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SUPERIOR COURT

July Term Held in The New Court House.

NEW BUILDING ONE OF BEAUTY

Subject of Much Favorable Comment And The People of The County Pleased --Judge Long Delivered Interesting Charge to Jury.

Randolph Superior Court convened Monday with Judge B. F. Long, of Stateville, presiding.

This being the christening term for the new court house there was a large crowd in attendance, and all were highly pleased with the structure, though not yet completed.

There seems to be general satisfaction also with the location because of the convenience to the business center and it is also conceded that the cramped condition (as to hitching lot and camp room) was also to a great degree imagined.

Judge Long, in opening his charge to the grand jury, paid a high tribute to the evidences of progress in Randolph, complimenting the people of the county upon having kept pace in the erection of the new building. Referring to it he stated that in every appointment it was one of the most convenient, safe and beautiful in the State. It is a fact that there has been erected on these plans 26 court houses in counties all over the South.

He urged the people to be patient and not hurry the building committee, thus permitting them to complete the structure in a manner that will make it the more lasting.

His charge to the grand jury as to their duties during the term was brief, but clearly outlining the work they were to do to the end that the people secure protection and that the violators of the law be brought to justice.

He spoke at length upon the importance of enforcing the laws protecting society, as slandering, perjury, cigarette smoking, etc. "Since I have been on the bench I have never tried a case for violation of the law against selling or giving cigarettes to minors" said his Honor. Declaring the injury being done the youths by this evil habit he urged upon the grand jury its duty in this as well as all other laws for the peace of the State.

The following were sworn as jurors:

GRAND JURORS.
W. H. Watkins, foreman; W. R. Pickett, J. L. Shaw, Allen Scott, H. B. Scott, Geo. H. Parks, W. D. Moffitt, M. L. Fry, Roddy Swain, Wilson Barnes, T. R. Branson, M. P. Coward, S. M. Caviness, Jesse Denson, Joseph Parks, J. O. Arnold, T. W. Lawrence, W. T. Carter, R. L. White, was appointed officer to the grand jury.

PETIT JURORS.
Wm. C. Foster, G. O. Cox, O. F. Yow, Belford Auman, James Johnson, Ed. Holland, G. H. Kimrey, Walter L. Lyndon, S. J. Kennedy, G. A. Laughlin, L. A. Smith.

CASES DISPOSED OF MONDAY.

State vs. Bud Foster, rude conduct at church, defendant pleads guilty, fined \$15.00 and costs.

State vs. Mamie Millikan, rude conduct at church, pleads guilty, fined \$15.00 and costs.

State vs. Jonah Luther, carrying concealed weapon, Verdict not guilty.

State vs. S. D. Hancock, a. w. d. w., pleads guilty; fined \$5.00 and costs.

State vs. J. C. Robbins, exposing private parts, pleads guilty, judgment suspended on payment of costs and good behavior in future.

State vs. Fred Hutcherson, a. w. d. w. pleads guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs. Viola Maness, larceny, pleads not guilty, verdict guilty, judgment six months in jail.

State vs. David Record Jr., J. W. Foust, David Record, Sr., Cora Buntun, John Buntun, larceny and receiving, pleads not guilty.

The jury finds that all are guilty as charged in bill of indictment except Cora Buntun.

TUESDAY.

State vs. Lee Gardon, c. c. w., pleads guilty, fined \$15.00 and costs. Another case for assault, judgment suspended.

State vs. John Baldwin, a. w. d. w., judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs. Myrtle Dark, larceny, verdict not guilty.

State vs. J. M. Kirkman and Bud

BIG REAL ESTATE DEAL.

Winston-Salem and Lexington Capitalists Form Company.

