

WIDOWER PROSECUTED HIS SON ON SERIOUS CHARGE IN CAMDEN

Jones Boy Found Guilty Of Shooting At Parent-- Case Was Extremely Pathetic.

Not in years has a day's court proceedings in Camden county created such general interest as was manifested yesterday, which was the second day of the term, with Judge Neal, of Scotland county presiding and Solicitor Hallett Ward prosecuting the docket.

Though Monday had its attractions for many people it seemed that all the "real" cases on the criminal docket were reserved for Tuesday and at no time during the day was the limited seating capacity of the court anything but filled.

The charges ranged any where from cruelty to animals to attempted manslaughter, including larceny and assaults with deadly weapons.

Judge Neal convened court at the usual hour and when the opening formalities had been disposed of, Job Stevens was called to answer the charge of cruelty to animals.

The case was not prosed.

The next was State vs. L. W. Jones, charged with assaulting his father with deadly weapons. Both Judge Neal and Solicitor Ward pronounced this case to be the most pathetic in their experience in court.

The details of the assault, one of the most unusual in the court annals of the state, are well remembered by Economist readers. The boy feared he would be punished and waylaid his father, firing several charges of buck shot at him. Mr. Jones had him arrested, the boy being placed in jail and yesterday father prosecuted son.

It was proven conclusively that he committed the assault and the jury hesitated only a moment in pronouncing him guilty.

No sentence was imposed on the

boy, however, Judge Neal allowing for his extreme youth.

It was the first time remembered in this district when father appeared against son.

The next case was State vs. Asberry Brothers, the charge being breaking into a store and stealing goods. When called, however, Brothers failed to appear and a capias was issued.

The Big Fighting Case.

The next on the docket was the "big fighting case," in which Sam Cartwright, Sam Warren and a negro named Willis Wilson were charged with breaking into a store and stealing goods. The fight took place several months ago at Shiloh and for weeks it was almost the sole topic of discussion in Camden.

The defendants were represented by lawyers and the hearing was a legal fight.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty against all three and each was fined ten dollars and costs.

Sentenced to Pasquotank Roads.

James White was then arraigned on the charge of breaking into a store and stealing goods, and James got the worst sentence handed out by the court that day—two years on the Pasquotank county roads, which equals Capt. Massey's brigade, which equals work.

The store of Mr. J. W. Taylor, at South Mills, was White's victim.

Criminal Docket Concluded.

The criminal docket was yesterday concluded and civil cases taken up, one of which was disposed of.

It is thought the term will end today, or tomorrow morning at the latest.

DR. JOHN P. D. JOHN WILL LECTURE

Mr. John P. D. John, of Green Castle, Indiana, will deliver one of his high class lectures in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium here on Friday night, March 10, the subject of which will be "The Want of a Man."

One journal had the following to say concerning the lecture:

"The richest feast of eloquence, illustration and philosophy that has been spread before a Lansing audience in many a day was Dr. John P. D. John's lecture on 'The Worth of a Man' last evening. One might as well attempt to record by the slow process of pencil or pen the thrills of electricity as to 'report' such a lecture. The audience room was packed, even to chairs in the aisles, but the audience listened breathlessly for an hour and a half, and were then sorry he was through. Dr. John possesses a rare gift of clothing great thoughts in plain and simple language and holds the attention from start to finish. He is a man of magnificent brain power, a careful and profound thinker, and an eloquent and magnetic speaker. The audience was a credit to the city, as well as a compliment to the orator, and we venture that every one who heard the brilliant discussion on 'The Worth of a man' will desire to hear the great lecture set for tonight."

The sale of seats commenced today, the reservation being at Kight and Bright's jewelry store, and it is easy to foresee that the audience will be large.

JOSIAH COWPER DIES IN NEW YORK

"Josiah P. Cowper, fifty-six years, one of the best known men in Washington Market, died at his home in Hoboken yesterday. He was a member of the firm of Olivit Brothers, at No. 335 Washington street, and was a prominent figure in produce circles for twenty-eight years. He was born in Smithfield, Va. A widow and four daughters survive Mr. Cowper."

