

SUPERIOR COURT

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so flagrantly violated; he urged that the jurymen look after the enforcement of this law. He also dwelt upon the crime of setting out fires without notice being given to adjoining property owners.

The Grand Jury as empanelled and who will serve for 6 months, consists of:

- Colon O'Brien
T. H. Rowan
E. M. Frazier
W. A. McDonald
W. D. Hudson
L. S. Covington
W. E. McNair
A. M. Waddill
J. L. Mears
A. Z. Williams
Guy Webb
M. L. Linker
L. W. P. Webb
H. S. Haas
Beal Davis
W. H. White
A. D. Williams
B. T. Steene

Solicitor M. W. Nash at once entered upon the docket of cases—and it has been years since more actual work was turned out in a Court here. The machinery worked smoothly, and the Judge hastened matters without appearing to be unduly doing so. When Court adjourned at 5:30 Monday afternoon, a big hoie had been eaten in the docket, and adjournment was taken to 9 o'clock Tuesday morning instead of the customary 9:30.

The cases handled during the day Monday were:

State vs Dan McRae, colored. Dan was charged with gambling, but failed to show-up at a previous Court when his fellows submitted. However, Judge Webb let him off on payment of a fine of \$15 and costs, this being the same as was imposed last year upon the others.

State vs Will Perryman; white man; waives bill and pleads guilty to larceny of property under \$20. Judgment suspended on payment of costs. John Woodard, charged with same offense, failed to appear for trial. The two young white fellows "took" a hen belonging to Josh Bean at Hannah Pickett one night last fall, and carried the fowl to a neighbor's and had it cooked. Ni si sci fa and capias was issued for Woodard.

State vs Josh Bean, charged with carrying a concealed weapon. This case was outcome of his being drunk at the Walter Main circus grounds last fall. The Judge ordered that he pay a fine of \$50 and the costs. In the case against him for a. d. w., the Judge fined him \$10 and costs.

State vs Frank J. Price, alias Daniel Belcher. First jury case, but the jury finds him guilty and the Judge sentences him to the roads for six months. Belcher was defended by Sedberry & Phillips. He forged the name of O. D. Wilson, the Hamlet undertaker, to a check for \$10. Belcher says his mother is an Oklahoma full-blooded Indian and his father a Frenchman.

State vs Kenneth and Jasper Grant, F. W. Perdue, Jess Ratliffe, and M. H. Russell. These five young white men were caught gambling in the woods near Hannah Pickett mill last fall, one Saturday afternoon. Judge Webb allowed judgment to be continued on payment of costs as to Perdue, Ratliffe and Russell; but administered a lecture to the two Grant men, and directed the Clerk to enter the following order as to these two, namely, that "prayer for judgment continued for the present upon defendants paying the costs, and capias to issue when any officer of the law notifies the Clerk of Court he has reason to believe that the defendants are gambling."

State vs Foster Prevatt, white. Pleads guilty to a. d. w. He assaulted Frank Dunlap at Midway with a cog wheel. Judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs L. Leak and Roman Smith, two colored men. Leak submitted to charge of stealing auto tires from John Thomas right of Sept. 31st, and is sentenced to the roads for six months. But Roman Smith denied the theft, or of receiving stolen property and fought the case. Sedberry & Phillips appeared for him. Mr. Sedberry

found him guilty of receiving stolen property knowing it to have been stolen. The Judge sentenced him to the roads for four months, two less than the L. Leak sentence.

State vs Leon Houle. This is the young white man from Massachusetts who on night of Dec. 12th slipped a roll of \$118 from the safe of the Jenkins Buick Company here at Rockingham while the manager, Mr. Barron, had stepped out. He was caught an hour or so later walking towards Hamlet. The young man is one-armed; said he lost it in a laundry machine, but he told a fetching story to the Post-Dispatch some weeks ago of having lost it in battle in France. The Judge had an entry made of six months on the roads, but intimated to Atty. Ozmer L. Henry that if the boy's mother back in Massachusetts would send him railroad fare and pay the costs, he might change this and let the man go back home.

J. C. Rush was called and failed. He was reported as being sick at his home in Montgomery county.

Doc McKay, colored, submitted to charge of stealing a tire from J. T. Collier. Judgment suspended pending good behavior and payment of costs.

State vs John Grant, alias John Cash, colored. Charged with c. c. w. but after being arrested it was found he had two living wives, and so he also had to face a bigamy charge. His Richmond county wife, who he married 14 years ago, and left some 9 years ago, was present and testified, as did his Anson county wife who he married about 8 years ago and who has four children. She, too, was present and testified. Both the wives were quite friendly with each other; the first wife said she cared nothing about him and that the second wife was welcome to him. The Judge sentenced him to five months on the roads for bigamy, and one month for c. c. w.

