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LINCOLN JURY TO TRY KINCAID

Judge Bryson Grants Request of Solicitor for a Jury from County Other than Burke.

Morganton, Aug. 11.—The jury which will try Sidney Kincaid, Burke county commissioner, for alleged murder of his wife, will come from Lincoln county. Solicitor Huffman's request for a jury from a county other than Burke where the defendant has many relatives and wide business connections, was granted this morning in an order made by Judge Bryson that a venire of 75 men be summoned from Lincoln county to appear here next Tuesday afternoon at 2:30.

The defendant's counsel, after having failed to have a jury selected from Burke, made vigorous protest against Lincoln preferring some county they stated where former legal practice would give them acquaintance with the citizenship and an equal chance with the solicitor to select the jury. Judge Bryson, however, stood by his original decision and an order has been sent to sheriff of Lincoln county to summon the venire.

FATHER OF PRESIDENT HARDING WEDS AGAIN

Monroe, Mich., Aug. 11.—Dr. George T. Harding, 76 years old father of President Harding was married here today to Miss Alice Severns, 52, by the Rev. Frank T. Knowles, pastor of the Monroe Presbyterian church, Miss Severns has been a nurse in the office of Dr. Harding at Marion for many years. The couple drove here in an automobile, obtained a marriage license and went to the home of Rev. Knowles, where the ceremony was performed.

COUNTIES MUST RAISE MONEY ENOUGH TO RUN SCHOOLS FOR 6 MONTHS

Else They Cannot Participate in Equalizing Fund.—Judge Connor's Ruling.

Raleigh, Aug. 11.—Counties will have to levy a sufficient tax rate to produce as much money as was raised for school purposes through a 30 cent rate on last year's valuations according to the decision of Judge George W. Connor in the Nash county mandamus proceedings. The difference of opinion as to the meaning of the law between the Nash commissioners and the Nash board of education is typical of the differences of opinion in other counties. The Nash county case is the first to be carried to a Superior court judge, and the decision, therefore is important to all other counties in the state.

Judge Connor's decision was entirely in line with the interpretation of the law by the attorney general and the department of education. The court held in this Nash county case that the responsibility for the six months school term was with the county commissioners, and they must provide as much money for the payment of teachers for the six months as they paid last year, no matter what reductions in the values have been. If it takes a 50 cent tax rate to produce as much money as the 30 cent rate produced on last year's values, the 50 cent rate will have to be levied. In other words, the counties cannot participate in the equalizing fund of the state until they have contributed as much money to their schools as they contributed last year. If the values have been lowered, the tax rate will have to be increased in just exactly the ratio the values were lowered, for the constitutional mandate calls for a six months term of school regardless of what is done to the tax values.

MEDICAL SOCIETY HAS GOOD MEETING

Hickory Record 12th. The Caldwell - Catawba - Lincoln County Medical Society met at Lenoir on Tuesday, August 9. This was the third regular meeting of this society and all present agreed that it was the best yet held by this growing organization. Drs. Goodman of Lenoir and Thompson of Lincoln read instructive papers on subjects that have appealed to them in their practice. All present joined in the discussion of these papers. Numerous interesting cases were presented to the society by different members their condition discussed by those present.

Those present were Dr. A. B. Goodman, Caroline McNairy, Albert Houck and W. I. Pitts of Lenoir; E. E. Lee, C. D. Thompson, J. W. Saine, and L. A. Crowell of Lincoln; T. C. Blackburn, W. P. Speas and J. H. Shuford of Hickory, Glenn Long of Newton and W. E. Brandy of Maiden.

HALLMAN IS GIVEN PRISON SENTENCE

Jury Returns Verdict of Guilty Of Assault With Intent to Commit Rape.

Monroe, Aug. 11.—"Guilty of assault with intent to commit rape," was the verdict in the Hallman case, rendered at 5 o'clock this afternoon after the jury had been deliberating for more than nine hours. A maximum sentence of 15 years at hard labor was imposed by Judge Finley and counsel for defense immediately gave notice to appeal.

