

CASE OF INTEREST

REGARDING THE TAXING OF PROPERTY HELD BY FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

DECISION IN FAVOR CITY

Judge Cook is of Opinion That Church Property Not Directly Used by a Church is Subject to Taxation—Was Case of City of Salisbury Against the Elders and Trustees of First Presbyterian Church—Ap Appeal is Taken.

A case of unusual interest, affecting a matter which has been the subject of discussion in this city, at different times for a number of years past, was heard in Rowan Superior court this morning before Judge Cook. It was the case of the city of Salisbury against the elders and trustees of the First Presbyterian church of this city and was in reference to the city's right to tax the real estate held by the church, including the two blocks in the west ward, upon which there are a number of handsome residences, three of which have just been completed at a cost of about \$15,000. The contention of the city was as to the rented property and not that portion used for the church or manse. Hon. Theo. F. Klutz, representing the elders and trustees of the church, contended that inasmuch as the funds derived from the renting of this property were used for charitable, religious and benevolent purposes that the property was not subject to taxation under the laws of North Carolina. The contention of the city is that the property was subject to taxation, but not the rents. Walter H. Woodson, city attorney, appeared for the city. Judge Cook held that this property was subject to city taxation. Mr. Klutz gave notice of appeal to the Supreme court.

SCHOOL OPENS MONDAY.

Pupils of the Salisbury Public School Should be Present First Day.

The Salisbury public schools will open Monday morning and Superintendent Allen is exceedingly anxious that all pupils be present the first day. It is expected there will be a large increased attendance over that of the last session. The Public Service Company has announced a street car fare of five cents for all school children for the round trip, said trips to school to be made between the hours of 7 and 9 in the morning and 1 and 3 in the afternoon, and parents are assured by the management that every care will be taken looking to the comfort and attention of the children, even to the tiniest tot.

SUNDAY BAND CONCERT.

Usual Sacred Entertainment to be Given at Fulton Heights.

The usual sacred concert by the Salisbury band will be given at Fulton Heights tomorrow afternoon as usual, the hours being from 4 to 6 o'clock. These concerts are free and are furnished by the Public Service Company. There will be plenty of ice water and seats for all and a good car schedule will be maintained during the hours of the concert. These concerts have proven very popular since being inaugurated and doubtless a large audience will be out tomorrow to hear the sacred music. An interesting program has been arranged by Mr. J. Will Procter, of the band.

Some New Ads. for Today.

Attention is called to the bank statements in this afternoon's paper. The Peoples National Bank and the First National banks have their statements published this evening and each reflects progress.

Pearsons Bread for sale at D. M. Miller & Sons is a new ad for today.

Murphy's the place, tells of Ferridell goods, nice and fresh.

In a new ad today Britain and Campbell tell of some new arrivals. Reid's new ad for today is yet to be read.

Do not fail to read any and all of these.

B. P. Moore and family of Spencer, have returned from a two weeks visit to his mother at Sanford.

JOHN R. EARLY, THE LEPER

The North Carolinian Who Was Pronounced a Leper is Being Sued for a Divorce by His Wife—She Asks Alimony and an Interesting Phase of the Case Comes Up—Early Gets an Increase of Pension.

The following story is taken from the Washington Herald and will be read with interest on account of the general interest in the case or a few years ago:

If the divorce suit instituted at Tacoma, Wash., by Mrs. John Ruskin Early, wife of the nation-famous leper, is decided in her favor, and the court directs the payment of alimony, it is likely that the afflicted husband will file a request for an increase in pension.

Early is now receiving a pension of \$30 a month, and there is doubt as to whether he is entitled to an increase. If he proves that he is totally disabled and that a nurse or attendant is required to care for him, he will have but little difficulty in obtaining a larger pension. But such conditions at present do not exist, as far as can be learned from reports from the quarantine station. Early was recently appointed an attendant at the station and although he is still said to be a victim of the disease, he is able to discharge the duties of the position to which he was appointed by President Taft.

The leper is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, and served for some time in the Philippines. He came to Washington four years ago, and rented a room in a Pennsylvania Avenue house. After being here several days he became ill, and a physician was summoned. The case was diagnosed as leprosy, and other physicians verified the diagnosis.

Receives Large Pension. Friends of Early convinced officials of the Pension Bureau that the leper contracted the disease while in the army, and as a result a pension of \$72 a month was granted.

