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FRANKLIN SUPERIOR COURT

TRUE BILL FOR MURDER AGAINST WHEELER.

Several Liquor Cases—K. A. Perry and J. M. Hedgepeth Found Not Guilty—Other Cases.

The regular October term of Franklin Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases—a one week term—convened promptly on time Monday morning.

Solicitor H. E. Norris, was present and ably defended the States contentions and the business of the court proceeded in a very satisfactory manner.

T. W. Stokes, Foreman, W. P. Wilson, B. G. Allen, J. C. Strother, C. C. Ayscough, K. J. Hawkins, B. B. Bobbitt, E. W. Merritt, C. G. West, W. E. Merritt, Z. V. Avent, A. A. Pernell, F. M. Wiggs, W. M. Pendleton, R. J. King, J. O. Green, Jr., C. A. Underwood, D. H. Dickie, S. A. Alford was appointed officer to Grand Jury.

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

State vs. Thomas Denton continued for costs.

State vs. M. W. Will Young, c. c. w., pleads guilty, fined \$20 and costs.

State vs. I. Spjre, nisi scifa, time to file answer.

State vs. Winnie and Jim Spivey, abandonment; JJim acquitted, Winnie to pay costs.

State vs. Frank May, c. c. w., pleads guilty, fined \$20 and costs.

State vs. Hilliard Kearney, c. c. w., judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs. Billy Henderson, cruelty to animals, pleads guilty, six months on roads.

State vs. Sam Hayes, c. c. w., pleads guilty, to pay costs and a fine of \$20

State vs. Willie Heflin and Wesley Jones, l and r, Heflin pleads guilty, verdict of guilty as to Jones, Heflin to serve 9 months on roads, Jones given 12 months on roads.

State vs. Troy Knight I and r., pleads guilty in three cases, five years in penitentiary at hard labor.

State vs. Reynold Morris, larceny, called and failed.

State vs. Frank Jones, c. c. w., pleads guilty judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs. J. N. Short pleads guilty to forcible trespass, judgment continued upon payment of costs.

State vs. Tom Massenburg, house breaking and larceny, guilty.

State vs. J. M. Hedgepeth, retailing, not guilty.

State vs. Bennie Perry and Charles Medlin, nuisance, pleads guilty, fined \$10 and one-half costs each.

State vs. Dora Faulkner, pleads guilty of forcible trespass, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs. Henderson Mitchell, false pretense, called and failed.

State vs. Willie and Walter Alston, disposing of mortgaged property pleads guilty, Willie to serve four months on roads, Walter to serve six months on roads.

State vs. K. A. Perry, unlawful possession of whiskey, not guilty.

State vs. H. K. Perry, disposing mortgaged property, continued.

State vs. Roger Macon, unlawful possession of whiskey, not guilty.

State vs. Tom Massenburg, a. d. w., pleads guilty.

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State vs. Worth Dodd, a. d. w., guilty fined \$50 and costs, appeal.

State vs. Melvinie Hicks, l and r., pleads guilty, 4 months in jail.

State vs. J. H. Goodson, retailing, plea of nolo contendere entered judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs. Norman Allen, a. d. w., fined \$25 and costs.

State vs. Willie Wilder, l and r.

"Diamond From The Sky Burned."

It was with much disappointment that those who are interested in the continued story "The Diamond from the Sky," learned on last Monday that the films had been burned in Atlanta.

Ga. A later telegram received by the Management of the Star Theatre explained that the film distributing house for the entire South, which was located at Atlanta was burned with all the stock of films, but that they were already at work making new films and would send them out in a few days This being a big film corporation fully equipped for the business is sufficient to assure the public that it will only be a short while before the pictures will again appear at the Star Theatre.

U. S. TO RECOGNIZE V. CARANZA

LANSING CONFERS WITH A. B. C. REPRESENTATIVES

Eliseo Arredondo To Leave Washington On Wednesday With Formal Letters of Recognition; Pan American Conference On Mexican Affairs Adjourns, Its Work Finished.

