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COURT IN SESSION

AUGUST TERM CONVENED YESTERDAY

Judge Shaw, of Greensboro, in Opening Term of Gaston Superior Court for the Trial of Criminal Issues, Delivers Excellent Charge to the Grand Jury—Business of the Court Being Dispatched in a Businesslike Manner.

Yesterday morning at 11:00 o'clock the August term of criminal court for Gaston convened with Judge T. J. Shaw, of Greensboro, presiding. This is Judge Shaw's first appearance on the bench in Gastonia, although he has held court in the county while the court house was at Dallas. Judge Shaw began making a good impression the moment the court got down to business by making a special charge to the grand jury and he is continuing the impression first made because of the open and fair way in which he deals with the prisoners at the bar.

In his charge to the grand jury, of which Mr. D. P. Froneberger, of Bessemer City, is foreman, Judge Shaw made an excellent charge, taking illustrations of everyday occurrence to illustrate his points. He told the jury its duty, as jurors, pointing out how painstaking they should be, in preventing the innocent from being punished, and in seeing that the guilty are punished. "Be careful gentlemen," said he, "because you are the door of the court, through which all bills must pass."

"Citizenship is divided into three classes," said Judge Shaw, and each class is represented in every community. "There are the ideal citizens, some of whom are gray and with one foot in the grave, who have never yet violated a single law." These men, he pointed out, were always admired. The second class of citizens, according to Judge Shaw, is that class who watch the law, looking for an opportunity to violate the same, and make their escape. These men are dangerous, and need to be carefully watched. The third class of citizens is that class who do what they want to do irrespective of the law, until the crime is committed. Judge Shaw said the third class were usually taken care of by law of the land because they are most generally caught. After making this classification of citizens, which was some what novel to most men, Judge Shaw then told the jury what is meant by law.

"Law," he said, "is the rule of conduct commanding what is right and forbidding what is wrong." Here it was pointed out that the law of every district will not be suitable or applicable to another. Difference in localities would justify difference in the law, but such is impractical, hence State laws are necessary, and apply throughout the territory of the State; and any violator, it matters not where he is from, is subjected to the laws of the State while he is in the State.

"Law is simply a set of rules that govern society." At this point, Judge Shaw used the game of base ball to illustrate and make his point clear, saying that the game of ball is played by written and standardized rules. "When you and I were boys and played ball," said he, "there were no rules, except as we ourselves made them." But now all games of baseball are played by written rules; which are adopted by authority; just so, with law. "Society is governed by law."

The jury was authorized to visit the county home, chain gangs, and all public buildings, and report on the same. Judge Shaw spoke at length to the jury in regard to the treatment of convicts. "These convicts," said he, "are human and must be treated as such. Now I don't mean that they are to live in luxury, but they must have wholesome food and kind treatment, and must not be treated cruelly."

After the retirement of the grand jury, the petit jury was impaneled and the court began the dispatch of business. Several young men were called on to testify that their behavior had been good since court last met and they were conducting themselves as befitting good citizens.

The following cases were disposed of yesterday, but the offenders have not yet been sentenced: Buck Lindsay, guilty of gambling; John Adams, of abandonment; John Ervin, carrying a concealed weapon; George Washington, carrying a concealed weapon; Mack Rovnet, guilty of larceny.

—Mrs. J. V. Harper has as her guest Miss Genesee Cansler, of Asheville, who arrived in the city yesterday for a stay of some time.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Costner and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McAllister spent Sunday in Mt. Pleasant, making the trip in Mr. McAllister's car.

—Dr. R. M. Reid, city physician, announces that hereafter the hours for vaccination on week days will be from 2 to 4 o'clock. On Saturdays the hours will be longer.

—Mr. R. H. Lanier and little son, Allison, of Memphis, Tenn., arrived in the city yesterday to be the guests for several weeks of Mrs. Lanier's sister, Mrs. J. M. Holland.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Plyler, Mr. Washington Plyler and Miss Celeste Plyler returned home Sunday from a very pleasant trip to Washington, D. C.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

IN HONOR OF MISS JULIA BELL.