Although Dr. William C. Woodward, District Health Officer, contended that Early had leprosy, the pensioner maintained that he was not a victim of the malady. Several specialists of repute declared that the case was not one of leprosy, and Early succeeded in leaving the quarantine shack and going to New York, where he obtained work under an assumed name. Skin specialists examined him, and reported that there were no signs of leprosy. Medical examiners from the Pension Bureau also looked into the condition of the pensioner, and declared that they, too, could find no signs of leprosy. On the strength of these reports the pension was discontinued.

About a year ago Early returned to the Capitol for a short time, and later started with his wife and three children, for Washington State, where he established a home. Although he attempted to conceal his identity, people soon discovered that he was a former leper. Physicians examined him and declared that he had leprosy. Representatives of the Spanish War Veterans at once interested themselves in the case, and requested that the former pension be continued. Medical examiners made an investigation, declared that Early had leprosy, and recommended that a pension of \$30 be granted. This was done.

May Get Alimony. There has been some question in the minds of those interested in the case as to whether to get a portion of the pension in connection with the suit for divorce. Officials at the Pension Bureau said yesterday afternoon that if the divorce is granted it will be impossible for the wife to obtain any portion of the pension.

Despite the opinions rendered by the officials with respect to a division of the pension, still the wife of the leper has a change to receive a portion of the sum, although in a circuitous manner. This end could be accomplished by the court directing Early to pay his wife a certain amount monthly as alimony.

Mrs. Early states in her petition for divorce that her husband abused her on many occasions. She said that although cognizant of his being a victim of the leprosy, he concealed the fact from her.

Mrs. Early is now in hospital at Tacoma, as a result of the shock sustained upon learning that her husband was really a leper. The three children, Manly, Paul and Loyal, are living with Mrs. Lamaur, mother of the past commander of the Spanish War Veterans.

STRAUS FOR GOVERNOR

Progressives of New York State Name Oscar Straus Former Member of Roosevelt Cabinet for Governor—Full State Ticket Put Out in the Empire State by the Bull Moosers.

There were several candidates for the nomination for Governor on the Progressive ticket in the New York state convention at Syracuse, Friday but a dark horse in the person of Oscar Straus former member of Roosevelt's cabinet was named. Mr. Straus was chairman of the convention and was in no way thought of in connection with the nominations of candidates until a delegate secured the floor and nominated him. Soon there was a demand for his nomination and pressure was brought to bear until the chairman was nominated. The rest of the ticket was as follows:

Governor, Oscar S. Straus, New York.
Lieutenant-Governor, former Senator Frederick M. Davenport, Oneida.
Associate Judges of Court of Appeals, Carlos C. Alden, Buffalo, and George W. Kirchway, Columbia University.
Secretary of State, Homer S. Call, Syracuse.
State Comptroller, Horatio C. King, Brooklyn.
Attorney General, John Palmieri, Brooklyn.
State Treasurer, Ernest Cawcroft, Jamestown.
State Engineer, O. M. Leland, Ithaca.

MORGANTON YOUTH COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Willie Hildebrand, Aged 19, Leaves His Work at Noon and Jumps Into Cotton Mill Reservoir.

Morganton, Sept. 6.—A sudden shock was felt by the people of Morganton when the news was spread over town this afternoon about one o'clock that Willie Hildebrand, aged 19, a well known and popular young man of this place, had killed himself by jumping into the reservoir of the Alpine Cotton Mills.

No cause for his act can be learned except that he had not been in the best of health for the past few months. He had been in a melancholy mood for the last few days but no one thought of him doing such an act. He was an accomplished young man, having been for the past two years a capable and efficient assistant druggist at the Burke Drug company and had worked up to 12 o'clock today. When he went to dinner, he did not return, but no one paid any attention to the matter, and about two hours later he was found by a young lad passing the reservoir. He was a young man of one of the best families of Morganton, enjoying the respect and esteem of his friends and companions.

BEWARE WINE, WOMEN SAYS CONDEMNED MAN.

Georgia Man in Speech on Gallows Warns Five Hundred Hearers.

Clarksville, Ga., Sept. 6.—In a thirty-minute ante-mortem speech on the gallows to a crowd of five hundred, John Heigwood, hanged today for murder, warned his hearers to beware of whiskey, cards and dancing.

The condemned man sang a song on the gallows and went to his death declaring that John Whittlemore, he convicted of murdering, was killed at Baldwin, Ga., last January 14 by another man.

Society to Meet.

The Woman's Missionary Society of St. John's Lutheran Church will hold the regular monthly meeting Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Sunday School room.

Return From New York.

Mrs. James Mowery and daughter, Miss Lorraine Mowery have returned home from a delightful trip to New York and Shelter Heights Island. Miss Mowery left this afternoon for China Grove to spend the week end with relatives.

