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ARGUMENT TO JURY.

Hutaff Damage Suit in New Hanover Superior Court is Nearing Completion.

ISSUES SUBMITTED TO-DAY.

Remainder of Testimony Heard and Majority of Attorneys Spoke Yesterday. Penny V's Railroad May Require All of Next Week—Notes.

The Hutaff damage suit will likely get to the jury in the Superior Court this afternoon after having consumed the entire week in its trial.

Argument by counsel to the jury was begun yesterday and will be concluded to-day about noon. Then will follow Judge Peebles' charge and the usual issues will be submitted. It is not expected that much time will be taken up in argument.

The jury is composed of Messrs T. F. Tyler, R. A. Cullpepper, W. M. Cumming, D. B. Sellers, Jno. C. Shepard, J. H. Holton, A. Nelson, L. Shriver, E. L. Bear, T. E. Davis, C. H. Ward, L. V. Carroll.

Yesterday evening at 6 o'clock adjournment was taken until 10 A. M. to-day. In the forenoon the testimony for each side was concluded. Capt. Walter G. MacRae and Mr. E. H. Freeman were introduced for the defendant company and the plaintiff, Geo. H. Hutaff, was recalled in his own behalf to testify as to some point not made clear by him when he first gave his evidence.

Argument to the jury was opened by Jno. H. Gore, Jr., Esq., for the plaintiff at 10:30 o'clock. Mr. Gore spoke for an hour and was followed by Herbert McClammy, Esq., also for the plaintiff. Mr. McClammy first addressed the jury for 30 minutes as to the law involved in the case and a recess was taken for dinner.

Upon the resumption of court in the afternoon at 3 o'clock Mr. McClammy concluded with a splendid presentation of the facts, lasting for one hour and five minutes.

The first speech for the defendant was by J. H. McNeal, Esq., of Philadelphia, who spoke for about an hour and a half in a clear, impassioned manner. Ex-Governor Russell followed in a speech of fifty minutes just before adjournment for the day.

This morning ex-Judge E. K. Bryan will present the defendant's side of the case to the jury and he will be followed by Marsden Bellamy, Esq., for the plaintiff.

It is hardly expected that another case will be taken up to-day. The damages suit of Graham Murray vs. Dr. C. T. Harper and the City of Wilmington is set for a hearing to-day and may possibly be taken up in the afternoon. All cases not reached on the day upon which they are set for trial are continued unless otherwise disposed of, according to the standing rule of the bar.

On Tuesday of next week the important damage suit of Penny against the railroad will be taken up and it will likely require the balance of the term.

LOCAL DOTS.

Wilmington and Savannah markets for spirits turpentine yesterday were quoted at 614 cents; receipts 38 casks.

A boy who has had some experience in feeding job presses may secure a situation by making immediate application at the STAR office.

Mr. Geo. C. Simmons has been awarded the contract for caring for the city clock in the First Presbyterian church tower, at a salary of \$60 per year.

The Wilmington Sewerage Company in another column offers a reward of \$50 for any person molesting or interfering with its property in the city of Wilmington.

British schooner Lady Shoes cleared yesterday with cargo of lumber and shingles for Kingston, Jamaica; cargo consigned by master, vessel by George Harris, Son & Co.

Mr. J. Robert Huff, of Philadelphia, has arrived in the city to assume the management of the Wilmington Sewerage Co. Capt. E. G. Farnelle remains as superintendent.

For the week ending yesterday cotton receipts at this port were 4,647 bales, against 6,647 bales same week last year. For the crop year to date, 295,301 bales; same period last year, 295,812 bales.

The third match of the handicapped tournament for ladies on the Cape Fear Golf Club will be played this afternoon, beginning promptly at 8 o'clock. Cars will be run to the grounds at 20-minute intervals.

By deed filed for record yesterday E. G. Jones and wife transferred to Jesse E. Smith, for \$2,000, house and lot on south side of Red Cross, next to southwest corner of Fifth and Red Cross streets, 66x165 feet in size.

The shed benches at Front street market were rented on the cash premium plan by Alderman Tiencken, chairman of the Market Committee, yesterday at noon. The premiums amounted to \$36.50, or \$4 more than was received last year.

In another column is given the daily schedule on the suburban line of the Consolidated Railways Light and Power Co. For the ocean cars leave Front and Princess streets at 10 A. M., 1 and 6 P. M. For Delgado and the golf grounds on Saturday a car leaves every twenty minutes from 3 P. M. to 10 P. M.

