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## FRANKLIN SUP'R COURT.

### COURT RE-CONVENED MONDAY MORNING LAST.

The Civil Docket Taken up and a Number of Cases Disposed of—The Wilder Will Case was Compromised.

Court re-convened on Monday after a recess of several days. Judge Allen returned Sunday afternoon and was here promptly to open court Monday morning.

All of the jurors drawn for the second week answered to their names except one, and he was reported not to be found in the county.

A number of cases on the docket were continued and others dismissed.

The first jury trial was that of K. P. Hill and others vs W. W. Bodie, administrator, and others. Verdict for plaintiffs.

Smith, Courtney & Co., vs J. L. Bowden. Verdict for Bowden.

The Wilder Will case, in which a trial was had at the last term of court, was compromised, and a long drawn out trial averted. It was agreed that the heirs-at-law of S. T. Wilder should be allowed a one-fourth interest in the estate of J. H. Wilder, deceased.

These were the most important cases disposed of on the civil docket.

The docket was closed up and court adjourned on Wednesday evening.

### Our Local Building and Loan Association.

At a recent meeting of the Perpetual Building and Loan Association of Leansburg good progress was shown and a fourth series of stock ordered to be issued.

The old board of directors were re-elected by the stockholders and the directors met immediately and re-elected the same officers as heretofore as follows:

President—F. B. McKinne; Vice President—J. M. Allen; Secretary and Treasurer—W. H. Ruffin; Attorneys—Bickett & Ruffin.

This association was organized specially to aid in building up the town, by assisting wage earners to build themselves homes with their weekly wages. The company is well officered, and offers safe investment and certain profit for small investors. It is a fine "savings bank." Now is a very good time to start in with the new series of stock, and remember that while you are greatly helping your own bank account, you are at the same time aiding in the building up of a home institution. See the Secretary and take some stock at once and the Times is almost persuaded to guarantee that you will never regret it.

### The Bank Account.

The Abbeville, S. C., Press and Banner has recently given out some advice that ought to be passed along. It relates to the virtue of saving money through a bank account. Our South Carolina contemporary says: "Every man who has a surplus dollar should deposit it in one of the banks. Start a bank account, no matter how small it may be, and you will feel better and you will be richer. The banks are glad to have even the smallest deposits. They pay interest and you, the farmer, who has nothing to do but to watch the crop grow, will be kept busy seeing your bank account grow. Money on deposit is the safest investment that can be made. All the stock of the bank, and every stock holder is personally liable for it. The main thing for you to do is to make the deposits and take the proper receipts for it when your baggage is checked for a higher and better financial standing."

Commenting on the above the editor of the Charlotte Chronicle,

who is and "old bachelor" says:

To have a bank account on the right side of the ledger is the best thing on this earth—except a good wife, which this editor has, up to this time, been unable to get. This advice, it will be seen is applied particularly to the farmers, but is good for the general public. One good result of a bank account is that the person who once starts one has an incentive to see it grow—just like watching Charlotte—and in consequence he treasures up many a dollar that would otherwise have been waste.

### Over Four Hundred Bales.

The rise in the price of cotton caused right much of the staple to come to market last and this week. On last Friday over four hundred bales were sold in Louisburg, and at times the street was almost "blocked" between the business part of town and the depot.

### Capt. Thomas Retires.

At the regular drill of the Louisburg Rifles on Friday evening of last week, Capt. J. B. Thomas, who has been promoted to Major, in the State Guard, retired as Captain of the Rifles. He expressed regrets at giving up the Captaincy of the Company, and his remarks were very touching. Not only the members of the Company regret Captain Thomas' retirement, but expressions can be heard from many of our citizens along the same line. He has been very successful in keeping his Company in good shape, and he has always had the respect and support of his men. An election has been ordered for the naming of his successor, which will take place this (Friday) evening.

### Closing at Pilot.

On Friday, April 30th, 1909, the closing exercises of Pilot High School will take place.

