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FRIDAY, SEPT. 18, 1903.

Though the new prohibition aw has been in operation only two months and a half, its good effects are already noticed in a lighter criminal docket and ater grand jury work in our ounty court.

It's a pity Scotland Neck voted

for bar-rooms. The majority was only 10, which means that the saloons are doomed to early defeat. The next election on this subject will probably see their overthrow.

Ten thousand white boys in North Casoline over 12 years of age who cannot read and write I The sad thought about it is, as Charity and Children says, that these boys are illiterate by choice and not by necessity. Whoever lends a hand and helps these boys to look up is doing a great work.

The jury-room episode at court this week revives interest in the county seat agitation. Those who advocated last spring the removal of the county-sent to Gastonia admitted that a new court house was very much to be desired and were subjected to more or less animated criticism for saying so. The subsequent efforts of some who opposed removal to have a new or remodeled court-house built at the preprint county-seat, makes the admission of the desirability of a new court-house pretty nearly unanimous. With the pecessity for a new court house manifest on all hands, the situation becomes less complicated. The stion is simply this: Where hall it be built? This question will be a matter of interest to the people of the county until an answer is given that settles it.

REPORT OF GRAND JURY.

CRIMINAL DOCRET COMPLETED GASTON HAS A JURY ROOM.

With Penalties Imposed.

court from term to term for the

months on the road. John Irwin. Larceny.

Six months.

costs.

the roads.

The Office Occupied By the Summary of Cause Disposed of perintendent of Public Instruction Made Available for use of The criminal docket was completed Wednesday morning, and Solicitor Webb left in the afterthe Potit Jury.

It was Wednesday morning in the court room at Dallas. It was raining out of doors, raining in a long trot, had been raining in the night and resumed

business at the same old stand early in the morning.

Solicitor Webb left in the after-moon. The cases disposed of and the judgment in each are given as follows: Charlie Hester. Carrying con-cealed wespons. \$10 and costs. Julius Holland. Assault with deadly wespon. \$5 and costs. Bid Boyd. Assault and bat-tery. Judgment sus, ended on payment of costs. H. S. Sellars. Retailing. In Two juries were present. Judge Neal (turning to left): Gentlemen, where did you retire to when considering the cases payment of costs. H. S. Sellars, Retailing, In first case \$25 and costs. In second case, defendant is required to pay costs at once. Prayer forjudgment is continued. Defendant must give bond in the sum of \$500 to appear at

tried before you? O. P. Rhodes (from jury on left):On the square and in a back lot. Judge Neal (turning to the

right): Gentlemen, where did you go to consider your cases? Lawson Stowe: Out on the oquare. Judge Neal: Where would ou go on a morning like this?

Lawson Stowe: Don't know. The Judge: Just wanted to find out.

Short pause. Good order all over the court room.

court from term to term for the next twelve months and show that there is no further com-plaint against him. The clerk is directed to keep this case on the docket for that time. In other cases judgment is suspended on payment of costs. Jasper Carpenter. Assault with intent to kill. Continued under \$150 houd. Thomas Dunn, R. W. Dunn, C. C. Johnson. Assault. Judg-ment suspended on payment of costs. The Judge: Mr. Sheriff, is there any vacant room in the court house that a jury could Dave Mitchem. Assault and The Sherif: The county Subattery. Judgment suspended

perintendent bas a room, which I endeavored to get. But he had left the key with Mr. Carpenter, the Register of Deeds, who told me he was instructed not to let

on payment of costs. J. M. Carpenter and Christie Heffner. Assault and battery. \$10 and half costs each. Bph. Holland. Drunk and disorderly. Costs. Judgment continued. anybody have it. Hon. O. F. Mason: This room is occupied by a typewriter who is re-indexing the county Arthur Duboyd. Gambling. \$10 fine and costs. . Will Brown, Gambling. 12

