



COURT IS IN SESSION.

The Docket is Dwindling in the Hands of Judge Rountree And Bar

GRAND JURY MAKES REPORT, DISCHARGED WITH THANKS

The docket of the Granville County Supreme Court, Judge Rountree presiding, is being dispatched by the Court and Bar in a business like manner. An old colored man on leaving the Court room was heard to size up Judge Rountree in the following pertinent sentence: "Dat am surely a business Judge, but he is shore a narvos man."

The docket was encumbered with a number of cases, the most of them being colored people. The following cases have been disposed of since our last issue.

State vs Robert Barnett, rape, plead guilty; prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost and bond for appearance at Court for two years.

State vs Early Jones, larceny, guilty, judgment one year on roads.

State vs James Crosby, carrying concealed weapon, guilty, two months on roads.

State vs J. D. Thompson, obstructing work on road; dismissed upon payment of cost.

State vs Walter Bowling, retailing, not guilty.

State vs Tom Cox, retailing, guilty, \$25 and cost.

State vs Ula Ross, larceny, guilty, three months on roads.

State vs Wade Mobly, affray, guilty judgment continued upon payment of cost.

State vs Squire Raney, assault and battery, guilty, one penny and cost.

State vs Ed Harris and Ollie Harris, affray, guilty. As to Ed Harris \$5 and as to Ollie the cost and Ollie to pay other half of cost.

State vs James Crosby, assault, guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of cost. Not guilty as to charge of disturbing religious worship.

In the case of State vs Cortez Rogers, colored, charged with rape the special venire of 50 men as ordered by Judge Rountree was returned in open court Wednesday afternoon as follows:

G. T. Lawrence, E. J. Lunsford, L. D. Harris, B. L. Faulkner, P. H. Turner, R. D. Heleman, C. J. Breedlove, J. W. Adcock, C. R. Gordon, J. T. Bowling, Geo. Clay, J. N. Pittman, A. C. Chandler, M. H. Eastwood, O. F. Hughes, L. D. Vaughan, A. H. Renn, James Stroud, P. S. Kearney, W. H. Jenkins, E. J. Jenkins, Brodie Cozart, W. J. Royster, D. L. Peak, J. C. Pittard, E. D. Johnson, J. W. Overton, J. W. Elliott, W. H. Moore, D. L. Haskins, J. A. Mangum, R. B. Moss, H. F. Bailey, J. T. Britt, J. C. Taylor, William Thorp, L. B. Freeman, E. B. Hart, E. H. Humphries, J. E. Davis, J. L. Freddy, R. L. Clay, and John Eastwood, including the names of the regular jurors.

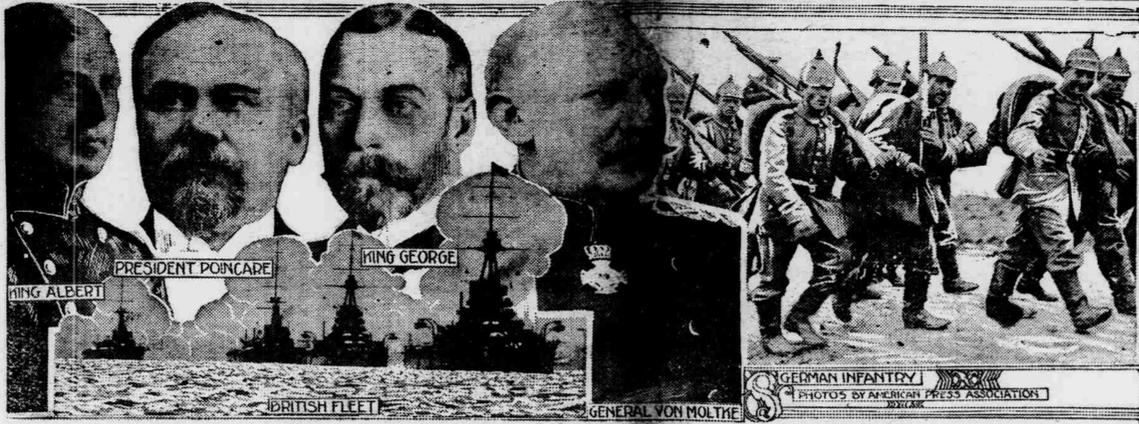
The names of the regular jurors were first placed in the hat and the following were drawn and accepted for the trial of the case: W. L. Peace, M. L. Eakes, Frank Kelly, and H. G. Averette, then the names of the 50 venire were placed in the hat, the following eight were drawn and accepted as jurors: J. E. Davis, J. W. Elliott, L. D. Harris, G. L. Lawrence, A. H. Renn, W. J. Royster, L. D. Vaughan, and William Thorp, all of whom were sworn and the trial entered into.