Last week the Lexington Real Estate and Trust Company transferred "College Heights" to the New Southbound Investment Company. The consideration was \$11,000, the property embracing fifty acres of fine suburban holdings. The Southbound Railway will pass directly through it and there is hardly any doubt that the new road will build a station and perhaps shops on the property. Messrs. H. B. Varner, editor of The Dispatch, and Geo. W. Montcastle, president of the Bank of Lexington, Col. H. F. Fries, president of the Wachovia Loan and Trust Company, and Mr. W. F. Shaffner also of Winston, treasurer of Southbound Railway Company, are incorporators. The authorized capital being \$125,000. The object of the company is to handle real estate, loan money, etc.

BLEWETT FALLS PLANT SOLD.

Reorganized Company to Complete Construction Work.

All the real and personal property of the Rockingham Power Company, which was engaged in building a hydro electric plant at Blewett Falls, on the Pee Dee River, were sold at auction Wednesday at Wadesboro to D. H. Thomas, representing the bondholders. When the sale is confirmed reorganization for the purpose of finishing the work will take place. The property was bid off at \$1,000,000.

The company issued \$1,500,000 in bonds and this amount has already been spent in the development of the power plant and lines are filed in the court here aggregating \$150,000 for unpaid claims against the company.

The trouble in this enterprise dates back to the failure two years ago of the Knickerbocker Trust Company of New York City, which was financing the enterprise.

Cannon String of Mills to Close.

Owing to the high price of cotton and the accumulation of goods the Cannon mills at Concord and Kannapolis, the Patterson mills at China Grove and at Kannapolis, the Gibson, the Franklin, Cabarrus Cotton Mills, Wicasset at Albemarle, Kestler, at Salisbury, and the Tuscarora at Mt. Pleasant will close down for two weeks. This includes all the Cannon string of managed mills. The shut down will give an opportunity to make necessary repairs to the mills.

Offices Moved.

The Business Office of The Courier has been moved from the building north of the old Court House to the second door west of the new Courthouse, next to the office formerly occupied by Hammer & Co.

The law office of Hammer & Co. has been moved to the building just west of the new Courthouse, in the office formerly occupied by Dr. Moore, but more recently by the real estate and insurance firm of Hammer & Co.

Last Member of Confederate Congress.

Hon. John Goode, the last surviving member of the Confederate Congress died at Norfolk last Wednesday. He was 80 years old and had been in public life in Virginia and at Washington since he became of age.

Underwood, nuisance, pleads guilty, fined \$15.00 each and costs.

State vs. Geo. Parks, forgery, pleads guilty, judgment 16 months in State's prison.

State vs. R. B. Boling, nuisance, pleads not guilty, verdict guilty.

State vs. P. A. Williams, setting up still, pleads guilty. Defendant also pleads guilty of resisting officers.

State vs. R. B. Boling, retailing pleads guilty.

State vs. R. B. Boling and John Henry Jordan, manufacturing whiskey. Boling pleads not guilty, verdict guilty.

WEDNESDAY.

State vs. Oscar Williams, a. w. d. w., pleads not guilty, verdict guilty, judgment 4 months on county roads.

State vs. Pearl Balfour, abandonment, pleads not guilty, verdict guilty, judgment 7 months on county roads, or pay wife \$50 and \$25 fine and costs.

State vs. Simeon Cox, incest, is in progress as we go to press. This case was returned for a new trial by the Supreme Court.

EFFECT OF TARIFF ON COMMERCE.

In commenting upon the passage of the Aldrich Tariff Bill by the United States Senate last week the Philadelphia Record's Washington correspondent had this to say:

The measure as it comes from the hands of the senate is regarded by tariff reformers of both parties as the worst ever written. They declare it is not merely the expression of protectionism run mad, taking its schedules and its administrative features together, but is a shameful embodiment of protective demagogues and liberalism. Like the demagogues of the French court preceding the revolution, its authors, they say, might almost be suspected of taking as their motto the cry "After us, the deluge."

