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SUPERIOR COURT OPENS.

JUDGE J. C. BIGGS FIRST APPEARANCE ON THE BENCH.

An Unusually Large State Docket—for Franklin—Judge Biggs Runs his Court Very Smooth and Orderly—He makes an Excellent Charge.

The January term of Franklin Superior Court convened on Monday last, with Hon. J. Crawford Biggs, Judge Presiding. It was Judge Biggs' first appearance on the bench, but the easy manner in which he presides would cause one to think, who did not know otherwise, that he had been there for quite a while. His charge to the Grand Jury, while not very lengthy, was one of the most appropriate we have heard in some time. The Judge came over from Durham on Saturday evening, accompanied by his wife. They are stopping at Macon's Hotel.

Mr. C. C. Daniels, the able State Solicitor, was promptly on hand, and with his usual vigorous manner, prosecuted the State's side of the docket.

Every juror summoned answered (except one who had been excused.) This speaks well for these patriotic men. The following were excused: J. M. Allen, D. T. Swanson, W. F. Joyner, E. S. McGhee, H. M. Sledge, C. W. Gupton. The following were drawn as Grand Jurors: J. R. Andrews, Foreman; J. W. Baker, N. M. Rogers, Arch Collier, Sam Nash, W. C. M. Sykes, W. R. Winston, Phil Pearce, C. C. Hudson, M. L. Fowler, R. I. Frazier, Hampton Williams, N. C. Gupton, C. E. Richards, Henry Yarborough, H. F. Bailey, W. R. Rogers, C. R. May.

Officer to Grand Jury, J. P. Pleasants. The following were sworn as petit jurors: B. W. Pace, G. N. Nelms, B. G. Long, F. G. Alley, E. T. Alston, Louis Boone, W. L. Tharrington, W. R. Kearney, G. T. Collins, John Incoe, R. B. Harris, C. F. Richardson, B. G. Long was excused.

The state docket was taken up promptly about 11 o'clock Monday and the following cases have been tried or otherwise disposed of:

- State vs Martin Cooke, nol pros with leave.
- State vs Phil Alston, nol pros with leave.
- State vs Porter Ruffin, nol pros with leave.
- State vs A. Trotman, dismissed.
- State vs Marcellus Perry, continued.
- State vs John Conyers, 1 & 2, submits, \$25 and cost.
- State vs Henry Leonard, a. c. w. pleads guilty, \$25 and cost.
- State vs Wm. Jeans, removing crop, submits, judgment suspended on payment of costs.
- State vs Daniel Carter, a. c. w. submits, \$15 and cost.
- State vs Walter J. Pearce vs Gabe Medlin, motion to squash bill allowed, state appeals.
- State vs Simon Johnson, retaining officer, \$25 and costs.
- State vs Robert Winston, 1 and 2, pleads guilty, 4 months on roads.
- State vs Ike Branch, Furnie Davis and Ernest Jackson, affray, verdict not guilty.
- State vs R. R. Crossen and Louisa Davis, 1 and 2, pleads guilty, judgment suspended on payment of costs.
- State vs Moses Neal, false pretense, pleads guilty, judgment suspended on payment of costs.
- State and W. Hal Mann vs Thos White, removing crop, pleads guilty, judgment suspended on payment of costs.
- State vs Joe Evans, judgment suspended on payment of costs.
- State vs C. R. Jones, a. c. w.