Washington, Oct. 18.—Diplomatic relations between the United States and Mexico will be formally renewed tomorrow after a lapse of two years and eight months by the formal recognition of Venustiano Caranza as the chief executive of the de facto government of Mexico.

Secretary Lansing and the Ambassadors from Brazil, Chile, and Argentina, and the Ministers from Bolivia, Uruguay and Guatemala constituting the Pan-American conference on Mexican affairs, met today and decided upon the form in which their respective governments would present recognition and fixed tomorrow as the time for the act.

Each government will address to General Carranza a letter or note of recognition to be delivered to Eliseo Arredondo who will leave here Wednesday or Thursday to convey in person the letters of recognition from the several governments.

With the decision on the form of recognition the Pan-American conference on Mexican affairs adjourned.

Change For Better.

Since recognition was agreed upon a week ago, official reports show that a material change for the better has taken place in Mexico; that railroads and telegraph lines are being rapidly repaired and that conditions are fast becoming normal in many places. Thousands of troops hitherto under Gen. Villa have taken advantages of the offer of amnesty and laid down arms and Secretary Lansing and the Pan-American diplomats feel that a fair start has been made toward restoration of peace and reconstruction, the success of which depends upon the administration ability of Carranza and his advisers.

Tomorrow's action will mean the immediate proclamation of an embargo on arms in accordance with the joint resolution passed by Congress in March, 1912.

To Notify Europe.

European governments will be notified by Secretary Lansing of the Washington governments action in extending recognition and it is understood most of them will follow the lead of the United States.

An American ambassador to Mexico has not yet been selected, but it is believed one of the United States diplomatic representatives in one of the Latin-American countries probably will be chosen.

Thrown From Motorcycle

While riding his motorcycle in the Motordrome at the Fair Grounds on Thursday night of last week, Mr. John Green, was thrown from the machine and pretty badly bruised, but received no serious injuries. The machine also practically damaged. The accident was witnessed by quite a number who described it as being a most miraculous escape.

Louisburg Baptist Church.

A special call is made by the pastor to every member of this church to be present Sunday at 11 A. M. Rev. O. W. Sawyer, pastor of the Spring Hope Baptist church, will preach at night. Everybody is cordially invited to both services.

Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. The B. Y. P. U. Monday 7:30 P. M.

Large crowds left on the special Fair train Wednesday and Thursday for Raleigh to take in the State Fair.

FRANKLIN COUNTY'S FIRST ANNUAL FAIR

Attended By Large Crowds Each Day and Much Appreciated

THE EXHIBITS OF A HIGH ORDER

The Parade of the School Children Was Fine and Well Attended Saturday was For The Colored People Who Attended in Large Numbers.

Possibly nothing since the celebration of the Centennial in Louisburg back yonder in the seventies has occurred in Franklin county that so vividly marks the progress of a people or section as did the week just closed when Franklin county's First Fair proved to be a greater success than was imagined by the most enthusiastic supporters just a few weeks before. It was generally understood and accepted that Franklin county would have a Fair, and it did have a Fair in spite of the doubting Thomases who took occasion to pass the movement a lemon at every opportunity that presented itself. But it was not really expected to receive the many words of praise and appreciation that were handed by almost everybody, nor to be given the credit for having a better Fair than the State Fair. Whether it was really better or as good the movement received these statements of commen-

county farmers had gone a good distance on the road of progressive methods in agriculture and we feel sure that this Fair will be a great incentive toward a greater advancement along better farming methods and conditions of the future.

Along each side were booth's arranged for the display of different exhibits of both products of the garden sewing rooms, art, merchandise etc., and each one was a scene of beauty within itself.

Flowers.

The first was one of flowers and potted plants, and to a lover of flower; none prettier ever grow. The many pretty ferns with the rich green color blended exactly into the pretty decorations and added a degree of aristocracy to the many other pretty flowers.

Pantry Supplies.

Another booth of much interest especially to the ladies was that of the Pantry Supplies. One could hardly visit this one and control his appetite especially if he had a tooth for good things. With such things as hams, shoulders, sides, cake, pickles, preserves, jellies, loaf bread, rolls, butter, honey, canned fruit and vegetables



DR. ARTHUR HYNES FLEMING.

