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## THE ALABAMA NEGROES LOSE.

### HIGHEST TRIBUNAL PASSES ON IT.

The United States Supreme Court, in the Case Brought by Colored Man Who Was Refused Registration Under the New Constitution Decides Against the Negro.

Washington, April 29.—By a divided bench—five to three—Justice Day being absent, the United States Supreme Court to-day denied the application of Jackson W. Giles on behalf of himself and 5,000 other negroes in Montgomery county, Ala., to compel the registrars of the county to place their names on the registration books. The case was brought in the Federal Court for the district of Alabama. Alleging the deprivation of their constitutional right under the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments, but the court dismissed the cases for want of jurisdiction and on that question it was brought to the Supreme Court on appeal and by certificate. Justice Holss, in delivering the majority opinion, said the question of jurisdiction and the merits of the case at bar were so interwoven that it became necessary for the court to take up both, for it was impossible in a suit like this, that the relief sought should be granted. It would be an extraordinary and unheard of extension of political relief. The Justices rendering the majority opinion were the Chief Justice and Associate Justice White, McKenna, Holmes and Peckham. The dissenting opinions were from Justices Harlan, Brewer and Brown.

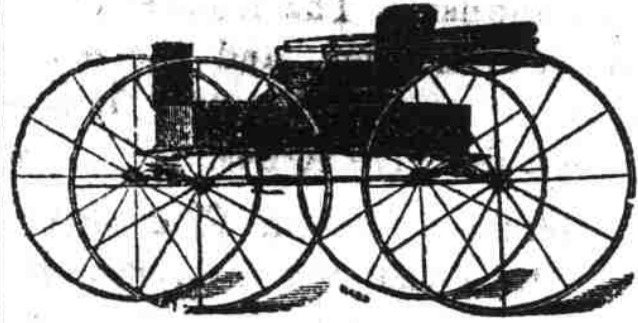
To a layman the decision of the court seemed at least peculiar and it was commented on around the capitol by attorneys as being almost remarkable. A report at first gained currency that a test case of the new Alabama constitution had been decided, but later it developed from expressions of the court that the validity of the constitution had not been touched upon. The case was really brought in the first instance to test the validity of the constitution of Alabama. A negro claimed that the board of registrars refused to allow him to register. It came up before Judge Thomas Goode Jones, judge of the United States Circuit Court for the northern Alabama district. Judge Jones undecided whether he had jurisdiction, but dismissed the case on ground that he had not, in order that United States Supreme Court might pass finally on the question of jurisdiction. The case therefore was presented to the Supreme Court for the determination of this one question. Justice Holmes delivered the opinion for the court. He said that according to the usual precedence the court had no jurisdiction, but said that this was a most extraordinary case and the Supreme Court had determined to lay aside for the time the question of jurisdiction and go into the merits of the case. It was impossible, he said, to grant the relief that was asked by the petitioner, the negro, first because he had related that he is a qualified voter under a system which he admits is fraudulent and in violation of the constitution of the United States.

The best physic: Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Easy to take; pleasant in effect. For sale by W. R. Hambrick.

## HERE'S YOUR CHANCE.

A Handsome \$60.00 Buggy to be Given Away.

THE COURIER will give away another Buggy to the subscriber who holds the lucky number. This is the third Buggy offered as a premium by THE COURIER. It is a great opportunity for you.



Every person paying \$1.00 receives a numbered ticket and when they have all been sold we will have the drawing public as the last drawing was by some one selected by those holding tickets, and well blindfolded. As soon as the drawing is made and the lucky ticket presented the buggy will be awarded on the payment of \$1.00 by the party holding the ticket.

THE COURIER is worth \$1.00 a year and the buggy is offered as simply an inducement to secure new subscribers, but of course we can not discriminate against our old patrons, hence every one paying a year's subscription in advance or for arrears, is entitled to a ticket. And now is the time to subscribe.

Southern Railway Appointments.

Cincinnati, April 26.—President Samuel Spencer, of the Southern Railway has telegraphed from New York, that W. J. Murphy has been made vice president of the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific division, and that W. A. Garrett, recently general superintendent of the Philadelphia & Reading road, succeeds Murphy, as general manager, both appointments effective May 1.

## WAKE IS THE COUNTY.

### GATTIS-KILGO SUIT WILL BE TRIED IN RALEIGH

It Has Been Set for the October Term, Second Monday—Judge R. B. Peebles Will Preside.

Oxford, N. C., April 25.—The suit Gattis vs Kilgo has been removed to Wake county, and the trial is not to be called before Monday of the second week in October term.

This decision was reached this morning, after quite a lengthy consultation of counsel on both sides with Judge Allen, that lasted far into the night last night, and was resumed this morning for a short time.

It is understood that Judge Allen required defendant's counsel to waive any objections to removing the case to a particular county upon the grounds that it was not adjacent, and that he allowed the counsel for plaintiff to select the county. But it is reported that he told them he would not send the case to Person, because there were special grounds of objection to that county.

According to the plaintiff's counsel themselves selected Wake, with Person barred out.

Judge R. B. Peebles, of Northampton, will be the presiding judge at the October term of Wake county court

The recent slump in stock values brings with it the suggestion that republican prosperity partakes more of the character of gambling house prosperity than of the actual thing.

## BENSON'S BUSINESS BLOCK IS BURNED.

### FIFTEEN STORES COMPLETELY WIPED OUT YESTERDAY.

Insurance Not More Than \$10,000 at Utmost—How the Fire is Not Known—Originated in Tommy Holmes'

Benson, N. C., April 25.—The best part of the business section of this place was completely wiped out by fire to-day.

Fifteen stores and houses were destroyed.

