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## COUNTY COURT HOPPER.

### It Grinds Out Civil and Criminal Cases Indiscriminately.

#### Able Defense Pulls Harding Through and Gets a Verdict of "Not Guilty"—Variety of Business This Morning—Adjournment Probable Tomorrow.

At the time of closing the report of the court proceedings yesterday afternoon for press, Mr. T. C. Wooten was making the closing speech for the defense in the Harding trial. He finished shortly before 2 o'clock and the judge charged the jury. His charge was short and was considered fair to both sides. After the charge, court was adjourned until 3 o'clock for dinner.

At the reconvening the jury had not made up their verdict and the court took up other cases. Shortly after 4 o'clock the jury filed into the court room and answered that they had made up their verdict. After the usual questions being put to them they answered "not guilty." Although it is the generally expressed opinion that Harding is guilty the verdict was not a surprise, owing to the line of defense which had been put up.

The following cases were disposed of yesterday:

- State vs. Louis Whitefield, carrying concealed weapon. Not a true bill.
- State vs. James Thompson, assault with deadly weapon. Guilty. Judgment suspended upon payment of costs.
- State vs. George Mills, assault and battery. Not guilty.
- State against John Pendleton, larceny. Not guilty.
- State vs. Charlie Bell, assault with deadly weapon. Guilty.
- State vs. Abe Wills, Rhoden Northern, Phillip Green, Howard Codgall, Ike Brown, gambling. Abe Wills, Howard Codgall and Ike Brown found not guilty. Rhoden Northern and Phillip Green guilty.
- State vs. Henry Wooten, assault with deadly weapon. Guilty.
- State vs. Jim Wingate, carrying concealed weapon. Not guilty.
- State vs. John Wallace, larceny. Guilty.
- State vs. William Davenport, breaking and entering a dwelling house. Guilty. Judgment 12 months on the roads.
- State vs. William Wooten, larceny. Guilty. Six months on the road.

THURSDAY MORNING.

State vs. Alley Thompson, charged with larceny. Not guilty.

State vs. John N. Waters, Needham Waters and Jerry Waters, charged with assaulting A. W. Kennedy. Not guilty as to John Waters. Other two defendants guilty.

A. W. Kennedy, appeal from magistrate's decision taxing him with costs which had been paid by Kennedy to deputy sheriff, returned to him.

Lucy Bagley vs. A. B. Bagley, suit for divorce. Both parties colored. Divorce granted.

J. H. Kinsey vs. W. H. Sutton. This was an action in which Kinsey sued Sutton for amount claimed to be due for board, tuition and books for Sutton's daughter, claimed to have been contracted while Kinsey was teaching school at LaGrange a number of years ago. Defendant plead status of limitation. The judge ruled the action had not been brought within the time prescribed by law and dismissed the action.

B. W. Canady and W. D. Pollock, assignees for S. H. Loftin, vs. R. L. Hill. This was an action brought to collect a note given by Hill for \$100. The note was given by Hill to a third party and was bought by Loftin from the third party. The claim of the defense was that the note was secured from Hill by fraud and that Mr. Loftin was cognizant of the fraud or of facts which should have made him make inquiry before he bought the note.

The judge ruled that testimony offered to attempt to prove this alleged fact was incompetent and he would not let the question go to the jury as to whether there was knowledge of fraud on part of plaintiff and gave judgment for the note with interest. Defendant appealed.

E. Lang vs. B. P. Brooks and R. T. Dickerson, claim and delivery. Judgment for plaintiff. Notice of appeal.

Court adjourned to meet at 7:30 o'clock.

There are now only a few more cases on the original docket to be tried. These will probably be disposed of today and the grand jury discharged.

It is generally thought that Judge Thurston will adjourn court also tomorrow.

### A. & N. C. IMPROVEMENTS.

#### Preparing for Summer Travel—Double Service Soon.

Busy as been, might be an expressive term to use in connection with the work under Master Mechanic, Joseph H. Green, in the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad shops in this city, says the Newbern Journal.

Work in every department of the company's shops is being steadily pursued, from the foundry, where new castings are daily being made, to the paint house, where the finishing touches to new and remade passenger coaches, and freight cars, are waiting to become dried before going into active service on the road.

And while the road's equipment of new cars, and old cars made new, is steadily progressing, Master Mechanic Green keeps adding some new machinery to assist in the work, at the same time there is the work of completing the several new buildings, additions most necessary, important to the better equipment of the A. & N. C. road.

