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SUPERIOR COURT EVENTS

Results of the State Docket and the Results in Several Civil Cases.

The case against Rev. S. Douglass McDuffey, alleging false pretense, the last state docket case, resulted in a mistrial Friday, and the civil docket was taken up in superior court. Sentences imposed include Marshall Polinger, profanity, \$5 and costs; Garland Travis, burglary, four months on the roads; Monroe Coffey, colored, robbery, six months; Eugene Burns, forgery, judgment suspended payment of costs; defendant to give \$200 and stand to appear each criminal court for two years to show good behavior; Andy Wilson, colored, indecent exposure, 12 months.

Among the civil cases has been J. D. Beck vs R. A. Bass and Henkel-Craig Livestock Co., for damages for the death of a mule. The plaintiff was awarded \$100 in the lower court and \$200 in this court. Other cases are:

Robert S. Smith vs. Martha Smith, divorce, non suit, plaintiff to pay costs; Hickory Novelty Co. vs. Mrs. S. E. Williams of Lexington, difference over bill of lumber, judgment for defendant; J. M. and Precilla Mauney vs. A. B. Willis, non suit; Frank Norman vs. Brookford cotton mill, non suit; Will Powell vs. Mandy Powell, for divorce, granted; Wm. Williamson vs. Hardaway Co., judgment, Anna Dettler et als. vs. Rufus Whisnant, judgment; E. H. Whitener vs. John R. Whitener, judgment.

Yesterday the court took up the case of Ed Blackburn vs. D. E. Abernethy, for alleged damages growing out of a difficulty last election day. The jury received the case at 5:30 yesterday and court adjourned for the day. In a little less than two hours a verdict was returned for \$50. W. Blackburn sued for \$3,000.

In Gas and Motor Circles.

Dr. G. W. Shipp has exchanged his what-you-may-callum for a Ford runabout. Forney Hayes last week purchased a Ford touring car from the Carolina Motor company, and Charles Huit of Claremont has bought an Overland from the company. The ice plant and bottling works has put in a Ford motor truck. Sunday Dr. J. A. Young met with an accident on the Maiden road, and hit a bunch of logs that knocked his Overland out of line, trying to dodge a mud hole. And while trying to do the same thing the other day, John W. Ervin, motoring in the western part of the state, trimmed too close to a river's brink and the bank gave way, almost precipitating his machine, himself and fellow he was giving a lift, into Broad river. A wide-open throat jerked him from the bath. Yesterday morning a negro walked into a garage at Statesville, picked out a car that suited him, cranked up and lit out. Officers here were put wise and had a chase after a negro driving a car but found it was another outfit.

Irishmen Held Up.

Nine hundred able-bodied Irishmen who went to Liverpool to sail for this country to escape service in the war were held up at Liverpool Saturday and not allowed to sail. The street mobs fought them and the firemen on the vessels sailing refused to sail if the men were allowed to come aboard. It is hinted that the men, all of the poorer class, were being furnished money to pay their passage and the \$50 demanded for each immigrant by this country; and it is intimated that sailings of British subjects to escape the war will be stopped from now on.

Commissioner Osborne of the internal revenue on his return from the Pacific coast last week declared President Wilson the strongest man he had ever known in public life. People all out west are for him for re-election.

Small Boy Victim of Hunting Accident

Saturday morning Harry Barringer, 7-year-old son of Henry Barringer, was accidentally shot by his brother, Homer Barringer, while hunting rabbits, both eyes being penetrated by shot, four in his right and one in left; and the boy's body being sprinkled from his head to his knees by bird shot.

Dr. T. W. Long was called and rendered first aid, and hurried the lad to Statesville by auto. The accident occurred about 11 o'clock. Homer and Tom Barringer and T. G. McConnell of this place, had gone to the Barringer farm to hunt and the boy followed them. The first rabbit they jumped was in direct line with the little fellow but he wasn't seen by the hunters and his brother Homer fired, with the deplorable result noted.

Late reports last evening on the condition of the little fellow stated it was not expected he would live through the night. Ex-ray pictures showed that the shot penetrated his brain, and the wonder is, that he has lived so long. Members of the family are heart-broken and have been with the boy constantly. They have the tender sympathy of many friends.

Another Killed Hunting.

Bob Hamilton, formerly a resident of Newton, was shot and killed by his son in Gaston county Saturday, while hunting, and the remains were brought to this county Sunday and carried to St. John's church for burial. As the story reaches Newton, the boy was in the act of firing at a rabbit when his father got between him and the game, receiving the full lead in his left side near the heart and dying instantly. The boy swooned in his horror and when the two were found later was still unconscious.

