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SUPERIOR COURT

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REPORT OF GRAND JURY.

Report of Important Cases Tried Since Our Last Issue—Civil Docket.

March term of Randolph Superior Court will adjourn this morning. The report of the Grand Jury which was filed Thursday of last week is as follows:

To His Honor, E. B. JONES:

We, the Grand Jury, for the present term of Court beg leave to submit the following report:

We have disposed of all the business which has been brought before us; have returned all bills submitted for action, and have brought presentations for all matters actionable within our knowledge.

We have examined the institutions of the County, and the offices of the County officials as follows:

The office of W. C. Hammond, Clerk of the Superior Court, we find kept in good order. His records are well kept, and we are glad to report that his office will soon be equipped with a new Book Typing Machine. We commend the public spirit which he has shown in having, at his own personal expense, heretofore used one of these modern necessities, which, worn out in this service, has been wisely replaced by the County Commissioners.

We find the office of Register of Deeds to be in excellent condition, and we take pleasure in highly commending the modern improvements being inaugurated by Mr. Murdoch, the Register. We are glad to report that his office will soon be supplied with a Book Typing Machine, which will greatly modernize and further improve the work to be done in his office. We congratulate the Board of County Commissioners for the progressive spirit shown in thus having the important offices of the County properly equipped with modern devices for the work to be performed therein.

The office of the Sheriff is well kept. His records are neat, and so far as it is possible for us to judge, are modern and up to date.

We are much pleased to find that the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mr. E. J. Coltrane, has recovered from the severe illness which he suffered during the fall and winter, and that he has resumed the duties of his office, which we find in excellent condition. He reports that this has been the most successful school year which the County has ever had.

We find the County Jail as well kept as is possible for it to be done in so dilapidated a structure. The prisoners themselves said that they were well fed and properly cared for in all respects, and we find that they have had proper medical attention. We commend the jailor, Mr. Lowe, for the excellence of his service under such unfavorable conditions. We recommend that the County build a new jail as soon as may be practicable.

We find that the work on the new court house has been well done so far as we are able to judge. The outside work seems to be well high completed, and that arrangements have been made for a speedy completion of the structure which, when finished, will be an ornament to the County. We commend the Commissioners for the amount of work already accomplished on this building, which is a pressing public necessity.

The County physician reports to us that the convict camp is kept in good condition; the prisoners are well fed, are well housed and clothed and are properly attended and humanely treated.

The Treasurer is to be commended for the neatness and order in which we find his office kept. His books are neat and well kept and are, so far as we are able to judge, in proper order.

We would respectfully call attention to the old building on the West side of the present Court House, which seems to us, at present, to be a nuisance. Should fire break out in this old building the records in the old court would be gravely endangered, as the town is wholly without any equipment for fighting fire.

We visited the County Home by committee, and beg to report that there are 23 inmates, eleven of whom are imbeciles, and six are insane. It seems that the last legislature has passed measures providing for more of the insane of the State, and it is very advisable that the six insane inmates mentioned be sent to a State institution at as early a day as practicable. We found one horse, wagon and harness, three milk cows and a good lot of farming tools, all in good condition. The inmates are all in good health; they are well clothed and well fed, and their persons, their clothing, and their bedding are well cared for. The buildings are old, but fairly comfortable, and we highly commend the Superintendent, Mr. W. J. Delt, for his kindly care and humane treatment of those under his care.

JAPANESE RECEPTION.

Miss Daisy Osborne Entertains in Honor of Visiting Ladies

Miss Daisy Osborne entertained Monday evening at the home of Mrs. J. T. Penn, in honor of her guests, Miss Baucum, of Raleigh and Miss Floyd of Greensboro. The house was tastefully decorated in Chrysanthemums and other cut flowers and Japanese lanterns, the event taking the form of a Japanese Reception.

The guests were received at the door by Mrs. Penn and C. M. Fox who ushered them into the sitting room where the guests of honor were presented by Miss Osborne.

In the Japanese Tea Room, presided over by Mrs. J. T. Underwood, rice croques and tea were served, and the guests were initiated into the manners and customs of the Japanese.

The evening was crowded with interesting features and the Japanese custom of using cushions on the floor instead of chairs, was carried out throughout the reception. It was truly one of the most enjoyable social functions of the season.

Home Study Course.

The day has come when scientific farming is a necessity. The farmer needs an education as well as those who belong to the professions. The Courier publishes this week the seventh of a series of articles on "Home Course in Modern Agriculture." There are 18 of these articles, one appearing in each issue of The Courier for 18 weeks beginning with the insertion of the first one. These articles are not only popular with the farmers but their families, and many favorable comments have reached us from our subscribers.

