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NEW BERN, CRAVEN COUNTY, N. C., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1912-- FIRST SECTION

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THIEF DRAWS HEAVY SENTENCE

Two Years in Jail for Young White Man, a Stranger, Who Stole Watch.

ASKS COURT FOR MERCY

Sentence Imposed on Several Other Criminals, Convicted of Various Offenses.

R. H. Bryce, the young white man who was on Friday found guilty in the Superior Court of the larceny of about \$45.00 and a watch, was yesterday sentenced to a term of 2 years in the Craven county jail. Bryce made a pitiful plea to the court, asking its mercy and stating that he had a wife and two small children at Hamlet, N. C., who were dependent upon him for support, but Judge Cline did not see fit to grant him clemency.

A sentence was imposed in a number of other cases in which the verdicts had been brought in during the week.

Henry Jones, found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, was given a sentence of 60 days on the county roads.

William Crawford, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, sentenced in two cases to a term of 30 days on the county roads.

John Whitfield found guilty of an assault was fined \$10 and the costs of the case.

Owing to the fact that the court was unable to reach them this term several of the smaller cases on the docket were continued until next term. Monday morning the civil docket will be taken up.

Dr. James F. Foley, the recently appointed milk and meat inspector, gave some interesting facts concerning the consumption of food products, when seen by a Journal man last night.

He stated that the oyster and fish dealers were violating the law concerning the use of the polluted waters taken from the docks on Neuse and Trent rivers, to wash the food products that they were to offer for sale. This practice has been proved to be the cause of dissemination of typhoid fever. An analysis of this water has shown it to contain typhoid bacilli. Dr. Foley notified these people that hereafter the law would be rigidly enforced.

The doctor also stated that the condition of the fish he inspected made it unfit for human food. While the dealers were not prosecuted, as might have been done, a repetition of the offense will cause the delinquent hucksters to be severely dealt with.

LESLIE TAYLOR BETTER.

Young Leslie Taylor, who several days ago fell from the roof of a house on Craven street which he was painting, and who was taken to Stewart's sanatorium for treatment, has recovered sufficiently to be taken to his home on Hancock street. It was first thought that he had been injured internally but it was found that this was not the case, his only injuries being a broken wrist and sprained ankle.

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JURY FOUND EDWARDS GUILTY

Senatorial Shooting Scrape Between Prominent Men at Vanceboro Finally Settled.

JURY OUT A SHORT TIME

Edwards Must Pay Fine of Two Hundred Dollars and Costs of the Case.

At the opening of yesterday's session of Craven county Superior Court the case of the State vs. J. F. Edwards, of Vanceboro, charged with shooting Mr. B. R. Warren at that place several weeks ago, was taken up. This case has attracted much attention all over this section, owing to the fact that the principals in the affair are both well known and the court room was filled with spectators interested in the proceedings.

The defendant was ably represented by Messrs. A. D. Ward and R. B. Nixon, while the firm of Moore & Dunn assisted solicitor Abernathy in the prosecution. The hearing of evidence began without delay and continued through a part of the afternoon session. A large number of witnesses were placed on the stand by both sides and the case was stubbornly fought. At the conclusion of the taking of evidence the arguments were begun and this consumed about two hours. In his charge to the jury Judge Cline told them not to be prejudiced by the defendant's physical condition or any ill will that the two principals bore toward each other but to render their verdict according to the evidence they heard. The case was given to them shortly after 6 o'clock and they retired to their room. After being out only a short while they returned with a verdict of guilty.

The sentence passed upon Mr. Edwards was that he pay a fine of \$200.00 and the cost of the case. He gave bond for his appearance in court next Thursday and will pay the fine and cost at that time.

TO DRAIN GEORGE STREET.