Woman's Club Today At Graded School

The newly organized Woman's club for civic betterment will meet this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the graded school building instead of at the Methodist church annex. Every lady interested in improvement and betterment is urged to attend.

The Woman's Club Work.

The Hickory Record says editorially: "There is no limit to the good a band of women organized properly can do. The Woman's club of Raleigh has just laid the corner-stone for a handsome home that it will have on Hillsboro street, and the whole community was interested. The Woman's club of Raleigh has led in good movements; it has fought for pure milk, good schools, rallied to the support of the chamber of commerce, stood by the library and kept many good things alive. The club has its several departments, and all women interested in any one line of work are enlisted. It is a tremendous force.

"We are reminded of the splendid service the Woman's club of Raleigh has rendered that city by the announcement that the women of Newton have formed a club and will at once take up the work of civic betterment. The women of Newton may expect to meet with discouragements, but if they persist they can become a greater force in their community than if each member had three ballots to cast at every election.

"And they will get more pleasure out of their work, if they have tasks before them, than they possibly could if their efforts were aimless. Here's success to the Woman's club of Newton."

Thursday Marshall H. Courtney and Miss Lina Ivey were married at Lenoir, the home of both parties. The bride is a daughter of the late Dr. W. P. Ivey and a grand-daughter of the late Rev. Geo. W. Ivey. The groom is a son of M. M. Courtney, business man of Lenoir.

At Granite Falls Thursday Mark Feimster of Rutherford college was wedded to Miss Erma Abernethy of Granite Falls. Rev. W. V. Honeycutt officiated.

"Kirk's Buss", a Ruby Sport pup, raised by Dr. J. A. Young for J. W. Martin, local dog trainer, won first in both derbies in Pennsylvania and Ohio field trials last week. Ruby Sport is the famous setter belonging to A. O. Yount.

Courtney-Ivey at Lenoir.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sigman of Alexis have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Ballard during the week.

Hickory Lumber Plant Destroyed by Fire

The plant of the Hickory Manufacturing company was destroyed by fire Saturday night entailing a loss estimated at around \$100,000 with about one-fourth covered by insurance. An entire city block was burned over, much lumber and finished work being burned in addition to the plant, which was gutted, only the books and papers of the firm being saved. The fire was very spectacular and could be easily seen from Newton, and not a few people motored up to see it. Absence of all wind saved property worth a million, for the Piedmont wagon works and other plants and several residences would have gone by the board had there been any wind at all.

The plant will be rebuilt at once. A yard of lumber containing 5 million feet was not touched and the company will work off its orders through other plants in Hickory. The three-score workmen will probably find employment in these plants until the company can re-establish itself.

In his sermon Sunday on his 25th anniversary, Dr. J. L. Murphy had intended to say that when he came to Hickory the three things of which the citizens were most proud were the old opera house, the Hickory Inn and the Hickory Manufacturing company. He would have stated that of the three, the first two were burned; and it so turned out that when he did mention this fact, he had to say that all three of the town's early proud possessions had been destroyed by fire.

A fire at Morganton wiped out several fire-traps near the depot and endangered considerable property, and another blaze damaged the residence of Captain Bristol.

A fire in a factory in Brooklyn Saturday afternoon killed a score or more of men and girls and of 40 injured by jumping, many are expected to die. There were 300 people working on the four floors of the building.

A fire at Raleigh Saturday morning at an early hour destroyed \$400,000 worth of property, the printing house of E. M. Uzzle & Co., and The News and Observer being wiped out. It was the second time since Joseph Daniels became secretary of the navy that his paper has been the victim of disastrous fire. His loss this time will be about \$100,000, with considerable insurance. Other buildings in the vicinity were damaged. The state lost about \$60,000 worth of supreme court records, stocks of paper and other property, with \$30,000 insurance. Some of the stuff can be duplicated, but some cannot. Two years' labor in gathering plates of bird life, showing every bird of the state, done by Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, state geologist, the work being ready for the press, cannot be duplicated.

Cotton.

Cotton broke 3 to 8 points at the close yesterday as compared with Saturday, and the local price yesterday was 11 1/2. It will be 11 to 11 1/2 today. The ginners' report was 7,384,000 bales ginned, as compared with 9,800,000 last year.

