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Decision In Clegg Case Expected Middle of Week.

Hearing to Determine Custody of Children Concluded Before Judge Sinclair Saturday.

CLEGG AND HIS ATTORNEYS EXONERATED OF CONTEMPT.

Sinclair Accepts Statement of Attorneys That No Contempt Was Intended in Petition to Remove Case to Another Judge and Petition Seeking Change Was Withdrawn. The decision of Judge N. A. Sinclair in the Clegg case, which was completed before him here Saturday, will not be made known until possibly the middle of the week. The case, which was re-opened here on January 19th on affidavits by the petitioner, Mrs. Annie McIntosh Clegg, alleging that conditions had materially changed, consumed practically all day and the court house was well filled throughout the hearing.

During June of last year the Clegg case was first brought to light and a habeas corpus proceeding was started by the petitioner in an effort to get the permanent custody and control of three of the four children born to her and the respondent. In the affidavits presented to Judge W. A. Devin, before whom the hearing was first held, and in the testimony of the petitioner herself it was in evidence that the respondent had made life unbearable for her and that she had been forced to leave him and take refuge with her mother, who lives in Richmond, Va. She also alleged that Mr. Clegg allowed 8 white-robed and masked men to visit her at their home in Rowland, he knowing that they were coming to see her. A letter was offered her but she refused it. It was delivered to her at her mother's home the next day after she left Rowland by Mr. Dan D. McClaurin of Rowland. The letter, she claimed told her to leave the children with Mr. Clegg, and was signed by the Ku Klux Klan. Other embarrassments, insults and humiliations were described by her during her lengthy stay on the stand.

After the decision of Judge Devin a writ of superadeas was granted and the case was carried to the Supreme court, where the judgment of Judge Devin was upheld but modified to such an extent that the children could not be taken out of the state, but that the mother could have the custody of them the allotted three months at the home of her brother Dr. H. M. McIntosh, who lives at Old Fort, N. C. The opinion also carried the provision that if conditions were materially changed the case could be re-opened. To re-open the case Mrs. Clegg offered affidavits alleging that the children had been released from the custody of the father and given to a sister of Mr. Clegg, Miss Marie Clegg. Miss Clegg lives in Carthage the old Clegg home. In the affidavits it was also alleged that the petitioner went to Carthage to see the children and that she was not treated with respect and was assaulted by Miss Clegg; that she was allowed to see her children but under very embarrassing conditions and that she was grossly humiliated while in Carthage.

Devil-Possessed. The testimony she gave in the hearing here January 19th was practically the same which she gave at the first hearing and in connection with the treatment given her in Carthage. Saturday's evidence was the cross-examination of several who had made affidavits in the case. Dr. N. H. Andrews of Rowland, whose affidavit was offered at the first hearing, was cross-examined. In his affidavit he stated that the petitioner was possessed of an unsound mind. During the cross-examination Saturday he testified that he was possessed of the devil, and that everyone of a nervous disposition was.

This unusual, gigantic and brilliant legal battle has caused no little attention and during the argumentative speeches Saturday the court room was well filled, as it had been at the previous hearings. Mr. Dickson McLean made the introductory speech for the petitioner. He was followed by Mr. Lawrence, who, like his colleague, Mr. Seawell, made a strong plea for the children to be left with the father. Mr. W. E. Lynch of Rowland, one of the attorneys for the petitioner, though his allotted time was not as long as the other attorneys, made an exceptionally good argument. Mr. H. E. Stacy, who closed the argument for the petitioner, bitterly denounced the treatment that the respondent had accorded the petitioner and commented on what Judge Devin had said at the first hearing when he told Mr. Clegg that he did not know how he would square himself with his God and his church for his actions.

Exonerated of Contempt. Rev. I. N. Clegg, the respondent in the case, and his attorneys, Mr. R. C. Lawrence of Lumberton and Mr. H. F. Seawell of Carthage, were

Superior Court

Two Weeks Civil Term Convened This Morning—Judge Cranmer Compliments Robeson County and Local Bar—A Pleasure for Him to Come to Robeson.