During rainy weather that section of street near the corner of George and Cypress is invariably in bad condition, owing to poor drainage. At the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen this matter was taken up by Alderman Dismay and upon his recommendation Mr. R. R. Eagle, civil engineer, was ordered to investigate and see what could be done toward remedying this condition. He will inspect this street and make surveys and report his findings to the Board at their next meeting and if he finds that the street can be properly drained the work will be taken up at once.

Persons who saw the westbound train coming up to the Union station yesterday afternoon doubtless thought that one of the coaches was on fire. Dense clouds of smoke and flames were surging upward from a hot box on the rear car and it really did have a terrifying appearance to those who saw it from a distance. Despite the fact that an extra car loaded with fish was attached, the train came in exactly on time. Upon its arrival here the defect was remedied.

COMMUNICATION MAKES TROUBLE

Letter Criticising Jurists Displeases The Judge

WRITER BEFORE BAR

Rather Dramatic Episode in Court Room Yesterday Afternoon.

A contributed paragraph, asking some questions about the administration of justice in our local courts, appeared in yesterday's Journal. The communication was brought to the attention of Judge Cline, sitting in the Superior Court, and he sent down to the Journal office to find out about it.

Mr. F. A. Brown, who wrote the little letter, was asked to appear before the judge before court adjourned after 1 o'clock.

Mr. F. A. Brown was called before the bar. The judge explained that no summons had been issued and that Brown was free to stand on his rights, and refuse to answer questions if he chose. Then the judge asked Mr. Brown if he wrote the article that had caused the commotion, and why he had not signed it. Mr. Brown replied that it was not customary to publish signatures.

Judge Cline then wanted to know what right Mr. Brown had to criticize the courts. Brown answered: "The right of an American citizen, that has been exercised for a century."

The judge seemed to be very much worried because it might be thought that he, personally, had been charged with unfairness. He was inclined to think, apparently, that he was accused of being biased in favor of prisoners who had money and friends. He intimated that Mr. Brown was attacking the whole people of the county in criticizing the verdicts of juries. Mr. Brown reminded the judge that one of the largest audiences that ever gathered in that court room was there to protest against the verdict rendered in the Baker-Bryan case. He said it was a matter of common rumor on the streets that any criminal who had money or friends and could employ lawyers was liable to go free, regardless of his crime.

Mr. Brown explained that his attack on the juries comprised only a very small proportion of the community. Judge Cline then wanted to know what he had done that was subject to criticism. Mr. Brown stated that it was not the judge's acts that he had intended to criticize, but those of the juries; that the judge's decisions in all cases tried without a jury were eminently fair and impartial, and not to be criticized.

Mr. Brown said that two judges in this State had discharged juries for rendering improper verdicts. The man before the bar said that he had been informed on what he considered good authority that the solicitor had postponed cases because he could not get verdicts in accordance with the evidence.

At this stage of the game, Attorney L. I. Moore appealed to the judge to have the discussion brought to an end, as it might have an improper effect on the jury.

Finding that no reflection was intended upon himself, Judge Cline remarked that there would be nothing more of the incident, if the matter were set right in the newspaper.

The communication that made all this commotion was received at the Journal office on Tuesday. It was evidently intended to reflect upon the jury that passed upon the Draney case, and the editor did not see fit to publish it. By some strange freak of fate, the last paragraph of the article sent in for publication got into the columns of this newspaper yesterday morning, during a temporary reorganization of the staff.

FAIR WELL ADVERTISED.

Secretary Williams is seeing to it that the Fair to be held here next month is well advertised. In addition to the large banners and many lithographs that are being placed in each town in this section, he is sending out quantities of descriptive matter to the newspapers of the State. This is one of the best methods of putting the Fair before the people of the State. Everybody reads a newspaper and cannot fail to be attracted by a well-written notice of this big event.

MYERS-DILLON MARRIAGE.

Last Thursday afternoon Mr. H. J. Myers, a member of the crew of the U. S. S. "Albatross" stationed at that port, and Miss Mary E. Dillon, of Beaufort, were united in marriage at that place. Mr. and Mrs. Myers are making their home at No. 27 Hancock street, this city.

