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DAN BLALOCK FOUND NOT GUILTY BY JURY

Case Consumed Part of Three Days and Aroused Much Interest Over County

MANY CASES CONTINUED

The April term of Stanly Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases held here last week adjourned Saturday afternoon shortly after the jury had returned a verdict of "not guilty" in the case of State vs. Dan Blalock. There were quite a number of minor cases disposed of, and as a result of the term several recruits were added to the county chain gang.

The only case, however, of county-wide interest was the case against Dan Blalock, of Norwood, under a charge of the murder of Pearl Thompson, also of Norwood. The state in that case did not ask a verdict of murder in the first degree, second degree having been the verdict asked by the prosecution. The case was called on Thursday afternoon and consumed the remainder of the week, including a night session Friday.

Blalock killed Thompson on the evening of March 15th, at the home of Blalock, according to the evidence. A shot gun was used in the slaying. The evidence offered by the state was not strong, circumstantial evidence having been relied upon almost entirely. There was no eye witness to the killing. The defendant, Blalock, said that at the time he shot Thompson the latter was running him with a drawn knife, and that he shot the deceased in order to protect himself from death or great bodily harm. A knife was found near the hand of the dead man where he lay on the ground after he had been shot. The jury was out for only a short while before returning a verdict of "not guilty." The following jury heard and decided the facts in the case: E. L. Russell, D. Walter Sides, W. H. Smith, A. D. Shaver, W. C. Morris, A. P. Moore, N. M. Byrd, James E. Brooks, W. M. Ussery, C. E. Hill, Hubert Lipe and J. F. Morgan.

Solicitors Brock and Turner were assisted in the prosecution by Attorney G. D. B. Reynolds. The defendant was represented by Brown, Sikes & Brown, I. R. Burleson and R. L. Smith.

Quite a bit of excitement was injected into the court on Thursday when, upon the evidence of W. J. Adams, bench warrants were issued for the arrest of J. W. Goodman, J. B. Hammond, and John S. Sapp, under a charge of selling intoxicating drinks. Adams swore that he had bought intoxicating extracts from all of these gentlemen, whereupon Judge Ferguson issued the warrants for their arrest. Several indictments were made against these gentlemen under charges of selling intoxicating drinks. All were continued until the July term of criminal court. It is understood that Messrs. Sapp, Hammond and Goodman will plead no guilty and possibly contend that Adams is an irresponsible witness. They deny that they have sold Mr. Adams, or anyone else, intoxicants of any kind.

Another feature of the court procedure which called out some slight comment and caused a rustle of excitement was the fact that the grand jury returned several true bills against the Albemarle Fuel & Ice Company, upon charges of short weights. None of these cases were tried, as the time was consumed in cases already on the docket when court convened, bringing these to go over until the next term, which will be held in July.

THE FLIES' REVENGE

Ten little flies
All in a line
One got a swat!
Then there were
Nine little flies
Grimly sedate;
Licking their chops—
Swat! Then there were
Eight little flies
Raising some more—
Swat, swat! Swat, wat!
Then there were
Four little flies
Colored green-blue,
Swat, swat! (Ain't it easy?)
Then there were
Two little flies
Dodged the civilian—
Early next day
There were a million!

—Buffalo News.

WOMEN'S CLUBS PLAY BIG PART IN COMMUNITY LIFE

Such Was Shown by the Reports of the Visiting Clubs Who Convened Last Week.

HICKORY HEADS THE LIST

The writer takes great pleasure in presenting to the public of Albemarle the following report of the 11th District meeting of the Federated Women's Clubs, which took place on last Thursday, April 7th, in the Community Building.

A large delegation of prominent women from the towns comprising this district were present, and assembled at the home of Mrs. W. T. Huckabee. At one thirty they were escorted to the residence of Mrs. J. F. Laton, where a delicious three-course luncheon was served.

Mrs. Laton's home was most handsomely and artistically decorated, a color motif of green and white being observed in the decorations.

At 2:30 the delegates went in a body to the Woman's Club Room, where a large meeting of club women were already assembled, and the District meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. A. C. Huneycutt.

Following is an outlined program of the meeting:

Federation Song, by Club.

Address of welcome to delegates—Miss Pattie McCain, President Woman's Club.

Address of Welcome to Delegates—Daughters of Confederacy, Miss Mary Mabry.

Address of Welcome to Delegates—Yadkin D. A. R., Mrs. J. Harris.

Dr. Harper, of Salisbury, responded to the welcome extended, and also complimented Albemarle on the beauty of her hills, surrounding scenery and her physical and commercial growth.

Miss Pattie McCain then introduced Mrs. Rufus Gwyn, District President and Mrs. Gwyn took the chair.

Vocal Solo, Mrs. Allen, of Lenoir.

