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## FRANKLIN SUPE'R COURT.

### JANUARY TERM OPENED LAST MONDAY MORNING.

His Honor Judge C. M. Cooke Presiding—C. C. Daniels, Solicitor, Prosecutor for State—A Number of Cases Disposed of.

The January term of Franklin Superior Court convened on last Monday morning at 10 o'clock, with Hon. C. M. Cooke, Judge presiding, the state being represented by solicitor C. C. Daniels.

It was remarkable that all jurors answered to their names, and only two asked to be excused.

The Judge's charge to the grand jury was plain and forcible, covering the more important laws against crime. His explanation of the laws regarding small pox, the great importance of their enforcement to prevent the spread of this loathsome disease, was very appropriate, as well as his discourse on the importance of the enforcement of the law recently adopted by a majority of the voters of the State against the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors. "It matters not" said the Judge "how you or I voted upon the question, or what we think about it, as good citizens it is our duty to abide by the will of the majority and give the law a fair and impartial trial."

A. S. J. Hamlet was sworn as Foreman of the Grand Jury, and W. O. Stone was in a like manner made officer to this body.

The State docket was taken up and disposed of as follows:

State vs S. A. L. Railway, execution to issue.

State vs J. W. Pully, continued.

State vs Chub Timberlake, continued.

State vs J. W. Pearce, defendant discharged and case dismissed.

State vs J. T. Holden, continued, capias to Durham.

State vs John Pippin, defendant discharged on payment of costs.

State vs Nicholson, Conway and Morris, nol. pros.

State and R. R. Woodlief vs T. H. Woodlief, appeal for costs, judgment of lower court modified and affirmed.

State against vs Luther Wright, C. C. W., pleads guilty, \$20 and costs.

State vs Seth Perry, continued under former order.

State vs Moses Cooke, forcible trespass, submits, \$25 and costs.

State vs J. W. Rowe, removing crops, submits, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs Fenton Dunston, same offense, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs Joe M. Hayes, assault, pleads guilty, \$10 and costs.

State vs J. J. Pearce, Marof Pearce and Bill Carter, cruelty to animals, not guilty.

State vs Joe and Jim Smith, murder. Defendant Joe Smith being in Court, the Solicitor for the State, states that he will not ask for a verdict of murder in first degree, but will ask for a verdict of murder in second degree, or manslaughter. This case was continued.

State vs J. J. Pearce and Morcy Pearce, cruelty to animals, nol. pros.

State vs Dollar Davis, secret assault, guilty.

State vs Erastus Stallings, discharged on payment of costs.

State vs Jno. E. Burnett, assault, submits, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs Geo. Green, failure to work roads, guilty.

State and S. T. Dodd vs Marcus Dunston, false pretense, notice to Dodd to appear and show cause why he should not be taxed with the costs; nol. pros. with leave as to Dunston.

State vs Doney Gill, larceny,

pleads guilty, four months on roads.

State vs Ernest Jackson, called and failed judgment nisi, capias.

State vs Geo. Washington, a d. w., two years on roads.

State vs George Perry, larceny two years on roads.

State vs Logan Bryant, larceny, three years on roads.

State vs Wesley Jones, assault, \$10 and costs.

State vs Oscar Littlejohn, larceny judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs Arch Howell, larceny, guilty.

State vs Matthew Davis, larceny not guilty.

State vs Ben Jeffreys, a d. w., not guilty.

As we close our forms, (Thursday evening) the trial of the state docket is still in progress. It will probably be completed to-day (Friday).

### REPORT OF GRAND JURY.

The grand jury completed their work in three days, and made the following report to the court:

"We the Grand Jury for January term of Franklin Superior Court 1909, beg leave to make the following report:

We have passed on all bills that have come to our knowledge.

We have visited the county jail in a body and find the same in good condition, but recommend that a cell be built for the white prisoners. The Sanitary condition is good, the prisoners well cared for.

We have visited the Home for Aged and Infirm, by committee, and find the same in first class condition, the inmates all well cared for, and say they are well satisfied.

We have visited the different offices of the Court House and find them well kept and records in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,  
A. S. J. HAMLET, Foreman.

