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Summitt Gets Verdict For \$93.75

\$10,800 Damages Was Asked for Alleged Assault by George Allen in Primary Last June—Second Week of Superior Court Began This Morning.

The second week of Robeson Superior court for the trial of civil cases convened this morning with Judge Frank A. Daniels of Goldsboro presiding. Judge Daniels spent the week-end with his family at Goldsboro.

The case of H. L. Summitt vs. George Allen, in which Summitt was suing Allen for \$10,800 for an assault made upon him on the day of the primary last June, took up most of Thursday and Friday. Summitt was given a verdict by the jury for \$93.75 damages. The plea of the plaintiff was that Allen "beat him up" at the voting place in Wisharts township on the day of the primary, the row starting about the way Summitt voted. Summitt was represented by Messrs. G. B. Patterson and J. E. Carpenter of Maxton and N. A. Sinclair of Fayetteville, while Allen was represented by Messrs. T. L. Johnson, S. McIntyre and H. E. Stacy of Lumberton.

The case of E. L. Haynes vs. D. R. Rhodes was compromised after the evidence in the case had been taken.

Judgements in the plaintiff was given in the case of H. A. Page, Jr., vs. G. C. Smith and also in the case of H. A. Page, Jr., vs. James McMillan.

The hearing in re the will of the late Miss Matilla L. Edens, set for today, was continued until the May term of court.

It is not thought court will last through this week, as but few cases appear on the calendar.

Alleged Blockaders Caught In The Act

Rowland K. Stone and Norwood Barnes Were Busily Engaged About 2 Stills When Officers Surprised Them in Juniper Bay, Near Proctorville, Saturday—They Made Bond and Will be Given Hearing April 19—Lard-Tub Stills and Some Juice Captured.

Officers captured two 30-gallon capacity whiskey stills in the Juniper bay, near Proctorville, Saturday afternoon and arrested Rowland K. Stone and Norwood Barnes, two young white men, who were busily engaged in operating the stills when the officers approached. Stone and Barnes made bond in the sum of \$500 each and will be given a hearing before Recorder David H. Fuller on Tuesday, April 19. The raid was made by Sheriff R. E. Lewis, Police-man Vance McGill and Deputy F. A. Wishart.

The stills were made of lard tubs and accessories to match and were located close together in the bay. They were being operated when reached by the officers. Around 80 gallons of beer and a very small supply of the finished "stuff" was also captured.

Not Much Interest in Town Politics.

Town politics is milder than is usually the case this near the primary. There are three candidates in the field for mayor—A. E. White, incumbent, A. P. Mitchell and B. N. Brigan—but the race is very calm up to this time. It is expected to warm up somewhat during the next few days, however.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, Mr. J. L. Stephens is offering for commissioner from ward No. 3, and Dr. N. A. Thompson stated Saturday that he would offer for reelection in ward No. 1. Only two commissioners are to be elected. The primary will be held April 26.

Recorder's Court.

Two cases made up the recorder's court this morning. These were: Mack Campbell, colored, charged with cursing and raising a disturbance in the town of Lumberton. Prayer for judgment was continued for 12 months upon payment of the cost.

W. T. Mercer, being drunk in the town of Lumberton; judgement suspended upon payment of the cost.

Kitchen Named Minority Leader.

Representative Claude Kitchen of North Carolina Saturday was elected by a caucus of House Democrats in Washington as minority leader for the 67th Congress. There was no opposition. Mr. Kitchen also received the nomination for the speakership, but as the Republicans are in control this is an empty honor.

36 Men Found Guilty in Express Case.

A jury in Federal court at Macon, Ga., Saturday returned verdicts of guilty on all five counts against 36 persons accused of conspiracy to rob the American Railway Express company of property valued at \$1,000,000.

Picnic and Concert.

Correspondence of The Robesonian Lake View, S. C., April 9.—There will be an afternoon picnic and concert following on the 15th of April. The public is cordially invited.

Miss Laura Stephens spent the week-end at Laurel Hill visiting friends.