A fuller appreciation of the work now going in the shops of this railroad, can be seen, when it is stated that another engine will shortly be put in to furnish more motive power for the several working departments.

Thorough system, a uniformity of purpose in the several departments, economy of material, and a full utilization of all labor, such are the methods pursued under Mr. Green's management, as master mechanic, and good results could be the only product in consequence.

Next month it is expected that the double daily passenger service will be resumed from Goldsboro to Morehead City and in anticipation of this, there is being equipped a new train of passenger, express, baggage and fish cars.

This train will be printed in what is familiarly known as the "Pullman" color. But the trimmings of the train will be uniform, every car alike in its markings, instead of the variety as has been the custom previously. It will be a handsome train without, and the interior arrangements have all been renewed.

In place of the passenger coaches, now attached to the regular A. & N. C. freight trains, the A. & N. C. will use the standard caboose car, and the regular freight trains will only be run for freight with no purpose of accommodating any passenger travel.

As usual this summer, President Jas. A. Bryan will see that the public has every possible accommodation, when it wants to travel over the A. & N. C. road. Trains will run frequently, there will be special rates, and travelers will have every attention while on the road.

### NOTES FOR THE SPORTY.

Abs Attall is to meet Terry McGovern, and Johnny Reagan will box Tommy Felts at St. Louis.

Frank Erne will not agree to meet Gaus at Fort Erie unless the weight is to be 133 pounds at 5 o'clock.

"Tommy" Ryan has accepted "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien's challenge on the condition that O'Brien weigh in at the middleweight limit at the ringside. The bout will decide the middleweight championship and a side bet of \$2,500 will be made.

"Joe" Walcott's match with "Young Peter Jackson" in Philadelphia, March 12, has been called off, as the club could not guarantee enough money. Walcott, however, will be kept busy, and on March 13 he has contracted to stop Jackson in ten rounds before the Eureka Athletic club of Baltimore. Two nights later the "Black Demon" will tackle "Billy" Stiff at Chicago.

New York fight lovers are getting hungry and have launched a new proposition to overcome the embargo on boxing in that city. It is proposed to buy from the United States government the old receiving ship Vermont which is to be shortly sold at auction. The upper deck of the ship is large enough to accommodate a big crowd, and if the plan is feasible good bouts will be witnessed out at sea, beyond the jurisdiction of the New York authorities. The minimum price of the ship has been placed at \$18,000, which could be raised in a short time by the fight promoters if assured that they will not be molested.

George McFadden, of New York, and Joe Gaus, of Baltimore, have been matched to box 95 rounds at 133 pounds, March 21, before the Eureka Athletic club, of Baltimore.

### How to Cure One Grip.

Remedy quickly at home and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as directed and a quick recovery is sure to follow. This remedy counteracts any tendency of the grip to result in pneumonia, which is really the only serious danger. Among the tens of thousands who have used it for the grip, not one case has ever been reported that did not recover. For sale by J. E. Hood.

### NEWS NUGGETS.

#### Prince Henry sailed for home Tuesday. British government protests against United States and Cuban reciprocity.

The Norfolk street car strike is still on, with no prospect of an early settlement.

The senate committee on isthmian canals has decided by a vote of 7 to 4 to report the Hepburn bill providing for the construction of an isthmian canal via the Nicaragua route.

John P. Altgeld, ex-governor of Illinois, was stricken with apoplexy at the close of a fiery arraignment of England's course in the Boer war, at Joliet Tuesday evening, and died Wednesday morning.

The steamer Providence, plying between Vicksburg and Lake Palmyra, was overturned at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning by a sudden squall at Lone landing and twenty-one of her passengers and crew were drowned.

Boston has one of the greatest strikes on record—30,000 freight handlers, truckmen and allied workmen are out and railroad traffic is paralyzed. Mayor Collins has called upon Senator Hanna to help settle the difficulty. The strike originated from union handlers being required to help non-union drivers to unload.

### A Sad Accident.

Winston Journal: This community was shocked last night by the news of a lamentable tragedy in which Clarence Shepherd, a young and popular citizen of Salem, lost his life. The unfortunate affair was entirely accidental and there is no occasion for criticism excepting the same carelessness that has marked so many tragedies elsewhere—nobody knew the gun was loaded. Shepherd's brother Eugene and Lewis Zimmerman were in Clarence Shepherd's house engaged in an effort to trade a dog owned by Zimmerman for a pistol owned by Shepherd. The latter had gone to his own home and secured the weapon and thought he had carefully removed all the cartridges. At his brother's house the gun was critically examined by all three of the young men and Zimmerman contended that it "would not revolve." The gun was "snapped" two or three times, showing it to be operating properly, when another effort to turn the chamber was followed by the discharge of a cartridge unfortunately left in the chamber. The ball of the cartridge struck Shepherd in the right breast and he died in a little less than five minutes.