- submits, 12 months on the roads.
- State vs Sterling Freeman, assault, 90 days on roads.
- State vs Buck Spivey, a. d. w. 60 days on roads.
- State vs W. K. Williams, a. c. w. (2 cases) \$10 and costs in each case.
- State vs Buck Spivey and W. F. Beasley, scifa, dismissed on payment of costs.
- State vs Graham Cooke, a. c. w. guilty, \$10 and costs.
- State vs Isaac Davis, Jr. mistrial.
- State vs Mat Rodwell, a. c. w. and a. d. w. pleads guilty, \$5 and costs in one case and \$10 and costs in the other case.
- State vs Harvie Williams, burglary and house-breaking, continued for defendant, bond fixed at \$1,000.
- State vs Ike Stallings and others, disturbing public worship, not guilty.
- State vs Ernest Daniels, assault, pleads guilty, \$15 and costs.
- State vs E. H. Canady, a. c. w. pleads guilty, \$15 and costs.
- State vs Ed Royster, a. c. w. pleads guilty, \$15 and costs.
- State vs Lucien Green, 1 and 2, pleads guilty, two years on roads.
- State vs Sidney Noble, 1 and 2, guilty 6 months on roads.
- State vs George Perry, 1 and 2, submits, 6 months on the roads.
- State vs Otis Kearney, a. c. w. pleads guilty, \$15 and costs.
- State vs P. B. Jenkins, a. d. w. pleads guilty, \$15 and costs.
- State vs Ed Winston, 1 and 2, not guilty.
- State vs Arthur Amos, a. c. w. pleads guilty, \$15 and costs.
- State vs Ernest Jackson, assault 2 cases, pleads guilty, \$5 and costs in each case.
- State vs J. F. Scott, a. d. w. defendant called and failed. Judgment in accordance with affirmation of judgment rendered at former term of this court. Capias to issue, if judgment is not complied with in 30 days.
- State and Ellen Pearce vs Wm Pearce, abandonment, judgment suspended on payment of costs.
- State vs Willie Freeman, disturbing public worship, guilty.
- State vs Henry Powell, a. c. w. pleads guilty.
- State vs Henry Powell, disturbing public worship.
- State vs A. Toney, false pretense, not guilty.
- State vs Scott Shadrick, a. d. w. pleads guilty. Left open. The order for a special venire for the Willis Young trial was rescinded, and this case was continued for the defendant until the next term of court.
- State vs J. Y. Medlin and Dock Young, affray, Young not guilty, but guilty as to Medlin. Judgment not pronounced.

Our report closed with the adjournment of court yesterday evening. The grand jury is still in session and it is thought that the State docket will not be finished until Saturday evening.

The Legislature.

Up to date no important laws affecting the state at large have been passed by the legislature now in session. A number of local and special acts for different counties have been passed, but the more important legislation is yet in the hands of the committees.

Senator F. M. Simmons was formally elected by the joint bodies on Tuesday—receiving every democratic vote cast.

We note that the House this week passed by an almost unanimous vote the bill introduced by Mr. Bickett, allowing the Judge to order jurors from adjoining counties when, in his opinion, the ends of justice will be thereby subserved. This bill is a much needed reform, and will greatly purify the administration of the criminal law.

FAVOR GOOD ROADS.

THE MASS MEETING WAS LARGELY ATTENDED.

Messrs. Spruill, Ruffin and Others Make Strong Arguments in Favor of Good Roads—Some Few Oppose.

In response to the call for a mass meeting of the taxpayers of the County to discuss better roads, the Court room was filled with people from all sections of the county last Tuesday.

Mr. J. B. Allen of Youngsville was elected Chairman. The Chairman appointed Wm. H. Ruffin, Secretary of the meeting.

The Chairman called upon F. S. Spruill, County Attorney, to state the object and scope of the meeting. Mr. Spruill made a forceful and lucid statement of the statistics of values and results of taxation and made a strong argument in favor of the issuance of bonds.

The Chairman then called for an expression from all present of their views.

Willis Tharrington opposed the issuance of bonds.

M. E. Joyner opposed issuance of bonds and favored local taxation.

J. F. Joyner opposed the issuance of bonds.

Peter Evans made inquiries and rather opposed bond issue.

B. B. Tomlinson stated that the only way to determine the question was to vote upon it and advise our Representative of the sense of the meeting.

H. D. Egerton favored issuance of bonds, stating strong reasons.

Wm. H. Ruffin, Esq., favored issue of bonds and related experience of an Alabama County and the material benefits accruing at once to the county under his own observation, and satisfaction of all citizens with bond issue of \$200,000 for roads.

Hon. C. C. Daniels, Solicitor of the District, being called upon, stated the admirable results of working roads by taxation in Wilson county and the universal satisfaction of all citizens with the same. To attempt to return to old road system would in his opinion result in almost anarchy—at any rate the criminal Courts would be filled with violators of the law formerly governing the working of the public roads.

Mr. E. N. Williams considered the present road law system as next to nothing and was strongly in favor of better roads and was willing to be taxed.

J. M. Thorne condemned present system of road law, and advocated local taxation.

During a full expression of views the Chairman expressed his opposition to issuance of bonds and stated reasons for his position with reasons and instances of what can be done under present system if carried out as contemplated by law.

John Winston, of Youngsville, opposed bond issue and approved present system.

C. P. Harris was for a different system, considered the present system ineffectual and while neither opposed to good roads nor to bond issue, advised further consideration of the matter.

J. A. Turner moved that Mr. Bickett, Representative from Franklin, be asked to prepare and obtain the passage of a bill instructing the County Commissioners to submit to the voters of Franklin County the matter of a bond issue. This motion was seconded by Wm. H. Ruffin.