Within three minutes after the court house bell announced that the jury was ready to report the court room was filled with several hundred citizens who had waited all day for the verdict. After brief pleas for mercy by counsel for the defense, Judge Finley stated that the reason the jury deliberated so long was because they could not agree whether to render a verdict as they did or a verdict of guilty of rape, which the court said might well have been rendered, according to the evidence.

Thus ends Superior Court action in the case of State against Lee Hallman, young white man on trial for his life since Thursday morning of last week. He is charged with criminal assault upon Miss Louise Tolbert, of Concord. The offense is alleged to have been committed on a lonely road near Wingate on the night of July 21, while the two were out riding.

All day crowds of farmers and others have congregated about the court house square eagerly waiting the verdict of the jury that would say whether a man should die or a woman should be branded as a prostitute. Interest in the case has been intense and the court room packed every day.

The issue was fairly joined from the first, the prosecutor contending that she was overcome and ravished; the defendant admitting illicit relationship but contending that it was by consent. Some of the best legal talent in the State have given earnest attention to the case. Much of the evidence has been revolting.

KISER REUNION

Cherryville Eagle. It was the pleasure of the writer to attend last Thursday one of the biggest events pulled off in Gaston county for some time—The Kiser Reunion held at Sunnyside.

Sunnyside has the reputation of being one of the most progressive communities in Gaston county and when anything is pulled off at Sunnyside people will just go. Sunnyside is a community where all citizens work in unison, pull together in all progressive lines of endeavor, and holding the reunion at Sunnyside was probably one of the reasons why it was such a great success.

The day was propitious and the Kisers, old and young, from Lincoln, Cleveland and Gaston were there together with their connections and many friends. Some were on the ground as early as 8 o'clock in the morning and at 5:30 in the evening when the writer left a good sized crowd was still on the grounds.

At 10 o'clock Rev. J. C. Deitz of Gastonia preached an inspiring sermon from the text selected by the venerable J. Kiser, known throughout the county as 'Squire Kiser, from the third chapter of St. John, 14, 15, 16 and 17th verses. The sermon and music rendered by the choir of Concord church near by accomplished by the piano was indeed inspiring to the large audience assembled.

After the sermon dinner was served in the beautiful grove in rear of the school building in the old fashion way—in groups of one, two or more families, each family inviting their friends. It was the writer's good fortune to dine with Esquire Kiser, the oldest person at the reunion. In a few more days he will have passed his 84th mile post in the journey of life. Mr. Kiser is still active in mind and body, despite his advanced years and enjoyed the day seemingly as well as any of the younger people.

The Bessemer City cornet band rendered good music throughout the day which was very much enjoyed by all present. One thing very noticeable about the band was that most of the boys belonging to the band are still wearing knee breeches which is an assurance that Bessemer City will be privileged with a good band for some time to come. Bessemer City is to be congratulated upon having such a fine set of band boys.

It was announced that the next Kiser reunion will be held on the first Saturday in August in 1922 at the same place, Sunnyside. The writer suggests that someone in the mean time be appointed to write a history of the Kiser family and read same at the next reunion. Dr. Kiser of Reepsville could probably get up this document with the aid of Esquire J. Kiser.

REV. E. R. STEPHENSON KILLED FATHER COYLE

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 11.—Father James E. Coyle, for many years pastor of St. Paul's Catholic church, died at a hospital tonight after having been shot three times by Rev. E. R. Stephenson.

Immediately after the shooting Stephenson went to the county jail and surrendered, admitting, according to deputies, that he shot the priest. Officers quote Stephenson as declaring he shot Father Coyle because the latter had performed a marriage ceremony between Stephenson daughter and Pedro Gusman, a Catholic.

In a statement to newspapers tonight, Stephenson declared he shot Father Coyle in self defense after the priest had struck him twice, knocking him to his knees. He stated that he was passing the rectory when Father Coyle called him in and that in an argument which developed he called Father Coyle a "dirty dog." Father Coyle then attacked him, according to Stephenson, and he pulled his revolver and fired three shots.

