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JUDGE WELLS GOES AFTER AUTO SPEEDERS
MORE STRINGENT PUNISHMENT WILL BE METED OUT.
 "Jinx" Re-Acted on Manager of Movie, and He Was Haled to Police Court.

Judge Robert M. Wells stated from the bench in police court, Tuesday morning that more stringent punishment would be meted out to violators of the speed law coming within his jurisdiction. These remarks were occasioned by the appearance before him of Lauren West, a young chauffeur from the Skyland section of the country, who was charged with three offenses, being more dangerous during the excitement following the passing of the fire truck in answering an alarm. Prayer for judgment was continued on payment of the cost in all three actions. West being required to enter into a bond of \$100 for a period of one year not to violate the traffic laws of the city or state for that time. The presiding judge took occasion to refer to the fatal accidents happening recently, which in the opinion of the court were more or less brought about by unnecessary carelessness and reckless driving on the part of the drivers of the vehicles.

K. S. Kelly, before the court on a charge of speeding, placed with the arresting officer a \$25 cash bond and requested the officer to plead him guilty with instructions that he would call for the remainder of the money left over from the bond after the fine and costs, which he guessed at was paid. Owing to the high rate of speed this defendant probably saved himself money by taking this method as Judge Wells fined \$21.15 and the cost, the total amounting to the bond he placed with the officer.

Mrs. Mattie Baird, a resident of Kenilworth, was before the court on a charge of reckless driving and running her auto without a chauffeur's license. In the latter charge she was found guilty, she living outside the city limits and in the case of reckless driving she was fined \$10.00 and the cost. The charges preferred against Mrs. Baird resulted from the collision of the auto she was driving Monday afternoon with a street car on Patton avenue just west of the postoffice. No damage was done to the street car and the tool box and left fender of Mrs. Baird's car were crushed.

The "jinx" caused by the arrival of the picture, "Jinx" in Asheville seems to have taken effect on J. C. Duncan, manager of the popular picture show Monday. The sign in front of the picture show needed repairing. A ladder was procured to reach the sign. The lights had to be washed and the slow process of drying had to be water on. The ladder and the "jinx" still remained on the sidewalk.

BASKETBALL GAMES TO BE PLAYED THIS WEEK
 Knoxville High Will Play Local "Y" and High School Teams on Thursday and Friday.

The Asheville High school team will meet the team of the Knoxville High on Friday night at the local high school gymnasium. This game promises to be one of interest, as it is understood that the Knoxville team is one of unusual strength.

Before the high school team meets the Knoxville team the local "Y" team will play a game with the visitors on Thursday night, at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. A good attendance is expected at both of these games, as indications are they will probably be two of the best games that will be played here during this season.

On January 30 the local high school team will meet the Lenoir college team here. Other games are with Rutherford college, which will be played on February 2, and on February 8 and 10, the locals will play return games with Knoxville high and Fountain City high at Knoxville.

ARREST MAN WANTED HERE FOR OVER YEAR
 Calvin Kuykendall, a young man whom the officers have been wanting for more than a year on a charge of carabking, turned up at South Blittmore yesterday afternoon, and his features were recognized.

He was arrested by Deputy Luther Revis, Fred Jones and Patrolman McMin. Kuykendall furnished a satisfactory bond for \$200 for his appearance at the next term of superior court.

WATKINS VINDICATED OF ASSAULT CHARGE
 Mack Watkins, charged with an attempt to commit criminal assault, was declared not guilty by the superior court jury yesterday morning.

The trial of the defendant had consumed the entire time of the court on Monday, owing to the large number of witnesses to be examined.

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The ladder being a natural "jinx" within itself suggested that a sign "don't walk under this ladder, it's a jinx" be placed on the ladder as an advertisement medium be placed there. The ladder, sign and "jinx" still remained on the sidewalk. Then a policeman appeared upon the scene carefully observing the "jinx" the obstruction was having to the pedestrian traffic on the sidewalk. He decided the "jinx" must vanish. Mr. Duncan was sought and summoned to police court for obstructing the sidewalk. The "jinx" still followed the manager until Judge Wells told him that he was guilty and must pay the cost. Then the "jinx" disappeared.

Two "drunks" faced the court and prayer for judgment was continued in each case upon payment of the cost.

MANSLAUGHTER CASE GOES TO JURY TODAY
 Will King Being Tried for Killing Boy With Truck—Boy's Father Paid \$3,000 by Company.

During the course of the trial in superior court yesterday of Will B. King, driver of a truck belonging to the Southern Coal company which ran over and killed Chester King, a 14-year-old boy, a compromise was effected between Jesse King, father of the boy, and the Southern Coal company, in which \$3,000 was paid the father.

King took the stand and testifying in his own behalf explained to the court and the jury the incidents concerning the fatal accident on Spring street in which Chester King was killed. The defendant and the boy who was killed, although of the same name, are no blood relation.

The defendant stated that he was driving about 10 or 12 miles per hour down Spring street when he saw less than 10 feet ahead a wagon. He stated that he attempted to drive around the wagon and owing to the fact that the driver, Arsenus Hensley, had turned the horses toward the curb and thus throwing the back of the wagon near the middle of the road, that the truck struck it. The defendant stated that he did not have the lights on the truck turned on, as it was not the time of the evening when they are generally turned on.

Attorneys for the defendant stated the law provides that an automobile driver is not forced to turn on the lights until one-half hour after sundown. The local weather bureau observer was summoned and testified that on the evening of the accident the sun went down at 5:34 o'clock. Mrs. J. L. Sluder, of 16 Spring street, and whose home is located directly fronting where the accident in question occurred, testified that she heard a crash and went to the front to see, but could not until she had turned on the porch lights. She also stated that the street lights were turned on after the boy who had been seriously wounded, had been carried to the drug store nearby and where he died.

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INSTITUTES SUIT TO RECOVER \$800
 C. V. Brown Files Complaint Against G. V. Whitton.

C. V. Brown yesterday filed suit against G. V. Whitton in which he seeks to recover \$800 alleged to be due him on a promissory note signed by the defendant and which is unpaid.

The case grew out of the purchase of some property by the defendant, who at the time of the purchase executed some promissory notes secured by a mortgage on the property. Upon the failure of the defendant to meet the notes the property was sold, and at this sale according to the complaint filed yesterday, the property did not bring a sufficient price to clear up all the notes remaining unpaid.

Therefore the suit is to recover the remaining \$800 said to be due in reference to the transaction.

The lights were turned on along the city streets at 4:04 that evening.

Mrs. Sluder stated that Arsenus Hensley, driver of the wagon which was struck, was not knocked off his wagon as he swore while on the witness stand.

The defendant did not attempt to deny that he was running between 10 and 12 miles an hour, and frankly stated that he did not have the lights turned on. He created a favorable impression while on the stand.

All the evidence was taken yesterday and some speeches by attorneys made. Others will be addressed to the jury this morning, and the case, following the judge's charge, will go to the jury.

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