

To Judge a Man's Character, First Find the Food Upon Which His Brain Feeds--Good Reading Makes Good Men

THE RECORDS SHOW RECORDERS HAVE NOT COMPLIED WITH THE LAW

Board of Education and County Commissioners Have Much Trouble in Getting Statements From Court Clerks

In the proceedings of the county commissioners on Tuesday, the following order was inscribed upon the minutes of the record:

"It is ordered that the Justices of the Peace and Recorders of Beaufort county shall settle in full with the county treasurer for all fines collected during each month and furnish to said treasurer an itemized statement of cases tried, and it shall be the duty of the county auditor to examine the dockets of said office at least once every three months."

The copy of the General Assembly of 1911, chapter 74 and section 4, the same being the chapter creating a Recorders court in Washington, Annsora, and Belhaven, we find the following: "And every defendant convicted and adjudged guilty, or who pleads guilty in said court, shall be taxed with the costs of the prosecution as now prescribed by law; and the clerk shall collect all fees imposed by the court, AND IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE SAID CLERK TO FILE WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BEAUFORT COUNTY ON THE FIRST DAY OF EACH MONTH AN ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF ALL FINES AND COSTS COLLECTED BY HIM, AND PAID TO THE RECORDER OR HIMSELF. The treasurer of Beaufort county shall credit to the general county fund the fines above collected, which said fines shall be held by the said treasurer for the purposes now provided by law.

Section 17. The Recorder, substitute recorder, or clerk of said court MAY BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS after hearing and notice of the officer whose removal is being investigated, upon proof of immorality, incompetency and CONTINUED NEGLECT OF THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE.

(Ratified Jan. 28, 1911.)

Now we will revert to the records as to who and how closely they have complied with the law since January, 1911.

Feb. 23—Arthur Mayo, J. P. \$ 10.00
March 4—J. A. Lee, Recorder, Belhaven 70.00
March 4—Geo. A. Paul, C. S. C. 340.58
March 14—C. H. Sterling, Mayor, Washington 872.90
March —W. D. Grimes, Recorder, Washington
March —W. H. Hooker,

BRIEF NOTES OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

Rev. C. W. Blanchard of Wilson has been called to the pastorate of the Baptist church of Kinston.

Hon. H. S. Ward is attending Circuit court this week.

Major Wiley C. Rodman has been in attendance upon a meeting of the Washington County Commissioners with Messrs. Freeman and Wynne of this county, relative to settling the dispute existing between the two counties as to the boundary line.

Mr. A. J. Cox is chairman of the committee to entertain the home-seekers tomorrow night.

Tweeds have elapsed and not a scratch upon the blotter from the record in the Recorder's court. That seems good for Washington, and the best part of it is there has been no occasion for it.

As Miss Ida Rodman's yard may become green again from scruboak, which is a fair indication that spring is starting from the ground up this time.

In the Episcopal church the women have been doing their usual good work as an evidence that the ground has been broken up for the ground hog.

Recorder, Annsora	
April 4—W. D. Grimes, Recorder	225.00
April 7—W. H. Hooker, Recorder	25.00
April 17—W. A. Tankard, Justice Peace	3.50
April —J. A. Lee, Recorder, Belhaven	
May 1—W. H. Hooker, Annsora	8.50
May 2—W. D. Grimes, Washington	27.50
May 3—J. A. Lee, Belhaven	
June 6—W. H. Hooker, Annsora	23.00
June 9—W. D. Grimes, Washington	42.00
June —J. A. Lee, Belhaven	
July 3—L. H. Reditt, Mayor of Edward	3.02
July 6—Arthur Mayo, J. P.	1.00
July —W. H. Hooker	
July —W. D. Grimes	
July —J. A. Lee	
August 7—W. H. Hooker	10.00
August 9—W. D. Grimes	59.50
August —J. A. Lee	
Sept. 2—W. D. Grimes	141.00
Sept. 6—W. H. Hooker	23.50
Sept. —J. A. Lee	
Oct. 1—W. H. Hooker	20.00
Oct. 3—W. D. Grimes	21.00
Oct. 4—J. A. Lee	282.00
Nov. 6—W. H. Hooker	25.00
Nov. —W. D. Grimes	
Nov. —J. A. Lee	
December—Neither Hooker, Grimes nor Lee reported	
1911:	
January—Neither Hooker, Grimes nor Lee reported	
February—Geo. A. Paul, C. S. C.	73.16
February—J. A. Lee	140.00
February—W. D. Grimes	140.00
February—W. H. Hooker	

From the above it will be seen that the Clerk of the Superior Court has made but one report to the Treasurer since March 4, 1911.

