

FRANKLIN SUP'R. COURT

FIVE SENT TO THE STATE'S PRISON

A Busy Week—Many Cases disposed of—Docket being Pretty Well Cleaned—No Civil Cases Reached.

The trial of criminal cases has continued all through the present term until yesterday afternoon and the solicitor has shown a strong desire to have the criminals put in safe keeping. The Judge has done a great deal towards cleaning possibly the largest criminal docket we have ever had in this county. Since our last report the following cases have been disposed of:

State vs Norman King and Charlie Egerton, burning barn, not pros as to Charlie Egerton, guilty as to Norman King, 4 months in the state prison at hard labor, appeal.

State vs Sol Mitchell larceny, guilty eight months on roads.

State vs Sol Mitchell, c e w., not guilty.

State vs Wesley K. Williams, a d w., pleads guilty, 6 months on roads.

State vs Robt. Etheridge, c e w., judgment suspended.

State vs James S. Johnson, l and r, guilty, 12 months on roads.

State vs G. W. Falcher, not pros.

State vs John Sykes, continued upon the defendant giving proper bond.

State vs Jim Deham, larceny, pleads guilty, 7 months on roads.

State vs James S. Johnson, l and r, judgment suspended.

State vs Julia Brodie et als, not pros.

State vs John Kingsberry, failure to pay tax, pleads guilty, judgment that defendant list his tax and pay same with the costs in this action.

State vs G. G. Cooper, fine changed to \$30.00.

State vs Charlie Williams and John Bullock, a d w., guilty, fined \$25.00 and one half cost each.

State vs Zelle Person, murder, submit to manslaughter; judgment of court that the Sheriff find a good light work for four months.

State vs Tom Massenbourg, c e w., a d w., etc., guilty, 10 months on roads.

State vs Perry Minga, a d w., guilty 30 days on roads.

State vs Perry Minga, c e w., pleads guilty, 6 months on roads.

State vs Willie Stokes retailing, guilty, 9 months on roads.

State vs Willie Stokes, not pros.

State vs Hence Hazelwood, retailing 18 months on roads.

State vs Hence Hazelwood, retailing not pros.

State vs Hence Hazelwood, retailing capias and continued.

State vs Willie Davis, larceny, not guilty.

State vs James Pulley, larceny, guilty, 4 months.

State vs Richard Stokes, Jr. nuisance not pros.

State vs Richard Denton, a d w., guilty defendant to pay costs and prayer for judgment continued to April term.

State vs Percy Jones, affray, guilty of simple assault judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs Richard Denton, larceny, continued on account of the sickness of the defendant's wife, defendant to renew bond.

State vs Wilson Webb and Bennie Cope, affray not pros as to Webb, not guilty as to Cope.

State vs Joe Thomas, forcible trespass, judgment changed from 4 months on roads to \$50 fine and costs.

State vs Ellis Mann, seduction, not pros.

State vs William Harris, Matthew Fisher, Willie Macon and John Williamson, affray, guilty as to Macon and Harris, not guilty as to Fisher and Williamson, Willie Harris given 90 days on roads, Macon to pay one-half costs.

State vs Ulas Joyner, Tobe Joyner and John Fowler, murder, plead guilty to murder in the second degree judgment that they be confined in the State prison at hard labor as follows: Ulas Joyner 21 years, Tobe Joyner 21 years, John Fowler 30 years.

State vs Henry Wright, murder, enters plea of manslaughter, judgment 12 months on roads.

State vs William Harris, not pros with leave.

State vs Matthew Fisher, not pros with leave.

State vs Moses Dunston, retailing six months on roads.

State vs John Williamson, Matthew Fisher William Harris, not pros with leave.

State vs Ed Fowler, and John Fowler not pros.

State vs T. Peppers and Oscar Davis, affray, guilty.

State vs Tolly Fogg enters plea of manslaughter judgment that Fogg be placed in the State prison at hard labor for the term of three years.

State vs Jim Privett and Jane Davis f and a, not guilty.

State vs J. J. Wheeler, defendant recognized for his appearance at the April term 1913 and the case continued.