Rogers is charged with committing rape on one Emma Lawrence, colored, sometime ago near Lyon station. Rogers is the one that knocked James Mangum down in the recent jail delivery and jumped on him, and in the scuffle Mangum left the print of his teeth in the flesh of Rogers.

The trial commenced about four o'clock Wednesday afternoon and consumed that afternoon and all of Thursday, and the case was given to the jury late that afternoon after an able charge by Judge Rountree. Many witnesses were examined on both sides, and every inch of testimony and legal points were closely contested by the counsel on both sides. Gen. B. S. Royster and Ex-Judge Graham appeared for Rogers, and Solicitor Sam Gattis, assisted by Mr. John W. Hester, represented the prosecution. The speeches on both sides before the jury were able, learned and well delivered, and closely listened to by all in the Court room.

Shortly after Court met Friday morning the jury filed into Court and though Mr. W. L. Peace stated that they had been unable to agree, and asked if they could not be discharged, but Judge Rountree declined to do so. He wished them to arrive at a verdict and proceeded to instruct them as to the different verdicts they could return after fully weighing all the testimony and taking into consideration the character of the woman as well as the man.

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News Snapshots Of the Week

The European war continued with increasing severity. Kaiser Wilhelm seemed to have little care as to the number of countries he antagonized and warned Italy that if she did not aid him he would order an attack on Italian cities. General von Moltke as field marshal of the German army is the active directing power of the Teutons. King George was forced to prepare to aid France and Russia. Albert, king of the Belgians, made a desperate resistance to the German invaders, and his troops were victors in the initial contests with German infantry and uhlans. The British fleet in the North sea was ordered to have "decks cleared for action." President Poincaré of France stated that his troops were ready to repel the Germans at any point on his border. The aerial forces of France and Germany became very active, and several sanguinary engagements occurred in the air. The initial reverses to Germany occasioned worldwide surprise.

DEADLY GUNS OF LIEGE

German Army Officers Urge Their Men into the Very Jaws of Death

BELGIUMS' FIRE WAS DEADLY AND WROUGHT HAVOC

(London Cable August 14.)

German officers engaged in the battle of Haelen, according to late details to the Exchange Telegraph company from Brussels, numbered more than 10,000 comprising cavalry, artillery and a small force of infantry. The Belgian force numbered about 7,000.

"It is believed," says the dispatch, "that the object of the Germans was to take a position north of the St. Trond road at Tirlenmont, from which they could execute a turning movement against the Belgian army."

"Through efficient cavalry reconnaissance, the Belgian commander obtained accurate information of the movement of the attacking force. To reach Diest the Germans had to cross the river at Haelen, and before this place the Belgians took up their principal position, erecting barricades, building entrenchments and placing guns where they could be most effectively employed.

"The Germans came in sight about 11 o'clock in the morning and soon the artillery on both sides came into action. The German fire had little effect. The Belgian fire was deadly, even at a range of 2,000 metres, and played havoc with the German cavalry, which, notwithstanding, continued to advance.

