

CASE DISMISSED AGAINST CARNEY AND M'KEITHAN

Neither Guilty of Attempting to Incite Riot By Utterances.

CASE ATTRACTED MUCH ATTENTION.

Little of Interest To Come Before Recorder Today—Practically All Defendants "Broke."

Action was dismissed in Recorder's court this morning against Dick McKeltham and John Carney, white, residents of Seagate, arrested on the morning of the 6th by Sheriff George C. Jackson on a warrant charging them with attempting to commit a felony by attempting to incite a riot by utterances in a public place. The warrant charged that the men declared they hoped the President and his entire cabinet would be assassinated before night, but when the case was called for trial yesterday the State was unable to produce evidence that would convict and Recorder Harris stated that he would hand down his decision this morning. This was done.

The case attracted no little attention because of the seriousness of the charge with the international situation in such a turbulent state, and when the case was called for trial the court room was comfortably filled with interested spectators. After hearing the evidence, the layman could easily have forecasted the Recorder's decision, for the State failed to show that either of the two defendants had used the expression charged against them in the warrant.

Both were released soon after arrest. McKeltham putting up a cash bond and Carney was freed after his bond had been halved. When the decision was withheld yesterday they were allowed to go free on the same bonds, Carney renewing his.

The woeful lack of money on the part of defendants featured this morning's session, no less than two being forced to accept labor sentences because of their inability to pay the costs in the cases docketed against them. Several young white boys were up for trial, but because of their youth the cases against them were transferred to the juvenile docket and will be disposed of this afternoon.

Annie Spencer, colored, was convicted on a charge of drunk and disorderly and was obliged to go to the farm for a period of thirty days because of her inability to pay the cost. Willie Johnson, colored, charged with and convicted of an assault on a female, was treated in a like manner. His inability to pay the cost got him a thirty-day sentence also.

Robert Bowen, Wesley Bowen and Eula Parker, all white, were indicted under the same warrant, charging larceny, while Rollins Bowen and Halley Parker, also white boys, were up on a similar charge. The cases were transferred to the juvenile docket for disposition because of their tender years.

The case charging Richard Howard, colored, with larceny, was continued until tomorrow, when disposition of it will be made.

LEASE SIGNED YESTERDAY.

Harrisonburg Merchant to Open Store Here Middle of May.

A modern grocery store is to be opened at No. 22 South Front street on or about May 15th, Mr. W. P. Roudabush, of Harrisonburg, Va., having leased that building for the above-mentioned purpose. The store will be conducted on modern lines, according to the statement of this gentleman. Mr. Roudabush has been doing a grocery business in Harrisonburg and for a time did a similar business in the National Capital.

Mr. Roudabush visited Wilmington about a year ago and was so favorably impressed that he decided to move here when the proper opportunity presented itself. The lease was signed for the building yesterday whereupon the Harrisonburg man returned home to close out his business at that place.

Mr. L. L. Byerly will manage the store and Mr. J. H. Bruce will act as head clerk and bookkeeper, both of whom will move their families here. Other salesmen in the Harrisonburg store will probably come here. The store will be operated on a cash basis.

MEETING PLANNED.

Discuss Plans for Improving Land in Eastern Carolina.

Land owners of Eastern Carolina will meet, Thursday morning, April 12th, at 10:30 o'clock, at the Chamber of Commerce, to discuss plans for developing this section in accordance with the act advanced at the recent Live Stock Convention. The date of the meeting was decided on at a meeting held at the Chamber yesterday afternoon and which was attended by Messrs. Marcus Jacob, M. W. Divine, W. J. Craig, Hugh MacRae, W. W. Love, G. H. Smith, Guy A. Cardwell and A. M. Chinnis, the latter of Phoenix.

The scheduled meeting will be held under the auspices of the Southern Settlement and Development Organization of Baltimore, and the local Chamber of Commerce, the idea being to outline a comprehensive plan of development. Mr. Clement U. Ucker, vice president of the Southern Settlement and Development Organization, now attending a Cut-Over Land Conference in New Orleans, will be in attendance. Invitations to the Eastern Carolina land owners to attend will be mailed out in a few days.

WILMINGTON MAN ON THE PROGRAM

Dr. Nesbitt to Read Interesting Paper at Asheville Convention This Month.