Only two justices of the peace have reported as collecting any fines or costs.

From March 4, 1911, to October 4, 1911, Mr. J. A. Lee, recorder at Belhaven, made no report. From Oct. 4 to March 1, 1912, he only made one report.

Records fail to show a report from W. D. Grimes, recorder of Washington, for months of July, November, December, 1911, and for January, 1912.

Mr. W. H. Hooker, recorder at Annsora, is shy reports for months of July, December, 1911, and January and February, 1912.

The boards of education and county commissioners have had considerable trouble in getting these reports and something may be heard to drop unless a more strict compliance with the law is observed.

We learn that a move is on foot to have Governor Kitchin make an address in this city at an early date. The Governor has many warm personal friends in the city and quite a few political supporters who will cordially welcome him.

The very disagreeable weather for the past week and the fearful condition of the roads has caused trading to be exceedingly light with our merchants the past week.

Farmers buying agricultural implements and fertilizers will find it to their advantage to consult our advertising columns. They tell the tale of live merchants and point the road to the best goods at the lowest prices.

Spring suits and better bonnets will soon be on the market and those who are looking for the best will find them advertised in these columns. Whether you want to buy, want to sell or want to rent, look over the old reliable before you act.

District Deputy, T. C. Daniels, H. P. O. E. of New Bern, will pay the Washington lodge an official visit tomorrow night. The meeting will be held in the assembly room, the reading rooms will be turned over to the chamber of commerce for the entertainment of the home-seekers.

London, March 4.—Today marked the ending of the five weeks' mourning for the Duke of Fife, which caused a considerable excitement in court and official functions during the past week.

HOMESEEKERS TOMORROW

Norfolk Southern Will Conduct Another Party of Home-seekers to This City—Will Spend Night at Louisa.

At 8 o'clock tomorrow evening another special train of home-seekers, conducted by Mr. B. E. Rice, of the industrial department of the Norfolk Southern will arrive in this city and be the guests of the chamber of commerce at a smoker to be held in the reading rooms of the Elks. Immediately after arriving they will go to the Louisa for supper, after which a committee from the chamber of commerce will escort them over to the rooms, where they will meet the citizens of the county, who will gather to extend to them the glad hand and a cordial invitation to make our home their home. They want to hear us discuss our own county and its advantages, and the impression we make upon their minds is the one they will carry home with them, and to their neighbors. It is hoped that as many of the country people as can, will be present as they will leave the next morning at 9 o'clock and the best we can do to them is to talk, as they will not have the time to see any of the country.

AT THE LYRIC TONIGHT

"Wills Musical Comedy Co." Opens for Three Days Engagement.

Beldoni does Washington's theatre-goers have an opportunity of witnessing a more refined Musical Comedy act than that under direction of Mr. Welch, with the Wills Musical Comedy Co. They have an act that affords the best laugh of the season and the same to carry home.

Wills Musical Comedy Co. are slated for a three days engagement at the Lyric and make their first appearance here this evening. They carry special scenery and electrical effects that go on to make up one of the best attractions on the road.

Tonight they present "Two Old Cronies" in one act, featuring highly illustrated song singers in the South; also Miss Marjorie Barnum, featured very highly, being another two-voiced singer who will also sing.

The manager announces that there will only be two performances each night however, those who arrive at 8:30 will be given a full and complete benefit of the show, there has also been provided matinee for Friday and Saturday at the usual hour.

BASE BALL NOTES

J. E. Leist, owner of the New Castle team in the O. and P. League, has adopted the slogan "Leist but not Last."

Owner James E. Gaffney of the Boston Braves, is at Hot Springs, Ark., taking a short rest before the baseball season starts.

Trainer "Doc" Green, former head of the ambulance corps with the Boston Red Sox, has signed as trainer with the Providence team.

