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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BOARD HELD REGULAR MEETING LAST MONDAY.

All Members Present—Regular Routine Business Transacted—List of Jurors Drawn for April Term of Court.

The County Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on the 2nd—all members being present. The following business was transacted:

Flora Leonard was allowed to go to County home, and her name was stricken from pauper list.

Mrs. Hodgkin Stallings children were stricken from pauper list.

An order was passed that each member of the Board look into the matter of the outside list with a view of decreasing the list during the summer, and report at May meeting of the Board.

Nathan Chancelhouse was allowed \$1 per month as outside pauper.

Allowance of Sallie Morton and daughter was increased \$1 to \$2 per month each.

John Cadlett was placed on outside pauper list at \$1 per month.

H. W. Ferguson was relieved of poll Tax in Harris township for 1908.

J. H. Cooke was appointed to look after building bridge over Buffalo Creek near Perry's Chapel, also to have bridge over Cedar Creek near C. S. Williams repaired.

An order was passed to the effect that Robt. Perry should not, under any circumstances, be allowed to return to County home.

Bond of R. G. Winn, Standard Keeper, was received.

J. R. Collie was allowed to build additional stable on "cedar hill" for benefit of public.

J. E. Faulkner was released of Graded School tax in Franklinton district.

C. A. Ballard, in Youngsville, was relieved of poll tax, having moved to Texas.

Mrs. Louise McGhee and two children were allowed to go to county home.

N. A. Odom, Harris township, was relieved of poll—over age.

D. A. Spivey was relieved of tax on land in Harris township, the same having been paid by Mrs. Kate Harris.

Eleanor Dickerson was placed on outside pauper list at \$1 per month.

O. H. and T. A. Hawkins were relieved of poll tax in Ingleside School district—they not being residents.

Report of Dr. R. F. Yarborough, Supt. of Health received and filed, also report of E. N. Williams, Supt. of County home. He reports 6 white and 18 colored inmates.

A list of jurors for April Court was drawn as follows:

FIRST WEEK—R. H. Strickland, A. W. Wilder, Jehn McGhee, E. M. Newman, W. A. Benton, Whit Hayes, R. G. Winn, W. A. Burnett, H. D. Wester, J. H. Bobbitt, J. D. Speed, John Wilson, H. A. Newton, J. R. Jones, T. C. Harris, Z. T. McGhee, B. C. Strickland, Blount Egerton, F. M. Wiggs, R. F. Bunn, J. J. Allen, S. M. Washington, W. H. Wood, P. R. White, W. E. White, J. W. Woodlief, K. A. Perry, T. K. Allen, K. J. Perry, R. D. Parnell, D. F. McKinnis, C. E. Richards, J. R. Parrish, M. D. Smith, W. B. Wright, E. L. Odom.

SECOND WEEK—J. B. Smith, B. C. Perry, J. B. Sturdevant, T. A. Collie, J. L. King, F. G. Alley, W. A. Bowden, W. Hal. Mam, D. K. Gupton, B. T. Green, Geo. W. Leonard, J. W. Perry, F. G. Boone, J. F. Gupton, S. B. Nash, J. J. Young, J. W. Davis, W. T. Williams.

A number of accounts were allowed and Board adjourned to next regular meeting.

Opera-House To-Night.

"Terry The Swell" the Big Musical Comedy. Showed last night to a well pleased audience. The house was in a continuous roar of laughter from start to finish, as there wasn't a dull moment in the entire play. Matrimonial Troubles will be the opening to-night with six vaudeville acts between the two acts of this screaming Comedy. The play is well worth the price of admission and every married person and those that are anticipating to get married had better come and witness this and live afterward in happiness.

Tickets on sale at Boddie-Perry Drug Store.

Prohibition Mass-Meeting.

A petition signed by more than one hundred people, calling for a prohibition mass-meeting to be held in the court-house in Louisburg on Monday March ninth, 1908, at twelve o'clock, for the purpose of organizing the prohibition forces of the county, has been handed to the TIMES. Those presenting the petition do not request that the names signed to the same should be printed, as it would take up too much space; but they earnestly hope that every man in the county who is interested in this vital question will come to the court-house on Monday, the ninth day of March, and participate in the meeting. A committee will be appointed to carry on the campaign in each township in the county.

The ministers of the several churches throughout the county are requested to make announcement of this meeting to their congregations.

Six Thousand Dollars Stolen.