At her home on Dallas street last Tuesday night Miss Earlie Bell entertained number of her young friends most pleasantly in honor of her guest, Miss Julia Bell, of Grover. The evening was spent in playing various games and the occasion was a very enjoyable one to all present.

VISITING NURSE COMMITTEE MEETS TO-MORROW.

We are requested to announce that the regular monthly meeting of the visiting nurse committee of the Woman's Betterment Association will be held at 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the residence of Mrs. R. M. Johnston on South Broad street. It has been the custom to notify members of the committee by telephone of the meetings, but this notice is given instead.

GRIGG-CROUCH WEDDING LAST WEDNESDAY.

At the home of the bride's father, Mr. M. C. Crouch, on East Second avenue, Mr. C. R. Grigg and Miss Cora Belle Crouch were united in marriage last Wednesday night by Rev. C. A. Hendrix, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist church. There was present to witness the ceremony a number of the friends and relatives of the young couple, who have many friends who will be interested in the news of their marriage. The groom is a son of Mr. J. R. Grigg, of the Grigg Company, who conduct a store on South Church street.

LIBRARY ENTERTAINMENTS BRING HELD TO-DAY.

At her home on East Third avenue this afternoon Mrs. Stonewall J. Durham is entertaining one of the library parties instead of the one which was to have been held at the home of Mrs. W. F. Michael. Mrs. Michael is out of the city on a visit. Others who are entertaining similar parties today are Mrs. George W. Wilson, Mrs. W. L. Balthis, Mrs. C. J. McComb, Mrs. D. A. Garrison, Miss Lottie Blake, Miss Aline Reid, Miss Burney Boyce, Miss Helen Ragan, Miss Christine Sloan and Miss Ethel Davidson. The plan outlined by the library committee is meeting with very great enthusiasm and interest.

SOUTHERN FARM PRODUCTS.

Exhibits of Southern Products to Be Made by Southern Railway at Big Expositions and Large Number of District and County Fairs in the West and Northwest.

Special to The Gazette.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24. — At three big expositions and thirty-six district and county fairs throughout the North and West, exhibits of Southern farm products showing the fine agricultural opportunities in the territory along their lines will be made this fall by the Southern Railway Company and affiliated lines. These exhibits are being made entirely at the expense of the Southern Railway and affiliated lines. It is estimated that the attendance at the various fairs and expositions will aggregate three million people, and the entire South will thus be given wide advertising which is expected to result in the attraction of desirable settlers.

There will be four circuits of exhibits taking in county and district fairs in Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York and Connecticut, while special displays on a more elaborate scale will be made at the great Canadian National Exposition at Toronto, Canada, and other expositions. Since the beginning of the 1914 crop season, agents of the land and industrial department of the Southern Railway Company have been at work gathering representative collections of agricultural products, including grains, grasses, vegetables and fruit from every State served by the system. Large photographs showing farm and other views in the South also will be used. The exhibits will be in charge of agents thoroughly familiar with conditions in the South who will be on hand constantly to give information desired about any locality. Special leaflets and booklets have been prepared and several hundred thousand will be placed in the hands of visitors.

In addition to the exhibits to be made at Northern fairs and expositions, Southern Railway and affiliated lines will make educational exhibits at a large number of Southern fairs, detailed announcement of which will be made later.

The Corn.

Mr. T. R. McArver is the owner and possessor of what many have said "is the finest corn I ever saw." Indeed it is fine corn. On many stalks can be seen several ears, and on one eight were counted. It would pay any man who is interested to make a visit especially to see this beautiful field of corn. The field has an area of eight acres and if the season continues the yield will not fall short of 600 bushels. This cornfield is on the Yorkville road on the right of the road going from Gastonia, and is near the pump station. Mr. McArver is very proud of his corn and he has a right to be. Observation will prove that the corn has been well worked and presents a fine appearance because of the excellent lay of the land and the splendid condition in which the corn was laid by.