The Newton Markets

(Corrected Every Issue)

Cotton	11 1/2
Cotton seed	50c
Cotton seed meal	1.90
Cotton seed hulls	75c
Wheat	\$1.30
Flour	\$3.00 to \$3.20
Bran	1.85
Corn	75c and 80
Corn meal	1.00
Oats	60
Rye	1.10
Peas	1.25
Irish potatoes	90c-\$1.00
Sweet potatoes	40c
Dried fruit	3c
Chickens	10c
Eggs	25c
Butter	25c
Beeves	3 1/2 to 4c
Calves	
Hogs	10c
Sheep	
Dry hides	15c
Green hides	12 1/2c

AT THE CHURCHES

The Woman's Missionary council of the Southern Methodist church has set apart this week as a week of prayer throughout the church and the ladies of the local church will observe it by meeting each afternoon at the church at 3 o'clock. There will be a different leader each afternoon. All the ladies of the congregation are asked to attend.

The Woman's Aid and Missionary society of the Lutheran church will meet Thursday at 3 o'clock in the parsonage; all the members are asked to attend. The children of the infant class of the Lutheran church will meet at the church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in order to practice songs for the home mission service Sunday. The parents are asked to see that their children are present on time. A full attendance is desired.

The Lutheran Ministers association of the Tennessee synod met with Rev. J. A. Yount yesterday and among those attending were Revs. V. L. Fulmer and C. I. Morgan of Newton and St. James and Rev. Mr. Speagle of Maiden. Revs. W. J. Roof of Lenoir and W. E. Murray of Hickory, new members, were received. The association, discussing the recent synod, rejoiced in the growth of Christian feelings, one toward another, as manifested.

The meeting at the Presbyterian church will begin the second Sunday in December, with Rev. Dr. O. G. Jones of Greensboro assisting Rev. W. M. Sikes.

With Our Subscribers.

D. W. Whitener of Mountain Creek called Saturday and left a trio of dollars on his subscription, backwards and forwards. He has been a subscriber ever since he can recall about.

Eli Simms of the town pushed his date up a year by rolling a dollar in Saturday.

J. C. Brotherton, clever gentleman from Mountain Creek, who spent last week here on jury duty, renewed three dollars' worth last week.

Among the renewals of the week were remittances from D. F. Dellinger and J. L. Henkel of the county.

Mrs. Roland Clark, nee Miss Sallie Smyre, of Springdale, Ark., will arrive tomorrow to visit relatives.

Magnitude of Demonstration Work.

Raleigh dispatch to Greensboro News: Figuring upon the home demonstration work now being done in North Carolina, the department today discovered that the counties individually have provided \$25,525.63 and that in the state \$46,000 has been given to this work.

Its magnitude is now beginning to be felt. A result of the work is found in the increasing number of girls who come to Raleigh colleges and tell how they have "canned" their way to the institution and continue to pay their expenses while in school. The various institutions are preparing a set of figures to show what the young women have done in this brief period in which both the state and the national departments of agriculture have been aiding in this work.

It has become a passion. A few days ago Edgecombe county, which is said to lead them all, appropriated in a single day

Increasing His Wheat-- More Cotton is Foolish

Dr. Fred T. Foard of Bandys township, here Friday told The Enterprise that he is sowing 40 to 45 acres in wheat, against 20 acres last year. Most of this is clover sod and has been manured and limed world without end. He expects at least an average yield of 20 bushels the acre—and may be there'll be more. He has more than doubled his wheat acreage, although the report is current that all over this country farmers are cutting their 1914 grain acreage with the intention of plunging into cotton again because this year it happens to be worth a good price. "They are mighty foolish," said Dr. Foard, "to plant the world in cotton." He has land that brings a bale the acre, yet it is going into wheat. He believes, with many another that a decreased grain acreage to make room for an increase in cotton acreage will have all the chances of being ruinous. Some farmers, it is reported, have actually prepared land for wheat, changed their minds and decided to put that land in cotton next spring.

Dr. Foard declared Bandys township was "coming" in an agricultural way. "We have got to deep plowing, terracing, rotating crops, sowing clover, using lime and stable manure," he said, "and no part of the county is developing faster. I have brought up my land to where I raised 65 bushels the acre in a piece of corn this year, and men from everywhere said they never saw a river bottom beat it. Clover, lime, deep plowing, did it. I terrace and try to keep all the water that falls on my land. I am keeping around 20 head of cattle and nine horses and have 200 loads of manure a year."

Circus Horses Killed.