The regular two-weeks' term of Robeson court for the trial of civil cases convened this morning with Judge E. H. Cranmer of Southport presiding.

In his remarks to the jury, Judge Cranmer said that it was a pleasure to him to come to Robeson, a county made up of good people, and complimented the members of the bar, stating that they conducted their cases before him very admirably. "If the judge serving in Robeson can't get along with this bar, there is something wrong with the judge," he said. He was very much impressed when every member of the jury who had been served answered "present" when his name was called, or had the proper certificate for his absence.

While the term is scheduled for two weeks it is the consensus of opinion that the cases will be disposed of before the end of the first week.

Messrs. C. J. and C. P. Jackson of Red Springs are Lumberton visitors today.

exonerated by Judge Sinclair from the tentative ruling he had made that the filing of the petition to have the case moved before some other judge constituted a contempt of court. They were exonerated after Mr. Lawrence had secured permission and read the following statement:

"To the Honorable N. A. Sinclair, Judge Superior Court: "With the permission of the court, the undersigned, of counsel for the defendant, I. N. Clegg, desire to make the following statement relative to the action of the undersigned in filing a petition with your honor asking that the hearing of this cause be transferred to some other judge, and to the tentative ruling of your honor that the filing of said petition constituted a contempt of court:

"1. The undersigned assume sole and exclusive responsibility for having filed said petition. Upon consultation it was agreed that a petition should be filed, and the undersigned advised the defendant that they proposed to file a petition seeking a removal, but the defendant had no knowledge of the contents of the petition nor did he know that there was anything out of the usual and ordinary practice in filing such petition. The undersigned therefore submit that the defendant should not be held responsible in any way for the filing of said petition, as the undersigned are solely responsible therefor. The petition was actually prepared by R. C. Lawrence and the defendant was not present at the time.

"2. It was with great reluctance that the undersigned filed said petition. They finally did so, not because they followed their own inclination or wishes, but because a sense of absolute duty to their client seemed to demand that such petition be filed.

"3. The petition was filed in the utmost good faith and because the undersigned then believed that sufficient cause existed to justify the filing thereof.

"4. It should not be necessary for the undersigned to state that in filing such petition it was not their intention to commit any contempt of court, nor to reflect in any way upon the character or integrity of your honor. We simply stated upon information and belief that your honor had expressed certain opinions and held certain views. Even if this statement were correct we cannot conceive that it constitutes any reflection whatever upon the court. All men, including the undersigned, hold formed opinions upon a great variety of matters, but we cannot see that such opinions reflect in any way upon those holding such opinions.

"5. Your honor having stated that the allegations of the petition were erroneous, and that your honor has neither formed nor expressed any opinion as to the merits of the pending cause, we accept this statement as conclusive.

"6. It should not be necessary for us to state that we have never at any time undertaken or assumed to impugn your honor's motives or to challenge your honor or integrity either as a man or as a judge.

"7. We make this statement voluntarily, not because we conceive that we have been guilty of any contempt of court, but because we feel that it is due both to your honor and to ourselves that the statement be made.

McMillan Out For Office of Sheriff.

B. Frank McMillan Will Try Again for Democratic Nomination for Sheriff—Former Sheriff G. B. McLeod May Enter Race.

Mr. B. Frank McMillan, who came within a few hundred votes of landing the Democratic nomination for sheriff of Robeson county two years ago, makes formal announcement of his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for this office in today's Robesonian.

Mr. McMillan is the first man formally to announce his candidacy for a county office in Robeson this year. He is very popular throughout the county and no doubt will make a strong race.

Former Sheriff Geo. B. McLeod, who returned recently from a sojourn of several years in Kansas, where he has been engaged in the oil business, and who recently returned to Lumberton, says he is being urged by some of his friends to offer for this office again. He has the matter under consideration and says he may make some statement in regard to it in the next few days. Mr. McLeod served as sheriff for several terms some 20 years ago, and some 6 or 8 years ago represented Robeson in the State Senate two terms. He has a large following in the county in years past and should he decide to enter the race an interesting campaign is expected. Whether or not Mr. McLeod will run, or whether or not there will be any other candidates, does not yet appear, but it is expected that Mr. McLeod will offer.