The seventh annual session of the North Carolina Health Officers Association will be held in Asheville at Battery Park Hotel on April 17th, the day preceding the annual meeting of the State Medical Society, which will be held at the same place. Dr. Arch Cheatham, of Durham, is president of the association; Dr. D. C. Absher, of Henderson, is vice president, and Dr. G. M. Cooper, of Raleigh, is secretary-treasurer. Dr. Charles T. Nesbitt, of this city, will read a paper on "The Need of Pure Milk and How to Get It in Towns of Less Than Three Thousand." Much interest is being manifested throughout the State in this meeting.

In addition to the president's address and reports of various officers and committees during the forenoon session, there will be a visit to the Asheville City Health Department, the city incinerator, the Billmore Dairy, where lunch will be served, and where the production of certified milk from the cow until ready for delivery will be observed.

The afternoon and evening sessions will be taken up with papers, addresses and discussions on various subjects of public health work. Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the North Carolina State Board of Health, will explain, "The New Statewide Quarantine Law." Dr. G. M. Cooper, head of the Rural Sanitation Department of the State Board of Health, will explain, "The New Law Providing for the Medical Inspection of School Children." Dr. D. C. Absher, health officer of Vance county, will speak on, "Life Extension Work," while the concluding feature of the program, besides the election of officers, will be an address by Dr. C. O'H. Laughinghouse, president of the North Carolina Medical Society.

On Wednesday, April 18th, will be held a co-joint session of the association and the State Medical Society, at which time, after the business session, Dr. J. W. Long, of Greensboro, will make an address on, "Medical Preparedness."

TO EQUIP LABORATORY.

Generous Donation to Hospital Made by Mrs. George R. French.

A fund to equip a modern clinical laboratory at the James Walker Memorial Hospital in its entirety has been provided through the generosity of Mrs. George R. French. Mr. French was secretary of the board of the hospital, and this form of memorial is particularly appropriate, it would seem.

The laboratory will be equipped to do all forms of work which is so essential at the present time in any branch of medicine. The inventory has been in process of preparation for weeks, and it is believed that the order that has been placed with the manufacturer includes every conceivable need and will not require any additional ordering for some time to come. When all this equipment has been installed the hospital will be in position to do every form of work necessary for arriving at a correct diagnosis from the simplest to the most complicated. The purchasing of this equipment represents an outlay of several thousand dollars.

ATTRACT MUCH INTEREST.

Dr. Wharton's Sermons Are Powerful and Are Well Delivered.

The evangelistic services that are underway at the First Baptist church are being largely attended and Dr. H. M. Wharton is delighting large congregations each evening. The afternoon services are also proving highly interesting and are being well attended. Dr. Wharton delivered the first of a series of sermons on "home religion" yesterday afternoon and the second is being heard this afternoon. Several additions were made to the church last night and interest in the revival is very apparent.

Dr. Wharton addressed the student body of the High school this morning and was well received, the address being highly interesting as well as instructive. He is a speaker of great ability and has won an enviable reputation as a platform orator. The singing, which is under the able direction of Mr. P. W. Bush, is proving an enjoyable feature of the services.

LIFE OF OUR SAVIOR

Wonderful Picture Being Shown at the Victoria.

The Pathé feature production, "The Life of Our Saviour," done in natural colors, which was shown at the Victoria theatre yesterday afternoon and last night, was seen by very appreciative audiences. It is being shown again this afternoon and will be flashed on the screen for the last time tonight.

The timeliness of this picture, being shown so near the Easter period, gives it an added attraction, and the universal appeal embodied in the picturization of the lowly Nazarene should cause large crowds to see it this afternoon. Many of the scenes are striking and all are beautiful. The picture is hand-colored and is both a feast for the eyes and a strong dramatic film production. The prices, according to the Victoria management, were placed at the minimum in order that all might see the production. The evening show starts at 8:30 o'clock and all those who have not seen the picture should make a special effort to do so.

Here for Conference.

State Sunday School Secretary E. L. Middleton, of the North Carolina Baptist Convention, spent yesterday in the city in conference with Rev. Jno. Jeter Hurt, pastor of the First Baptist church, and president of the Baptist Seaside Assembly, with reference to the Assembly's plans for the summer.

ACTION OF STATE BOARD EDUCATION RATIFIED MONDAY

Mr. Thos. E. Cooper and Mr. C. E. Newcombe Qualify and Take Office.