Greensboro News: Early Friday morning about 3 o'clock, a car loaded with horses, a part of the Hagenbeck-Wallace circus train, was struck by freight train No. 71 in the High Point yards, according to information received here by railway officials, and two draft horses were killed and 16 others injured. The circus train was coming from the south and was going in on the siding from the main line. The freight was coming from the north on the southbound track. As the circus train was about half way on the siding the engine of the freight struck the car of horses, and completely overturned it, standing all the horses on their heads.

The engineer of the freight engine is said to have stated that the headlight from another train kept him from seeing the circus train and that he did not know it was on the main line. The car just ahead of the car which was struck was filled with people who were asleep. None of these, however, was injured.

Young Cattle Judges Made Good Showing

County Agent Mask is proud of the way his young cattle judges, trained in two "schools" held during October, acquitted themselves at Hickory fair. Kenneth Hewitt won first prize, \$20 in gold; Kerr Wilson second, \$12 in gold; and Roy Setzer third, \$8 in gold.

There were 22 entrants in the contest, one of whom was a girl, Miss Della Huffman, and she did very well, scoring 233 points out of a possible 300 points. The winner of first scored 292 points.

Mr. Graybill of Raleigh stated that he had seen a lot of boys work at cattle judging, but never had seen more earnestness and less foolishness. The young Dutchmen went in to win that gold and very few scored less than 200 points. The lowest was 115.

In January when the live stock association meets at Salisbury it is possible that several farm life schools or counties will send teams to judge cattle and if so, the county will have a team picked from these young experts of the fair.

Mrs. F. M. Williams returned Saturday night from San Francisco where she went to attend the general convention of the Daughters of the Confederacy. Mrs. Williams, who has held the office of recording secretary general, was re-elected. Her friends will be pleased to know that the trip was very beneficial to her health, which has not been of the best until recently.

\$1,500 to pay a whole time health officer; \$660 for county farm demonstration work and \$500 for home demonstration work. That was nearly \$2,700 that one county appropriated for a most sane and salutary "fad" which a few years ago could not have received a cent.

Three Mistrials Broke Court Records Here

Three juries unable to agree within one week of superior court established a new record so far as is recalled, last week during the trial of state cases. The last time inability to agree was reported by a jury, Judge Adams caused a smile when he said, drily, "Make the usual entry, Mr. Clerk." The "usual entry" had become "mistrial."

In the first case 12 men pondered for five hours ever whether Herbert Corpening had exceeded the speed limit down College street. They stood six and six. The next case was that alleging the sale of a pint of whiskey by Bud Lippard. The jury went out about 10 o'clock and stayed till 5:45, standing nine for acquittal, three for conviction. The third mistrial resulted in the case against the Rev. S. Douglass McDuffey, colored, who was charged with false pretense in securing cash and supplies from negroes in Hickory. The jury stood seven to five for conviction.

A lawyer, recounting the week's work, declared that a majority of the jury in trials of misdemeanors should be sufficient to decide a case. He expressed disgust. "Three juries hung up over speeding, a pint of licker and a chicken," he observed, with a snort. Chickens figured in the trial of the colored preacher.

Scarlet Fever Closes Schools.

The schools at Marion have been closed for two weeks pending the clearing up of the scarlet fever situation, there being almost an epidemic of the disease. Sunday schools have also been stopped and children are kept off the streets as much as possible and away from public gatherings.

So far there have been but one or two cases in Newton and not half a dozen in the county. Strict supervision and prompt isolation are expected to prevent trouble.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS ITEMS

A Few of the Happenings of Local Interest—What Folks are Doing.

—The graded school enrollment to date is 589.

—Smith Bros., new barbers, advertise for your patronage.

—It is reported that an unnamed negro fell from the Look-out dam into 30 feet of water Saturday and when the body came to the surface, life was extinct.

—To handle increasing trade Saturdays C. D. Drum & Co. have employed an extra man—G. C. Furr, a popular young gentleman recently come from Albe-marle.

—The Hagenback-Wallace circus will be in Hickory Wednesday. It travels in three special trains and is without doubt a big show. Many people will go from Newton and all around.

—It is about time for the water to begin rising again in George Thornburg's meadow. A shower is needed all over the county and that meadow gives the word when rain is coming.

—James Shuford, manager of the Lincolnton phone exchange, who has been acting for Manager Blanton here while he has been incapacitated, whenever there was any outside work, was here yesterday.

—Yesterday Monroe Coffey, colored, and Mack Setzer, white, prisoners in jail, had a row over five cents belonging to one or the other of them, and passed licks. The white man choked the negro and the latter rapped on his head with a piece of broomstick. Nothing serious.

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