records. The Judge: Well, this work might stop for a week rather than send these gentlemen out 12 months on the road. Bob McClee: Gambling. \$10 in the rain to arrive at their ver-

dicts. Why couldn't it be said to the jury: "Here, have this room for a week." The Sheriff: There was an-other room I tried to get, but and costs. Ben Mitchem. Carrying con-cealed weapons. Six months

on mads. Sam Mills. Carrying con-cealed weapons. Judgment sus-pended on payment of costs. Robert B. Hoyle. Foreible trespass and assault with deadly weapon. \$25 and costs. \$20 to be paid to Mrs. A. P. Carpenter. Pink Whitesides. Larceny Six months. not room in the vault for them. The Judge: How often does the Superintendent use his office?

J. X. Nantz. Assault. Judg-ment suspended on payment of tendent shall have an office fit-Mouroe Goble. Larceny Judgment suspended on payment of costs. The case between F. W. Thompson and J. X. Nantx in-

volving tearing down a gate and the location of a road was com-mitted to arbitration. like beasts to make up your verdicts." Susan Fortenburg. Fornica-tion and adultery. Judgment

dent has his important papers in this office.

The Judge, continuing: The county commissioners have full charge of the court house prop-

made available-the office which

belongs by law to the Treasurer. I made a polite request of the Treasurer through the Sheriff for the use of this room for the petit jury. I received a very polite answer, "No." Now will you gentlemen please go down and consult together oud as a whot consult together and see what cau be done toward providing much needed quarters for these jurors.

Capt. J. Q. Holland: We have held a meeting, your Honor, and reached what we believe to be a satisfactory solution of the mat-ter, of which our chairman will Mr. J. R. Connell: If your

the Swannanoa, just above the city of Asheville, flows down Honor please, we have sured to set aside the room in question for the use of the honorable across the Tennessee line and through the great Smoky Mountains to join forces with the Holston River, four miles above court.

Court. The Judge: Go down imme-diately with the Sheriff, gentle-men, and take charge of it and report to me. I want to be con-servative in this matter. If other officers desire this room between courts, let them have it, but during court it must be available for use as a jury room.

The Sheriff, commissioners, and grand jury retired. In a few moments the sheriff had possession of the room, under instructions by the commissioners to have a lock put on the door and provided with three keys—one for himself, one for the Register, and one for the Superintendent. The Treasurer and Superintendent will be allowed to use the room between courts provided they have a locked desk for their papers. This done, the sheriff reported to the court. The grand-jury then appeared in a body and

Richmond News-Leader.

Nothing is more shocking than the stories that appear in the newspapers every day of the runaway marriages of girls of fifteen and sixteen years. Ex-cept in a very few cases of unusually early maturity, the mar-riage of a girl of that age is little better than murder phy-sically and almost invariably it means misery and moral ruin. Of course, there is very little use talking to boys and girls who are in love, or believe themselves to be; although it is likely that, in some cases at least, frank, affectionate and proper instruction in the facts would

prevent suicidal folly. A practical consideration is whether groups of States, say like Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland, Ken-tucky and Tenuessee could not arrange for a system of uniform laws on the subject of the marriage of minors from other States. The clergyman who performs the marriage ceremony on these occasions usually is a decent and conscientious man. He is confronted with the question whether it is better to perform the ceremony or to expose the girl in the case to even worse and more certain



The Mill End Sale at the Gastonia Bargain House is now on with a rush. We advertised it as the sensation of the times, and so it has proven. Saturday the goods went with a rush; yesterday it was the same way-all going to delighted customers.



Serges, Melroses, Flannels, Cashmeres, etc., all regular 25c 50c and 75c goods, at per yard.....

All-wool Whipcord, Serges, Brilliantines, etc., regular 39c 50c and \$1.00 goods, at per yard

The crowds are coming. They fud this a good place and a good time to spend their money. So will you. Come.



vember term of court. incident.

