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SUPERIOR COURT

The regular spring term of the Superior court for Transylvania county convened promptly Monday morning with Judge B. F. Long presiding and Solicitor Michael Schank prosecuting for the state. The routine of organizing was carried through with great dispatch and in thirty-five minutes the grand jury had been selected and empanelled and the judge had started delivering his charge. A number of citizens seemed loath to serve on the jury and after hearing the various excuses only those who were sick or had sick folks at home were turned loose.

The grand jury chosen for this term is as follows: C. M. Cooke, Jr., foreman, J. W. Burns, J. H. Ostoon, S. L. Barnette, C. M. Lane, W. R. Murrell, M. A. Gillespie, R. R. Ledbetter, J. P. Whitmire, W. J. Ray, W. G. McCall, Caleb Shipman, E. M. Corn, C. N. Kitchen, J. E. Glasgow, C. E. Hogsted, W. J. Raines, J. A. Southern, M. J. Hamilton was sworn in as officer of the grand jury and an order for fifty cents was granted Leon English, Jr., for services in drawing the grand jurors.

Judge Long's charge to the grand jury was for the most part an outline of the duties of the jurors in investigating the various violations of the law and the departments of the county government. In view of the fact that there are three murder cases set for trial at this term special attention was given to this subject. The matter of retailing and liquor shipments was also touched upon and the judge declared there is nothing people will swear lies about more readily than liquor. Upon being informed that Transylvania has a law absolutely prohibiting the shipment of whiskey into the county, the judge declared that the grand jurors and all others would have to stand by cold water, but that if anyone liked his water warm or hot that it would be all right. The grand jury was instructed to keep all matters coming before them a secret for the rest of their lives, and to investigate the records in the clerk's office to see if the guardians of orphan children have made annual report of their trust as required by law.

After the various preliminaries had been attended to, the case of State vs. Clarence Norton was called. This was an appeal from the judgment of the recorder and upon motion of counsel for the defendant the judgment of the recorder was affirmed, the costs of appeal to be taxed by the clerk.

In pursuance of a former judgment of the Superior court Clyde McCall showed good behavior and the case was finally dismissed.

In the case of State vs. Baxter Williams, which was an appeal by Hall Galloway from the recorder's court in which he had been fined from the payment of the costs, the appeal was dismissed and defendant Galloway taxed with the costs.

In State vs. Oscar Welchans, charged with larceny, it developed that Welchans had married in Hartford, Tenn., in 1910, after bringing his wife to this state where they became separated. About one month ago he married another woman without first divorcing a former wife. The jury returned a verdict of guilty and the sentence of the court was that he work on the road of the county for four years.

The case of State vs. George Hutchison, colored, grew out of the fact that George insisted upon being allowed to vote in an election of a pastor of his church while under discipline, contrary to the rules of order laid down by the brethren. George proved a good character, however, and was turned loose with the payment of \$10 and costs.

H. Hedrick, H. Harker and B. E. Whit will not be tried for their lives for the murder of E. S. McTand, who was found dead in Davidson River last fall. The grand jury failed to return a true bill, and therefore unless some new evidence comes to light the defendants will not be prosecuted again.

In the case of State vs. George Beddingfield, charged with seduction under promise of marriage, the state allowed a plea of nolo contendere on condition that the defendant pay the prosecutrix \$200 in cash and certain expenses as well as all court costs. The defendant was given until Saturday morning to arrange for the payment of the money.

State vs. W. H. Summey, trespass, was an appeal from the Recorder's court, where a fine of ten dollars and costs had been taxed. The judge ruled the action out of court after hearing one witness and taxed Rev. W. C. Boren with all costs in the case. Upon motion of the attorney for Mr. Boren he will be given opportunity to show cause why he should not be taxed with the costs in the case.

State vs. Thurman Hall, disturbing religious worship, continued. Defendant to give \$200 bond.

State vs. John and Mary Morgan and Dill cash, affray. Nol pros as to Mary. Dill to pay \$5 and half the costs and John to pay \$10 and half the costs.

State vs. C. B. and Robert Glazener, retailing. Not true bill.

State vs. Pete Price, assault, not guilty. In this case the court took exception to the verdict, declaring that in his opinion the prisoner was guilty.

State vs. John D. and Mary Galloway, obstructing road, not a true bill.

State vs. A. P. Davis, larceny. In this case the defendant had been cleared of the charge in the recorder's court and the appeal was taken by J. C. Gibbs, the prosecuting witness, from the payment of the costs. In the higher court Gibbs was called and failed and taxed with the costs of the appeal as well as the costs in the lower court.

State vs. Clyde McCall, refusing to work the road, continued.

State vs. Will Allison, retailing, continued for the state.

In the two cases against Jeff Glazener, charged with passing worthless checks, the grand jury failed to present a true bill in one and after hearing the evidence the jury declared him not guilty in the other.