Report of work by Ansonville Electric Club—Mrs. B. I. Dunlap.

Report of Work by Albemarle Electric Club—Miss Pattie McCain.

Report of Hickory Community Club—Mrs. Ferrebe.

Report of Lenoir Town Betterment Club—A. G. Jonas.

Report of Lenoir Wise and Other-wise Club—Mrs. May Puett.

Report of Woman's Club of Morganton—Mrs. Avery.

Report of Woman's Club of New-Town—Mrs. Tom Gaddy.

Report of Woman's Club of Salisbury—Mrs. Henry Hobson.

Report of Salisbury Book Club—Mrs. R. L. Mauney.

Report of Woman's Club of Statesville—Mrs. Adams.

Report of Civic League of Statesville—Mrs. Green.

Report of Literary Club of Ansonville—Mrs. J. M. Dunlap.

Among the most prominent of our delegates were Mrs. Coble, of Statesville, who was largely instrumental in getting the Jackson Training School for our State, and Mrs. Perry, of Raleigh, who came in behalf of the Fire Prevention Society of North Carolina and asked the co-operation of the Women's Clubs.

Piano Solo—Mrs. Ford, of Lenoir.

Miss McCain then introduced Mrs. C. C. Hooks, State President, who was speaker of the afternoon.

Mrs. Hooks is one of those rare women gifted with beauty, charming personality and eloquence, and whose presence among us will certainly prove beneficial, especially to those present, who had the pleasure of listening to her most inspiring and interesting talk.

Mrs. Hooks has great confidence in the ability of the women of our State to do great things towards the betterment of social and political conditions in our counties and towns, and urged the women to take an active part in educational, social and health work. The reports from all the clubs show that much good is being accomplished by them, but special mention must be made of the Hickory Community Club, which will undoubtedly be the bagnet club of this district if not of the State. This Club handled last year \$3,500, most of it made by giving suppers, plays, etc., and raised eleven thousand dollars for a library, organized eading rooms for their colored population, planted trees, flowers and shrubbery all over the town, all this good work showing

DOLLAR DAYS WILL BE OBSERVED NEXT WEEK

Annual Spring Event is Expected to Draw Big Crowds of People to the City

WILL BE RARE BARGAINS

The people of Stanly County are not unacquainted with Albemarle "Dollar Day," as on several occasions in the past the merchants of the town have all united together setting apart days on which special cut prices have been made. These dollar days have become an annual spring event. The people have learned to appreciate the big spring bargain days known as "Dollar Days," and everybody comes to town, not only for the purpose of trading and purchasing while special reductions are offered by the merchants, but to see the crowds and to have a good time.

We are sure that our readers will be delighted, therefore, to read the page announcement carried in next issue setting apart Friday and Saturday, April 22nd and 23rd as "Dollar Days." The merchants whose names are signed to the page announcement are the leaders in trade in Albemarle, and their word means much throughout Stanly and adjoining counties, where they are well known. These merchants never put their hands to a proposition which they do not mean to make go, and go in grand style. They are reliable business men, who, even were they not honest, are yet business men enough to know that misrepresentations never pay. They are men who have learned from long experience that "honesty is the best policy." The local merchants joining in the effort to make Dollar Day successful are: Belk-Parks Co., Morrow Bros. & Heath Co., New York Bargain Store, Wolf's Underselling Store, The Globe, Albemarle Sample Store, Harward-Almond Grocery Company, L. A. Barrier & Company, Leonard Grocery Company, Albemarle Novelty Store, the Brooks', 5, 10 and 25 cent Store, and Bostian Shoe Company.

Next Tuesday watch the News-Herald. You will see a list of the most attractive advertisements ever appearing in a Stanly County newspaper before. The merchants taking part in the big spring bargain event will be announcing the hundreds of special offers in their various lines of trade. We believe our readers will not only read these advertisements, but that they will prove both interesting and profitable to those who do read them and take advantage of the opportunities thereby offered to get the very most of useful and necessary merchandise for the least cost in dollars and cents.

RANDALL NEWS

Miss Ruth Melton visited in Albemarle Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mattie Lilly, of Norwood, visited Miss Genna Belle Blalock Sunday.

Will Story, of Albemarle, who has been at home a few days, has returned to his work.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hinson, of Albemarle, Route 1, visited Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Russell Sunday.

Messrs. Charlie and Raymen spent Sunday near Mt. Gilead.

Joe Lilly, Jr., of Norwood, and his cousin, Pines Morris, visited at W. D. Blalock's Sunday afternoon.

Algie Story visited Lee Swarringen near Jacob's Creek, Sunday.

Miss Dera Swarringen won the prize in her music class, offered by Miss Parker, her teacher; it was a beautiful music pin.

