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LOCAL MATTERS.

Caught Here and There.

—The Chronicle Job Office is making the tax books this week.

—L. C. Ferguson, Kendall, has a number of fine Polan-China pigs for sale.

—Dr. Geo. I. White is a member of the county board of elections of McDowell county. He formerly lived at this place.

—Our friend R. E. Poindexter, of Elkin, was in town last week, attending court and visiting his son James Poindexter.

—Prof. Leon Cash, Winston, organized a council of the Jr. O. U. A. M. at North Wilkesboro Friday night. He will organize a council here Friday night of this week.

—John A. Oats, sec'y of the N. C. Anti Saloon League, of Fayetteville, will address the people at the Baptist Association at Wilkesboro, Aug. 21st, and at New Era Hall, North Wilkesboro, the 22nd at 8:30 p. m.

—Mr. W. E. Harris is now travelling for Watkins, Cottrell & Co., of Richmond, one of the largest hardware concerns in the South. He was in town last week and tells us that he will make this place his headquarters and move his family here soon.

—Superintendent Wright informs us that he has at his disposal six scholarships in the Nashville college of Law—two each in the departments of law, business, and short hand and typewriting. These scholarships are valued at \$100 a year. Parties desiring further information will write him at once.

—A short stiff storm struck here Wednesday about midday and almost stampeded the court. The building in which court is being held was shaken considerably and a good portion of the crowd vacated in haste and without leave of the court. Court adjourned for dinner as soon as the storm permitted.

—The County Board of Elections for this county is composed of J. L. Hemphill, F. B. Hendren and E. B. Barkley. It is the duty of this Board to meet on or before the first Monday in September and organize, appoint registrars and judges, make new precincts if necessary, etc. It is important that the Board take note of these things.

—The republican Senatorial convention which met at Yadkinville the 5th adjourned till Sept 1st. There were three candidates—Joe Elledge, of Wilkes, Lillington, of Yadkin, and Grant, of Davie. The vote stood Elledge 4, and 2 each for the others. After several ballots it was seen that no nomination could be made and the convention adjourned.

—L. W. Vannoy, of Wilbar, has an old brick building on his place in which his parents lived that is about 125 years old. In its wall are two brick near each other, one having on it a rabbit track and the other a dog track, showing that back in those days dogs would run rabbits. Near this house is a pear tree which is as old as the house, and while it is considerably worse with the wear of the years, it has a crop of pears this year.

—Have you sown your turnips?

—Come in, settle up and let us start anew.

—Tom Crysel has gone to Ashe on business.

—There are two or three cases of fever here.

—Mr. Will Smoak, of Winston, is visiting his brother at this place.

—Mr. and Mrs. John R. London, of Rock Hill, are visiting at C. Call's.

—R. N. Hackett, (farmer), has gathered a melon weighing 62 pounds.

—Mrs. J. H. Carrigan and three children visited relatives in Alexander last week.

—We call attention to the new advertisement of J. R. Poindexter & Co. in this issue.

—Plutarch, Prude, John and Shula Scroggs, of Iredell, are visiting relatives at Moravian Falls.

—Misses VanLindley and Harris, who had been visiting Mrs. C. Cail, returned home Thursday.

—Mr. W. C. Winkler showed us a stock beet which was raised in his garden. It weighed 7½ pounds.

—W. H. Marley, of Lewis Fork, died last week of typhoid fever. He was 48 years old and leaves a family.

—Mr. Bob Gaither and family and Mrs. Lacy Gaither, of Iredell county, visited at Mr. Morrison's last week.

—Up near Parsenville last week Mrs. Joe Parsons gave birth to twins. The twins died in an hour or so.

—Rev. Daniel Poole, the pastor, and other ministers are holding a protracted meeting at Cub Creek this week.

—The Brushy Mountain Baptist Association will convene with the Baptist church at this place Thursday of next week.

—Mrs. L. A. Crinshaw and grand daughter, Miss Gertrude Crinshaw, of Richmond, are visiting at Mr. Edgar Spainhour's.

—Mr. D. E. Smoak has secured a patent on his improved pipe heater. He claims that it is the best heater of the age.

—The Republicans seem to have plenty of candidates for the Legislature. We hear Dr. Pegrarn, Jess. Alexander, Ruff, Henderson, John Crouch, W. F. Porter, "Bud" Edwards, Calvin Hamby, L. M. Lyon, Don Laws, and Jim McNeill spoken of. There are others hitched out in the woods that will come out when the gap is let down.

—Often amid the most solemn scenes the humorous appears doubly humorous. The defendant Laws was being arraigned for the killing of Jim Walls. He had answered the questions proceeding and the Solicitor asked, "how will you be tried?" His lawyers told him the answer, "by God and my country," but instead of repeating the answer he said simply "yes." Again his attorneys told him to repeat the answer but he said only "yes." This was repeated several times till at last he seemed to catch the idea and in quick nervous tones he exclaimed "yes by God, and my country, yes." And the dignified court even "smiled an innocent smile."

—WANTED by a lady, a position as book-keeper, type writer and stenographer. Apply to "H" care Chronicle office.

ACQUITTED.

John Shepherd "Not Guilty" of the Murder of Lons Johnson.

The jury in the case against John Shepherd for the murder of Lons Johnson returned a verdict of "not guilty" about dark Friday evening.

The case was taken up Friday morning. The Solicitor was assisted by J. W. McNeill and Finley & Greene appeared for the defense.