State vs Thad Cooke, seduction, court ordered a verdict of not guilty.

State vs Dick Skinner c e w., pleads guilty, fined \$10 and costs.

State vs Dick Skinner, not pros.

State vs Thomas Parrish, c e w., verdict of not guilty ordered by the court.

State vs Thomas Parrish, a d w., guilty 12 months on roads.

State vs Carter and Doyle, defendants to renew bond.

State vs Simon Johnson, cruelty to animals.

As we go to press the case of State vs John Matthews for the murder of Will Clifton, from Gold Mine township was in progress.

REPORT OF GRAND JURY.

The Grand Jury finished their week

on last Thursday evening and after handing in the following report were discharged with the thanks of the court.

To His Honor E. B. CEINE, JUDGE PRESIDING:

We the Grand Jury summoned for the present term, beg to submit the following report:

We have passed on all bills presented to us, have also investigated which have been called to our attention. We beg to call your Honors attention to a request made by a representative citizen of Franklin township that an investigation be made by the proper authorities with reference to the water being emptied into the public roads from the adjoining fields. The said representative states that the public roads of Franklin township have cost from \$100 to \$1000 per mile and should be taken better care of than is now being done, owing to the carelessness or negligence of the landowners of said township. There being seven jurors present, we as a body visited the county jail, and gave same a careful inspection and we have to report the condition of same as being entirely unsatisfactory. The prisoners reported the jail to be inhabited with lice. The building is not properly ventilated, and is not in a sanitary condition, especially as regards to the beds and bedding both of which are down on the floors, and in a very filthy condition. The plates of food that we saw did not seem to us to be sufficient for a meal for a convict working on the roads, there only being for each convict, a little molasses, a very small piece of fried meat and a small very badly burned piece of bread, which constituted one meal. It is very plain to us that the present jail is entirely inadequate for the needs of the County and we unanimously recommend the building of a new and modern jail, in which desperate criminals can be kept safely, thereby insuring their appearance in court, and those who are so unfortunate as to be confined therein for minor offenses, may be kept in some degree of comfort. We find the convict quarters very badly crowded, and the sleeping accommodations entirely unfit for the habitation of man, especially those men who are called upon to do hard manual labor in the form of working on the roads in Louisburg township. We therefore recommend larger, better ventilated, and more comfortable quarters for the so called road force. We have visited the county home and find same in good condition. The premises neat and clean, inmates well cared for and satisfied with their surroundings. We recommend that a ram be installed for the protection against fire and that the buildings be insured, there being no fire insurance on the same. We have visited and carefully inspected the offices of the county officials and find same properly kept, and so far as we could ascertain all documents were properly recorded and indexed, and of easy access to the public in so far as the present congested condition of the several offices allow. We wish to say that the office of the Clerk of the Court appears to us to be small and cramped for the proper care and filing of documents that are kept there. We also recommend that the office of the County Treasurer be the room in which the Grand Jury has to hold its sessions and that same is entirely too small for the accommodation of eighteen men. Owing to the crowded condition of the offices of the several county officials, and the inadequate space for the proper filing of documents of the county, we unanimously recommend that a new court house be erected on a more secluded location than the present one. For your Honors information we wish to say that upon investigation we find the bonded indebtedness against the county ten thousand dollars and that there has been a sinking fund created to liquidate this debt, that now amounts to about thirteen thousand dollars, which is now in charge of the County Treasurer. In our opinion the financial condition of the county warrants the carrying out of the above recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. WATSON, Foreman.

It was ordered that a copy of the report of the Grand Jury be served upon the Board of Commissioners.

Money in Chickens.

Mr. R. O. Pinnell, of near Franklin, does not agree with the many who claim that there is no money in raising chickens and gives the editor of the Times the following figures to bear out his opinion. It might be said however that Mr. Pinnell is above the average farmer and in all cases applies a business principle which enables him to determine what is profitable or what is expensive on his farm. Incidentally we mention also he has one of the finest poultry farms in the south, and has some of the finest bred fowls obtainable. He tells us that in 1912 from 225 hens he sold \$625.50 worth of eggs, \$432.60 worth of chickens, making a total of \$958.15. To accomplish this he was at an expense of \$396.50 having him a net profit of \$561.65. Mr. Pinnell is one of these substantial farmers who instead of having something to buy all the time has something to sell all the time.

