

Sensational Libel Case Concluded

Marion and Lester Butler Convicted and Fined \$500 and \$250 Respectively for Publishing Articles Against Spencer Adams—They Appeal.

One of the most interesting trials of recent years in North Carolina was that concluded last week in Guilford Superior Court... which former United States Senator Marion Butler and his brother, Lester F. Butler, were found guilty of criminal libel against ex-Judge Spencer B. Adams and sentence was passed by Judge Long.

Argument of counsel was concluded about 10:30 Tuesday morning and Judge Long's charge consumed an hour, the case going to the jury at 11:45. They arrived at an agreement at 1:30, when the court house bell summoned those interested into the courtroom.

Solicitor Jones Fuller asked for judgment, and counsel for the defense moved for a new trial, but Judge Long made a statement that if there was any way by which this criminal litigation as well as the civil suit of Judge Adams vs. Marion and Lester Butler and the Commercial Publishing Company could be stopped, it might influence him in pronouncing judgment in this case.

Mr. Justice, for the defense, moved for a new trial on the grounds stated in the objections and exceptions during the trial and the fact that the verdict was against the weight of the evidence. From the judgment of the court the defense appealed, giving notice of appeal in open court, the appeal bond being fixed at \$75.

GOOD ROADS FOR ALAMANCE

Contract Let for 46 Miles of Macadam and Several Concrete Bridges.

At a joint meeting of the commissioners of Alamance and the road commission held in Graham last week bids for the construction of macadam roads were opened and contracts were awarded.

R. L. Peters, of Knoxville, Tenn., was awarded a contract to construct 46 miles of macadam road for \$291,000. The contract for the erection of concrete bridges was awarded to the Eureka Cement Company, of Burlington, for \$19,415. The contract price is \$4,000 a mile, including bridges.

Let Cumberland sit up and take notice.

Try a five-line reader in Everybody's Column.

General News From Everywhere

Paragraphs Telling of Events of the Past Week in the State and Nation, of Interest to Index Readers.

It appears that ice will be about the cheapest commodity obtainable in Greensboro during the coming summer. Owing to a war between the factories there, the price has dropped from \$10 to \$5 a ton, and as a new concern will enter the field in a short while, there may be a further decrease.

The twenty-sixth annual convention of the North Carolina Sunday School Association closed at Concord Thursday night. The main feature in this convention was the training departments in various branches of Sunday school work.

John Anderson, a plumber, becoming violently insane at Aurora, Ill., Thursday, armed himself with two pistols, a shotgun and three bombs and killed Mrs. John McVicker, narrowly missed slaying her husband, wounded Mrs. John Beltford, and then committed suicide, blowing his head off with a shotgun.

At least 8 persons lost their lives in the storm that visited Detroit and Michigan last week. Anthony Kaup, a saloon keeper, Joe Kadich, a barber, and Adam Felin, all of Wyandotte, attempted to cross the Detroit river in a row boat from Wyandotte to Canada Thursday afternoon in a 50 mile gale, to settle a wager, and all three were drowned when their boat capsized.

A "blind tiger" case of much interest was tried in a Wilmington court last week when J. H. Murphy, a middle-aged white man, secretary and treasurer of the Royal Grand Bonancers' Club, a social organization with quarters on the second floor of a building on the south side of Market, between Front and Second streets, was arraigned on six or eight separate charges of selling whiskey in violation of the prohibition law.

Governor Kitchin gave a hearing Thursday to advocates and opponents of a pardon for Thomas W. Dewey, who is serving a six years' sentence in the penitentiary for defalcations as cashier of the Merchants' National Bank of Newbern which wrecked that institution. A little over three years of the sentence have been served, and the granting of the plea at present would come as an act of mercy toward a repentant man whose offence was not at all one of intentional or deliberate crime, and the stricken family of the prisoner, including his aged mother, who is now 80 years old, and his devoted wife and little children. There are filed with the Governor letters from the trial judge, the solicitor, members of the jury and hundreds of citizens from various parts of the state, urging that the pardon be granted.

HARNETT COUNTY PROGRESS.

Something of the Changes Made in the Last Several Years.

