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JAPANESE EXCLUDED

After years of agitation the congress of this country last week made a law excluding the citizens of Japan from this country.

There are many Americans who have long claimed to see that a war must be fought with Japan before that country is able to see that it is not able to dictate terms to our nation.

The reason for Japan's indignation is that they are classed by this country as an inferior people, as they see it.

The heart of the trouble is on our Pacific coast. California in particular, is up in arms against the Jap, and has been for years.

Once a Jap gets a home and a foothold in a community he makes life unpleasant for the Americans who live about him, and they are disposed to sell out and move away rather than be pestered by such an undesirable citizen.

In this way the Jap has gotten possession of some of the finest sections of California, and if permitted he would soon have the whole of the Pacific coast.

Just now the subject is a very live one in this country and some compromise may be reached that will quiet the agitation without a war.

COOPERATION THAT SUCCEEDS.

In these days of high prices of all kinds of manufactured goods and low prices of all kinds of farm products one hears much talk about how to adjust that will even up matters so that all may live.

Cooperation is thought by many to be the road to relief. The idea of cooperation has not been accepted by only a very small part of the people of this part of the country.

Just now we have in mind the failure of our own people to subsoil their farm lands. A few years ago the county agents advocated the great good that comes from subsoiling land, and under their leadership many farmers bought subsoil plows and for a time used them.

There has always been a certain amount of cooperative work among farmers. Barn raisings, threshing and such like work is nothing but cooperation in the most beneficial kind.

No man can raise a barn by himself, neither can he thresh his grain without help. Some day men will learn that this spirit of cooperation will be helpful in many ways.

the other man's price. With the spirit of cooperation does get into the minds of our people they will apply it to planting the crop, buying the supplies, fixing the time for sale of crops, naming the price, subsoiling the land and in many ways find themselves working together for the common good of all.

WAKING UP THE WOMEN VOTERS

This is the second time the women of this nation have been permitted to take part in a presidential election. In many parts of the country the political leaders are already active in their efforts to awake the interest of the woman voter in the coming election.

All this is right and proper if the women are to take part in the election. We have been impressed with the lack of interest here in our own town on the part of the women voters. Ask the average man about political questions that are being talked, and he will show some interest, and in a few instances has already taken sides on political issues.

It would be a wise step, even this far in advance, if our political leaders would take action to arouse interest here in our county in political matters among the women voters.

OLD AGE AND WISDOM

One of the sad facts of life is that age so often fails to bring wisdom. Recently a conference was held in one of the great cities of Europe.

After many days of discussion of problems facing Europe the conference ended in peace and harmony. The French delegate gave expression to these remarks that have been telegraphed around the world.

One of the deplorable facts of life is that age so often brings along with it feeling of resentment and disappointment and lack of love and understanding. It is so understood in Europe. It is something to think about that the men and women of age are not to be counted upon to bring about a better feeling in the distressed countries of Europe.

NEW MORAVIAN CHURCH OPENED

On Ward's Gap Road Moravians Hold Cemetery Easter Service—27 Joined Church By Baptism

Just eight miles out on the Wards Gap road you will find one of the prettiest and most up to date churches anywhere in this county. It has been built by the Moravians mostly by local help.

The first service in this church was held Easter Sunday and in spite of the fact that the pastor had been told he would never get enough people to fill the church it was full to overflowing and more than 100 people could not get into the church.

More than 500 people were present to go on to the cemetery according to Moravian custom, in memory of departed loved ones and in the hope of meeting them above.

The pastor Rev. C. D. Crouch just closed a revival meeting in which there were more than 50 professions of religion and in connection with the Easter sermon 27 were baptized and joined the church. The ages of those who joined ranged from 11 to 73 years old.

COURT AT DOBSON

Judge C. G. Lyon the first two days of Dobson court this week made much progress in disposing of the large criminal calendar that is on the Surry docket. Of the more than 125 cases about 49 of them deal with liquor violations, some for making and hauling, some for merely being found with a small drink on their person, about enough to furnish a fellow with a good stiff drink, others for bootlegging, and also in this class are about 15 persons who have been caught driving their car under its influence.