If James John Callahan can find basemen among his bunch of youngsters, the White Sox will look pretty strong when the whistle blows.

Potomouth and Newport News have been admitted to the Virginia league, making eight clubs instead of six in the circuit for the coming season.

With eighteen Sunday and twelve Saturday games at home, the Newark team surely got its hare of whipped cream pie from the schedule in the International league.

The new Oklahoma State league has been organized and teams will be placed in Oklahoma City, Guthrie, McAlester, Reid, Shawnee, El Reno, Anadarko and Chickasha.

A real big league baseball team always arrives at the training camp minus its baggage. The world's champions started it and now all the other big leaguers must lose their baggage.

Toledo Expects Big Crowd.

Toledo, O., March 7.—Everything is in readiness for the reception of President Taft, who is due to arrive at 10:30 a. m. tomorrow. Immediately upon arrival, the President will be escorted to the chambers of the Toledo Commerce club where a reception of an hour or so will be held. In the evening Mr. Taft will deliver a public address.

THE FAITHFUL FEW

Mr. Dalton Welcomed by Pastors and Congregations in the Christian Church Last Night.

Last night was a very disagreeable one, and is doubtless responsible for the too small congregation who gathered at the Christian church to formally welcome Rev. H. P. Dalton to our city. The evening of Mr. Dalton's first arrival in the city, to assume the pastorate of the First Baptist church, was a rainy, cold and disagreeable one, and a number who had intended meeting him at the train, were prevented by the weather. This meeting last evening was to give the other denominations of the city an opportunity to become acquainted with him, and to be accorded a warm reception by the pastors before their respective congregations. But again the weather was inclement and only a small congregation was present, which is much to be regretted. When we say a small congregation, we mean that it was larger than usually attend any regular service at some of the churches, but not as large as four Christian congregations should turn out to welcome one who comes amongst us to do good. Rev. H. B. Seagriff, pastor of the First Presbyterian church presided and the following pre-arranged program was carried out:

Hymn—Holy, Holy, Holy.
Invocation—Rev. H. B. Seagriff.
Hymn—Precious Promises.
Scripture—Rev. H. V. Hope.
Prayer—Rev. H. B. Seagriff.
Hymn—Heavenly Father Lead Us.
Sermon—Rev. H. P. Dalton.
Mosaic—Mighty Rock Climb For Me.
Prayer—Rev. H. P. Dalton.
Praternal Greetings—Short address by the members of the Ministerial Union.
Doxology.
Benediction—Rev. H. P. Dalton.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS

Massenet has composed a new opera called "Roma."

Lady Weston has once more drifted back into vaudeville.

Isabel Irving has joined Gertrude Hillott's company.

The operatic version of "Quo Vadis" is to be sung in Germany.

Billie Burke is booked to appear in London about the middle of June.

Henrietta Crossman is to continue next season in "The Real Thing."

Cohan and Harris are going to open their theatre in Chicago with "Officer 666."

A new musical comedy being tried in Los Angeles is called "The Boy and The Girl."

San Francisco is to have a municipal opera house. It will cost the better part of a million.

The drama players in Chicago are to produce a play with the thrilling title of "Just Madness."

New York is looking forward to a new stock company to present the musical comedies and musical plays.

Jack London and Lee Arthur have formed a partnership in dramatic authorship for a term of several years.

"The Round-Up" is to have a London revival, and Maelyn Arbuckle will play his original role of Slim Hoover, the sheriff.

"The Greater Power" a new vaudeville play by Herbert S. Frank, will be produced soon with "Jack" Myers in the leading role.

May Irwin announces that she is going to have her own little theatre in New York. It is to be opened next fall and will bear her name.

Flora Zabala is now singing one of the principal roles in the new do Kove opera, "The Wedding Trip," which has just left New York for a road tour.

Contractors and Dealers.

Sacramento, Cal., March 7.—The organized contractors and dealers' association of California, began its annual convention here today with an attendance representing many of the leading cities of the state. The proceedings will continue over tomorrow and Saturday.

Santa Fe, N. M., March 7.—Republican delegates are gathering here for the first State convention ever held by the party in New Mexico. The convention will select eight delegates to represent the state at the national convention in Chicago.

MYRTLE HAWKINS CASE

Case Will Be Investigated Today by the Grand Jury—Startling Developments Expected.

