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"LANDLORD AND TENANT" ACT CONFLICTS WITH FEDERAL CODE

Judge T. R. Purnell Made Interesting Charge To Jury On Opening Of United States Court Today.

Judge Purnell arrived in the city on the 10:27 train, and Federal court was immediately convened.

The grand jury was drawn, and Judge Purnell immediately began his charge to the jury.

The charge was an able legal discourse dealing with the various points of Federal law in a simplified manner.

Among the features brought out in his discourse, several points are of especial interest to the people of this immediate locality.

Judge Purnell laid especial stress upon the United States mails in his charge, mentioning the rights and privileges of all officials engaged in the carrying, caring for and delivery of mail matter. Special attention was given to the abuses of the mail in furthering schemes of fraud and immorality, which were punishable by the Federal court.

The facts were brought out in Judge Purnell's charge that all navigable streams were under the supervision of the United States government. That to obstruct or build over navigable streams permission must first be obtained from the secretary of war.

Much attention was given to the subject of Peony, or involuntary servitude, which the judge declared can be made to exist in this immediate locality through the enforcement of the land lord and tenant act passed by a recent North Carolina State legislature.

The judge warned the people from enforcing this law as it is in conflict with the Federal law and an attempt to enforce it would involve the plaintiff in trouble with the Federal government.

Judge Purnell at all times during his discourse, kept in the mind of the jury the facts governing the distinction of Federal courts and their jurisdiction from state courts and their provinces of authority.

After the charge to the grand jury was finished, the petit juries were called and sworn.

Then the witnesses were called and sworn, after which the court adjourned for dinner.

Norfolk 'Phone Line Perfected

The long distance telephone line connecting this city and Norfolk is now complete and in perfect working order, as the result of extensive repairs made during the past two weeks. The service has long been in effect but recently the line afforded but poor satisfaction, on account of much needed repairs. For about two weeks Mr. Chas. Pritchard, the local superintendent, has been at work on it with the above result.

Elizabeth City is now the centre of a far-reaching telephone system. The Currituck line was recently completed, a good line extends to Weeksville, the Nixonton will soon be finished, while the Norfolk line makes connection with the entire outer world.

NOT FIGHTING DARE FISHERMEN

After referring to the taking of depositions in the suit case of Hinsdale vs. Reyburn, in yesterday's paper, it is learned that Mr. B. G. Crisp, of Manteo, represented the defendant as his attorney.

Mr. Crisp, in speaking of the case this morning, said that his client is not fighting the fishing interests of Dare county, but only wishes the nets removed that obstruct the channels

A BIG REVIVAL IS IN PROGRESS

The revival at the First Methodist church has started in a manner which presages one of the most successful ever held in Elizabeth City. Last night there was a large congregation and the deepest interest was at all times noticeable. Rev. H. M. North, of City Road church, has been secured to do the preaching. Last night his sermon was short, but exactly to the point, and was an excellent prelude to the efforts to be made for the unsaved before the meeting terminates. There is good music nightly. The meetings will last through the week and the general public is cordially invited to attend. The doors will be open to all classes and sects. The meetings are held nightly now, but day services may also be arranged.

TO BEGIN PRACTICE WORK AT ONCE

During the next week Elizabeth City Fire Co. No. 1, will commence regular practice work for participation in the annual state firemen's tournament to be held at Asheville during the summer. The practice will be held on the streets, the same as they were in previous years, when they became familiar sights.

The competitive events to be entered by the company, will be those in which they have already won distinction—the hose wagon race, quick steaming and long distance water throwing—and to reach a degree of perfection in each of them the boys will work hard. In the steaming and throwing events "Betsy," the already victorious engine will be used; in the wagon race, however the company will spring a surprise, for they will not only have a new one, but the finest and best suited in the state.

An order for it has already been placed with Messrs. Etheridge and Broughton, of this city. It will be ball bearing with two sets of wheels, one of which will be automobile racing wheels.

Chief Raper expects to win the three events indicated, though the proposition will be harder than ever this year, owing to the admittance of companies from other states.

Prayer Meetings Of Interest

Much interest is being awakened in religious works in Weeksville and surrounding community by the active development of the weekly prayer meeting, which is conducted in some Christian home each Sunday night. The congregations in attendance upon these meetings have been phenomenally large, and the greatest interest expressed in its movements.

Messrs. Boyce and Price are the chief leaders in this Christian movement, which bids fair to develop in a religious movement of much power.