Big Crowd Attends Military Funeral

Remains of James T. Smith, World War Hero, Interred With Military Honors at Home of Parents Near Lowe—He Was Killed in Action in France November 7, 1918.

A crowd estimated at 1,500 attended the funeral of James T. Smith, World War hero, yesterday at 3:30 p. m. The funeral was conducted from the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Smith, parents of the deceased soldier, near Lowe, and interment was made in the Smith burying ground, near the home. The funeral was preached by Rev. A. E. Paul, pastor of Raft Swamp Baptist church, of which the deceased was a member at the time of his death.

The burial was conducted by the Lumberton post of the American Legion, the remains being interred with full military honors. Appropriate music was furnished by the East Lumberton band. The pallbearers were: ex-Captain David H. Fuller in charge, R. F. Thomas, Don N. McGill, A. P. Page, Rufus Kinlaw, L. L. McGill, J. E. Walters; honorary, B. M. Sibley, B. R. Cheek, and D. J. Jolly.

At the conclusion of the grave-side service a firing squad of ex-soldiers of the World War fired the regulation salute of three volleys. The firing squad was composed of ex-Captain F. Eli Wishart, in charge, Earl Crump, Leslie Cashwell, Ed J. Glover, J. R. Bridgers, Jr., Harry H. Memory, Clarence A. Moore, Oliver F. Nance and Welt Fisher. Taps were sounded by D. J. Jolly.

The Lumberton Red Cross chapter was represented by Miss Mary McNeill, Mrs. S. H. Hamilton and Miss Eulalia McGill, who had charge of the arrangement of the numerous beautiful floral attractions.

Deceased was killed in action at the front in France on November 7, 1918, just four days before the armistice was signed. He went into the service of his country as a soldier on May 28, 1918, and went overseas in July of the same year. He went overseas with the 81st (Wildcat) division and was later transferred to the 42nd (Rainbow) division and was killed while fighting with that division. He was about 23 years old.

It was one of the largest crowds that ever attended a funeral in Robeson county who gathered to pay their last tribute of respect to this Robesonian who gave his life for his country. The members of the local post of the American Legion conducted the funeral in a creditable manner.

The remains arrived here Wednesday night from France, accompanied by Sgt. Raymond W. Jacques of Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C. Sgt. Jacques went to New York and accompanied the remains from that place. He remained here until after the funeral, leaving last evening for Camp Jackson.

Mr. Frank L. Smith of Callahan, Fla., arrived Friday to attend the funeral of his brother.

Two Fires At Marietta

Store and Stock of Goods of Mr. Leon Henly Destroyed Thursday Night and Mr. R. C. Oliver Lost Tobacco Barn and 17 Bales of Cotton That Afternoon.

The store building and stock of goods of Mr. Leon Henly at Marietta were destroyed by fire of unknown origin Thursday night. While the loss was large, it is feared that it was largely covered by insurance.

This was the second fire in that section Thursday, a tobacco barn belonging to Mr. R. C. Oliver, in which 17 bales of cotton were stored, being burned Thursday afternoon. Only seven bales of the cotton were burned. The origin of the fires is unknown.

Commissioner Wade Stands by His Guns.

State Insurance Commissioner Wade is not impressed with the claim of officers of the International Petroleum Co. of Texas that they are within the law in carrying on a mail order business. He says that the Federal government often does not check up these companies that offer glittering stock values through the mails until thousands of people have been fleeced, and advert to the fact that a half a billion dollars was lost last year in fake stocks and that \$125,000,000 additional was traded in Liberty bonds for these worthless securities. He says he has no intention of waiting until the horse is stolen to warn the people against such investments. Saturday he directed police authorities of Wilmington to arrest and hold J. C. Wright, an alleged representative of the Texas Eagle Oil and Refining Co., which is said not to have observed formalities required for resident salesmen of its stock.

Not Son of A. L. McCaskill.

The Earl McCaskill referred to in a dispatch printed in Thursday's Robesonian as involved with an encounter with members of the Law and Order League of Cumberland county when a raid was made on a whiskey still is not a son of A. L. McCaskill, prominent Republican politician, but a son of John McCaskill, brother of A. L., according to a Fayetteville dispatch of the 7th.