Mr. Atha Jeans, who lives in Duns township, says that he had stolen from him nearly six thousand dollars, and his own son has been indicted for the theft. The case is set for trial at Louisburg to-morrow, (Saturday.) Mr. Jeans says that he had the money at his home—the savings of a life time.

Death of Mrs. E. H. Bobbitt.

After a lingering illness of several months, Mrs. Bobbitt, wife of Dr. E. H. Bobbitt, of Cedar Rock township, died on Sunday night last. She was a most highly esteemed woman. The bereaved husband and son have the sympathy of their friends.

She leaves only one child, Mr. B. B. Bobbitt, editor of the Herald, of Long Branch, N. J.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. F. A. Bishop, of Louisburg.

Mr. Spruill's Family Leaves for Rocky Mount.

Mr. F. S. Spruill, who recently accepted the position of Division Counsel for the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, with headquarters at Rocky Mount, removed his family to that town on Tuesday of this week. Our people generally regret their departure from our midst, and the good wishes of the community go with them to their new home.

Mr. Spruill will retain his law office here and informs us that he will endeavor to be in Louisburg on Saturdays and Mondays to look after any legal business requiring his attention. He will also attend the courts in Franklin.

His law partner Mr. Ben T. Holden will have charge of the office in Louisburg.

A Card of Thanks.

EDITOR OF THE TIMES—Kindly permit me through your paper, to thank the good people in the community for their kindness, and deeds of love, to my husband, W. G. Collins during the illness and death. They will ever be remembered by me.

Mrs. W. G. COLLINS.

FIDDLER'S CONVENTION.

HELD IN OPERA HOUSE LAST TUESDAY NIGHT.

A large Number of Fiddlers, Banjoists and Dancers on Hand, but the Attendance Small—The Prize Winners.

Another session of the Old Fiddler's Convention was held in the Opera House on Tuesday night when a number of those who participated in the first Convention took part, together with quite a number of new musicians who were not in the first.

The programme was well arranged and the "proceedings" of the convention passed off very smoothly.

Mr. J. A. Turner made the announcements in his "witty style" and the performers did their parts well.

The following is a list of the performers:

R. T. Williams, S. T. Dickerson, Dr. F. K. Cooke, Creekmore, Alford and Bunn, (composing the Cypress Creek band) Nat Mitchell, Peter Monger, D. T. Williams, Harry Rogers, W. T. Rogers, A. L. Wilson, Henry Joyner, Sam Thompson, James Thompson, R. Bunn, Sam Ransdale, Mallie Ransdale, Sam Parrish, G. D. Joyner.

The judges, Messrs. D. B. Pearce, W. H. Spivey, C. E. Gupton, A. W. Wilson, Jr., and Dr. A. H. Fleming, awarded the prizes as follows:

Best Fiddler—R. T. Williams. Second Best—Peter Monger. Best Banjoist—Percy Bunn. Second—Sam Dickerson. Best Clog Dancer—Sam Ransdale. Second—James Thompson. Booby—D. T. Williams.

The prizes gave out at this point the audience chipped in and made up a prize of one dollar for little Harry Rogers, and the managers of the Opera House added another dollar for the little fiddler. He plays well on the fiddle and also on the guitar. The banjo solos of Dr. Cooke, (who did not contest for the prizes) and his "local hits" were greatly enjoyed by the audience.

The performance, especially in view of the fact that it was stated that a portion of proceeds were to go to two good causes, deserved a large attendance.

INGLESIDE ITEMS.

Miss Tip Terrell is still quite sick at the home of her sister Mrs. Cairo Edwards; near here.

Some of our people went to Henderson Monday night to attend the performance of the Clansman.

Mrs. J. R. Shearin, who has been sick for some time, continues quite ill at her home near Ingleside.

Mr. J. R. Shearin lost a valuable cow last week. The cow was tied out and accidentally killed in some manner.

Rev. E. D. Poe, pastor of Corinth, writes that Rev. Mr. Farmer will be with the church next Saturday and Sunday the 7th and 8th inst. Mr. Farmer is an excellent preacher and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance at these regular appointments.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Craft, of Long Island, N. Y., arrived last week and are spending some time at Mr. W. H. Macon's. Mr. Craft came for the benefit of his wife's health and also to enjoy the latter part of the hunting season. This is their first visit to this part of the South, and they express themselves very much pleased with the country and people.

