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## Disposed of More Than One Hundred Cases

### Busy Term of Cumberland Court

Much Work Accomplished by the Superior Court in a One-Week Term—Grand Jury Makes Important Recommendations—Two Men Sent to the Penitentiary—Bigamist Gets Five Years

The May criminal term of Cumberland Superior Court adjourned late Saturday afternoon after being in session one week. Judge W. J. Adams presiding and Solicitor N. A. Sinclair representing the State. While no cases of unusual importance were docketed for trial, there were many cases and a large per cent of these were disposed of. Judge Adams continues to grow in favor with the bar and the people of this county.

Perhaps the most interesting case tried was that against John Howell, a white man, who was convicted of bigamy and sentenced to the penitentiary for five years. It was proven on the stand that he had three living wives, all of whom attended court and associated together without any show of jealousy. His wives were Miss Riddle, Miss Brock and Mrs. Lucas, a widow. Howell was taken to the "pen" last week.

#### GRAND JURY'S REPORT

The grand jury completed its work Friday and filed the following interesting report:

To His Honor W. J. Adams, Judge Presiding:

The grand jury have passed on 53 bills of indictment, finding 47 true bills and 6 not true bills.

A committee of one member visited the county home and convict camp on Haymount and reported them both in good condition and well kept. We recommend that the old jail at the county home be removed from its present location and be used as a barn to take the place of the one burned. We find 15 inmates in the home.

A committee of one member examined the court house and the offices therein and find the same well kept and in excellent condition.

We visited the jail and recommend the plastering and cement floor be repaired and that it be white-washed throughout. For sanitary reason this should be done at least once a year.

We recommend that toilet rooms be arranged at the court house for women.

We recommend that the Board of Commissioners take into consideration the advisability of working women and youthful criminals at the county farm. These convicts to be housed separate and apart from the regular inmates of the home.

We recommend that the Board of Commissioners select and appoint some aggressive and reliable citizen and place in his hands for collection the taxes on lands sold for taxes and bid in by the county and that steps be taken to reduce the number of unlisted taxpayers of the county.

JNO. A. OATES, Foreman.

W. J. BYRD, Secretary.

#### OTHER CASES

Other cases were disposed of as follows: W. L. Peoples, white, fraud in horse trade, fined \$100 and cost; Albert Hales, shooting Oliver Carter, not guilty; Alex Plummer, carrying concealed weapon, jury verdict not guilty; Albert Hales, assault with deadly weapon, not guilty; Richard Black, larceny, guilty, 4 months on road; John Wilson, assault with deadly weapon, guilty, 12 months on county roads; Francis M. Fort, carrying concealed weapon, plead guilty, 60 days on roads; same, violating town ordinance, 60 days on roads to follow other sentence; Griff Core, white, for assault on his wife, choking her and otherwise abusing her, guilty, 18 months on roads; Dave Dixon, assault and battery, defendant consents that jury return a verdict of guilty of assault