A. W. George Case Being Tried

All the attendants on the court worked in harmony in their endeavor to get as much work done as possible, for on Wednesday the court took up the A. W. George bank case of Elkin. This case has been on the docket for several courts but for various reasons has not reached a final trial. At a former hearing the jury failed to agree, and it was discharged when one of the members was taken ill before a verdict was reached.

The selection of the jury was completed by noon Wednesday and the taking of evidence began when court reconvened at two o'clock. The defendant A. W. George is represented by Attorneys J. H. Folger, A. E. Holton, A. D. Folger, J. F. Hendren and Earl James. Assisting Solicitor Graves in the prosecution are W. F. Carter and R. C. Freeman. It is expected to require until Thursday night to take the testimony and the jury will perhaps get the case some time Saturday morning.

The jury is composed of the following: J. W. Barker, Mount Airy; C. H. Childress, White Plains; G. R. Thore, Round Peak; Cooper Lowe, Lowgap; R. D. Ashburn, Siloam; L. C. Bray, Rusk; Dave Bennett, Pilot Mtn.; Allen Bingman, White Plains; J. M. Dollyhigh, White Plains; John Gant, Mount Airy, Eugene Snow, Rockford; J. S. Cook, Westfield.

Dope Fiends Stealing Drugs

One of the hardest cases for a court to handle is usually that of the dope fiend. Everyone recognizes the deplorable and helpless condition many of these victims are in and the disposition of them often becomes a hard problem. During this court Judge Lyon has had to dispose of two such, charged with stealing drugs containing dope. Clifton Jarvis and Frank Miller had broken into the office of Dr. Bernard of Pilot Mountain and supplied themselves with laudanum, cocaine, morphine and other drugs of their liking.

There was little the court could do with them. Jarvis was put on his good behavior. Frank Miller was in jail waiting the decision of the court as to his fate when his aged mother and step-father arrived Tuesday morning from their home in Florida travel-worn and dusty from their trip by auto. They informed the court that they had hastily left their humble home in Florida to come to the rescue of their son at the first word of his trouble. His old mother could hardly talk about the case, so great was her love for her boy and her sorrow over his fall. And yet in his troubles she had only praise for her own. The young man had a wife and three children in Winston-Salem that were in a helpless condition in the way of support. These old people told the court they had come to take their son, his wife and the three babes back with them to Florida and once more endeavor to put the boy on his feet. The court was much touched with the plea made by the humble folks and granted it more readily than is usually accorded one trained in the ways of court procedure.

Cletus Snow Appears After Four Years of Pilgrimage

Cletus Snow has grown tired of wandering around over the world with the hand of the law forever reaching out to snatch him back to a trial by the court. Four years ago, or more, Snow was apprehended dealing in liquor in some form, but was able to make his escape before his trial was reached. Tiring of his pilgrim life he returned to his home near Round Peak about two months ago to visit the scenes of his childhood. He had been back only a few nights when "Trick" Hutchens, Surry's capable jailer knocked at his door and when invited in promptly arrested him without any formality and kept him in custody until the jailer's self-imposed \$2000 bond was made. Snow has had many reverses in his life and after hearing the pleadings of his attorneys the court allowed him to pay the cost and go free with a suspended two year sentence over him.

A Surry Battle Cry is Coined

When two families fall out and the women and children go to fighting, throwing rocks, wielding butcher knives, pulling hair and looking into the wicked end of a shot gun, with all the parties giving a different version of the affair, then it is that the court is at a loss as to what kind of a disposition to make of the affair. Over near Zephyr the families of Alex Collins and Crawley Draughn had become estranged which culminated in a free-for-all fight in the middle of the road and the airing of their troubles before the court. No one ever succeeded in piecing together the various accounts of the trouble

and learning just what the trouble was over or who was actually the instigator. What they did know was there was a liberal amount of "cussing" done by all, women folk included and the court at one time had to call on the witnesses not to repeat so much of the profanity.