APRIL SHOWERS



JUDGE PRITCHARD PASSES.

Famous Jurist Died at His Home in Asheville Yesterday of Pneumonia.

Federal Judge Jeter Coney Pritchard, of the United States Circuit court of the Fourth district, died at his home in Asheville yesterday morning following an illness of several months. Death of the famous jurist was due directly to pneumonia, which developed Thursday and served to aggravate his previous physical afflictions. He was in his 64th year. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from the First Baptist church of Asheville, of which he was a leading member, and business of the city will be stopped for 10 minutes as a token of respect.

Judge Pritchard was born in Jonesboro, Tenn., April 12, 1857. While still in his teens he walked 35 miles across the mountains of east Tennessee and western North Carolina to Bakersville, where he arrived with only 10 cents and the clothes he wore. He went to work in a print shop and studied at night. He was elected to the State Legislature in 1875 and in 1887, the year he obtained law license, and again in 1891. He served in the United States Senate 1895 to 1903, when he was appointed by President Roosevelt to the Supreme Court bench of the District of Columbia, and later was advanced to judgeship of the United States Circuit Court for the Fourth district.

Georgia "Death Farm" Owner Convicted of Murder.

John S. Williams, Jasper county, Ga., farmer, was taken to Atlanta and placed in jail Saturday to await action April 30 on his motion for a new trial, which was made at Covington, Ga., Saturday immediately after he was convicted and sentenced to life-time imprisonment on a charge of murder. He expressed confidence he would finally be cleared of the charges.

The trial was the first one arising from accusations that Williams caused the killing of eleven negro farm hands after Department of Justice agents had started to investigate alleged peonage charges on his farm February 18, last. Three of the negroes, including Lindsay Patterson, whom he was specifically charged with killing at the trial, were alleged to have been brought into Newton county and drowned.

The other eight negroes were declared by Manning, negro farm boss and self-confessed accomplice, to have been killed in Jasper county and inquiry by the grand jury with a view to indicting Williams and three of his sons is to open there today.

Snow Reported in Richmond and Other Sections.

A Richmond, Va., dispatch says that snow fell for an hour or more there yesterday afternoon but melted as fast as it fell. A Bristol, Tenn., dispatch states that snow, sleet and rain fell in that section yesterday and that a heavy snow was falling there last night at 10 o'clock. Five inches of snow is reported at Rowlesburg, W. Va., with temperature of 28, and snow flew in that section all day yesterday, states a Cumberland, Md., dispatch. Sleet and snow fell in the Blowing Rock section of this State yesterday morning, the Charlotte Observer was informed by members of motor parties returning to Charlotte yesterday afternoon.

Marshal Foch to Visit America.

Washington, April 7.—Marshal Foch is to follow M. Viviani to this country. It is the plan of the French government to send him with a view to improving relations between this country and France. The date of his visit is indeterminate. Here in Washington it was understood that he would leave Paris shortly after the return there of Viviani. But a dispatch from Kansas City says that he has been invited by the American legion to be present at a convention to be held there at the end of October. The state department will furnish a ship to bring him to this country.—C. W. Gilbert in Greensboro News.

EXPECT EARLY RELIEF OF COTTON SITUATION IN SOUTH

War Finance Corporation and Southern Bankers Working Out Plans.

A New Orleans dispatch of the 9th gives the following: Belief of the cotton situation in the South through substantial financial assistance on the part of the War Finance Corporation was expected to be brought about shortly, in the opinion of representatives of the War Finance Corporation, Federal International Banking Company and the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, who tonight announced after an all-day consultation that they would meet again in Atlanta the latter part of this month to take action along those lines.

The Federal International Banking Company's headquarters here will see to the formation of the 1,300 members of the corporation, recently organized under the Edge Act, data and statistics touching all angles of the cotton trade. These statistics will be indexed and studied at the Atlanta meeting, after which it was expected definite plans would be made for organization under the Webb-Pomerene Act of a company able to finance and move cotton.