Mr. McLeod says that the Teapot Dome and California naval oil leases put small operators out of business, the price for their product first declining from \$3 to 90 cents and their product finally becoming a drug on the market even at that low figure. Mr. McLeod has made several visits back to Lumberton in recent months and returned last week to remain indefinitely.

Hunting Job Finds Whiskey Instead. A job was what he was hunting but he found whiskey—too much whiskey, too—and Friday morning C. B. Summerfield, a white man giving his home address as Wilmington, plead guilty in Recorder W. B. Ivey's court to being plain drunk. He denied that he had been disorderly. As a result he was taxed with the costs, which were paid by Mr. T. L. Johnson, the judgment being continued until the defendant repays Mr. Johnson.

This unusual arrangement was made after it was found that the defendant did not have any money. According to Summerfield, he left Wilmington about two weeks ago in search of work. He went to Rockingham, but failed to find anything to do. He was on his way to Lumberton when he was stopped near Pembroke and some men induced him to take a drink of liquor. He admitted taking several drinks and that he was drunk when he arrived in Lumberton. He said that he was a weaver by trade and that he was on his way to one of the local cotton mills to get employment when he was arrested. "The people of Lumberton want sober men—not drunkards," said Recorder Ivey. When asked by recorder Ivey if he had any money, he said that he did not and that he would rather serve his time on the roads than wire his people that he was in trouble.

CARPET GRASS AND LESPEDEZA.

By O. O. Dukes, County Agent.

I advise that carpet grass and lespedeza not be sown until about the 10th or 15th of March. The season seems to be holding rather cold for sowing to be made as early as March 1st.

Mix the two and then sow and cover lightly with a smoothing harrow, weeder or hay rake. The seed can be more evenly distributed by sowing one half one way and crossing with the other half.

I am now in position to assist those who still need seed in getting them, and advise that immediate action be taken on this, as the supply is limited.

Box Supper at West Lumberton.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

There will be a box supper at West Lumberton school Saturday night, March 1st, beginning at 7:15 o'clock. Proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school library. An enjoyable evening awaits you. Come.

Reading, Pa.—A hearty laugh resulted in the death of Emmet Crowell, 64, in a theatre here Feb. 21st. With a neighbor, Crowell was enjoying a comedy and laughed uproariously. Suddenly he slumped in his seat. He was carried to a hospital where physicians pronounced him dead.

Robeson Jail Is Empty Again.

No Inmates Since Friday Morning—"Cake Cutters" Only Kind of Prisoners Now.

Robeson county jail is again empty, according to Jailor A. H. Prevatt, and has been since Friday morning, when a white man was tried before W. B. Ivey for being drunk, mention of which is made elsewhere in this issue.

"All the prisoners we have had for sometime were 'cake cutters'," said Mr. Prevatt. "Cake cutter" is a name of jail origin for those who partake too freely of flavoring extracts, and are lodged in jail for being drunk. This kind of prisoner generally spends the night and is tried the next day.

OUT ROZIER WAY.

A George Washington Party—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Rozier, Feb. 23—Misses Emma Fyne of Maxton and Mary Conely of Renner, teachers at Rozier school delightfully entertained at a George Washington party Friday night at the home of Miss Bert Carlyle. Color scheme was red, white and blue, carried out in a most pleasing effect.

The guests were met at the door by Miss Conely and ushered into the living room, where progressive conversation was played for 20 minutes, after which there was a Washington word contest, lasting for three minutes. Miss Fyne and Mr. Will Carlyle of Red Springs were declared winners each given a tiny flag.

A bag of candy game was knocked down by Mr. Rogers of Lumberton, won by Mr. Oscar Britt of Lumberton.

Several other games were engaged in and the guests were invited to the dining room, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. A small cherry tree with cherries and two small hatchets were in the center of the table. Red, white and blue candles lighted the room, making a pretty effect.

A fruit salad, Nabisco sugar wafers and mints were served.