In the case of State vs. J. D. Owen, charged with perjury, the grand jury refused to present a true bill and the defendant was discharged.

J. W. Owen, charged with trespass, was turned loose by the grand jury, sufficient cause for trial not being found.

In the case of Vester Kemp, who was charged with a criminal act of a very serious nature, the jury declared him guilty and he was sentenced to serve on the road of the county for a term of six years. In this case the question of the age of defendant was before the court, but he was more than twenty-one years old.

At a preliminary hearing before Judge Long and James Parham in the murder of Violet O'Connell, being tried, with the probability of being turned over to the jury Friday.

MUNICIPAL CONVENTION

A convention of the democratic voters of the town of Brevard is hereby called to meet at the court house on Tuesday night, April 20th, 1915, at eight o'clock, for the purpose of nominating candidates for mayor and aldermen of the town of Brevard for the ensuing two years.

J. W. McMinn, Chrm'n.,
ORA L. JONES, Sec'y.
4-9, 21.

WOODMEN ENTERTAINMENT

Baldan Camp No. 116, W. O. W., will entertain their friends at the Auditorium Tuesday evening, the 27th of April. The entertainment will consist of music by the Brevard Orchestra, moving pictures, vocal music and speaking. Sovereign Manager, E. B. Lewis, will deliver the principal address. Everyone is welcome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY

The following program has been arranged for the Sunday school rally day to be held in Bravard April 27th. In this program the various Sunday schools of Bravard township will have a part and it is expected that the Institute auditorium will be crowded to its capacity when the marchers reach their destination. The various Sunday schools taking part in the program will march through the streets of the town from a point near the Episcopal church to the Institute, each school carrying banners and flags.

Following is the program:
Hymn—Coronation, by Congregation.

Prayer—Rev. C. D. Chapman.

Welcome—Mr. Robert Crawford.

Response—Mr. Carl Hardin.

Song—Onward Christian Soldiers, by Congregation.

Reading—The Soul, Miss Olivia Hancock.

Exercise—(Own Selection,) Glen School.

Song—(Own Selection,) Glad Branch.

Exercise—(Own Selection,) Episcopal.

Exercise—(Own Selection,) Presbyterian.

Song—(Own Selection,) English Chapel.

Pantomime—"Rock of Ages," by Methodist Sunday School.

Song—Showers of Blessings, by Congregation.

Song—Jesus Loves Me, by Children.

Doxology—Congregation.

Benediction—Rev. E. H. Norwood.

INSTITUTE NOTES

Miss Hortense Lowe has been called home temporarily by the illness of her mother, who lives in Gastonia. We hope that she will soon return to us. Miss Lowe impersonated the "Representative of Hymn" in "As You Like It" in the last scene. By some oversight her name did not appear on the program. Miss Lowe gave a clear and excellent rendition of the part, and in her white robes and laurel wreath and harp made an effective addition to the final tableau.

The series of meetings closed on Saturday, as Rev. J. P. Rodgers had to be at home for Sunday services. Much interest was evinced and a number of conversions ensued from his ministrations, which were greatly appreciated by all who heard him.

Miss Caroline Trowbridge returned Saturday night from Asheville, where she had been spending a few days after the play.

A number of our young people took advantage of the fine weather on Monday afternoon to go on a picnic to Mount Surprise. They returned laden with trailing arbutus.

Frank Dillard went home for a few days' rest after the play. Mr. Dillard deserves special commendation, not only for his fine work as Orlando, but from the fact that he was really ill to take his part, but stayed with it rather than break up the cast, as it was too late to coach any one else in the part.

The chorus for the Rose Maiden is rehearsing four times a week, and the cantata is working up in splendid shape.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS

The school committees for the various schools of the county will meet within the next few weeks to elect teachers for the next school year. The law requires the teachers to file applications with the county superintendent, and from these applications the committees make their selections.

All persons who wish to teach in the public schools of this county during the next school year should file their applications at once, giving name, age, experience in teaching and kind of position preferred.
T. C. HENDERSON,
County Superintendent.

STATE NEWS

Declaring that while there was only one voice raised against a pardon for James Wilcox, murderer of Nell Cropsy, at Elizabeth City, but that voice was from a mother's heart, always consistent, and with justice on her side, constituting a majority opposition, Governor Locke Craig last Monday refused to grant him a pardon. Wilcox has served twelve years of a thirty years sentence.

In the city election held in Charlotte on Tuesday, Col. Thomas Kirkpatrick won the nomination for mayor by a majority of fifty-eight votes. The nomination on the democratic ticket is considered as good as an election.

Misses Lilla Fleming and Ethel Gardner, two young ladies from Wilson, are the winners of the state high school debate, they having defeated Messrs. Stewart Cowles and Cowles Bristol, of Statesville, at Chapel Hill last Friday night. A large number of representatives from the various high schools of the state participated in the contest, the subject being the ship subsidy question.