JAPAN DECLARES WAR

ULTIMATUM TO GERMANY HAS EXPIRED

Japanese Government on Sunday Officially Declared War on Germany and Began Measures Against Kiaochow—Action Heavily Approved by the People of Japan—Heavy Losses Suffered by Both Sides Along the Franco-German Border.

Tokio, Aug. 23.—The Emperor of Japan today declared war on Germany. This action was taken at the expiration of the time limit of Japan's ultimatum to Germany demanding the surrender of Kiaochow. The Japan Government has ordered the beginning of operations on land and sea.

The Imperial rescript declaring war on Germany was issued this evening. It officially inaugurates hostilities in the Far East as a result of Germany's failure to reply to the Japanese ultimatum.

The proclamation of the Emperor sent a thrill through the country. Japan's entrance upon the fulfillment of her obligations to her ally, Great Britain, responds to the popular will from one end of the land to the other. Cheering crowds assembled today before public buildings and tonight there were lantern processions through the streets. The popular manifestations, however, do not approach the enthusiasm which preceded the war with Russia.

Count Von Rex, the German Ambassador, has been handed his passports. He probably will leave for America. George W. Guthrie, the American Ambassador, will represent Germany. The Diet has been convoked in special session for September 3.

The Austrian cruiser Kaiserin Elizabeth, which latterly was at Tsing Tau, the seaport of Kiaochow, is reported to have sailed. She perhaps will go to a neutral port and disarm. It is believed this action will keep Austria out of the war in the Orient, although unforeseen circumstances may force Japan to change this policy. No action has been taken relative to Austria and the Foreign Office has explained that Japan will remain friendly until Austria adopts an attitude which it regards as offensive.

It is reported here that Germany has been trying to transfer the German Railroad in Shan Tung, China, to America. Tokio, believes, however, that the United States pursuing the policy of neutrality outlined by President Wilson, will not accept. President Wilson's announcement of neutrality has greatly pleased the Japanese.

ALLIES FALL BACK.

Germans Stubbornly Resist Advance of French and British Troops — French Abandon Parts of Alsace and Lorraine—Heavy Losses on Both Sides Along the Whole Line of Battle.

Paris, Aug. 24.—The French War Office issued the following announcement tonight:

"The French and English, the plan of attack having failed, owing to unforeseen difficulties, have retired on the covering positions.

"West of the Meuse the English Army on our left was attacked by the Germans, but behaved admirably; holding its ground with traditional steadfastness.

"The French assumed the offensive with two army corps. An African brigade in the front line, carried away by their eagerness, were received by a murderous fire. They did not give an inch, but, counter-attacked by the Prussian guard, they were obliged to retire, only, however, after inflicting enormous losses. The Prussian guard especially suffered heavily.

"East of the Meuse our troops advanced across an extremely difficult country and made vigorous attack when they emerged from the woods, but were obliged to fall back after a stiff fight south of the River Semois.

"On order of General Joffre our troops and the British troops withdrew to the covering positions. Our troops are intact; our cavalry has in no way suffered and our artillery has affirmed its superiority. Our officers and soldiers are in the best of condition, morally and physically.

"As a result of the orders which have been issued the aspect of the struggle will change for a few days. The French Army will remain for a time on the defensive but at the right moment, to be decided on by the commander-in-chief, it will resume a vigorous offensive.

"Our losses are heavy; it would be premature to enumerate them. It would be equally so to enumerate those of the Germans, who suffered so heavily that they were obliged to abandon their counter-attacks and establish themselves in fresh positions in Lorraine.

"We delivered four attacks yesterday from our positions north of Nancy, inflicting very heavy loss on the enemy.

"In regard to the general situation we have the full use of our rail-

LOCAL GLEANINGS

THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

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TERSE TAR HEEL TOPICS

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OLD NORTH STATE

Republicans of the Fifth District have nominated John T. Benbow, of Winston-Salem, for Congress.

Brevard will make a strong effort to secure the next meeting of the North Carolina Press Association.