Hendersonville, N. C., March 6.—With reference to the Myrtle Hawkins' case Solicitor A. Hall Johnson stated, "I will have nothing to say until Thursday," at which time he has announced his intention of presenting all evidence touching upon this case to the grand jury.

Officers are guarding what information they have with utmost secrecy, but keen interest is felt in the matter. It is confidently expected that startling developments will take place during the latter part of the week.

To Cut \$20,000,000 Melon.

New York, March 7.—Wall Street has a "hunch" that a Standard Oil stockholder is still to be evaded, despite Supreme Court decisions and \$20,000,000 fines. As a result of action taken at the annual meeting of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana today the stockholders of that concern are expected to divide a "melon" that will enable each and every one of them to spend the coming summer at the seaside and have some pocket money left. According to report, the company's capital is to be increased from \$1,000,000 to \$30,000,000. The additional capital is to be turned over to the stockholders, it is generally reported, as a stock dividend of 2900 per cent. The Indiana concern is one of the former thirty-three subsidiaries of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey. It is believed that its example in increasing its capital stock will be followed by the other Standard's subsidiaries, whose capital only nominally represents the value of assets.

This Date in History, March 7.

1707—Stephen Hopkins, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, born in Scituate, R. I. Died in Providence, July 19, 1785.

1738—John Wesley first preached in Savannah.

1738—Sir John Frederick William Herschel, famous English astronomer, born. Died May 11, 1871.

1822—Sir Edwin Landseer famous painter, born in London. Died there Oct. 1, 1873.

1828—Portuguese royal family arrived in Brazil, having fled from Portugal.

1825—Richard Rush of Pennsylvania, became secretary of the treasury in the cabinet of President J. Q. Adams.

1850—Daniel Webster delivered his last great speech in the senate.

1862—Generals McCullough and McIntosh killed in the battle of Pea Ridge, Ark.

1863—Princess Alexandra of Denmark entered London and was married three days later to the Prince of Wales.

1911—Richard A. Ballinger, secretary of the Interior, resigned.

DEAD MULE KICKS MAN INTO ETERNITY.

Recall From Stiffened Hind Leg Strikes With Sufficient Force to Cause Death.

Charlotte, N. C., March 6.—James Brown was kicked to death at Trade, Tenn., just across the North Carolina line yesterday by a dead mule. Brown was taking the corpse of the animal from a narrow wagon to bury it when the stiffened hind legs recoiled with great force, striking him over the heart and causing almost instant death. He leaves a widow and five children.

Champ Clark's Birthday.

Washington, D. C., March 7.—Champ Clark, who is kept pretty busy nowadays wielding the gavel in the House and at the same time seeing that his presidential boom does not get frost-bitten was 62 years old today and the occasion was marked by the receipt of a number of congratulatory messages from various parts of the country. Mr. Clark is a native of Kentucky and was educated in the schools of the Blue Grass state.

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COL. ROOSEVELT WAXED WORTH AT REPORT OF STIMSON SPEECH

Geo. W. Perkins, Closely Allied With the Morgan Interests and the International Harvester Co., Called on the Ex-President Yesterday. Speculation as to Nature of Visit

Oyster Bay, N. Y., March 6.—George W. Perkins, former partner of J. P. Morgan, paid a mysterious visit to Theodore Roosevelt here today. Mr. Perkins supposed activity in favor of Roosevelt and his connection with the International Harvester Company have furnished campaign material for the Colonel's enemies since he declared himself a presidential candidate.

Mr. Perkins stepped inconspicuously into Oyster Bay late this evening. The New York financier remained only a short time at Sagamore Hill before returning to New York.

All that Colonel Roosevelt would say of the visit was that Mr. Perkins came as the bearer of a message from Senator Dixon, the Colonel's campaign manager.

When he was seen in the afternoon the Colonel said he had received word from his secretary in New York that Senator Dixon would pass through New York between 9 and 12 o'clock this evening and would like to see the Colonel. Colonel Roosevelt replied that he would be unable to go to town to see the Senator. He was then told, he said, that Senator Dixon might send a message to Oyster Bay, but the Colonel did not say whether he knew who the message bearer was to be.

