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### Federal Court Convened in This City Monday Morning.

### FEW CASES ON DOCKET.

### Negro Sentenced, and His White Friends Petition the Judge for Him.

Federal Court convened in this city Monday with his honor, Judge Thos. R. Purnell, of Raleigh, presiding. There was a very light docket and only one case was submitted to the jury.

Among the cases on the docket were: U. S. vs. L. H. Griffin, of Martin county, on an indictment for removing and concealing spirits. The defendant could not be found and the case was continued.

U. S. vs. R. E. Sample, of Washington county, indictment for fraudulent use of the mails. The case was continued because of imprisonment of the defendant in the penitentiary.

U. S. vs. C. H. and F. A. Tucker and B. F. Yarboro, indictment for conspiracy to defraud the government. Case compromised with the U. S. Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Another case against these defendants was for concealing spirits, and which case was also compromised.

U. S. vs. Wiley G. Taylor, an indictment for forging name to pension check—did not proceed. There were three other cases against this defendant, to two of which he pled guilty. The case which was of the most interest was the one against Taylor for retaining pension money. This was the case submitted to the jury. He was found guilty and sentenced to two years at hard labor in the penitentiary and also required to pay a fine of \$100. The judgment was subsequently changed to a fine of \$200 and all costs. Taylor is a colored barber at South Mills. He is held in very high esteem and respected by the white people of his town, and it was through the influence that he escaped the penitentiary. Petitions were circulated in this city and contained the signatures of many of the best citizens.

There were four presentments made to the grand jury and true bills were found in each case. One reason why the docket is so small at this place is that many cases in the district are sent to Raleigh. If this is true, the proper authorities should see to it that the Elizabeth City federal court gets all the business to which it is entitled.

The officers of the Court are: Thos. R. Purnell, Judge Presiding; Harry Skinner, District Attorney; Oscar J. Spears, Assistant District Attorney; H. C. Dockery, U. S. Marshall; B. F. Spence, Deputy Marshall; Samuel M. Alexander, Deputy Clerk; T. P. Wilcox and W. C. Brooks, Bailiffs.

The following is a list of the jurors who were in attendance: Jas. W. Johnson, South Mills, Camden county; Roert E. Black, Elizabeth City; A. J. Ward, Edenton; W. J. Sawyer, Elizabeth City; D. G. Bond, Edenton; A. J. Simmons, Windsor, Bertie county; D. W. Etheridge, Manteo, Dare county; P. H. Bell, Edenton; Anderson White, Eva, Perquimans county; C. H. Jarvis, Gum Neck, Tyrrell county; W. W. Smith, Edenton; John G. Sawyer, Elizabeth City; E. D. Burns, Hatteras, Dare county; Henry G. Price, Weaverville, Pasquotank county; W. E. Daniel, Williamston, Martin county; J. C. Commander, Elizabeth City; C. G. Etheridge, Camden C. H.; Thomas Parson, Weaverville, Pasquotank county; Thomas E. McKaskey, Dardens, Martin county; Isaac Jackson, Plymouth, Washington county; W. E. Jenkins, Menola, Hertford county; G. W. Roundtree, Willow, Gates county; A. O. Hill, Eure, Gates county; James H. Bazemore, Lewiston, Bertie county; Seaton Basnight, Souper, Washington county; J. P. Mitchell, Somerset, Chowan county; R. S. Shipp, Elizabeth City; James Quilley, Avon, Dare county; Benjamin J. Brickhouse, Newberry, Tyrrell county; J. C. Wilson, Woodville, Perquimans county; W. M. Williams, Burgess, Perquimans county; W. C. Brooks, Elizabeth City; Adam Bell, Elizabeth City; E. D. Winslow, Wintfall, Perquimans county; Josiah Nicholson, Belvidere, Perquimans county; J. C. Duncan, Riddle, Camden county; A. F. Stafford, Rosedale, Pasquotank county; Henry C. White, Nixonton, Pasquotank county; Samuel Waters, Elizabeth City; John N. Fisher, Jarrington, Currituck county; J. E. Burgess, Old Trap, Camden county; O. M. West, Elizabeth City; W. H. Abbott, South Mills, Camden county; Josiah Smith, Winfall, Perquimans county.