State vs Raymond Davis, a colored youth of not overly much intelligence; submitted to charge of stealing a cow from John Watts, near Rockingham. The Judge was rather puzzled as to what to do with him, but finally decided he would at least make a water-boy and therefore sent him to the roads for six months, but instructed the Clerk and Sheriff to request the convict camp officers to watch over him, and try to help him.

In open Court Monday afternoon Atty. Boggan announced to the Court that the appeal of Richmond Meacham had been abandoned and that that he had Monday gone to the convict camp to begin his two-year sentence. Bob and Rich Meacham, two white men of splendid physique, were convicted at January 1921, term of Court of blockading and sentenced to the roads for two years each. Both appealed, but Bob gave up the appeal and began his sentence last Spring. Rich's appeal was never argued before the Supreme Court, but his object was attained in that it acted as a stay in beginning his sentence; he was enabled to make and gather a crop last year. Gov. Morrison before Christmas refused to grant Rich a pardon, and now he has gone to the gang to begin the sentence.

Tuesday was another full day, the Court mill grinding rapidly. The case against Dewey Cox, white, charged with cutting James Hagan, a colored boy, with a knife in front of Watson King store in Rockingham one afternoon in December, was started. The Solicitor put the Hagan boy on the stand, and the defense had Walter Pate to testify; at this point, Judge Webb interrupted the proceedings by suddenly telling the Clerk to make an entry of simple assault against Cox, and letting him off with the costs.

D. Robinson, a colored hunchback man of Marks Creek township, was tried for selling Jane Best, colored, a gallon of whiskey

for \$5. Sedberry & Phillips contested this sharply, and the jury found the man not guilty.

State vs Frank Manor, young white man who drives a jitney here. He submitted to the three charges of a. d. w. and c. c. w. The evidence brought out for the Judge's information showed that young Manor while intoxicated had flourished a pistol and had stuck same in the side of Arthur Dove, colored, and when Mr. James Little remonstrated, he leveled the pistol at him and commanded him to "hands up." Judge Webb then proceeded to give the youth a genuine lecture. He decried the tendency of blusters to tank up and play smart, and act the bully. He cautioned the young man to steer a clear course, to let whiskey alone, and his advice was for him to get out of town and go to work on the farm with his father. He then had the Clerk to enter the following order: "that he furnish a bond of \$200 to insure his coming to each April and September term of Court for two years to show the presiding Judge that he has been of good behavior, that he has let whiskey or any kind of drugs alone, and to await any further order the Judge may elect." Judge Webb then taxed him with a fine of \$50 for c. c. w., payable on or before April term, and ordered him to pay all the costs before the end of this week. The Judge as a parting word told him he was making this kind of order in order to 'give him a chance,' and it was up to him to make good.

An interesting case was started Tuesday afternoon, but was non-suited. L. C. Smith (no relation to the pistol manufacturer of that name) was charged with having an unlawful amount of whiskey in his possession. He is a newsbutch and on the night of Dec. 17th was arrested in a room in the Terminal hotel at Hamlet shortly after he had come in from a run on No. 2 from Savannah to Hamlet. Officer Miller made the arrest on a State warrant. After arresting the man, and finding no whiskey on his person, the officer then searched the room, finding nothing in his baggage, but in a bureau drawer were found four quarts of high-grade whiskey wrapped in a paper. Upon the presentation of this evidence, the attorneys for the defendant Smith moved that the case be non-suited, thrown out of Court, on the ground that no evidence had been introduced to show that the whiskey belonged to Smith, and in addition that the officers had no search warrant and therefore had no right to search the room. The Judge ruled with the defense, and the case was dismissed, and Smith allowed to go. Judge Webb then delivered a treatise upon the necessity of all officers having search warrants before searching any one's room or premises, though he took pains to make it plain that he was not criticising the Hamlet officers; rather was he trying to make plain the law to the end that search warrants may be secured in every case hereafter. Judge Webb then ordered the whiskey, three quarts, to be placed in the custody of the Sheriff to await the orders of the Court.

Earl McKeathan paid \$25 to the Clerk; and is given until April term to complete payment of fines and costs which now amount to \$65.00.

State vs Jess and Eben Ellerbe, colored. Both plead guilty to making whiskey. Each fined \$100 and costs.

State vs Eutha Leak, charged with a. d. w. upon another colored woman. After prosecuting witness had testified, the Judge stops the case by simply taxing Eutha with the costs.

State vs E. M. Hurley. Pleads guilty to driving a car while drunk. Fined \$50 to be paid by April term and taxed with costs.

Charlie Callahan pleads guilty to transporting whiskey. He is a white man and was caught in

December on the road in upper Richmond by the Sheriff. Not sentenced up to press time.

Alfred McKee, charged with f. and a., went so far as letting jury be empanelled before deciding to plead guilty. Not sentenced yet.

State vs Roxie Leak. State had introduced its evidence, and defendant had testified when Judge directs a verdict of guilty against her. Not sentenced yet.

