

Federal Court Has Adjourned

WAS UNIMPORTANT TERM.

Non Suit Was Entered in Case of Fry Against the Southern Railroad—Judgment Changed in Case of Negro Convicted of Distilling—Judge Has Gone Home.

The October term of the Federal court which was held in this city adjourned yesterday afternoon and all of the court officers, except those that reside in Statesville left at once for their homes.

The term was one of the least important that has been held here for some time.

Most of the time yesterday was taken up with the case of J. C. Fry, administrator, of the estate of Emeline Fry, against the Southern railroad. As stated yesterday this was a suit brought to recover \$25,000 damages for causing the death of Emeline Fry, mother of the plaintiff, some years ago at Hickory.

After the plaintiff had put in its evidence, Lawyer L. C. Caldwell declared that he was ready to let the case go to the jury without submitting any evidence for the defence. It was evident that no case had been made out against the railroad company; the court intimated as much and the plaintiff was allowed to take a non suit.

The judgment of the court was changed in the case of Erwin Gray, the negro convicted of distilling, etc., and sentenced to a year and one day in the Federal penitentiary. He has been in jail four months and he will be given his freedom.

The grand jury finished its work and was discharged Wednesday.

A nol. pros. was entered in the case against Quincy Privett, of Iredell, charged with destroying a rural mail box.

Frank Brown was indicted for distilling, etc., in a case from Alexander county and a nol. pros. was entered in this case and also in similar cases against T. E. Lipard, Lawrence Little, D. L. Fox and Millen Icenhour, all of Alexander county.

Jas. M. Martin, of Burke county, a former storekeeper and gauger charged with permitting a distiller to defraud, was also allowed to go, a nol. pros. being entered in his case.

In the cases against Frank Brown, J. N. Barker, Maurice Jurney, Artifus Rupard, Chas. Ireland, L. W. Parlier, Bud Shoemaker, DeWitt Redmond and Winston Rupard, all of Iredell county, and all charged with distilling, etc., in violation of the internal revenue laws a nol. pros. was entered.

Rally at Coddle Creek.

The Coddle Creek Democratic Club is making arrangements for a big rally on next Tuesday night when Dr. B. F. Dixon will be there and address the citizens on the issues of the day.

There will be a torch light procession and the Taylorsville brass band will take part in the procession and furnish music.

Every one is invited out to take part in the procession and to hear that eloquent old soldier's address. He is a fine speaker and will furnish the voters with much valuable food for thought.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Turner have returned to Mooresville after a visit in this city.

ROOSTER GAVE THE ALARM

And Mr. W. E. Anderson Did the Rest—Armed Himself and Proceeded to His Chicken Coop Where He Captured the Intruder Single Handed and he Will Pay the Penalty.

Late last night, probably between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock Mr. W. E. Anderson who lives on West Broad street was awakened by an unusual disturbance in his hen house.

Mr. Anderson had retired for the night but got up quickly and hurriedly dressing, armed himself with a big stick and started for the chicken coop.

Firmly believing that a chicken thief had entered his premises, Mr. Anderson laid plans to capture the rascal.

When near the door Mr. Anderson called out to any one that might be inside the coop to come out and show himself or he would be shot.

No one replied to his demand, except an old rooster that had first aroused Mr. Anderson by his noise. He continued to keep up a terrible racket and lighting a match, Mr. Anderson entered the hen house. He expected to find a chicken thief there and indeed, he did. But instead of a two legged villain, the intruder proved to be one of a four footed variety.

The cause of all the rumpus was a nice fat possum. This was taken in charge by Mr. Anderson and is now confined in a barrel in that gentleman's back yard.

He is a kind hearted man, is Mr. Anderson but he has no sympathy for a chicken thief, no matter how many legs he may possess and it is probable that "a punishment to fit the crime" is in store for Mr. Possum.

TOMORROW'S BABECUE.

All is Ready for the Big Event and It Will be Pulled off Rain or Shine—Many are Coming From the Nearby Towns.

It was announced late this afternoon that all the arrangements have been completed for the big barbecue, speaking and parade to take place tomorrow. The ladies have done wonderfully well with their part of the program and it is assured that there will be plenty to eat.

The event will be pulled off rain or shine. The barbecue will be held in the planters warehouse and Senator Simmons will speak in the court house.

The parade will form at 10 o'clock as already announced and the speaking will follow.

The barbecue will be served immediately after the speaking.

Horse Dropped Dead.

Early this morning a horse dropped dead in front of the residence of Rev. J. R. Scroggs.

It was being driven to the city by a man named Baker who lives in the country and fell without the slightest warning.

At noon the animal lay where it had fallen and some of the neighbors were asking when the unsightly object was to be removed.

Seized Brandy Still.

Last Wednesday Deputy Collector Davis seized the brandy distillery of D. S. Goble in Alexander county.

With the outfit he also seized 51 gallons of brandy.

Mr. Davis had the property brought to this city and stored.

Coble was conducting his place Goble was conducting his place it is claimed that he had not lived up to all the requirements.

Gilbert Said To Be Insane

HE SHOT HIS SWEETHEART.