Exercises by primary grade will begin promptly at ten o'clock.

At eleven o'clock the annual address will be delivered by Rev. J. T. Jenkins, of Wilson, N. C.

Dinner. Two o'clock, p. m., an address, and presentation of flag and bible by "Junior Order."

8 o'clock, p. m.—concert.

At the close of concert the presentation of prizes and medals will be made by Rev. Geo. M. Duke.

The programme is a very attractive one and all those who attend may expect an interesting and enjoyable occasion.

### Ice Cream Supper.

At a regular meeting of Youngsville Council, 273 Junior Order held Tuesday night April 20th, it was unanimously decided that the order give an ice cream supper next Tuesday night April 27th, complimentary to Prof. R. H. Ferrell and teachers of the Youngville Graded School. Each married member has the privilege of bringing his family and the single members their "best girl." Walter J. Cooke was appointed a committee of one to see that the lady teachers were present and we are sure they will be there and all will have a good time. One of the main objects of the Junior Order is to uphold the Public School and this entertainment will be an evidence on the part of the Juniors that the efforts of our teachers the past session has been appreciated.

The Junior Order is only four months old here and has already 53 members and will continue to grow if we have many entertainments with the privilege of taking our "best girl" for the girls like ice cream and if their "best fellow" is not a Junior he will have to set back and see some other fellow take her. So you had better join boys, while there is room for you, and get in the summer entertainments.

## A MURDERER CAUGHT.

### PHIL ALSTON, WHO SHOT KEZIAH JONES AND FLED.

Arrested in Boston after Scouting About Three Years—Will be Brought to Louisburg for Trial.

The negro, Phil Alston, who shot and killed Keziah Jones, a colored woman, in the "Cripple Creek" section of the town, on the night of April 16, 1906 has been apprehended and is now in jail in Boston, Mass. Chief High received a letter from Boston last week which stated that Phil was in that city, and Sheriff Kearney immediately sent the proper papers for his arrest and on Monday the Sheriff received a telegram from the Chief of Police of Boston saying that he had Phil in custody. He acknowledged to the chief that he shot the woman but claims that it was accidental (the same old story.) Requisition papers have been issued by Gov. Kitchin and officer H. A. Kearney and J. R. Collie left yesterday for Boston to bring Phil to Louisburg for trial for his terrible crime. The evidence against him is "bang up." There was a reward of \$25 for his arrest, having been offered by the Sheriff by authority of the County Commissioners at the time of the killing.

### Mecklenburg Burned.

The large "Mecklenburg" hotel at Chase City, Va., was burned last Friday, the fire starting in the afternoon, and in a short time the beautiful wooden structure was in ruins. By the aid of the guests and citizens of the town a great deal of the furniture and other contents of the hotel, were saved. The loss is estimated at something like \$200,000, while the insurance was only \$75,000. The property was largely owned by the estate of the late M. L. T. Davis, and has been managed for the past several years by Col. W. T. Hughes. Quite a number of people of this section were frequently guests of the "Mecklenburg" and many of them will hear with regret, of its destruction. As yet it is not known here whether it will be rebuilt.

### Coal Rate Decision.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has handed down a decision relative to the rates charged on coal shipment to Durham, Winston-Salem and other Southern points, which is important. We have not yet seen the full text of the decision, but judging from brief mention made in the press dispatches, it will have the effect of saving Winston-Salem and Durham a considerable sum. The commission held that rates to these North Carolina points are excessive, though reparation is denied and the reduction made is small. Holding that conditions of transportation at main line points from Lynchburg to Norfolk are different from conditions at Winston and Durham on branch lines to the South from the main line the commission held that the rates may make higher charges to the more inaccessible points, being the latter in this case.

Under the circumstances shown the rates to Winston-Salem on soft coal in carload lots were held by the commission to be unreasonable in that they were in excess of \$2.10 per ton, and that the present charge to Durham is unreasonable to the extent that it exceeds \$2.20 per ton. Present rates to these points are \$2.30.