### WHITE-TOMS NUPTIALS.

Invitations Are Out announcing the Marriage of Two Popular Young People.

Invitations are out to the marriage of Miss Mattie Walker Toms, the accomplished daughter of Mr. Z. Toms, of Hertford, to Mr. Thomas S. White, a prominent young business man of that town. Both Miss Toms and Mr. White are popularly known in Elizabeth City and throughout the State. Mr. White is an Elizabeth City boy and the son of Mrs. Cornelia White. The invitation reads:

"Mr. Zach Toms requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of his daughter, Mattie Walker,

to Mr. Thomas Skinner White on the morning of Wednesday, the fourth of November, at half after eleven o'clock, at his residence at Hertford, North Carolina."

### EXPRESS SNUBBED.

British Minister to China Absents Himself from a Reception.

Oct. 22.—The express company gave her first reception of the season to the diplomatic corps at the summer palace today. Sir Ernest Satow, the British minister, declined to attend any such function so long as the editor and other employees of the native newspaper Suppa, at Shanghai, who are accused of sedition, are kept prisoners, he holding that the throne has fallen to co-operate in obtaining a humane disposition of the case. He also declined because of the recent bloody murder by order of the dowager empress of Shen Chin, the patriot and reformer.

The minister's action is applauded by all foreigners outside the legation. His course is consistent with the action by him in the case of the murder of missionaries at Chen Chou, when the throne declined to punish the high criminals.

### SUPT. WORTH INTERVIEWED.

He Believes That the Wide Use of Gasoline Boats Will Revolutionize the Sound Section.

Mr. S. G. Worth, Superintendent of the U. S. Fisheries station at Edenton, called yesterday and renewed his subscription to the Tar Heel. Mr. Worth brought the steamer Petrel from Beaufort through the sounds last week to undergo repairs at an Elizabeth City shipyard. The steamer Petrel has just completed a summer engagement at Beaufort in making collections for the U. S. Fisheries Biological laboratory, situated in Beaufort harbor.

Superintendent Worth is an enthusiastic advocate of the Audubon Society, although not yet a member. He thinks that the membership will increase and draw into its ranks a large number of individuals to create a healthy sentiment in favor of better protection for the water fowl and other wild animals now so abundant in the eastern counties. He thinks that any over-protective features contained in the new protective law, some of which are now being criticized, will be modified as more gunners of the best type become members of the society.

Nine flocks of wild geese were seen while passing through Core Sound. The flocks consisted of five to eight birds each, and appeared to be made up of the two parent birds and their summer hatch. He finds Core Island a marvel in the fisheries line—varied, abundant and remunerative.

Mr. Worth thinks that the small power boats, gasoline, etc., now much in use, comprise one of the most effective instrumentalities in opening up the lower sound country and adding to its wealth and comfort.

"What is your opinion as to the probable result of the wide use of the gasoline boats in the lower sounds?" asked the Tar Heel reporter.

"The wide use of the gasoline boats will revolutionize the eastern counties. They are now regularly plying the lower sounds gathering up the fresh fish as fast as caught. As soon as taken on board the fish are put down on ice. The launches then convey the catch to the packing houses of the dealers. This method saves the fishermen all loss of time in marketing their catch and obviates the necessity of salting, which involves time, care and expense. More fish are sold on ice and they are in the best possible condition for consumption. The gasoline boats also carry mail and passengers and are bringing all water points in closer contact. They require no more crew than sailboats and only have to wait on the weather in time of storms."

### NO OTHER TO COMPARE WITH IT.

The following letter from one of our advertisers speaks for itself and for which we are very grateful.

Mr. Walter L. Cochran.  
Dear Sir:—Please discontinue my advertisement: "Wanted—Four clerks." Really, I didn't know there were so many people who wanted a situation. The Tar Heel is certainly read. I had more than forty letters, to say nothing of the personal applications, in response to that advertisement. I congratulate you on the good paper you are publishing. There's no other in this section to compare with it.

