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CRIMINAL COURT PROCEEDINGS

Judge Cranmer Presiding; Murder Trial Began Yesterday Afternoon

The December term of the Criminal court opened here Monday morning with Judge E. H. Cranmer presiding. Mr. W. A. Edwards, of Princeton was made foreman of the grand jury. Mr. J. T. Barham, is holding the place he has held so many times before, as crier of the court. Judge Cranmer gave a very interesting charge to the grand jury on law enforcement.

The cases disposed of are as follows: State against Alex Stancil, charged with assault with deadly weapon. Taxed with the cost.

State vs. Jesse Hawley, charged with making liquors. Six months on the county roads.

W. G. Penuel retailing without license. Six months on roads.

Sam Byrd, manslaughter. Fifteen years in state penitentiary.

Stephen Murphy, assault with deadly weapon. Fined \$25 and costs.

James Mason, larceny and receiving stolen goods. Six months on roads.

Albert Strickland, car breaking. Two and a half years in State prison.

D. E. Moody, blockading. Found guilty, but not yet sentenced.

John McLamb, cruelty to animals. Prayer for judgment continued for 2 years, and to return here at each term of court and show good behaviour, he to pay the cost.

Jarvis Johnson, charged with murder in Oneals township. Started to take evidence yesterday afternoon. Jurors in this case are: J. Monroe Woodard, James W. Peedin, J. I. Lee, Snead Sanders, Jas. R. Langdon, J. G. Higgins, H. J. Daughtry, D. J. Williams, J. H. Williams, N. F. Link, L. B. Austin and E. R. Brannan.

Courses for Farmers.

Beginning with January 10, there will be given at State College two Two-Weeks Short Course in Agriculture, one in General Agriculture and the other in Cotton Grading. Dean C. B. Williams says these two courses this year have been made so that they will deal with the practical problems of the farm. Those who take the work will be offered an opportunity to learn both by doing things as well as studying under the guidance of competent instructors.

The course in General Agriculture will deal mainly with soil fertility, field and garden crops, livestock, poultry, crop and livestock diseases, and farm implements and equipment problems. The one in Cotton Grading will be given over chiefly to intensive practice work in cotton classing, with the idea of familiarizing farmers and others who may take it, with the different grades of cotton and their relative commercial values.

These courses have been arranged to come at a slack time in farm work so that farmers may experience no difficulty on this account in getting away from home. The College makes no charge for tuition, the only expense necessary to incur being railroad fare, room and board.

Farmers from all sections of the State should plan now to take one of these courses at State College. Those who have taken similar courses in the past have been unstinting in their expressions of the value such courses have been to them. A reasonable amount of time spent in preparation for life work in any profession is always the part of wisdom.

Interested parties should communicate with Dean C. B. Williams, State College Station, Raleigh.

The Breath Cure.

A Russian author, who suffered a nervous breakdown, found, after repeated experiments of many aids to health, that a retired life in the mountains in which simple deep-breathing exercises taken systematically formed the principal part of the program, brought about a permanent cure. This exercise probably is more useful to the city man, who works indoors.

Deep breathing is a source of great benefit to such people. They should seize the chance, whenever offered, to step outdoors and get a few breaths of fresh air.—Capper's Weekly.

To Buy Car Load Dairy Cattle.

There will be a farmers meeting at Meadow school on next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, to consider the proposition of buying a car load of dairy cattle. Mr. Kimrey, of the Dairy Extension Service will be with us to outline plans by which the farmers of our county can purchase high grade dairy cattle direct from the farmers of the Piedmont counties of North Carolina at a very reasonable price.

Mr. Kimrey was in the office of the County Agent a few days ago and stated that a number of car loads of high producing well bred cows has been bought for farmers in counties just east of us at prices ranging from \$34.00 to \$100.00 each. The Dairy Extension Service will assist us in making car load purchases if we see fit to group our orders, and we can get the very best animals at fair prices. The Extension Service in rendering us this service is also rendering a great service to the farmers who have the cattle for sale. It is very important that the farmers avail themselves of this opportunity to secure good producers at first cost prices. Any one who is interested in purchasing even a family cow, would do well to be at this meeting.

Very sincerely yours,
S. J. KIRBY, County Agent.

Christmas Spirit.

The spell of Christmas once more, and the wide-eyed wonder of little tots as they gaze through plate glass windows at the display of toys! Crisp December mornings have awakened in us the spirit of the yule season, and chilly nights made hints of Santa Claus. Children walk with an air of sanctity and there is an effervescence of goodness in and about a school. Mistletoe, with its icy berries, is to be seen hanging in obscure places, and the holly sends a Christmas feeling tingling through the body.