Among the invited guests of a dance were Misses Alma Hasty of Philadelphia and Janie Jenkins of Buie, Messrs. Will Carlyle of Red Springs, Jake McNeill of Renner, Victor Rogers and Oscar Britt of Lumberton, Carl and Deedie Britt of Tennille.

Mr. Keith of St. Paul passed through here Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Eli Ratley and small son of Norfolk, Va., who have been guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Barker, sister of Mr. Ratley for several weeks, have decided to move to N. C., Mrs. Ratley going back and having their things shipped to Lumberton, where they will make their home. Mr. Ratley is manager of the fruit store there.

Sorry to report Mrs. Judson McDonald sick. She was carried Friday to the Baker sanatorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Jud McDonald and children spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Lawson at Orrum. Mrs. Lawson being a sister of Mr. McDonald.

BACK SWAMP NEWS.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Miss Mildred Barnes of Lumberton spent last week-end with Miss Marguerite Barnes.

Sorry to report the illness of Miss Estel Barnes and hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowers and children of Fayetteville spent last week-end with Mrs. Bowers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Smith.

St. Paul News

Death and Funeral of Mrs. William Edwards—New Store—Excavating for Theatre Building—Miss Addie Lee Townsend Becomes Bride of Mr. Claude C. Smith—Engagement Announced—Personal.

By Beattie G. Johnson.

St. Paul, Feb. 22—Mrs. Maggie Oliver left Saturday last week for a visit to relatives and friends at Marietta, where she is spending several days.

Friends in St. Paul and surrounding community were sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. William Edwards, formerly Miss Kate Lancaster, who passed into the beyond on Tuesday this week at the home of her daughter, who resides at Rocky Mount.

Mrs. Edwards, who was about 61 years of age, had been in ill health for several years, and as a former Robesonian has many friends over the county who regret that she is no more. Deceased was tenderly laid to rest in Rockfish church cemetery Wednesday afternoon. A large number of friends and relatives were present at the funeral services. Among the attendants we note from here were Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Lancaster and son, Arthur, she being a sister of the former, who has the sympathy of friends in the loss of his devoted loved one.

Mr. J. D. Barfield of Lumberton has rented the store on Broad street some time ago vacated by Mr. S. B. Culbreth and is opening a grocery department in same.

Excavation was begun several days ago for the erection of a theatre building on Broad street by Mr. Jno. S. Butler.

Mr. D. J. Lindsay of Jacksonville, Fla., arrived Tuesday night for a brief visit to his brother Mr. J. C. Lindsay and family, returning home yesterday. He was accompanied by Fayetteville by Mr. Lindsay. Another brother, Mr. A. G. Lindsay of Perkinson, Miss., arrived this week and will spend a week or two with Mr. Lindsay and relatives around Rockfish.

Friends of Miss Addie Lee Townsend extend congratulations to her in her newlyfound happiness, she having been married Thursday afternoon, last week to Mr. Claude C. Smith of Grey's Creek. The marriage was solemnized at 2:30 at the Baptist parsonage, Rev. J. S. Snyder officiating. Mrs. Smith is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Smith and formerly resided in St. Paul for some time. However, they have resided in the Grey's Creek community, where she has numerous friends. Mr. Smith, who is prosperous young planter, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith of Grey's Creek, where they will make their home.

Much interest centers around the announcement of the engagement of Miss Estelle O'Berry Moore daughter of Mr. Geo. Moore of Atkinson, to Mr. Julian Butler, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Butler of our town, whose marriage is to take place in May. Miss Moore is well known in St. Paul, having been a member several terms in succession of the school faculty here a few seasons ago, where she won the love and esteem of scores of friends who will gladly welcome her among us again. Mr. Butler is a very promising young man, of sterling qualities, having for the past two years held the position as superintendent of the McEachern Cotton mill in St. Paul.

Miss Mary McNeill, who spent some time in the home of her sister Mrs. Joseph Evans on Fayetteville street, has returned to her home near Renner.

Mr. Opie Odom made a brief business trip to Rowland this week, returning Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith McRainey and youngest child, Master Neill Duncan, were Lumberton visitors Tuesday. The little chap was 13 months old a few days ago, and according to Mrs. McRainey, tipped the scales at 26 pounds. Some youngster.