In the first game of the Morganton-Raeoford series at Wearn field, Charlotte, yesterday Morganton defeated Raeoford 1 to 0.

The annual encampment of the Seventh Day Adventists closed its ten days session at Greensboro Sunday night.

Work on Mecklenburg county's new \$75,000 jail is progressing in a very satisfactory manner. It is expected to be ready for use in January next.

The big lumber plant of the Carr Lumber Company at Pisgah Forest is to be doubled in capacity, which will increase its output to 100,000 feet of lumber daily.

After a conference with Secretary Daniels yesterday Secretary Redfield notified the German-owned wireless station at Tuckerton, N. J., that it is operating in violation of law.

Mr. J. H. Matthews, of Ebenezer, near Rock Hill, S. C., was electrocuted at his grist mill Saturday when he went to open the switch and touched the wires instead. When found his right hand and both feet were burned off.

Robert Jennings, a negro prisoner in the Wilmington jail, fell from his sleeping hammock to the floor, about 18 inches, last Thursday night, and died at a hospital Friday afternoon. The fall is supposed to have caused a brain lesion.

A reunion of the descendants of John Thomas, the "White Pilgrim," was held at Burlington last Thursday. John Thomas was born in Orange county, now Alamance, in 1791 and became famous as the White Pilgrim, traveling over the country as an evangelist, clad in white.

At Winston-Salem Sunday Mrs. Hessie Aldridge, aged about 30 years, committed suicide by throwing herself before one of the heavy street cars. Mrs. Aldridge had been deserted by her husband, it is said, and left to support two small children.

Warren W. Cornell, of Orangeburg, S. C., was instantly killed by lightning at Asheville yesterday. He was foreman of a construction gang laying sewer mains, and sat down under a tree during a hard shower of rain. The bolt of lightning which struck the tree is said to have broken every bone in Cornell's body.

Rev. C. M. Ervin, a Baptist minister of Hickory, was killed near Bostic Sunday afternoon as a result of a runaway. Mr. Ervin had been supplying the pulpit of the Bostic Baptist church for several months. Mr. Ervin was thrown from the buggy when the mule which he was driving ran away.

George T. Heafner, formerly superintendent of the public schools of Lincoln county and for the past year or more a deputy United States marshal, died yesterday at the Rutherfordton hospital of meningitis, aged 50 years. Mr. Heafner was educated at Gaston College, Dallas, and was well known in Gaston county.

William T. McGhee, of Lexington, died at 11 o'clock Sunday night from injuries received when the automobile in which he was riding went off a railroad bridge to the tracks 30 feet below. The other occupant of the car, George Money, of Winston-Salem, was badly injured, but will recover.

Rt. Rev. Robert Strange, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina of the Episcopal Church, died at his home in Wilmington Sunday afternoon following an illness of nearly a year. The funeral will be held at St. James Episcopal church, Wilmington, this afternoon. Bishop Strange was 57 years of age and had occupied the office of bishop for ten years.

W. Frank Savage, of Charlotte, is in jail at Marion to await trial before the United States District Court in Charlotte in October on a charge of violating the Federal white slave act. The alleged offense is claimed to have been committed last February, when Savage took Miss Millie Hartsell, of Allen, Mecklenburg county, to Danville, Va., where she claims Savage was to have married her. She has since married George Spoon, of Charlotte.

WANTED: You to phone No. 58 and have your Sunday papers delivered at your door. 14-21-25

CHECK FROM CONCORD.

Secretary A. O. Lloyd Receives Check for \$25 from People of Concord for Hall Fund.

Secretary A. O. Lloyd, of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, received this morning from Mr. J. B. Sherrill, editor of The Concord Times, a check for \$25 as the contribution from the people of Concord and Cabarrus county toward the relief of the hall sufferers in Gaston county.

This act of magnanimity on the part of the Cabarrus people is one that is deeply appreciated by the people of Gaston county.

Secretary Lloyd also wishes it announced that he has on hand a quantity of clover seed that will be ready for distribution next week. The place and time will be made known in Friday's Gazette.