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The committee who are investigating the charges of immorality against Judge Frank Carter, sailed into the work yesterday morning and they made the fur fly. Evidence on top of evidence was brought out to show that the judge is a bold, bad man and it certainly looks as though the investigators have gotten their pretty well lined up, when it comes down to a question of showing the Asheville man up.

Officers may come and officers may go but the candidate we have with us always.

At the rate Craven county is improving its roads it has been figured out that, keeping steadily at work, it will take eighty-five years to put the roads of the county in first-class shape. The laymen will ask: "Why is this the case?" The reason is plain, it is because the road force is never allowed to remain long at one place and that so far no substantial road building material has yet been used here. A few weeks ago the convicts were pined on what is known as the Sloan road and spent several days working that section, using a material which would have made that thoroughfare absolutely one of the best in the county. This road needed repairing and needed it badly but for some reason three members of the Board, voted to take the convicts out of No. 8 Township and place them in another section of the county. This has been done and the Sloan road now lies in an uncompleted condition. Chairman Bradham at the last meeting of the Board explained to the members that it would be to the interest of the county to allow the convicts to complete their work but he was over-ruled and in consequence the convicts were moved.

Voters should bear in mind the fact that a new registration is required for the primary election to be held here on April 6th, and unless they are registered it will not be possible for them to cast a ballot at that time. The registration books are open now and the matter should be attended to without delay.

FARMERS BUSY AROUND ZORAH

Fine Weather Is of Great Benefit to Them

Zorah, March 22.—We are having some fine weather now and our farmers are busy preparing for another crop.

Rev. R. F. Daugherty will preach at Friendship Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Guy Wetherington who had the misfortune of cutting his leg with an axe several weeks ago is improving slowly.

We are sorry to note that Mr. Louis Toler who has been sick several weeks is no better.

Charles, little son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wetherington who fell and broke his leg a few weeks ago is improving. Hope he will soon be all right.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Whitford have moved to their new residence.

Our schools which have been progressing nicely under the management of Miss Gertrude Ewell of Vanceboro at the Friendship school and Miss Lillian Rowe of Small at Catoen school will soon close.

Mr. D. P. Whitford and family, Mr. I. R. Whitford and family, Miss Gertrude Ewell and Miss Katie Whitford, all of this place, attended church at Kitt Swamp Sunday.

Miss Lillian Rowe spent the weekend with relatives at Small.

Mr. and Mrs. Brinson Toler spent Sunday at Truitt.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Whitford spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. L. M. Scott of Blounts Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Whitford went to Washington last week to visit their niece, Miss Clara Burgess, who was operated on for appendicitis.

Miss Betty Knox has been in feeble health for several weeks. Hope she will soon be all right.

Mrs. F. A. Hartley and little son, Oswald, of New Bern, who have spent several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Wetherington, returned home Saturday.

The Farmers Union organized here

WITNESS SAYS THAT JUDGE CARTER KISSED A WOMAN IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON

Accompanied Her To Home of a Friend and There Were Unusual "Doings" Also Claim That He Kicked Box Against Clinton Man Who Wanted To Sue For Damages --- The Investigating Committee Coming to New Bern

Raleigh, March 22. They proved that Judge Carter has caused twice and kicked a goods box down against the shins of T. W. Crumpler, that he terrorized a half dozen or so lawyers and waved a hankerchief at hotel people when he left in a gasoline car, but the effort at showing immorality or anything bearing semblance to immorality was what the late Colonel Thomas Gray would have called an "animated bust."

It was no long way to the disinterested outsider who expressed a sense of complete outrage at such trivialities as were offered today. As evidence against the moral character of both Judge Carter and the woman whose names had to be blurted out publicly and printed, nothing flimsier was ever submitted to any committee of inquiry. They did not even rise to the dignity of neighborhood gossip. The nearest an embarrassment to anybody was the episode in which Judge Carter claimed the "Dutch Dime," a kiss which he bestowed upon an attractive woman who happened to be related by marriage, was the wife of a cousin of Judge Carter.