Yours truly,  
H. H. LAVANSTEIN.

### ACHIEVING SUCCESS.

This is the Story of the Firm of Rucker & Sheely.

The firm of Rucker & Sheely will hereafter have something to say to the Tar Heel readers each week. Their advertisement is found in another column. This firm, which is practically a new one, has achieved a remarkable success in the short time they have been here. Their store, which is at Weasel's old stand, is indeed one of the prettiest in the city. The decorations and arrangement of the fine stock testify to the taste and up-to-dateness of both the manager and clerks.

Mr. Rucker, the manager, is a thorough Virginia gentleman. His experience in the dry goods business covers several years, both on the road, as a salesman, and behind the counter. He is thoroughly posted on the markets and the advantages of buying. His experience as traveling salesman gave him an invaluable knowledge, which enables him to cater to the best taste in anything pertaining to dry goods. The Tar Heel takes especial pleasure in commending this attractive store to its readers.

### DR. KELLUM HERE.

Dr. W. D. Kellum, formerly of Shiloh, but now of Belhaven, was a visitor this week. The doctor speaks in no uncertain terms of Belhaven and its good people. He says the town is alive and progressing at a rapid rate. The oyster packing houses have just started up for the winter, and two carloads of Bohemians arrived there this week from Baltimore. The Tar Heel notes with pleasure Dr. Kellum's success in his new home, and in turn most heartily commends him to the people of Belhaven and vicinity.

### SECRETARY KIGHT RESIGNS.

He Will Engage in the Jewelry Business in This City.

Mr. J. W. Kight has tendered his resignation as secretary of the Y. M. C. A. work in this city, to take effect December 1st.

The board of directors of the Association met this week to consider the election of a successor to Mr. Kight. The State Secretary is on the scene and every effort will be made to secure a good man to take up the work, so well conducted by Mr. Kight. Mr. Evans, the assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A. work in Norfolk, has been selected to the position, but he has not as yet tendered his acceptance. He was out here this week and looked the field over. He is highly pleased with the association work, and the city. It is hoped that this gentleman will accept, as he is thoroughly qualified to carry on the work.

Mr. Kight will not leave the city, but will enter business as the senior member of a new firm, which will be launched in the name of Kight & Bright. Mr. Henry Bright, for many years with L. Selig, will be the other member, and they propose to conduct a jewelry business that will be second to none in the city. They leave tomorrow for New York to purchase goods. The new firm will occupy a store in the new Robinson building, next to the Savings Bank.

Mr. Kight does not enter business because of a lack of interest in the Y. M. C. A. work, for he says he shall always be interested in the work already so well established, but he says that after serving the work for seven years he should enter the business world for himself.

Mr. Kight came to this city on the 15th day of August, 1902, practically a stranger, and after a residence of a little more than a year, he is one of the most popular and best known men in the city. Few men could have ingratiated themselves with these people as Mr. Kight has done. He will be welcomed to the commercial circles with the same good will that he was welcomed to the great work which he has served so faithfully.

The new firm has every reason to succeed. Mr. Bright is an expert workman, whose reputation as a watchmaker and jeweler extends over many counties in Eastern North Carolina. He has been with Mr. Selig many years, and, in fact, it has been Mr. Bright's experience and service that has been largely responsible for the success which Mr. Selig has achieved in the jewelry business. The Tar Heel welcomes the new firm.

### A SUCCESSFUL ENTERPRISE.

As the Reporter Viewed the Store of the Elizabeth City Store & Plumbing Company.

In our rambles about the city, we dropped into the establishment of the Elizabeth City Store & Plumbing Co., located at 13 and 15 Water street, recently opened up by our townsmen, Messrs. A. M. Willey & Son. We were met by the pleasant and genial manager, Mr. John T. Howard, who has had an experience of twenty-five years in catering to the wants of the people of Norfolk, Va., in the stove line.