Since the tariff revisionists in both houses of congress regard the attitude of Aldrich in forcing through the measure with its endless inequities as the most flagrant defiance of public sentiment, sound economic principles and simple justice perpetrated by any legislative body in almost a hundred years. Day after day and week after week Aldrich has pushed through, almost without failure, the paragraphs of his bill framed up in secrecy by the republicans of the finance committee. He had massed around him the allied representatives of the trusts and other great protected interests, all dominated in their action by the greatest trust of all, the Standard Oil Company.

This Macedonian phalanx, as Senator Tillman dubbed it, has presented throughout the fight an unbroken front to the opposition and defeated every attempt to write in the schedules even a modicum of the revision downward which the republican party and its presidential candidate last year promised the people. Each of the trusts obtained for itself what it wanted in the way of protection for articles it produced and cheerfully conceded to all the other trusts the same valuable privilege of taxing the other American consumers as they saw fit.

Just a Piece of Scorn.

Brought into and being nursed to vigorous maturity by the scandalously high tariff rates of the Dingley bill, the all powerful trusts had it in their power through their representatives in the senate to make sure, not only that they would not lose any of the advantages given them by the existing law, but to seize new advantages. Having the power to take what they wanted, why should they surrender anything to the helpless consumer merely because the people demanded it and the republican platform and the republican candidate for president promised tariff revision downward last year, and a congress was called in special session for the supposed purpose of carrying out their pledges. They laughed to scorn the persistent and vigorous attacks on the bill as framed up by Aldrich that appeared in the newspapers of all shades of political opinion. They went ahead with their work of upward revision with a cynical defiance of party pledges and public sentiment that could not be paralleled in the action of the national legislature of any civilized country in this generation. Plutocracy and privilege were in the saddle and they rode with the reckless daring of beings drunk with power.

Whatever the theory of the construction of the bill, in fact it is entirely devoid of scientific adjustment, it has been made almost entirely without regard to the needs of the government or the interests of the great mass of the American people. Theoretically a leading object in making the bill was to increase the revenues to a point where the present deficit would be wiped out. But the needs of the government were entirely lost sight of as the bill took shape under the manipulation of the deft and daring hands of Aldrich, Smoot, Pease, et al., the dominant consideration becoming solely the desires of the trusts and the other great protected interests.

During the debate Senator Aldrich has persistently claimed that the bill would raise sufficient revenue to meet the wants of the government. But few even of his closest lieutenants make any pretense in sharing this view, and all the opponents of the bill assert and give figures to support the assertion that

the tariff schedules will yield little, if any more revenue than those of the existing Dingley law. This was what was to be expected in view of the fact that the real aim of the bill is not to increase the revenues of the government, but to maintain, if not to ease the revenues of the trusts and other protected manufacturers.

Prices Already Rising.

Should Aldrich prove deft and strong enough to force the house to accept the bill in approximately its present form and should the president prove weak enough to sign it, the effect will undoubtedly be increases small and large in the prices of all the necessities of life and, in fact, in all articles listed in the schedules. Aldrich and the other authors of the bill must be well aware of this fact. This gives the utter defiance of public sentiment and economic laws with which the framers of the bill have done their work. In the face of the fact that the prices of all commodities have for years been steadily rising with no indication of an arrest of the tendency, Aldrich and his lieutenants boldly attempt to place on the statute books a law that is bound to accelerate the upward movement. It is a spectacle of the most sinister significance.

The new upward movement of prices, due to the action of the bill, is already well under way. A circular just issued by the National Association of Wholesome Clothing Manufacturers tells what is going on in that great industry. The circular states that already the prices of worsted goods have taken a new lift. It points out that while the increase in the woolen schedule may be slight, the administrative features of the new law are so drawn that they will bring about a heavy increase in the actual duties to be paid.

The circular asserts that careful estimates of the probable increase in the cost of woolen goods used in the United States in the year 1910 places it at the enormous total of \$120,000,000. This is more than double the value of the annual wool clip of the United States. Retail dealers in men's clothing say that the new price lists coming out show an increase of from 25 to 40 per cent over the old lists.