The efficient Secretary of the Franklin County Fair Association, whose untiring efforts in behalf of the people of the county were crowned with one of the best County Fairs ever held in Franklin's First Fair which came to a close last week.

tion and good feelings from many. This goes to explain to the general public better than anything else just what really took place in Louisburg, at Franklin's First Fair that closed on last Saturday. That it was a success is best said by Mr. Krause, head of the organized Carnival Company, who played here at this time and who has traveled practically all over the Union playing County and State Fairs when he said that ours was "the best County Fair he had ever seen." The large and commodious exhibit hall was full of people from the time the doors opened in the morning till time for closing at night and its arrangement was unique. Down the center was a double row of boxed counters with hangers above to accommodate the agricultural exhibits and some fine ones were there. The many varieties of corn, the pop corn the peas of many kinds, cotton, pepper, apples, wheat, Irish and sweet potatoes, beets, egg plants, cotton seed, peanuts, tobacco, onions, Sudan grass, carrots, men's, turnips, cow peas, kershaws, collards, stock beets, vetch, butter beans, soja beans, Cain, hay, pumpkins, and many kinds of clovers looked good to those interested in the improvement of farm conditions in Franklin county. It was first hand evidence that Franklin

starting one in the face there was nothing else to do but entertain good thoughts and be on the best of terms with the "cooks who could produce such results." There was also a display home-made soup at this booth.

Children's Department.

Department K consisted of the work of the children from all parts of the county, between the ages of twelve to seventeen; consisting of the following:

Oil paintings, crayons, free-hand drawings, crocheted center pieces, tatting collars and handkerchiefs. The hand painted china exhibited in this booth was especially pretty. There was also a nice display of home made candies and cakes. One that should have especial mention was a cake made by Willie Shearin, a boy fifteen years-old, of the Bunn High school, which won first prize.

These exhibits were indeed a credit to the Fair and next year we expect many more and a greater variety, especially from the College girls.

The Children's Exhibit.

Perhaps no feature of the Franklin county Fair was of so much interest, and was so thoroughly enjoyed as the exhibits of the children from 6 to 12 years of age. These specimens of handicraft do great honor to the

ability and training of our children—proving a wonderful interest and willingness for work on their part.

In many instances the paintings, drawings, land-escapes—free hand-drawing, etc., were real works of art, showing decided talent in the great field of art.

The display of needle-work, embroidered center-pieces, doll dresses, crochet work, aprons, home-made cakes, etc., was exceedingly meritorious; giving promise of capable, skillful (Continued to Sixth Page)

AMONG THE VISITORS IN AND OUT OF TOWN

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Folks and Their Friends Who Travel Here And There.

J. R. Teague, of Henderson, was in town Tuesday.

Rev. A. D. Wilcox returned the past week from a visit to Asheville.

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Nicholson, of Hickory, are visitors to Louisburg.

Mr. A. J. Harris of Henderson was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Mr. M. D. Smith, of Nash county, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Hon. F. S. Spruill of Rocky Mount was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Mr. Frank Taylor of City Point, Va., spent several days in Louisburg the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hollingsworth went to Durham Sunday to attend the funeral of her uncle.

Mrs. R. G. Burroughs and Mrs. Cora Phelps, of Henderson, visited Mrs. J. L. Palmer the past week.

Mr. Sam Curran and Mr. R. G. Kittrell of Henderson, were in attendance at court here the past week.

Mrs. Nannie Sykes and Mrs. Ida Marshburne, of Nashville, visited, Mr. and Mrs. E. Odom the past week.

Mr. W. H. Ruffin returned Friday from Raleigh where he served as Secretary to an Episcopal Convocation.

Dr. E. R. Vandegrift, returned the past week from a trip to Tarboro where he has been for the past month on business.

Dr. J. E. Malone, Franklin's excellent health officer, left yesterday for Columbia, S. C., to attend a meeting of physicians and pellegra experts.