Yes, Christmas is nearly here, and with it comes the joys and sorrows of the season. Joy for the little children who have the beautiful mesmeric faith in Santa Claus, and all he means! Sorrow for the skeptical children who wish to be so grown up they become infidelic in their desired wisdom! One of the saddest things at all is to see a child who does not believe in Santa Claus.

A little girl asked me the other day if there really was a Santa Claus, and I trembled with mortal fear lest my affirmation should fail to convince her that there really was. Poor little innocent tot! She had been the victim of ridicule by some skeptical beings who had thrown away the birthright of all children—their belief in Santa Claus. Her little head had become dizzy with doubts and fears and worries. Her little heart was bursting with a shattered faith that would soon turn to mockery.

Not believe in Santa Claus? Why, my dear, little girl, wherever did you get such absurd ideas? Santa Claus is the god of Christmas, just like Mars is the god of war, and Venus is the goddess of beauty. Surely you would not doubt Mars and Venus. They are stars you know, and you may look up some night—way high up in the sky—and see them shining there. Although you cannot see Santa Claus he is just as real as the spirit of those planets. He is the inheritance of every little girl and boy, and without him Christmas would be nothing. Yes, little child, there is a Santa Claus. He is as real as the days in June, and as long as you believe in him he will be real to you always.—The Rambler in The Morganton News-Herald.

Camels Draw Plows

Something modern has appeared on the site of the ancient city of Carthage for the first time in many centuries. There, where once flourished the arts of war and peace, is a vast, lonely plain. Of the streets through which the conquering Hannibal marched in triumph nothing now remains but the shadeless wheat fields. There may, however, be seen the stalking camel plodding along, drawing the modern American plow or cultivator.—Piedmont Press.

Callaway—Do you ever miss a meal?

Dr. Miller—Oh, occasionally I attend a banquet.—Piedmont Press.

SCHOOL MEASURE PASSES THE HOUSE

House Votes 68 to 15 to Validate Levies and Fix Tax Rate; Warm Debate

The House yesterday morning passed by a vote of 68 to 15 the Matthews bill validating all levies that have been made by the counties for the support of the schools and fixing thirty-nine cents as the limit to which taxes may be raised in counties that have not already gone beyond the limit.

Representatives Doughton, Everett of Richmond and Speaker Grier fighting for the measure designed to bring order out of the chaotic State into which the States' taxing system has degenerated, admitted readily that the bill offered no permanent solution for the situation and that if the State is to maintain an equalizing fund for schools, the next General Assembly must take some step to restore equality of property valuation.

The first step in that direction will be taken at the morning session today when Representative Connor, of Wilson will offer a resolution calling for the appointment of a commission to study out some method by which the counties will be restored to an equality that will make possible an equitable distribution of the State's equalization fund. Passage of the resolution appears to be assured and the report and recommendation will be made to the regular session of the General Assembly in 1922.

Three bills originating in the Department of Education took most of the three hours of the session in the House, first coming the measure to provide machinery for the establishment of high school districts, the second to allow the State Department to establish such districts in certain cases, and the third to validate all of the provisions of the counties toward raising money for schools. Each measure drew fire, and each in turn was passed as it came into the House. Party lines were drawn fairly tight, the Republicans voting largely against them.

Two score new pieces of legislation were dumped into the hopper during the morning, bringing the House number to 545, and a prospect of even more at the night session, and at the convening of the House this morning. No let up has been in evidence in the matter of new legislation, and although a considerable number of measures were worked off the calendar yesterday morning, and more last night, there remains yet a mass of details to be waded through before the Assembly adjourns.—News and Observer, Dec. 14.

Army Plane Wrecked at Dunn.

Dunn, Dec. 5.—In making a forced landing at the fair ground field here today a DeHaviland aeroplane, en route from Qantico to Pope Field and driven by Captain Shepherd, dashed to earth when a few feet above ground, tipped on its nose, overturned and is now a complete wreck. Neither Captain Shepherd nor his Mechanic Sergeant Dean Harding were injured although they were thrown from their seats by the impact. Captain Shepherd was driving one of six planes which started this morning on the first lap of a flight to Miami. One ship was obliged to land above Richmond. A few minutes before reaching Dunn, his engine began skipping. Although only 15 minutes from Pope Field he was obliged to land here. Tomorrow morning he will send the remnants of his plane by truck to Camp Bragg.—News and Observer.

Handshaking Bad for Health

President Wilson's breakdown in health was due to too much handshaking, says a New York doctor. Not only that but Theodore Roosevelt and Caruso both came to their deaths in the same way, he says. Very well, but in handshaking a person uses the same muscles that he does in pumping. Strange no one has observed this fatal tendency in the case of farmers, milkmen and others.—Capper's Weekly.