The circumstances as developed by the evidence are about as published at the time of the homicide. The killing occurred in Feb. 1901. These men had been to Anthony Foster's store that afternoon and both were drinking some. Johnson got pretty full and Shepherd let him have his mule to ride home on—they lived near each other; they were raised and had been schoolmates together. Not far from the store Johnson got off the mule and began cursing Shepherd and several words followed. However, it was seemingly adjusted and Johnson remounted and rode around the road while Shepherd walked through a path. When they came together again, (it was then dark), it appears that Johnson was off the mule and as soon as Shepherd came in reach attacked him with a rail. Shepherd drew his pistol and fired twice, one ball taking effect in Johnson's arm, from which wound he died. It was shown that Johnson was a bad man when drinking. It was also proven that these men had always been friends.

The lawyers made able arguments and the judge's charge was concise and pointed. After deliberating for some three hours the jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and John Shepherd was made a free man again.

30 Days on the Roads for Ruff Brown. Ruff Brown, colored, who was charged with a criminal assault upon Julia Robinson, submitted to a simple assault and was sentenced to the Forsyth roads for 30 days—the limit of the law. Ruff will be apt to find on the roads a thirty days respite for his habitual "neurialgia" and trifling laziness.

The Merchants Cases Dismissed. The cases against the merchants concerning the special license tax were all not prosed Thursday morning—some 140 cases. This action followed after the result of the first case tried which was the case vs. M. McNeill. After hearing the evidence and facts, the judge asked the jury to retire until he heard the lawyers present their contentions as to the law and after hearing these, the jury was recalled and the judge ordered a verdict of not guilty. The facts are that neither the merchants nor the officers of the county knew of the law, and the judge said that while ignorance of the law is no excuse, yet when even the officers from Coms. down whose duty it is to execute the law were entirely ignorant of this law and therefore could not execute the law and that no citizen could possibly know and obey this law, and that the State did not require of its citizens impossibilities.

The Supreme Court by a majority decision in the Pilkenton case recently decided against the merchants, but judge Shaw by reason of differences in the

case decided by the Supreme Court and the case heard by him decided with the merchants. This is the only district in which such indictments were brought—democratic Solicitors did not attempt such a money scheme.

These cases go off at half cost against the county. This amounts to a big thing, about \$1,000 which the county must pay uselessly and without benefit to the county.

Allen Laws Murder Case Thursday.

The case against Allen Laws charged with the murder of Jim Walls, near Goshen, is set for Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. A special venire of 35 men has been summoned for this case. R. N. Hackett appears with the Solicitor for the State and Finley & Greene for the defendant.

The Grand Jury's Work.

The grand jury completed its work Saturday. It passed on 44 bills, finding 32 true and 12 ignored bills. Six presentments were made.

They made a favorable report regarding the keeping of the jail, and that the county officers are keeping the records properly.

They found the poor house well kept. There are three lunatic inmates, for keeping whom they recommend that the keeper be given more compensation.

—There will be a concert on Friday night of next week given here for the benefit of the new Baptist church.

—Dr. H. V. Horton will spend the balance of the week here, and if your teeth need fixing now is the time to see him.

—Mrs. D. T. Johnson and son Tommy, of Raleigh, are visiting Mrs. J. W. McNeill, daughter of Mrs. Johnson.

—Mrs. M. A. Ham, of Indiana, a sister of Mr. Bob Edwards of this place, is visiting her old home and relatives in this county.

—Dr. Turner was called to Ashe last week by the sickness of John Bledsoe, his brother in law, who has typhoid fever. He is improving slowly.

—Mr. M. H. Chalkly and Mr. L. M. McGlammery, of Stanton, were in town this week. The big tannery there is about ready for tanning on a large scale.

—The court caught up with the business Saturday and judge Shaw went to his home at Greensboro, adjourning the court till tomorrow, Thursday, at 2 p. m. when the Laws murder case comes up. There are only two or three other cases besides this to be heard.

—The court proceedings took a rather sensational turn Saturday when Mr. J. W. Vickers of N. Wilkesboro was placed in custody of the Sheriff and required to give a justified bond of \$150 for his appearance at next term of court and answer to the charge of fornication and adultery, according to his own admissions. This was done by order of the Judge, after hearing Mr. Vickers' testimony in the case against John Wade, colored, for retailing. Vickers admitted that he had married twice and that his first wife was living when he last heard from her—five years ago. He gave in explanation extenuating circumstances, but the judge made the order as above noted. Vickers gave bond.

Yes, it is true:

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. The ever-changing methods in the hardware business require the closest attention in order that one may succeed, and in order to succeed one must get the confidence of the people by laying in stock timely, up to date goods. The Chattanooga plow is the farmer's best friend. The Chattanooga cane mill has the confidence of all. The Buck stoves and ranges have made so many homes happy that all new house keepers should purchase one. In fact, my entire stock of hardware has been well selected and is pleasing the trade. Yours for hardware,

J. P. ROUSSEAU.

North Wilkesboro, March 4th.

'Tis Spring Time

COME TO THE FRONT

If you never have before or if you never intend to again, come to the front this spring. The way to do this is to come to our store and buy the latest and most up to date goods in quality, style and design.

You can make a dress

out of 'most any kind of cloth but you can't make a stylish and up to date dress unless you have the best material. We have nothing but the BEST. We invite you to come and inspect our NEW SPRING GOODS.

R. A. Spainhour & Co.

The one-price-to-all store.

NOW IS THE TIME

To save your PEACH SEED. We are on the market for a

Large Quantity.

You want to save the small seed, dry them so they will be light; we do not want dark seed.—40 cents.

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North Wilkesboro, N. C.,

Wholesale & Retail Druggists.

Pure Drugs, Chemicals, Toilet Articles, Candies, Cigars, Tobacco, etc.

Leaders in School Books and Stationery.

We have much experience in the drug business and you can be assured that you are getting the best drugs at reasonable prices. Call on us when you are in town.