Public Schools

The district meeting for the teachers of Gold Mine township, conducted by Miss Arrington, was held Thursday, Jan. 23rd, at the Centerville school. Misses Bessie Woodlief, Hattie Neal, Mamie Dickens, Lillian Upchurch, Ruby Winston, and Viola Arrington were present. Owing to the illness of Miss Mary Winston, the principal of the school, the observation of class room work was confined to the primary department.

The language work being done by Miss Viola Arrington, the primary teacher was especially interesting to the visiting teachers. Miss Mary Arrington gave a demonstration lesson to the senior class. Miss Hattie Neal then took the class through the first step of memorising a poem.

As usual at these meetings, the pupils were dismissed at eleven o'clock. The special features of the meeting which followed were Miss Ruby Winston's explanation of her method of making monthly reports to the parents; the inspection of Miss Dickens' register which she brought at the request of the supervisor; and Miss Neal's discussion of occupation material.

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Enrollment Aver. Attendance Enrollment Aver. Attendance

List of Schools

Table listing schools and enrollment/attendance figures for various locations like Pearce (Dunns), Social Plains, Pine Ridge, etc.

Perry-Bowden.

Invitations announcing the marriage of a popular young couple of Franklin county has been received here: Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence Bowden invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Ethel Virginia, to Dr. Ernest Monroe Perry, on Wednesday morning, the twelfth of February, nineteen hundred and thirteen, at nine thirty o'clock at their residence near Spring Hope, North Carolina.

Enclosed are cards reading as follows: At home after March the first, Louisburg, North Carolina. The bride-to-be is one of Franklin County's fairest daughters and is exceedingly popular in her home community. She is the accomplished and attractive daughter of Mr. J. L. Bowden, of Justice, one of this county's most prosperous and popular citizens. Her many friends there will regret very much to give her up from their society circles.

Dr. Perry is one of Louisburg's most popular young physicians and since his location here about two years ago has acquired a large practice proving the popular reception he has received at the hands of his home people. He is the son of Mr. A. W. Perry, Sr., a successful planter, of near Louisburg and who enjoys the popularity of having served as a member of the Board of Education for Franklin county for twelve years. During his stay here Dr. Perry has made many friends who will wish for him and his bride a long and happy life.

The Legislature.

Raleigh, Jan. 28.—Up to yesterday twelve acts and eight resolutions have become laws. The members of both Houses have manifested an earnest desire to transact business and to consider the big measures as early in the season as possible.

The early part of the past week was marked by the lengthy discussions in both Houses of the joint resolution by Mr. Justice to invite President-elect Wilson, Col. William J. Bryan, and Senator La Follette to address the General Assembly on the day with special reference to the initiative and referendum, with the result that the upper House killed the measure and the lower House let a resolution to have these gentlemen address the House alone lie on the table. It is very probable that the matter will not come up again.

Petitions from all over the State asking the General Assembly to pass laws for a six months' school term throughout the State and for the enactment of child-labor laws, continue to pour in. On Wednesday in joint session the House and Senate cast the joint ballot for Hon. F. M. Simmons for a third term as U. S. Senator, the minority, seventeen strong, voting for Dr. Cyrus M. Thompson.

A great deal of time has been taken up in the discussion of the bill relating to building and loan associations to borrow up to 50 per cent of their assets passing the Senate. The bill has not gone over to the house yet. A lively fight is promised when it does come up

as a great deal of opposition to the measure has developed among the associations in this State.

The committee on election laws has reported favorably the State-wide primary elections bill. Consideration of the bill will be taken up at 7:30 next Friday night, the 31st.

A bill has been introduced to make uniform throughout the State the lien laws. The bill was endorsed by the North Carolina Builders' Exchange in session in Raleigh last Wednesday.