The above obituary will be noted with interest and regret by many farmers and commission men in this locality.

For years Mr. Cowper had made regular trips here buying farm products and of all the men travelling the section he was probably the best known.

Money can buy experience but it cannot buy wisdom and happiness; but these will naturally follow the use of Head Comforts, a safe, harmless, and guaranteed cure for headache and neuralgia. 10 cents per bottle, at Standard Pharmacy. mar 5-1w

COMMITTEE WILL HOLD RUMMAGE SALE.

The ladies of committee No. 9, will soon hold a rummage sale for the benefit of the organ fund of Blackwell Memorial church. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

HEALTH CONDITIONS FIFTY PER CENT BETTER

Health Officer Walker says that all health conditions in the city during the past month have improved greatly and in some respects sickness has decreased over 50 per cent, which puts the average per thousand down to an exceedingly low figure, and normal conditions have been restored. His official report submitted to the aldermen Monday night showed the improved conditions.

The improvement is attributed to the general conformity with the vaccination ordinance and the reassertion of the natural healthy climatic and other conditions of the city.

LOCAL FOREST PRESERVATION

Among the many names by which the present age is known, no name characterizes this period of twentieth century civilization more correctly than The Age of Waste. Wherever man goes he sees the waste of his fellowman. Turn which way he may he beholds the fearful ravages upon nature's resources by his thoughtless neighbor, and, while he shudders at the fearful consequences entailed by such criminal deprivations upon nature's store house—at the same time he goes and commits the same rapacious acts.

In this period of abundance, man seems to be actuated by no higher ideal in life than the sufficiency of the days is enough thereof. He enjoys today's wealth in its abundance, and gives no thought for the inevitable tomorrow, what it will bring and who will suffer.

Of all the animals in creation man is the most selfish, and with his selfishness comes this wanton destruction which is criminal in extreme.

This is a period of industrial developments, in which mighty achievements are being accomplished along commercial lines. Man has suddenly awakened to the consciousness of the fact that life holds more for him now than it has ever held before. Being brought out from under the heavy load of poverty under which he has groaned for this many a day, he forgets moderation in his consumption, swings to the opposite extreme and becomes a criminal plunderer. His motto has become: "Work mother nature for all there is in her."

A journey on the public highway, or a stroll through the forest, fills the thoughtful with awe at the fearful ravage and destruction that the sinewy arm of the woodsman has left in his wake. The forest has fallen before his hand to utter destruction. The mighty giants of the woods have fallen low, the stumps down to the very roots have decayed and disappeared, leaving nothing to mark the spot save a worthless bramble or hemlock; and in their places have sprung a rank growth of brier and bramble.

The owner has sold the growth of his forest without a thought to its protection; sold it with an eye to get all out of it that he could. The buyer, in his turn works the deal for all he can get out of it and then comes the laborer, who handles the timber, the most destructive factor of them all. He cares nothing for protection of the surrounding forest growth and is willing any time to sacrifice a magnificent young oak or other tree for the sake of getting his own tree to fall clear of briers and bushes. Thus has it gone on during the past few years in the pine forest belts of eastern North Carolina, until today many, a once, magnificent forest stands only a wreck of its once stately self.

It is true in the wake of this forest destruction, beautiful homes have sprung up dotting the landscape everywhere, as a result of its revenue. But how about the future? How about the rising generations of children and grandchildren. In this over working of nature's resources, what influence will it bear upon the line on future generations.

To every action there is a reaction. The pendulum never swings so high to one side but that it will swing as high to the other. By force of necessity this era of prosperity must be followed by periods of depression, and who ever argues to the contrary, is unwise.

Man at the present time is alright. He is feasting upon the resources of nature husbanded for thousands of years. At the present rate of waste these resources can't last always. Then, how about it? that the question.

The man who says that the forest will reproduce itself every twenty years is in error. There is not a particle of truth in that statement.