Mr. Carpenter informed me that it contained some documents. Mr. Mason: The Register has the tax abstracts in this room;

Answer: Once a week. The Judge: The law doesn't provide that the county Superin-

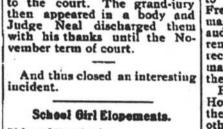
ted up for him in the court house. And yet he hangs up the key and goes off, and deliberately says: "Here, you men go out there on the ground and stand in the rain

Mr. Mason: The Superinten-The Judge: And I'll venture

to say a ten-year-old boy could take them all out in a half-bushel basket. If these valuable papers mustn't be disturbed I'll have a box made and lock them up. I can't have him saying to my juries, "I have some papers in there and you mustn't go nigh

Will Moore. Carrying con-cealed weapons. Six months on

and costs. Jeff Cornwell. Affray. Judg-ment suspended on payment of them.'



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His Honor, Walter H. Caston county, respect

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suspended. Rugene Ruffan. Carrying concealed weapons. 30 days on

Will Phillips. False pretense. 12 months on the roads.

Marsh Morrow. Affray. \$5

roads. Will Robinson. Assault and battery. Judgment continued. Casts paid, boad renewed. Maggie Wright. Infanticide. Not guilty of felony as charged but guilty of felony as charged but guilty of concealing birth of child. Judgment not yet pro-mounced. Will probably be im-prisonment autil next court. A number of petitions have usked leniency with a view to getting defaudant into a home or re-formatory. matory.

CIVIL DOCKRT.

Isaac Rhodes, of Bessemer, ys. Southern Railway non-suited. J. Loftin Leeper vs. Andy Leeper, slander. Damages of \$144 awarded plaintiff.

The rights of citizenship were restored to John W. Baldwin. Walter Ney Keever, of Lin-coin county, was duly sworn in open court and admitted to prac-tice as an altorney and counselor at law.

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Sept. 10th. --Rev. R. M. Court-ney is holding a meeting at Spencers Mountain this week.' Rev. B. L. Hoke is conduct-ing a protracted meeting at the Baptist church. H. M. McAden, of Charlotte, was in town Friday. Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Mabry went to Coucord Saturday on a pleasure trip. Dr. L. N. Glena brought a Longent purchase a few days ago

r. L. N. Glenns brought a out pour here a few days ago th weighed 77 onneue. It grown by his father, W. D. an of Crowder's Creek, ay Alben and Miss Lottle is went to Charlotte to at-lifte marriage of their cous-field Runice Norman, Theeren

R. C. Ray, of Charlotte, w.

yond r, near the court square. Office in his store The Judge: Well, you see him, Mr. Sheriff. The law pro-vides an office for the Treasurer in the court house. You request him for me to take charge of this Superintendent's office in his own right and turn it over to the use of the jury.

'Later in the day the grand ury came in to be discharged. The Judge: Gentlemen, 1 The Judge: Gentlemen, I note in your report a recommen-dation that the county commis-sioners provide a suitable room for the petit jury. I will ask the county commissioner, to do me the courtesy to meet here to-morrow and take up this matter. I desire before discharging you to see what they will do. You are therefer a excusal for to dow

and premature marriage. marriage in such cases was made impossible, the wretchedness of many lives would be prevented. In nearly every town in the country there is a number of miserable women, tawdry, bc-draggled, haggard outcasts, destined to sink to lower depths every year of their lives, and a large proportion of them are victims of these runaway school victims of these runaway school girl marriages. These are wo-men, old, hardened and hopeless with their lives, ruined and finished before they are twenfy-five, who at that age have known all the dismal experiences of disillusion, disappointment, abandonment, grief, despair, jealousy and hate. If a group of States should combine to make laws to punish with imprisonment and heavy fine any person performing the marriage ceremony for a girl under eighteen for instance, without the written consent of without the written consent of the county commissioner, to do me the county of meet here is not that up this matter. I dealer before discharging you to see what they will do. You to see there is a second for to-day, but not discharged. You will treame again to-morrow.
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