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**EDENTON, N. C., FRIDAY, DEC. 11, 1914.**

**THE RECORD BROKEN**

The grand jury convened Monday at 11 o'clock and adjourned at 3 o'clock the same day with not a case for trial. This does not mean that there has been no crime committed in Chowan county; there has. It simply means that the Recorder's court is disposing of practically all the criminal cases in our county. One result of this will be a clear docket at each term and eventually fewer terms of Superior court. The time that has heretofore been consumed in criminal cases can be devoted to disposing of civil actions, thus averting the necessity of continuing so many of these cases. We are glad to see this change in our courts. We have not figured the exact saving to Chowan county due to the Recorder's court, but, judging from the following from the News Reporter of Whiteville, N. C., we estimate that the saving in cash has been considerable to say nothing of the advantage of speedy justice. The News Reporter says:

**"Much Money Saved Tax-payers This Year by the County Court"**

There seems to be a tendency on the part of some otherwise well balanced people to quarrel with the existence of the County court. Just what they base their contention upon it would be hard to state, nor have they given any satisfactory argument beyond, perhaps, that with a distinctly personal note running through it. A few figures will show what the worth of this tribunal is to the county. The judge gets \$800 a year, the clerk \$300, and the solicitor \$300, and he acts as legal advisor to the county officials as well, a matter that had previously cost the county \$200 a year. This a total of \$1,700, less the \$200 makes a total judiciary expense of \$1,500. Since the institution of the court in December of last year it has saved approximately \$1,000 in jail fees alone, and forty six criminals have been sent to the roads, where they have been at work instead of lying in jail awaiting a chance to be tried in the Superior Court and eating at the expense of the county; the total time of these forty six amounting to twenty years and three months.

One hundred and fifty seven judgements have been found and those convicted have paid in fines \$962.62 and have paid costs amounting to \$1,890.09, a total of \$2,852.71 and that does not include the saving in jail fees. There have been found "not guilty" thirty five, and this has cost the county but \$321.47, while the same acquittals in the Superior Court would have figured out at twice as much or more. It has been demonstrated that a prisoner can be brought into the County Court, convicted and sent to the roads within the week for one third of the cost for the same

case in the Superior Court.

Take the matter of witnesses. If they are summoned to the County Court they serve and are discharged the same day while in the Superior Court they are often required to wait around three or four or five days at a per diem double that of the former court.

The Superior Court is at expense of \$432 a week for jury, besides mileage; \$100 a week for the judge; \$60 for the court stenographer, and \$1 a day for witness fees. The County Court reduces the docket and thereby reduces the cost of the Superior Court against the county.

Let the taxpayer read these figures and intelligently decide whether the County Court is a saving to the county or not, besides contemplating the swiftness with which justice is dispatched.

This has covered only those features in connection with the criminal side of the court's work."

**THE DOG CASE CONCLUDED**

Tuesday concluded a case which has been watched with more interest perhaps than any case in Chowan county in years, it even attracting statewide interest, being once passed upon by the Supreme court of North Carolina and sent back for another trial—the case of V. Beasley and wife vs O. C. Byrum.

In April 1911 a dog which belonged to Mrs. T. W. Miller of Edenton bit the child of Mr. O. C. Byrum. Mr. Byrum, fearing the dog was mad, appealed to the town authorities to have the dog killed. The Mayor ordered it killed, but before the execution took place the dog was taken by its owners into the country six miles from Edenton and given to Mrs. Beasley, she being informed that the dog might be killed unless protected, as it was thought by some to be mad. Mrs. Beasley received the dog, put a collar around its neck and chained it to her back porch. When the dog had been there two days, Mrs. Beasley testifies, while she was serving supper to a young man in the kitchen, the report of a gun right at her door, frightened her terribly and, on going to the door, saw Mr. Byrum near the porch and the dog shot dead. They had some words. Mr. Byrum wanted to take the dog away and Mrs. Beasley objected. However Mr. Byrum took the dog, saying that he wished to have the dog's head examined, as his child had been bitten by the dog and if the dog was mad the child might go mad also. Mr. and Mrs. Beasley brought suit against Mr. Byrum for \$2500 damages, the plaintiff contending that her already nervous condition had been weakened by this shock, that for sometime she was not able to do her own work as usual as a result of the shock. The case was tried in Edenton in 1913 which resulted in a verdict

favorable to the defendant there by saying that Mr. Byrum was justifiable in going upon the premises of plaintiff for the said purpose, from which decision the plaintiff appealed to the Supreme court. This tribunal ruled an error and new trial. For first one cause then another, the case has been continued from court to court till it was concluded Tuesday. The case was ably represented on both sides, the council for the plaintiff being Messrs. E. F. Aydlett and J. C. B. Ehringhaus of E. City and E. G. Bond of Edenton. The defendant's attorneys were Ex-Judge Ward of E. City, Mr. W. S. Privott and Messrs. Pruden and Pruden of Edenton. Practically the whole of Tuesday was taken up with this trial which resulted in a verdict of \$250 being awarded the plaintiff.

