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DOBSON COURT.

The regular term of April Superior court for Surry county met at Dobson last Monday with Judge F. A. Daniels presiding. Judge Daniels has not been well for some weeks and Monday being a very rainy, bad day he thought it not safe for him to go from this city to Dobson in such weather, and so had court adjourned until Tuesday at noon.

A very small number of men were at Dobson Monday, for it was pouring down rain and the roads bad. Not more than two hundred were in attendance. The people stood around and discussed politics and farming. There was almost no interest in the court, for very few witnesses were in attendance and no cases of importance were to be tried.

Tuesday at noon the Judge called court and selected a grand jury. In the afternoon a few petty cases from Mount Airy were disposed of and some negroes fined for gambling. Nearly all day Wednesday was consumed in disposing of a case from White Plains where some boys were charged with disturbing a Christmas tree entertainment. The boys claimed that they were having some fun but were not disturbing any one. They put up a hard fight through their attorneys and some were convicted and some were discharged.

The only criminal case on the docket of any general interest was that of Asbery Bates charged with obtaining \$150 from the Bank of Mount Airy by false pretense.

Bates is an interesting character and the story of his life is out of the ordinary. He is the only son of the late James Bates, one of the best citizens of the county.

He was born and reared in the country a few miles west of Dobson and when his father died he was left with several thousand dollars worth of property including a good farm. Being an only son he had such opportunities as other young men have in his section and they say he has a very good education and is a splendid scribe. Early in life he showed tendencies that were not for the good and proved that he was disposed to be a worthless character. Before many years after he reached the state of manhood he was entangled in various ways and was unhappily married. He was charged with having two wives and now has three wives, some of whom he claims to have been divorced from. Some years ago he was charged with forging checks, and, about that time, he stole a good mule from a citizen in his section and rode here to this city and forged a check with which he bought a saddle and then left the county. When he got down in Yadkin he sold the mule and saddle and skipped out for the west. He was soon located in Indiana and brought back. For this he was tried and sentenced to the penitentiary for seven years. After he had served four years of his time citizens used their influence and got him paroled. That was about two years ago.

About six months ago he sold his land and kept an old copy of the deed. From this old copy of the deed he had a mortgage drawn up giving the boundaries and description, and armed with the paper he came here and secured a loan of one hundred and fifty dollars from the Bank of Mt. Airy. Then he skipped the country. It was not long before Sheriff Haynes had him located in Jacksonville, Fla. where he was working at the carpenter's trade. Papers were sent for his arrest and when the officers went after him he saw them coming and jumped off a scaffold on which he was standing on the top of a two story building. He ran around through a back alley and dashed into a room and, quick as thought, took a "dry shave" and removed his mustache. A minute after he passed the officers seeking him and one remarked that he believed that looked like their man, but the ap-

peared reminded him that the man they were after had a heavy mustache. And so he got away and came direct to Winston-Salem. Soon he was back in his old neighborhood where he remained for a few days and was preparing to move his third wife to Winston-Salem when he was picked up by an officer in that town.

Bates is the only man that has been carried to jail at Dobson since February term of court. His trial will come off today, Thursday, and as we go to press we have not learned the length of sentence he will get.

He has made the reputation of being a worthless, bad man. He has run through with every dollar of the property his father left him and now must serve another long term. He seems to have had a mania for forging checks. There is a merchant here in Mt. Airy now who has a check for eighteen dollars that Bates put off on him some years ago and for which he could have been sent to the roads. But at the time he was already in prison and the merchant lost the money and said nothing.

The civil docket will be taken up today and enough cases are in court to take a month for trial if they were all disposed of.

We are reliably informed that no one has yet been secured to take Jonas Allen's place at Dobson. A good citizen of that town and one who can be relied upon tells us that they have some young fellows in training down on a back street. They are afraid to risk them much yet especially if Walker is about.

Spencer-Pullen.

Last Saturday evening Mr. A. B. Spencer arrived in this city accompanied by his bride formerly Miss Minnie Pullen of Richmond Va. The marriage took place privately in Richmond last Thursday morning at ten o'clock, the bride returning to a hospital where she was a trained nurse, and the groom returning to his work, he being an express messenger with headquarters in this city, the young people meant to keep their marriage a secret until June, but some how the newspapers got hold of the secret so the bride met her husband in Greensboro Saturday and they arrived here on the evening train. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer are at home at the Haynes House on Moore Avenue.

Misses Hales Entertained.

Misses Forest and Lillie Hale entertained a host of their friends Friday evening at the residence of their parents Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hale.

A bouquet of "bleeding hearts" was presented to each one as a souvenir and all enjoyed the evening very much.