And is Now on Trial at Noffolk—Conflicting Testimony of Insanity Experts is Striking Feature of the Trial—He Borrowed the Revolver.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 22.—Conflicting testimony by alleged insanity experts was the striking feature of the trial yesterday of Benjamin Gilbert, who in July last shot to death Miss Amanda Morse, his sweetheart, who had jilted him.

Dr. L. I. Peter, once superintendent of the Virginia Insane Asylum, accredited to be an expert upon brain nervous diseases, said he had been observing Gilbert for a month, and that the latter is a degenerate, was suffering from acute transitory epileptic insanity and was not responsible for murdering Miss Morse.

A number of witnesses told of acts committed by Gilbert which they said caused them to believe that he was not mentally sound. Incidentally, the fact that Gilbert cannot write his name was adduced through the introduction of the roll of the Fourth Virginia Volunteers, to which he affixed his mark. He subsequently was discharged from the militia "for the good of the service."

Dr. O. C. Brunk, present superintendent of the Williamsburg Insane Asylum, testified that in his opinion Gilbert was not epileptically insane; that one so afflicted does not plan a crime, but if he commits one does so upon the impulse of the moment. Gilbert, the evidence shows, premeditated the murder, borrowing the revolver used and seeking his victim.

MADE HIM STOP.

Drunk White Man Who Attempted to Enter the Home of Mr. Matt Overman in Rocky Mount, Brought to a Standstill by Receiving a Load of Shot in His Shoulder.

Wilson, N. C. Oct. 22.—Parties from Rocky Mount report a shooting in that town just before the shoo-fly started southward. The facts as gleaned are as follows:

Mr. Matt Overman had just left his residence, which is opposite the North Rocky Mount passenger station, for his place of business, leaving no one at home but his wife and son Frank. The father had not more than left the yard before a white man besotted with drink, stepped on the front porch and attempted to enter the door. Young Frank asked him what he wanted, but received no reply. He then ordered the fellow to leave the premises, but instead he drew a knife and again tried to enter the door. Once again the fellow was ordered from the premises, but paid no heed to the warning, and continued to advance. Then the young man, to save his mother and himself from harm, caught up a gun and fired a load into the intruder's shoulder. When last heard from the fellow was unconscious.

On a Deer Hunt.

Mr. J. A. Parker of the Statesville Realty and Investment Company left yesterday for Lake Toxaway.

There he will join Mr. E. S. Pegram and a party who are now on a deer hunt. Mr. Pegram has been there since the first of the week.

State Troops On The Scene

THE ENTIRE STATE AROUSED

Governor Determined to Break up Lawlessness by Night-Riders—Is Keeping in Close Touch With Situation—Will Keep Soldiers in Field Until Order is Restored.

Union City, Tenn., Oct. 23.—State troops are encamped in the lake region, where for months a state of terror has existed on account of acts committed by night-riders.

Governor Malcom R. Patterson is keeping in close touch with the situation, and says he will keep the soldiers in the field until order is restored and fullest investigation is made regarding the assassination near Walnut Log on Monday night of Captain Quentin Rankin, a distinguished lawyer of Trenton, Gibson county.

Governor Patterson expressed determination to break up lawlessness by night-riders and will fill no more appointments for speeches in the interest of his candidacy for re-election until the situation in the Reelfoot Lake country has improved.

The law and order league has offered a reward of \$2,000 for the arrest and conviction of the night-riders who killed Captain Rankin and attempted to kill Colonel Taylor, in addition to the reward of \$10,000 offered by Governor Patterson.

The authorities have decided to hold a special term of court for the trial of any night-rider cases that may come up. It is certain that the prosecution will be prompt and thorough.

Attorney-General Caldwell has been threatened with assassination if he prosecuted night-riders, but he says he is determined to do his duty, regardless of threats.

With The Sick.

Miss Bess Hudson of Mooresville, is at the Long sanatorium for treatment.

Mrs. R. M. Mills was called to Woodleaf yesterday because of the critical illness of her father, Mr. J. L. Thompson who has been in ill health for some time and who is not expected to recover.

The condition of Mrs. J. D. Cox who has been critically ill for some time is much improved and her many friends now entertain much hope for her recovery. She is still at the Bilingsley hospital.

It is probable that Mr. E. C. Slean who is at the sanatorium will be removed to his home in Taylorsville in a few days.

They Will Marry.

The engagement is announced in Asheville of Miss Nancy Jane Weaver and Mr. James Gudger Stikeleather.

Mr. Stikeleather is a son of Capt. J. A. Stikeleather, of Olin, this county, and is a prominent young business man of Asheville.

Miss Weaver is a sister of Mr. Zeb Weaver, a member of the legislature from Buncombe.

The marriage will take place November 4th.

Have Returned Home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Eagle of Benld, Ill., who have been here for two weeks on a bridal trip returned to their western home yesterday.

While here they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Eagle, the parents of Mr. Eagle, who live on their farm near town.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Some Happenings Among Those People You Know and Others You Don't Know.

Mr. P. C. Gray has returned from Mooresville where he spent Wednesday night.