### Honor Roll.

The following is the Honor roll for Clifton's school for month ending Jan. 15th:

1st grade—Luna Hagwood, Willis Wheeler, Tom Young, Perry and John Wheeler, Claud and Beula Hight, Sadie Wheeler, Elias Hayes.

2nd grade—Katie Hight, Joe Wheeler.

3rd grade—Annie Wheeler, Millie and Noel Hagwood.

4th grade—Mattie Champion, Hixie Wheeler, Jones Wheeler.

5th grade—Isaac Cooke, Hattie Young.

7th grade—Charlie Hagwood.

NORA K. CLIFTON, Teacher.

### Franklin County Union.

Program for the Franklin county Union to be held with Rock Springs Baptist church on Jan. 30-31, 1909:

10:10—10:15 Devotional exercise, led by C. H. Wheeler.

10:15—11:00 Is the Old Testament law of tithing binding on Christians? Ivey Allen and others.

11:00—11:20 The church of Christ, (a) what it is? L. W. Swope.

11:20—11:40 (b) Its Mission. J. W. Sledge.

11:40—12:00 (c) Its officers. Mack Stamps.

### RECESS.

1:00—1:30 Its ordinances. Prof. Nanny.

1:30—2:00 Our obligations to it.

2:00 Should women speak and teach in the church? Tpm Sledge and S. J. Alford.

### SUNDAY.

10:00 a. m. Song and praise service, led by Seba Strickland.

10:15—10:45 The value of denominational preaching. D. T. Bunn and others.

10:45—11:15 Orphanage, its opportunities and needs. Howard Johnson.

11:15 Sermon on church discipline. G. M. Duke.

### RECESS.

1:30 Ordination of Seba Strickland Frank Baker and William Wheeler to the deaconship of the church, charge to the church and deacons. G. M. Duke.

## THE TRUST QUESTION.

### GLENN'S MESSAGE MET APPROVAL OF THE PEOPLE.

Something is Wanted That Will Curb the Power of the Trusts—The Example Set the States by Missouri is One That North Carolina May Well Follow.

TO THE EDITOR: The message of Governor Glenn delivered to the Legislature when it convened last Wednesday was full of strong points, but his treatment of the trust question had the ring that meets the approval of the people. The people want something done towards curbing the power of the trusts, and especially the tobacco trust, and they thank Governor Glenn for his vigorous presentation of this question. The example set the people of other States by Missouri, as Governor Glenn so ably points out, is one that North Carolina way well follow.

The way to deal with the trust question is to make illegal and amenable to the criminal law the particular things that the trusts do which destroy competition or prevent others from having a fair chance in the race for business in North Carolina. Let us do everything that lies in our power to open the door to competition. How can this be done?

The trust that most directly affects the people of North Carolina is the tobacco trust. Any legal means by which competition is made possible in the tobacco business is a blessing to the people. It we had real competition in the tobacco business in North Carolina, I verily believe that the farmer would receive twenty cents a pound for his tobacco instead of ten cents.

To take the tax off of tobacco peddlers would in my judgment, be the means of building up a good many small tobacco factories in North Carolina, and in this way begin the work of rebuilding independent tobacco business in this State.

Under present conditions, men feel that they cannot afford to put their money in the business of manufacturing tobacco because they fear the power of the trust to destroy. If an independent manufacturer asks a merchant to handle his goods, the merchant replies truthfully that the goods are not advertised as are trust made goods, and the independent manufacturer finds it well nigh impossible to sell his goods.

If, however, he could put out peddlers, he could make a demand for his goods, and the merchant would then be glad to handle them. The fact that a man could be sure that he would be able to sell the product of his factory, would induce men to put money in the tobacco business. The result would be, I feel confident, that there would spring up all over the tobacco section of the State factories, and some of these factories would develop into real competitors for the trust.

The giving of coupons and prizes by the trust is one of the most successful weapons in the hands of the trust in destroying competitors. There should be placed such a tax on this method of preventing independent manufacturers from gaining a foothold, that the trust could not afford to pay the tax, and thereby eliminate this means of stifling competition.

"The lord helps those who help themselves." The people of North Carolina have it in their power to prize open the door of competition. Let us act now and secure legislation that means competition. The "Anti Trust Law" now on our statute books is worthless. It ought to be repealed.

