United States and Japan to use their influence to protect China from warlike activities of other nations, Japan has stated that her attitude depended on the result of the British campaign. The time was not ripe to consider the China proposal, it was said.

"The United States avoided committing herself."

POLICE COURT

Oscar Willchance, on charges of carrying a concealed weapon drew the largest fine imposed in Police court today, his fine being \$25 and the costs, while prayer for judgment was continued in a case charging him with refusing to pay automobile hire. E. E. Clark and L. H. Hudson were each taxed with the costs on charges of violating the automobile laws. Drayton Jimmerson, colored, was found not guilty of disorderly conduct. William McClellon was fined \$10 and the costs on charges of assault. Two "drunks" drew fines of \$5 and the costs each.

13 ASHEVILLE DRYGOODS 13

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THE WEATHER

Lowest last night	Highest yesterday	Precipitation Last 24 Hours
Asheville 61	79	.18
Atlanta 66	82	.14
Augusta 70	90	.68
Birmingham 72	86	0.00
Charleston 76	86	0.00
Charlotte 68	78	.46
Key West 72	90	.40
Mobile 76	88	0.00
Montgomery 72	88	.40
New Orleans 60	90	0.00
Raleigh 72	86	0.00
Savannah 74	88	0.00
Tampa 74	92	0.00
Washington 72	90	.34

Normals for this date: Temperature 71 degrees. Precipitation .16 inch.

Forecasts until 8 p. m. Wednesday for Asheville and vicinity: Unsettled tonight and Wednesday, probably local thundershowers.

For North Carolina: Unsettled tonight and Wednesday, probably local thundershowers, gentle to moderate winds mostly southwesterly.

General Conditions (Last 24 Hours). The storm that was over the Great Lakes Monday morning has moved to the St. Lawrence valley and during the last 24 hours it has caused rains in the Ohio and St. Lawrence valleys, the Lake region and the north Atlantic states. Rains have also occurred in the middle and south Atlantic states.

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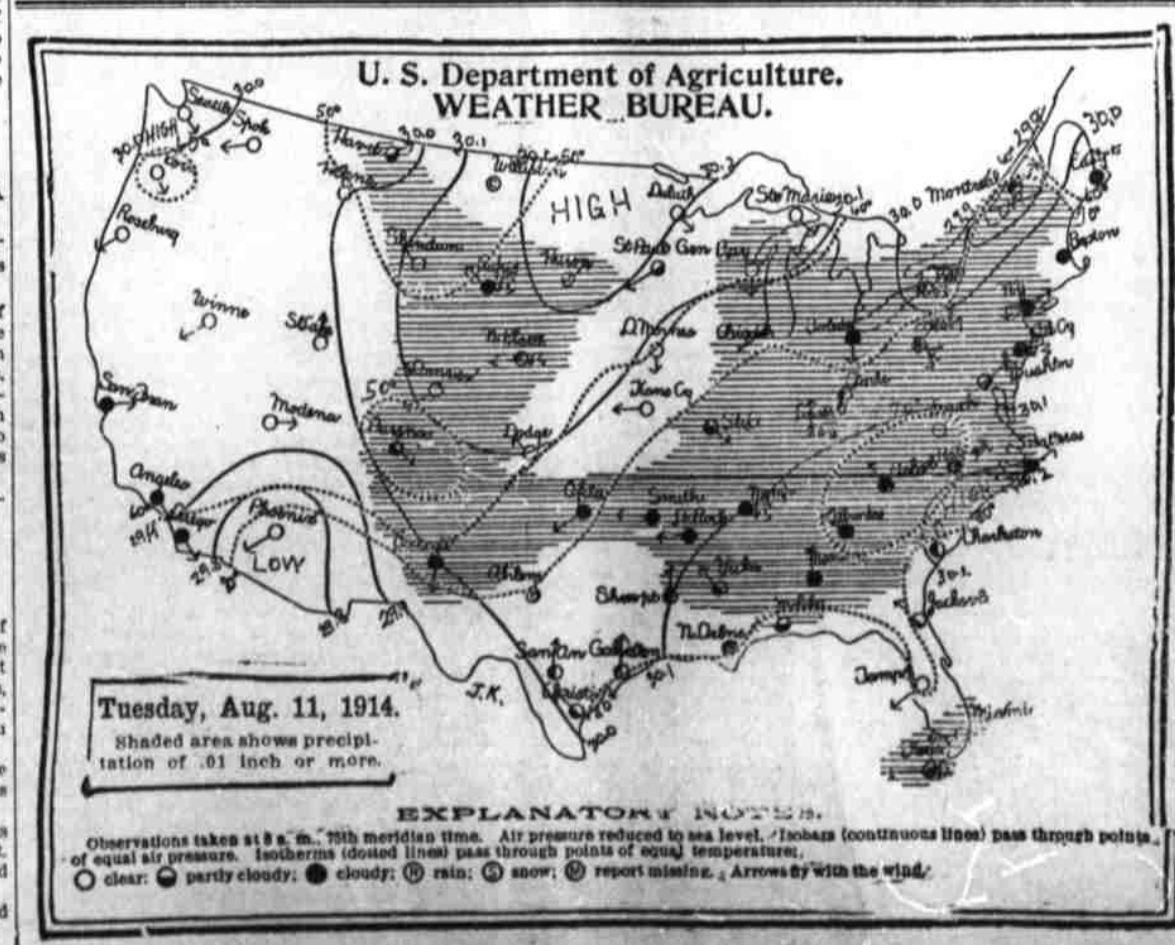
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