Dr. John William Jones

In the death of Dr. William Jones, a well known Baptist minister and the historian of the Confederacy, who passed away at Columbus, Ga., last week, there was removed by death one of the most conspicuous and important representatives of the ante-bellum days. Dr. Jones was born at Louisa Court-house in Virginia Sept. 25, 1836, and was educated at the University of Virginia and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He enlisted as a private and was afterwards chaplain of A. P. Hill's regiment, and later served under Stonewall Jackson and remained in the army until the surrender.

Collision

There was a collision of two engines on the Southern railroad yards in Raleigh on Monday of this week, but no one was killed.

The grocery store of L. H. Partin was burned in Wilmington last Friday. No insurance. Loss about \$1000.

The inmates have had proper medical attention when necessary.

We beg, in conclusion, to thank your Honor, and the Court officers for your courteous treatment and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HANLEY,

Foreman of the Grand Jury.

This March 17th, 1909.

CIVIL DOCKET.

E. A. McCabe, vs. Empire Mining Co. Judgment that McCabe recover \$575.15 with interest.

T. W. Craven vs. Worth Mfg. Co. Judgment vs. defendants for \$1000.

Asheboro Wheelbarrow & Mfg. Co. vs. Southern Railway, non suit. R. L. Coltrane vs. S. L. Coltrane, et al. matter referred to H. M. Robins, as commissioner.

A. P. Williams vs. K. P. Plummer & Co. and Uriah Presnell, non suit.

Allen Puffer Chem. Co. vs. W. A. Underwood, judgment \$29.90 against defendant.

Allen Puffer Chem. Co. vs. W. A. Underwood, judgment for plaintiff of \$22.54.

Hinsaw & Laughlin vs. W. C. York. Re-survey ordered.

Jas. Turner vs. Town of Liberty. Plaintiff given verdict of \$1.17 with interest.

J. T. Brown vs. L. E. Graves. Compromised.

Jease B. Moore vs. M. L. Morris. Compromised.

R. H. Johnson vs. Thos. Newby. Compromised.

BANQUET AT HIGH POINT.

Senator Bailey and President Finley of the Southern Guests of Honor

Many visitors were present at the annual Banquet of the Manufacturers' Club which was held at the Hotel Elwood in High Point on last Friday night. The special guests were President Finley of the Southern Railway, Senators Bailey and Overman.

President W. W. Finley delivered an address on "The relation of transportation to the development of High Point and North Carolina." Senator Bailey made a characteristic speech. His subject was "The South and the Tariff." He made a profound impression. His advocacy of an income tax brought out the principles of the just and equal burden of taxation.

Senator Overman made the closing speech and as usual pleased his hearers. He paid a glowing tribute to our people and to the womanhood of the State.

Guilford County Goes Forward.

The board of commissioners of Guilford county have selected Mr. W. C. Michael, of Gibsonville, as superintendent of farm demonstration work in that county. Mr. C. R. Hudson, of the Department of Agriculture at Washington, will instruct Mr. Michael in his work. He will at various times during the year visit each of the demonstration farms established throughout the county and instruct the farmers as to the best methods to be used in order to obtain the best crops. All the farmers in the county are invited to meet Mr. Hudson in the court house in Greensboro on April 30th, and bring 30 ears of selected corn for seed. The boys of the county who are engaged in the corn growing contest are also requested to be on hand.

The Courier would be glad to see Randolph establish demonstration farms of this kind.

Mrs. Mary Allred Dead.

Mrs. Mary M. Allred, relic of the late John R. Allred, died near Millboro one day last week, and the burial took place at Gray's Chapel. The deceased was a sister of Messrs. J. A. Odell, of Greensboro, and J. M. Odell, of Concord. She was 76 years of age and is survived by three children. They are Messrs. Charles and William A. Allred, of Greensboro, and Mrs. Hinchaw, of Millboro. Mrs. Allred was a woman of deep Christian piety and her death brought sorrow to the hearts of all who knew her.

Burned To Death.

A deplorable accident occurred at Ledbetter's Mill in Richmond county one day last week, when Annie Lee McPherson, the three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McPherson, while playing near a fire, came in contact with the flames, which instantly enveloped her body. Before the affair was discovered the child's clothing was almost entirely burned from her body.

Good Roads.

Money expended on building permanent highways will come back many fold.

The Courier heartily favors good roads. There is only one side to the good roads proposition and that is the favorable side. The Courier hopes to see a system of good roads within every county in the State. There should be a net work of good roads all over the State, roads which will be a credit to the State and a convenience to the people and which will be immensely valuable to them.

Sunday Schools in Guilford.

The final report made at the recent Sunday School Convention in Guilford, shows an enrollment of 13124 in the Sunday Schools in that county.

Prevoo-Lambert.