The Winston Journal comments upon the effect of this decision thus: "There should be some difference between rates on main and branch lines, possibly, but the difference should not be extortionate. We are informed that freight can be shipped

from Winston-Salem to Liverpool almost as cheaply as it can be transported to points in Eastern North Carolina. In the face of such handicaps the towns in North Carolina have prospered. If the manufacturers and others of Winston-Salem get their coal for 20 cents less on the ton, it is estimated that \$25,000 will be saved each year. This amounts to a great deal and the board of trade, which endeavored to get better rates, deserves the thanks of the city.

The full text of the opinion has not yet been published and it is impossible to criticize the decision adversely with justice to that body without seeing the text. The commission, however, has heretofore secreted abuses with uniform fairness and we have no reason to believe that this opinion, whether we got as much as we wanted or not, was based upon anything else."

While it is realized that there is reason for higher charges to inaccessible points on branch lines, than to easily accessible points in touch with the main line, still there is not, and never was, reason for the exorbitant charges made on coal and other shipments to North Carolina points, and the decision of the commission at least partially repays those who have been laboring for fair treatment at the hands of the roads. Freight rate discrimination has damaged business interests of North Carolina to a very serious extent. Against the flagrant discriminations practiced by the roads against this State, a fight has been in progress for some time and this victory, even though not what was hoped, is encouraging.

### To Members of Baraca.

I would be glad to see every member of the Baraca Class of the Methodist Sunday School present next Sunday morning, as something important to every individual member will be discussed. Come and bring a new member with you.

P. A. REAVIS, Teacher.

### Annual Commencement.

The annual commencement of Castalia Preparatory School and Business Institute, will take place April 27th and 28th, 1909. The programme is as follows:

April 27th, 8 p. m., Recitation Contest.

April 28th, 10 a. m., Declamation Contest. 11 a. m., Literary Address by T. W. Bickett, of Louisburg. 2 p. m., Presentation of Medals and Diplomas. 8 p. m., Annual Concert.

### Stand By Your Home Town.

The place that gives a man his living is entitled to his best efforts to advance everything calculated to benefit the place and the community. No man has a right to live in a live town who seeks to enrich himself and not actively identify himself with its interests. To be classed a drone, or chronic kicker and opposed to every measure believed to be for the good of the citizens is a stigma that should not attach to any man in the corporation. The improvements necessary to be made and the manner of making them a monument to the enterprise and intelligence of the citizens is the duty each person owes to the place in which he lives. No man has a right to oppose progress in his town simply because he is not personally benefited by the proposed improvements or perchance may have to pay a little toward it, for in the end it will no doubt have proven a wise proceeding. Let all join in any improvement calculated to better the town and community in which you live.—Albemarle Enterprise.

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## 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. K. G. Hicks is visiting relatives in Wilson.

Mr. B. N. Williamson spent Tuesday in Raleigh.

H. S. Yates visited Raleigh on business Saturday.

Mrs. D. F. McKinne and children are visiting her father in Iredell county.

Mrs. C. W. Roberson, of Item, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. H. Ferguson.

Mrs. Wingate Underhill and little son, Frank Egerton, left for their home in Wilmington on Tuesday.

Mr. J. B. Allen, of Youngsville, was in Louisburg last Saturday, and gave the editor a very pleasant call.

Mr. C. B. Brantley, of Springhope, was in town this week, and paid the editor's sanction a very pleasant visit.

His friends were glad to see "old man" T. H. Laay, who was here filling his position as Stenographer in Court. He is looking well.

Messrs. Geo. S. Harris and A. J. Harris, of Henderson, accompanied by their wives came over to Louisburg this week by automobile.

Mr. O. W. Blackhall, of Kittrell, was a visitor to Louisburg on last Friday, and the editor of the Times was pleased to shake his hand.

Mr. S. C. Vann and Dr. J. H. Harris, of Franklinton, and Mr. J. R. Johnson, of Youngsville, were among those who attended court this week.