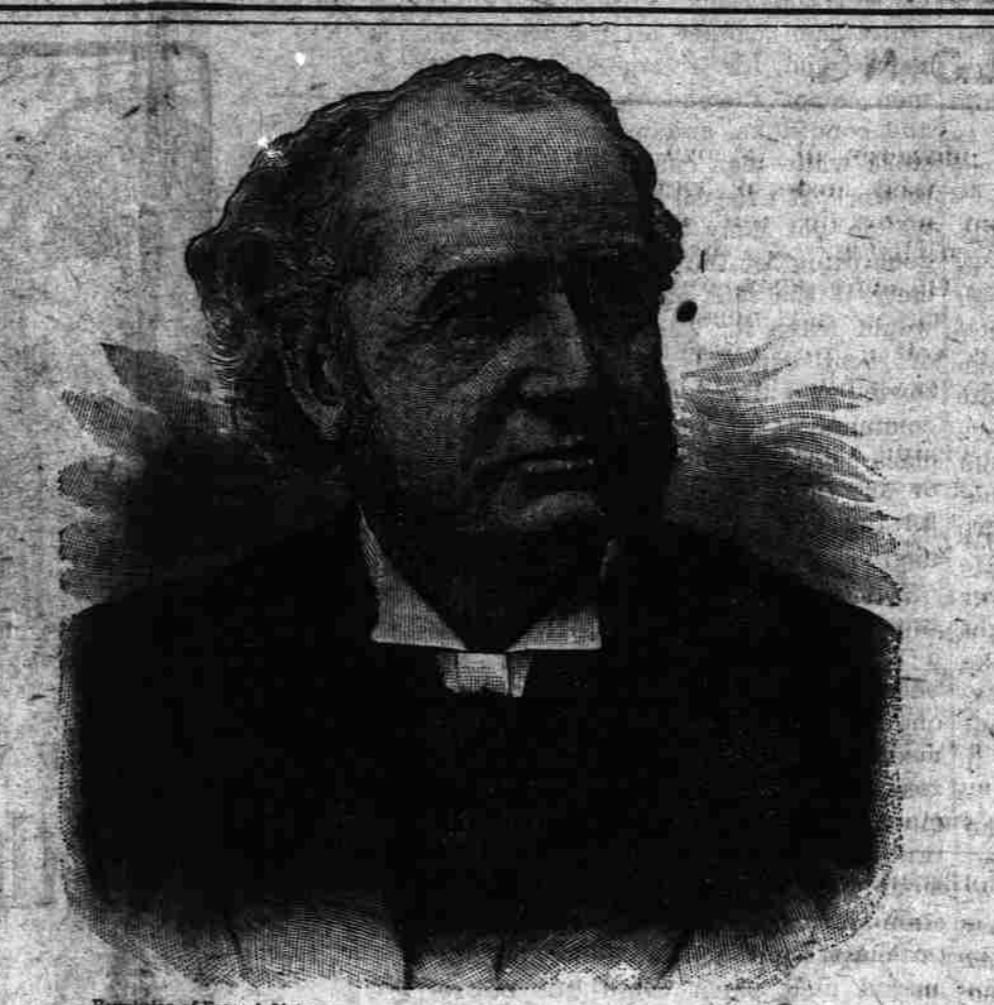
To see the magnitude of their establishment one would have to visit their stores, as it would be impossible to do them justice in these columns. We were shown throughout the building from office to manufacturing department, where they are fully equipped to handle every thing coming to them with the greatest dispatch. They are prepared to do a general thing, plumbing, hot water and steam heating, galvanized iron cornice work and slate roofing. The show room is stocked with a fine line of goods that would do credit to a city twice the size of ours.

Our attention was especially attracted to the fine display of plumbing goods set up as they would show in both rooms and kitchens, also the various lines of handsome steel ranges for large dwellings and many others to suit the requirements of any family. The Grand Domestic gas place heater cannot fail to find its way into the homes of our citizens, on account of its bright and attractive appearance, its great heating qualities, small consumption of fuel and small cost of repairs.