A native pine forest once depleted, as many a one in eastern North Carolina is, is done for, for a thousand years. Briers, brambles and undergrowth springs up in abundance, take the land in their grasp, and the pine sappling is especially noticeable for its absence. The writer of these par-

PLANS RECEIVED FOR AUDITORIUM

ARCHITECT LINTHICUM BROUGHT THEM TODAY—CONTRACTORS MUST SUBMIT BIDS BEFORE APRIL 1—COMPLETION BEFORE OCTOBER 1, SPECIFIED.

The plans and specifications for the "Down Home" auditorium, to be erected on Poindexter street by Hon. T. G. Skinner, were brought here today by Mr. H. C. Linthicum, a prominent Durham architect, and are now in the hands of Mr. F. M. Dexter. The plans are in three separate sets and cover minutely every detail, of what will be one of the most handsome structures in the city.

Mr. Skinner announced this morning that persons desiring to submit bids for the erection of the auditorium are invited to come at once, inspect the plans and specifications and study them in full, so that they can prepare to put in the lowest possible bid.

Mr. Skinner has examined the plans and made a close study of them for weeks and will be able to decide as to the best bid.

Bidders will be required to file with their bids a bond for \$10,000, conditioned upon the proper erection of the structure in a workman-like manner and in accordance with specifications furnished, the building to be ready for occupancy by October 1, 1906.

Bids for the building must be filed with Mr. Skinner on or before April 1, 1906. They will be opened on April 5, 1906 at this city.

Mr. Skinner will pay one-fourth of the contract price when the material for the building is on the grounds, one fourth when the building is one-half finished, one fourth when the structure is three fourths finished and the remainder on its completion, and will enter into bond with approved security to pay the contract price.

He will reserve the right to reject all bids. By this it is clear that no delay avoidable will follow, and that, as Mr. Skinner stated sometime ago, by the opening of the next theatrical season, Elizabeth City will have a theatre comparing favorably with any in the state.

Grizzly Pete says: "Matrimony and patrimony do not always give the pleasure in life that is anticipated." That was because he never used Head Comforts, they remove the wheels from your head and makes all things in life a pleasure. 10 cents at Standard Pharmacy. mar 5-1w.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETING.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Blackwell Memorial will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday afternoon at 3:30 in the church. Every member is requested to be present. Business of importance to be attended to.

agraphs has tramped many a weary miles through depleted pine forest, but he has upon every occasion failed notice the act of recuperation going on.

The problem that confronts eastern North Carolina is forest culture, as well as forest protection. By the hand of man the slender sappling must be nurtured until it grows in the towering pine. Under the guidance of man the old field in which we plowed when boys must be converted into the pine forest from which our posterity may build their homes. Nature has planted, and under the wise hand of the creator it has been cultivated, while man in his ignorance has harvested it and consumed it without saving the seed for future planting. Now man must plant and protect or our posterity ten generations hence will become companions of the piney woods routers in their search for roots and berries, and will crawl in and out of caves and holes for the want of better homes.

FARMERS CLUBS BEING ORGANIZED

PASQUOTANK WILL BE STRONGLY REPRESENTED IN MOVEMENT FOR BETTER COTTON CONDITIONS—COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON 17TH.

The attention of every person in the county interested in the cotton movement is called to the following appeal from Mr. C. C. Moore, president of the State branch of the Southern Cotton Association:

"Mr. H. M. Pritchard will visit every school district in the county and will organize a farmers club at each.

"You can help him, in this way where you hear of the time to meet at your school house you be there, have your neighbor there, if he is a one horse tenant perhaps, feeling that he is not needed, go get him and take him with you.

"But why wait for Mr. Pritchard. Can't you get out your forces, organize your club and then send for the organizer to meet you. Do this next Friday night and on Saturday write to me at Raleigh telling me all about your meeting, give name and post-office of the officers of your club.

"Now men do not wait for the other fellow to do for you. Do it yourself."