Dan Johnson, of Albemarle, was in our community Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Snuggs visited Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Swarringen Sunday evening.

what a fine spirit of co-operation. Indeed, upon summing up all this work done for the uplifting of mankind, this conclusion is reached, that of all the influences and agencies that are upbuilding the public life of the community, the Women's Clubs are playing the largest and most important part. It certainly should be the desire of the club women of Albemarle to co-operate in this great public question of progress in which we are at one with all right-thinking people.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS OF STATE-WIDE INTEREST

Digest of Happenings of Week Gleaned From the Files of Our Exchanges.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

Traverse City, Mich., April 9.—Potatoes sold for 1 cent a bushel on the market here today. It was the lowest price reached in many years and was due to the receipt of thousands of bushels growers had been holding for higher prices since last fall.

Hoboken, N. J., April 8.—A strange case of the voluntary exile of two elderly women of moderate means, who locked themselves in a suite of three rooms in a centrally located hotel for more than three years, was revealed to the authorities today.

Covington, Ga., April 9.—John S. Williams, accused of the murder of 11 of his negro farm hands to halt a federal investigation of peonage, was found guilty of murder by a jury in Newton County superior court here today and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Washington, D. C., April 8.—President Harding has time for extended travel during the next four years, he may take a trip to Alaska for first-hand study of administrative problems there. He has been interested in development of the northern territory there for a number of years and has planned a trip there for last summer, but was prevented from going by the Presidential campaign.

Panama City, Fla., April 9.—The naval balloon which has been missing with five men since it started from the Pensacola naval station for an all-night flight March 22, was picked up in the Gulf late yesterday by a fishing boat and brought here today. No trace of the crew was found.

Rockingham, April 9.—The commissioners of Richmond county this week instead of ordering a flat reduction in valuations, appointed a board of review to hear complaints and to adjust whatever inequalities that may be found. The gentlemen appointed on this board are John L. Everette, J. C. Leigh and D. C. Parsons.

Hickory, April 9.—Lutherans of Hickory are planning a celebration of April 18 in honor of the 400th anniversary of Martin Luther's trial before the diet at Worms, when he so courageously defended his faith that some commentators declare it was the genesis of all religious and political freedom of modern times.

Washington, April 9.—Federal Judge Kennesaw M. Landis, of Chicago, will resign within a few weeks, it was reliably reported here tonight.

Judge Landis reported decision is said to be due to his desire to devote all his time to his duties as high commissioner of organized baseball. He is understood to have given informal notice of his intention to the Attorney General so as to give time for consideration of the selection of his successor. The judgeship is one of the most widely coveted patronage plums.

Geneva, April 9.—There is a general tendency today to hail the withdrawal of western socialism from the influence of Russian bolshevism by which it was dominated during the last two years, as convincing proof that the danger of a revolution in Europe is over. Recent investigation compel one to come to the conclusion that this belief is mistaken. The truth is that the chiefs of European socialism are as determined as ever to bring about a general revolution and their conviction that such a revolution is necessary and inevitable is unshaken. Their emancipation from Moscow rather increases than diminishes the menace of the revolutionary plans because it betters their chance of success.

WARDELL-MOSS.

A very quiet but beautiful wedding was solemnized last Saturday evening at the First Street Methodist Parsonage when Miss Dona May Moss of this place became the bride of Mr. William B. Wardell of High Point. Rev. N. R. Richardson performed the ceremony. Mrs. Wardell has many friends in Albemarle who will read with interest of her marriage.

JUDGE PRITCHARD DIES AFTER A LONG ILLNESS

Judge Pritchard Was One of The Most Prominent Citizens in the State.

DEATH NOT UNEXPECTED

Asheville, April 10.—Federal Judge Jeter Conley Pritchard, of the United States circuit court for the 4th district, died here this morning at 6 o'clock, following an illness of several months. Death of the famous jurist was due directly to pneumonia, which developed Thursday and served to aggravate his previous physical afflictions. He was in his 64th year.

For more than 48 hours previous to his death he had been unconscious, and while medical experts exerted every effort to save his life, the disease continued to fasten its grip. While his death was not unexpected this morning, it was a great shock to the members of the family who had kept constant vigil at his bedside.

The funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the First Baptist Church of this city of which the distinguished jurist had long been a leading member. The body will lie in state from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m. Tuesday. Rev. Dr. W. F. Powell, pastor of the church, will have charge of the services, and he is to be assisted by several other well known divines.

Pause for 10 Minutes.

It is being planned here today to have all business in the city stop for 10 minutes as the funeral services begin, in token of the loving respect for the dead official.

Messages have been pouring in here today from all sections of the United States expressing sorrow at Judge Pritchard's death.

Judge Pritchard, son of Wm. H. Pritchard, was born in Jonesboro, Tenn., April 12, 1857, his father being of Irish and Welsh ancestry, and his mother, Elizabeth Browne, of Irish parentage.