Miss Rosa L. Johnson, who has been a guest in our home since Wednesday night, returned this afternoon to her home Fayetteville. Miss Johnson looks well and is back on the job again, her many friends will be glad to note.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lindsay and 2 youngest children, Gene and Calvin Jr., spent last Thursday among relatives at Rockfish.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson were Fayetteville visitors yesterday.

Mrs. D. A. McDonald has been confined to her room by sickness this week but her many friends hope will soon be convalescent.

Mrs. D. S. Carr and her sisters Mesdames Wiggins and Vicks, and Misses Lillian and Bollie Daniel, who were guests in the home at the time spent last Saturday in Fayetteville. Messrs. Alex Lindsay and Walter Townsend of Rockfish were in town Tuesday afternoon.

C. B. Horn Bound To Court On Charge of Rape

Probable Cause Found and Defendant Released on \$1,000 Bond—Prosecuting Witness' Testimony All That Was Heard—Assault Alleged to Have Been Made February 1st.

Probable cause was found in Recorder W. B. Ivey's court Friday in the case against C. B. Horn, a young white man of Marietta township, who is charged with rape. He was bound over to Superior court and bond in the sum of \$1,000 was furnished by his father, Mr. A. H. Horn of Whiteville.

The prosecuting witness, Eather Grantham, was the only witness put on. It was in evidence that she lived with her grandmother, with whom the defendant also lived. She claimed that she went into his room on the afternoon of February 1st to make-up the bed, found Horn sitting on the bed reading and told him to get up so she could make the bed up. Horn refused to get up and grabbed her, throwing her on the bed with him.

On cross examination, which was conducted by Mr. H. E. Stacy, the witness denied having lived an immoral life and testified that the defendant had assaulted her once before this time, but did not accomplish his purpose either time. The case will be tried during the July term of criminal court.

Conditions Good In Eastern N. Carolina

A. W. McLean Finds Flourishing Condition in 20 Eastern and North-eastern Counties Visited Recently—Believes His Blueberry Orchard is Going to Prove a Fine Object Lesson.

"Eastern North Carolina generally is in a most flourishing condition at the present time," said Mr. A. W. McLean, who has just returned from a ten-days' trip through eastern and northeastern North Carolina. Mr. McLean made several speeches and visited about 20 counties, visiting many of the smaller towns.

In mentioning the huckleberry or blueberry farm which has started near here, Mr. McLean stated that he believed it was going to be one of the best things for this section of the state that has ever been undertaken.

Mr. McLean left today for Raleigh, where he will spend a few days on business.

Parkton High Quint Defeats Locals 19-10

Last Game of Season Lost to Visitors—Unable to Overcome Lead—Baseball Next.

The last game of basketball to be played by the local high school quint this season was played and lost to the Parkton highs Thursday afternoon by the score of 19-10.

The visitors took the lead in the early stages of the game and maintained it all the way through, the first half ending 10-6. Beginning with the second half the locals put up a stiff fight and did their best to overcome the lead but were only able to make it interesting.

According to Coach W. L. Haltiwanger, this is the last game the locals will play this season. There will be very little athletic activities during the present week, but baseball squads will be lined up next week to begin their spring training.

Former Governor James M. Cox of Ohio, Democratic nominee for President in 1920, has yielded to the desire of Democrats of Ohio to present his name to the convention as their choice for President.

Misses Smithie and Hannah Parker and brother, Mr. William Parker, of R. 6, Lumberton, were among the visitors in town Saturday.

Miss Aileen Ramsauer has as her guest this week Miss Elizabeth Pearce of Fayetteville. Miss Pearce arrived Saturday.

Messrs. A. W. Croom, Bernard Redmond, William Daugherty and Charlie Smith attended a Fiddler's convention at Baltimore school Friday night.

Mr. J. W. Moore of R. 2 from Lumberton was in town Saturday.

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington. Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 28 cents the pound.

Items of Local News

—License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Naomi Davis and Mr. John Henry Dent.