Reversed Circumstances.

Weary Willie—I may be poor now, but when I was young I had me own carriage.

Weary Louie—Yep, and yer maw pushed it.—Chattown News.

PROTRACTED SERVICES THIS WEEK

Rev. J. J. Murray Conducting Two Services Daily Presbyterian Church

The evangelistic services being conducted by Rev. J. J. Murray at the Presbyterian church are progressing splendidly. Much interest is being shown. The church has been full every night and Mr. Murray is preaching forceful sermons. Much good is sure to follow such an earnest and faithful presentation of the gospel.

The services will continue through Sunday night. At the morning hour, the communion service will be held. The evening services will be held in the Methodist church at 8 o'clock immediately following the Christmas carol entertainment to be rendered by the Graded school.

Services through the week are held in the morning at 10 o'clock and at night at 7:30. The public is cordially invited to all of these services.

Resolutions.

To the memory of Willis Calvin Lassiter.

Whereas, God in His wisdom has seen fit to call from us our dear and highly esteemed Brother, W. C. Lassiter, who departed this life on December 7, 1921, and whereas, Brother Lassiter has for many years been a most faithful and worthy member of our church and whereas, He never failed to fill his seat unless providentially hindered and whereas, He was ever willing and ready to contribute to every call of the church, to the pastor and poor of the church, and to any other call of duty, and whereas, He was one of the foremost citizens of our county and community, Now, Therefore, be it Resolved:

That we, the Primitive Baptist church at Clement, Johnston County, N. C., bow our heads in humble submission to the will of God, who doeth all things well and does not err. Even though removing from us one of our most faithful and dearly beloved members and brother, yet we trust Him that He in His wisdom will fill the vacant seat with such as He

Resolved further, that a copy of these resolutions be entered on our record, and a copy sent to the bereaved widow and family, and a copy be sent to Zions Landmark and other papers for publication.

Composed and adopted by the church at Clement in conference on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in December being the 10th day, 1921.

ELDER A. D. JOHNSON, Mod.
J. W. LASSITER, Church Clerk.

Whiskey Still From Boon Hill

Mr. L. V. Thompson, deputy sheriff in Boon Hill township, and Mr. J. W. Pittman, who is in the government employment, were here yesterday to bring a whiskey still to the sheriff. It was a small copper still and they captured a complete outfit and turned out about 75 gallons of beer. The men at the still ran but one of them is known by the officers. The still was captured near Sardis Baptist church and not far from Neuse river.

Nearly Million Aliens Admitted.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The tide of immigration which was approaching its flood when the restriction law went into effect brought 805,228 aliens into the United States in the fiscal year ended last June 30, according to the annual report today of Secretary Davis of the Department of Labor. This number compared with 430,001 in the previous fiscal year and is more than twice the estimate of 350,000 which Mr. Davis makes for this fiscal year under the operation of the restriction act.

More than one fourth of the aliens admitted last year were Italians, the number being 222,260, as compared with 95,145 in the fiscal year of 1922. Numbered by race, apart from nationality, the report says, the Jews arriving numbered 119,236.

The Week's Best Jingle.

His arm around her slender waist,
She nestled close, in sweet content.
Not even a Borah's eloquence
Could make her want disarmament.

—Hazel Lenger in Capper's Weekly.

The White Christmas.

Our Sunday schools have a glorious opportunity to give the youth of our country the real meaning of Christmas by teaching the value and happiness of unselfish service to others.

In that incomparable prose poem "The Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, which everybody ought to read once a year, this lesson of giving to those in need is beautifully enforced. Old Scrooge lived a narrow, bleak and miserable life so long as he thought only of himself and his own personal interests, but when in his old age the Christmas spirit kindled its flame in his soul, he was transformed from a selfish skinflint into a joyous and useful man. Life became to him a new and real thing. He was changed from a receiver into a giver.

It is all proper and right to make the children happy in their homes by inviting the old Christmas king down the chimney with his precious load; and we have learned that our own highest happiness comes from making the little ones happy.

But as a Sunday school we have the opportunity to teach the children the lesson we have learned, namely, that the shortest road to happiness in this world is our service to others, especially to those in need.

In every community there are homes where the merry lights of Christmas never comes. No bulging stockings greet the sparkling eyes of the little ones awakened by the dawn of Christmas day. But disappointed and depressed they begin the day that rings with joy for the more fortunate clean round the world.

To bring light into these darkened homes, and joy into these desolate hearts will mean more to our own children than all the Christmas presents ever made. And this is the mission and meaning of the White Christmas which, we are glad to say, is coming more and more into public favor.

