

## Smith and Oscar Sisk On Trial For Conspiracy at Greensboro

Greensboro, April 14.

James P. Smith is on trial in the Federal Court charged with conspiracy, which resulted in the murder of Deputy Collector J. W. Hendrix on December 20, 1907. Two bills charging conspiracy were returned by the grand jury last week, one against James P. Smith, William Smith and Oscar Sisk, and the other against James P. Smith, William Smith and Ceph Nelson. James P. Smith and Oscar Sisk are in custody. William Smith and Ceph Nelson have not been apprehended.

The first action when the case came up yesterday morning was the consolidation of the two cases by District Attorney Holton. Then the district attorney announced that he would try Jim Smith separate and apart from Sisk. This caused some objection on the part of the lawyers representing Smith, but District Attorney Holton was frank enough to say that he wanted to use Oscar Sisk's wife as a witness against Smith, and if Smith and Sisk were both on trial at the same time her testimony would not be competent.

Judge Boyd suggested that it would be permissible for a jury to be drawn from all the jurors summoned for the term, but neither the government nor the defense thought such a course necessary. Jury No. 1 was called into the box, to which was added four jurors from No. 2 to take the place of absentees. Two challenges were made by the district attorney, while only four were executed by the defense.

A controversy arose over the admission of testimony relating to conditions in the Smithtown section and the operations of the revenue officers in that section within the past year. Smith's counsel contended that such testimony has no direct bearing upon the conspiracy charge, and that Smith is not responsible for everything that has happened in Smithtown. After a lengthy argument, Judge Boyd overruled the motion of the defense and allowed exceptions to be made in each case where such testimony is introduced.

Dr. J. L. Hanes, of Winston-Salem, the physician who made the post-mortem examination, will probably testify today, and his testimony is expected to settle this vexed question. If it is proven that Hendrix was shot in the back, the defense thinks it will have little trouble in acquitting Jim Smith of the actual killing.

The mother of J. W. Hendrix, the officer who was killed during the raid of December 20, was in the courtroom yesterday, and frequently was seen to weep as witnesses told of the killing of her son. The wife of Jim Smith was also in the courtroom, occupying a seat by the side of her husband. The courtroom was crowded all during the day.

Smith is represented by C. O. McMichael, of Madison; ex-Judge W. P. Bynum and ex-Judge R. B. Sandwick, of Greensboro. Assistant District Attorney C. C. Ochs are prosecuting for the government.

Smith's five witnesses will testify for the prosecution, and Ochs will call for the defense. The first witness called one at a time, and wanted to put in a long story. The judge for

## Fixing For Big Crop of Tobacco-- But Little Interest In Prohibition Election.

Danbury Route 1, Fagg's Store, April 14.—Special By Phone.—The farmers of this section are making preparations for a large crop of tobacco. The flies are bothering the plants some, but withal the prospects are the finest for a crop we have had for several years.

Later—It is learned the flies are seriously injuring the tobacco plants in this section.

The people of this section are manifesting but little interest in the approaching prohibition election. Lots of them will not go to the polls. The result here, your correspondent thinks, will prove quite close, as the people are pretty evenly divided on the question.

The health of the country is very good, and there is but little sickness.

## A "Curio Party."

Mr. O. L. Pulliam conducted a "Curio Party" in the annex of the Presbyterian Church Thursday night, which was quite an interesting and enjoyable event.

A number of articles were spread out on tables in the room, and numbered, intended to represent historical events and characters, proper names, etc. The guests were furnished with cards on which was printed a list of questions, which were designed as cues to identify the different articles. For instance, one of the best, was this: "What was the cause of the American revolution?" Among the numerous articles was found a cup of tea, on which lay a box of tacks. Thus showing quickly to the discerning, that the tax on tea caused the scrap between the colonists and the mother country.

The game was quite entertaining and a large crowd of young people were present. A prize was awarded the best guessers, and Misses Mary Joyce and Grace Wall tying, had to draw straws for the premium, which was a box of stationery, and Miss Wall finally got it.

