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BUTLERS GUILTY

Jury Out an Hour and a Half On the Case

MOTION FOR A NEW TRIAL

End of a Sensational Case that Has Occupied Guilford Superior Court Since Last Wednesday Morning—Both Marion Butler and Lester Butler Are Found Guilty.

"Guilty" was the verdict rendered by the jury in Guilford Superior Court Tuesday afternoon of this week in the case of State vs. Former U. S. Senator Marion Butler and his brother, Lester E. Butler, who have been on trial since last Wednesday morning on the charge of criminal libel in publishing libelous articles in the Caucasian and concerning former Judge Spencer B. Adams, secretary of accepting bribes, and official corrupt as a chief justice of the Superior and Chickamauga Circuit Courts.

Judge B. F. Lenz imposed a fine of \$300 on Marion Butler and taxed him with half of the costs. He fined Lester E. Butler \$250 and taxed him with half of the costs, adding that the reason for making Lester Butler's fine less than his brother was distinctly on the ground that he was a younger man.

Solicitor Jones Fuller prayed the judgment and counsel for the defense moved for a new trial but Judge Long made a statement that if there was any way by which this criminal litigation, as well as the civil suit of Judge Adams vs. Marion Butler and Lester Butler and the Oceanian Publishing Company could be stopped, it might influence him in pronouncing judgment in this case. In all there are four criminal cases and only one was tried. Judge Long added that if this litigation continued it would not only bankrupt the criminal docket but would bankrupt some one's pocket. He offered the suggestion that it might be well for the counsel on both sides to confer and see if they could not stop these suits and to give them an opportunity to do so, he announced that court would take a recess for a few minutes. Counsel declined but when court reopened Mr. Justice, of counsel for the defense, stated that they had been unable to agree, so in pronouncing judgment Judge Long stated that he did not care to try any more libel suits and directed that the remaining three cases on the criminal docket be continued to some term beyond his jurisdiction, which will end in this district June 30th.

State Would Be Loner.

Raleigh, April 6.—Considerable interest is being manifested in official circles in the bill recently introduced in congress to require the states that participated in the distribution of the surplus in the U. S. treasury during Jackson's administration to repay those loans to the government. North Carolina received about \$1,500,000 and it was variously invested in bank, railroads and other stocks and the whole thing swept away as a result of the civil war and subsequently corrupt reconstruction administrations.

Children's Department.

The Courier begins this week the publication of the Children's Department. This will be one of the most interesting features of The Courier and will be read by both old and young. The Stories of American History, told in plain, simple style, will be among the most interesting things in this department. It was announced that this feature would begin last week but it was omitted in the make up. It will appear every week, however, from now on.

Leg Broken.

The team of Mr. D. B. Presnell, a well known citizen of Cole's Store this county, ran away with him while he was in Greensboro some ten days ago. He was thrown from his wagon and his leg broken. In the runaway he lost about 50 dozen of eggs which he had hauled to Greensboro.

Two Million Dollars Fines at Fort Worth Tex.

A destructive fire at Fort Worth Tex. on last Saturday in which two million dollars worth of property went up into smoke and one thousand people were made homeless and die all because some careless boys were smoking cigars.

CITIZENS' MEETING TO-NIGHT

The Ladies as Well as the Gentlemen of Asheboro and County Cordially Invited.

The prospect for the rapid development of Asheboro is better today than for years. The future is brighter and our people generally are awakening to the importance of united effort. It is encouraging to note the improvements being made in not only the business portion of the town but in the residential portion as well. The effort being made to secure aid from the outside in advancing Asheboro is also an important reality.

A little more than a year ago the Asheboro Industrial Association was organized, and since then the members have been quietly working to secure a creditable showing for the town. Good progress has been made and although Asheboro has developed rapidly during the past three years the Association sees still greater accomplishments in the next three years.

Tonight (Thursday) the Association will have as its guests Messrs. M. V. Richards, Industrial Agent, and Superintendent Walton, of the Southern railway, and officials of the A. & A. railway, for the purpose of acquainting them with our people and our town, and it is desired that as many of our people as can will attend the meeting at the new Opera House tonight and hear an address by Mr. Richards on how to build a city. His address will interest the ladies as well as the business men, and a cordial invitation is extended to all.

These gentlemen have many personal friends in Asheboro and they feel a keen interest in advancing our town. Their visit to Asheboro will mean much in promoting the commercial interests of our town.

Thomasville Blues Mustered In.

