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FRANKLIN SUPERIOR COURT

JUDGE C. C. LYON, OF BLADEN, PRESIDING

The Judge's First Appearance in Franklin—Makes Favorable Impression—Solicitor Daniels Aply Prosecutes.

The January term of Franklin Superior Court convened on Monday with Hon. C. C. Lyon, of Bladen, Judge presiding.

Judge and Solicitor Daniels arrived on Sunday, and court was promptly opened at 10.30 Monday morning. The following persons were excused for the term: H. L. Davis, E. Pearce, J. W. Griffin, W. F. Mitchiner, S. S. Meadows, M. F. Honck and W. P. Long, and the following were drawn as grand jurors:

J. H. Weathers, Foreman, J. H. Best, E. T. Rudd, W. W. Shearin, J. Calvin Winston, E. L. Fuller, Sam Thompson, A. W. Holmes, W. J. Stallings, Moses Neal, D. B. Pearce, W. R. Rogers, F. J. Whitfield, N. L. Moseley, W. S. Sledge, C. S. Merritt, Chas. Macon, J. G. Bunn (excused) W. O. Stone, of Cedar Rock, was sworn as officer to the grand jury.

The Judge's charge to the grand jury was plain and forcible, and covered almost the entire criminal law. This is Judge Lyon's first appearance as Judge in this county, and his manner of conducting the court has made a very favorable impression upon our people.

The State docket was taken up and cases disposed of as follows: State vs J. W. Pulley, continued under former order.

State vs Tom Ham, not pros with leave.

State vs Lonnie Holden, not pros with leave.

State vs Early Macon, c. c. w., \$5 and costs.

State and R. R. Woodhief vs Tom Woodhief. This case was stricken off the docket. Neither defendant or prosecuting witness were allowed to prove witness ticket, but Arbitrators were allowed \$1 each.

State vs James Jones, retelling, not guilty.

State vs Erastus Stallings, continued under former order.

State vs Vannie Gill and Lessie Jeans, F. & A., not pros as to Lessie and net guilty as to Gill.

State vs Charley Perry, submits, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs R. L. Peterson, c. c. w., called and failed, judgment nisi, scifa and capias.

State vs D. B. May, failure to work roads, not guilty.

State vs Herman Mayfield, burglary, not guilty.

State vs Ed Plummer, assault.

State vs S. A. L. Railroad, continued.

State vs Eli Medlin and James Petiford, assault, Medlin submits, \$15 and half costs. Half costs as to Petiford.

State vs Press Norward, enticing servant, defendant required to give bond for appearance at next term.

State vs J. T. Holden, defendant called and failed, judgment nisi, scifa and capias instant.

State vs Bud Spivey, larceny, pleads guilty, 6 months on roads.

State vs Daniel Stallings, larceny, 12 months on roads.

State vs Meddie Smith, trespass, submits, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs J. W. Pearce, retelling, submits, judgment suspended on payment of costs, defendant to give bond for \$200 to appear at each term of court for two years and show that he has not violated any law against the sale of intoxicating liquors.

State vs Chub Timberlake, assault, guilty, \$50 and costs.

State vs Doss and Martha Pettiford, selling wine, not guilty.

State vs Ed Plummer, assault,

submits, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs Dallas Thomas, c. c. w., pleads guilty, judgment suspended.

State vs Dallas Thomas, assault 3 months on roads.

State vs Henry Battle, larceny, one year on roads.

State vs Henry Battle, selling whiskey, 6 months on roads.

State vs J. R. Bergeron and Rebecca Powell, selling whiskey, \$50 fine and all costs as to Bergeron, judgment suspended on Rebecca Powell, both to give bond for appearance and show good behavior.

State vs Willie Rodwell, resisting officer, one year on roads.

State vs Hencoe Hazlewood, Jr., a. d. w., not guilty.

State vs Tom Ham and D. T. Fuller, scifa, judgment absolute, judgment paid.