## Sandy Ridge Items.

Sandy Ridge, April 13.—We are glad to say that wheat is looking fine, in this vicinity.

Think there will be a good many tobacco plants, if the insects don't eat them up.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Knight visited Mr. R. T. Martin's Sunday.

Mrs. L. L. Joyce and Mrs. R. T. Martin and Miss Ella Ferguson and little sister Sallie visited Mrs. Jas. Hill Saturday evening.

Miss Florence Hill visited Miss Mary Martin last Sunday evening and reports a fine old time, and also Mrs. Henry Laudess.

Misses Lella Joyce, Kate Martin and Messrs. Frank, Sam Hill, Charlie Joyce and Jake Martin visited Miss Ella and Mr. Charlie Martin last Sunday.

Misses Ella Ferguson and Florence Hill are anticipating a visit to Mr. Dick Martin's Easter and are expecting a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Joyce visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Joyce Sunday.

Mrs. Sam Doyle visited Mrs. Annie Newman the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mat Newman visited Mr. Jim Durham's Sunday.

Guess we will soon hear a saw mill whistle as Shelton Bros. are going to move over on Mr. L. L. Joyce's land.

Guess the young people are expecting a fine time Easter as some are preparing to go fishing.

TWO CHICKEN TOES.

## DEATH OF MR. J. Z. DALTON.

Had Been a Great Sufferer For About 12 Months--Temperance Program At Pine Hall Next Sunday Night--Other News.

Pine Hall, April 13.—Mr. J. Z. Dalton died last Thursday night. He had been a great sufferer for about twelve months, and death came as a relief. Mr. Dalton was conscious almost to the last breath and met death bravely and without a murmur. He was laid to rest at Eden church. The burial services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Bell, of Stokesburg. The bereaved ones have our sympathy in this sad hour.

A fine little boy was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis W. Blackwell a few days ago.

Miss Mamie Leak, who has been visiting friends here for some time, left for her home last week. Miss Mamie made many friends while here.

Dr. Haynes was in town Sunday, not on professional business.

It has been said than an honest confession is good for the soul. Mc thinks Mr. Glenn made a mistake in compromising with the railroad but gives him credit for doing what he thought was best. We agree with Mc in this, as we don't believe Mr. Glenn could be led or driven into a thing that he did not believe was for the best interest of the State. As for Mc's allusion to the dead fish floating with the current and the live ones going up stream, we are not certain who he alludes to as making this charge, but if to us we submit the case as we must admit his defence is good.

With all the evidence against the whiskey traffic in this country it has been proven to be a moral cause, and it seems to us that the man that votes to continue the traffic to corrupt and degrade our people is making a grievous mistake. Our Christian duty is plain. We must vote as we pray. Col. Webster of Webster's Weekly says in his last week's issue that there is not a more pronounced opponent of temperance legislation in the State than Senator Reid. If these are facts the good people of Stokes will see to him in the convention.

When we get such men as Gov. Glenn, W. W. Kitchin, Aycock, Jarvis, Judges Pritchard and Robinson and all the ministers of the gospel of all denominations all moving against the great king alcohol, we must know that it is a great monster and must be overthrown. Laymen of the church, where do you stand? You can't afford to go with the world in this matter. If you have been holding between two opinions, come out and make your influence be felt from now until the 26th of May. We can't afford to go with the multitude to do evil. Everything said against prohibition should make us stronger for the fight.

The temperance program, to be rendered here next Sunday night, is good, and we respectfully invite all to be present and especially do we want those that are against prohibition to be present and hear this great issue discussed. Come, one and all.

The program to be rendered is as follows:  
Song—"Onward We are Marching Alcohol to Fight, Messrs. Purdy, Neal and Flynn, Messrs. Paris, Powell, Shropshire, Blackwell and Alley.