J. W. Prevoo, a prominent young business man, of Virginia, and Miss Rosalee Lambert, one of Thomasville's most attractive young ladies, were married on March 17th. Mr. and Mrs. Prevoo will live in Thomasville.

Fire at Kernersville.

A destructive fire at Kernersville destroyed the woolen mills of Ore vs. Manufacturing Co., on March 18th. The loss was \$20,000 with some insurance.

THE COOPERS GUILTY.

Sentenced to Twenty Years for Killing Senator Carmack.

After all of the talk and criticism of Tennessee's jury in the case against Duncan Cooper and Robin Cooper and ex-Sheriff Sharpe for killing Edward W. Carmack, a verdict of guilty was rendered, and under the Tennessee law the jury fixes the penalty which was in this case 20 years in the penitentiary. The verdict was for murder in the second degree. 18 ballots were taken. The jury first stood five for first degree, six for second degree, and one to acquit. Finally all were for murder in the second degree. Sharpe was acquitted, as had been expected. It was expected that there would be a mistrial.

This verdict meets the approval of public sentiment, especially to those who have read the testimony carefully and from an unbiased standpoint. No matter what Carmack did, it is clear that the Coopers hunted him down and having made threats, such a thing as their escape by a verdict of acquittal would have been a travesty upon justice and a disgrace upon the judiciary of the State.

New York's Unemployed.

There are 110,000 idle men in New York City who visit the bread lines each day to get something to eat. We clip the following summary from the New York World of the condition in New York.

110,000 unemployed men and women cannot secure work in New York City.

2,700 men have been discharged from Blackwell's Island Workhouse before expiration of their sentences to make way for others sent in.

900 willing heads or families, unable to secure work, are being supported by the Association for the Improvement of the Poor. In 1907 the number was 19.

850 able men, unable to get work, were sent to the workhouse in the last three months by City Magistrates on their own request.

40,000 union men in New York State have been forced from their organizations for lack of funds to pay dues.

\$34,542,000 were withdrawn from 138 savings banks in New York State last year.

Clean Up Day.

April 1st has been set apart as "clean up day" for Salisbury. Many other towns in the State have fixed that day or some other day for that purpose. We would like to see our authorities at Asheboro get a move on them and act as leaders in civic improvement. "Cleanliness is next to godliness."

James Smith of Lexington Dead.

Squire Jas. Smith died at his home at Lexington on last Saturday. He was educated by Dr. Baxton Craven at Old Trinity and by other distinguished educators. In early life he married Miss Cortelia Dusenberry. Mr. Smith was a prominent citizen of Davidson county. He leaves one child, Mrs. J. K. Hankins.

Erwin Mill No. 4.

The new Erwin Mill No. 4 to be established in West Durham will cover more than five acres of land and the daily pay roll will be \$1,000. The establishment of this mill means bringing a population doubling the entire population of the town at present.

Negro Girl Kills Another.

On the morning of March 18th Lovey Upchurch, a 17-year-old negro girl, was placed in jail in Raleigh for the killing of Ella McCoy on the night before. The killing was done, it is alleged, in a row in which one or both of the women were drunk.

Guilford Alumni.

The alumni of Guilford College held their first annual banquet on Tuesday night of this week, at which Jerome Green was the guest of honor. O. E. Meadenhall was toastmaster and Charles F. Tomlinson, of High Point made the principal address.

Seized Flour.

Last week National Food Inspector H. H. Wagons seized at Wake Forest, Wake county, ten barrels of flour made in Virginia, which he claims was misbranded.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Rockingham is to have a \$5,000 steam laundry.

The Hotel Plaza in New York was partly burned on March 19th. Twenty persons were badly injured, five of whom may die.

The Reynolds Tobacco Co. purchased a lot on which to erect a mammoth new tobacco factory in Winston-Salem.

Dr. W. G. Christman, of Virginia, has been selected as State Veterinarian.

The directors of the State Agriculture and Mechanical College will erect a dormitory for 400 pupils in West Raleigh.

Two car loads of pink rhododendrons have been shipped from Black Mountain to Brooklyn for decorative purposes. This shrub grows in abundance on the sides of the mountains of Western North Carolina.

The Democrats in the United States Senate have elected Senator Simmons a member of the steering committee of that body. He has been appointed a member of the commission on waterway. He has also been appointed on the Senate Finance Committee, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Senator Teller. This is the biggest Committee that the late Senator Vance served on, and is considered the most important Committee in the Senate.

SCANDAL IN DURHAM.

Ex-Policeman Placed Under Heavy Bond—Two Women Missing.