### Cat Versus Trout.

A member of the Sullivan County club caught half a dozen trout one day last summer and carried them alive to his cottage, intending to take them to the city. He turned the water into his bathtub, and the trout seemed to thrive as well there as they had done in the streams. That afternoon one of the fish disappeared. The man, thinking it had jumped out, looked all around the room, but no trout was to be seen. Next morning two more were gone, and the servant was closely questioned. Then two more disappeared, and the fisherman was so much concerned that he took a place outside the bathroom window and proceeded to watch. Pretty soon the family cat entered, perched on the edge of the tub and, waiting its chance, struck viciously into the water with one paw and brought up the remaining trout.—New York Times.

### The Way to Do Business.

"Is there any one living here under twenty-one years of age?" inquired a man who rang the doorbell at a genteel residence the other day. "No, there is not," rather sharply replied a splinter of eight and thirty summers who answered. "Why, is it possible?" was the reply of the apparently astonished man. "Don't you live here?"

It was a neat hit, and after a little simpering and a brief chat about the weather the maiden, purchased two copies of a work entitled "Hints For the Young."—London Tit-Bits.

### Diet and Voice.

A musical writer states that fine vocalists are rare in countries where fish and meat diets prevail and that the voice deteriorates as families grow rich and increase the amount of meat consumed. Naples and Genoa, where much fish is eaten, give few of Italy's singers, and the sweet voices of Ireland are found in the country, but not in the towns. In Norway too much fish is eaten for the production of singers, but Sweden is a land of grain and song. The carnivorous birds croak; grain eating birds sing.

### The Maid Blushed.

When Mr. David Dear, winner of the queen's prize at Biscay, was a law student, he once attended an "at home." On the servant asking his name, he replied, "David Dear."

The girl blushed and said, "Yes, you but what is your other name, sir?" He assured her he had no other name, but it was of no use. The servant knew better and announced him as "Mr. David."

### Life Stories in Faces.

Character indeed is written plainly enough on the faces one meets in daily life. Some speak of tragedy, some of comedy, and not a few give you a distinct warning.

Even a ride in a street car or a short railway journey gives proof of this fact. Look around you. Those two strangers opposite you never saw before, yet you know that one is passionate, the other mean, and your heart warms to the little old lady near by. You want no one to assure you she is kind and gentle, while a whole network of wrinkles about the eyes tells you that the old gentleman in the corner loves his joke.

Strange how quick we are to read our neighbor's face and how slow to realize that our own is open for him to read! Yet it is. The story is there, and we are writing it every day of our lives. Not only do smiles and frowns leave traces, but every passion which aways the heart stamps its record upon the face.

### Torne Mountain Legend.

There is a Washington legend connected with Torne mountain which is always told to those who visit the Ramapo country. The mountain is the highest in the range, and on a clear day, it is said, one can see Sandy Hook from the summit. Half way up the mountain there is a deep cleft in the rocks, at the bottom of which is a spring. From some hidden point water falls into the spring with a steady dropping not unlike the ticking of a watch.

"Listen and you will hear George Washington's watch," say the old settlers. "He dropped it into the spring when he came up the mountain to watch the British leave New York."

"Tick—tick—tick—tick" is the sound which comes out of the rocks. "It is going yet," says the guide. "Must have been a good watch, don't you think so?"—New York Tribune.

### The Largest Coins in Circulation.

The largest gold coin now in circulation is the gold ingot, or "loaf," of Anam, a French colony in eastern Africa. It is a flat, round goldpiece, and on it is written in India ink its value, which is about \$5. The next sized coin to this valuable but extremely awkward one is the obang of Japan, which is worth \$10, and next comes the benda of Ashanti, which represents a value of about \$3. The California fifty dollar goldpiece is worth about the same as the benda. The heaviest silver coin in the world also belongs to Anam, where the silver ingot is worth about \$3. Then comes the Chinese tael, equal to about 7 shillings, and then the Austrian double thaler.