REPLIES TO REV. HAM'S SERMON

Miss Harrison Claims He Misrepresented Christian Science

SPOKE FROM HEARSAY

So Much Indicated by Statement That He Was "Informed."

Mr. Editor:

In your issue of September 26th is a synopsis of a sermon delivered by Rev. Mr. Ham. It is wise to reply to this, for however honest he may be he has misrepresented Christian Science and Christian Scientists that this correction must be given to the public.

The reverend gentleman begins wrong in his statement concerning diagnosis. Christian Scientists do not diagnose disease from a material standpoint and could not from a spiritual since all Christians must agree that spirituality is never sick. So his statement, "That Christian Science teaches that every ill of man originates in the spiritual and must be treated with spiritual means," is wholly incorrect. It will be seen to be the antipode of Christian Science for its premise is that God is Spirit and Spirit and its ideas are perfect, indestructible and unchanging.

This minister confuses Christian Science with hypnotism. Every one knows hypnotism deals wholly with the carnal mind, which Paul declares is enmity against God. Every Christian Scientist church reads its sermons against hypnotism, so it would not denounce its own methods. It must be that cures admitted to have been done by Christian Science have been performed by a method unknown to the critic, not by hypnotism which he understands is a science.

His pleas for the practice only of Allopathic, Homeopathic and Osteopathic remedies in certain disorders must be an open question, since all these differ from each other as radically as they do from Christian Science treatment. Does he understand these systems and know they never failed to save from the last enemy?

Webster defines murder—"To kill a human being with premeditated malice." The Bible says he that hateth his brother is a murderer. The critic has elected himself judge, jury and executioner without witness. Would Mr. Ham score through pulpit and press the failures of his chosen schools when death occurs as murders and call the deceased loved ones criminals?

My understanding is that a qualified Christian Scientist, in accordance with the laws of this State, has the same dignified right to practice his methods of healing disease upon those who request such treatment as is vouchsafed practitioners of any other healing system. Those seeking this method of healing have proved it in their own experience to be the best known to them and naturally choose the best for their children.

Christian Science practitioners universally treat medical physicians with true courtesy and appreciate their every honest effort to alleviate the sufferings of the human race. Though wide apart in methods, they leave all citizens free to choose their services when they prefer it to Christian Science and they feel that doctors of best success and reputation are equally willing for American citizens to decide for themselves and families their own rule of action in this matter.

Why doesn't this reverend preach a sermon against the method used whenever an adult or child dies under one of his chosen schools? Why not urge legislation against such methods, if not averting the last enemy is sufficient cause for such procedure? Our boasted American freedom should be sustained.

It is evident that this sermon was preached from hearsay reports, as he states he was informed about a certain young woman who was at the pastor's house seriously ill. Just here any one knowing of Christian Science Church methods knows no individual is pastor. About seventeen years ago the Bible and Science & Health with Key to the Scriptures were made pastor. The one he is supposed to refer to was out of the city until Monday night and had nothing to do with the case. The young woman was invited to the house of two friends to dine with a visiting acquaintance and was taken ill at their house where every loving care was bestowed upon her. Hearing of constant reports so untrue and far from facts she, the patient, of her own accord decided to call in a physician to lift the misunderstanding generally current. She had this privilege as any individual has. No Christian Scientist is refused the right to call on any physician for diagnosis or practice when they wish to.

MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE

Verdict of Jury in Case of Negroes Charged With Killing

JURY OUT FEW MINUTES

Judge Cline Will Probably Pass Sentence Early Today.

"Guilty of murder in the first degree"

was the verdict of the jury in the case of the State vs. Test-Hill and Charles Moore, colored, charged with the murder of Mr. Leon Johnson at Dover on September 1, which came to a close yesterday afternoon.