REV. JOSEPH R. WILSON, D. D.

Memorial of Former Pastor and Citizen Adopted by Session of First Presbyterian Church.

Y. M. C. A. BANQUET.

Dinner Given Last Evening by Directors Complimentary to Ladies' Auxiliary.

ADDRESS BY DR. BLACKWELL.

The affair one of the most enjoyable in Association's history—Dr. W. G. Galloway Master of Ceremonies—The Response.

The Board of Directors of the Y. M. C. A. scored a magnificent triumph last night in its elaborate banquet in honor of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Association, a noble band of women who have worked in season and out of season for the social and religious welfare of the young men of the city.

The dinner was given in the spacious double parlors of the Association building, which were so tastefully and charmingly decorated no more brilliantly lighted than for the occasion last night. There were more than 125 guests present and all were most hospitably and graciously received.

The menu embraced the choicest viands of the season, which were served in most delightful manner. Dr. W. C. Galloway, the president of the Association, presided and when the guests had been ushered into the beautiful dining hall at 9 o'clock, Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure asked a fervent blessing.

Dr. Galloway as master of ceremonies then made a neat and graceful little speech of welcome, reviewing the history and work of the Ladies' Auxiliary and paying that organization a pretty tribute for its noble work and accomplishments. There are few more fluent or graceful speakers than Dr. Galloway and he was at his best last evening.

Mrs. C. C. Covington, president of the Auxiliary, responded to Dr. Galloway in appreciative terms and spoke of the pleasure that it had given the ladies to lend a helping hand to the Board of Directors in its great work among the young men of Wilmington.

The dinner which the guests last evening enjoyed was second to none in the history of the Association. The principal address of the evening was that in behalf of the Directors by the Rev. Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell, which was in an exceedingly happy vein and which was received with great approval. Mr. H. B. Saunders, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who is conducting a Bible Conference at the Association, entertained the assemblage of Association workers with an interesting talk of work among boys, which he has made a special study and practice.

Dr. Blackwell's address was as follows: That rib romance away back yonder in the garden was only the organization of a ladies auxiliary for a young man.

All the Young Men's Associations I ever heard of had the Ladies' Auxiliaries. The fact is they couldn't keep house without them. Some men may be able to do without houses, lands, carriages and books, but what a wretched creature they would be without some soldiers may fight without cannons, guns or darts, but wise men dare not fight the battle of life without mothers, wives, sisters or sweethearts.

The Patriarchs Y. M. C. A. had its auxiliary, in which were such famous ladies as Mother Eve, Mrs. Noah, Sarah, the wife of Abraham, so beautiful that the old fellow was half the time a fool with jealousy that every time he introduced her to a strange gentleman he had to lie about her identity; Rebekah, the sight-unseen, courted and accepted, bride of Isaac; Leah and Rachel, the fair sisters for the love of whom Jacob tilted fourteen love-sick years. Mrs. Lot and her daughters quit the auxiliary of the Patriarchs when Lot became a "rash king," and they entered Sodom's goal, the goal of their social ambition and their ruin.

The Law Giver's Y. M. C. A. auxiliary had had the daughter of its chief patroness, but Jethro's daughter, who became the bride of the young man Moses when he was only about fifty years old, and his old maid sister, Miriam, were the women with a will of her own. She was the leader of music and almost everything else, the associational fuses included. She was one of those active, energetic women, who keep everything in the house of the Y. M. C. A. in a state of order and efficiency. I don't see how the world could get along without them. They can stand anything but quiet—they'd rather have a quarrel than quiet. They are the women who make up their minds to do things and do them.

The Judges' Y. M. C. A. Auxiliary: Old Caleb's pretty daughter Achsah, the bride of Capt. Onneth; Jephthah's daughter, the girl who dedicated her life to God, and whose fate hangs the mystery of pathos; Hannah the praying mother, who lived with her only son Samuel; Bahah, the rare gem snatched from the slums of Jericho; Ruth, the dutiful daughter-in-law and fair young widow, who had the enterprise to use the association to get herself a second husband, and Deborah, the woman with a will of her own, who tore victory from the hand of defeat when all the men were cowards.