with knife and not guilty of assault with gun, sentenced to four months on roads or to pay \$100 in fine and costs; Elisha and Heman Wilson, assault, guilty, 30 days on roads each; Elisha Wilson and Hayes Ashley, shooting up house, not guilty; A. Perry, violating town ordinance, guilty, affirming the decision of Mayor Bullard in fining the defendant \$5 for selling fish outside of the market house and from which decision the defendant appealed; notice of appeal to the Supreme Court; Dave White, retailing, not pros with leave; Henry Martin, retailing, not pros with leave; Nevin McLaurin, retailing, not pros with leave; Matthew Stewart, alias Farris, not pros (dead); John Evelyn, retailing, not pros with leave; Minton McLaurin, retailing, not pros with leave; Buck Haywood, retailing, not pros with leave; Festus Beasley, distilling, continued to next term, bond given; W. C. Godwin, retailing, continued; Will Tyn-dall, abandonment of wife, plead guilty, judgment suspended and defendant to give bond of \$100 for appearance at next term of court to make report as to manner in which he has supported and maintained wife and children; P. L. Dixon, fraud, not guilty; Nora Herring, disorderly house, not guilty; Willis McKee, larceny, guilty, sentenced to 12 months on roads; Creasy Williams, retailing, guilty, sentenced to six months in State prison; J. D. Shaw, A. A. Buchan, assault, plead guilty and judgment suspended on payment of costs by first named; W. G. Purnell, assault with a deadly weapon, plead guilty and fined \$20 and costs; John Wilson, assault with a deadly weapon, guilty, 12 months on roads; Walter Robinson, retailing, guilty; six months on roads; Charles Faircloth, assault with deadly weapon, plead guilty, sixty days in jail; same, on plea of guilty of attempt to burn guard house at Hope Mills, judgment suspended; Fred McCallum, assault with deadly weapon, guilty, 4 months on roads; W. B. Coats and R. J. Hair, affray, Coats fined \$15 and 1-2 cost, Hair \$10 and 1-2 cost; Ed. Carroll, vagrancy, not guilty; Lee Green, retailing, defendant plead guilty, defendant recognized in the sum of \$100 for appearance at August Term; John Wilson, assault with deadly weapon, guilty, sentenced to 12 months on roads; Lonnie Long, Herbert Long, Douglas Hair, assault and battery, plead guilty and fined \$15 each and one-third the cost; J. D. Shaw, assault with deadly weapon, plead guilty and judgment suspended on payment of cost; Nathan Shaw, assault with deadly weapon, not guilty; Alex Deal, retailing, \$200 bond by W. C. Godwin, paid for non-appearance of defendant; James White, retailing, bond for \$200 renewed; Jesse Siler, assault with deadly weapon, plead guilty, fined \$50 and costs; Isaac Clark, colored, carrying concealed weapon, plead guilty and sentenced to roads for thirty days; Richard Council, escape, plead guilty, and sentenced to four months on roads to include three months now against him; John Hill and Tom Hall, fraud, plead guilty, and judgment suspended; Aug. Siler, carrying concealed weapon, plead guilty and sentenced to the roads for six months; Harrison Culbreth, assault with deadly weapon, plead guilty and judgment suspended on payment of costs.

### Superintendent and Principal Re-Elected

#### Annual Meeting Board of Trustees of Fayetteville Graded Schools

The board of trustees of the Fayetteville Graded Schools held their annual meeting yesterday afternoon for the election of officers and teachers. Mr. J. M. Lamb was re-elected chairman of the board and Mr. W. N. Tilling-hast secretary and treasurer. Prof. J. A. Jones, who has served for many years with great acceptability as superintendent was re-elected and Prof. G. C. David-

son was re-elected principal. The teachers re-elected were Misses Ethel Fisher, Kate Broadfoot, Margaret Whitehead, Kate Fair-ley and Kate Matthews; Mrs. Kate Uley, Miss Margaret Lamb, Mrs. Kate Breece and Miss Marian McLean. There will be another meeting Friday to complete the Faculty.

All the teachers of the colored schools were re-elected.

### What The World is Doing These Days

#### Latest Views of What is Going on in America and Elsewhere This Week of Interest to Our Readers.

Besides the observance throughout the nation of Monday as Decoration Day as a national holiday, the principal events of general interest scheduled for this week are the opening of the Alaska-Yukon Exposition, the opening of the International Horse Show and several important conventions and conferences. In Congress the Senate continues to grind away on the tariff, while the House discusses the Porto Rican bill.

Incident to the observance of Memorial Day on Monday there were three notable gatherings. At Gettysburg, Pa., the government monument erected in memory of the soldiers of the regular Union army who participated in the Gettysburg campaign was dedicated. The principal address was made by President Taft, while his daughter, Miss Helen Taft, released the veil covering the stone. At Greenville, Tenn., there were services in honor of the memory of Andrew Johnson. A monument to Abraham Lincoln was unveiled at Hodgenville, Ky.

An event this week will be the opening of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle, Wash. The opening will mark the culmination of prolonged and earnest endeavor to make this exposition of world-wide importance.

Other events of the week include the national negro conference in New York from Monday until Wednesday; the convention of the American Academy of Medicine at Atlantic City, which opens Saturday; the national convention of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans, which continues from Tuesday through Thursday at Memphis, Tenn., and the opening of the American Surgical Association at Philadelphia on Thursday. The General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States will hold a convention at Richmond, Ind., beginning on Wednesday and continuing for a week. The General Synod of the Reformed (Dutch) Church will meet at Rochester, N. Y., on Wednesday. Another religious gathering was that of the National Federation of Gospel Missions, which was held on Tuesday at Jersey City.