State vs Cooley and Sallie Hockaday, resisting officer, 6 months on roads as to Cooley, not guilty as to Sallie.

State vs John Pippin, a. d. w., guilty, 6 months on roads.

State vs Alouza Neal, cruelty to animals, guilty, judgment that he pay W. A. Benton \$15 for hog, and the costs in this section.

State vs Willie Solomon, assault, \$10 and costs.

State vs Robert Pender, selling wine, not guilty.

State vs Cora Floyd, larceny, 6 months in jail, leave of Commissioners to hire out.

State vs Joe Neal, a. d. w., guilty, \$10 and costs.

State vs Geo. Alston, peace warrant, appeal dismissed, defendant to pay costs.

State vs Sell Allen, removing crop, not guilty.

State vs Tom Massenburg, larceny, 4 months on the roads.

The trial of the State Docket was completed yesterday evening and Solicitor Daniels left on the evening train for his home.

The grand jury will complete its work today.

The Civil docket will be taken up today and court will continue next week.

The following resolutions were passed by the Grand Jury:

Whereas, since the last term of the Superior Court of this county, Mr. Joseph C. Baker, who for thirty years had served as officer to the Grand Jurors of the county, has departed this life, and

Whereas, it is fitting that the records of the Court be so long and faithfully served, should contain some tribute to his memory, therefore be it resolved

1. That in the death of Joseph C. Baker the county of Franklin has lost an honest, faithful and beloved public servant, and the state one who was a representative of its best type of citizenship. He was brave in war, and in peace he was ever loyal to the highest interests of his country.

2. That we ask that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of Franklin Superior Court, copies furnished to county newspapers for publication, and a copy sent to the family of the deceased.

J. H. WEATHERS
Foreman of Grand Juror.

Death of Miss Bowden.

On the 31st day of Dec. 1907, the death angel came and took Miss Susie Bowden home to rest.

She was 29 years old and has been a member of the church for several years. She was a good girl and was loved by all who knew her. She leaves one sister and five brothers to mourn their loss. Rev. G. M. May preached her funeral on the first day of Jan. 1908, and she was buried in the old home grave yard.

—Don't forget that now is the time to advertise. Don't wait until somebody else gets all the trade.

A NEW POSTAL RULING.

WHICH WILL EFFECT ALL COUNTRY NEWSPAPERS.

Under the Ruling all Subscribers to Weekly Papers Must Not Allow Subscription to Run Over One Year.

The Post Office Department at Washington City has made a ruling regarding second-class postage rates that will affect more or less every publisher of newspapers and periodicals in the United States.

The ruling particularly affects that great class of publications known as the "County Weeklies." The order as issued from the Department makes it illegal for a weekly newspaper to mail papers at the usual second-class postage rates to subscribers who owe for more than one year's subscription, and this order was to take effect January 1, 1908, but three months longer has been given so that publishers may get their subscription lists in better condition. Publishers are allowed to mail papers at the rate of one cent per pound to actual bona fide subscribers, but after April 1, 1908, they will be required to pay one cent for each four ounces on all papers sent to subscribers of weekly papers, who are more than one year behind on their subscriptions. This would require about one cent on each copy of THE TIMES sent out to such subscribers, or 52 cents on each per year. This we cannot afford to do and we kindly ask each subscriber to make haste to get themselves strait along this line.

At the request of President Varner, of the National Press Association, the Postmaster-General has extended the time to April 1st for this new ruling to take effect. We hope by that date that all who owe for more than one year for the Times will come up and settle, so that we may not be put to the unpleasant necessity of cutting any one off.

Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Farmers and Merchants Bank.