The loss is estimated at from \$50,000 to \$75,000. Only a portion is covered by insurance, not more than \$10,000 at the utmost

How the fire started is not known, but it was in Tommy Holmes' store about noon, that it was discovered: It spread with the greatest rapidity as far north as the railroad, and consumed the buildings fronting on the railroad, going east to the next block. To the south also the stores were burned as far as the corner occupied by the store of Preston Woodall.

The stores and buildings burned were: Preston Woodall, at the corner, C. B. Johnson, groceries; Lonnie Stevens, groceries; Cavanaugh, Holmes and Company, groceries and general merchandise; Wilson Allen's bar-room; Tommy Holmes' store; J. H. Royall's bar-room; J. W. Canday, general merchandise; H. Lucus, hardware; barber shop of Daniel Hill; Stewart and Dew, general merchandise; A. L. Barefoot, dry goods; building occupied by store of Mrs. Bettie Broughton and dwelling of B. B. Broughton; dwelling of John Strickland, the building being owed by J. H. Royall.

The last two buildings fronted on the railroad.

All the buildings burned, the whole fifteen, were completely destroyed. Hardly a timber was left.

## BANK BLOWN OPEN.

Half a Dozen Burglars in the Gang. About \$3,500 Taken.

La Grange, N. C., April 28.—Rouse Brothers' bank was robbed last night, the safe being blown open with some explosive. The safe and bank fixtures were totally wrecked, and the front windows broken.

It is not known exactly at what time operations began, but they continued an hour or more. The final explosion occurred at precisely two o'clock when the burglars were seen to drive away, by several who were in the vicinity, but afraid to venture near.

Several shots were fired by the robbers, one of which narrowly missed Mr. Prentis Wooten, who slept in a store across the street. A number of tools were stolen from the blacksmith shop of Rufus Mewborn with which to operate. The horse and buggy of Dr. J. M. Hodges are missing and are supposed to have been stolen. Two or three other buggies were seen standing back of the bank. At least six men are supposed to have been concerned in the robbery.

All the money was taken except a small quantity of coin, the amount being between \$2,500 and \$3,500. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

Rouse Brothers received funds from Kinston this morning and promptly settled with depositors.

Bloodhounds have been sent for from Kinston. The business continues without interruption.

We have the largest, and we believe the cheapest stock of shoes in town; says Messrs J. A. Long, Son & Co. They cordially invite you to look at their line before buying.

Messrs. Clayton & Long says just follow the crowd and you will land in their store. If you are looking for dress goods, shoes or gents furnishings you will miss an opportunity if you don't go to see them.

You will need that plow and plow castings now as the weather has opened up, and I am sure you can do better at my store than you can anywhere else. Hardware of all kinds just as cheap as anybody.

GEO. W. THOMAS.

Certificate good for 50c on \$1. bottle of Celery Nerve and Blood Tonic with written guarantee with each bottle. The certificate only for 30 days. It will benefit anybody. Great spring tonic. Morris Drug Store.

The broadest guarantee in the world. We guarantee the price of everything we sell to be as low or lower than the same article can be bought anywhere else. This should make your trading with us very safe, and you can find almost anything you want here as we carry a general line—groceries, dry goods, shoes, furniture &c.

A. R. FOUSHEE & SON.

## Dissolution Notice.

The firm of Blalock & Tingin is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be continued by J. M. Blalock & Co. All accounts due the old firm will be paid to J. M. Blalock & Co. This April 22, 1903.

A. A. TINGIN  
J. M. BLALOCK.

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Mr. H. A. Johnson, who for the past two years has so efficiently filled the position as prescription clerk at Mr. Morris drug store, left this morning for an extended visit to his sister in South Carolina. Mr. Johnson for some months has been in declining health, and thinking a rest and change of climate would benefit him resigned his position with Mr. Morris. We venture to say that no young man ever came to Roxboro and in so short a time made more warm friends than did Mr. Johnson. THE COURIER joins his other friends in expressing regrets at his departure from among us, and wishing that the change will greatly benefit his health.

"Madam! I caught your husband making love to my wife. 'Oh, lovely! Then he hasn't forgotten how! —Life,

## The Right of a Woman

to talk is above the right of a man to question. Women have a right to talk, they will talk and nobody blames them for it, they can't help it after they have seen the beautiful collection of summer goods that we are showing. They have to tell their neighbors and friends about how stylish and tasty and cheap they are. I have had a dozen ladies to tell me in the past week, "well my neighbor Mrs. So and So told me that if I wanted to save money and find the prettiest stock of woolen and wash goods in Roxboro to go to A. M. Burns' and it certainly is true. I am not disappointed, but find them even prettier and cheaper than she described." You will think so too, if you will come and see you will not only find pretty and stylish goods but you will find many more than you expected to see here.

A. M. BURNS.

Osborne  
Mowers,  
Buckeye  
Grain  
Drills  
and  
Fertilizers.  
Black Cat Brand  
Chicago-Rockford  
Hosiery Company  
Kenosha, Wis.  
R. P. BROOKS,  
WOODSDALE, NORTH CAR.

## We Have What you Want in Groceries.

This is our line, and this is what we study. Our aim is to at all times keep such a line of groceries and confectioneries that will suit our trade.

## When you want The very best Flour, Sugar, Meal or Fancy Groceries come to us and we will serve you prompt, and will always guarantee prices If you can't come just phone us and your order will have prompt attention.

Sergeant, Clayton & Co.  
Successor to W. J. Johnson & Co

## YOU'LL GET THAT YOU ORDER.

### And get it Promptly.

There will be no slighting of the matter from the time you send your order to us until the goods are in your home.

### Study Your Wants.

Every grocery order is welcome, and every customer is treated as well as we can treat him.

I can save you money on Shoes, give me a call.

Yours to see

## C. H. HUNTER.