The United States Brewers Association will hold a three-day session at Atlantic City beginning on Tuesday.

The International Horse Show opens in London Wednesday and will continue for a fortnight. No less than 2,500 entries have been received. America, as usual, is in the front with a large number of competitors who are looking forward to carrying some of the big prizes back to the United States. Among the American entries are A. G. Vanderbilt, John Kern, William H. Moore, Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., E. T. Stonsbury and the Messrs. Winans.

Although progress on the Tariff bill is slow, it is moving steadily forward between speeches. Leaders feel that the time for the final

### John O. Ellington Elected President

#### Fayetteville Citizen Honored at the Hands of the North Carolina Bankers' Association at Charlotte Last Week

The people of Fayetteville and of this section appreciate the honor that has come our way in the election of one of our leading citizens and financiers, Mr. John O. Ellington, as president of the North Carolina Bankers' Association. Mr. Ellington is vice-president and cashier of the Fourth National Bank and an enterprising and progressive citizen. The association could have made no better choice.

Other officers elected were: Vice Presidents—W. C. Wilkinson, Charlotte; J. C. Braswell, Rocky Mount, and L. S. Covington, Rockingham.

Secretary and Treasurer—William A. Hunt, Henderson, elected for the fifth consecutive time.

Executive Committee—John D. Biggs, Williamston, chairman, first district; Geo. A. Holderness, Parboro, second district; H. F. Peirce, Warsaw, third district; H. W. Jackson, Raleigh, fourth district; R. G. Vaughan, Lexington, fifth district; H. M. McAllister, Lumberton, sixth district; W. H. Mendenhall, seventh district; E. S. Pegram, Statesville, eighth district; W. H. Wood, American Trust Company, Charlotte, ninth district; John H. Carter, American National Bank, Asheville, tenth district.

#### U. D. C. MEET TODAY

The regular monthly meeting of the J. E. B. Stuart chapter U. D. C., will be held in Civic Library, Wednesday afternoon at five-thirty o'clock.

All members who have not paid their annual dues are requested to come prepared to do so, or hand the amount to the treasurer, Miss Fan Williams. All applications for membership should be sent in before this meeting—the last for the summer, and a full attendance is earnestly desired.

The anniversary of Jefferson Davis' birth will be appropriately celebrated Thursday evening at eight-thirty o'clock in Civic Library. The Children's Chapter will unite with J. E. B. Stuart Chapter in this celebration and the Confederate Museum will be formally opened.

The public is cordially invited  
MRS J. H. ANDERSON, President.  
MRS N. B. SMITH, Rec. Secretary.

vote is gradually approaching. They predict that the work will be disposed of in time to permit Congress to finally adjourn early in July. There is coming, however, to be a suggestion of doubt when this approximate time is mentioned, and there are very few who can give reasons for the faith that is in them. The outlook for the present week is for many speeches and for slow progress on the schedules. The probability of night sessions is not as great as it was a week ago. The work of the week began with a discussion of the rate on lemons and after the agricultural schedule is disposed of the cotton and woolen schedules will receive attention.

## Georgia Railroad Tied Up Almost a Week

### DONALDSON MILITARY SCHOOL Closing Exercises Last Week—A Prosperous Year

Donaldson Military School closed last week its first year under present management and the work of the year has been very gratifying while the prospects for the future are very encouraging to the principals, McFall and Reed.

The closing exercises held Wednesday evening were not elaborate, though interesting and pleasant, and consisted of the reading of the honor roll and promotions, the delivery of medals, company and individual drill, retreat and evening prayer by Rev. Watson Fairley.

The medals were presented by Major E. J. Hale. The corps was complimented upon the soldierly conduct and military bearing of its members. The medal in drill was awarded to Lieutenant Norman McNeill, Fayetteville, and the scholarship medal was won by Corporal Ben Venable, West Virginia.

The honor roll is made up combining the monthly and examination grades. Only those cadets are eligible who attain a general average of 80 in all subjects without falling below 70 in any one. The honor roll by classes is as follows:

Third year—Sergeant Bryan Broadfoot, Fayetteville; second year—Sergeant Andrew McFall, South Carolina; Corporal Edmund Lilly, Fayetteville; first year—Corporal Ben Venable, West Virginia; Cadet Alexander Shaw, Fayetteville; preparatory class—Cadet William Holt, Fayetteville; Cadet James Poe, Fayetteville.