LENOIR POSTOFFICE IS CAUSE OF HEATED ROW

Lenoir, Aug. 11.—E. F. Wakefield has received the endorsement of the Caldwell county Republican executive committee for the postoffice in Lenoir. This action was taken at a meeting of the committee in the courthouse here Monday morning. Fifteen of the 16 committeemen of the county were present. Wakefield received eight votes, a Mr. Matheson six and Clark Smith one. Many local Republicans are wrought up about this action of the county committee. It is said that Mr. Matheson had received the endorsement of practically all Republican interests, and all business interests, and a majority of the patrons supplied by the Lenoir postoffice. He also had a letter of instruction from State Chairman Linney saying that the executive committee on such questions should decide in favor of the applicant who received the greatest endorsement of patrons. In addition to Mr. Matheson's endorsement of patrons, it is claimed that he also had endorsement of practically every Republican who contributed to the local campaign fund last year. Mr. Wakefield, it is claimed, went into the meeting with no endorsement whatever. In spite of this fact it is said the executive committee disregarded the laid down rule and instructions and endorsed a man who had received no endorsement whatever from the people who are served by the Lenoir postoffice.

Mr. Matheson says that he is going to continue the fight. It is believed that the appointment for the Lenoir postoffice will not be delayed very much longer. Mr. Guire's term ended in July.

FORMAL DEDICATION OF ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL

Gastonia, Aug. 12.—The formal dedication of the North Carolina Orthopedic hospital will be held August 18 at 11 o'clock in the morning. Dr. Plato T. Durham, of Emory university, will deliver the dedicatory address and Gov. Cameron Morrison is scheduled for the acceptance. The exercises will be held in the newly completed ward of the hospital.

The general public of the state, especially friends of the institution and those interested in its work are invited to the present. However, owing to the limited amount of room in the buildings children under 16 years of age will not be expected to be present.

On the same day the annual meeting of the board of trustees of the hospital will be held for the purpose of electing officers and transacting other routine business.

OASIS TEMPLE TO BUILD MOSQUE TO COST \$350,000

Charlotte, Aug. 12.—Oasis temple of the Mystic Shrine, which has 4,000 members in North Carolina, will erect a mosque in Charlotte, the home of the shrine, at a cost of between \$350,000 and \$500,000 on the triangle at East Morehead street and Wilworth road.

Negotiations which have been on for some months between representatives of the temple and the Charlotte Consolidated Construction company a site for the proposed mosque were concluded today by Wilbur B. Huntington, of the Southern Real Estate, Loan and Trust company. The temple acquired six acres of land in the triangle made at the point of East Morehead street where Dilworth road branches off on Morehead toward old Latta park. The price paid was \$40,500.

The mosque will be one of the handsomest buildings in the south devoted exclusively to fraternal matters.

TAR HEEL MOTORS MAKES PROTESTS AGAINST RATES

Traffic Association and Grocers Object To Increased Rates On Groceries As Unfavorable to State.

Raleigh News and Observer. The North Carolina Traffic Association, in conjunction with the North Carolina Wholesale Grocers' Association, has protested to the Interstate Commerce Commission against the tariff recently filed by the railroads for an increased rate on certain groceries, placing North Carolina on a higher basis than the Virginia cities.

The proposed tariff to become effective August 22nd, covers dried beans, peas, canned goods, including canned salmon, dried and evaporated fruits and rice, from the Pacific coast and western points to North Carolina and Virginia cities.

Prior to the government operation of railroads, Virginia points had a considerable less rate on the above-mentioned commodities than North Carolina, with the consequent result that North Carolina business men were prohibited from dealing in these goods. During the period of Federal control of carriers, North Carolina was placed upon the same basis with Virginia points with the natural result that a considerable volume of business has been built up by North Carolina interests.

The new tariff proposed to put in rates for instance 25 1-2 cents per hundred pounds greater to North Carolina than to Virginia cities, and on dried fruits 41 1-2 cents per hundred pounds greater to North Carolina than to Virginia, on canned salmon 21 1-2 cents more to North Carolina than to their competing cities in Virginia.

The protest of the North Carolina Traffic Association and the North Carolina Wholesale Grocers' Association filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission, asking the suspension of this tariff places the burdens upon the railroads for proof as to the necessity of putting in rates on the articles mentioned less to Virginia than to North Carolina.

This item not only affects the jobbing interests of North Carolina, but likewise should be of interest to the consumer for any increased cost in transportation is borne by the general public.