"The cavalry repeatedly charged, but owing to hedges and hillocks, could attack only in small groups. The Germans again and again hurled themselves at the barricades only to be shot down by the deadly Belgian fire.

"The attack on the bridges spanning the river was equally fierce. German officers urged their men to the attack, to meet almost certain death from the Belgian guns. Men and horses fell, until, when almost shattered, the order for retreat was given at 6 o'clock in the evening.

"The German defeat was complete their loss amounting to more than 1,000. They retired in the greatest disorder. At nightfall they were making their way hastily toward Tongres."

SEND CARGOES OUT TO SEA

The strength of the British fleet in the Mediterranean is unknown as no movements of warships have been made public since the first outbreak of hostilities. It is known, however, that France has the bulk of her fleet in the Mediterranean so that no apprehension exists here as to the safety of trade routes through that sea now that it seems certain that the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau are out of action.

The official press bureau describing the disposition of British cruisers in the Atlantic and elsewhere expressly urges traders of the nations doing business with Great Britain to send their cargoes confidently and boldly to sea in British or neutral ships in all directions except the North sea where, owing to mines and the probability of naval operations no guarantee can yet be given, although as announced yesterday passenger services are again running.

ALL DEPENDS ON WHO CONTROLS THE SEAS

The effect of the European war upon agriculture in the United States was discussed Thursday for the first time by Secretary Houston, who pointed out that the United States was practically the only large food producing country undisturbed.

"If Germany and Austria cannot control the high seas," he said, "it will be very difficult for food supplies from this country to reach them. This would not have a very serious effect on our exports because a very small proportion is taken by these countries. Of the wheat and wheat flour exported in 1913—about 140,000,000 bushels—only 12,500,000 went to Germany and Austria. If they were to control the high seas it would seriously interfere with the marketing of the greater part of the foodstuffs we export.

"If, on the other hand, England, France and Russia control the high seas, we should be able to market in the near future without great difficulty the great mass of our exportable food products. Even if they cannot control the seas, they are going to take every sort of reasonable risk to get supplies and on account of their extensive shore lines and large shipping facilities, they would doubtless secure a very considerable part of what they need."

"If Congress takes advantage promptly of the present situation and enacts legislation for the enlargement of the merchant marine under the American flag," Secretary Houston said, "not only would great temporary relief be afforded, but a permanent advance would be made."

SHORT LEDGER LOCALS.

About People and Things That Are of Interest to the Public Ledger Readers

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

New Signs—The Union Bank and Sizemore Bros. have had new signs painted on their windows.

The Man That Don't—The business man who never advertises now is like the general who goes into battle without ammunition.

Cider and Watermelons—Plenty of cider and Watermelons were in Oxford Saturday and the lovers of both were in their glory.

Young Tobacco Buyer—Another son was born unto Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Pace, a few days ago, and mother and son are doing well.

Read Change of Ad.—We call attention to the change of the advertisement of the Granville Real Estate & Trust Co. on another page.

Moving Along—The brick masons are moving right along with the work on the new storage house and sales stables of Horner Bros. Co.

About Recovered—Mr. J. R. Sneed, the blacksmith, who has been sick for several weeks, is out again and is rapidly recovering his strength.

Fine Crop—We learn that Mr. J. T. Grissom, who farms near Wilton, has one among the finest tobacco and corn crops in that section of the County.

Some Better—We are glad to learn that Mr. Dudley Fuller, who has been confined at home for two weeks on account of sickness, is getting better.

Services at Stovall—Rev. Lewis Taylor will conduct services to-morrow, Sunday, in St. Peter's church at Stovall at 11 o'clock a. m. and at eight p. m. All cordially invited.

Continues to Improve—We are pleased to learn that Mrs. Ernschert, who has been in a hospital for treatment continues to improve and will soon be able to return to Oxford.

At His Old Post—We are glad to see our young friend Winfield Taylor back in the office of the Carolina Power and Light Co., as he succeeds Mr. Fullerton, who has resigned.