Mitchell's River News.

The farmers are getting behind with their work on account of so much rain.

Mr. H. H. Moore and family moved last week to their new home at Good Springs, N. C.

Miss Bertie Thompson of Devotion is spending a few weeks with her sister Mrs. Sallie Mann at Raleigh.

Rev. Daniel Roberts will preach at Riverside church the second Saturday evening and Sunday in May.

Mr. W. H. Thompson attended court at Dobson Monday.

Mr. Clarence Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Thompson attended preaching at Mountain View last Sunday.

Little Miss Hattie Wall is at home again at the residence of her grandpa Mr. A. S. Cokerham after spending several months with her papa at Mecon, N. C.

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TRIAL MOVED TO WYTHEVILLE.

Allens Ask for Change of Venue and Judge Staples Moves Trial to Wythe Co.—Date set for Thursday, April 30.—Friends of the Allens Clash With the Detectives.

Hillsville, Va., April 22.—Desperate but futile efforts were made late today, according to the detectives here, to smuggle weapons to six members of the Allen clan in jail. Earlier in the day they had pleaded not guilty to indictments charging them with five murders in Carroll county courthouse on March 14, and their trials were set for April 30 at Wytheville, in an adjacent county. The prisoners will be taken there during the night and strict precaution will be taken during their transfer from here, as the day's developments showed that the Allens had many friends, who might attempt a rescue.

On the pretense of being intoxicated, Wesley Smith attracted attention around the jail and was locked up. In an altercation with Detective H. H. Lueas, Smith drew a dagger, but the detective knocked him unconscious. Smith is said to be a friend of the Allens and his plan is said to have been to get into a cell adjacent to Floyd Allen to communicate with him. Later in the day at the point of a rifle, Detective E. C. Payne drove J. C. and David Strickland from the vicinity of the jail. The two brothers, who hitherto have been under suspicion of aiding Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards, still at large in the mountains, were charged by Payne with loitering in front of the jail and acting threateningly.

Counsel for the Allens were appealed to by the Strickland boys, one of them declaring that Payne had struck him. The attorneys sought out Judge Walter R. Staples, who visited the jail and secured Payne's version of the affair. The judge told Payne not to relax his vigilance in guarding the prisoners.

Change of Venue Grant.

In the court proceedings early today it was decided that the bullet-scarred court house of Carroll county would not be the scene of the Allen trials. Attorneys for the six members of the Allen clan thought the lead-punctured walls and chairs would be prejudicial reminders to a jury of the tragedy of March 14, when the judge, the prosecutor, the sheriff, a juror and a bystander were killed. The application of the defense for a change of venue was not opposed by the prosecution and Judge Staples granted it.

To all indictments the six defendants pleaded not guilty. Their attorneys announced a severance of the cases and the Commonwealth will try Floyd Allen first and probably his sons, Claude and Victor, next, then his nephews, Friel Allen, Sidna Edwards and Byrd Marion.

Towards the close of the day's proceedings reference was made to Sidna Allen, who with his nephew, Wesley Edwards, is still being hunted in the mountains by detectives.

N. P. Oglesby, of counsel for the prisoners, moved that attachment of Sidna Allen's property be dismissed as had been done with the other prisoners.

The prosecutor inquired how Mr. Oglesby had been selected to act for Sidna Allen, and if he had communicated with the latter about the subject. The attorney replied that he was acting for Sidna Allen at the direction of Mrs. Sidna Allen.

Judge Staples Protected.

The court reserved decision. Court proceedings drew a picturesque crowd of mountaineers. Judge Walter R. Staples sat in the same chair in which Judge Thornton L. Massie met his death. Behind the rail was a detective, a six-shooter hung conspicuously on his hip. Among the six prisoners, as well as various strategic points in the small courtroom, armed pickets were stationed. As the crowd filed in the room Detective Tom Felts, assisted by Sheriff Edwards, searched all for concealed weapons. Some who had rode in from the mountains expressed surprise at the unusual proceedings, but precaution was not lacking. A cordon of armed deputies guarded the six prisoners as they were brought to the court room. Floyd

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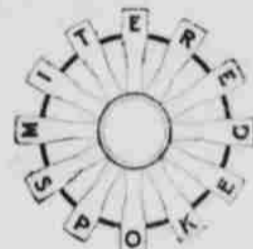
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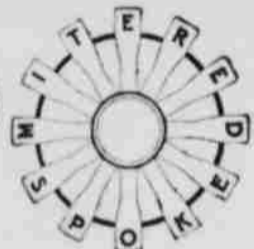
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