State vs Lewis Frederick and Elvis Thomas. Keeping and retailing. Nol pros taken as to Lewis. Elvis called and failed to answer. Capias issued.

State vs Fred Groom, from lower Wolf Pt. Charged with blockading. Jury finds him guilty. Not sentenced yet.

On Wednesday morning the case against Fred Groom and Wesley Chavis was started, and this had an unusual and dramatic ending. The two men were charged with stealing soda from T. C. Leak last June. Just before noon Wednesday, Wesley Chavis testified that he had bought the soda from a man Luther or "Coot" Bennett, who lives in Marlboro county. At noon the attorneys began arguing the case. In the meantime, Atty. Bynum dispatched C. C. Shores in a fast jitney to the home of the man Bennett, six miles beyond Cheraw, to bring him here as a witness. The trip of some 30 miles each way was made in 2 hours and 10 minutes, Mr. Bennett reaching here just before Court reconvened after dinner. Upon convening of Court, Mr. Bynum requested the Judge to temporarily let the jury retire as he wished to make a statement to His Honor. The jury went out, and then the lawyer explained to the Court that it was only until just before dinner that he had been able to learn from whom Chavis claimed he bought the soda, and that immediately he had sent after the man Bennett in South Carolina and that Mr. Bennett was present in the court-room ready to testify that he had never sold any soda to Chavis in his life. The Judge then had Bennett sworn, and after hearing his evidence, he ordered the jury to come back in and directed that a juror be withdrawn and a mistrial. He then directed that Chavis be taken into custody on the charge of perjury, and placed his bond at \$500. He made the mistrial in order that it can be tried over again, with the addition of Mr. Bennett's testimony. The case will come up at Feb. 13th special term.

State vs Walter Pate was tried Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Pate is an asst. supt. at Hannah Pickett mill, and the charge against him was that of c. c. w. The State introduced John Woodell to prove that Pate had drawn a pistol on him at the Walter Main circus grounds near Rockingham last October. After hearing this testimony and that of Mr. Pate that he had not drawn a gun but was merely trying to act the part of peacemaker, the Judge dismissed the case, but taxed Pate with the costs. In doing so, Judge Webb remarked that he admired the nerve of Mr. Woodell, who was acting as a special deputy for the Sheriff that day. But that apparently not much harm had been done, and that no evidence had come out to show that a pistol was concealed.

State vs John Woodell. This case appears to be an outgrowth of the feeling engendered by the attempt of officer Wooder to arrest Josh Bean and Ed. Keller at the Walter Main circus in October when these two were drunk and assaulted the officer. The charge against Woodell for shooting Sam Melton. According to Woodell's testimony, he went to the Hannah Pickett store one Saturday night about two weeks after the circus fracas, to get some provisions, but before entering the store he was accosted by Sam Melton and one or two others who cursed him and pulled knives on him. He swore

they not so hot after him that he was forced to run with their yells "we'll get yob yet" ringing in his ears. He went home, got his shot-gun and returned by another way to the store to complete his purchases; brought the gun for protection. On the way he discovered Sam Melton lying in the path, with a pistol, and to protect himself he shot Sam in the leg. On the other hand, Mr. Melton swore directly contrary to this, that he was trying to smooth out some unpleasantness between them, that he had no pistol and that he was not in the bushes beside the path when Woodell passed, nor had he chased Woodell, and that Woodell shot him without cause. Woodell had testified that it appeared to be a concerted effort on the part of a certain faction to run him away. Atty. W. R. Jones defended Woodell. The Solicitor and he finished their speeches Wednesday afternoon, and the Judge charged the jury first thinc this (Thursday) morning. The jury staid out about 10 minutes, bringing in a verdict of not guilty.

State vs Alex Richardson and Whitman Spears; after evidence was partly in, they plead guilty to an affray. Each is fined \$15 and 1-2 the costs each, and Spears must pay the Clerk \$10 for use of Richardson.

Ellison Williams. Pleads guilty disposing mortgaged property and cruelty to animals. Prayer for judgment continued to April term and placed under \$200 bond to appear then, showing costs paid, and abide further orders of the Court.

Richmond Sneed pleads guilty to simple assault and is taxed with costs.

Henry Rollins, colored, 18-year-old son of John Rogers, submitted to the charge against him, and was sentenced to the roads for 5 months in one case and one month in another. His father had to testify against him; he stole a horse and otherwise misbehaved around his home.

A hard fought case this morning was that against W. Donaldson Thomas for aiding in blockading. The State's witness was Ananias Vuncannon, who is serving a 6 months road sentence for blockading. Both men are white and live near Hoffman. He swore that he operated the still for Thompson. After hearing evidence and arguments, the jury returned verdict of not guilty.

Paul Wheeler, a dairyman of Durham, last week had two cows to each give birth to twin calves.

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