### Dogs and Humor.

Mr. Cecil Aldin, an authority, gives it as his opinion that dogs as a rule are devoid of conscious humor. "The clown dog in a troupe of performing dogs, for instance, is not really funny when he burlesques the performances of other dogs, but he seems to be funny to the spectators. I am afraid that the people who credit dogs with being intentionally funny are deceiving themselves. A dog likes fun—a good romp and game with children—but his sense of humor has not been developed, and it is not subtle." A dog's best sense of humor, Mr. Aldin thinks, is when he is being tickled. "He opens his mouth, then screws his face into what people are pleased to call a laugh."

### A Game For Two.

Once upon a time a young gentleman and a younger lady were alone in a bright parlor in front of a cheerful open fire, with a table between them, playing cards. As they continued to play and chat the table was not so much between them, for they both got nearer the fire and played the game on one corner of the table. They had started in to play euchre, but after an hour and a half they found that they were playing hearts. Moral—We are not always sure what the game is.

### No Right to Live.

Beggar—Won't you give me some money, professor? My money is all gone, and I can't live. Professor—How old are you? Beggar—Forty years, sir. Professor—Forty years! Don't you know that according to the latest mortality tables the average age of the male population of Europe reaches only thirty-four years and five months? Statistically you have no right to live any longer anyway!—Meggendorfer Blatter.

### Corn.

Corn, with its twenty-four to thirty-two rows under cultivation, was once but a coarse grass, hiding each seed it produced under a husk, as wheat and oats now do. Brought out to the light and sun, with a chance to get at enough plant food, it has worked its way up to eight rows of seeds, covering these with one husk. The farmer and nature together have added the extra sixteen and twenty-four rows.

### You Know What You are Taking.

When you take Grove's Tasteless Child because the formula is plainly printed on every label showing that it is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No more. No Pay. Price 50c.

### The Moon Kept on Shining.

A certain well known judge was once violently attacked by a young and very impudent counsel. To the surprise of everybody, the judge heard him quite through, unconscious of what was said by those present, and made no reply.

After the adjournment for the day and when all were assembled at the hotel where the judge and many of the court folk had their refreshments, one of the company asked the judge why he did not rebuke the impertinent fellow.

"Permit me," said the judge, loud enough to attract the attention of the whole company, among whom was the barrister in question—"permit me to tell you a little story. My father, when we lived in the country, had a dog, a mere puppy, I may say. Well, this puppy would go out every moonlight night and bark at the moon for hours together."

The judge paused, as if he had finished.

"Well, what of it?" exclaimed half a dozen of the audience at once.

"Oh, nothing—nothing, but the moon kept shining on, just as if nothing had happened."

### One of Our Vices.

It is peculiarly necessary that we in America should understand the danger of morbid self-consciousness, for it is one of our two most distinctive national vices, being equalled only by our irreverence. It is no accident that more books are written about America than concerning any other land, nor does it mean that we are more interesting, except to ourselves, than the rest of the world. It does mean that we are so self-conscious, so oversensitive to praise and blame—above all, so anxious to know what our neighbors are saying about us—that any traveler, however inane and incapable, who spends a few weeks upon our soil may return home and write his book about us, and we buy it by the hundred thousand. We are doing great things, thanks to our opportunities and our forefathers, but how much greater might we do could we use in quiet, simple action the time and energy we spend in pluming ourselves upon our achievements.—Edward Howard Griggs in Ladies' Home Journal.

### The Side De Morny Cared For.

The Duc de Morny, half brother to Louis Napoleon, was ambassador extraordinary to the emperor of Russia during the coronation festivities and wrote home that the French might learn something from the Russians, if it were only how to light 10,000 candles in five minutes. De Morny was in Paris the night before the coup d'etat and spent the evening at the opera. Between the acts he went into one of the boxes to speak to a lady of his acquaintance.

"What shall you do, M. de Morny," asked a lady, "if the national assembly is swept out of doors as threatened?"

"Madame," he replied, "I shall try to be on the side of the broom handle."—Gentleman's Magazine.

### Army Shoes and Corns.

"If a law could be passed," said a chiropodist, "prohibiting the wearing of any shoe in this country except the pattern army shoe worn during our civil war, the corn doctor's occupation would be gone. That war was for the time the greatest corn eradicator ever known. I never knew a single case of a soldier in that war who suffered from corns a month after he began wearing his regulation army shoe, and I was four years a soldier in it myself. That shoe seemed to be made just right for comfort."

### Quite a Difference.

The department store is useful and convenient, but the multifarious nature of its activities sometimes leads to a dilemma.