The Elizabeth City Store & Plumbing Company has become a fixture and is meeting with great encouragement on account of the volume of business they have thus far secured, and are daily adding to their already large stock. They are determined to keep abreast of the times and will endeavor to keep everything in their several lines to meet the wants of their customers. A special feature of the business will be to carry a large line of stove repairs. They guarantee to furnish repairs on short notice for any stove made in the United States.

### MARKETS.

Messrs. Beverage & Sawyer report cotton in seed worth \$3.40 to \$3.50 per hundred pounds. Corn, 60c bushel.



Isaac W. Joyce  
Bishop Isaac W. Joyce, D. D., LL. D., of Minneapolis, Minn.

We present to our readers this week a cut of the Presiding Officer of the Atlantic Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which is in session at the Pearl Street Church. Bishop Joyce needs no commendation at our hands. His world-wide reputation as an evangelistic Bishop, his power as an expounder of the "Faith once delivered to the Saints," his eloquence as an orator, have all contributed toward making him a great preacher in world-wide Methodism.

The Conference sessions begin each morning at 8:30 o'clock, with Pentecostal services, conducted by Rev. Dr. E. S. Dunham, of Ohio, one of the leading evangelists of the Methodist Church. These services will last one hour, and be followed by the usual business sessions of such occasions.

In addition to the morning Pentecostal services, Dr. Dunham will conduct similar services each afternoon at 4 o'clock. There will also be preaching every evening at 7:45 by visiting ministers.

Bishop Joyce will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and ordain the class of ministers.

### PROF. HINTON REPLIES.

In His Uncertain Language He Denounces "Tax Payer."

Last week a paper in this city published a hasty letter reflecting on Prof. W. M. Hinton, superintendent of schools of this county. The cowardly attempt to cover the non-deplum of "Tax Payer," and it is in this respect that the letter is cowardly. The man who fires from ambush is dangerous. If "Tax Payer" desired to attack Prof. Hinton he should have done so over his own signature. "Tax Payer's" letter follows:

"Mr. Editor: Will you please allow me space in your paper to ask the County Board of Education a few questions? I think the public has the right to know all the acts of any official of a Board, and the officers of a Board who prefer to do their work by a committee behind closed doors deserve public condemnation."

"It is the general complaint of those interested in the public schools that the superintendent, W. M. Hinton, cannot be found to sign a voucher or transact any business pertaining to the duties of his office, and it is further talked that the Board of Education advance his salary with the distinct understanding that he was to give his entire time to the work."

"Now, Mr. Chairman (for it was you who put Mr. Hinton in office and it was through you that his salary was raised), why is it that Pasquotank County is paying the expenses of a man to travel all over the State and organize Anti-Saloon Leagues? Now, this is a base falsehood, a foul, infamous slander. Nothing but green-eyed envy, personal spleen and innate cussedness could bring forth such a vile and dirty progeny."

"Tax Payer" prates of "honesty" and "fair dealing." Yet, like a cold blooded assassin he strikes in the dark, hoping to escape the just odium of his dastardly deed.

But who is "Tax Payer"? Is he the paid mouthpiece of the bar-rooms? Is he a fellow who has lost a job? Is he a candidate for my position? Is he one whose political aspirations I have antagonized? Or worse still, is he a pretended friend, a wolf in sheep's clothing?

I cannot say positively. This one thing, however, I do know: If he continues to skulk and allows some innocent person to rest under suspicion, he is a coward poltroon without a single vestige of manhood, honesty or honor.

Unmask thyself, thou champion of "honesty" and "fair dealing," or else hereafter herd with vile snakes and skulking defamers!

Fifteen of the best years of my life have been given to building up the public school interests of North Carolina. I shall do nothing at this late date to injure them. Sooner will I redouble my efforts in their behalf than the barking of snarling curs do not much disturb me. I am calm and serene as a summer eve, serene, I believe, in the confidence of the best people of old Pasquotank County.

Angry? Oh no. I rather enjoy twisting a skunk out of his hollow, even though I have to get down in the mud to do it. I may, you know, keep the dirty varment from pestering some one else.