Mr. F. B. McKinne returned Saturday from Statesville where he attended the marriage of Mr. C. R. Stimpson to Miss Lillian Gilmer, on the 15th.

Miss Helen Crenshaw went to Spartanburg, S. C., this week, to attend the great music festival. She was accompanied as far as Raleigh by her mother.

Judge Allen, after spending two days with his uncle in Wake county, returned to Louisburg last Sunday, and was here promptly on Monday morning to open court.

Mrs. F. B. McKinne and Miss Blanche Egerton returned last Monday from Laurinburg, where they attended the annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

### GOOD ROADS LEGISLATION.

Joseph Hyde Pratt, State Geologist, has recently issued the following circular on the subject of "Good Roads" which is published for the information of the public:

One of the acts of a general nature that was passed by the General Assembly of 1909, relates to good roads and should be the means of greatly promoting and stimulating the construction of improved roads in North Carolina. This act carries with it an appropriation of \$5,000 and, as stated in the act, "the object and purpose of this appropriation shall be to enable the North Carolina Geological Board to advise with the township and county authorities in building and improvement of the public roads, by sending to the township or county a competent road engineer, who will assist them in locating their improved roads, advise them as to the best road to build and how to build it, and also give advice relating to the best kind of bridge to be built in connection with the improvement of any road. The Geological Board, through the State Geologist, may make inquiries in regard to systems of road building and management throughout the United

States and make investigations and experiments in regard to the best methods of road-making and the best kinds of road material, and shall disseminate such knowledge by lectures to be given in the different counties and by preparing, publishing and distributing bulletins and reports on the subjects of road improvement, and shall also gather and tabulate information and statistics on road building in North Carolina and disseminate the same throughout the State."

As will be seen from the above, it is now possible for the Geological Survey to hire engineers who are competent road builders and take up with the various counties and townships who are contemplating the construction of improved roads, what is the best road to build, giving consideration to location, and how to build it. On account of the small appropriation, it will not always be possible for the Geological Survey to send an engineer into a county or township as soon as the request for such assistance is received, but these requests or petitions for engineering assistance will be filed as received and the engineer sent to them in the order of the receipt of their petition. Besides the engineering service that the Geological Survey can give to the counties, the State Geologist or one of the engineers expects to give one or more addresses or lectures in each county during the next twelve months. While there has been no special arrangement made regarding these lectures, any county making special requests for such lectures to be given, will receive first consideration.

### THE DEMOCRATS AND THE JOB.

Some of the papers of this State seem to think that a Democrat could accept a Federal judgeship appointment under President Taft and remain a Democrat still—one of the 57 varieties, possibly. The Chronicle has contended that the acceptance of this office by a Democrat would necessarily mean a change of politics on the part of the recipient. According to reports from Washington Senator Simmons takes that view of it. It quotes a reported interview between President Taft and Mr. Simmons as follows:

"Well now, Senator," said the President, "I am frank to say to you that if this man is objectionable to you, I will hesitate in appointing him. I am desirous always of consulting you gentlemen from the South in such matters. Since you don't like this man, suppose you suggest a name to me."

"No, sir, Mr. President, never," exclaimed Simmons.

"No? Why not, asked Taft.

"For this simple reason, Mr. President," was the reply. "If I suggest a man to you and he is appointed, that man will immediately become a Republican, and I do not propose to assist, sir, in making Republicans out of our good Democrats. During your administration I may frequently protest against some prospective appointee, but never shall I appear to recommend any one to you."

Senator Frazier, of Tennessee, is reported to have declined to give Taft a list of Democratic names for the same reason. Of course, these statements may have been made to Mr. Taft in jest, but that appointment to fat Republican offices is more than liable to change a man's politics, cannot be denied.—Charlotte Chronicle.

That's just the sine of it, from our standpoint. All of the big offices of the Federal government belong to those who loyally supported the Republican party, and as a loyal Republican the President should see to it that they get them.