Friday evening, February 28th, marked the close of a successful term of the Ingleside Academy. An interesting program was prepared, and the handsome decorations showed the patriotic spirit of the school. A large audience composed of the friends and patrons of the school enjoyed the exercises, which were complimented by our esteemed Council

Supt. of schools, Prof. R. B. White. The first piece on the program was the popular song "America," which was well rendered by the school. This was followed by other songs and recitations, interspersed with sweet music by the Panga String Band. Among the creditable pieces was a humorous recitation by Miss Ethel Williams, song by Master Jessie Mitchell and Miss Sallie Louise Macon, vacation song by the school and some good singing by the smaller children.

Prof. White was present and at the close of the exercises delivered an excellent address, replete with patriotism, the love of his native South land, the cause of education, etc. Our people are always glad to hear Mr. White. He gave us a good speech and we would like for him to come oftener and talk longer.

This closes the first term and a very successful one, under the management of Prof. T. H. Sledge. Prof. Sledge is a faithful and efficient educator, and with his capable assistants Misses Lulia Jarman and Susie Macon, has given the patrons a good school, and we would be glad to have him continue his work at the next session.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Plummer Jones are saddened at the distressing accident resulting in the death of their youngest child, Joe Plummer, occurred at their home in Warren county, last Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Jones were not at home at the time, and it is not known just how the child's clothing caught fire. The children were left in the care of a competent white girl, who it seems left the house a short time to go to the mail, while the children were playing in the yard. Before the girl returned the supposition is that the children went back into the house when the little one's clothing came in contact with the fire in some manner. The older children did what they could to extinguish the flames but to no avail. Neighbors soon arrived and it was soon discovered that the child's injuries were fatal. A messenger hastened to convey to the mother and father of the news of the saddest and most distressing event that had ever come into their lives and also to call a physician. The little sufferer survived only a few hours dying shortly after the arrival of the physician.

Bright, interesting and an unusually pretty child, the death of this dear little boy under the circumstances is indeed a sad dispensation, sad in the extreme. We sympathize sincerely with the bereaved.

Dr. and Mrs. Burt Entertains.

On Friday evening, February 28th, Dr. and Mrs. S. P. Burt entertained the Senior Class of Louisburg College, in honor of their sister, Miss Pattie Bet Davis. The parlor was tastefully decorated in red and white, the class colors. The same scheme was carried out in the dining room where a sumptuous feast was spread. The table was especially beautiful, there being a large basket of fruit in the center decorated in white grapes and red cherries. Around this there was a large red and white circular banner on which fourteen red and white candles burned. The place cards were decorated with red rose buds and ribbon. After supper there was an interesting guessing contest and the happy winner of the first prize, a copy of Whittier's poems bound in red leather, was Miss Davis. The booby prize was awarded Miss Ida Ellis.

Another feature of the evening was the reading of "fortunes in peanut shells" by Miss Pattie Bowser of Halifax. Those present were, Misses Louise Allen, Antie Carroll, Mary Cooper, Pattie Bet Davis, Emma Duke, Jennie Duke, Alice James Coates, Bell Mitchiner, Annie Perry, Mary Webb, Ida Ellis, Ois Long and May Holmes.

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.

Mr. F. W. Wheeler paid Apex a business visit this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hughes, of Apex, visited friends here this week.

Mrs. B. B. Jeffreys, of Raleigh, is visiting her uncle, Mr. W. F. Beasley.

Miss Annie Pegram, of Henderson, visited her parents here this week.

Dr. E. S. Green, of Monroe, visited his parents here Sunday and Monday.

His friends were pleased to see Mr. H. T. Beasley, of Zebulon, in town the past week.

Mrs. A. M. Hall and Misses Grace and Lynn Hall leave to-morrow for New York, to purchase the spring stock for the Racket.

Miss Annie L. Macon left this week for Nashville, Tenn., where she goes to take a position as nurse in one of the leading Sanitariums of that city.

Mrs. S. E. Johnson, sister of Mrs. F. A. Bishop, and her niece, Miss Josie Alexander of Wilmington, who have been on a visit to Mrs. Bishop for about three weeks have returned to their home in Wilmington.

MORE THAN A QUART.

Mr. Editor:—Last week I promised to say a word in this issue in explanation of that clause of the anti-dispensary bill which provides that if a party is indicted for keeping liquor for sale, proof of the possession of more than one quart shall be prima facie evidence of guilt.