The Y. M. C. A. Auxiliary of the King: Abigail, the wife of David, who succeeded at last. Esther, the good queen of a bad king. The widow of Shunam, the hospital matron, the Florence Nightingale of her time; the woman who was the fairest among women, whose head was not turned by money, and whose soul could not be bought by a higher title.

The house of the mother of John Mark is the place of the first prayer meeting, and Dorcas heads the first sewing society. Lois and Eunice, the first Sunday school teachers, with Timothy as a pupil, and Euphrosyne as the first church workers at Philippi.

But time would fail me to tell of "the beloved Paris," of the wise woman who taught Apollo the way of the Lord more perfectly; of the "devout woman of Berea" who were Greeks and of honorable estate, and who were Paul's "helpers in the Lord." These all, with others, formed the auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. better were they than those who are our yoke-fellows in the Lord.

THE JOLLY ELKS' MINSTRELS.

Performance at Academy of Music Last Night the Hit of the Season—The Parade in Afternoon.

OVERMAN FOR SURE.

His Formal Election After Democratic Nomination Accomplished by Legislature.

PROCEEDINGS YESTERDAY.

Number of Important Bills Introduced in the House—Slight Amendment to Revenue Act—Committee Hearings—State Receptions.

The Elks' Minstrels held the boards at the Academy of Music last night and afforded an evening of amusement for a large number of people.

The first part—a gorgeous roof garden scene—was, perhaps, the most pleasing feature of the performance. The funny old men, the jolly jesters, the clever interlocutor, Maj. W. F. Robertson, the warblers and the buck and wing dancers—all home talent—did catchily little stunts and made local hits that thoroughly captivated the audience.

The scenic effects were good and were enhanced no little by the signal and other flags of the good ship Polana which were kindly loaned by that prince of good fellows and master of the vessel, Capt. C. E. Holtum.

The grand opening overture, supplemented by Holton's Orchestra, was indeed a grand affair and was followed by rapid-fire amusement of a most wholesome character. Julius Taylor made a great hit with "Billy Bailey, 'Wont You Come Home?" Mr. C. E. Moss followed with an admirable rendition of the ballad: "I'm Wearing my Heart Away for You," with chorus by a quartet consisting of Mr. Moss, Mr. W. H. Collins, Dr. W. W. Harrington and Mr. A. T. Farnelle. Mr. Lucy Hunt in "Mr. Dooly" was bewitching and Mr. Lena in the charming ballad, "Down where the Cotton Blossoms Grow," was rendered so artistically and in such a splendid tenor voice that he received a warm encore.

"Then I'd be Satisfied with Life" was a bunch of local hits by Frank Turndine that caught the audience raring. Mr. J. E. Ellingsworth in "Down in the Bottom of the Deep Blue Sea" gave evidence of a cultivated voice and magnificent talent. "In the Good Old Summer Time" by Bob Gwaltney was "out of sight" and caught the audience where it was hard for them to turn loose. He responded to an encore with a parody on the piece, having a local application which was overwhelmingly applauded. The buck and wing dancing by Messrs. Ed. Reilly, Ernest Wilson and Willie Daniels ended the first part amid shouts of applause.

The olio for the most part was fine. Mr. Henry Angel, in his impersonation of the old time "oulted" parson was perfect in his make-up and diction. Mr. James Cowan in a marvellous act of juggling and baton twirling gave evidence of the professional and long and careful training. Zannetti, the man of magic, was the third number of the olio, and Percino, King of the Air, closed the performance with an aerial turn on the trapeze, that was daring in the extreme and as good as has been seen here.

The performance was given under the management of Prof. O. W. Holton and was a credit to his prestige as a director. The parade yesterday afternoon was creditable and was witnessed by hundreds of people. The programme announces the following committees and managers:

Advertising Committee—Mr. Turrentine, Dr. Harper. Master of Transportation and Scenic Artist—J. A. Fettel. Leader of Orchestra—John Stuart. Stage Manager—Dr. T. B. Carroll. Interlocutor—Maj. W. F. Robertson. Bones—Frank Turndine and Lucy Hunt. Tambore—Julius P. Taylor and R. H. Gwaltney. Chipping Contingency—J. E. Ellingsworth, Mr. Lena, C. E. Moss, Dr. Harrington, A. T. Farnelle, C. F. W. Behder, Mr. Riley, E. F. Fowler, Mr. Molina and Mr. H. G. Smallbones, Jr.

