

THE TRIAL OF THE COURT

Superior court is still engaged in the trial of criminal cases, a number of which have been tried and disposed of to date.

The grand jury, which was the most industrious one that has served at a term of the court in a long while, finished its work and was discharged on Thursday of last week.

Following is the report of the grand jury: To His Honorable Judge of the Superior Court of Henderson County, March term, 1919.

We, the grand jurors for the above term submit the following report:

County Home. We have by committee examined the county home and found, wheat, 10 1-2 bushels; rye, 63 bushels; potatoes, 180 bushels; sweet potatoes, 10 bushels; corn, 300 bushels; fodder, 1270 bundles; tops, 1700 bundles; clover hay, 5 tons; pork, 1000 pounds; dried fruit, 1 bushel; canned goods, 25 gallons; cabbage and turnips, plenty; 5 head hogs, condition good; 2 mules, condition good; 2 cows, condition good; molasses, 47 gallons; beds and clothing, plenty; 1 hired man.

County Chain Gang. We have by committee examined the county chain gang, and have found in excellent condition and no recommendations to make.

County Jail. We have by committee visited and examined the county jail and found it in good condition.

County Court House. We have by committee visited and examined the county court house and the public offices therein, and found them in good condition.

Now thanking His Honor and the Honorable Solicitor for their kind assistance rendered as during this court. We ask to be discharged.

J. S. JACKSON, Foreman of grand jury.

Case Disposed of. Harrison Moffit, concealed weapon, jury verdict guilty, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Grant Kramer, charged with manslaughter, pleaded guilty to forcible trespass, and judgment was suspended on payment of costs, and execution by defendant of a bond to appear from court to court for two years and show good behavior.

Karl Wenz, attempt to commit bigamy, continued, and motion to strike out judgment entered on self, also continued until next term.

Cordis Worley, assault, jury verdict guilty, costs.

Sevier Clark, seduction, entered plea of nolo contendere, and was taxed with costs, he having married the girl alleged to have been seduced.

V. C. McCrary, entered plea of nolo contendere to charge of assault after jury failed to agree and was taxed with costs.

Eddie Fisby, pleaded guilty to simple assault and was taxed with costs.

George Gosnell, blockading, enters plea of nolo contendere, and taxed with costs, and required to give bond for his appearance at each term of the court for the trial of criminal cases, for a period of three years, and show good behavior.

George Howard, blockading, same arrangement as in Gosnell's case.

Lonnie Lyda, larceny, nol pros.

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Jack Lynch, assault, pleads guilty, taxed with costs.

Felham Corn, assault with deadly weapon, jury verdict guilty, fined \$25 and costs.

Ed McGee, assault with deadly weapon, jury verdict not guilty.

James Stepp, affray, jury verdict not guilty.

Millender Ward, blockading and retelling, pleads guilty, 12 months on road.

NAVAL LOSSES HEAVY

Allied naval losses during the war aggregated 863,000 tons, of which the greatest portion was British.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING, B. & L.

The annual meeting of the Laborers Building and Loan Association was held in the directors' room in the First Bank and Trust Company building Tuesday night of this week.

The reports presented showed that the association is in excellent condition and doing excellent work. The sixteenth series started last Saturday, and was subscribed more heavily than any preceding series except the first.

Five series have already matured and have paid, in the aggregate, \$81,000 in cash and canceled mortgages. The eleven series which have not matured represent a maturity value of a quarter of a million of dollars.

The people of this community are investing about \$35,000 a year in the association, this amount coming out of small savings. The strict economy with which the affairs of the association are managed is shown by the fact that the expense is only \$500 a year.

The officers are: W. A. Smith, president; R. H. Staton, vice president; H. A. Stepp, secretary and treasurer. The finance committee consists of F. S. Wetmur, G. H. Valentine and H. A. Stepp.

\$125,000,000

Next month will be the 100th anniversary of the founding of the first missionary society of the Methodist church. The Methodists of the United States and Canada are planning to raise in one week \$125,000,000 which is the largest amount ever attempted by the Methodists.

Table listing church names and amounts: Hendersonville \$17,000.00, Patty's Chapel Fletcher 1,925.00, Flat Rock 1,925.00, Mills River 1,739.00, Horse Shoe 1,470.00, Moore's Grove 840.00, Edneyville 720.00, Fruitland 720.00, Shaw's Creek 423.00, Upward 320.00, Hillgirt 27.00.