The joint resolution by Mr. Justice declaring the views of the legislature on interstate passenger and freight rates and other changes passed the House. Also the resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to pass the Webb-Kenyon liquor bill. This resolution has also passed the Senate with a slight change which will not effect the purpose of the resolution and will be sent back to the House for concurrence in the amendment. The joint resolution ratifying the seven-tenth amendment to the U. S. constitution, which had already passed the Senate, passed the House Friday.

The employers' liability bill, relative to the liability of common carriers to employees, with provisions similar to the act of Congress on the subject, has passed the Senate. The bill abolishes the doctrine of contributory negligence as a bar to recovery in damage suits for injuries, and substitutes what is called the doctrine of comparative negligence, that is, for the jury to take into consideration any negligence of the plaintiff finding the amount of damages.

A bill has been introduced in both Houses to empower married women to recover damages for personal damage etc. Also one relating to the privy examination of married women. The bill to allow Franklin to issue street bonds has passed the House and is now in the Senate.

A bill has been introduced to amend the constitution of the State so as to give the veto power to the governor. A resolution has been introduced in the House and Senate providing for the paying of the expenses of Confederate veterans to the fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg.

The bill of Mr. Stewart, of Mecklenburg, providing that the abandoned party to a marriage shall be entitled to a divorce if the other wilfully, without cause, shall live apart for a period of five years, passed the House today. Also the Justice anti-trust bill and the bill of Mr. Dellinger to regulate contracts between sureties and employees of common carriers. Mr. Justice's bill is similar to the one that was introduced in the General Assembly of 1907 and has been before the public for the past six years; it has "teeth" and is provided with "has deuffs". The vote was practically unanimous. Mr. Dellinger's bill provides that employees of common carriers may give bonds in other surety companies doing business in this State other than those designated by the employer. The bill to allow counties to erect and maintain hospitals has passed the House. The House has also passed the Webb-Kenyon liquor bill memorial to the Congress with the Senate amendment. There was not much business transacted in the Senate today most of the time being taken up with the discussion of the bill to make uniform in North Carolina the crime of larceny. The bill has passed its second reading.

The bill, introduced by Mr. Turner, to authorize additional road bonds for town of Franklinton, passed the House today.

News from Centerville.

As you haven't heard from this part of the county since the new year arrived we will send you a few items to let you know that Centerville is still in the ring.

Miss Mary Arrington, the county supervisor, spent from Monday until Friday of last week with us. The district meeting was held Thursday, several teachers were present and we all enjoyed having Miss Arrington with us. Misses Mamie Dickens and Bessie Woodlief spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. John Neal.

Miss Ruby Winston spent several days last week with her sister, Miss Mary Winston.

We regret to know that Miss Mary Winston has been sick for several days, but glad to know that she is now able to take up her work again.

Mr. Arthur Shearin, who has taken a position at Castalia, spent last Sunday with his people here.

Messrs. Robert Arrington and Garland Gorton of Arcola, visited our town last Sunday.

Our Sunday school has been reorganized for the new year, with a large attendance.

Mr. John Winston, of Youngsville, visited his daughters, Misses Ruby and Mary last Tuesday night.

Misses Viola and Ethel Shearin are spending some time with relatives at Castalia.

Rev. Mr. Bailey, accompanied by his wife, held his first service at Serapta Methodist church on the fourth Sunday.

Misses Sue Alsten, Mary B., and Willie Harrison, of Louisburg, attended services at Serapta church last Sunday.

Mr. Charlie Lewis, of Wood, and Miss Ola Shearin, of Rocky Mount, were united in holy bonds of matrimony on the third Sunday. We wish them a long and happy life.

Mr. John T. Neal and G. N. Parrish were jurors at court last week.

Miss Fannie Crowder who has been visiting relatives at Wendell for some time, returned home last Saturday.

There will be a box party at Sandy Creek Academy January 31. The public is cordially invited.

Mr. Bill Drake, of Castalia, visited sister Mrs. J. S. Shearin last Wednesday.

Best wishes for the many readers of the FRANKLIN TIMES. N. W.

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. J. J. Person is visiting her sister at Emporia, Va.