Mr. James Whelan suggested that the matter be deferred and submitted to the citizens of each township so ascertain the sentiment of the voters in the same.

A vote was called for and the motion of Mr. Turner was carried by a considerable majority and so announced by the Chair.

The meeting then adjourned.

W. H. Ruffin, Sec'y.

Lee's Birthday.

In accordance with the preparations made by the local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy last Saturday was appropriately celebrated in Louisburg in honor of the great Soldier and christian gentleman—Gen. Robert E. Lee.

The court room was decorated with Confederate flags, and the ladies had made all necessary arrangements for the occasion. The pupils of the college and the graded schools, accompanied by the teachers, marched to the court house, and were given seats on either side of the court room.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. L. S. Massey, and "How Firm a Foundation" was sung by a choir composed of ladies and gentlemen from the various churches.

The farewell address of General Lee was read in a very impressive manner by Miss May Jones. Another song "Come Unto Me" was rendered by the choir, and Miss Ohner May, in her usual very entertaining and pleasing manner, recited an appropriate selection. The orator of the day, Judge C. M. Cooke, was then, in a few well chosen remarks, introduced by Mr. W. H. Ruffin. The Judge's address was upon the life and character of the great General for whom the day was being celebrated, and his large audience, especially the older ones, among whom were quite a number of old veterans, was highly pleased. At the conclusion of the address another song was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. G. M. Duke.

The old veterans were invited to the hotel for dinner, and a number accepted.

Harris-Bobbitt.

On January 23rd, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Miles Bobbitt, at Avenet, Nash county, Mr. E. L. Harris, of Louisburg, was joined in the holy bonds of wedlock to Miss Manie M. Bobbitt, Rev. Willie Rosser, of Radford, Va., officiating. The attendants were Messrs J. C. Harris and W. F. Davis and Misses Carrie Sledge and Mary Rosser. After receiving congratulations of friends the newly wedded couple drove to Litchfield where they took the train for a bridal trip to Washington, Baltimore and other points. On their return they took rooms at the Macon Hotel. The Times extends congratulations.

Graded School Notes.

Superintendent Mills desires us to state that the parents and guardians of the children will be welcomed at any time they may wish to visit the Schools, and that he as well as the teachers, will be glad to have them visit the school often.

The Superintendent also informs us that while the number on the roll is much larger than last session, he is not altogether satisfied with the attendance. He would be very glad if the parents would have the children to be more punctual and prompt in getting to school.

Sad Death.

We regret to have to chronicle the death of Miss Blanche Cyrus, aged 18 years, and a daughter of Mr. George Cyrus, one of the faithful employees of the Wagon Company. Her death was caused from pneumonia, and she was ill only a short while. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Geo. M. Duke, and was largely attended. The interment was made in the Cemetery. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the community in their sad bereavement.

THE MOVING PEOPLE.

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

And Those Who Come and Go, Some for Pleasure, Some for Business and a Large Number Because They Like It.

W. M. Boone went out to Raleigh Wednesday.

Representative Bickett spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

Mr. W. F. Davis leaves today for a business trip to Norfolk.

J. W. Hollingsworth returned Saturday from a business trip north.

Miss Estelle Debnam, of Eagle Rock, is visiting relatives in town.

Miss Mabel McMurray, of Roanoke Rapids, is visiting Miss Urtie Harrison.

Mrs. Walter Page, of New York, is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. B. Wilder.

Mr. J. R. Taylor and wife have returned and taken room at Lancaster Hotel.

Mrs. Samuel J. Person, of Laurel, was a visitor to friends in town this past week.

Miss Lillie High returned a few days ago from a visit to friends in High Point.

Mr. Kenneth Edwards, the popular and efficient Register of Deeds of Vance, was here this week.

Dr. A. B. Hawkins and Miss Mattie Bailey, of Raleigh, spent two days with Mr. Wm. Bailey last week.

Mr. Frank Jones, of Charlotte, son of the late E. C. Jones, passed through last Friday to see his people at Laurel.

Oswald Yarboro and Benny Cooper came over from Wake Forest last Sunday to see their parents, and "the boys."

His friends were glad to shake the hand of Mr. J. T. Chestnut, who was here this week. Raleigh is his headquarters at present.

Miss Kittie Foster, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. E. E. Hilliard, at Scotland Neck, returned to her home at Ingleside this week.

Judge Cooke left last Saturday to hold court in the Asheville district. He will be away until some time in April. Mrs. Cooke will spend most of the time with him in the mountains.