The project will be explained by the following speakers, at place and hour named below, next Sunday, March 16:

- Mills River, 11 o'clock, C. F. Bland; Shaw's Creek, 3 o'clock, M. D. Coburn; Horse Shoe, 3 o'clock, C. F. Bland; Fruitland, 11 o'clock, F. E. Durfee; Edneyville, 3 o'clock, Rev. M. F. Moores; Fletcher, Pattie's Chapel, J. C. Sales; Flat Rock, 3 o'clock, C. P. Rogers; Upward, 3 o'clock, Prof J. W. Morgan.

The following Sunday, March 23, at 3 o'clock p. m., there will be a big mass meeting, which will be held. Delegates from all the county churches will be present.

The Centenary directors are: County Chairman, F. E. Durfee; Hendersonville Methodist church, C. F. Bland; Flat Rock, C. P. Rogers; Patty's Chapel at Fletcher, J. Claude Sales; Fruitland, Roy Johnson; Moore's Grove, W. F. Warren; Edneyville, M. F. Moores; Upward, F. R. Stepp; Hills, S. A. Edwards; Horse Shoe, W. S. Stepp; Mills River, J. C. Sales.

LEGISLATURE HAS ADJOURNED

The Legislature has adjourned. The session of 1919 is dead; and its record is nothing to brag about.

A State road law was enacted in the closing hours. The law does not seem to be arousing any enthusiasm, and there is a good deal of disappointment expressed.

The Legislature decided not to take the school system out of politics. The vicious method of denying local self-government to our people is to continue, until we can get a Legislature with more principle and broader vision.

Efforts to procure election reform were defeated. The majority party apparently fears the result of a fair count and a true return. A Sick Voters law was enacted which opens the way to additional frauds on a large scale.

More money is needed; and it is planned to have a revaluation of all real estate in order to increase the taxable valuation. The result may be a threefold increase, which would open the way to the wildest extravagance.

MEN RECOMMENDED BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON FOR JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

The following named gentlemen were recommended by Representative Jackson for appointment as justices of the peace for Henderson county, and their names were contained in the omnibus magistrate bill as it passed the House.

J. Press Fletcher and E. E. Lance, Hooper's Creek; G. N. Sentell, Crab Creek; G. B. Hill and Leander Laughter, Edneyville, L. P. Pittillo, Clear Creek; Frank Cathey and John P. Whitaker, Mills River; John T. Staton, Green River; G. W. Ledbetter and Ernest Jackson, Edneyville; Harley T. Justus and W. S. Young, Blue Ridge; J. W. Morgan, Mills River; R. P. Freeze, F. A. Ewbank and C. P. Rogers, Hendersonville township.

The above list contains the names of about as many Democrats as it does Republicans, which shows that Representative Jackson was not partisan when it came to the selection of men for appointment as justices of the peace for the county.

PAY DEBT IN 25 YEARS

The American people must pay \$1,200,000,000 a year for the next 25 years to clear the war debt of this nation, according to Treasury Department figures, based on an estimate of the final war debt. The calculation is made on the assumption that America's net war debt, with deductions for loans to the allies, will approximate \$18,000,000,000.

Tax Levies Will be Heavy. To carry out such a plan, including the proposed cumulative sinking fund provision of 2.32 per cent, tax levies of \$1,200,000,000 a year will be necessary for 25 years.

The Treasury Department, if authorized to proceed under the suggested plan, will buy up bonds on the market each year, or call them for redemption at the periods provided.

7,354,000 LIVES WERE LOST ON BATTLEFIELDS OF WAR

A total of 7,354,000 soldiers belonging to the nations engaged in the world war were killed in action or died of wounds, as far as available statistics show, according to Gen. March, chief-of-staff of the United States army.

These losses were divided between the nations in these figures: Russia, 1,700,000; Germany, 1,400; France, 1,325; Austria-Hungary, 800,000; Great Britain, 757,000; Italy, 460,000; Turkey, 250,000; Belgium, 150,000; Japan, 100,000; United States, 100,000.

LEAGUE DRAFT TO BE CHANGED

The remarkable debate, on the subject of the league of nations, which took place in the United States Senate during the closing days of the 65th Congress, has already begun to show results. No reply has been attempted to the speeches of Senators Lodge and Knox, because their arguments were unanswerable; they proved beyond question that the draft, in its present form, should not be adopted.

Two prominent advocates of the league, W. H. Taft and W. J. Bryan, have within the past few days issued public statements in which they admit that the instrument needs mending. Still more remarkable is the effect which the Senate debate has produced across the water. In England, where the present draft originated, there is an open demand that the instrument be re-written so as to remove the features to which the American Senators objected.

The editorial is as follows:

It is not for outsiders to take sides in the American party controversy, but one or two points may be made from this side of the Atlantic. Friends of liberty and peace in Europe are grateful for America's assistance in winning the war and for that very reason would like to have that assistance continued.