GENERAL NEWS

No sooner had the German battleship, Prince Eitel Frederick, been interned in American waters than another German commerce destroyer, the Kronprinz Wilhelm, came into the same port with a record of seventeen enemy ships sent to "Davy Jones locker." The Wilhelm is badly in need of repairs, experts finding that the heat is bad and the boilers are in bad shape. Before the ship was allowed to go into dry dock, her commander, Capt. Thierfelder, was required to make formal application for the repairs his ship required. Although five English and French war vessels were supposed to be just outside the Virginia Capes the Kronprinz Wilhelm succeeded in eluding her enemies.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Comptroller of the Currency Williams are charged by the Riggs National Bank of Washington with conspiring to wreck that institution. The bill of indictment contains thirty-seven specific charges to show that the officials are guilty of illegal tactics.

Russian soldiers have succeeded in capturing almost all the main chain of the mountains, and the battle of the Carpathians, which has been raging about eighty days, seems to be reaching a climax. This battle has been one of the fiercest of all in the present conflict.

VETERANS' MEETING

Last Saturday there was a meeting of Transylvania Camp No. 953 of Confederate Veterans in Brevard, at which some matters of general interest were taken up.

P. J. Wilson of Selma was chosen as a delegate to the national reunion to meet in Richmond on June 13. The last day of this reunion will celebrate the birthday of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy.

It was decided to hold the local reunion at Brevard on the third Thursday in August. A committee of arrangements was appointed for this occasion, composed of J. M. Hamlin, T. L. Gash and E. A. Miller. The attendance at the meeting was small, only a half dozen of the old wearers of the gray were present. They were J. M. Hamlin, B. J. Wilson, T. L. Gash, Edna Rabb, S. M. Lane and W. E. Denver.

BIDS WANTED

The Board of Education of Transylvania County wants bids on the building of an additional room to the Calvert school house and the recovering of the old building. For specifications apply to
T. C. HENDERSON.

GRAND JURY'S REPORT

To the Hon. B. F. Long, Judge Presiding Spring Term Superior Court:

We, the grand jury sitting at this term of court, do herewith submit to you the following report of the work done by our body.

We have examined the court house, jail, county home and the convict camp, and also the guardian's report in the office of the clerk of the court, and a report on each item is hereby set out.

Court House—We find the condition of court house inside very good, the court room and offices of the various county officers are well kept, and the books and records seem to be well taken care of. We think, however, that the windows should be kept in a clean condition. We find that the court house grounds are not kept as neatly as should be, and we suggest that all trash, tin cans, etc., should be cleaned away and that the same should be kept away in the future.

County Jail—We have visited the jail in a body and after a thorough examination of some are convinced that the jailor is doing as well as could be done under the circumstances. We are of the opinion that the present jail is not safe for the keeping of prisoners, poorly ventilated, unsanitary, and in such condition generally that it would be useless to attempt to repair same, and we are of the opinion that it would be wise for the county to abandon the present building altogether, and take steps to erect at once a new, modern and well equipped jail.

County Home—The following members of the grand jury as a committee, namely, J. P. Whitmire, J. H. Ostoon, C. E. Hogsted, make the following report: Condition of the property generally good, and the inmates properly fed and clothed, but both buildings are in need of covering as they are both looking badly, and this committee recommends that they be covered at once, and also plastering be repaired at the same time.

Convict Camp—The following committee visited the convict camp, namely, W. J. Raines, B. R. Ledbetter and S. L. Barnett, and make the following report: The general condition of the camp is good, the prisoners well clothed and fed, the camp appeared to be clean, except the bed clothes, which are, we think, filthy and should be washed, and the mattresses are also in bad condition and should be repaired or replaced by new ones.

(Here followed a list of all guardians who have failed to make their annual reports.)

C. M. COOKE, JR.,
Foreman.

SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL

The Rosman high school is nearing the close of a most successful term of eight months. The attendance has been fair and the interest fine throughout the year. More than two hundred dollars, a large per cent of which was raised this year by the ladies of the district, has been spent for improving the school grounds.

Next year, it is hoped, eleven grades will be taught and heard offered so reasonable that every high school student in this section of the county may get the benefit of this splendid school.

The closing exercises will take place Wednesday and Thursday nights, April 21 and 22, beginning each night at 7:30. There will be recitations, declamations, drills, dialogues and music. All are cordially invited.

Stomach Trouble Cured.

Mrs. H. G. Cleveland, Arnold Pa., writes, "For some time I suffered from stomach trouble. I would have sour stomach and feel bloated after eating. Nothing benefited me until I got Chamberlain's Tablets. After taking two bottles of them I was cured." For sale by all dealers. ad