Mrs. W. H. Macon visited friends in Raleigh this week.

Rev. Baylus Cade, of Shelby, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Mr. C. K. Cooke, of Washington, D. C., was in Louisburg the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Reid, of Kittrell, visited her people here the past week.

Miss Annie Sutherland, of Sutherland, Va., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. R. C. Williams.

Mrs. T. G. Taylor, of Oxford, visited her brother, Mr. R. F. Taylor the past week.

Mr. Geo. Holder, of the Times force, spent Monday and Tuesday in Raleigh this week.

Miss Emma Underhill, visited her sister, Mrs. E. B. Benson, in Raleigh the past week.

Miss Annie Peggam, of Henderson, spent Sunday with Misses Bessie and Lillie Hale.

Miss Mary Williams, of St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond, Va., is visiting her people here.

Mr. W. B. Cooke came over from Enfield to visit his aunt Miss Helen Cooke the past week.

Miss Annie Morell, of Raleigh, came over this week and acted in the capacity of stenographer for the court in the several murder cases.

Mr. S. P. Weathersby and wife, of Spring Hope, are visiting Mr. J. R. Bunn on South Main St.

Mr. J. B. Fulghum, County Business Agent of the Farmers Union, left Wednesday for Richmond in the interest of the Union.

Mr. W. R. Newton, of Chicago, with the Western Electric Co., was in town Tuesday looking after the work done by his company for the local telephone company.

Deputy Sheriffs J. J. Lancaster and D. C. High returned Wednesday from Raleigh where they had been to take John Fowler, Ulas Joyner, Tobe Joyner and Davis Baker to the penitentiary for the terms of 30, 21, 21 and 6 years respectively.

Dog Law.

Mr. A. L. French discusses the matter of a State wide dog law as follows in the Progressive Farmer, which is reproduced here by request of some of Franklin county's best and most substantial farmers:

Sometime ago, I was traveling from the western end of our State toward Richmond, Va. Sitting in a seat just behind me, was a lady and a little boy. A strange look in the lady's eyes attracted my attention. I have seen the same look in the eyes of good motherly cows when they believe their offspring to be in terrible danger. It is simply the breaking mother heart showing through the "window of soul." I asked the lady to tell me of her trouble, if she would, as I could see it had something to do with the little fellow who was sitting by her side. It seemed that 20 days before, a strange cur dog, passing across their farm had bitten the little fellow—not enough to hurt him any, and nothing was thought of the matter, as it was supposed that the boy had been teasing the dog. That morning, 20 days after the child had been bitten, news came that the dog was mad. The mother of course, snatched up her little lad and drove as fast as horses could carry them, ten miles to the station, and you that know anything about mothers, know that she was praying every moment that the train would get them to the institute in time to save the little fellow from one of the most horrible deaths that we have knowledge of. He was a fine lad. My State raises thousands of such, and it is certainly a pity that their lives should be menaced, at all times, in order that our gentlemen of leisure, both white and black, may have an abundance of "coon dogs."

Of course, in our State, there are only about 200 people bitten each year, but this totals quite a tidy little budget of heartache, and anguish of spirit. And you that are of a mercenary turn of mind can figure out quite a money loss also, as the cost of treating such cases runs from \$50 to \$250 each.

I could of course, drift off and tell also of the hundreds of thousands of eggs that the cur dogs of the State suck annually, and that should have gone to nourish the poor children of the State. Of course, too, a good many valuable sheep—that our State can ill afford to lose—are killed annually. Then getting back to the mad dog matter, it is a well-known fact that whenever a mad dog passes through a section, many valuable domestic animals are bitten and have to be destroyed.

But I mustn't say that North Carolina—and every other Southern State—needs a dog law, that will rid the State of the worthless curs that nobody owns, and others that nobody feeds, and others that nobody keeps at home—should I advocate such a law, some gentleman would rise up and ask, "Hah! I ever read Senator Vest's tribute to the dog?"

