

FEDERAL COURT BEGINS SESSION

In Charge to Grand Jury Judge Connor Reviews Principles Upon Which American Government Was Built and Expresses Faith in Rule of People

Judge Connor arrived in the city yesterday afternoon and Federal court convened here this morning at ten o'clock. Two criminal cases were before the grand jury for consideration this morning.

A true bill was looked for in each case.

A true bill is also expected against S. J. Barnett, accused of robbing the mails. Barnett was in the employ of the Major Loomis Company of Hertford and carried the company mail from the post office to the plant.

Petitions for naturalization papers from H. G. Paulos, Greek, and John G. Tashjian, Armenian, have been presented to the court and were favorably passed on during the days session.

Civil cases scheduled to come before Judge Connor for trial at this time are as follows: Willie Evans vs. Dare Lumber Company, Richmond Cedar Works vs. Foreman Blades Lumber Company, Martin Lee vs. D. V. Hoggard, Tilghman Johnson and wife et als vs. Farmers' Manufacturing Company, B. F. and Isaac Powell vs. Farmers Mfg. Company, Richmond Cedar Works vs. R. S. Stringfellow, United States vs. Mary S. Wood and the town of Edenton, Mrs. Lou'ia M. Anderson vs. A. D. McLean and John L. Roper Lumber Company.

Judge Connor's charge to the jury was instructive and impressive. An outline of it will appear in the next issue of this paper.

ANOTHER CANDIDATE FOR TRIAL JUSTICE

George J. Spence, a rising young attorney of this city, has this week announced himself a candidate for the office of Trial Justice for Pasquotank County, making the race for this office a three cornered one.

FORK SCHOOL CLOSES

The closing exercises of Fork school house, about three miles from here in Providence township, will take place on Thursday and Friday evening, April 13th and 14th, beginning promptly at eight o'clock.

DIRECTORS IN SESSION THIS AFTERNOON

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce are in session this afternoon in the office of Attorney C. R. Pugh in the Hinton Building.

CAPTAIN PARKER'S FUNERAL HELD HERE LAST SUNDAY

The funeral of Captain John A. Parker was conducted Sunday afternoon at half past three o'clock by the Odd Fellows, Ernest Belang'a, Noble Grand, and Rev. E. F. Sawyer, Chaplain, leading the service, and the members of the Order attending in a body.

The pall bearers were T. D. White, C. C. Mann, C. W. Whaley, C. W. Hussey, J. H. LeRoy and Noah Garret. The funeral was conducted at the home on West Fearing street and interment followed in Hollywood cemetery.

The body of Captain Parker was found Saturday afternoon by Capt. Gordon of Pasquotank, not far from the spot where the Sunol went went down on March the second. Captain Gordon had found the body of Captain Parker's mate, Wallace Boychton just a week before while fishing his shad nets, and his discovery of the body of Captain Parker came about in the same way.

HAS ESTABLISHED CANNING PLANT ON HIS OWN TRUCK FARM

An interesting experiment is being undertaken about four miles from here by Mr. Frank Upton, a prominent farmer of Camden county.

Mr. Upton is owner of the Belcross Truck Farm and in addition to raising the usual truck crops grown for the market in this section he has established a cannery to take care of a large part of the truck grown on his neighbors' farms as well as that grown on his own land.

Mr. Upton is specializing on tomatoes. "I have", he said to a reporter of this paper, "ten thousand tomato plants under glass and to-day they are twelve inches high and in blossom." In addition to tomatoes, Mr. Upton expects to can sweet potatoes, string beans, and May peas.

Mr. Upton has guarded against disastrous droughts by an irrigation system and by water works. He can either flood the ditches on his land or sprinkle the soil. "I have bedded", he said, "one hundred bushels of sweet potatoes and these are sprouting nicely. By the time the weather is warm enough they can be transplanted."

LEVEN STALLINGS DEAD

News reached here Saturday of the sudden death from heart failure of Mr. Leven Stallings at his home in South Mills Thursday night.

Mr. Stallings was sixty-four years of age and appeared to be in his usual health when he retired at nine o'clock. His death occurred at nine-thirty without previous warning.

The funeral services were conducted Saturday at two o'clock by the Baraca Class of Trinity church at South Mills, W. T. Halstead, leading the service. Interment followed in Pearceville burying ground.

Mr. Stallings is survived by two sons and a daughter. The daughter and one son live in Virginia, while the other son, William Stallings, lives at South Mills.

CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR TO GO TO HERTFORD

The choir of Christ church will go to Hertford on the afternoon of next Wednesday, April 19th, to sing at the evening service of Holy Trinity church of that city. Mr. Ashby, rector of Christ church, will conduct the services.



Picture No. 1



Picture No. 2

A DITCH IN A JIFFY

Picture No. 1 shows a tangle of swamp growth nearly up to a man's waist. How would you like to shovel out a ditch through that material? Some nasty, hard job, you say, and you are right.

But look at picture No. 2. There's the ditch, all right and a pretty one too you will say it is.

"We'll, I didn't dig it; I shot it," says Mr. Orion V. Dudley of Depls, "Yes, sir, with dynamite."

In picture No. 1, we are shown putting down the holes for the charges. A pointed steel bar will make the holes easily enough in soft, wet ground. A line or two of holes in the earth, sunk to within six to twelve inches of desired bottom grade; each hole loaded with the proper charge of dynamite (the amount depending, of course, on the size wanted) some tamping, unless water fills the holes, in which case even that is unnecessary; lighting the fuse in the center hole which contains the blasting cap and the dynamite does the rest.

"Sometimes a little trimming up with shovel is necessary, but generally the flow of water will wash out any rough and uneven edges."

"When time is an object, no other method of ditching compares with blasting. Ditches in a jiffy cannot be had in any other way."

NOMINATE WOOD FOR AUDITOR

Greensboro, N. C., April 7.—At a meeting of the Republican State Executive Committee here to-night candidates were endorsed for State offices to be voted on at the State-wide primary June third. The following were selected: Governor, Frank A. Linney, of Watauga County.

Lieutenant Governor, L. L. Jenkins, of Asheville. Commissioner of Agriculture, A. L. French, of Rockingham county. Attorney General, Zeb Vance Walser of Davidson county. State auditor, J. Q. A. Wood of Pasquotank.

The meeting of the committee was for the purpose of seeing to it that at least one candidate for each office is on the official primary ballot in June. Other candidates aside from those endorsed by the committee may enter the primary if they desire.

It was stated by Chairman Linney, of the committee, that Judge J. C. Fritchard of Asheville, would have been placed before the primary for the Presidency but for a ruling by Attorney General Bickett to the effect that in the primary the office of President and Vice President may be left blank and each voter allowed to name his individual choice.

Mr. Waser, who was endorsed for attorney General, is state chairman of the executive committee of the progressive party.

ELKS INSTALL OFFICERS

At a meeting of the Elizabeth City Elks Friday night the following officers were installed: Exalted Ruler, P. G. Sawyer; Esteemed Leading Knight, S. H. Johnson; Loyal Knight, J. B. Flora, Jr.; Lecturing Knight, Ira B. Parker; Secretary, D. Guy Brockett; Treasurer, J. M. Martin; Tyler, J. H. Kramer; Esquire, E. R. Spence; Inner Guard, M. B. Simpson; Chaplain, J. B. Culpepper; Organist, J. M. Harney; Trustees, T. P. Nash, Louis Selig, and Dr. I. Fearlinz.

Following the installation of officers a gold headed cane was presented to the Retiring Exalted Ruler, W. G. Galtier, Jr., as an expression of appreciation from the Lodge of his services during his term as Exalted Ruler.

After business matters had been disposed of the Lodge enjoyed a banquet.

LODGE MEETS TONIGHT

Eureka Lodge meets to-night for work in the third degree. A full attendance is desired.

THREE NEGROES IMPLICATED IN KILLING OF COEFIELD

A Currituck county coroner's jury held an inquest Friday evening over the body of James Coefield, killed on Cleveland Dowdy farm near Gregory Sunday night before last. The jury's verdict holds that Coefield was killed by a gunshot wound from a weapon in the hands of a negro by the name of Luther Robertson and implicates two other negroes for complicity in the crime. The three defendants were tried before Recorder DeCorntnis at Currituck Court House Monday morning and all three were bound over to the next term of Superior Court.

Coefield was a fugitive from justice having escaped from the Pasquotank chain gang several months ago. Last Sunday he came to Gregory, having learned that his wife was there, and wanted to take her away with him. It is reported that she demurred and that her part was taken by Robertson and a number of other negroes and a fight ensued. Coefield was attacked with clubs and finding himself out matched and outnumbered started to run. Three shots were fired at him, one from a pistol by a negro by the name of Dick Perbee and two from a shotgun by Robertson. Examination of the body, however showed only one wound, a load of shot having entered Coefield's body in the right shoulder below the shoulder blade and near the spinal column.