Rev. T. W. Winfield and Elder E. F. Lamb, of Cann Memorial Presbyterian church, are attending the spring session of Albemarle Presby-

BLACKBURN CASE PROVOKES TALK

Intelligence—that John Crouch, the private secretary to Congressman Blackburn, has been subpoenaed by the government as a witness against Blackburn in the trial at Greensboro this week provokes considerable discussion. A leading lawyer of Winston-Salem says that while he knows nothing about the testimony sought to be used yet as a general proposition, information gained by a clerk in a confidential capacity is considered in law "a privileged communication." Another lawyer, however, cites the recent case in New York where the private stenographer of Town Topics was compelled to divulge correspondence and confidential lists of subscribers. The discussion of the Crouch matter brought out another sensational incident connected with the coming trial. It developed that the officers of the Piedmont Savings Bank at Winston-Salem were considerably flurried Wednesday over the service by Deputy Marshal Carroll of a subpoena on Cashier Crutchfield, of the Piedmont Savings Bank, to appear as witness in the Federal Court and produce certain checks in possession of the bank as evidence for the government in the cases against Congressman Blackburn. The service of a subpoena on the Piedmont Bank is said to be of more than usual significance, from the fact that this bank is reported to hold checks given by prominent distillers to Mr. Blackburn.

A CONFERENCE OF TEACHERS

There was a conference in Raleigh last week between a committee from the North Carolina Association of Secondary Schools and presidents of the leading colleges and the State University relative to the fixing of a uniform minimum standard of requirement for entrance into colleges from the academies and public high schools, with the results that a special committee consisting of M. H. Holt, of Oak Ridge, and J. C. Horner, of Oxford, on the part of the academies, and J. C. Griffin, of Salisbury, and H. Morson, of Raleigh, for the graded schools, was named to prepare a uniform course of studies for the high schools or secondary schools. The committee is to report at another meeting to be held there during the sessions of the Teachers' Assembly in June.

BAPTIST HOSTS TO GATHER AT NORFOLK

It will be of interest to the people of this city to learn that the executive committee of the general Baptist convention of North America has decided upon "some point near the Jamestown exposition" for the meeting in May, 1907, of that great convention, which includes Baptists from the northern and southern sections of the United States and from Canada.

While the exact place of meeting was not definitely decided upon it is fair to assume that Norfolk is to be the place, if the hotel accommodations are found sufficient. It is estimated that this convention will send to its meeting place four of five thousand people.—This is a newly organized body—had its preliminary meeting last year—and will meet biennially. It represents four and a half million people, and includes both races, white and colored. Its convention of 1907, coming as it will, early in the year, will spread exposition news and enthusiasm far and wide over the continent.

Mr. Zach Toms, of Hertford, is now

UNION MEETING AT BETHEL CHURCH

ON 28TH INSTANT THAT EDIFICE WILL BE 100 YEARS OLD AND A CENTENNIAL PROGRAM HAS BEEN ARRANGED.

The next Baptist Union meeting to be held in the Yeopim Union will be at Bethel church, Perquimans county, which meeting will open on the 28th instant and those of that faith are preparing to attend.

Bethel Baptist church will on that day be one hundred years old and in recognition of this, a centennial program has been arranged. It is as follows:

Introductory sermon—A. W. Burford, Alternate—W. B. Waff. Missionary Sermon—W. P. Jordan, Alternate—P. S. C. Davis.

Topics.
1. The early history and founders of Baptist churches—P. S. C. Davis
A. W. Burford, C. P. Bogert.
2. The early doctrining and practices in comparison with the present.—W. P. Jordan, J. O. Alderman, Josiah Elliott.
3. The history of the woman's work in the Chowan Association, and the importance of better organization W. B. Waff, Jas. W. Rose.

Many of the Baptist churches in the district will send delegates and it will be the occasion of the gathering of some of the best known Baptist ministers in this end of the state.

A REWARD TO STIMULATE SEARCH

In another column will be seen an official notice to the effect that the board of aldermen has authorized Mayor Leigh to offer a reward of ten dollars to the person who will apprehend and furnish sufficient evidence to convict any person who has sent in or who has rung a false alarm of fire within the past thirty days, or who may hereafter send in or ring a false fire alarm.

This is the result of the epidemic of false alarms sounded during the past two weeks, working hardship on the volunteer firemen and arousing the public at all hours night and day. The police have so far been unable to detect any of the guilty parties, but joined with the efforts of the firemen, they have maintained a constant search. The offer of reward will stimulate the search, though it is believed no one would hesitate in reporting one of the miscreants.

For about 24 hours now the bell has not sounded the alarm and the efforts of the police and the fact that Mayor Leigh is simply on tacks to get "hold" of one in the police court, have already had the desired effect.

GOV. GLENN TO SPEAK IN EDENTON

Arrangements are now being perfected by which Gov. R. B. Glenn will speak in Edenton on June 10th on the subject of prohibition. Those favoring that issue in the Chowan city are preparing to accord him suitable welcome for the powerful assistance he will render in their efforts to make Edenton a dry town. Those who do not concur in the "dry" idea will welcome him also, and all Edenton will listen while he speaks.

Gov. Glenn is probably the strongest prohibition speaker in the state today and his campaign against the sale of liquor has been most energetic, delivering speeches in all parts of the state.