Miss Eleanor Cooke has entirely recovered from her recent accident and returned one day this week to her school, the G. F. C., at Greensboro. Her mother accompanied her as far as Raleigh.

Miss Alice Spruill returned home last Saturday evening from her ten days trip to New York and other points, which she won in the recent Raleigh Times contest. She reports a most enjoyable trip.

The editor had a pleasant call from his good friend J. J. Allen this week. We are glad to learn from him that Mrs. Allen, who recently returned from Johns-Hopkins Hospital is greatly improved in health.

Farmers and Merchants Bank.

The stockholders of this bank held their annual meeting on last Friday. The report of the President for 1906 was made and the stockholders were highly pleased with the result of the year's work. A dividend of 15 per cent was declared, 5 per cent being paid to stockholders and the remaining 10 per cent was placed to undivided profits. All of the old directors were re-elected as follows: Wm. Bailey, Dr. A. B. Hawkins, F. N. Egerton, Dr. S. P. Barr, C. B. Chestnut, J. B. Thomas, T. W. Bickett, A. A. Clifton and Geo. W. King.

The President informs us that the capital stock of the bank is now over \$50,000.00, and that its future is very bright. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President—Wm. Bailey; Vice-President—Dr. A. B. Hawkins; Cashier—T. W. Watson; Attorney—T. W. Bickett.

Their unanimous re-election is evidence of the fact that the stockholders have implicit confidence in their ability and honesty to conduct the business.

Barkley—Glegg.

Mr. D. E. Barkley, the popular young druggist for the Crescent Drug Company, of Franklinton, and Miss Florrie Glegg, were united in marriage, at the home of the bride's mother in Franklinton, on Wednesday. Rev. N. E. Colemans, of the Methodist church performed the ceremony. The bride and groom are now on a bridal trip to Washington and other cities.

Fine Porkers.

Other reports of fine porkers have been sent in as follows:

A. W. Wilson, Jr., killed 19 that netted him 4,900 pounds—the largest 359. (He will have some fine spring pigs.)

W. T. Davis, of Cedar Rock reports four, 219, 249, 266, 320.

John Gupton, two, 260 and 511—the latter being 17 months old.

W. L. Tharrington, of Sandy Creek, one 400 pounds.

Joseph Jones and son killed 4 hogs, weight 1,207.

Philo Gill reports five 10 months old, averaging 164 pounds each.

Honor Rolls.

The following is the honor roll of Gatesville school:

First Grade—Louis Boone, Lucile Wheeler, Annie Tarrige, Orville Cooley, Lonnie White, Nannie House.

Second Grade—Mollie Bowden.

Third Grade—Stephen Sykes, Elijah Wheeler.

Fourth Grade—Fannie House, Blanche Sykes, Bertie Boone, Emma Wheeler, Frank Hollingsworth.

Fifth Grade—Nan Hines, Paul Hollingsworth, Carrie Hollingsworth, Bennie Wheeler.

Sixth Grade—Bionnie Wheeler, Lizzie House, Idolena Calpeppet.

The following is the honor roll of the Centreville Academy:

1st Grade—Annie Neal, Gabriel Dement, Lucy Dement and Ethel Shearin.

2nd Grade—Viola Shearin.

3rd Grade—Bertha Neal, Ruth Parrish, Spruill Upham, Nannie Gupton, Arthur Shearin, Emma Shearin, John Hunt, Viola Hunt.

4th Grade—Henderson Jenkins, Harrie Neal, Floyd Parrish, Cassie Bunn, Eleanor Upham, Ruth Upham.

5th Grade—Lillian Upham.

Following is the honor roll for Ingleside Academy for month ending Jan. 15th:

A. M. Jones, teacher—Mattie Lancaster, Mary Belle Dement, Mary Louise Foster, Ethel Williams.

Miss Winston, teacher—Emma Pace, Ollie Dement, Lillian Dement, Joe Ben Beasley, Marvin Davis, Della Dement, Colleen Lancaster.

An Enjoyable Evening.

On last Friday evening at the home of Mr. E. C. Hayes, Messrs. John Young, S. C. Kayser and Robert Lambeth gave an supper to their friends and relatives.

The menu was excellent, the performing was Miss Ella Tharrington, Nora Lancaster and Phoebe Parkerson, Messrs. Germaine Fox, Ernest Lee and Billie Johnson, John Young and Richard Parkerson.

About eleven o'clock the people began to go home, all pronouncing it quite an enjoyable evening. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes are known for their hospitality, and we all hope to spend other evening similar to this one.

A Green.