Mr. John W. Kent, who has been with the Climax barber shop for several months, is in Concord and contemplates accepting a position in a shop in that city.

Mrs. Arthur W. Harry, who has been visiting relatives at Huntersville, Mecklenburg County, returned home last night.

MOBS BIG MISTAKE

WALTER JOHNSON PAYS PENALTY FOR A CRIME OF WHICH HE WAS NOT GUILTY.

LYNCHED WRONG MAN

Officers Declare That the West Virginia Mob Lynched the Wrong Man When They Took Life of Walter Johnson, Colored—Victim Says He Was the Wrong Man—Governor Orders a Thorough Investigation of the Case.

Bluefield, W. Va., Sept. 7.—Officials of Fayette county declare that Walter Johnson, the negro lynched, accused of attacking Nita White, was innocent. The officers allege that they have information proving that the mob lynched the wrong man. Nita White the victim also says that Johnson was not her assailant. The Governor has ordered an investigation of the case.

Governor Orders Investigation.

Bluefield, W. Va., Sept. 7.—Governor Glascock today requested Mercer county authorities to call a special term of court to investigate the lynching of Walter Johnson. He believes that an innocent man was hanged and the investigation is to be held by criminal Judge Maynard and Prosecutor Rose, both of whom risked their lives to save the negro from the fury of the mob.

ESCAPED MAN SLAYER CAPTURED IN FLORIDA.

C. F. Singleton, of Vance County, Wanted for Killing John Ellington, Will be Brought Back for Trial.

Henderson, Sept. 6.—C. F. Singleton, who in July shot and killed John Ellington near Dabney, Vance county, and later broke jail and escaped, has been arrested in Jacksonville, Florida.

He had changed his name to "Jenkins" and at first denied his real identity, but later admitted he was the man wanted and agreed to return without requisition papers.

Sheriff Royster leaves at once for Jacksonville to bring Singleton back to stand trial next month.

There was a reward of \$150 offered for Singleton.

HEALTH GOOD SAYS SHERMAN

No Truth in Report That Sunny Jim Will Retire as a Candidate for Vice-President.

New York, Sept. 7.—The report that Vice-President Sherman is broken in health and will retire as a vice-presidential candidate is a false statement manufactured out of the whole cloth. The vice-president brand the report as a canard, adding that the same is too ridiculous to be denied.

SINENTCHIZOENTSK AGONETISKIVESTASKIGIO WEDS SEVENTREVITASKSKA

Media, Pa., Sept. 4.—When a Polish couple from Chester appeared at the office of register of wills to get a marriage license Deputy Milliken inquired their names. "Sinentchizientk Agonetiskivestaskigio," replied the man, and "Seventrevitaskaska Ilvanowrtezaristaki," demurely responded the maiden.

Nearly overcome, the deputy leaned his arm on the table and looked at the couple. Fearing that he had misunderstood, he dipped his pen in the ink and again inquired their names. They repeated them, and the deputy decided to call in an interpreter, who assured him that the couple told the truth.

With much difficulty, even though the deputy is a good speller, the names were properly inscribed and the marriage license issued to Sinentchizientk Agonetiskivestaskigio and Seventrevitaskaska Ilvanowrtezaristaki, who departed in a happy mood.

At Chapman's

Mr. H. Y. McBrayer, of Shelby, representing Straus and Brothers, and selling high art clothing is in the city this week. He has his goods on display at Chapman's. Mr. McBrayer is well known in this city and has lots of friends here.

LABOR DAY COMMITTEE

Met Last Night and Passed Resolutions of Thanks to All Who Assisted any Way—Additional Subscriptions—Final Meeting Later—All Bills Should be Presented at Once for Payment.

The Spencer Labor Day committee held a meeting in the Y. M. C. A. at Spencer last night and transacted some business but as all bills were not presented another meeting will have to be held. Although the celebration is a matter of history the following additional subscriptions to the fund were announced:

E. C. Sasser	5.00
Painters Paper Hanger and Decorators	5.00
Stable Linn, atty.	5.00
J. R. Morgan, boiler maker	1.00
E. C. Crego, wholesale fruits	2.00
Rockwell Furniture Co.	5.00
Salisbury Milling Co.	5.00
Hendricks and Whistant	5.00
Kesler Hardware Co.	5.00
P. S. Carter	2.00
R. L. Finger	2.00
S. A. Talbert	2.00
Jno. R. Crawford, Postal Tel.	1.00
E. G. Thompson, garage	1.00
Dr. E. W. Curie	1.00
Philadelphia Dentist Co.	2.00
Salisbury Ice and Fuel Co.	5.00
Grubb Amusement Co.	1.00
Snyder Rainey Co.	2.00
J. S. Brown	2.00
Piedmont Milling Co., Lynchburg, Va., through Overman and Co., two barrels of flour.	