Moral Fall-Down Apart from the moral fall-down, the hearing had incidents that the committee asked many questions about and will doubtless go into as deeply as their seriousness demands. The court of inquiry may have something worth examination as to moral derelictions. But the worst that has been shown is that the judge, along with every other judge, stopped at a hotel which is run by two women who several witnesses declare haven't good reputations, albeit judges come and judges go without warning against admittedly the best inn that Clinton has. The witnesses have shown that Judge Carter sat in a swing with one and two women, a swing large enough for all three, and that he took walks in the afternoon and evening attended by one, sometimes two, sometimes alone. Like the celebrated poetess of Bladen county who wrote that she "seen pa come stepping high, which was of his walk the way," Judge Carter seems to have a habit of walking.

And in all fairness he has been making the attorneys and witnesses, litigants and defendants do some walking. They have brought strong evidence from witnesses of the character that Judge Carter ruled attorneys down with small provocation and got "het up" at trivial things in his court. The cross-examination by Judge J. S. Manning has always minimized the degree of embarrassment that must be his. Judge Manning has shown that Attorney Grady, one of the best witnesses against the judge, went to the room of Representative Clark, of Bladen, author of the resolutions of inquiry and that Mr. Abernethy was there. In other words, the witnesses have not all been idle.

Clinton Don't Like Him Similarly Mr. Grady showed that the Clinton bar did not want the judge to return there and that Mr. Grady was unwilling to sue Judge Carter for injury when he kicked the goods box down on Crumpler. Witness Isaac Wright told the hardest story on the judge of his dictatorial and "oppressive conduct" and Ike Wright heard the judge cuss once, but he looked upon that oath as rather honorable. It is manifest that the charges affecting the judge's judicial character would be stronger but for the connection with the moral charges.

The Inquiry Opens It was 10:40 when Sheriff J. H. Sears, of Wake county, "cried" the opening of the inquiry and Chairman Doughton called the body.

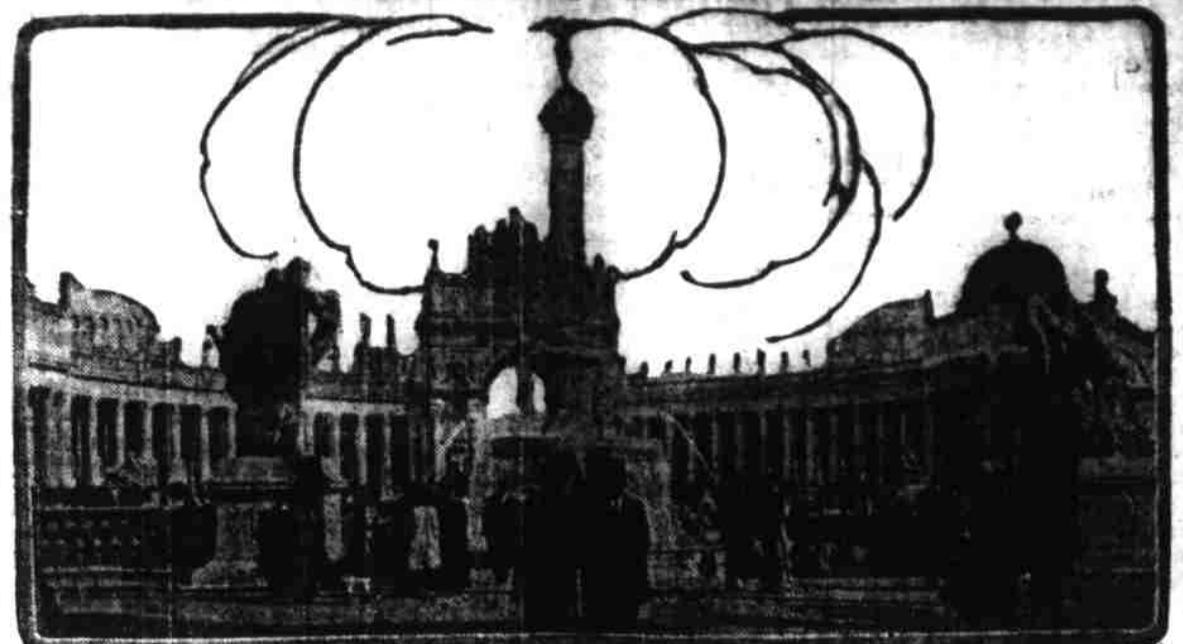
Representative J. C. M. Vann, of Union county, read the resolutions calling for the investigation of the character of Judge Carter and Solicitor Abernethy. While the several several months ago and are doing good business.