STATE SHOWS NO INTEREST IN KLANSMEN

(By Max Abernethy.) Raleigh, Aug. 10.—Since the state's supreme failure of the investigation of cemetery lake nobody expects a state probe of Ku Klux Klan activities in North Carolina at present.

Major Bruce Craven, essaying in the role of "exposer" of the secret organization, has not moved state officials to "view with alarm" movements of North Carolina Klansmen. Major Craven's rapid criticism of the Morrison administration, of the state treasurer, the state's financial policy and his efforts to belittle the chief executive since his inauguration has not been forgotten. Frankly state officials, if there is to be an investigation of Ku Klux Klan or anything else, would prefer a more friendly if not a more reliable source of information than that tendered by Opponent Craven.

Attorney General James S. Manning ought to know something about investigation as he has just gone through the cemetery lake fiasco, and this official has apparently heard nothing that would warrant the prediction that Ku Klux Klan is to be investigated. The activities in North Carolina of the Klansmen have been absolutely within the law, it is said. Opposition to the organization has not been noticeable. Those opposed to such an organization have not thought it "dangerous" enough to ask for state, city or county help in combating its formation in North Carolina.

The impression gained here is that there must be some evidence of a violation by members of the Ku Klux Klan before state money is expended in "investigations." Cemetery Lake in East Raleigh, now and still a hole in the grounds, is still haunting the state officials who were investigated in draining the pond at state expense.

Investigation of the Ku Klux Klan might lead to an investigation of the Catholic secret order, the Knights of Columbus, since Protestants cannot become members of this organization. It's a safe bet that the state plays hands off in this latest "sensation."

MIKE SMITH, OF BUNCOMBE, GIVEN PARDON BY GOVERNOR

Asheville, Aug. 12.—Mike Smith, of Buncombe county, was today granted a pardon upon recommendations of Judge R. M. Wells and Asheville City Solicitor O. K. Bennett. He was recently sentenced to 90 days on a charge of transporting liquor and had served 30 days of his sentence.

The Hendersonville News says that the road from Be' Cave to Hendersonville will be hard surfaced soon. The contract will be let the 15th. The state will appropriate \$200,000 to carry on this project.

BURN 217,982 GALLONS OF GASOLINE EVERY DAY

For Every Gallon, One Cent Goes In to Maintenance of Roads Automobiles are Driven Over; Chairman Page Pleased with Rapidity With Which Forces are Mobilized.

North Carolina automobiles burn 217,982 gallons of gasoline every day, a hundred and fifty thousand of them covering an estimated mileage of 2,397,802 miles. In a year, figured on the same basis, the automobiles in the State will consume a total of 79,663,420 gallons and cover approximately a billion miles in travel.

The figures are based on the collection of gasoline tax for the first 90 days of the operation of the new road law given out by State Treasurer B. R. Lacy yesterday. From May 2 to August 1, receipts from the gasoline tax of one cent on the gallon totalled \$196,183.76. The estimated income for the year from its source is \$796,634.20.

Where Money Goes. The money is applied to maintenance of roads taken over by the State Highway Commission and is a part of the general highway fund provided by the motor license and gasoline taxes. Yesterday's accounting with the license department gave the highway fund \$1,878,449.25 from motor licenses, or a total of \$2,131,632.01 from all sources in the hands of the Treasurer for the road building and maintenance.

Interest on automobile bond issues, administration costs and maintenance of roads will be paid out of the fund. Approximately one million dollars will be added during the year from yet uncollected automobile licenses, and from the gasoline tax. Administration and interest will require approximately half a million this year, leaving the remainder for actual work on the roads. Bond issues will provide for actual construction.

Working in 78 Counties

Since the initial session of the District Highway Engineers at Raleigh a month ago, maintenance of roads has been started in 78 of the 100 counties, and of the total mileage of 6,055 miles of road taken over by the State, 3,192 miles are being maintained. Within the next 30 days Highway Engineer Charles M. Upham expects to have every mile of State road under maintenance.