Thomasville, April 2.—Thursday night Capt. Wade H. Phillips, of Lexington, arrived here and mustered in the Thomasville Blues, the new military company just organized. The company is fifty strong and is composed of the best young men of the town who will take great pride in the organization and try to make it the best in the State. Officers of the company are: Mayor W. O. Burgin, captain; Z. D. Griffith, first lieutenant; A. H. Ragan, second lieutenant. The armory of the company will be in the E. W. Cates Hall over the postoffice.

George Gould Coming to Randolph.

G. Elwood Stanton, of East New Market township, was in Asheboro Monday of this week. He has just completed leasing four thousand acres of land at twelve and a half cents an acre. Mr. Stanton has leased the land for George Gould, Jr., for one year with the privilege of five years. Mr. Gould may establish a hunting lodge.

Mr. Stanton has a so just completed his new eleven room dwelling. It is said to be one of the handsomest residences in the county.

Three Negroes Murdered.

On the night of April 1st at Columbia, Tyrrell county, three negroes were killed and one terribly wounded. The trouble arose over two negroes from another community calling on two of the Columbia damsels. Both sides were supplied with guns and razors and there was a bloody battle.

A Booster Club.

Booster Clubs have been organized in the west and southwest of the United States and have done much in the upbuilding of the towns in which they have been organized. They help to pull together in the general uplift. They overshadow the growler and the grumbler.

Rowan Granite.

The Salisbury Post tells of the wonderful development of stone quarries at Granite Quarry five miles from Salisbury and also elsewhere in Rowan county. Rowan county as a granite centre is becoming famous throughout the entire country.

New Cotton Mill at Thomasville.

A new cotton mill has been established at Thomasville. A friend of Mr. O. C. Randleman, a citizen of Randleman, has taken half the stock. Mr. J. L. Armfield is to be secretary and treasurer.

LAST LYCEUM ATTRACTION.

Wilbur Starr Concert Company at The Auditorium.

The fifth and last attraction of the Lyceum Course will appear at the Grand School Tuesday night, April 13th, at 8 o'clock. The people of Asheboro who attend the Wilbur Starr Concert on that date will enjoy a thorough musical treat. Mr. Starr has a baritone voice of immense volume and as a reader he is exceptionally fine. With Mrs. Starr as Cellist, and accompanist and Miss Alice Livingston as violinist; Mr. Starr leads one of the strongest companies of the Lyceum stage.

Mr. Starr gave in a large salary as Dean of the Music Department of the University of Wisconsin to head



WILBUR STARR

this company. Previous to this he has taught music in several western universities and for three years was with the Castle Square Opera.

The Lyceum Course for two winters has been provided by a few young men of the town who only hoped for the expense of providing amusement for the dull winter evenings. Last year they have had small losses, but for this season now closing the loss is heavier. It is hoped that a full house will attend this last attraction.

Reserved seats can be had at the Standard Drug Company.

Distillery Seized.

There is a section of Montgomery County in the forks of the Uwharrie and the Yadkin rivers where revenue officers scarcely ever go. Six revenue officers made a raid in that section in Eldorado township one night last week and seized a distillery of 125 gallon capacity. This is the first raid that has been made in that section since the killing of ex-Sheriff Moffitt several years ago. There was a seizure of a distillery the week before by Sheriff McKenzie in the section of the county near Little River not a great distance from Dr. Asbury's. This distillery seized by Sheriff McKenzie had been previously reported to the federal authorities a number of times, but the revenue officers took no notice of it, but when Mr. McKenzie made the seizure it woke up the revenue officers and they made the raid in Eldorado.

Guilford's New Road Law.

The new road law for Guilford county is the re-enactment of the old road law, with a township supervisor instead of overseers. The roads are required to work six days or pay 75 cents a day in lieu of work. This is practically the law which was passed by the general assembly of 1907 for Randolph County, the only difference being that in Randolph County a majority of the people of a township could petition the commissioners and the commissioners could grant the privilege, whereas in Guilford county the law was changed without leaving it to a petition of the people.

Duncan to Run Daily.

The Daily Industrial News has been sold to E. C. Duncan for eight thousand dollars, the amount of the mortgage. Mr. Duncan is to run a Republican daily and it is said Z. P. Smith, of Raleigh, is to be general manager. Mr. Smith is a Democrat.

It is not known who will be the editor. The paper will not be run on as large a scale as the News.

SMITH MURDER TRIAL.

Cotton Sentenced to 30 Years, While Accomplices Get Light Sentences.