Miss Moore of Vanceboro also organized a tomato club here.

The commencement exercises of Miss Lillian Rowe's school will take place Thursday, April 8, or the exercises of the children will be given Thursday p. m. at two o'clock.

"Tony" the convict play, will be presented by the school Saturday night, April 10 at 7:30. Everybody is invited.

THE MIGHTY COURT OF THE UNIVERSE, THE HUB OF THE ARCHITECTURAL SCHEME AT THE PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION



All visitors to the Panama-Pacific International exposition at San Francisco at some time during their stay at the exposition make their pilgrimage through the Court of the Universe. This is the largest court on the grounds and is the central radiating unit of the architectural and ground plans. Noble sculptured groups embellish the two Homeric groups—the Nations of the East and the Nations of the West—surmounting the giant arches at the east and west portals. By night the beauty of the court is enhanced by the flood lighting effects.

ZEPPELINS SWOOP DOWN ON PARIS AND ITS ENVIRONS

Paris, March 22 While no one was killed directly by the Zeppelin bombs which dropped in Paris and its environs early Sunday, they resulted in one death, that of Madame Charles Person. The aged woman was so frightened by the explosion of a bomb in that street that she died soon afterward.

After Public Prosecutor Lescoupe and his staff had visited all the places where bombs exploded and examined several witnesses, he drew up a report, which will be annexed to reports of previous airship raids upon the city.

A city annuity who spent the day collecting bombs which did not explode and fragments of those which did, took them to his laboratory for a chemical analysis. From a cursory examination he found that most of the missiles dropped were incendiary, containing a mixture of phosphorus, tar and benzine, provided with a lighting contrivance consisting of a wick soaked in petroleum.

Airship Raid Calais (via Paris), March 22—The third Zeppelin attack on this city, at almost the precise hour of the aerial raid on Paris early Sunday, was made ineffective because the whirring of the airship's motors gave adequate warning. The Zeppelins came from the direction of the sea, but received such a vigorous bombardment from French artillery that they retreated before they reached the city.

Constantinople, (via Berlin and London), March 22—Lieutenant Commander William F. Bricker of the United States converted yacht Scorpion and three sailors named Ford, Dowel and Leverings were drowned on the night of March 20 while attempting to reach their vessel with a rowboat. The Scorpion was anchored in the Bosphorous off

Constantinople near the Dolmabahceh Palace. The rowboat was swamped in a heavy sea thrown up by a south gale. Lieutenant Herbert S. Babit and one sailor, also in the boat, were saved.

Lieutenant Commander Bricker arrived at Constantinople March 16 to succeed Lieutenant Commander Edward McCauley, Jr., in command of the Scorpion.

The Scorpion was purchased for the navy in 1896. It has a displacement of 850 tons and has been stationed at Constantinople for some time.

Lieutenant Commander Bricker, who formerly was naval attaché at the American embassy at Paris, left that city February 28 for Constantinople to assume command of the Scorpion. He was born January 18, 1879, in Pennsylvania, and appointed to the Naval Academy from the State in 1896.

who had told the Colonel if he appealed it would be from a judgment of two years on the roads. The colonel accepted the fine.

The Moral Derelictions Colonel Kerr asked the committee to ask him direct question as he was not a willing witness, Judge Carter had been fair and just to him.

He told them of the moral offenses of Judge Carter. Once he had seen the judge sitting in a swing at the hotel in Clinton with Mrs. Tawler and Mrs. Williams. It was between 8 and 10 o'clock. Again he saw the judge and an unknown girl sitting in that swing. "The swing was amply large for two people," he said.