In practically all articles of women's wear, dress goods of woolen and cotton and other material; in underclothing, hosiery, gloves, lace embroidery, ribbons and millinery, the same upward tendency is already reported, and it will undoubtedly be accelerated if the Aldrich bill becomes a law in approximately its present shape.

Prof. Farlow Elected to Charlotte School.

The school commissioners of Charlotte have elected J. Macy McLean, of Maxton, as teacher of the eleventh grade and Prof. N. F. Farlow, of Randleman, as assistant to the principal in the ninth grade. The former's salary is \$90 per month and the latter \$85.

Prof. Staley to Conduct Institute.

Prof. Chas. M. Staley, Superintendent of the Graded Schools at Hickory and Miss Inez Tillman will conduct a teacher's institute for Iredell county in Statesville, beginning August 16 and lasting two weeks. Mr. Staley was formerly Superintendent of the Asheboro Graded Schools.

Death of Mr. Hodgins.

J. Addison Hodgins, manager of the savings department of the Greensboro Loan and Trust Company, died last Wednesday, after a brief illness of pneumonia. He was a prominent figure in the business and religious life of the city. He was a man of deep Christian piety and a life-long member of the Friends Church.

Masons Increasing.

The Masonic Fraternity now has 20,000 members, one thousand having been added since the meeting of the Grand Lodge. The new lodge at Biocoe is one of eight recently formed.

Albemarle to Vote Bonds.

Albemarle, Stanley county, will on July 27th vote on a bond issue of \$65,000 for lights, water, sewerage, street and school improvements.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

W. L. Moore, a prominent citizen of Taylorville, died Saturday, aged 45 years. A widow and seven children survived him.

M. A. Phylar, a prominent citizen of Cleveland, Rowan county, died last week after an illness of several months. He was 70 years old.

The Dunn electric plant is being enlarged. It now furnishes 38 arc lights and 1,100 incandescents. The capacity will be more than doubled.

John F. Lyon, of Greensboro celebrated his 95th birthday Sunday. He is very active and finds pleasure and recreation in hoeing his garden.

The Thomsville Light and Power Co is negotiating with the Southern Power Co for power to light and operate the mills of the town.

Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Eild, of Whitney, broke his leg recently and Salisbury physicians found it necessary to amputate the limb last week.

The macadam toll road from Walnut Cove to Danbury and Piedmont Springs is meeting with encouragement. About \$4,000 in small subscriptions has been raised.

Mr. Mebane Lamb, who is 83 years old, and one of Greensboro's oldest citizens, died last week. He had lived in Greensboro ever since young manhood.

A severe electric storm passed over Jonesboro last Friday. Rev. J. W. Little, was knocked unconscious, and is in a critical condition at a hospital at Sanford. Several others were shocked.

Mrs. Lizzie Lindsay, widow of the late Dr. Lindsay, of Greensboro, died at Butte, Montana, Saturday. She was 43 years old and has many relatives and friends in North Carolina.

The mellow crop of Eastern North Carolina is becoming active. Five to ten car loads of cantaloups a day are leaving Maxton. Shippers are finding it difficult to secure cars to handle the yield.

S. A. Batchelor, County Commissioner of Nash county owns two hogs which are listed on the tax books at \$50 each. They weigh 600 and 700 pounds respectively. The usual listing price is averaged at \$10.00.

The home of Wilson Vick, a farmer living near Rocky Mount was destroyed by fire Friday morning, and before noon he had a force of hands clearing the ruins away, and was hauling timber for a new home. This is enterprise.

Editor H. B. Varner, of the Lexington Dispatch, has sold his elegant suburban home at Lexington to J. E. Foy, cashier of the National Bank. Mr. Varner will move to the J. L. Peacock property, opposite the public building site.

DEATH OF MR. SKEEN.

For Forty Years a Magistrate in Davidson County.