Governor Glenn has shown his interest and desire to see an anti-trust law passed that will do for North Carolina what the Missouri law has done for that State. Governor Kitchin "has won his

spurs" as an antagonist of trusts—especially of the tobacco trust. In the contest for the nomination for Governor last year thousands of people favored Governor Kitchin for this exalted office because they believed that his nomination and election would give emphasis to the anti-trust sentiment of the people. They believed that when he became Governor of the State that the torrent like force of his personality would be exerted for anti-trust legislation that would curb the lawless tobacco trust and extract the teeth from other trusts. The people feel that he will lead the forces of the State against special interests and that they may expect great things of practical value from his leadership in the effort to curb these out-laws of commerce.

The people of the State will look to Governor Kitchin to lay down the chart by which to steer the never-ending conflict between the people and special interests; there is little doubt but that he will mark out specific legislation that will curb the growth and power of the tobacco trust in North Carolina. With Governor Kitchin to lead the fight for an anti-trust law that has "teeth in it," (and that is capable of being enforced against the tobacco trust) with his close personal and political friends in charge of the Legislature; with Judge Graham as Speaker and his brother Paul Kitchin in the House; with Manning, who was his political manager when he was a candidate for nomination, and Travis, from Halifax, who has always been one of his closest advisers and adherents, in the Senate, we may rest assured that anti-trust legislation that Governor Kitchin desires will be enacted into law, and that we will have a law that will bring relief to a long suffering people.

C. C. DANIELS.

Wilson, Jan. 11, 1909.

### Honor Roll.

The following is the Honor Roll of Hickory Rock School for the week ending Jan. 8, 1909:

1st grade—Early Wester, Susie Lee Tharrington, Jim Wilder and Edna Hayes.

2nd grade—Alie Conn.

3rd grade—Arch Wester, Nina Swanson, Zena Bobbitt, Henry Hicks and Bennie Hayes.

LULA HEDGECOCK, Teacher.

4th grade—Sallie Hicks, Fannie Hicks, Clara Bobbitt and James Insee.

5th grade—Clara Sledge.

6th grade—Sallie Wilder, Ollie, Moses and Arthur Insee.

8th grade—Jessie Wilder and Alice Hicks.

ANNIE J. PERRY, Teacher.

### Another Square Dance.

There was another of those old-time "square dances" in the Opera House last Tuesday night, and those who participated seemed to enjoy the occasion hugely. While the attendance was not altogether as large as the one given during Christmas week, yet the crowd was sufficiently large to allow all to take part without being over-crowded.

Our reporter endeavored to get a list of the dancers, but being warned against "exposing" certain ones, he became somewhat "embarrassed," (not frightened) and decided to "leave off."

### Recital.

The recital at St. Paul's Episcopal church last Friday night, was quite largely attended, and the elegantly arranged programme which was rendered on the new Estey Pipe organ, recently placed in the church at a cost of nearly fifteen hundred dollars, by Prof. Smythe, R. A. M. of Henderson, assisted by Mrs. A. H. Fleming, was highly entertaining to all lovers of good and choice music.

## THE MOVING PEOPLE.

### THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere for Business or Pleasure.

Mrs. P. H. Mangum, of Wake Forest, is visiting her parents here this week.

Misses Grace and Lynn Hall, after spending a week in Raleigh, returned home this week.

Mrs. M. S. Clifton and children returned this week from a visit to her people in Tarboro.

Mrs. S. G. Carter and Miss Lula Bagwell, of Garner, are visiting their sister, Mrs. J. W. Weathers.

His friends are delighted to see Mr. D. C. Alston looking so well since his return from a ten day's stay at Panacea Springs.

Mr. G. Ed. Gupton, who has been visiting his father, K. E. Gupton, Esq., at Oswego, passed through this week on his way to his adopted home in Naylor, Ga.

Senator B. T. Holden came home and spent Monday and Tuesday attending to professional business in court, returning to Raleigh Wednesday morning.

Miss Mattie Hester has returned from an extended trip to Jacksonville, Florida, where she went to visit friends. She reports a most pleasant and enjoyable trip.

Dr. J. E. Malone and wife and little son, James, returned this week from Norfolk, where they took James to be treated. The little fellow was made to feel happy when he learned that no operation would be necessary.