However, I believe I will hazard it anyway, and say that I do not believe our people are ready for a law that will do away with this curse of curs, by taxing every dog in the State, creating a fund at each county seat from which funds may be drawn to pay for damage done by dogs. First, let the expense of treating the mad dog cases in the county be borne by the dogs. Then, when animals are bitten, let the dog fund pay for all animals or poultry destroyed or injured by dogs, and finally, if anything is left, let it go to the school fund, and thus will the dogs help to educate our children while they are biting them.

Louisburg Baptist Church.

Usual services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. The pastor will speak at the morning hour on "The Superior Claims of Jesus on His Followers;" at night on "What's in a Name?" Sunday school at 9:45, and the B. Y. P. U. Monday 7 p. m. A cordial welcome awaits all who will come.

Mr. and Mrs. White Return.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. White, whose marriage at Franklinton, was celebrated on January 15th, are expected to reach home on the 31st, after spending a week in New York City. Mr. and Mrs. White sailed for the Bermuda's, returning to New York on the 28th.

Mrs. White, who was Miss Grace Martin Ward, a daughter of Mr. C. J. Ward, an official of the Seaboard Air Line railway, is one of the most beautiful and charming young women of the State and Mr. White to whom Franklinton county is largely indebted for its excellent school system, and who for several years has been engaged in the practice of law in this county, is one of our ablest, best known and most sincerely loved public men. Their many friends wish for the happy young couple all that is best in life.

Erecting Fire Escape.

Mr. G. W. Ford is having iron fire escapes erected to the hotel building. There will be two escapes—one at each side of the building—the one on the south side will have two landings. This is the first production of the fire escape in the business part of the town.

Fire Prevention.

The State at considerable expense maintains an insurance department in the aid of the people and one of its services is inspection with a view of preventing fires. Capt. Scott, deputy insurance Commissioner, accompanied by the chief of the fire department made a thorough inspection of every building within the fire limits of Louisburg, and every part of each building, in February of 1912, and this inspection was repeated recently; and I am ashamed to say that many of the defects pointed out in the inspection a year ago have not been remedied, though the chief of the fire department has urged upon the people the necessity of correcting these exposures to fires, the defects pointed out may seem to the owner or occupant of the building merely trifles, but from just such trivial exposures many fires originate as has been demonstrated from experience and observation of those skilled in such matters. No individual living under community life surroundings has a right to make risks for his neighbor, even if he chooses to take such risks with his own property; and all that has been requested or required of property owners and occupants is based upon the preservation of the community rights and under the provision of the statute law of the state. The second report of Capt. Scott has brought the following letter to the chief of the fire department from Insurance Commissioner Young: "Insurance Department, State of North Carolina, Raleigh, January 25th, 1913. Mr. W. H. Ruffin, C. F. D., Louisburg, N. C. Dear Sir: I am in receipt of a report of an inspection made by Capt. Scott of your city and note the same. The report of your inspection and notices of the former inspection were not carried out and very little attention was paid to the same. I will appreciate it if you will take up deficiencies in the last inspection and see that they are properly carried out by the owners and occupants of the property. This is according to law and absolutely necessary in order to protect your city. Very truly yours, J. R. YOUNG, Insurance Commissioner."

In this last inspection 105 business apartments were examined and only 25 found to comply with the law. Some of these defects are glaring and in view of the risks obstinately assumed by our citizens, our freedom from fire in the last twelve months is almost marvelous. Each particular defect was pointed out to each occupants of a building and I again urge each an every one of you to remedy the defects at once if you have not already done so. WM. H. RUFFIN, Chief Fire Dept.

U. D. C.

The Jos. J. Davis Chapter of the U. D. C. will meet with Mrs. W. E. White on Wednesday, February 5th, at 3 o'clock. All members are requested to be present. An attractive program of the life of Jackson and Lee have been arranged for this occasion.

Mrs. J. P. WINSTON, Pres. Mrs. W. E. UZZELL, Sec'y.

To Doctors.

A meeting of the Franklin County Medical Society has been called to meet in the office of Dr. R. F. Yarbrough, on Monday, February 3rd, 1913 at 11 o'clock. Every member is especially urged to be present as business of special importance will be transacted. By order of the President. S. P. BURR, M. D. Sec'y.