The jury in the case against Earl Cotton, Tim Holderfield and A. E. Hopkins, for the murder of Dr. E. W. Smith, in Wake county, returned a verdict of guilty, recommending mercy as to Hopkins.

Judge Lyon sentenced Cotton to 30 years in the penitentiary, holding that he was the leading spirit in the murder. Holderfield was only sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Dr. Smith was dragged to death November 14th last. Evidence showed that Cotton administered chloroform when he secured from Hopkins, and that Holderfield took the body to the rock quarry where it was laid.

School Committee Men.

The recent general assembly changed section 4145 of the Revised of 1905 so as to allow school committees to receive two cents per name for tax to the county in each district and providing also that the committee may be paid \$1 per day for not exceeding four days each year for such additional services as may be tendered by the committee in the charge of their legal duties. Prior to this was in the discretion of the Board of Education whether the committee were paid for listing the school children, and in this county it has not been the custom to pay for listing.

Postoffice Robbers Escape.

Garner Moore and Geo. Barton, two notorious vegmen, awaiting trial at Greenville, S. C., upon the charge of robbing the postoffice at Pelzer, S. C., escaped from the county jail at Greenville, Saturday night. They drilled a hole in the wall, which is of blocks of stone two feet thick, and with explosives shattered the wall so that they could pick their way out. All this was done while a special guard watched at their cell door. Their escape was not discovered until late Sunday morning.

Our Premium Shears.

The Tension Shears used as a premium with The Courier are not cheap shears but are guaranteed and warranted for five years. The offer is liable to be withdrawn in the near future, and every one who uses a pair of scissors should see that he has a pair of these excellent shears free by only paying 25 cents extra. They are worth from \$1.25 to \$1.50. They are not the cheap shears that you see advertised which are not warranted.

Car Line From Salisbury to Concord.

T. H. Vanderford and associates, of Salisbury, are arranging to establish an electric car line from Salisbury to Concord.

It is only a question of a few years when electric lines will be all over this section of the state. They now cover many of the northern and western states.

To Check Freshets.

After spending ten days in the section along the Yadkin River, Reid Whitford, of the United States Engineering Department, has recommended that the Government build large reservoirs on certain streams flowing into the Yadkin. He says this will prevent the destructive freshets in the Yadkin valley.

Daniel Boone's Home.

Through an association chartered by the recent general assembly to preserve the home of Daniel Boone, in the horsehoe neck in Davidson County on the Yadkin River, Phillip Sowers is to donate the plot of land on which Boone lived, and the cabin is to be restored.

Mill Located at Thomasville.

The stock at the new cotton mill at Thomasville has been subscribed. The mill was worked up by Charles Randleman, of Randleman. A site will be selected and work started on the building in a few weeks.

Fire in New Bern.

The Blades Lumber Company at New Bern suffered heavily on March 1st, by fire. Nearly a million feet of lumber and the entire plant were burned. The loss was about \$2,000,000. Insurance \$10,000.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The placing of lumber on the free list was defeated in Congress Tuesday by six votes.

The 26th annual convention of the N. C. Sunday School Association convened at Concord Tuesday. Rev. G. Brown Cox, of Burlington is presiding. Over 500 delegates are attending.

The work on the Burgham Interurban Railway to connect Burlington, Graham and Haw River is being pushed. Cars are expected to be in operation by the close of the year.

A correspondent of the Charlotte Observer from Henderson county says that a turkey hen had eggs hatched in the month of February ten young turkeys, seven of which are still living.

An election was held yesterday in McNeill's township. Moore county on the question of issuing \$15,000 in bonds for road improvement. We have not heard the result of the election. It is hoped that it carried.

D. H. Milton formerly in the insurance business in this State has been elected treasurer of the Home Banking Company of High Point. Mr. Milton formerly lived in Stanley county and is a brother of Mr. Houston Milton, for years Clerk of the Court in that county.

The body of Capt. B. J. Fisher, who died in New York about five years ago and was buried in that city, was brought to Greensboro recently and interred in Greene Hill cemetery. Capt. Fisher is remembered as a former proprietor of the Benbow hotel and one of the most extensive real estate owners in Greensboro. His widow and children reside there. Capt. Fisher and family formerly lived in Asheboro, and one of their children is buried in the Asheboro cemetery.

True as Gospel Preaching.

We are convinced that a man cannot be a free lance in politics and at the same time do justice either to his convictions whatever they may be, or his country. Either his premises are wrong or our form of government is an egregious blunder. The makers of the latter recognized, and in fact in all essentials, they inaugurated a system of government by which political parties should enunciate principles, elect candidates and assume responsibility. In other words they gave us a government of and by political parties. —Salisbury Post.