The rapidity with which maintenance forces have been organized and put to work is a source of gratification to Chairman Page. Lack of available equipment, difficulty in securing capable men, and the slowness of some counties to get their road maps finally approved have somewhat hampered the work of organization, but these difficulties are being rapidly eliminated. Every mile of road is expected to be maintained before September.

Page Finds Improvement

Just back from a trip through the western part of the State, over much the same route traveled six weeks ago, Mr. Page said Thursday to a Raleigh correspondent that he noted a remarkable improvement in roads that are being worked now by the State. Despite the almost unprecedented dry weather, which makes the keeping of the roads almost as difficult as very wet weather, he found them in splendid condition. Completion of maintenance organization will bring even more remarkable improvement in roads, he said.

Organization has been formed with the district as a unit, and the State roads divided into sections in such manner that they can be kept up with the minimum of travel by maintenance gangs. Several hundred motor trucks are being used in this work, and other sent out as fast as they can be put in condition for work by the mechanical division. Altogether the State has about 600 ex-army trucks, and expects to secure several hundred more.

The Sixth district with Charlotte as its center leads with the number of miles of road under maintenance, with 582 miles. The figures for the nine districts are as follows: First, 320; Second, 219; Third, 377; Fourth, 367; Fifth, 489; Sixth, 582; Seventh, 343; Eighth, 238; Ninth, 275. Total, 3,192.

ATTORNEY GENERAL MANNING SAYS LAW IS SUFFICIENT

Raleigh, Aug. 8.—State investigation of the Ku Klux Klan appeared probable today as a result of the sensational disclosures made by Major Bruce Craven and his follow up challenge to the Imperial Wizard in Atlanta.

If all that Major Craven says is true, the insurance department believes, it has a law to reach the organizers and promoters. If there isn't insurance law sufficient, the attorney general feels that his office can make an investigation and get the matter into the courts where the late clandestine law enforcers can explain their business.

The attorney general's office will hardly move of its own volition. Judge Manning said this afternoon, but upon complaint of sufficient importance it may put into motion such machinery as is necessary for either exploding the Klan in North Carolina or force it to defend itself against being outlawed in the court.

The officials are watching with much interest the correspondence between Major Craven and Imperial Wizard Simmons.

BRUCE CRAVEN TO CONFER WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL AS TO KLAN IN THIS STATE

Correspondent R. E. Powell of Raleigh writing to Charlotte Observer says that Attorney General James S. Manning today announced that he will hold a conference the first part of the week with Maj. Bruce Craven, of Trinity, the subject matter of which will be ways and means for reaching the Ku Klux Klan through the state courts. Major Craven wrote Attorney General Manning the letter arriving here this morning, informing the latter that he was determined to camp on the trail of the organization until it was forced "out of business."

In announcing the appointment, Judge Manning stated that he had reached no decision as to whether the state can voluntarily step in and prosecute the organizers of the Klan and its membership of its own motion or not. In discussing the matter a few days ago the attorney general stated to newspaper men that an "investigation" of the activities of the Klan could be conducted through his office if there was "sufficient" complaint against it lodged with him. It is assumed here that the object of the conference sought by Major Craven is the presentation of the "sufficient" complaint. Raleigh, since the exposure made by Major Craven, is said to have the only fully organized Klan in the state. Until the exposure it was comparatively easy to identify a part of the membership of the local organization. Meetings, however, since the exposure, have been of a peculiarly clandestine nature, and those members who heretofore would imply affiliation with the order now deny any knowledge of the existence of a local Klan. The organization still has defenders in town, but none bold enough to solicit recruits to the order.

Atlanta Minister Says Klan Is Composed of Law-Abiding Citizens—Its Membership Bans Jews, Catholics and Negroes.

Tulsa, Okla., Aug. 11.—Many crimes have been committed by the cowardly in the name of the Ku Klux Klan, but the order of which he is a member is composed of law-abiding citizens, Dr. Caleb A. Ridley, Atlanta Ga., minister, declared in an address on the aims and organization of the "Invisible Empire" here last night.

The purposes of Ku Klux, the speaker said, is three-fold, to protect the weak, innocent and defenseless from the outrages of the violent the lawless and the brutal; to protect and defend the constitution of the United States; and to aid in the execution of all constitutional law.