**THE TOM THUMB WEDDING.**

One of the most enjoyable events of the season was the Tom Thumb wedding given at Bell's opera house last Thursday evening. 77 children under 10 years of age among whom were Syrians, Jews, Germans, Catholics, Episcopalians, Methodists, Presbyterians and Baptists, all our town children, participated. A complete society wedding was initiated. The children were well trained by Miss Blackledge of Missouri, Mrs. L. D. Bond accompanying them on the piano. Such selections as "Oh, Promise Me," by little Miss Matilda Muth, "Silver Threads Among the Gold" by Master Clarence White, "When You and I Were Young, Maggie" by Master John Privott, "I Love You Dearly" by little Miss Iona Wells, "I'd Love to Live in Loveland" by little Miss Agnes Chappell and Master Earl Sutton, "I Cannot Sing the Old Song" by little Miss Margaret Williams. The little bride and groom were Master Richard Mansfield and little Miss Ethel McMullan, Master Wallace Griffin officiating as minister. The best man was Master Joseph Long, (8 years old) who, during the reception which followed the wedding, convinced every one that he loved ice cream. Little Miss Loreta Chappell was maid of honor. The ushers Masters Frank McMullan and Trottie Waff deserve special mention. Every one felt sorry for the three old maid guests.

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**TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS:**

Some of you have not written the news lately. Let us urge you to write the news especially through these winter months. You need not write long letters, but write every week and mention somebody you did not mention last week. Do not mention the same ones too often. Send the news one day earlier from now till January 1, 1915.

**THE WOMEN AND THE STOCK**

We wish to warn the men of Edenton that the women are pushing this matter of keeping stock out of town and out of the cemetery. You already know what happens when women get after you. Enough said.

Emperior William of Germany is suffering with pneumonia and nervous depression due to over exertion.

Leo M. Frank of Atlanta has been sentenced to be hanged Jan. 22, for the the murder in 1913 of Mary Phagan, a 14 year-old factory girl.

Be sure to read the two columns in this issue about consumption and the Red Cross seals, which are for sale in Edenton.

Congress reconvened Monday. Several bills and resolutions were introduced on the subject of investigating how well the United States is prepared for war. President Wilson opposes this plan saying there are no facts in possession of executive departments which cannot be had.

Perhaps the greatest storm in twenty years has swept the Atlantic coast from North Carolina to Maine from last Saturday till Monday. The sea raged and ships were wrecked, lives lost and much property destroyed. Much damage was done at Ocean View, Virginia Beach and Norfolk, to say nothing of that all along the coast. Some of the streets in Norfolk were submerged, it being necessary to use boats to travel down the streets; so high was the tide.

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**"NORFOLK'S BEST STORE"**

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Now is the time to select your Christmas gifts. Now while the stocks are complete in every detail; before they have been picked over and the choice of the best has been taken. Come before the crowds grow so large and hard to accommodate and make your Christmas preparations in comfort.

**Our Toy Department Knows no Equal**

NEVER BEFORE HAS NORFOLK SEEN SUCH A WONDERFUL DISPLAY OF TOYS AS WE ARE SHOWING. THERE IS NO ITEM CALCULATED TO GLADDEN THE HEARTS OF BOYS AND GIRLS, LARGE AND SMALL OMITTED FROM THIS DISPLAY.

SANTA CLAUS IS HERE IN PERSON AND WILL BE DELIGHTED TO SHAKE HANDS WITH EACH CHILD INDIVIDUALLY AND SHOW THEM ALL HIS WONDERFUL OFFERINGS. THERE ARE AUTOMOBILES, WAGONS, DOLLS, MECHANICAL AND ELECTRIC TRAINS, BOY SCOUT BAND DRUMS, BATTLE SHIPS, DOLL DISHES, POOL TABLES, GAMES OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, AIR SHIPS, TOY STOVES, TRICYCLES, VELOCEPDS, EVERY TOY ANIMAL IMAGINABLE AND IN FACT EVERYTHING THAT ANY BOY OR GIRL MIGHT WANT.

THE PRICES IN THIS DEPARTMENT ARE UNUSUALLY REASONABLE AND IT ISN'T HARD TO MEET ALL "XMAS" NECESSITIES AT A VERY LITTLE COST.

**Christmas Special**

**Ladies' "Xmas Hose" For \$1.00**

As a Christmas Special we are offering One Pair of Ladies' Pure Silk Hose packed in a very neat and attractive box—Colors pink, tan, blue, taupe, green, brown, purple, canary, bronze, black and many other desirable colors. For a lady this is an unusually acceptable Christmas present; Watt's Special price a box, only \$1.

**Genuine Leather Goods**

**\$2 Genuine Crepe Seal Collar Bags, 95c.**

These are made with separate compartments for collar buttons and handkerchiefs; this genuine crepe seal collar bag in a regular \$2 value, Special at only 95c.

LADIES' LEATHER MANICURE CASES, these are fitted with ivory handle cuticle knives, nail file, polish case, buffers, orange sticks and manicure scissors, priced 95c to \$1.39.	GENUINE LEATHER HAND BAGS, these are madon nickle, gilt and gun metal frames, well lined with good quality silk, fitted with 5 inside fittings \$2.95 to \$5
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**SILVER WARE**

**\$7.50 Derby Silver Toilet Sets \$4.96**

This set consists of fine quality Comb, Brush and Mirror the latter made of very handsome plate glass; letters engraved free of charge, usual \$7.50 value special at \$4.95.

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