Federal Court in Greensboro.

The April Term of the U. S. Court convened at Greensboro Monday. J. S. Cox, formerly of Randolph county, but now a resident of Greensboro, is foreman of the grand jury.

The case against J. W. Coltrane, who is charged with embezzling letters from the U. S. Mails was transferred to the Eastern district, and Coltrane gave a bond of \$1000 for his appearance in Raleigh on May 24th.

Rent Houses Needed.

25 new houses are needed to rent in Asheboro. There is not a rent house in town, and a dozen people have made application for houses to rent in the last ten days in Asheboro. It is understood that several dwelling houses will be erected in the near future to rent and a number of persons are arranging to move to Asheboro in the early spring.

Bankrupt at High Point.

In the United States Bankruptcy Court at Greensboro last week a voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed by W. E. Johns, Jr., of High Point. The matter was referred to G. S. Ferguson, referee. The liabilities are approximately \$1,500, while the assets are about \$300.

Guilford Farmers.

The farmers of Guilford county held an interesting meeting at Greensboro Saturday. Commissioner W. A. Graham and others were in charge. The work of the seed corn testing machine which can be made by any farmer, was demonstrated. The meetings inspired much interest among the farmers.

COUNTY EDUCATION.

Board of Education Holds Busy Session.

PETITION FOR LOCAL TAX ELECTION APPROVED.

Appropriations Made for New Buildings, Libraries and Desks—Much Interest in Higher Education in County

The County Board of Education was in session on Monday with W. N. Elder, I. F. Craven and T. W. Ingram, the new member of the board from Bombay, present.

The board made appropriations to assist the citizens of District No. 4, in Richland township, to build an addition to the school building, and also to place new desks in the study rooms, money for this township.

Appropriations were also made for new school buildings to be erected in District No. 3 of Grant township and District No. 5, in Concord township.

Original Rural school libraries were ordered for Districts No. 2 and 4 in New Market township, and District No. 1, of Tabernacle. Supplementary libraries were ordered for Districts No. 1, of Providence township; No. 6, of Concord; No. 4, of Liberty and No. 3, of Richland township.

Petitions for a local tax election for whole of Trinity township, including five Districts for a township High School was approved to be held in May. Elections were also ordered for Districts No. 1 and 5, of Tabernacle; No. 1 and 3, of Back Creek; and No. 2, of Liberty township. All these elections will be held during the month of May.

SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

Graded School Exercises Begin April 25th—Parents Urged to Attend.

The Graded School Commencement exercises begin Sunday morning, April 25th, with the annual sermon to the pupils by Rev. C. A. Wood, pastor of the M. E. Church of Asheboro. A union service will be held in the Graded School Auditorium.

On Monday night following, the pupils of the fifth, sixth and seventh grades will give an entertainment, to which everybody is invited. A good attendance is expected.

The graduating exercises on Tuesday morning, April 27th, will be full of interest. Prof. Woosley is anxious for every patron of the school to be present and the management of several mills have consented to close on that day, giving all in their employ an opportunity to attend.

After the graduating exercises the literary address will be delivered by Prof. M. C. S. Noble, of the State University, at Chapel Hill. Prof. Noble always has something to say that is worth the while. He will not present a long, dry literary address but his talk will be full of something to interest every one.

The exercises will close Tuesday night with the final concert, by the 8th and 9th Grades. To this a small admission fee will be charged, the proceeds going into the library fund. The library is an important department in all public Schools and our people should attend for the dual purpose of encouraging the pupils of the school and aiding in enlarging the library.

This year has been one of the best in the history of the school, and the work of both the faculty and pupils has been most satisfactory.

A. L. Smoot Next Mayor of Salisbury.

Salisbury, April 3.—In the first legalized democratic primary ever held in Rowan county today, A. L. Smoot, a well known business man, was nominated for mayor of Salisbury with 506 votes against 421 for W. B. Strachan, his opponent, who was defeated by only 84 votes.

The following aldermen were also nominated, which is equivalent to an election: F. M. Thompson, J. S. McComb, J. W. Sarratt, A. Parker, W. B. Summersett, W. A. Daniel and L. E. Heilig.

The vote was heavy and great interest centered in the selection of a mayor.

Revenue Officers destroyed an illicit distillery near Julia Friday. The still and 200 gallons of beer were destroyed.