Facing the problem of obtaining an education during the trying days of reconstruction in the south, and following the death of his father at Mobile, Ala., his mother instilled into his mind and heart those precepts of morality by which he has ever been governed. Judge Pritchard, yet in his teens, walked 35 miles across the mountains of Tennessee and western North Carolina to Bakersville, where he arrived with ten cents and nothing more save the clothes he wore. Eking out his subsistence thru toil in the print shop by day, a desire to achieve fame prompted him to by night search such text books as were obtainable.

It was then that he received the attention of statesmen in North Carolina, and identifying himself with the Republican party began a career, the prominence and limitations of which were only stopped by his calling to a reward for service rendered to humanity.

Entering politics he was elected to the North Carolina lower house of representatives from Madison County in 1885 and again in 1887. Pursuing his method of home study until after he was master of Blackstone and legal procedure he then became a lawyer, having obtained his license in 1887.

In 1888 he was nominated as Republican candidate for lieutenant governor of this state. He then became the caucus nominee of his party for the Senate of the United States, and was re-elected to the legislature in 1891.

He was elected for a two-year term to the United States senate in 1895, which he served, and was elected to the six-year term in 1897, which he also served.

The establishment of the farmers' alliance at this time and its coalitional with the populist party brought about a change in the political situation and he succeeded in consolidating the faction into a co-operative campaign and the state went Republican.

On April 1, 1903, he was appointed by President Theodore Roosevelt to the Supreme Court bench of the District of Columbia. Upon the death of Judge Simonton, the President advanced Judge Pritchard to the judgeship of the United States circuit court for the fourth district, April 9, 1904, which position he held until his death.

As national committeeman and as federal judge the jurist received na-

GERMANY IS NOW WILLING TO PAY ALLIES 15 BILLION

Baruch Estimates the Reparations Terms; Suggests Terms Cancelling Allies' Debts.

RENEWED IN CASE OF WAR

Washington, D. C., April 8.—Fifteen billions as the sum Germany is able and probably willing to pay in reparations is estimated by B. M. Baruch, chairman of the American Reparations Commission in the current issue of the official publication of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. Baruch, who took a large part in drafting the economic sections of the peace treaty, also suggests with terms a conditional cancellation of inter-allied indebtedness.

As one of the terms, he suggests, instead of cancelling outright any part of an Allied Nation's indebtedness, that the United States cancel conditionally the amount that nation spent in this country for munitions during the war, this sum to be a demand liability without interest and to be collected in case this country becomes involved in a future war. He also proposes the cancellation of indebtedness might be made a measure of leveling preferential tariff barriers.

"The concensus in Paris," says Mr. Baruch, "was that Germany could pay at least the capital sum of 15 billions of dollars. Approximately three billions have been paid. Fifty-six billion dollars, spread over 52 years, is equal to \$13,500,000,000 at present rates of interest—say 8 1-2 per cent. which foreign nations have to pay in this market. In the discussion of German reparations the Allies' experts always took five per cent, which would give to 56 billion, spread out over 32 years, a present value of twelve billions of dollars.

"While in the circumstances it would come with bad grace from this country to say what Germany would pay or what the allies should accept, one can say there cannot be much doubt but that retaining Silesia and with all discriminatory restrictions removed from Germans and their trade, Germany could pay a present capital value of twelve billions. The real worth of this to the Allies would depend upon the final judgment of the investing world as to Germany's ability and willingness to meet that amount.

"There has been some discussion regarding the condition of cancellation of Allied obligations to us. No doubt those who have responsibility in the matter, in case it is seriously undertaken, will have in mind the amelioration or removal of discriminatory and preferential tariffs against our trade.

In case anything is done, there might also be a differentiation between the funds borrowed and spent for munitions and the funds spent in the maintenance of the population or in the continuance of trade. If anything is done in reference to the remission of that part of the obligations incurred of American made munitions, that part of the debt could be made subject to renewal in case the U. S. should become involved in another war.

"It is fair to presume the United States would become involved in that manner only if it were in the interest of civilization. In that case, America would necessarily have to buy quantities of munitions and other materials from other countries. The sum tentatively cancelled or postponed without interest would become payable to the United States on demand only in such an event. This thought is worthy of attention as a possible aid in meeting an extremely difficult situation.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Denning died on Saturday and was buried Sunday. The little one was just one day old. Mrs. Denning is reported as getting along nicely.

national note, and in the campaign last fall was prominently mentioned for vice-president of the United States, and at the Republican national convention he was given a complimentary vote.

He is survived by his widow, a daughter, wife of Thomas A. Rollins; three sons, Dr. Arthur T., Solicitor George M., and Attorney McKinley Pritchard and a sister, Mrs. J. T. Harris, all of Asheville.