Mr. F. C. Topleman, General Manager of the Home Telephone and Telegraph Co., passed through town Tuesday on his way to Henderson from Rocky Mount.

Weekly Weather Forecast.

Issued by the U. S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C., for the week beginning Wednesday, October 20, 1915.

For South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Rain Wednesday probably continuing Thursday along the South Atlantic coast; otherwise fair weather will prevail during the week; temperatures will be moderate.

Revival at Ransdell's Chapel.

Beginning Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the pastor, assisted by Rev. O. W. Sawyer, of Spring Hope, will conduct a series of meetings at Ransdell's Chapel, eight miles south-east of this place. Meetings daily at 3 P. M. and 7:30 P. M.

Rev. Mr. Sawyer has been greatly blessed in his efforts in evangelistic meetings, having baptized into the fellowship of his churches already this year one hundred new members, save two. He is an earnest consecrated young minister, and the people hear him gladly.

Special Meeting.

We are requested to state that there will be a special communication of Louisburg Lodge No. 413 A. F. & A. M. in its hall on Tuesday night October 26th, for the purpose of giving degrees. All members are especially urged to be present.

UPWARDS OF BILLION FOR DEFENSE

FORTY-THREE FIRST LINE DREADNAUGHTS.

Fleet of Coast Defense Submarines That Would Fringe Atlantic and Pacific Coasts With Solid Line of Interior Defense Contemplated; For Army, Trained Force of Over Million and Regular Troops Numbering 140,000.

Washington, Oct. 18.—A national defense program that probably means an expenditure on the army and navy of upwards of a billion dollars in the next six years will be laid before the people by President Wilson November 4, when he goes to New York to make his first public address since the scope of the policy upon which his administration has embarked became known. He will speak before the Manhattan Club on national defense and the reasons which have impelled him to approve plans to about double the navy and quadruple the trained fighting forces ashore within a few years.

With the estimates of the War and Navy Departments submitted for the coming year, the breadth of the administration's policy as to preparedness is being realized. It shapes up in totals as follows:

Navy: For new ships and increased personnel in five years \$500,000,000.

Army: For reserve material (arms and ammunition) within four years \$105,000,000.

For new coast defense and modernization of old forts within four years, \$81,000,000.

For the new continental army and the proposed increase in the regular army \$26,000,000. (This amount probably will be a continuing and if anything increasing appropriation through the first six years period which would make the total expenditure at that time \$156,000,000)

The grand total expenditures thus actually planned would be \$842,000,000.

Defense Proposed.

These expenditures would produce by 1925 a first line of dreadnaughts and battle cruisers numbering forty-three; a fleet of coast defense submarines that would fringe the Atlantic and Pacific coasts with an almost solid line of interior defense against attack; a fleet of nearly 175 destroyers and squadrons of huge sea-going fleet submarines to operate with the battle fleets.

For the army, there would be at the end of six years a trained force of 1,200,000 men, including a regular army of 140,000 and the proposed continental army and reserves; a ring of fully manned coast defense, equipped with the largest and most powerful guns yet built and a vast reserve of field guns, machine-guns, howitzers and big gun ammunitions. In addition the enormously increased capacity of private munitions plants would give assurance of ample supplies of small arms and field gun ammunition.

Definite Step Taken.

A definite step toward enlarging the navy was taken today when contracts were awarded for twenty-two of the fighting craft authorized by the last Congress. They are six big cruiser-destroyers and sixteen coast defense submarines. The day set a new record for the department in the number of contracts awarded.

Neither War nor Navy Department estimates for the coming year have been made public as yet in detail. It was learned today, however, that of the \$72,000,000 increase over last year's bill to be asked by the War Department, \$46,000,000 would go toward reserve material and coast defense works the remaining \$26,000,000 to be used in building up the new armies, regular and continental. Part of the \$46,000,000 would go into building and arming the new forts which will guard the entrance to Chesapeake Bay.

Build New Forts.

It is proposed to spend more of the money in building new forts to defend New York, San Francisco and other great harbors. Sixteen inch rifles will be mounted in all these defenses where enemy craft with modern guns would be dangerous from great distance. Another expenditure con-

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