A recent trip through Harnett reminded me again of the splendid progress that county is making. I doubt if any county in the state has made greater strides in material development and educational advancement in the last dozen years than Harnett. It has been but a few years since the time when there was not a railroad in the county except the old C. F. & Y. V., which crossed the extreme western corner, and the A. C. L., which crossed the extreme eastern. There was not a town in the county of any size. Dunn was the principal town and it was but a village. Lillington, the county seat, was composed of the old wooden court house and jail and two or three small business houses.

Now the county is dotted with creditable church houses. In most of the districts there are modern school buildings. There are several good high schools in the county. Before the floods of last August, which destroyed them, two steel bridges spanned the Cape Fear (and these are being rebuilt). Lillington is a bustling, growing town, with banks, hotels, handsome brick buildings, large and modern stores and handsome residences.

Dunn is still the principal town, but it has become a manufacturing center for furniture especially and it is a progressive and hustling town. Then there are several other towns of note—Buis's Creek, Duke, Coats, Angier and others. At Duke, where a few years ago was nothing but wild woods, is now one of the largest cotton mills in the state and a town of several thousand population. Two railroads now traverse the heart of the county—the Raleigh & Southport and the Durham & Southern.

In all the progress the county has made no institution has been a greater factor than Buis's Creek Academy. Away back yonder in the dark days of 20 years ago Rev. J. A. Campbell drove down his stakes in the woods and there he has remained through the years, working for the uplift and betterment of his county and state, standing always for the highest and best in life. He prepared teachers who went into every community in Harnett county and taught, carrying the Campbell spirit of progress with them. The children and their parents caught the spirit. The people became dissatisfied with the old order of things and began to march up the hill of progress.

And Campbell is still pushing and laboring for better things. He has 400 or 500 students now gathered from over half a hundred counties and half a dozen states. Good roads is now Harnett's greatest material need.

ROSEBORO SCHOOL CLOSES

Other Interesting News Notes and Personals.

Correspondence of The Index.

Mrs. D. W. Tart has recovered from her recent illness and has taken her place in Sunday school. Miss Bessie West, an accomplished young lady and sister of Mrs. D. W. Tart, will leave for home about the middle of the week, much to the regret of some of the young men of the place.

The friends of Mrs. J. R. Mallard will regret very much to learn that she was called to the bedside of her father last Friday. He seems to be very ill and is gradually growing worse.

Miss Eloise Brock has left for Mt. Olive to visit her brothers and sisters for some time.

Mr. F. D. Parke, of Salembury, called in to see us this past week while en route to Dunn to attend the M. E. District Conference. Parker always enjoys them, for the Methodists feed well.

The Methodists have organized their Sunday school here in the new church, and had a very good attendance Sunday under the management of Prof. R. H. Fisher.

We understand that a young Mr. McLamb is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. McLamb, and will make this his future home. We suppose congratulations are in order.

The Roseboro Graded School closed on last Thursday night with beautiful exercises that were a credit to the principal and teachers and evidence of very hard work and careful training.

THE PROGRAM.

- 1. Piano Solo, "Noon Tide," by Miss Dora Sessions.
2. Chorus, "Star Spangled Banner," by school.
3. Piano Solo, "Dancing Waves," by Miss Katie Owen.
4. Solo, "Vocal Smarty," by Miss Annie Hall.
5. Address, by Mr. Harrison Fisher.
6. Tableau, "Mother's Darling."
7. Piano Duet, "Electric Flash" Galop by Misses Oessie Butler and Annie Sloan.
8. Farce, "Old Maid's Convention," by several young ladies.
9. Male Chorus, "Stars of the Summer Night."
10. Piano Trio, "Tanhauser," by Misses Annie Sloan, Oessie Butler and Clide Underwood.
11. Tableau.
12. Vocal Duet, "Strictly Confidential," by Misses Dora Sessions and Mary Cason.
13. Temperance Drama in 3 acts, "Out in the Streets."
14. Song, "Flow Gentle Afton," by the school.
15. Tableau, "Forgiveness."
16. Fan Drill, by 10 little girls.

The above program was beautifully arranged and carried out, and showed quite a marked improvement.

Miss Annie Sloan won the medal in the music class, which was given by the teacher. Roseboro, April 5.

Senator Overman has the assurance of the War Department that he will have all the flags he desires for the 20th of May celebration.

Keep posted on what is going on. THE INDEX will tell you every week for a year for a dollar.

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