Mr. Pritchard is county organizer and since Monday, when Mr. Moore made an address here, he has been extremely busy and has accomplished good results towards having Pasquotank strongly represented in the organization.

In visiting the school districts Mr. Pritchard is in almost every instance successful in organizing a club, the growers readily seeing the benefits to be derived.

The county committee will meet in the sheriff's office at the court house in this city on the 17th instant to learn the progress Mr. Pritchard has made in organization, which, it is expected will be highly satisfactory.

SWORN IN BEFORE JUDGE W. H. NEAL

Mr. H. C. Carter, Jr., of Fairfield, Hyde county, was sworn in as an attorney at law before Judge Walter H. Neal in the Superior court of Camden county this morning.

Mr. Carter is a graduate of the State University and was licensed by the Supreme Court on February fifth. He expects to locate in Beaufort, N. C.

Mr. Carter is a son of Col. H. C. Carter, of Hyde county, a nephew of the late David M. Carter and he gives promise of attaining to that success as a lawyer, which characterized his distinguished uncle.

Mr. Carter, while in the city, is a guest of his sister, Mrs. W. H. Jennett.

CHOSE ELIZ. CITY FOR MARRIAGE

A young Norfolk couple, Miss Mattie E. Dixon and Mr. Walter C. Creekmor, who are well known and popular arrived in the city on the 10:20 train this morning, had no trouble in securing license at the court house, and shortly after eleven o'clock, were married at the parsonage of the First Baptist church, Rev. J. F. Vines performing the ceremony in his usual impressive style, in the presence of several witnesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Creekmor dined at the Arlington and took the next train back to Norfolk, where they will keep on living.

Mr. H. T. Greenleaf and Mr. Ed Outlaw are in the vicinity of South Mills today.

GOOD ROADS THE SOUTH'S SALVATION, SAYS JUDGE NEAL

One of the principal features of Judge Neal's charge to the grand jury when he convenes superior court here next Monday, will be in advocacy of good roads, and all who are interested in that important subject should be present.

Judge Neal says that good roads is the only salvation of the south, and to his hearers Monday morning he will give proof conclusive in the form of indisputable facts and figures, compiled by observant experts during years of experience. He is one of the best posted men in the state on the question and the figures and

statements he will give would be accepted by any authority.

Up until a few months ago Judge Neal had never visited Pasquotank and therefore cannot make a comparison between its roads then and now, save from information given him. If he could, he would no doubt offer words of praise, for it is asserted that the good road movement been productive of greater results than than in other part of the State and the most important part is that this movement for the betterment of public highways is steadily advancing, pushed by county officials and the residents generally who have recognized in part, if not wholly, its importance.

BRIEF STATE NEWS OF TODAY

Walter McHam, a negro, serving 4 years on the Rowan county roads for robbing a store yesterday committed suicide by eating rosin soap. This was his second attempt to commit suicide.

The trend of the evidence given in the trial of Dr. Mathew for the murder of his wife last fall by injecting poison in her arm, points to the fact that he was insane at the time and had been for six months previous to her death.

A wreck occurred yesterday morning on the Asheboro division of the Southern Railway, eight miles from High Point, resulting in injuries to every passenger except Miss Oliver, of Thomasville. There were twenty passengers on the train. None were seriously wounded except the conductor. Rotten ties is the probable cause of the wreck.

Dr. John Mitchell, one of the most

noted Baptist leaders of the State, died at his home near Creedmore in Bertie county, Sunday night at the age of 78 years. He was never married.

North Carolina probably has the most stubborn prisoner in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta; that the institution has ever had. He has been placed in solitary confinement in a dark cell ever since last October for refusing to say that he is sorry for attempting to kill an officer of the penitentiary. He will likely hold out in his stubbornness in solitary confinement, until the end of his term. The prisoner is J. C. McDonald, of Hamlet, N. C., sent to the penitentiary for blockading.

Mr. F. H. Packer, of New York, the sculptor, who has the contract for making the statue of Ensign Worth Bagley for the Bagley monument, was in Raleigh yesterday to make a model from which the statue will be made.