At the opening of court yesterday morning the case, which had been continued from the previous day, was resumed and the hearing of evidence began again. This consumed only a short time and the arguments were begun. Yesterday afternoon the case was given to the jury and they retired. After being out only about 15 minutes they returned with the above mentioned verdict.

As the jury filed into the court room there was a hush of expectancy noticeable. The defendants were told to stand up and after the clerk of the Court had read the customary form used in cases of this kind the foreman was asked for the verdict of the jury. As the word "guilty" came from the foreman's lips, Hill swayed slightly but was otherwise unmoved, while Moore showed not the least signs of anxiety. It had been predicted that if the jury returned a verdict of guilty that the two negroes would create a scene in the court room by collapsing. However, this prediction did not materialize.

The defendants' counsel have taken the customary steps in behalf of their clients by asking that the Judge hear several motions which they will make. These motions will be heard this afternoon and sentence will be passed at that time.

ARRESTED FOR THEFT.

R. H. Bryce, a young white man who has been in the employ of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company in this city, is now languishing on Craven county jail awaiting trial on a warrant charging him with the larceny of \$47.00, a watch and also a valuable watch charm. The larceny of the money took place at the Griffin boarding house on Griffin street, while the watch was stolen from Dr. Primrose's office. Bryce has been boarding at the Griffin house and it is alleged that he entered a room occupied by several other boarders and stole the money and watch from their pockets while they were asleep. The watch is said to have been stolen while Bryce was visiting the doctor for a medical examination. At the time of his arrest by Policeman McDaniel the young man was thoroughly intoxicated and some of the money and the watch were found on his person. He emphatically denies having committed the thefts but can give no plausible explanation of how the articles came to be in his possession.

GRADED SCHOOL WILL EXHIBIT

Domestic Science, Manual Training and General School Work

PROF. CRAVEN'S IDEA

For First Time New Bern's Schools Will be Represented at Fair.

Among the exhibits at the Eastern Carolina Fair, which will be held in this city during the latter part of this month, will be one from the New Bern Graded School. Ever since the fair was first organized, Prof. Craven has been at work toward this end and he stated yesterday that all of his plans had been materialized and the exhibit was now an assured fact. Domestic science, manual training and other forms of school work will constitute the main features of the exhibit. Both the teachers and pupils are heartily in favor of this action on the part of the principal and are doing all in their power to make it a success.

At the fair held in this city several years ago there was no effort made to have an exhibit from the public schools. Since that time however, as the fair has all over this and other States these exhibits have proven one of the main features. Especially is this true in the case of the exhibit of the A. & M. college.

LONG LEAF PINE FINE

New Uses Found For Leaves and Bark of Famous Tree

MARVEL OF CHEMISTRY

Dr. C. W. Bilfinger, Naval Stores Expert, to be the Alchemist.

New uses are each day being found for the long-leaf pine of the Old North State and so thoroughly have the chemists investigated the wonderful properties of this plant that now even the leaves and bark are being utilized for the manufacture of various articles.

A plant is now being erected at Jacksonville, Onslow county, by Dr. C. W. Bilfinger, of this city, and several other gentlemen for the purpose of extracting the riches of the long leaf pine and turning such into medicines and perfumery. It has long been known that the healing qualities of the syrup or sap secured from this variety of plant life has wonderful healing qualities. In fact it was one of the valued remedies used by our grandmothers and was handed down to them from the Puritan pilgrims.

However, it remained for a later generation to discover in it the ingredients for a perfume so delightful that it will be used in preference to many of the chemical preparations now on the market. It is understood that the new concern will begin operations just as soon as their plant has been completed and the machinery installed.

CRIMINAL COURT CLOSSES TODAY

Today the term of Craven county Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases will come to a close after a week of strenuous work for both the judge and the counsel. Next week will be taken up with the disposal of the civil cases. Owing to the fact that other matters took up the entire session yesterday and an adjournment was made until 8 o'clock last night, the case in which Mr. J. F. Edwards, of Vanceboro, is charged with an assault upon Mr. Ben R. Warren at that place, and which had been set for yesterday, was not reached. This will doubtless be taken up this morning.