Meeting Last Night.

The Labor Day committee met last night but owing to all bills not being presented they withheld a full statement until next week. It is hoped all who have bills will send them in at once.

Vots of Thanks Extended.

The Labor Day committee meeting last evening voted to extend the thanks of the committee to the following individuals and company.

Spencer Mercantile Company, for voluntarily furnishing ice water in front of their store; C. L. Lentz for use of residence used as ladies rest rooms and baby show; T. S. McNeil for furnishing all necessary furniture for ladies and children's rooms; to the City of Salisbury for use of street sprinkler and furnishing water; Spencer Fire department for sprinkling streets, park grounds and trees in Spencer; G. L. Steele for furnishing water pipe and placing drinking hydrants in park; to Hennessy Brothers for use of two of the finest automobiles in the state, to carry speakers and distinguished guests to Spencer; to Y. M. C. A. for use of rooms for committee meetings of the labor day committee; to Spencer water company for furnishing water for sprinkling the streets, and park; to Salisbury Post and Spencer Crescent for publicity given; Gathery Buggy company for harness and other equipment loaned; E. C. Sasser courtesies extended in many ways; North Carolina Public Service Company, for lights and perfect car service rendered the public on that day; the Hon. Lee S. Overman, United States Senator, and B. R. Lacy, state treasurer, for their appropriate addresses on this occasion; to the board of aldermen of Spencer for privileges granted on that day and to J. M. McKenzie, sheriff, for courtesies shown the committee that day; to the fraternal orders who helped make the day a success; to the merchants of Spencer and Salisbury who contributed money to meet the expenses of the day and to each and every one who contributed in any way in making the day pleasant for the public we extend our most hearty thanks.

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Lightning Kills Twins.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 7.—Lightning killed twin babies of Frank Barnes at the home on at Silver creek, Chautauque county and the mother of the babes sleeping in the same bed was not hurt.

Mrs. H. M. Tomlin, of Asheville,

formerly of Salisbury, who was operated on some time ago at Mission Hospital in Asheville, is rapidly improving. Her brother, Mr. R. L. Miller, of Salisbury, and sister, Mrs. W. K. Allen, of Richmond, Va., who have been spending the summer with her will return home this week.

Miss Elma Welsh, of Mt. Pleasant,

who has been spending the past week in the city returned to her home this morning.

CRAIG AT GREENSBORO

Democratic Candidate Speaks in Guilford County to a Large Gathering of Voters—Handles Republican Record With Gloves Off—Making Address—Introduced by E. J. Justice.

Greensboro, Sept. 7.—Last night the first time that a Greensboro audience has had the opportunity of hearing Locke Craig, the "orator of the Blue Ridge," since the day of the joint debate. In the passing of time Mr. Craig has grown greater and still more greatly and still more mighty in the use of the sword of the tongue. He is in splendid form, and as he stands before his audience, he has the self-possession of the man who knows that he is right and speaks with the authority of a leader of the people.

The next Governor was introduced by Hon. E. J. Justice and the pleasing introduction was followed by a hearty and prolonged greeting. A masterful speaker, with clear, ringing voice, and not a sign of fatigue, notwithstanding the fact that he has spoken every day this week. Locke Craig proved tonight that he is the right man to lead the Democracy of North Carolina to a great and glorious victory. In his address with becoming modesty he offered to the people of North Carolina his best service when they should give to him the place as the Governor of the Commonwealth. He went on record in favor of good roads, he emphasized the importance of general public to follow in the footsteps of the "fellow who was down there" and announced his determination to labor with his entire strength for the greatest possible upbuilding of the State.

Mr. Craig handled the Republican record without gloves and yet with that gentleness of language and kindness of spirit for which he is noted. With pleasing tenderness, and yet with marked forcefulness, he placed before the Republicans of the State the proposition that with the Democratic platform and the Democratic victory, there was the opportunity of better conditions for all the people. He insisted that the Democratic party stood for equal privilege for every citizen. He reminded his audience of the conditions in this State and in fact throughout the entire South when the Republicans were in control of State affairs and then asked if there were any Republicans living in North Carolina who would willingly have the conditions that existed prior to the campaign of 1900 return.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL.

