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FRIDAY, SEPT. 18, 1903.

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

It's a pity Scotland Neck voted for her-room. The majority was only 10, which means that the saloons are doomed to early defeat.

Ten thousand white boys in North Carolina over 12 years of age who cannot read and write. The sad thought about it is, as Charity and Children says, that these boys are illiterate by choice and not by necessity.

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-seat 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.

REPORT OF GRAND JURY.

Recommendations Separate Building for Black Convicts and Separate Rooms for the Races in the County Home.

We visited county jail, found same in good condition, prisoners well cared for with plenty to eat, prisoners said they were benevolently treated.

CRIMINAL DOCKET COMPLETED

Summary of Cases Disposed of With Penalties Imposed.

The criminal docket was completed Wednesday morning, and Solicitor Webb left in the afternoon. The cases disposed of and the judgment in each are given as follows:

Charlie Hester. Carrying concealed weapons. \$10 and costs. Julius Holland. Assault with deadly weapon. \$5 and costs.

Ben Mitchem. Assault and battery. Judgment suspended on payment of costs. Jasper Carpenter. Assault with intent to kill. Continued under \$150 bond.

Sam Mills. Carrying concealed weapons. Judgment suspended on payment of costs. Robert B. Hoyle. Forcible trespass and assault with deadly weapon. \$25 and costs.

Will Phillips. False pretense. 12 months on the roads. Marsh Morrow. Affray. \$5 and costs. Jeff Cornwell. Affray. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Will Robinson. Assault and battery. Judgment continued. Costs paid, bond renewed. Maggie Wright. Infanticide. Not guilty of felony as charged but guilty of concealing birth of child. Judgment not yet pronounced.

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

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GASTON HAS A JULY 800?

The Office Occupied By the Superintendent of Public Instruction Made Available for use of the Petit 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.

Two juries were present. Judge Neal (turning to left): Gentlemen, where did you retire to when considering the cases tried before you?

The Judge: Go down immediately with the Sheriff, gentlemen, and take charge of it and report to me. I want to be conservative in this matter.

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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.

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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.

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Scenery Along the Famous French Broad River.

Mountain streams as a rule are fascinating on account of their impetuosity. Then, too, they are the discoverers of the passes and in many cases point the way to the engineers who follow with the steel highways of commerce and tourist travel.

Capt. J. Q. Holland: We have held a meeting, your Honor, and reached what we believe to be a satisfactory solution of the matter, of which our chairman will inform you.

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WITH A RUSH! The Mill End Sale is On!

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.

Continues this Week. Remember this sale goes on this week, and it is your privilege to buy.

GASTONIA BARGAIN HOUSE, Corner Jenkins Block. J. S. WHITFIELD, Mgr.

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The furnishing of your dining-room is not complete without a sideboard. They add to the comfort and convenience as well as to the looks of the room.

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HAVE JUST RECEIVED Our Second Shipment of Fall and Winter Styles of Ladies' fine Shoes

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OPERA HOUSE One Night Only. Friday, Sept. 18th. The Great Barlow Minstrels.

SALE OF LAND. NORTH CAROLINA: In the Superior Court, Gastonia County.

By virtue of an order of sale, made in the above entitled proceedings, which is pending in the Superior Court of Gastonia County, North Carolina, on the 15th day of September, 1903.

Commissioner's Sale of Land.

Valuable Lot in Gastonia. By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Gastonia County in the special proceedings entitled Margaret A. Anton and others against George H. Wilson and others.