"Where shall I find something nice in oil for the dining room?" asked a stout, smiling woman of the floorwalker in a western department store.

"On the third"—began the floorwalker. Then he paused and looked doubtfully at the inquirer. "Did you mean a painting or something in the sardine line?" he asked.

### No Uprising There.

Elderly Gent (clinging to strap)—There are a good many conditions affecting our governmental system to-day that are very oppressive, and their continuance may some day lead to a popular uprising.

Lady (also on the standing committee)—Perhaps, but (with withering glances at male occupants of the seats) you would never look for it to begin in a street car!—Richmond Dispatch.

### Electric Centipeds.

Least attractive among the insects which give light are the so called "electric centipeds"—black crawlers with many legs, which have been likened to serpents' skeletons in miniature. They move in a snakelike fashion, forward or backward, leaving behind them a bright track of phosphoric light. However, they are most accustomed to appear in the daytime, when the illumination they afford is not visible.

### The Best Prescription for Malaria.

Chills and fever is a bottle of Grove's Tasteless Child. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No more. No Pay. Price 50c.

## FRESH GOSSIP OF THE OLD NORTH STATE.

### Odd and Interesting Happenings From Every Section.

#### Difficulty in Obtaining a Jury in the Wilcox Murder Trial—A Rowan County Boy's Good Luck—An Exciting Encounter With a Bull—Short State Stories.

The work of securing a jury for the trial of Wilcox for the murder of Ella Crosey is under way at Elizabeth City and great difficulty is expected. Six deputies have been riding all over Pasquotank county to summon the 250 veniremen, and at nightfall practically all had been reached. Expressions from prospective jurors indicate a dreadful antipathy to doing jury service in the Wilcox case. Both sides have powerful friends. A number of veniremen have seen the judge or counsel with a view to being excused. The empaneling of the jurors began at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Solicitor Ward said that Dr. Fearing, the coroner, would likely be the first witness. It is stated on good authority that the defense will have a medical expert to be put on in rebuttal. It promises to be the greatest legal battle ever fought in this State. Wilcox remains cool and confident.

George Gillett, who left Rowan county about 15 years ago an untried and inexperienced country boy, will probably be the possessor of a small fortune within the next few weeks. When Mr. Gillett left Rowan he had nothing but pluck and a willingness to work to help him. He acquired a small ranch in Texas by industry and economy and now it has developed that there is oil on his land and he writes a friend that he has given an option on the land for 30 days for \$100,000.

Greenhill's Redactor: Mr. D. C. Davenport, who lives a few miles from town, had some experience with a bull, Monday, that he will not soon forget. He went out in a lot where the animal was tied with a small rope intending to take him away to work. The bull made a rush at Mr. Davenport, breaking the rope. He threw Mr. Davenport several feet in the air and when he fell to the ground rushed on him again. He grabbed the animal by the horns and as he lay on the ground held the bull's head until help could reach him. One of Mr. Davenport's ribs was broken in the encounter.

After having had in her windpipe a preliminary seed for five months, the five-year old daughter of Mr. J. F. Freeman, who lives near Woodleaf, has coughed it out. She had been treated by eight physicians and an X ray machine used, but the seed could not be located. A cough syrup and whiskey today drink started the child to coughing and she spit out the seed. The little girl had suffered terribly and was very weak, but as soon as the seed was out a deep refreshing sleep came on.

Governor Aycock and staff will leave Raleigh for the Charleston Exposition by special train via the Seaboard Air Line on Tuesday morning, April 8th. The train will consist of three Pullman cars and two or three day coaches, and will be run for the benefit of anyone wishing to visit the exposition during North Carolina week. The rate from Raleigh for the round trip is \$5.65, good for seven days.

An elaborate program has been arranged for the annual convention of the North Carolina State Sunday School Association to be held in Fayetteville, March 18th, 19th and 20th, in the Presbyterian church. The exercises begin on Tuesday evening at 7:30 with a devotional service and sermon by Rev. Dr. C. S. Blackwell, of Wilmington.

Goldsboro's man of mystery has been identified as Eli W. Pearce, of Onslow county, and he turns out to be an old around crook. He is wanted in Onslow for giving mortgages on property which he didn't own, in South Carolina for various crimes and is said to be a professional horse thief.

The State dissolves the charter of the Belmont cotton mill, at Shelby. The capital was \$60,000, of which \$59,000 was owned by A. C. Miller and the remainder by E. G. and Hugh G. Miller.

Mrs. Durham Cured.

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Mrs. Columbia Durham.