The murder case from Dover consumed the majority of the time during yesterday but several smaller cases, among which were the following, were disposed of:

State vs. Henry Jones, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon. Found guilty. No sentence yet.

State vs. R. H. Bryce, charged with larceny. Found guilty. Sentence not yet passed.

Golden McCray, charged with injuring personal property. Found guilty. Sentence not passed.

State vs. Martha Crawford, charged with an assault. Defendant pleaded guilty and judgment was suspended.

State vs. John Whitfield, charged with an assault. Case with the jury.

CASES FROM SUPREME COURT.

The following cases from this district were handed down Friday by the Supreme Court.

Caton vs. Toler, from Craven, no error.

Flanner vs. Flanner, from Craven, no error.

Stephens vs. Roper Lumber Co., from Pamlico, affirmed.

Ashford vs. Pittman, from Onslow, new trial.

PURSE NETTERS ARE FIRED UPON

Bullets Fly, But No One Was Injured, Though Badly Scared. Boats Leave However.

ASSAILANTS WERE ON SHORE

Similar Incidents Have Occurred In The Past, Many a Thing and Of.

News has been received in this city from Swansboro of an attack Thursday afternoon on fishing craft at Bogue Banks, near New River. The schooners George D. Balster, Captain Parkins and Charles S. Wallace, Captain Bonner Willis, were fired upon. No one was hurt. The vessels were sailing off from the banks when a fusillade was commenced upon them. The persons who fired the shots were concealed behind dunes, and are thought to have been jealous fishermen who were angry at the purse net fishermen of the vicinity or alleged violators of the fisheries laws.

The crew of the schooner Balster said they heard the reports of the rifles but no shot came near them, the vessel being quite a distance from the shore. Buck Parsons and William Smith, at the stern of the Wallace when fired upon, narrowly escaped a bullet which passed between them and close to both. Another bullet whistled by Captain Willis and he sought cover. The assailants could not be located exactly and the fire was not returned, the craft soon passing out of range.

The net fishermen claim that the purse seine men have not heeded the state law which prohibits the latter class from fishing within three miles of shore. It is not known whether the two schooners were engaged in fishing when fired upon or not. It is said the purse seine fishing season has been extremely unprofitable and but one good haul has been made during the season in the lower sounds, this by a vessel which carried 60,000 pounds of mullets into Beaufort last Saturday. All classes of fish are scarce, although the net fisheries are beginning to be more successful.

LOST HIS CHECK.

While stopping over at Kinston Wednesday, enroute to Hartsville, S. C., Mr. R. L. Blalock of the contracting firm of R. L. & J. W. Blalock, of this city, lost a certified check for \$1000. Mr. Blalock was enroute to that city to make bids for the construction of a hotel and was taking the check along to deposit with the architect as a guarantee of good faith. The contract is an important one, calling for about \$75,000, and fortunately Mr. Blalock was not seriously inconvenienced by the loss of the check as he wired here for another and proceeded on his journey a short time later. However, the loss caused him the trouble and expense of advertising and notifying the banks.

MONKEY RECAPTURED.

Friday morning several monkeys escaped from a cage at the carnival ground. All but one of the animals were captured and after diligent search had been made for the truant the owners came to the conclusion that he had decided to return to his native jungle and was enroute thither. Yesterday morning Mr. Hellen Huff, who has charge of Cedar Grove cemetery, went to that place to do some work on one of the plots. Glancing upward he was surprised to see a monkey away on one of the topmost boughs of a tall tree. Suddenly the animal jumped from its perch and landed almost at Mr. Huff's feet. Strange to say it was uninjured although its impact with terra firma was heavy, having jumped a distance of about fifty feet. Mr. Huff caught the animal and returned it to the owners.

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