The stockholders of the Farmers & Merchants Bank held their regular annual meeting in the bank building on Friday, January sixteenth. Considering the financial condition, the report of the president for the year's work was most creditable. A dividend of eight per cent was declared, and more than one thousand dollars was carried to the surplus fund. This makes the total surplus of the bank over eighteen thousand dollars. The capital stock is \$23,500.00, and each stockholder is personally liable for an amount in excess of his stock equivalent to the amount of his stock. This gives the depositors of this bank security to the amount of over sixty-five thousand dollars, outside of any deposits they make.

The following directors were elected: Wm. Bailey, C. B. Cheatham, J. B. Thomas, T. W. Bickett, John W. King, A. A. Clifton, Dr. S. P. Burt and F. N. Egerton. The directors elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Wm. Bailey, President; Dr. A. B. Hawkins, Vice-President; T. W. Watson, Cashier, and T. W. Bickett, Attorney.

Hartsfield—Martin.

We have received the following invitation:

Mr. and Mrs. William Kemp Martin request your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Mary Norma, to Mr. John W. Hartsfield on Tuesday afternoon, January twenty-eight, nineteen hundred and eight, at four o'clock, at their residence, Wake Forest, North Carolina.

At home, after February tenth, 2118 Avenue H, Birmingham, Ala.

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THE EXTRA SESSION.

NET IN RALEIGH ON LAST TUESDAY.

The Governors Message Read to Both Houses—He Urges Ratification of Rate Agreement and passage of Prohibition.

The extra session of the Legislature met in Raleigh on last Tuesday in response to the call issued by Governor Glenn.

The message of the Governor, which was quite lengthy was read before both Houses and given very marked attention. The message gave a full explanation of his railroad agreement and urged its adoption.

The Governor also recommended the passage at this session of a prohibition law, covering the entire state.

The democratic members of both Houses held a caucus Tuesday night and after a full discussion upon the question of prohibition, from every standpoint, decided to submit the question to a vote of the people. Thus the legislature, in our opinion goes Democratic.

A number of bills were introduced the second day, among them a bill by Mr. Bickett to allow the voters to vote upon the question of "Dispensary or no Dispensary" for Louisburg.

The Bickett Bill.

Representative T. W. Bickett, of Franklin, has introduced a bill in the House, which will be passed, should the Legislature decide to take up such legislation at the extra session, providing for an election upon Dispensary or no Dispensary for Louisburg.

We have not seen the bill but understand that it provides for an election to be held in May next, and should the majority be "against Dispensary" this institution will close on December 1st.

This bill was introduced by Mr. Bickett, in response to a numerous signed petition asking that the question be submitted to a vote of the people of this township. It is generally conceded at present that a majority of the people of this township, will vote for prohibition.

Be Natural.

Heaven help the man who imagines he can dodge enemies by trying to please everybody! If such an individual ever succeeds pass him over this way that we may have one look at his mortal remains ere he vanishes away for surely this earth cannot be his abiding place. Now we do not infer that one should be going through this world trying to find beams to knock and thump his head against, disputing every man's opinion, fighting and elbowing and crowding all who differ from him. That again, is another extreme. Other people have their opinions, so have you. Don't fall into the error of supposing they will respect you more for turning your coat every day, to match the color of their. Wear your own clothes in spite of wind and weather, storms and sunshine. It costs the irrelative ten times the trouble to wind, and shuffle, and twist than it does honest manly independence to stand

Our Town—A Pull Together.

There is no room for doubt but that our town, with the united efforts of its enterprising citizens, can greatly increase its business and enhance the value of property. Everything indicates a forward movement. The high standard of morality that exists is inducing many to look this way with a view of locating. Our excellent schools is a feature greatly appreciated by the best people of this section, and are proving attractive

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.

C. T. Stokes visited Raleigh Tuesday.

T. B. Wilder spent Tuesday in Raleigh.

Mrs. J. J. Allen returned Tuesday from a visit to Durham.

Mr. A. W. Green, of Lenoir, spent Sunday with his people here, Mrs. C. R. Church, of Norfolk, is visiting friends and relatives in town.

Mr. Asa Parham, of Greenville, arrived Tuesday to visit friends and relatives in town.