The provisions of its membership barring negroes, Jews and Catholics has led many people to believe, according to Dr. Ridley, that the Klan is negative and not positive in its aims.

Dr. Ridley said he was not a paid lecturer, but was spending his vacation "between Sundays" speaking for it, in order to combat "insidious propaganda" which he says has been circulated against it.

Most of the large audience at Convention Hall were men. They remained quiet and attentive during the speech.

"A white man is a white man, whether he lives in New Jersey, Indiana, Oklahoma or Georgia," the speaker said, "and white man's job is to see that civilization comes under the dominion of no inferior race so long as he lives."

Daddy took Philip to his office. After he had seen everything in the place Philip said: "Now, daddy hurry up and show me how to make the money."

SHORT ITEMS

It has been definitely settled by the state commission to take over the Lenoir and Blowing Rock turnpike on August 22, 1921, and the toll gates will be taken down from said road on that date.

Rutherfordton, Aug. 11.—Cliffside and Henrietta won the fight for the highway to go their way from here to the South Carolina line. The direction of the road has been in dispute for several months. It was first decided that the road should go a middle route and cross Broad river at the new Island Ford bridge. An appeal was taken and the committee composed of Chairman Frank Page, of the State Highway commission; Chas. M. Upham, new chief engineer, and Commissioners W. A. McGirt, John G. McAbree and J. G. Stikeleather went over all the three proposed routes and recommended the lower way via Cliffside, Caroleen and Henrietta.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Both the administration and Congress were warned today by Secretary Mellon that the \$350,000,000 reduction in estimated departmental expenditures agreed upon at the White House conference last Tuesday as a part of the whole tax revision program could be achieved only by the exercise of the most rigid economy.

Concord, Aug. 11.—In the presence of a good-natured and well-behaved crowd as ever attended any county picnic more than 100, possibly 125 operatives, of the Locke cotton mills who have been out on strike since February 22 entered the gates of the mill this morning and at 7 o'clock the machinery which has lain idle for nearly six months began to turn with a whirl.

FIVE MEN KILLED WHEN TRAIN STRIKES TRUCK

Vicksburg, Miss., July 11.—Two white men and three negroes were killed and one white man and nine negroes were injured late today when a Yazoo & Mississippi Valley passenger train struck a motor truck pulling a crowded trailer. The scene of the accident was Avualls, Sharkey county. All of the men killed were riding on the truck. The injured were on the trailer, which turned over when the engine struck the truck.

ORDERS NASH COMMISSIONERS TO LEVY SUFFICIENT TAX TO RUN SCHOOLS

Commissioners of Nash county have been ordered by Judge George W. Connor to levy a tax of 48 cents on the \$100 property valuation, operating expenses of schools, and 12 cents for school buildings, in mandamus proceeding brought by the Nash county Board of Education against the Board of County Commissioners, to compel the levy of sufficient taxes to produce revenue for the schools.

The Commissioners entrenched themselves behind the legislative limit of a 30-cent rate, and reduced the property valuation in the county an average of 40 per cent. Seeing their revenues fall short, the Board of Education brought action to compel the levy of sufficient taxes to produce revenue for the schools.

Similar action is pending or probable in Duplin, Ashe and Yadkin counties, but in most of the other counties in the State the county authorities have accepted the Attorney General's ruling that the commissioners, must levy, under the constitution, enough tax to support the schools. This is the first case to be brought in to the courts, and it is expected that the ruling on it will be accepted by the other counties.

Mrs. John M. Cook of Concord, President of Lutheran Society.

Mooresville, Aug. 12.—Following the adoption of a constitution and by laws by the merged body of Lutheran woman missionary workers this afternoon, Mrs. John M. Cook, of Concord, was elected president of the new organization which now becomes known as the United Women's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina of the United Lutheran church in America. Mrs. Cook was the almost unanimous choice receiving on the second ballot seventy-eight of the 83 votes cast. When the North Carolina society was organized 36 years ago she joined as a junior and from that day to the present has served the organization faithfully and efficiently in many capacities. From minor offices on up to the presidency which she held for two years. She later served as field secretary of the North Carolina work and now has the distinction of being one of the three southern women on the executive board of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America.