Pupils Will Get Down to Studies in Earnest Monday.

After a busy week spent in relaxation and obtaining books the pupils of Sacred Heart School will begin work in earnest on Monday the 9th. Rev. Father Leo expresses himself as well pleased with the prospect for the coming school year.

In addition to the regular classes the Sisters will give lessons in music, art, embroidery, elocution, bookkeeping and penwriting. The evening school also will open on Monday at 7 p. m. It will afford young working men an opportunity for self improvement.

Those wishing to take extra courses at the school are requested to make application as soon as possible.

Public Service Co., will give round trip tickets of 5 cents between the hours of 7 and 9 a. m. and 1 and 3 p. m. This privilege extends to all school children.

Never Need of Ugliness.

No town is so small that it need be ugly. A little railroad "whistling post" could be attractive with trees. Some time the railroads of the west will send out their "arbor specials" as they send their good roads trains. There is little excuse for the habitations of men along the track to be usually the single unlovely thing in the Kansas railroad journey.

Have you noticed that where fine trees form a park in the air the people below have holiday manners? The people under the trees seem to be enjoying life. They are not satisfied with slovenliness. The accompaniment of nice lawns and pretty, well kept houses and clean streets is a tribute to the example of the trees. Even to be lazy under arching branches is the nicest sort of laziness. When you loaf in the shaded streets of towns like Lawrence and Manhattan you invite your soul. The "good, pray poet" would have liked these Kansas towns.

ARMS GO TO MEXICO

THE BORDER IS INFESTED WITH LAWLESS BANDS AND TROUBLE IS HOURLY EXPECTED.

COWBOYS PATROL BORDER

President Taft Authorizes the Dispatching of Arms to Protect American Interest—500 Rifles and 150,000 Cartridges to be Sent—Agreement Between Mexican Bands and Troops—To Protect American Life and Property.

Washington, Sept. 7.—President Taft today authorized the exportation into Mexico of five hundred rifles and 150,000 cartridges for the protection of American life and property. The arms will be dispatched for immediate distribution.

Cowboys Patrol the Border.

Douglas, Arizona, Sept. 7.—American cowboys are patrolling the border in large number today, following an agreement between Mexican bands and troops fifty miles from here. Five rebels are reported killed and the border is infested with lawless bands and trouble is expected.

STRAW HAT SEASON IN ITS LAST THROES.

Edict Has Gone Forth That the Season for Light Lids Officially Ends in Less Than Two Weeks.

Stained with the dust of many a summer's day and sadly discolored by the magical rays of the torrid sun, the straw hat, that now sickly looking piece of headwear, is fast approaching the end of its ephemeral existence. Fate has decreed that it shall die on Sunday, September 15.

The decision is final, and there can be no appeal to any higher court than custom. It is expected of every Salisburian to give his a prompt burial. Those lifeless hats found on the streets after September 15 will be in jeopardy of most outrageous desecration.

The transitory life of the straw hat is three months, but there are many persons who succeed in reviving them at the opening of the summer season. They brush them up, wash them off the spots, and affix new bands of gaudy colors. For a while the neighbor think that the hat is a new comer, but the sun's rays soon descend in their compassionless manner, and the hat begins to wane and grow a sickly yellow. It is really sick. It has its jaundice.

This summer has not been an exceedingly warm one, but nevertheless, the straw lid has seen much service, and today he is unquestionably in his decline. Some are beginning to droop from long toil; others are showing spots, which experts declare are inevitable signs of approaching death; and all of them are of that sickly yellow hue.

There is some question as to the hour of the straw hat's death. The date has been definitely set, but the time of day is a matter of speculation. Some prophesy that it will die before sunrise, whereas, others contend that disintegration will not come until nightfall. Whichever theory is correct, it is by all means a risky business to attempt to take a straw hat out for a walk on that fatal Sabbath. The end is likely to come at any time.

EAST SPENCER PROTESTS.

People Aroused Over Decision to Take Away Their Free Delivery Mail Service.

The people of East Spencer are aroused over the decision of the post-office department to take from them their free mail delivery. The Vance Mill neighborhood is also protesting against the action of the department. We understand Senator Overman will be appealed to to use his influence to induce the department to continue the service to these points as at present or have it made better.

Mr. William Hauser, of Morehead City, is here on a visit to his sister, Mrs. J. L. Brown, and brothers, Messrs. Henry, Calvin and Eugene Hauser.

Sticks to His Job.

"Your son certainly sticks to his job." "Yes, he's like a postage stamp, he always sticks when he is licked first."