Messrs. A. E. Boldingfield, of the News-Observer, and Will K. Coley, of the Evening Times, were here this week in the interest of those papers.

Mr. Dean, of Willow Springs, was a pleasant caller at the Times office this week. He was a former Franklin county man and his many friends were glad to shake his hand.

Mr. Larry I. Moore, of Newbern, former Solicitor of this district, was here this week, to argue some legal points before Judge Lyon. His friends were glad to see him.

Mr. Donald Gilliam, of Tarboro, and Mr. Everett, of Winterton, were here this week, to argue a restraining order before Judge Lyon, regarding a liquor election in Martin county.

He Got The Prize.

One day this week several gentlemen in town were talking of some very large men they had seen, and after a number had told their narratives, Mr. Julius Lehman arose and asked that he be allowed to "tell in." He was told by the man who had narrated the biggest "tale" to proceed, whereupon he began:

"Well, I saw a man recently that was 7-4 feet high, weighed 300 pounds, measured 16 inches from his wrist to tip of his fingers; wore a number 15 1-2 hat, wore number 36 shoes, and sat the following at one meal: One pot of soup, eleven pounds of beef, nine pounds of vegetables, twenty-six pounds of bread, and drank six quarts of beer.

The prize was at once handed over to Mr. Lehman, and the conversation abruptly changed.

Gen. Robt. E. Lee.

Appropriate memorial exercises were held in the Methodist church last Sunday evening at 7.30, commemorating the birthday anniversary of General Robert E. Lee. The exercises were under the auspices of the J. J. Davis Chapter, U. D. C. A large audience was present notwithstanding the fact that the hour was not generally known. The exercises were opened with several musical numbers by the choir which proved a most enjoyable feature, followed by prayer by Rev. John London.

Dr. J. E. Malone, presided at the meeting, after making a few remarks eulogistic of Lee, invited Mr. W. H. Ruffin forward, who read a selection written by Dr. Henry Sheppard, of Baltimore, sketching the life of the great General. Rev. John London of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, of which General Lee was a most devout communicant, then delivered the address of the evening.

The address was a most excellent one, both entertaining and instructive, its merit deserving publication in full as a permanent record. A number of his auditors pronounced it the best they had heard delivered on this subject and this is not mere fulsome flattery but well deserved praise. The speaker showed surprising familiarity with incidents in the life of Lee, some of them gathered himself on the battlefield of Virginia, veterans themselves who had been the actors in the episodes related. His pronunciation was a gem, both in thought and language, a fit climax to a splendid discourse. The audience was asked to join in singing "How Firm a Foundation" the favorite hymn of General Lee, after which the benediction was pronounced.

There was more moving in and away from the community this year than usual. Mr. J. L. Jackson and family, three sons, F. P., Ira, Eugene, one son-in-law, Mr. Ernest Broeders, with their families, have moved near Middleburg. We regret to lose these good citizens. Mr. Jim Davis and daughter Miss Sallie Young had an exciting experience a short time ago in being through a swollen stream. Water ran over the whip-saw and for a time the occupants of the buggy were in danger of being swept down the stream but were finally landed safely on the opposite side. Miss Davis lost her one eye and contents in the swift current. It has not been recovered.

INGLESIDE ITEMS.

Mr. T. T. Hunt the well-known farmer and stock raiser, made a sale of 117 head of sheep to Mr. T. B. Cradup, of Kittrell.

Mrs. Nat Dehann, of Wake, and sister Mrs. N. D. Foster, of Matthews County, Va., are visiting their brother, Mr. O. S. Mason and sister.

WARRIED—On Wednesday evening, January 15, at 5 o'clock, at the residence of R. S. Foster, Esq., Mr. Geo. M. Faulkner and Miss Nettie V. Faulkner. The ceremony was impressively performed by Justice Foster, who has had a wide experience in marrying—other people.

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