That first Christmas in the long ago, they brought Him presents, gold and frankincense and myrrh; and in this day of gladness and of light we bring our gifts to Him when we place them in the trembling hands of His poor and needy.

Every child in North Carolina ought to shout and sing for joy on Christmas day, and yet while some children are surfeited with costly toys, others with sore hearts sob silently because they have been forgotten.

The White Christmas not only dries the tears of sorrowing childhood and floods the dreary home with light, but it teaches the invaluable lesson to our children that they are their brother's keeper; and in keeping their brother they find their own highest joy.

Those who have plenty in their homes do not need the gifts of the Sunday school; those who are pinched by poverty do need them, and it is the plain duty of us all to divide our Christmas gifts with those who cannot repay us.—Charity and Children.

B. & O. Shopmen Will Be Laid Off.

Baltimore, Dec. 13.—Thousands of shopmen employed by the Baltimore and Ohio railroads will be furloughed indefinitely Saturday when shops over the entire system will be shut down.

Business depression and the necessities of effecting economies were given by officials of the road as promoting the action.

Neither Daniel Willard, president of the road, nor C. W. Galloway, vice president in charge of operation, would venture an opinion as to how long the shut down would continue.

About 15 shops, Mr. Galloway estimated, was the total of the system and all of these would be shut down. The principal of these are in Baltimore, Cumberland, Pittsburgh, Keyser, W. Va., Zanesville, O., Cincinnati, O., and Washington, D. C.—Associated Press.

Woman Gives Birth to 8 Children.

Mexico City, Dec. 12.—From Tampico comes a report published by El Universal, that Senora Enriqueta Rubo, at that place, gave birth yesterday to 8 children, but none of them survived. The mother is well. The Mexico City medical association is showing much interest in the report and will institute an investigation as to its authenticity.—Concord Times.

THE CHINESE AND FAR EAST MATTERS

Want Treaties Resulting from "The Twenty-One Demands" Abrogated

Washington, Dec. 14.—The arms conference delegates have reached an agreement on all the major issues of the naval ration, but are encountering new difficulties in their discussions on the Far East.

The American "5-5-3" ratio forms the basis of the naval settlement, but there are to be readjustments in the original American plan to permit Japan to retain her new battleship Mustu. The United States and Great Britain will be given a compensative quota of additional ships not yet determined in detail.

In the Far Eastern negotiations the latest element of controversy is a request by China for abrogation of the treaties resulting from Japan's famous "twenty-one demands." When the request was presented to the Far Eastern committee of the whole today the Japanese promptly objected and the committee adjourned.

Coming at a time when the Shantung negotiations are at a critical stage, the Chinese abrogation proposal has somewhat clouded the prospects of a Far Eastern agreement, but most of the delegates remain confident of an ultimate solution.

Another meeting of the "Big Three" late today advanced the naval question nearer to the point of a final and detailed settlement, but left some minor points still to be determined. In all quarters announcement of a complete accord was regarded as only a question of hours.

As an offset to Japanese retention of the Mustu, the United States is to retain the super-dreadnaughts Washington and Colorado, and an equivalent increase in British capital ship tonnage is to be provided. The details of this British increase constitute the only point still to be decided.

Coupled with the naval agreement in the proposed treaty will be a "status quo" understanding on Pacific fortifications and naval bases, exclusive of Hawaii and the islands off the Japanese, Australian and New Zealand coasts. The plan means abandonment of the American Island of Guam as a potential naval base.

Temporarily the naval question is receiving major attention from the arms delegates, but there were indications today that the increasing seriousness of the Far Eastern differences might soon require the principal figures of the conferences to turn their efforts to that direction.

China's request for abrogation of the "twenty-one demands" treaties was coupled with a suggestion that the powers also take some definite and formal step toward abolition of existing "spheres of influence" in the Far East. There was no discussion in the committee, but it was evident tonight that the Japanese would not stand alone in opposing the abrogation proposal.

In the Shantung conversations, the present point of controversy is the compensation that China is to give for Japanese improvements on the Kiao Chow railroad. The Japanese have asked for instructions from Tokyo, but subject to a favorable response from their government, offered today to withdraw from the railroad in the event of a satisfactory compensation arrangement.

In the view of some of the Chinese delegates the financial guarantees desired by Japan as a consideration of her withdrawal amount to virtual perpetuation of Japanese control over the road.

The suggestion has been made in some quarters that a new "Big Four," composed of heads of the American, British, Japanese and Chinese delegations, be asked to take the question under advisement.—Associated Press.

Kenly Man, Evangelist.

W. G. Boykin, a member of the Free Will Baptist church of Kenly, now a student at the Moody Bible Institute, of Chicago, is one of a group of students conducting evangelistic services in the Cook County jail of Chicago.