Opening address by Mr. O. H. Paris.  
"No Time For Indecision," Miss Maud Neal.  
Song—"Vote as You Pray," by choir.

"I'll Be There to Vote," Harden Neal.

## BIG DAY FOR PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS.

Baptizing Draws a Large Crowd to the River at Danbury--Preaching at North View.

Last Sunday was a big day for the Primitive Baptists. A large crowd assembled on the banks of the Dan at Danbury, a few yards below the bridge, where the ordinance of baptism was administered to one candidate. The service was conducted by Elder James A. Fagg, of Danbury Route 1. Other ministers present were Elders Jas. Crews and Paul Priddy.

After the baptismal ceremonies were over, the crowd repaired to North View church, which is about five miles north-east of Danbury, and where a large crowd had assembled. Services were conducted by the three above-named ministers. After the preaching was over, the people ate dinner, some at their numerous vehicles on the ground and others at the homes of citizens in the neighborhood. The writer had the pleasure of partaking of the bounteous hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Morefield. Other Danbury people present were Messrs. C. M. Jones and T. S. Petree. The day was well enjoyed.

## North View Items.

Danbury Route 1, April 13.—As we haven't seen anything from this section lately thought we would write an item.

Farmers are busy planting corn these days.

Wheat is looking well in this section.

Quite a crowd attended services at North View Sunday, largest crowd out in a long time. Among them we noticed the editor of the Reporter also many candidates for Sheriff.

Mr. Ham Flinchum filled his regular appointment at the spring Sunday. Guess he won't go many more times.

A large crowd was at Mr. P. H. Morefield's Sunday among the number were Messrs. Jesse Priddy, John Covington, Ham Flinchum, Rufus Woods, Richard Morefield, Carlis Davis and Miss Dovie Coleman.

Wonder if those two boys from across the river got home safe Sunday night.

Mr. Priddy seems inclined to like the new clerk at Mabe's store.

## APRIL FOOL.

## Registration Books Open April 24th.

The registration books for the prohibition election to be held May 26th will be opened on April 24th.

Only twelve more days in which to pay your poll tax if you vote in the coming elections.

"Carolina Is Going Dry," J. Bryant Paris.

"Drunkard's Lone Child," Mary Purdy.

"Temperance," Martha Purdy. Song—"There's a Great Day Coming the 16th Of May," choir.

"The Two Glasses," Miss Myrtle Neal.

"The Old Doctor," Miss Mary Purdy.

"A Study In Faces," Miss Maud Neal.

Song—"Prohibition Forever," choir.

"John Douglass' Fate," Frank Tillotson.

"School Room vs. Barroom," Miss Beulah Neal.

Address by Mr. W. M. Paris. Recitation—John Adams.

## Judge J. C. Pritchard To Speak at Danbury Next Thursday 1 P. M.

Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, of Asheville, will speak at the court house in Danbury on Thursday next, April 23, at 1 o'clock, on the question of State prohibition.

Judge Pritchard was formerly United States Senator from North Carolina, and is one of the most distinguished jurists of the South. He is now a judge of the United States courts, and while he is a Republican in principle, he is famed as one of the most conservative and liberal members of his party in the South.

Judge Pritchard is a fine speaker, and every person who is interested in the great moral question to be voted upon by the people of North Carolina next May, should be sure to come out and hear a logical and clear statement of the great issue.

Let every person in Stokes county who can possibly do so, be present. Let every neighborhood make up parties and give the speaker a big crowd. If prohibition is a bad thing, we do not want it. If it is a good thing, we want it. We cannot feel that there is a citizen of Stokes county, who is so blinded by prejudice, and so deaf to the calls of reason, that he is not willing to hear the question discussed calmly, considerably, dispassionately, so that he may be in a position to form convictions, and when formed to vote them accordingly.

Let everybody come and hear Judge Pritchard.