Mrs. Alex Lena Collins lead off the first round of testimony and kept the court in an uproar, even Judge Lyon being unable to hold back a broad smile. She said Mrs. Draughn called her a lie and she jumped her as quick as a prize fighter. Her battle cry was "Nobody can call me a lie on the public road." That she gave her foe a good whipping was admitted by Mrs. Draughn when she told the court that it hurt her to sit down for several days thereafter and that she could hardly comb her hair to this day. During the fight between the two mistresses the men folks and children engaged in the warfare of throwing rocks. Tiring of this ineffectual method and seeing his wife being pounded thoroughly by her assailant Draughn ran to his house near by and came forth cleared for action with a shot gun to his shoulder. At this sight Lena rose from her position and defying Draughn, proudly expanded her chest and shouted, "Shoot, I ain't afraid of old powder wont burn." After hearing many good character witnesses for all the court fined each of the parties \$10 and the cost.

A Lesson Many Boys Should Learn

There is nothing more revolting to a real red blooded man than to see some young up-start imposing on a little fellow, sometimes hardly one-half his size. And this is especially true of old man Jim Hodge aged 66 of State Road, who carries a bruised head for interesting on the behalf of a little orphan boy when he was being slapped and cuffed around by a young bully of the neighborhood, Rue Wilborn. From the evidence it appears that Wilborn had hired the boy to help him in the field. After working a few days the little fellow grew tired of his work and quit and went down to stay with Hodge. In a day or so Wilborn met the boy in the road and after questioning him about not working longer proceeded to give him a few wicked cuffs over the face. Hodge saw the act from a distance and Wilborn followed the boy on down where Hodge was standing. The act caused the old gentleman to reprove Wilborn, and he had said only a few reproving words when Wilborn suddenly picked up several rocks and gave him two blows on the head which rendered him unconscious for a time.

The above facts were brought out at the hearing before Magistrate J. A. Eldridge by Mr. Hodge and a Mr. Waddell who was an eye witness to the entire performance. Three days after the hearing before the squire Mr. Waddell suddenly dropped dead from heart failure and Mr. Eldridge was in court to testify as to what the deceased witness told in his court of inquiry.

During the hearing at Dobson His Honor manifested a most fatherly spirit when he called the little fellow from the impanneled witness chair to his knee and engaged him in a quiet fatherly and almost confidential chat over the occurrence. This time there were no sneering questions asked, no insinuating remarks from the tongue of over-zealous lawyers, no back-biting answers. Everything assumed a deathly silence in the court room and everyone was unconsciously "at attention" by reason of the most unusual sight.

At first His Honor was much wrought up over Wilborn's conduct and gave him four months on the roads. But later on in the day he called the defendant up and had a talk with him in front of the bar. The young man was free to say that he was indeed ashamed of his acts and begged the court for another chance. He appeared sincere in his confession and the court was touched to the extent that the road sentence was changed to a fine of \$50 and the cost, the \$50 to go to Mr. Hodge for his injury.

Church Yard No Place to Drink

It required a jury trial to convince James Norman, of this city, that he was guilty of being drunk during services at a church west of Mount Airy. He was charged with staggering around in the crowd and making himself a nuisance in other ways. After the services he rode off in his car which caused a warrant to be issued charging him with driving a car while under the influence of liquor. Twenty-five dollars and the cost was the judgement of the court.

Jake Samet is Released—State Had No Case

The News two weeks ago carried the story of the death of Charles Kirkman's little seven-year old son on the Westfield road. The little fellow was run over by Jake Samet, of this city, brother of the furniture dealer, Morris Samet. The solicitor, after investigating the matter, informed the court that he doubted whether or not the state could make out a case of manslaughter against Samet and all parties agreed to Samet's submitting to a plea of assault with a deadly weapon and paying the cost of the action together with the hospital and burial expenses of the child. The total amount was about \$300.00. Mr. Kirkman was in court and stated that after making an investigation of the circumstances incident to the accident he felt the above course would be meeting the ends of justice.

Sentences of Judge Lowellyn Being Upheld

It is a source of satisfaction to those of this section who are interested in the enforcement of law that the court is upholding the decisions and verdicts of Judge Lowellyn re-

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Isaac Newton Monday at Rest Isaac Newton Monday born Feb. 16, 1857 died April 16 aged 67 years 2 months. He was born in Patrick county, Va. and grew up to manhood in that vicinity, though like many others he heard the call of the wild and went west 30 years ago, where in Oklahoma he married Alice Bell this union being blessed with 9 children 7 of whom are living 5 boys and 2 girls. Mr. Monday was the youngest child in a family of 10 children all of whom have departed this life except Mr. John Monday of Mount Airy.

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