"Do you know the reputation of these ladies?" Mr. Daughton asked. "I would like the committee to excuse me from answering that question," Mr. Kerr said. Mr. Daughton told the colonel he would have to answer.

"I think I know it," Mr. Kerr said, "and I am sorry to say that it is not good." He said prior to Mrs. Williams going to Clinton there was nothing against her.

Coming back to the Baggett case with the big fine Colonel Kerr said he was induced to accept the heavy fine because of the fear of the two years sentence. He said he had seen Judge Carter back in Clinton once when court was in session. He thought the judge was going to Pender county.

Judge Manning brought great light upon that Baggett incident. The defendant had been convicted as a man of 35 or 40 of illegally living with a young girl who was related to Baggett's wife and had lived in the same house. He also developed the fact that the young girl of 12 or 14 whose first testimony was against Baggett, but who later made the statement to Mr. Eldridge that she falsified, also testified before Judge Carter that she had been made to repudiate her first statement.

Judge Manning also illuminated the character incident. Mrs. Williams, Colonel Kerr said, is 55 or 60 years, has all grown children and grandchildren, one of whom is almost grown. Mrs. Fowler, the daughter, is also a widow with a daughter about 17 years old. The Colonel said all the judges and nearly all the solicitors stopped at this hotel. He never had warned any of the judges not to stop at the hotel run by these ladies. He had never heard that either had been churched.

Colonel Kerr was brought back to the court in the school house in which Judge Carter ordered peremptorily raised. It hoisted a wild laugh and the Colonel was excused for the term.

Eldridge Lee Magistrate Eldridge Lee was sworn

to tell about the taking of the Winnie Lucas affidavit at the instance of Baggett, who was under indictment for the crime for which he was fined so heavily.

The justice said Baggett had asked him to go with Baggett to get this affidavit from the young girl. Justice Lee said he did not use any device to make the girl retract her former statement but did warn her of the seriousness of the act. He said he was "outdone" by the judges' order to stand aside. Judge Manning merely asked the question as to whatever the defendant took the witness over in his buggy.

Mrs. Levy Carter Mrs. Levy Carter, of Bladen county, said she knew Judge Carter well. She had seen him often, particularly at Wrightsville.

She told of the judges visit to her home, a Mrs. Williams, not the same person referred to in Colonel Kerr's testimony had spent an evening in her home. Mrs. Williams had "bet Judge Carter a Dutch Dime" about something. The judge didn't understand. Mrs. Williams said it was a "kiss" and the judge rose and gave it. "It surprised all of us," Mrs. Carter said. "I know the judge didn't expect it," she said. "He said no harm was meant it was just a dare," Mrs. Carter said.

She said she had heard that Judge Carter married a cousin of Mrs. Williams. Mrs. Carter denied that Judge Carter had ever been anything but a perfect gentleman. She said D. C. Hudgins had interviewed her on the subject. Mr. Carter gave testimony of somewhat the same character. He knew nothing against the judge. He said the two, Judge Carter and Mrs. Williams had good reputations. No harm had been done.

Senator C. M. Muse Senator C. M. Muse who had never seen Judge Carter until today, was introduced. He could not understand how he came to be a witness unless a cousin who looked like him and wrote like him had been intended.

H. A. Grady, lawyer of Clinton, was next introduced. He knew Mrs. Fowler and Mrs. Williams. He regretted to say their character is not good.

He did not know of any acts of immorality but he could tell circumstances. He said the judge ate with Mrs. Fowler and Mrs. Williams, "something no other guest was allowed to do." He said his first suspicions were aroused when he went to the hotel once to see the judge and was "shooed" for quiet. The judge was in the parlor with Mrs. Fowler. "He did not associate with the lawyers and did not seem to want to talk to the lawyers."

Mr. Grady said, "He had seen the judge and the woman sitting, some-

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times one, sometimes both." He had never seen them elsewhere than on the streets when walking.

Mr. Grady thought the Judge's treatment of Magistrate Lee was very bad, that "Mr. Lee is a high-toned Christian gentleman and was very respectful to the court." Mr. Grady also related the box-kicking incident. The box had once been removed and put back. "Judge Carter said, Sheriff I told you to take that d--- box away," the witness said, but he did not know whether the "damn" could be generally heard.