Once more Canning's words, we have to call in the new world to redraw the balance of the old. Canning was the first begetter of the Monroe Doctrine and now we are acting in the spirit of his old maxim. There is less foundation for suspicion so frequently expressed in America that her adhesion to the league will endanger that doctrine.

Let an amendment meet this difficulty about the Monroe doctrine and make it clear the league does not impair the Monroe Doctrine, but extends its spirit to Europe. Let the covenant be rewritten and cleared in better language which could easily be done by a drafting committee.

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Quite as important as the provisions preventing war is the formation of a permanent secretariat and commission for dealing with specific questions of common interest—interstate commission an Americans would call them, for labor, commercial and other matters. This rudimentary international executive will grow if only people realize how much depends on their interest.

THE JOKER IS ELIMINATED

Last week we announced the passage of the Henderson county road law, and stated that the act, as passed, contained a proviso for a \$25,000 bond issue to aid in the upkeep of the roads.

The men who were working hardest for the enactment of this law were not aware of the existence of the section providing for the bond issue. That section, it is explained, crept in unawares and its presence is attributed to an oversight in transcribing. As soon as the "joker" was discovered, the proponents of the bill got busy and did some strenuous telegraphing, with the result that the offending section was stricken out.

SCHOOL WILL CLOSE JUNE 6

A meeting of the board of trustees of the city schools was held Monday night. It was decided to close the session June 6.

Various routine matters received attention. Some extensive and much needed repairs to the roof of the building on Fourth avenue were authorized.

Parents have been asking why the monthly honor roll is no longer published. One purpose of the honor roll was to offer a strong inducement for regular attendance; and it served that purpose. But owing to the prevalence of grippe and the probability that, here as elsewhere, there would be a good many cases of that malady occurring from time to time, parents were urged to keep their children at home at the first indication of colds or other sickness, and the teachers were instructed to send home any children who showed any such symptoms.

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Lieut. Commander C. S. Roberts, executive officer of the station, has issued a statement in which he asserts that no evidence has been found indicating that discharges were sold. He believes, however, that some sailors and a few petty officers practiced fraud on some of their mates by professing to have influence in obtaining releases.

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NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST

James Ends How, "millionaire hobo," is under arrest in Kansas City, charged by federal authorities with being connected with recent activities of the Industrial Workers of the World in the Middle West.

TWO FORTUNES IN A YEAR

Mrs. Grace Barnhart, of Hagerstown, Md., has received notice that she is heir to one-third of the estate of \$50,000 left by an uncle. This makes the second fortune Mrs. Barnhart has fallen heir to in ten months, her previous windfall being for an even larger amount.

BRIDE, 53, GAVE HER AGE AS 33

Lieut. George M. Eyferth, of the United States navy, is seeking an annulment of his marriage in the courts of New York State. Eyferth alleges that his bride represented herself as being 33 years of age when they were married in 1910, when she really was 55 and had a son 17 years of age.

FORTUNE KIND TO SOLDIER

Unfitted by wounds to follow his pre-war pursuit of farming, Curtis Boyle, a soldier in two armies, returned from France to find that, during his absence, oil wells yielding 600 barrels a day had been drilled on his farm near Peabody, Kan. Boyle purchased the land several years ago at \$2 per acre.

The soldier-oil magnate enlisted with the Third Canadian infantry in 1914 and was transferred to the American forces in 1918. He suffered 28 bullet and shrapnel wounds, in addition to being gassed and burned by liquid fire.

WOOL AT \$300 A POUND

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The two lambs born to Mrs. Wilson's favorite ewe on February 22, and named Martha and George Washington, are being brought up on the bottle.

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The first vampire picture to be placed in the gallery was that of a woman from Omaha, Neb., charged with enticing from his home a married man.

TEXAS TOWN SHOWED FIGHTING BLOOD

Kirkland, a Texas town with 500 inhabitants in peace times, had but 381 residents during the war. One hundred and nineteen of the men were in the great war.

SENATE WILL PROBE FOOD SCANDAL

The Senate Agriculture committee has been directed to investigate charges that unwholesome food was shipped to Belgium by the Belgian relief commission. The investigation is designed to disclose frauds practiced upon the commission by dealers in wheat and flour, and is not aimed at the commission or any of its members.

TOUL MEMORIAL FOR U. S. AVIATORS

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SOUTH PUSHING DAVIS HIGHWAY

Leaders of the good roads movement in Southern States, in session at Memphis, Tenn., planned for the completion of activities for the Johnson Davis Highway.