## Forest Fires Last Saturday-- Losses By J. S. Taylor, J. C. Wall and Alfred Stuart.

Forest fires were raging in several sections of the county last Saturday. Breaking out in a newground of Mr. Dock Hall on the river three miles north of Danbury, fifty acres of woodland belonging to Mr. J. S. Taylor together with from fifty to one hundred cords of wood already cut and stacked, were burned.

The same day another fire near Meadows destroyed about fifty cords of wood for Mr. J. C. Wall, and in the afternoon near the place of Mr. Alfred Stuart, a few miles further east, a large quantity of wood and fencing was destroyed by the flames.

## Phone Talk.

The Slate phone system was last week extended to Lawsonville, and the phone placed in Mr. E. C. Sheppard's store Saturday. Messrs. Mabe & Sons are now at work building a branch line to connect at a point near Fagg's store. The Reporter is informed that, should Mr. J. Wesley Morefield build to connect with Mabe & Sons, which is only about a mile, that then Mr. C. H. Sheppard will probably connect at Morefield's, and then in all probability Messrs. P. H. Young, J. D. Young, Mrs. R. L. Hartman & Sons and others will probably hitch on. The line ought to be extended from Sheppard's to G. W. Hart & Sons at Smith, which is we believe, only three or four miles. To all those who are interested in getting the phone extended to them, if they will write Dr. W. C. State, at Capella, he will be glad to take the matter up with you.

## Registrars and Judge Get \$2.

The last session of the legislature increased the pay of registrars and judges of election from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per day.

## Death of Miss Ola Eaton, Near Capella, of Consumption--Mr. Bud Boyles Ill With Pneumonia.

Capella, April 14.—By Phone to the Reporter—Miss Ola Eaton, the 17-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Eaton, died Monday of consumption, after a lingering illness. Miss Eaton was a lovely and popular young lady, and she will be sadly missed by her many friends. The interment was made Tuesday at Mt. Olive church, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. J. E. Simmons.

Mr. Bud Boyles, of the neighborhood of Capella, is ill of pneumonia.

## Capt. Jas. A. Leak At the Head of A Soldier's Reunion in Yadkin For Easter Monday.

Capt. James A. Leak has gone over into Yadkin and got up a soldier's reunion for East Bend on Easter Monday. The Reporter has received an invitation to be present, for which it is thankful, but sorry it can't go. Mr. W. W. King was invited to deliver an address to the old soldiers, but as court will be so close here, Mr. King will probably be compelled to decline. The people of Yadkin are expecting a big time. At night there will be a fiddler's convention. A good many people of this county will probably attend.

## Fire Out on the Blue Ridge--Master Harry Leake Improving--Other Campbell Items.

Campbell Route 1, April 14.—We are having dry windy weather. We think there was fire out on the Blue Ridge Saturday, judging from the smoke that was rising from the mountain all the evening. We hope there was no damage done.

Master Harry Leake, who has been very sick for some time, is improving very much, we are glad to note.

Mrs. Jas. Tatum, of Mayodan, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Covie Smith, at present.

Miss Mary Baker spent Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Leak.

I guess Mr. John Leak went to the postoffice again Sunday as he was seen going that way.

Mr. R. L. Payne spent Friday night at Mr. P. J. Leake's.

I guess Master Bruce Spencer has supplied most all the young people of this section with post cards.

Think Mr. Leake's people will soon be having plenty of fried chicken as Mrs. Leake has about 200 young ones now.

BLUE JAY.

## Mr. P. W. Glidewell a Candidate for District Elector.

The friends of Mr. P. W. Glidewell are pushing him for the Democratic nomination for District Elector. Mr. Glidewell, who now resides at Reidsville, and is doing well, the Reporter is pleased to observe, is the son of Rev. C. W. Glidewell, and formerly lived in this county, and got his start practicing law at Danbury. He is a very bright young man, and is a natural born orator. The Reporter would be glad to see him receive the nomination, and has no doubt but that he would fill the position with ability and honor.

Mr. W. W. King went to Winston Tuesday morning.