Cotton exporters of the South will be called upon to have representatives at the Atlanta meeting, it was announced. Mr. Meyer, in an explanation of the views of the War Finance Corporation stated the best results for the South would be accomplished by "the proper spirit of co-operation among cotton exporters and bankers, acting in conjunction with the Federal International Banking Company."

Both Mr. Meyer and Mr. Davis assured the bankers that any practical plan of co-operation devised by the bankers and exporters would meet with the hearty co-operation of the War Finance Corporation.

The meeting here today was for the purpose of continuing the discussion of the cotton export situation which was taken up at the recent Washington conference with Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce.

Meeting Places for Community Service.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Marietta Monday, April 11th. Old Prospect (Ind.) Tuesday, April 12th.

Rex Wednesday, April 13th. Baltimore Thursday, April 14th. Parkton Friday, April 15th. Pembroke Normal Saturday, April 16th.

Programme—Robinson Crusoe (3 reels); Jerry's Finishing Touch (one reel); The Wealth of the Nation (one reel); Mutt and Jeff in Switzerland.

Any schools closing with exercises in the morning, and none in the afternoon, we will be glad to darken the rooms and put on the pictures in the afternoons. We have some unusually good pictures and the price to all is only ten cents. Any teacher wishing to have these pictures in their schools will please write me at once.

M. N. FOLGER, Director Community service.

Frost Expected Tonight.

The "cool snap in April" arrived yesterday afternoon and it came near being a cold snap. The temperature dropped to 37 last night, according to Mr. B. M. Davis, local government weather man. It was cold enough to frost last night, according to Mr. Davis, and present indications are that it will frost tonight. Warmer weather is promised tomorrow. It is feared that the cool weather will have a bad effect upon tobacco, much of which was transplanted last week.

Picnic Supper at Alfordville 15th.

The picnic supper at Alfordville school house will be Friday evening, April 15, instead of Monday evening, April 18, as stated in correspondence from Rowland published elsewhere in today's paper.

—The Woman's club will meet with Mrs. E. L. Holloway Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Funeral of Mr. Boyd Williams—Remains Interred near Barnesville.

The funeral of Mr. Boyd V. Williams, who was shot and killed at Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga., was conducted from the home of the father of deceased, Mr. Thompson Williams, near Barnesville, Friday at 2:30 p. m. by Rev. Mr. Dodd, pastor of the Barnesville Baptist church, of which deceased was a member, assisted by Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth, a former pastor of that church. The remains were accompanied from Atlanta by several friends and numerous beautiful floral offerings from friends in Atlanta also accompanied the remains.

As was stated in Thursday's Robesonian, Mr. Williams died Wednesday afternoon from the effects of being shot early Tuesday night as he was leaving his office at Camp Gordon. He was chief clerk of the salvage department at the camp. He was struck in the back, the bullet passing through his body. The guard who shot him was a member of a Baraca class of which the deceased was president, in Atlanta. The guard mistook him for a burglar. It is said. The guard was placed under arrest, however.

Mrs. C. L. Martin of Boardman.

Mrs. C. L. Martin, aged 39 years, died Friday night at her home at Boardman, Columbus county, death resulting from measles and complications. Deceased is survived by her husband and eight children. The remains were sent to Critz, Va., former home of the deceased, for interment.

Mrs. Joe Williams of Pembroke.

Mrs. Joe Williams, aged about 35 years, died yesterday at her home at Pembroke. Deceased is survived by her husband and several children. The funeral took place this afternoon and interment was made in the family burying grounds, near Dillon, S. C.

Rhoda Carlyle, Colored.

Rhoda Carlyle, colored, aged 76 years, died yesterday at her home, in Saddletree township.

Rev. J. E. Sykes, Colored, Victim of Murderous Attack.