CHAIRMAN KELLUM OFFERS RESIGNATION

Mr. Cooper Elected to Chairmanship—Permanent Organization Affected Yesterday.

The County Board of Education is now organized with Mr. Thos. E. Cooper as chairman, and he has associated with him Mr. B. Solomon and Mr. Charles B. Newcombe. This organization was perfected at yesterday afternoon's meeting and was brought about through the resignation of Woodus Kellum, Esq., as chairman and member, and the appointment of Mr. Cooper and Mr. Newcombe by the State Board of Education to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Mr. J. G. L. Gieschen and Mr. Kellum. Messrs. Cooper and Newcombe were the appointees, their names being embodied in the omnibus bill that passed the last Legislature. However, until the resignation of Mr. Kellum was tendered they were not expected to go into office until July 1st.

Mr. Cooper and Mr. Newcombe were elected to fill the vacancies Saturday afternoon by the State Board of Education when Mr. Kellum's resignation was received and acted upon. Both took the oath of office yesterday afternoon and the much discussed question promptly became history.

Yesterday's meeting was called to order by Chairman Kellum, who announced that he desired to tender his



THOS. E. COOPER Prominent Banker, Who Was Yesterday Elected Chairman of the County Board of Education.

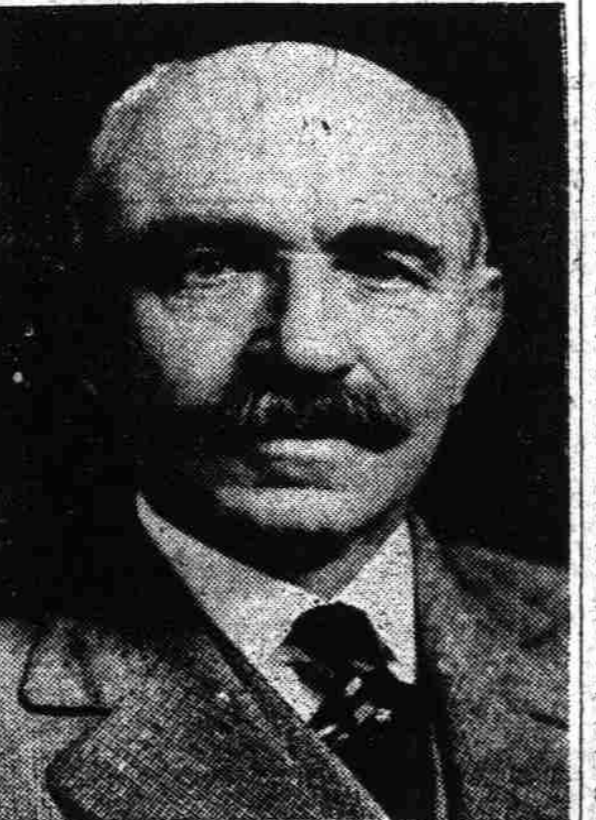
resignation, and after Mr. Cooper had been sworn in the resignation was accepted, after Mr. Solomon had expressed his regret in seeing Mr. Kellum leave the board. Mr. Newcombe arrived later in the afternoon and was sworn in as a member.

Mr. Cooper was elected chairman upon motion of Mr. Newcombe, which was seconded by Mr. Solomon. In accepting the chairmanship, Mr. Cooper stated that he did not know how long he would be able to hold it, as he might find it impossible to give the necessary time to discharging the duties of that office. He expressed his appreciation of the honor and declared he would render the best service possible.

The action of the board yesterday was merely to ratify what the State Board had already done, other than the election of Mr. Cooper as chairman, as is indicated by the following letter directed to Mr. Kellum and signed by State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner. The letter reads:

"April 7, 1917. "Mr. Woodus Kellum, "Wilmington, N. C. "My Dear Mr. Kellum:

"At a meeting of the State Board of Education today Mr. T. E. Cooper and Mr. C. B. Newcombe, who were appointed members of the County Board of Education of New Hanover county by the General Assembly of 1917 for a term of office beginning the 1st Monday in July, 1917, were elected to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Mr. Gieschen and Mr. Woodus Kellum, respectively, for the unexpired terms until the first



B. SOLOMON Who Has Served Efficiently Several Years as Member of the County Board of Education.

NEGRO IS READY TO DO HIS PART

Dr. Hawkins Delivered Powerful Address to Colored People Last Night.

(George F. King).