Sunday School Picnic—The Baptist Sunday school children picniced at Cheatham's Mill Thursday. They went out in wagons and automobiles, and had a large time with plenty to eat.

Premium List—Look out and secure a premium list issued by the Granville County Fair Association. You can secure a copy from any of our business houses or Secretary E. T. Crews.

Green-Hunt Co.—Carpenters are now quite busy putting shelves and counters in the store room vacated by the Granville Real Estate & Trust Co. for the opening of the new firm of Green-Hunt Co.

Lawn Party—Miss Jannette Gregory gave her Sunday School class a lawn party Wednesday afternoon at her home on College street, and the little girls and boys had a jolly time playing games and eating.

Much Improved—We are much pleased to learn that Mrs. Cam Easton, who fell some weeks ago, and broke her ankle, is able to move around the house and her friends hope to see her out soon.

Porch Party—A very enjoyable porch party was given Tuesday evening by Miss Lakel at the home of Mr. N. N. Cupp on College street and delicious refreshments were served and much enjoyed by the guests.

DIRECTORS OF THE FAIR

Holds Enthusiastic Meeting and Elects Dr. W. N. Thomas Chief Marshal

THE QUESTION OF A SPEAKER AND LIGHTS

The directors of the Granville County Fair Association held an enthusiastic meeting Tuesday afternoon when this body of men, coming as it does from all parts of the county, get together they are generally of one mind as to things pertaining to the County Fair. While they are unbounded in their enthusiasm for the Fair, it is indeed a very conservative body of men, not given to wild schemes. They hold that the Fair is purely educational in its nature and none are too wise to come within its influence.

Dr. W. N. Thomas was unanimously chosen Marshal of the Fair. Gallant and popular with all classes of people throughout the county, he will bring prestige to the glad occasion. Dr. Thomas is at present casting about for his aids, it is a coveted position to ride a fine steed in the line of march and join in the festivities of the Marshall's ball, and glad will be those whose names will appear in the list of Dr. Thomas' appointments.

The directors left the choice of a speaker to a committee, of which Secretary Crews is the Chairman. In casting about for a speaker it would seem to the Public Ledger that Governor Craig would naturally be the first choice of the committee. He is fully in sympathy with the agricultural interests of the State, thoroughly posted as to the wants and needs of the farming element and with all an orator of note.

The question of the advisability of lighting the Fair grounds was left to a committee, who will wait upon the Carolina Power and Light Company and ascertain the cost of extending the line and wiring the buildings, etc. In deciding this question the committee is confronted with the facts that the grounds at most require lights only one night during the Fair, as the exhibitors remove their display before nightfall on the second day. The same can be said of the Colored Fair, which occupy the grounds two days later in the season. With all these facts in mind the committee will be governed entirely by the light before them.

Secretary Crews is meeting with much encouragement on all sides and he says "we are going to have a splendid Fair, war or no war."

SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENT

One of the pleasant entertainments of the summer took place on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Miss Mary Shotwell on Asylum street in honor of her house guests, Misses Annie Tillet and Mollie Speed, of Durham; Ola Ross, of Greenville; Miss Kate Alderman, of Greensboro; and Mrs. N. L. Coward, of Greenville. The interesting game of rook was played, and choice and tempting refreshments were served.

DEATH OF BANNISTER ROBINSON

After an illness of several weeks Mr. Bannister Robinson died Thursday morning at his home near the Cotton Mill. For a number of years he conducted a mercantile business and accumulated real estate in that section of the town. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his taking away. The funeral will take place at his home this Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock and the interment will be in Elmwood Cemetery. We join in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

THE PROPOSED TRAIN.

It Means Closer Business Relations of Oxford, Henderson and Durham and the Territory Traversed

A BOON TO THE TRAVELING PUBLIC

The business men with whom we have talked look with favor on the proposed through Southern Railway passenger train from Henderson to Durham via Oxford. While they can see a slight bid for trade along the line on the part of Durham and Henderson they see no reason for alarm if the business men of Oxford will get busy and go after the trade. It is pointed out that in the event the train is continued on through Henderson to Durham there will be four trains a day in each direction between Oxford and Durham, well distributed throughout the day, with only a slight change of schedule of trains between Oxford and Henderson.