—Mr. S. H. Hamilton is confined to his room at his home on Third street on account of illness.

—Special communication St. Albans lodge No. 114 A. F. & A. M tomorrow night 7:30. Third degree work.

—Mr. and Mrs. Roger Davis have moved into their new residence in the western part of town, near Carthage road.

—Mr. Jack Walters has resigned his position with the Star Barber shop and accepted a position in Dunn. He is succeeded at the Star by Mr. Kelly Williams of Lumberton.

—Among those from here in Charlotte Friday night to see Pavlova were Misses Bonnie Sessoms, Ruth Jones and Ethel Pittman.

—Mr. M. N. Folger has recovered from a severe attack of grippe which made it necessary for him to be confined to his room for several days.

—There will be a very important meeting of the Lumberton Sunday school club at Chestnut Street Methodist church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

—Mr. J. Bayard Clark of Fayetteville was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. He was accompanied on his return by Judge N. A. Sinclair, before whom the Clegg hearing was held Saturday.

—Mr. C. D. Williamson, The Robesonian's Parkton correspondent, and son, Master Donovan, were among the enthusiastic rooters for Parkton who attended the basketball game here Thursday afternoon.

—Mr. J. W. Glover of Marietta passed through Lumberton Saturday enroute to Buie to be with his father, Mr. W. McK. Glover, who suffered a stroke of paralysis Friday night and whose condition is reported to be very serious.

—Mr. J. A. Byrne, manager of the Pembroke Trading Co., which will open a general merchandise store in the new bank building on March 8th, was a Lumberton visitor this morning. Mr. Byrne says the new bank building will be finished next week.

—Dr. H. M. Baker and Messrs. W. K. Bethune and Furman Biggs represented Lumberton at a banquet given by the Kiwanis club of Raeford Friday night. They were requested by State Kiwanis officials to make a survey with a view to organizing a Kiwanis club in Lumberton, and this they will do in the near future.

—Miss Mamie Warwick and brother, Master Hyatt Warwick, and Mr. C. W. Newton of Orrum were Lumberton visitors Saturday. Miss Warwick and Mr. Newton, members of the Orrum school faculty, will take parts in the play "Deacon Dubbs" which will be given in the auditorium at Orrum Thursday night.

—Mrs. Junius Goodwin and daughter, Sarah Hall, returned Friday from Montgomery, where they visited Mrs. W. R. Helie. On their way home they stopped at Atlanta and visited for a day with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Russell.

Mr. Goodwin went to Montgomery last Saturday week and returned to Lumberton at the same time.

—There will be a joint meeting of the B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist church and the Epworth League of Chestnut Street Methodist church this evening at 7:30 at the Baptist church. A joint program will be rendered, after which the B. Y. P. U. will entertain the League with a social hour. All members of both organizations are urged to attend.

—Miss Lucy Crute of South Hill, Va., who will be trimmer this season in Miss Josephine Breece's millinery store, arrived yesterday from Baltimore, Md. Miss Crute went with Miss Breece to New York and Philadelphia on her recent visit to Northern markets and was with her in Baltimore. Miss Breece will announce the date of her millinery opening in Thursday's Robesonian.

—Number 12 was the lucky one drawn Saturday morning at the Curb market. Mrs. B. F. McMillan Jr. was the holder and was presented with two pounds of fresh pork sausage. Each person present at the market between 9 and 9:15 was given a number, a duplicate of which was placed in a box. The winning number was won by little Miss Frances Hartley.

—Miss Anna Lucas Ward and Aileen Gramling and Messrs. E. Wishart and I. L. McGill returned last night from Winston-Salem, where Messrs. McGill and Wishart attended the Southeastern district meeting of the officers of the American Legion. National Commander John T. Quinn sent his very best wishes and stated that he always holds a warm spot in his heart for Robeson county, according to Mr. Wishart. Commander Quinn's mother is a native of Robeson, a sister of Mr. G. L. Pbertson of Rowland.

FIRST SHIPMENT BALLOON TIRES RECEIVED Will fit any Wheel or RIM-FULLER'S GAS & OIL STATION Cor. 2nd and Chestnut St.