Last night the auditorium of St. Stephen's A. M. E. church was filled with a representative and patriotic audience who were inspired by a masterly effort of Dr. John R. Hawkins, of Washington, D. C., financial secretary of the African Methodist Episcopal church. Dr. Hawkins is one of the foremost men of his race; gifted orator, scholar, publicist, financier and educator and is a native of North Carolina.

Dr. G. D. Carnes presided over the epochal meeting and paid a high tribute to Dr. Hawkins, who was introduced with an ovation when he was introduced. The subject of his remarkable message was, "The Negro's Contribution to America." He said in part: "Sacredly interwoven in every warp and woof of its history is a thread of our trials, our sufferings and misfortunes in bondage as well as of our industries, and our frugality and our devotion. There has been no movement inaugurated for the common good of our country but that we have had part in making it a success. With all this in our hearts we stand ready to answer the call of our country and go to its defense with what there is of us in mind, body and spirit. We claim no other country and will stand by our flag. Whether in field or forest, in peace or in war, on land or on sea, in the mine or on the mountain; whether under the burning sun of the equator or on the ice floes of the North Pole, the negro has found an altar of duty and there made his contribution to the cause of civilization and the uplift of humanity. It is not boasting to say that as a race we have done well and deserve the help and encouragement of the world. In the short space of 51 years we have wiped out over 71 per cent of our illiteracy and have enrolled in the public schools of the country over a million and a half of children between the age of six and twenty-one.

Monday in July, 1917.

"After receiving your letter the board learned that your resignation had been tendered and that there might possibly be some question as to whether your term of office might not have expired under section 4119, as you were elected to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Carr, with the meeting and action of the General Assembly. Out of an abundance of caution, therefore, knowing that your resignation had been tendered, the board thought it might be wisest to fill both vacancies. Should you think that any legal complications would arise out of this, you might have Mr. Solomon to accept your resignation and let the two other members of the board fill it, and the State Board of Education will confirm their action, or any other action that you and the board may think necessary to make the proceedings entirely legal, so as not to complicate in any way your proposed bond issue and election.

"I will thank you to notify the chairman of the County Board of Education to notify Mr. Cooper and Mr. Newcombe of their election. I am sending this notification to you instead of sending it directly to them, so that if you think the other course safest, the State Board can change its action before notifying Messrs. Cooper and Newcombe. The Attorney



C. B. NEWCOMBE Popular Young Business Man, Now Member of the County Board of Education.

General advised the course pursued by the State Board as perhaps the safest.

"Very truly yours, "J. Y. JOYNER. "State Superintendent Public Instruction."

Mr. Kellum's letter of resignation set out why he had decided that it was best for him to get out and allow the appointees to organize and prepare for the work that will have to be done. The letter points out the various improvements that are being considered, including the installation of domestic science courses in a number of the grammar schools, the operation of night schools in districts where sufficient interest is manifested to warrant the expense, for lecture courses in the schools and to provide for the teaching of agriculture in the schools as well as the improvements that will be possible with the carrying of the proposed bond issue.

Mr. Kellum further pointed out in his letter of resignation that the board as constructed was unable to define any policy with the idea of being in a position to carry it out, and this influenced the chairman to step down and allow the newly-appointed men to begin their organization. The letter closed with the pledge that the writer would always render every aid and support possible to the schools.

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"We are speaking to the world through 400 weekly newspapers and magazines; nearly 500 negro authors; we are helping to manage the finances of the country through banks and insurance companies and other business enterprises owned and controlled by negroes. We have husbanded our resources and bought farms as well as improved properties in cities and towns until we can claim ownership to more than \$20,000,000 worth of school property, \$40,000,000 worth church property and an assessed valuation of more than \$900,000,000 on real estate and personal property. In the light of these things he who dares to say that the negro is shiftless and not an important factor in this country does not know the value of service. He who questions our loyalty and patriotism forgets that the negro was among the first to rush to the front to bare his breast to the bullets of the enemy and march to the front rank through shot and shell in every conflict from the streets of Boston to the last at Carrizal in Mexico, and it is but a fitting recognition that as soon as war was declared between America and Germany the negro soldiers of the District of Columbia were the first to shoulder their guns and go on duty standing guard around the President in the White House and all the public buildings and bridges at the national capital. We are a part of a great country representing one of the greatest races public on the face of the earth. As citizens we are intensely interested in all that pertains to its development. We yield to none in our devotion and our patriotic desires to serve her cause and on the other hand we make no compromise or apology for our claim of her protection and herein lies the virtues of good citizenship—loyal allegiance on one side and faithful protection on the other—anything else is unfair, unjust, unreasonable, whether chargeable to the individual citizen or to the government and unbecoming a heroic people. This question is broader than the mere relationship between man and man. It is one that affects both races and all people. There is no need of ignoring this fact and the leaders of the respective races owe to themselves and their people to come together and face this question, not so much as the white man's problem or the black man's problem, but as a problem of humanity. The best interest of all are at stake and we must protect this interest by treating each other as men and members of one common cause.