Rev. J. E. Sykes, colored, was attacked and stabbed in the neck early Saturday morning by a negro whose name he says is Donnie Cornear. The affair took place between 5 and 6 o'clock in the "Bottom", just beyond the Seaboard trestle. Rev. Sykes says he was on his way to get hands, that Cornear held him up, snatched him out of his buggy and made at his throat with a knife, succeeding in stabbing him slightly in the left side of his neck. Sykes managed to throw his assailant, who got up and ran. No report of the affair has been made to officers. Sykes says he learned later that Cornear had said he had had it in for him for 2 years because he put an officer on him for beating Sykes' 9-year-old niece, and that the negro had been waiting in the street every morning for him to pass for 3 or 4 mornings, intending to kill him; but Rev. Sykes says he does not believe that story and thinks rather that the negro was "supported to slay him by some unknown enemies," for he has never had any "talk or dealings with that nigger," and that "it is the evil powers that has been giving him trouble for some years." Dr. J. D. Quick, colored, dressed the wound, which was not serious but which might have proved fatal if it had gone deeper.

Chances Good For Settlement of Miners' Strike in England.

The strike of coal miners in England, which threatened to carry with it a general strike of railway men and transport workers in the greatest labor struggle in the history of England, seems now to be in a fair way of settlement through negotiations, states a London dispatch of the 9th. It was expected Friday that approximately 2,000,000 would cease their duties at midnight tomorrow night in protest against what they consider to be an organized attempt on the part of employers to enforce a general reduction in wages, but it was announced Saturday night that the miners had yielded and that a conference with the coal owners had been arranged for today to discuss the questions involved, while notices were sent to the mining districts urging abstention from any action that would interfere with necessary measures for the safety of the mines.

Railroad accidents resulted in the death of 2,044 persons for the quarter ending September 30, 1920, and injury of 17,947 others as against 1,763 killed and 14,738 injured for the same quarter in 1919 and 2,429 killed and 13,446 injured for the third quarter of 1918, according to a report issued Saturday by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

John Elliott, who committed suicide at his home near Fayetteville last Tuesday, left \$10,000 to the Fayetteville presbytery of the Presbyterian church, to be used in home or foreign missions, or both, as rulers of the church may deem best. His estate is estimated at \$100,000. Among the bequests was \$1,000 to Jeff Williams, a faithful negro servant.

COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 10 cents; strict middling 10½ cents.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—The cemetery near the union station is being cleaned off.

—The interior of the Lumberton bakery has been treated to a new coat of paint.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Frank P. Kinlaw and Fannie Sanderson.

—Mr. James McNeill sold on the local market on the 8th inst. garden peas from his truck farm near Lumberton.

—Mr. J. H. Felts, Jr., will go tomorrow to Charlotte to attend the Charlotte auto show, which opens there this evening.

—Lumberton merchants who advertised special Dollar-Day bargains Thursday, Friday and Saturday were pleased with their sales.

—Mrs. Lizzie G. Proctor and daughter, Miss Lillian Proctor, went today to Greensboro to attend a concert to be given by Alma Gluck.

—Mr. M. G. McKenzie has opened an office in the commissioners' room at the court house to take care of his growing business as justice of the peace and notary public.

—Mr. Dixon McLean of Lumberton is among the delegates named by Governor Morrison for the meeting of the United States Good Roads Association in Greensboro.

—Grace Locklear and James Dewey Locklear, Indians, were married Friday at noon at the home of Justice M. G. McKenzie, who officiated. The newly-weds live near Wakulla.

—Dr. J. P. Brown of Fairmont and Mr. W. I. Linkhaw of Lumberton attended Friday at Pinehurst a dog show and some other attractions there. They reported a great time.

—Rev. Frank Hare, pastor of the St. Pauls Baptist church and field, returned this afternoon from Charlotte, where he recently underwent an operation at the Charlotte sanatorium.

—Much clean-up work was done here last week, according to Mr. H. B. Robson, superintendent of streets. He had two trucks engaged in hauling off trash and rubbish and the trucks will continue the work until all trash has been moved off the streets.

—Geo. Blunt, colored, who lives on R. 2 from Lumberton, sent to The Robesonian office Saturday a most unusual hen egg. It is rather small and resembles a kershaw or gourd more than anything else in shape but is white in color. It was said to have been laid by a "non-setter," a hen that has never set.

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