Joe C. Skeen, of Bain, for forty years a Justice of the peace of Davidson county, at one time a member of the County Board of Education and always interested in the welfare of his county, died at his home at Bain Sunday, July 18th. The end was unexpected by those who attended him and the news of his death was a shock to his many friends in Randolph where he was so widely known and esteemed.

About four weeks ago Mr. Skeen fell from a load of wheat and though he had been unable to walk, since, he was in such high spirits and his condition did not become serious, nor his friends alarmed until Friday.

Mr. Skeen was 80 years old and is survived by the following children: N. O. Skeen, of Palmetto, Ga.; Mrs. J. H. Burkhead, of Fairburn, Ga.; Mrs. W. J. Miller and W. S. Skeen, of Asheboro; Hendricks Skeen, of Farmer; and Homer and Cleveland Skeen, of Bain.

The deceased was for many years and until his death a member of Rocky Springs Methodist Church. The funeral was conducted Monday afternoon at Salem.

Miss Lillian Hendricks has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Elkins, at Franklinville.

TELEPHONE TRUST

First Step Believed to Have Been Taken.

MANHATTAN CONCERN TO FOLLOW.

It is Rumored that the Western Union and the Postal Telegraph Companies will Also be Merged With the Bell But Not Confirmed.

What is believed to be the first step toward merging the Bell telephone companies, whose combined capital totals \$970,000,000 was taken yesterday when the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company was absorbed by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, which is the parent Bell company.

Official notice of the absorption was sent to the stockholders of the New York and New Jersey Company by President H. N. Bethel and Secretary Wallon Hopkins. There is outstanding \$32,000,000 of stock of this company, and the holders will get share for share in stock of the parent company. By this exchange they will get an 8 per cent stock for a 7 per cent stock and also a stock which has a broad market. Until recently the stock of the smaller concern sold about 10 points under that of the parent company, but in anticipation of the merger the price of the former has advanced to the level of the parent shares.

The absorption will wipe out the individual identity of the New York and New Jersey Company, which supplies Brooklyn, Long Island, Staten Island and New Jersey. Many Brooklyn men are in the directorate of the smaller company, including Alexander Cameron, William D. Sargent, George H. Prentiss, Theodore F. Miller, James Jourdan, William C. Courtney, William Berri, John C. Reilly and H. F. Thurber. The company, however, has always been controlled and dominated by the parent concern, Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, has been chairman of the Board of the New York and New Jersey Company.

The New York Telephone Company, which serves Manhattan and the Bronx, may be the next of the Bell concerns to lose its individual identity by being absorbed by the parent company, which already controls and dominates it.

In this country there are 5,500,000 telephone stations, of which the Bell system controls 3,215,315, and has connections with 1,150,000 more. There are 7,800 Bell companies and 16,000 independents. Many of these are very small, the average number of stations to each of the 16,000 companies being but 62.

The absorption of the New York and New Jersey company led to the revival of the old report that the parent Bell company would also try to absorb the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies, but no confirmation of this rumor could be had.

DEATH FROM LOCKJAW.

Result of Sticking a Nail Into his Foot 10 Days Ago.

Craven Ingram, son of Mr. Newton Ingram, of Trinity died Tuesday of Lockjaw. Thinking the child suffered from mumps physician was called.

The boy was unable to open his mouth and was having spasms. When the doctors arrived and made an examination the child was found to have an advanced case of lockjaw and his life was despaired of almost from the first. The boy had thrust a nail in his foot eight or ten days ago and lockjaw had resulted from the wound. The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of the father.

Guest to Atlanta.

Rev. Hay Watson Smith and family are visiting relatives at Greensboro. He has recently accepted the presidency of the Selma (Ala.) Military Academy. He resigned his pastorate at Port Chester, N. Y. on account of his health.

Sudden Death at High Point.

Mrs. J. W. Smith died at High Point Friday night. She spent the afternoon visiting but about 10:30 o'clock she became ill and before physicians could arrive she had died. The remains were interred at Clemmons.