Coefield's body was found Wednesday in a ditch several hundred yards from the scene of the fight. It is thought that his slayers threw it in the ditch after the darkey had been shot down. There was evidence that Coefield was still alive at the time.

STOLE CASH REGISTER FROM HOTEL MARRINER

J. W. Shores returned yesterday afternoon from Mackeys where he was called Saturday night to trail the thief who had stolen from Hotel Marriner a cash register with twenty-five or thirty dollars in it.

Mr. Shores and his dogs left here on the night express, reaching Roper about midnight, struck the trail within half an hour and came upon the cash register about a quarter of a mile from the hotel on the road to Roper. It had been broken entirely to pieces with a piece of iron and the money taken from it. Following the trail on they found the man at Roper at three o'clock Sunday morning. He was Sylvester Peacock, a man of well to do family, who is married and has two small children, but is said himself to have been something of a black sheep for some time. Peacock was tried in magistrate's court Monday morning and is now in Plymouth jail under a five hundred dollar bond for trial at the next term of Washington county superior court.

KU KLUX KLAN LIVES AGAIN

"The Birth of a Nation" will be seen at the Alhambra on April 24-25-26. Petersburg and Atlanta, Appomattox and Ford's Theatre, the foothills of South Carolina and the wild rides of the Ku Klux Klan live again in Mr. Griffith's 12,000 feet of superb motion picture which it took eight months to produce, cost 500,000, employed 18,000 people and 3,000 horses. The great spectacle is an epitome of scenes, incidents, characters, passions and emotions of the whole period from 1861 to 1870—the period occupied by the Civil War and Reconstruction. Suggested by Thomas Dixon's "The Clansman" and "The Leopard's Spots", it has an epical quality of its own which stamps it as a masterpiece of genius. The enormous popularity achieved by it in New York, Boston, Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles has been repeated in all the towns of the route, and the prospects are that it will crowd the local theatre at every performance. Last, and to me the greatest reason...

BILLY SUNDAY IS FORCE FOR GOOD

That is Mr. Loftin's Opinion After a Special Trip to Baltimore to Study Noted Evangelist, whose Books He had Already Read, at Close Range

"I went to Baltimore," said Rev. I. N. Loftin in beginning his sermon Sunday night on "Billy Sunday as a Christian Factor in Our Nation", "to study Billy Sunday at close range. I had read a great deal about him and all that I could find that he had written.

"I remember ten years ago when I was in the University of Chicago, first hearing of Billy Sunday. The student body at that time, and the faculty also, referred to him if at all in a lighter vein. He was holding meetings in the small towns around Chicago at that time, having been converted a few years before in a mission in Chicago. He had gained his physical and mental training on the baseball diamond.

"He is a positive proof that God can take the weak things to overcome the mighty and the ignorant to confound the learning of this world. He has not had the collegiate and academic training of the professors of the University of Chicago but he speaks to a thousand people to their one and he is becoming a national figure no less conspicuous than President Wilson himself.

"What is the secret of his wonderful success?"

"First, he is dominated by the Lord, and is ready to take the word of God just as it is and to speak it in terms of common people's consciousness.

"Second, he democratizes religion. One of the saddest features in the life of Christ was the fact that he had to go out of the church of that day to reach the multitudes. Our churches today have become too ritualistic. They are 'high church', not only among the Catholics and Episcopalians, but the Baptists, too. We suppress and depress our highest powers and the devil leads us to call it reverence; whereas Billy Sunday is teaching the world that the Lord is to lead his people out in the freest and most democratic manner. And this, after all, is what Jesus did. The church that will follow in his steps and make religion democratic and free can do the same work that Billy Sunday is doing for God.

"Third, Billy Sunday is successful with such large crowds because he knows and uses the psychology of crowds. He knows that humanity loves to move en masse. The people follow the crowd, and the crowd draws when each individual in it is made to feel that he is an integral part of the crowd.

"Fourth, he popularizes Christianity. He makes Christianity a matter of living every day in the week, not merely at church but in the realm of politics, society and finance as well.

"Fifth, Billy Sunday advertises. He conducts his religious campaign upon absolutely business like principles and is thoroughly systematic. I received a card since my return stating that a man from Elizabeth City had been converted in the Billy Sunday meetings, wished to unite with a church here and named me as his pastor. This plan is an example of the system used in the great meetings, as is also the system of tickets by which admission is gained in the always crowded buildings.

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