### The "Dollar" Davis Case.

The second trial of Hugh or "Dollar" Davis colored, charged with secretly assaulting special policeman G. S. Earp, last May, took place in court this week. Our readers are familiar with this case, the same having been tried at the October term when the jury failed to agree, standing 6 for acquittal and 6 for conviction.

The State very much strengthened its case this time and the jury was out less than an hour, when they brought in a verdict of guilty of a secret assault, with intent to kill. The jurors were as follows: R. L. Clark, S. M. Parrish, Joseph R. Perry, H. G. Wood, T. J. Harris, G. R. Underhill, W. O. Mitchell, B. J. Lancaster, J. Robt. Wheeler, W. C. Ransdale, J. E. Collins, R. G. Winn.

The case was ably fought by both sides, the Solicitor being aided in the prosecution by W. H. Yarbrough, Jr., while the defendant was represented by F. S. Spruill and W. M. Person.

Sentence had not been pronounced when we went to press. The maximum punishment for the crime is 20 years imprisonment.

Great sympathy is expressed for Durrell Davis, father of "Dollar" whom everybody both white and colored has a high regard. But it is another one of those cases where the wayward son failed to follow the advice and teachings of a kind father.

### Simes-Johnson

The following invitations have been received by friends here:

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Arehibald Tyson, invites you to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Mittie Tyson Johnson, to Mr. Charles Cleve Simes, on Wednesday evening the third of February, nineteen hundred and nine, at ten o'clock, at home, 124 Lexington Street, Rocky Mount, N. C.

### Stockholders Meet.

The stockholders of the Farmers and Merchants Bank held their annual meeting in their banking house in Louisburg, N. C., on January 18.

Mr. Wm. Bailey, the president, made his report which was both encouraging and satisfactory. The stockholders also elected the old board of directors, Dr. A. B. Hawkins, Capt. J. H. Thomas, F. N. Egerton, Dr. S. P. Burt, Jno. W. King, T. W. Hickett, C. B. Chatham and Wm. Bailey.

The Directors then elected Mr. Wm. Bailey, President; Dr. A. B. Hawkins, vice-president; Mr. T. Wayland Watson, Cashier. The law firm of Hickett & White were made attorneys for the bank.

There was a dividend of 8 per cent paid to the stockholders, and a handsome amount, in addition, was carried to surplus and undivided profits, which makes the undivided profits nearly equal the capital stock.

In view of each a successful year, notwithstanding the tightness of the money market, the board unanimously extended to Mr. Bailey, the president, and Mr. Watson, the cashier, a vote of thanks for the successful manner in which the affairs of the Bank were administered.

The directors also wish to assure the friends of the bank, and the public generally, that the same careful conservative management will be the policy of the bank in the future.

### Legislative Notes.

The Legislature adjourned on the 19th in honor of that great soldier and good man, Robt. E. Lee, and a large number went to Chapel Hill to hear the great speech of Woodrow Wilson.

As yet no acts of general interest have been made into law. Quite a number of local bills have been introduced, and some have passed, but quite a number have been killed in the committee rooms.

Nearly every man who goes to the legislature seems to think that unless he introduces a whole batch of bills, no matter what they are or whether they are of benefit to the people he has failed to do his duty. This is a mistaken idea, and we regard the man who keeps a constant watch on many of the "fool bills" that are introduced of more benefit to their constituents than the ones who introduce so many unnecessary bills.

Franklin County's members have fared very well in the assignment of committees. We note that Senator Holden is Chairman of the joint committee on Literary and also of Salaries and Fees, and is a member of the following committees in the Senate: Corporations, Counties, Cities, and Towns, Insane Asylums, Judicial districts, Judiciary, Revision. Dr. Floyd is on the following committees in the House: Insane Asylum, Trustees of University, Salaries and Fees, Health.

### President's Salary Doubled.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 19.—The salary of the president of the United States was to-day fixed at \$100,000 per annum so far as the senate could fix it and salaries of the vice president and the speaker of the house of representatives \$15,000 each.

The salary of the chief justice of the Supreme court of the United States was increased from \$13,000 to \$15,000 per annum and those of associate justices from \$12,500 to \$14,500. These changes were made as amendments to the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill and after an extended debate. Amendments allowing \$5,000 to the vice president and the speaker of the house for horses and carriages were stricken from the bill.

Sometimes a man's wife calls him up on the phone just to call him down.