This provision applies only to Lousburg township. Note that having liquor in one's possession is not made unlawful. A man may have his house packed full of whiskey from cellar to garret without violating the law. Not keeping it, but KEEPING IT FOR SALE, is made a misdemeanor. If one is indicted for keeping liquor for sale, the proof that he has in his possession more than a quart is evidence under the statute that he had it for sale. It is not conclusive evidence. It does not even throw the burden of proof on the party indicted to show that he did not keep it for sale, they may convict him. This is the construction placed upon the statute by the supreme court of North Carolina in a case entitled State against Barret, 138 N. C. Reports, page 630.

A man indicted must be tried by a jury of his countrymen, and I submit that if his character among his fellows is such that upon proof that he had more than one quart of liquor in his possession, a jury of his countrymen would be satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that he had it for the purpose of selling it in violation of law, then he ought to be convicted of something, for he has outraged his usefulness to society.

I am not wedded to the one quart limit. If the next legislature sees fit to raise the limit to two quarts, certainly I shall not object; it would make no difference in the principle. But the principle that the possession of liquor in prohibition territory is evidence to be considered by the jury that it is kept for sale is sound, bottomed on truth, and has come to stay. It is comparatively new in North Carolina, but within five years it will be the law in every community where there is a strong sentiment in favor of prohibition that prohibits. In nearly all the States where prohibition laws have been enacted, similar provisions are found and the courts have upheld such provisions in the following cases: State v. Cunningham, 25 Kentucky, 195; Commissioners v. Williams, 77 Massachusetts, 1; Board

of Excess v. Merchant, 103 New York, 431; Santo, 1 Iowa, 165.

In the Iowa case cited, the statute made the possession by a junk dealer of a lot of second-hand bottles and kegs prima facie evidence that he had been engaged in the sale of liquor.

I was asked to draw a prohibition bill, and did it because I was asked; but in doing it I conceived it to be my duty to draw the most effective bill possible, and one in keeping with the best thought on the subject.

If this community is in favor of prohibition, it is entitled to the genuine article. If it is not in favor of prohibition, then let the dispensary or bar-rooms be continued wide open. Let us have no half-way measure. "If the Lord be God follow him; if Baal, then follow him."

Certainly I have set no snare to entrap the innocent, but have endeavored to shut off every avenue of escape for the guilty. In the one county in North Carolina where this law has been in force, no innocent man has ever been subjected to the least annoyance, but it has proved a powerful weapon for the enforcement of the law against those who desire to break it. A man may be running a blind uger in a dry town; the whole town may be 'astounded of it, and yet it is very hard to prove an actual sale. It is rather to the credit of men that they do not care to tell on those who furnish them liquor. But if you go to the place of business, to the pretended shoe-shop or barber-shop or restaurant and find hidden away a lot of liquor the courts will have an opportunity to convict the party if the community believes that he is running a blind tiger.

Of course, the law could be abused. So could every law now on the books for the prevention of crime. There is not a man or woman in this town who could not be prosecuted and temporarily humiliated if an enemy saw fit to take advantage of any one of a hundred statutes upon our books. In discussing a statute like this, Justice Connor of our supreme court well says, "To the suggestion that this law may be abused in its execution and the personal and property rights of a citizen invaded, it is sufficient to say that human wisdom has never yet devised any system of legislation or jurisprudence to which the same objection may not be urged. It would be difficult to find any principle of the common law or any statutory law which does not contain within itself the germ from which an oppressive administration may develop."

I have written this much because it has appeared to me that the 'real meaning and purpose of this clause have been wholly misunderstood, and its power to make prohibition prohibitive not fully appreciated. In neither of these articles have I said anything about how any man should vote, for prohibition or against it. That is a question which must be decided by every man before God and in the forum of his own conscience. I do not assume to be the keeper of any man's conscience; I have trouble enough to keep my own. Let every man look this question fairly and squarely in the face, and then do the right as he sees the right. Let him divest himself of all prejudice and passion; let there be no bitterness, no bickering, no strife, but let every man weigh and consider the question with that seriousness which its importance deserves. Then let him take in his hand and cast exactly the same ballot that he would cast if the ballot-box rested on the Throne of God and Jesus the Christ were holding the polls; and no man will criticize his action whether that ballot be cast for prohibition or against it.

T. W. BICKERT.

Feb. 25, 1908.