"This is not time for bickerings and estrangements between the races in America and no good can come from a constant, eternal, everlasting irritation of the feelings of the people. Standing on the threshold of the twentieth century and speaking as an humble representative of my race, I make the plea that we are anxious to do our full duty in the solution of this manhood problem. We are ready to join hands with others in the work of uplifting humanity and welcome the co-operation of those who will help us to see the light and love the beautiful. We cannot afford to be misled or misjudged by prejudices or demoralized by the spirit of selfish or ungodly gain. If we do our civilization will perish and we are doomed. Casting our hopes, aims, our aspirations in front of us, there comes over our pathway a bright ray of hope that we will yet be able to make America truly a liberty-loving republic, guaranteeing to every one high or low, rich or poor, white or black, the fullest protection of the law. "We ask no special favors nor do we want any special legislation for us, and following the example set by the brave Anglo Saxon, whose civilization we breathe, we solemnly protest against any special legislation against us. We honor and respect the Anglo Saxon because he has by industry laid well the foundation of civilization and with light and learning carried that civilization around the world. We honor him the more because he honors and respects his mother, his wife and his daughter, and we swear as sacredly as Hannibal swore to his father that we will stand by him in defending and protecting these fair ones and the only reward we ask is that the white man be as ready and willing to stand by us in our efforts to honor, protect, defend and provide for our mothers, our wives and our daughters. "We appeal to the proud Anglo Saxon as the ruler on the throne and we direct our appeal as being made before Caesar sober and clothed in his right mind. We appeal for our railroads decent treatment on our railroads and public thoroughfares. In the ways and public thoroughfares, the name of humanity we appeal for better wages for the poor hard-working women who are washing and cooking and sweeping and cleaning and bearing.

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JOHN DAVID PRESENTS STEIN-BLOCH IN MISS SPRINGTIME. (Apologies to Klaw & Erlanger.) THOUGH, officially the curtain's down yet, and Mother Earth, Stage Director, is still fussing around with the scenic effects, you are specially invited to sit in at the Final Dress Rehearsal of Springtime Styles. 20 to \$45 for Stein-Bloch Suits and Topcoats, which in their high-bred refinement, perfectly express the spirit of New York, now the World's Theatre of Fashion. "Ennyweather," the Shiner-Sprinkle Topcoat, is the pal for April, balmy and blustery by tu'ns—\$25, \$30, \$35. J. M. SOLKY & CO. Full Line Manhattan and Emory Shirts.

ALL MINISTERS ATTEND. together with a number of lay delegates, are attending the sessions. Dr. J. M. Wells will report on the home mission work of the church, and Dr. A. D. McClure will render a report on the foreign mission work. The educational work of the church and of the James Sprunt Institute will be discussed. The latter is now in a very flourishing condition, it is understood.

SILKS Beautiful New Foulard Silks Came Yesterday The most attractive assortment of Spring silks that have been received in this store came yesterday. Colorings include the newest shades of blues, greens and wisteria, with Khaki Kool sport designs; the quality is excellent, having a soft, satin finish. These foulards are 36 inches wide. Our north window shows several of the patterns. The price is \$2.00 yard Other Silks Arriving Daily Plain Shantung silks in the natural color; priced at \$1.00 yard New sport poplin, white with colored designs; tan with sport stripes, 36 inches wide; priced at \$1.25 yard Jersey silk, in green, 36 inches wide, for \$3.00 yard New Taffeta silks in gold and other popular shades, 36 inches wide, for \$1.50 yard A New Silk material, in very odd patterns, something distinctly new and stylish, bought to sell at reasonable price \$1.00 yard BonMarche (Incorporated.) Send Your Mail Orders Here.