Messrs. J. E. Shepherd, Harry Skinner, Claudius Dockery and P. C. Eanis, of Raleigh, are now here in

R. A. MASONS ELECT OFFICERS

J. B. GRIGGS CHOSEN HIGH PRIEST AND C. W. GRICE, KING—LARGE ATTENDANCE, DEEP INTEREST.

The annual election of officers of Cherokee Chapter, No. 14, R. A. M., was held last night in the lodge rooms on Water street. There was a large attendance and the usual interest was manifested.

The election resulted as follows:
J. B. Griggs, High Priest.
C. W. Grice, King.
J. A. Kramer, Scribe.
W. W. Mann, Treasurer.
C. C. Barnard, Secretary.
M. Westcott, Captain of Hosts.
H. M. Harris, Principal Sojourner.
J. H. Crawford, Royal Arch Captain.

G. D. B. Prichard, Master of Third Veil.
J. W. Barnes, Master of Second Veil.

A. G. James, Master of First Veil.
J. C. Benbury, Sentinel.

Another meeting of Cherokee chapter will be held tonight when work will be done in the degrees. A large attendance of members is again expected.

Mr. Vernon Blades has gone back to New Berne after spending several days here.

PRIMARY DATES NOT ANNOUNCED

No announcement has yet been made as to the date of the primaries to be held for the approaching county election and by some it is considered likely that they will not be held in a month yet.

Interest in the election is just awakening and discussion of prospective results is becoming rather general. It has been talked of in the city by the city people, but now the country people on coming in are asking questions and expressing opinions.

If such discussion may be termed indications the election will be animated. The marked activity will begin when the primaries are announced.

COMPLAINTS TO FREIGHT OFFICERS

An unusually large number of complaints are coming in to the North Carolina Corporation Commission as to delays in the movement of freight by the railroad companies in all parts of the state, and the only plausible explanation of the situation is that the shipments are increasing to such a phenomenal degree that the roads in many instances find themselves absolutely unable to move the freight as fast as it is tendered. The last legislature passed an act prescribing that railroads shall be allowed four days to deliver freights to destinations within 100 miles. For the fifth day a fine of \$25 is prescribed and \$5 for each additional day's delay. The only way for the railroads to avoid the payment of these fines is to come into court and plead an unavoidable congestion of freight for which they are not to blame. The statement is made in the office of the commission that the railroads are paying out large amounts in these forfeitures, the settlements being reached with the individual shippers outside the courts.

If your glasses need straightening step in and let me do it for you. Only a minute's work that will save you weeks of worry. Dr. J. D. Hathaway,

EDITOR'S JAWS WERE "BOXED"

MR. SWARINGER, OF THE EDENTON TRANSCRIPT, FROM REPORTS, IS BEING HANDLED WITHOUT GLOVES ON ACCOUNT OF HIS "GRAFT" EDITORIAL.

Mr. W. D. Pruden, the well known Edenton lawyer, who is now in the city attending Federal court, spoke to a reporter last night relative to the editorial appearing in a recent issue of the Edenton Transcript, over which the entire populace of that city is said to be highly incensed. As indicated in yesterday's paper the objectionable article was entitled, "Has the Council Laid the Foundation Stone for Graft?" and Mr. Pruden said it was among the most unjust and malicious to come under his notice recently. The people held an indignation meeting and denounced the article, at the same time vindicating the action of the council in the matter which inspired the article by adopting resolutions to that effect. All that part of it appeared in public print, but Mr. Pruden gave some information which did not.

In the first place Mr. Folk boxed the ears of Mr. Swaringer, the editor, the first time the two met, after the alleged libelous publication, an action to claim the undivided attention of Edenton. In the next place the editor has been arrested on the charge and his arraignment will follow. It is claimed however that damages cannot be recovered even if the suit for slander was decided in favor of Mr. Folk.

The whole affair has been almost the sole topic of discussion in Edenton since the events narrated.

Rev. Spillman At Riverside

Last Sunday evening, R. v. B. W. Spillman, one of the secretaries of the Southern Baptist Sunday school board, who was a visitor in this city last Sunday delivered an interesting lecture at Riverside Baptist church.

His theme was, "How to Learn How," which he treated in a masterly manner to the interested delight of a large congregation.

The construction work of Riverside Baptist church is being pushed rapidly. The building is now shut in; and the church is expected to be completed by the first of June.

TO INSTALL NEW PRESIDENT

Mr. Emmett Leonidas Moffit will be inaugurated as president of Elon College, N. C., on the morning of May 2 next.

An elaborate programme has been arranged, and a number of prominent divines and educators will take part in the exercises.

Addresses of welcome will be delivered by Rev. Dr. W. W. Staley, of Suffolk, Va., Rev. Dr. J. F. Barnett, of Munice, Indiana, Prof. W. A. Harper, of Elon College and Rev. Dr. J. P. Barrett, of Covington, Ohio.

There will also be greetings from President Henry Louis Smith, of Davidson College, Prof. Eben Alexander, of the University of North Carolina, and Hon. Josephus Daniels, of the Raleigh News and Observer.

Physicians' reputations depend upon their prescriptions being put up as they should be. That's why your doctor is pleased when you have us do the compounding. Bring us your