Later in the evening he said he might receive another message from Senator Dixon, but he declared in advance that if such a message came he would have nothing to say about it.

Roosevelt Fighting Mad.

Colonel Roosevelt was in a fighting mood today and struck out fiercely at his opponents. He did not attempt to conceal the fact that he was angry clear through. Secretary Stimson's speech in Chicago last night expressing the opinion that President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt should be the nominees of the Republican party, aroused his temper. It was evident from Col. Roosevelt's manner that he believed Secretary Stimson should have adopted a different attitude in view of the close relations in the past between the two men.

Wrecking Republican Party.

In a statement written in the court house at Mineola, while he was waiting to be called for jury duty, the Colonel said that the leaders of the campaign against him were acting in such a way that "if they were deliberately trying to wreck the Republican party they would follow precisely the same tactics that they have been following."

A CORNER DEVOTED TO OUR LIVE RURAL CORRESPONDENTS

Current News and Views Gleaned From Alert Correspondents Throughout Beaufort County. Write us the Local Happenings in Your Vicinity and Help Us to Make This Corner the Best Feature of Your Paper

Prescott News.

Elder L. H. Hardy, filled his regular appointment at Sandy Grove last Saturday and Sunday. He has spent most of the time since the 20th of December, 1911, in Florida. The reports of his travels while there are very interesting.

John Newborn has recently been visiting relatives and friends in the vicinity of Small.

Mr. Geo. Paul has been very ill for several weeks. We wish her a speedy recovery.

"Hearts and Diamonds" a play by the Annsora High School, made an exhibit at Small recently, which was complimented by the spectators.

Miss Celia Rowe of Rocky Mount, N. C., has been visiting friends and relatives at Prescott recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hummings made a trip to Silver Hill, Sunday.

J. W. and L. C. Hummings made a business trip to New Bern last week.

Mrs. W. S. Peed is building a new residence near the Prescott school.

On Wednesday night, Feb. 28, there was a box party social with a number of other amusements at the Prescott school building, which was attended by a large crowd. The boxes sold well and all seemed to enjoy the other amusements, which were fortune telling, grab sack, floating apples and a word test. There was a prize offered to the one who could form the largest number of words using only the letters in the word "Larkin." The prize was won by Butler Prescott one of the school boys, having made 60 words. There was also a prize offered to the one who could bite an apple floating in a bowl of water. The prize was awarded to Rodney Prescott, having made the successful bite. The proceeds from the party for the school improvement were good.

Quite a number from Prescott attended the Lecture Friday and Saturday nights, by Humorist Henry Blount of Wilson, N. C. All entered the fun.

Pinetown, Route No. 2.

R. W. Boyd, Jr. is on the sick list and we hope for his speedy recovery.

H. C. Boyd was in Washington last Saturday.

John Henry Oden was in Washington county last week looking after pine timber.

There will be a party at Hunters Bridge, Friday night, March 8th in the new school building.

There has lately been a new mercantile business opened up at Hunters Bridge under the firm name of Everett & Gurganus. The writer wishes them much success.

Miss Mattie Boyd of Jessama was the guest of her parents last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Madlin of Jamesville, N. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Respas of Long Acre, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Boyd last Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. N. H. Harrison of Plymouth, filled his regular appointment at White Plains Saturday and Sunday. He has been preaching at that place for about 45 years.

Miss Jane Boyd was the guest of Miss Joanna Boyd Saturday night and Sunday.

L. T. Harris was in Washington Tuesday and purchased a fine horse.

The public schools will close at Everett school house on Wednesday, March 12, with a big dinner and a box party that night for the benefit of the school.

Rufus W. Boyd is very ill at his home.

W. A. Congleton and Miss Olivia Jefferson were married Sunday night at the home of the bride.

James R. Lee of Bunyon has an appointment to preach at the Boyd school house the fourth Sunday in March.

Y. M. C. A. Convention.

Toronto, Ont., March 7.—Representatives of branches of the Y. M. C. A. in Ontario and Quebec met in the new Friends' church in this city today for the joint annual Provincial convention. The sessions will continue over tomorrow. In addition to consideration of reports and the financial statement of the Y. M. C. A. association work, the most important matter for discussion is the proposed national organization.

THE WEATHER.

Rain late tonight and on Friday. Moderate, northeast winds.