Mr. Grady told how the Judge had ordered him down once John E. Fowler was speaking to the jury, and as he usually does, was testifying. Mr. Grady said, "I objected and he over-ruled me. Again Mr. Fowler testified and not wishing to interrupt him, I approached the judge and asked him either to give me an exception or to stop the remarks of the attorney. It made him mad as a hornet. He ordered me to sit down and I returned to the room. I thought he treated me dirty but I have no feeling about it now."

Mr. Grady said Mr. Crumpler, who was last by the box which Judge Carter kicked had asked him to sue the judge, but I would have nothing to do with it.

Judge Manning cross-examined Mr. Grady. The lawyer-witness did not admit he had any "grouch" he had not "refused to talk to anybody about the case when asked." He denied that he related to Rep. Clark another of the resolutions, but said Mr. Clark married a cousin.

He is a "non-affiliating member" of the Presbyterian church, but the habitest are members of the same faith. He had not been there in a year. He could say that he has some feeling in the case "being human." But he had not come here to work up the case against Judge Carter.

James D. Parker, attorney of Smithfield, was the first witness after dinner.

He said Judge Carter and Miss Frances Dement of Raleigh, had stopped at his house, he and Mrs. Parker occasionally entertained boarders. Judge Carter and Miss Dement had walked out together while they were boarding at his home. The stenographer did not room at Mr. Parker's house but Judge Carter did. He did not remember that they had some in later than sunset more than once. The judge often walked out alone.

He said Mrs. Parker had told Miss Dement that in a small town like Smithfield she might be talked about. Other than this he had heard nothing nor had he observed anything improper morally or as a judge. Mr. Parker had never observed Judge Carter's harshness or dictatorial conduct. He thought the "judge a little quick in his actions," but not oppressive.

Mrs. Parker testified much to the same purpose. She denied ever having told the judge and the stenographer that they must shake their

course. She merely advised carefulness to prevent talk. E. F. Young, former representative from Harnett, was the next witness. He had represented Baggett when Judge Carter reprimanded Mr. Lee the magistrate. Mr. Young said when he tried to explain that Mr. Lee was slow of speech Judge Carter ordered him to sit down.

"What did you do?" Mr. Daughton asked. "I sat down," Mr. Young said.

Mr. Young told of another occurrence in which a jury acquitted a white man, the clerk receiving the verdict.

"Judge Carter declared that it had become almost impossible to convict a white man of influence who could employ a lawyer," Mr. Young said, "and he said from the level that a guilty man was never tried."

Mr. Young told another instance of Judge Carter's treatment of a negro who had been convicted of retailing, judgment suspended, the defendants return to court to answer as to behavior. Although the negro admitted that he had gotten whiskey by express, but denied selling. Mr. Young said the judge gave him the alternative of paying \$100, pulling up a stiff bond or going to the roads. He paid the fine. Judge Manning showed that Judge Carter tried the negro originally and that most of the whiskey ordered had gone to the defendant.

Here the case was continued until tomorrow.

ALLIGATOR AND WILD CAT FIGHT

Fierce Encounter Between Land Prowler and Denizen of the Deep

Edgar S. Weaver, a well known citizen of Arapahoe, was in New Bern yesterday and while here related to friends a remarkable story of an encounter between a wild cat and an alligator which occurred in that section a few days ago and in which the gator came off second best. According to Mr. Weaver's narrative, which smacked of the reminiscence of Jules Verne, or Robert Louis Stevenson, the engagement between the big cat and the gator occurred a few miles from Arapahoe. The alligator according to the story, was sunning himself on the banks of a small stream when the cat, which was evidently ravenous from prolonged hunger, arrived on the scene and began operations. Like the Germans, the gator had the worst of the deal from the start and repeated attacks and counter attacks from the enemy had a demoralizing effect upon him. The fight finally ended in the alligator seeking deeper water, leaving behind him a trail of blood. The cat was pretty badly damaged during the engagement but when last seen was making off towards the woods at a fairly rapid gait.