Looking at the matter from an unselfish standpoint the change will be a boon to the traveling public, as it will afford close connections and avoid the inconveniences and annoyances of lounging around the passenger stations in Durham and Oxford. But there is another side to the question which should not be overlooked. Oxford, Henderson and Durham are equally interested in the proposed change of schedules and trains, and as all three of the towns are made more accessible it is well to watch with jealous care the effect it will have on trade relations. As to the excellent line of goods carried by the Oxford merchants there should be no fear of competition, but with the flamboyant spirit that characterizes the merchantile business in other places there is a possibility of some few along the line "flying the coop." Our progressive neighbors have a faculty of putting their best foot foremost in all matters that pertain to the enlargement of their commercial sphere, and the sooner we acquire the habit of guarding our interests the better off we will be.

SOME FINE PICTURES

Perhaps the most elaborate and interesting picture yet seen in Oxford is the "Last Days of Pompeii," which will be seen at the Orphanum Theatre on Monday evening, August 24th. The picture is divided into two parts, of four reels each. It cost \$250,000 in the making. It is plenty long for two evenings of profitable enjoyment, but Harris & Crews will crowd the two parts into one evening. The pictures at the popular play house are getting stronger and better all the time, and with the double bills Saturdays and Tuesdays the Orphanum is unsurpassed anywhere.

DELIGHTFUL MEETING

The Senior Methodist Philatheas held an important and delightful meeting Tuesday afternoon in their attractive class room. Miss Elizabeth McLaurin sang a solo for the devotional services, much business was transacted after which the following officers were elected for the next six months: Miss Hettie Lyon, hon. secy.; J. A. Pitts, president; Mrs. Parham, first vice-president; Miss Fannie Wyatt, second vice-president; Miss Lillian Spencer, secretary, with Miss Martha Parker Brinkley assistant; Mrs. J. P. Floyd, treasurer and Miss Carrie Fuller, teacher.

After the business meeting a delightful social hour and a watermelon feast was enjoyed, while Miss Williams gave us some fine music on the pipe organ as a grand finale.

MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE.

Personal Items About Folks and Their Friends Who Travel Here and There

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

Mr. Ben Green, of Route 6, was in town Thursday.

Mr. Sam Knott, of Route 2, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. E. W. Parrott, of Route 1, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Thomas Dixon, of Wilton, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Howard Dorsey, of Route 3, was in town Thursday.

Mr. Graham Royster, of Buchanan, is at Panacea Springs.

Mr. Seymour Hart, of Route 4, was in town Friday.

Mr. Sam Jones, of Culbreth, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. M. L. Winston, of Creedmoor, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. Henry Averette, of Route 7, was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Kate White is on a visit to Sarnac Lake, New York.

Mr. N. L. Gillis, of Stovall, was at Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Mr. C. W. Dixon, of Route 4, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. Melvin York, of Grissom, was on our streets Thursday.

Mrs. Will Dorsey, of Route 3, was on our streets Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Curran, of Route 7, were in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. Nat Cannady, of Cannady's Mill, was in town Thursday.

Mr. C. C. Heggee, of Stovall, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brown spent the week in the "Land of Skies."

Mr. D. S. Howard, of Route 4, was among the crowd in town Wednesday.

Messrs. S. M. and Carl Green, of Dexter, were town visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. W. T. Lee and bright daughters are visiting relatives in Clarksville.

Mrs. Evins and son left Thursday for Hendersonville on a visit to relatives.

Capt. E. E. Fuller has returned from a very pleasant stay at the seashore.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Cheatham, of Route 5, were Oxford visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Cooch, of Wilton, were among the Oxford visitors Thursday.

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