#### DR. H. A. ROYSTER SPEAKS

### At Graduating Exercises of Class in Highsmith Hospital Nurses Training School.

One of the most delightful events in Fayetteville during the past week was the graduating exercises Thursday night of the Highsmith Hospital Training School for Nurses.

The feature of the evening exercises was the address by Dr. Hubert A. Royster, of Raleigh, who was introduced in an appropriate speech by Dr. W. S. Jordan. Dr. Royster is one of the most scholarly men in the medical profession in the State and is dean of the Medical Department of the University of North Carolina. His address was able, timely and entertaining, full of common sense and very instructive.

The exercises were held in the Armory and attended by a large audience. The rostrum presented a beautiful scene, it having been artistically decorated in the class colors with two large red crosses in the back ground. Seated on the rostrum were the speakers of the evening, the graduates, Misses Thomas, M. White, McDiarmid and Watson, and the other students of the school. Dr. J. V. McGougan presided.

Dr. J. F. Highsmith, proprietor of Highsmith Hospital, presented the diplomas. He made a brief and beautiful address in which he recommended to the trained nurses the Great Physician as an indispensable helper in their life work.

Dr. Seavy Highsmith presented the class pins. The music of the evening was of a high order. After the exercises at the Armory a splendid reception was given at Highsmith Hospital.

#### State Schools Contest

In our issue of May 26th we had a school contest and offered a copy of Black Book as a prize. Miss Nora Beasley of Fayetteville, wins the prize. We congratulate her.

You can save fifty cents by taking THE INDEX and the National Monthly together. Read announcement in this paper.

### Effect of Strike by White Firemen

#### The Firemen's Union Makes a Fight to Prevent the Railroad Recognizing the Seniority of Negro Firemen Over White Firemen and Wins After Several Days in Which Not a Train Moves on the System.

Georgia was the nation's biggest news center during the past week. A strike of firemen on the Georgia Railroad tied up traffic so that not a train moved on the lines of the system during the greater part of the week. The mails were tied up, freight delayed and the travelling public as well as commercial interests were put to great inconvenience.

The strike was made by the white firemen to force the railroad to desist from giving the negro firemen seniority over white firemen, even on merit. Considerable excitement prevailed in Atlanta and along the lines of the railroad.

The trouble began more than 10 days ago and had become serious before the beginning of last week; the post office department at Washington having been notified that the transportation of the mails was likely to be interfered with. As early as Monday of last week no trains were run on the Georgia railroad on account of the strike, but there was hope of settlement and a conference was held for that purpose Tuesday, by which day less than 100 striking firemen, with their sympathizers, had tied up traffic over a territory 170 miles long and 100 miles wide, while U. S. Commissioner of Labor, C. P. Neill, as a representative of the National Board of Mediation, was holding conferences with the general manager of the railroad trying to solve the knotty problem.

Tension increased Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The crisis came Friday when the railroad management attempted to operate some trains. At Lithonia, strikers or their sympathizers saw a negro fireman doing duty on a freight, whereupon a crowd boarded the train, put on brakes and cut the train into three sections, and great excitement prevailed. Saturday the strike was virtually ended by an agreement to recognize the seniority of the white firemen regardless of the merits or the capacity of negroes.

Dispatches from Atlanta Sunday night stated that officials of the Georgia Railroad and of the Brotherhood of Firemen spent nearly the entire day in conference over those points in the strike agreement which remained to be settled. Commissioner Neill, Chairman Knapp and Second Assistant Postmaster General Stuart were present. It seemed very likely that the disputed question would have to go to board of arbitration finally, under the Erdman act.

"The big stumbling block in the path of settlement is the retention of the negro firemen in any capacity. There is no doubt that all other points will be adjusted by the contending parties without arbitration.

"There are several reasons why the race question is so important. The Georgia Railroad is considered a home institution. It employs Georgia men only. Its firemen and engineers and conductors and even its brakemen are all natives of towns and villages through which its trains run. These men have inter-married until nearly whole communities are related. One engineer told Commissioner Neill that there was not a town on his run between Atlanta and Augusta in which he did not have blood relatives. Many of the men come from old and highly respected families and the idea of working with a negro is abhorrent to them. It is repulsive to their relatives, too, and to this feeling is attributed the strong stand taken by entire communities against the railroad."

The strike was still unsettled yesterday.