Durham, March 23.—Ex-Policeman, Albert Sorrell, was placed in jail tonight on a \$5,000 bond as the result of a suit instituted yesterday by Henry F. Edwards for the destruction of the latter's peace. Both Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Sorrell are gone. Mrs. Edwards, Sorrell's partner in the scandal, leaving behind several children. Both criminal and civil action has been instituted. A new hardware concern has been launched at Lexington. E. W. and J. E. Koons and F. L. Hedrick are parties interested.

Dr. Weeks to Lecture.

On next Saturday night, Dr. Stephen B. Weeks, of Trinity, N. C., will lecture in the old Trinity College Chapel, his subject being, "The fallow of the Mecklenburg Declaration." This lecture will be very interesting and many will no doubt avail themselves of the opportunity of attending. Dr. Weeks is an authority on history and has not only a fine collection of books but a mind which is a storehouse of information.

Death of Mr. Smith

J. Ed. Smith, a well known citizen of Guilford county, died at his home near Greensboro Sunday day night. He was 45 years of age. He was the eldest son of Mr. W. R. Smith and was married 17 years ago to the widow of Dr. Lambeth, of Randolph county. Mr. Smith is survived by his wife and three sons and three daughters. The funeral was held from Moriah church near Greensboro Tuesday morning.

Carolina Paper Pulp Co.

The Carolina Paper Pulp Company was organized at Newbern recently. There is a pulp mill at Canton, near Asheville which is owned by the Champion Paper Company at Dayton, Ohio, another at Roanoke Rapids, N. C., and one in South Carolina, as well as other places in the South. These pulp mills are said to be good investments.

Base Ball Minstrel.

A minstrel will be given by the members of the Asheboro Base Ball Club at the town hall, in the Ward building for the benefit of the "ball team" Friday night. An admission of 25c. will be charged. Reserved seats on sale at the Standard Drug Store at 50c. Children will be admitted for 15c. An evening full of fun is assured.

A. R. Hix, who is with the Asheboro Wholesale Grocery Co., has let contract for a six room cottage to be erected on the lot adjoining T. H. Redding on Fayetteville street.

THE STATE SCHOOLS

First \$100,000 Increased to \$125,000 to Meet Demand

INCREASED POPULATION THE CAUSE.

Increased Aid for High Schools—Amendments to Library Law and Other Important Matters

The recent Legislature increased the appropriation of the first \$100,000 which is distributed per capita according to the school population to \$125,000. No vote was cast against this measure.

The appropriation for State high schools was increased \$5,000, making an annual appropriation now of \$30,000. There was an important amendment as to appropriating the second hundred thousand dollars for the public schools. This fund is given to all the schools to run four months. In the future each county getting aid from this fund will have to raise at least one-half of the amount needed to add to their regular school fund to make four months school, provided that not less than one cent on the one hundred dollars worth of property and 15 cents on the poll be levied for the purpose. Each county will receive from the State an amount equal to that which it raises by this special tax. If the maximum amount has been levied by any county and this county still does not have enough for four months, then the State will finish the deficiency. Thus a four months school is guaranteed under the law as amended.

The library law was amended so as to use any funds not used for supplemental libraries, to establish original libraries at the end of each biennial period.

Compulsory attendance may be had in any district upon a petition of a majority of parents of school age in said district.

An act was passed permitting the people to vote a tax off of themselves, if they so desire, upon a petition of one-half of the qualified voters. Such an election cannot be held within less than two years after the tax is voted, and then only upon the approval of the county board of education.

These are the principal changes in the school law.

Mr. Page's Views.

The Charlotte Observer quotes Representative Page, of the Seventh Congressional District as saying that the Payne bill was much better than was to be expected from a Republican committee, but many of its schedules are far from being ideal when looked at from a Democratic standpoint—a "tariff for revenue."

The reduction of duty on steel rails, he argued, of fifty per cent, seems considerable, as does 37 1/2 per cent. on pig iron, and the cut on scrap iron from \$4 to 50 cents per ton. Still, in the light of evidence, from which Mr. Carnegie and others gave the committee, all that remains is that much too much.

The placing of the hides on the free list and leaving 15 per cent. on shoes is not very much in the interest of the farmer, provided that the statement that even half the hides marketed in this country are sold by the farmers, is true.

The Democratic idea that duties should be lowest upon necessities of life is not met by the sugar schedule which makes the dut \$1.90 per pound against \$1.95 in the Dingley bill.

Fall Time at Thomasville.

All the wood factories at Thomasville are running on full time.

A cotton mill for Thomasville is an enterprise that is talked about. An ideal lot is offered and a number of citizens there will subscribe stock to such an enterprise.

Elkin Man a Suicide.

W. E. Paul, agent of the Southern Railway at Elkin, on the 17th of March, committed suicide. The cause of his act is due to bad health, it is said.

The Courier has added many new subscribers during the month of March and wants more. Ask our neighbor who is not a subscriber to permit you to send his name and subscription.