A Visiting Minister. Rev. Dr. Seth Ward, of Nashville, Tenn., Missionary Secretary of the M. E. Church, South, is the guest of the Rev. J. N. Cole at Grace church parsonage. Dr. Ward is regarded as one of the most eminent preachers in the South. He will spend the Sabbath in the city and will preach at Fifth Street Methodist church Sunday morning. On Sunday night there will be a great meeting at Grace church at which Dr. Ward will speak. The people of Wilmington will have the privilege of hearing one of the most eloquent men in the Southern pulpit. All are invited to these meetings.

It Was Not Smallpox. Dr. C. T. Harper, city superintendent of health, yesterday made a thorough diagnosis of the suspected case of smallpox at Twelfth and Orange streets, notice of which was made in these columns yesterday. Dr. Harper is convinced that the disease is not smallpox and he has lifted the quarantine. The patient was the wife of a well known colored carpenter.

The Mayor's Court. In the Mayor's court yesterday, Henderson Hayes, a veteran colored offender, was given 30 days for drunkenness and disorderly conduct and Dick Wilson, colored, was fined \$5 and costs for disorderly conduct. Two sailors charged with disorderly conduct were let off upon payment of costs.

Georgia Minstrels Coming. Richard & Pringle's Georgia Minstrels will appear at the Academy of Music, matinee and night, on Feb. 19th. Mr. J. J. Holland, representing the company, was here yesterday arranging for the coming of the attraction.

Oh! Let's give the coal contention a rest and get ready for that other burning question, the price of ice.

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When the vote was announced Senator Henderson moved to adjourn without a day, and the Senatorial contest was a thing of the past.

The Baldwin bill, allowing both husband and wife to remarry in cases where either party obtains a divorce, passed final reading in the Senate to-day after an amendment by Henderson had been accepted by Baldwin, abolishing abandonment as a cause for divorce after 1904. The bill was ordered engrossed and sent to the House.

Notable bills introduced in the Senate were: By Mann, to establish a graded school at Swanquarter. A great number of petitions were presented for and against pending bills concerning the whiskey traffic.

A bill by Baldwin decreases the tax on merchant, coal dealers, rent collectors and auctioneers, and increases the tax on emigration agents from \$2 to \$20, by amending the revenue act of 1901.

Eleven Senators were granted leaves of absence and President Turner expressed the hope that a quorum would be left.

In the House a great number of session and anti-session petitions were introduced.

Important bills were: By Scott, relating to oculists and opticians; relating to State board of examiners; to establish a graded school at Graham.

By Graham, to authorize the incorporation of electric plants under the general law. By Offman, to prevent the selling or offering to sell votes.

Bills passed final reading: To amend the act of 1887, incorporating the Grand Lodge of North Carolina; to amend the law providing for the restoration of estates to persons restored from lunacy by including inebriates.

After the joint session to elect a United States Senator, Hinton introduced a bill to incorporate the Savings Bank and Trust Co., of Elizabeth City; Wooten, to establish a graded school at LaGrange; Harrington, to incorporate the Bank of Martin County.

Committee Hearings of Several Bills. The House Committee on Propositions and Grievances decided to report the Tarboro dispensary bill without prejudice. It has passed the Senate, but Representatives Doughton and Shelton and Senator Gilliam are divided on the bill, hence the committee action.

The Senate Committee on Railroads and Railroad Commission heard argument to-day on the Fuller bill, empowering the Corporation Commission to enforce the erection of union depots. Action as to favorable or unfavorable recommendation to the Senate was deferred until next Tuesday.

A magnificent reception by Governor and Mrs. Aycock, complimentary to the General Assembly, was in progress to-night at the mansion. Powering the Corporation Commission to State officers and their wives constituted the receiving party.

Entertained at the Temple. Following the minstrel performance at the Academy last night the Elks gave an informal reception to those who participated, at their handsome temple on North Front street. Ex-Mayor Fishback welcomed the guests and a season of felicitation and good fellowship ensued until a late hour.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS. — Mr. A. S. Williams went up to Fayetteville yesterday. — Mrs. E. C. McEachern's and child returned to Chapel Hill yesterday after a visit to relatives in the city.

— Miss Gertrude Harrill, of Statesville, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. R. W. Price, corner Fifth and Orange streets. — Mr. J. N. Gibbons, manager of the Wilmington Tobacco Warehouse Co., returned yesterday morning from Wilson. He is enthusiastic over the prospects for Wilmington's tobacco market next season.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Wilmington Sewerage Co.—\$50 reward Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.—To Atlantic ocean Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.—Delgado and Golf Club.