Mrs. P. F. Langenour and Miss Mattie Lee Nicholson are visiting in Salisbury attending the fair. Miss Angie Mills has returned from Mooresville where she was the guest of Miss Clara Mills.

Messrs. W. W. Cooper, Albert Cooper and Harry Gill spent last night at the Buford in Charlotte. Miss Sadie Poston went to Mooresville this morning to be the guest of Miss Clara Mills.

Mrs. R. M. Knox and children have returned from a visit to Mooresville.

A. H. Price, Esq., of Salisbury who has been attending Federal court in this city has returned to his home.

Miss Theo. Terrill who is attending school here has returned from a visit to her home in Coolee.

Mrs. T. C. Eubanks who has been the guest of Mr. H. M. Eubanks for some days left yesterday for her home at Monroe.

Mr. R. N. Shupling, of Shiloh was in the city this morning, making arrangements for the funeral of Mrs. Nancy Norris who died at that place yesterday.

Miss Addie Hallyburton of Morganton was a visitor in the city yesterday. She has been visiting in Charlotte and was en route to her home.

Miss Dell Harris of Concord, returned to her home yesterday after spending a week here at the home of her brother, Roland Harris.

Mrs. D. M. Ausley and her charming little daughter, Miss Mary, went to Mt. Airy yesterday for a month's visit with Mr. Thomas Fawcett, Mrs. Ausley's father.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Conger who have been occupying the home of Mrs. D. M. Furchess on Walnut street, since Mrs. Furchess' departure on a southern trip, have taken rooms with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Boshamer on West Broad street.

The Wilkesboro Chronicle says: "Mrs. L. J. Holman left Monday to visit her old home at Cool Spring. Mrs. F. G. Holman accompanied her to Statesville and will visit the family of Mr. Bradshaw at Hickory and her uncle, Mr. J. F. Spainhour, and other relatives at Morganton before returning home.

Mr. Long at Mooresville.

Hon. Zeb V. Long addressed the voters of Coddle Creek township at Mooresville last night.

Owing to the inclement weather the audience was not as large as it otherwise would have been but the fair sized audience present gave Mr. Long the closest attention and frequently interrupted the orator's remarks with their applause.

He was introduced by Hon. Zeb V. Turlington.

Mr. Long says the democrats of the Coddle Creek neighborhood are thoroughly united and in fine shape for the coming battle of ballots.

License to Marry.

The register of deeds has issued a marriage license to Mr. Charles W. Millsaps and Miss Mary L. Pool.

Both are residents of North Statesville.

Mr. James Dixon who is critically ill at his home on Mills street was reported to be failing at noon today and it is feared that he will not recover.

BOY STOLE BEEF HIDE.

Sold it to Morrison Produce Company But Theft was Traced to Him and he Was Made to Return the Money—Gained his Entrance to Building by Force.

A young lad named Cloaninger is liable to be required to face the serious charge of breaking and entering.

Yesterday morning while the butcher had come to the city with some meat the boy pried a loose board off from the slaughter house of M. P. Alexander & Brother, which his located west of the city near the Bloomfield cotton mill and gained an entrance.

Two fine cattle had just been butchered for the barbecue tomorrow and he proceeded to appropriate one of the hides.

He loaded the hide into a two wheel push cart and took it to the store of the Morrison Produce Company where he sold it for \$2.90.

When the butcher returned he missed the hide and following the tracks made by the cart soon located it at the Morrison store.

The responsibility for the theft was soon placed on a 14-year-old son of a man named Cloaninger and the father made the youngster return the money to the Messrs. Morrison.

The Alexander Brothers then came into possession of their property.

It is probable that the boy will be prosecuted.

A NEW NATIONAL BANK.

A Meeting of the Stockholders of Statesville Loan and Trust Company is Called for Tomorrow Afternoon at 2 O'Clock.

At this time the matter of organizing a new national bank with a capital of \$100,000 will be considered.

It is proposed to convert the banking business of the Loan & Trust Co. into a national bank, the business to be conducted at the same place.

It is not proposed that the Trust company go out of business but that it shall continue the savings bank department, the insurance and other features as at present.

An Old Soldier Dead.

Mr. R. Mint Evans died at his home near Doolie Wednesday morning. He was about 70 years of age and has been enjoying very good health until about ten days ago he was taken with pneumonia which resulted in his death.

He was recognized as one of the best farmers in the Doolie section and he had accumulated during his life time some property. He is survived by two children, Mrs. Effie Long and Mr. W. M. Evans, he making his home with the latter.

The remains were interred Thursday in the burying ground at Vanderberg church, of which he was a member.

Have Leased the Furches Home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Myers and two daughters, of New Jersey, have rented the handsome home of Mrs. D. M. Furchess on Walnut street for the winter.

The family came here for the benefit of Mr. Myer's health which has been failing for some time.

Never can tell when you'll mash a finger or suffer a cut, bruise, burn or scald. Be prepared Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil instantly relieves the pain—quickly cures the wound.

Mr. W. McRee Anderson of Little Rock, Ark., is expected here at an early date to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Anderson.