W. M. HINTON.  
Oct. 19th, 1903.

### MR. HARDISON RESIGNS.

Mr. S. S. Hardison has resigned as secretary and treasurer of the Knobbs Creek Lumber Company, and he is waiting for a meeting of the board of directors that his successor may be elected.

Mr. Hardison has several offers, some of which are in this city, and it is probable that in severing the present position he will not leave the city. After seven years' residence here Mr. Hardison and his estimable wife have endeared themselves to a large number of our citizens and any intimation of their departure from Elizabeth City would occasion general regret.

### REAPER DEATH.

Mr. Whitcomb Passes Away, Ripe in Years.

THREE-SCORE AND TEN.  
Native of New York—Had Resided in this City Thirty Years.

Mr. T. T. Whitcomb died at his residence in this city, Tuesday morning, October 20th.

This simple announcement chronicles the passing of one of our best citizens; a noble hearted man, who bowed with the weight of three score and ten years, reached the end of his long pilgrimage and fell asleep like a little child.

Mr. Whitcomb's death was not unexpected. He had been in failing health for a year or more, and for several months had been confined to his room. During the past ten days his death was daily expected.

Much of the time during his sickness, Mr. Whitcomb suffered intensely, yet in it all there was not the sound of a murmur, nor a word of complaint that escaped his lips. Few men have suffered more patiently than he did. As the end drew near he had his eyes fixed upon his heavenly home. Death had no horrors for him. He even longed for death as a release from the pain that he endured here.

Theophilus Tracy Whitcomb was born in Hartford, Conn., N. Y., January 19th, 1835. He had lived in this city for more than thirty years, during which time he was identified with every interest pertaining to the public welfare. At one time he was mayor of this city.

Always on the side of the right, standing for the best interests of the town, he was indeed a valuable citizen, and the community has sustained a real loss in his death. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and for a number of years was chairman of the board of trustees of the First Church. When City Road Church was organized a year ago he transferred his membership to that church and was elected to the same position on the official board. He was a member of the order of Red Men, an Odd Fellow and a Mason.

The funeral was conducted from City Road Church Wednesday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. R. H. Tuttle, being assisted by Rev. R. H. Tuttle.

The esteem in which the deceased was held was shown by the large attendance at the funeral. The church was filled to its utmost capacity. The three orders to which he belonged attended the services, and at the grave each performed their funeral rites in an impressive manner. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. C. H. Robinson, T. E. Wilson, W. E. Dunstan, E. F. Lamb, J. Q. A. Wood, J. W. Martin and G. D. H. Pritchard.

The bereaved widow, who waited on her husband so long and so faithfully, has the sympathy of the entire community in this her hour of sorrow.

### INCREASED OVER 50 PER CENT.

Business of the Express Company Nearly Doubled in Two Years.

The receipts of the express office is a pretty fair barometer of a city's growth. In this connection the Tar Heel notes with pleasure the rapidly increasing business of the Southern Express Company, under the agency of Mr. J. L. Dill, in this city.

Sometimes since Superintendent Buckner of the Atlantic Express requested the agents to prepare a business statement showing the receipts for the month of September, 1903, as compared with the receipts for the same month of the year 1902. Mr. Sykes' report showed an increase of business during September, 1903, of more than \$200.00 above the amount of business for the same month in 1902. The increase was about 50 per cent, and speaks loudly of Mr. Sykes' management.

The money order business has increased more than three-fold since Mr. Sykes assumed the agency in January, 1903. The convenience of express money orders is becoming to be appreciated by the public. In the matter of fresh fish and oysters, Mr. Sykes is endeavoring to secure better rates, and in that event a large business will be derived from that source.

The express office is located next door to the Tar Heel and we take pleasure in saying that it is conducted in a most acceptable manner to the patrons. The strict business methods of Mr. Sykes cannot but find appreciation with the public, who holds Mr. Sykes in high esteem. Indeed, the office shows marked improvements over the office conducted here two years since, and these improvements are due to efforts of the agent to serve the public every convenience possible.