DELGADO AND GOLF CLUB. SATURDAY ONLY. Car leaves Front and Princess streets every twenty minutes from 2 to 10 P. M. CONSOLIDATED RAILWAYS. LIGHT AND POWER CO.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the next General Assembly for the passage of an act granting a charter to the Elizabeth City and Carolina through Little River Co. or other route for the purpose of making application to build a railroad from Wilmington, N. C., to Elizabeth City, N. C. January 16th, 1903. ROBERT G. SHADY, Jan 15th

\$50 Reward will be paid for evidence sufficient to convict any one caught molesting or interfering with the sewer system by removing covers to manholes, or throwing things in the sewers, or in any other way destroying the property, for which the City Ordinances provide a fine of \$50 for each offence. All offenders will be rigorously prosecuted. The Wilmington Sewerage Co. Jan 31st

SEED POTATOES. 225 Bags E. B. Potatoes. 189 Bags Ohio Potatoes. 150 Bags Bliss (on route). 218 Barrels Mullets. 220 Gross Globe Matches. 190 Gross Coast Matches. 240 Gross Atlantic Matches. 100 Gross Little Star Matches. 1 Gross Matches, free with 10. W. B. COOPER, Wholesale Grocer, Wilmington, N. C. Jan 28th

Family Groceries. FINE DRESSED Turkeys, Chickens and Eggs. All kinds of choice Family Groceries. Cheapest Grocery in the city. C. O. ALEXANDER, No. 15 North Second St. Jan 31st

Lands Pested. The privilege of hunting on my lands near Wilmington having been leased, all persons are hereby warned against shooting, hunting, ranging or otherwise trespassing on said lands. no W. NOBLE, Jan 31st

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Cuban Blossom, Renown, Renown. Topical Twist Head. VOLLERS & HASHAGEN, Distributors for brands of American and Continental Tobacco Co. Jan 31st

Douglas Shoes. A large lot to arrive on next steamer, besides large shipments to follow soon after. We did well last year and we expect to make 1903 our "Banner Year." The "Cash on Approval Business" is doing the good work, because people find they can save much money on their FOOT WEAR at our store. New Customers tell us so almost daily. A full assortment of other good lines of Shoes at low prices on hand. Don't forget this.

Mercer & Evans Co., 634 steps. Jan 4th Wholesale and Retail Dealer in HARDWARE, No. 109 and 111 North Front St., Wilmington, N. C. Hardware of every description at the very lowest prices. We buy in large quantities and sell cheaper than those who buy in smaller quantities. Complete line of Agricultural Implements and Mechanic's Tools. We can sell you from a back Hammer to Steam Engines, and from a Fly Wheel to the latest improved Farming Machinery. The stock of Cutlery, Guns, Pistols and sporting Goods. Loaded shells with Blanks. Shotguns, Powder, Hunting Gulls, Game Bags, etc. Cooking Stoves and Steel Ranges from the largest to the smallest in size and at price. Tinware, Axes, Saws and Wooden Ware. Buckets for the well and domestic purposes. Flows, Hammers, Hoes, Spades, Axes, and Spades at prices to suit the Farmer. Knives and Forks, Onions, etc. Cast Irons, Bases, Castles and Hinges, 2 trace Chains, Back-hauls and everything used on a well regulated farm. Jan 31st

Seed Potatoes. JANUARY ARRIVAL. EARLY ROSE, WHITE BLISS, POLARIS, BOVVER. All early varieties and adapted to this soil and climate. Spring Oats, Wheat. Book your orders. THE WORTH CO., Jan 9th Wilmington, N. C. New and Popular Novels. The Wooling of Wistaria. The Intrusions of Peggy. The Blue Flower. The Little White Bird. The Kiss of Glory. The Room with the Little Door. Lessons of a Self-Made Merchant to His Son. Donovan Pasha, Capt. Macklin, Cecilia, The Pit. We sell all \$1.50 Books for \$1.25. ROBERT C. DEROSSET, The Stationer, 5 ft 107 Market St. We have on hand a fresh shipment of WILEY'S CANDIES, THE BEST MADE. H. A. R. D. I. N. S. Palace Pharmacy, 126 South Front Street. Jan 1st Call both Phones 65.