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"JOHN DOE" APPEARS IN COURT

And Testifies Against Near Beer Dealers. Number of Cases Disposed Of.

At the opening of yesterday's session of Superior Court which is in session here this week for the trial of criminal cases the jury which had been out on the previous night deliberating on the case of Eronius Moye, colored, charged with the larceny of a tub of butter and a cheese from the Norfolk-Southern warehouse several weeks ago, returned a verdict of not guilty.

Moye was immediately placed on trial charged with the larceny of several boxes of snuff from the Norfolk-Southern freight depot. Mr. S. H. Land, one of the officers at the Norfolk-Southern freight warehouse told of Moye's visit to that place several weeks ago. He said that he left Moye standing near the spot at which the snuff was located while he walked down to the other end of the warehouse to attend to the unloading of a car of merchandise. Upon his return he found that both Moye and the snuff had disappeared and that he was certain that the snuff was there a few minutes prior. Charles Kinsey, a colored drayman for Mr. E. R. Hackburn said that he saw Moye take the snuff from the warehouse and placed it on his dray. That he then went into the warehouse and informed Mr. Lane of the fact. John Hall also colored was placed on the stand and he told of purchasing three boxes of snuff from Moye, paying him the sum of \$0.75 for it. When Moye was arrested on a warrant charging him with the theft of the goods he informed the officer that he had purchased the snuff from another man. Later, the officer said, he acknowledged the theft. Neither prosecuting attorney or the defendant's counsel made speeches and the case was immediately given to the jury who after a short deliberation returned a verdict of guilty. No sentence has yet been passed on the defendant.

Rebecca Davis, colored, was next placed on trial charged with the larceny of \$2.60 from Henry Morse, a blind negro. Morse was placed on the stand and told the jury that several weeks ago he had a small tin savings bank in which he kept his money. That on the morning on which the money was stolen he had placed the bank on the floor near his bed so that he would have it at hand to pay for a load of wood which he had ordered. During the time he was waiting for the wood to arrive the Davis woman came into the house. That he went up in the second story of house and that while he was there he heard her moving around. That immediately after he came down stairs she told him that she had to go down town to attend to some business and that when he went after his money he found that it had disappeared. Morse's sister then told of seeing the Davis woman returning from her shopping trip with a basket full of purchases and that upon looking into the basket she found the bank in which her brother kept his money. After a short deliberation on the case the jury decided that she was not guilty and she was released from custody.

J. W. Smith, white, who was employed up to a few weeks ago, at the near beer stand operated by Ben Brinson, pleaded guilty to the charge of selling whiskey while he was employed at that place. Sentence was not passed upon the defendant at yesterday's session.

In the case of the State vs. Erastus Threagill and Patay Williams, both colored, who were charged with the larceny of lumber from Isaac H. Smith. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

Ever since the arrest of the near beer dealers several weeks ago on warrants charging them with selling whiskey to "John Doe" there has been much speculation as to who this man of mystery could be. There were hundreds of probable guesses made as to his identity, but when he appeared in the court room yesterday afternoon in the case against the dealers who he is alleged to have purchased the whiskey from there was not a person in the room who was not connected in some way with the investigation who knew the man.

"John Doe," the man of mystery, the man who so successfully purchased whiskey in this city several weeks ago, is Mr. W. H. Smith, the Chief of the Vanceboro police force.

The first case against the alleged whiskey dealers called was that of the State vs. Ben Brinson. In this case the annual for the defendant contended that it was not constitutional to convict a man with a witness whom he had never seen and that he would file for the judge to continue the case until this morning. This request the judge granted. After the session closed for the day Gerry Hawk and Tom C. Howard both charged with the same offense under the same request and it was granted. The cases will be called the first thing this morning, and in all probability the court room will be crowded with spectators who are interested in the trial of these alleged whiskey dealers.

WEST WAS NOT IN SWAMP

Man Was Taken, But Not Main Criminal.

Another disappointment in the capture of the negro Lewis West was the result of the efforts in the swamp near Hookerton in Greene county as reported yesterday. The negro who was hiding in the swamp and who was finally captured proved not to be the desperado wanted, but he was one of the men supposed to be concerned in the killing of Sheriff Mumford.

The man was taken to Wilson and put in jail there. The latest report in the matter came from Richmond last night. A telegram from that city said that West had been taken there, and this report was sent to Wilson last night, but this needs to be verified as yet.

Jim Sims who was arrested Sunday night and Ed Stetson who was arrested near Selma Tuesday were taken to the penitentiary at Raleigh for safe keeping by Sheriff Sharp. It is thought there were but four inmates of the house at the time of the shooting, including Mary Young who lived there.

Metropolitan Grand Concert Co.

The Metropolitan Grand Concert Co. which will appear at the G.iffin Auditorium on Feb. 25th under the management of W. L. Radcliff, is an organization of artists of the concert and oratorio stage. It includes Mme. Luella Chilton-Ohrman, soprano; J. Humbird Duffey, tenor; and Frederick Martin, basso. Mr. Duffey has the distinction of being one of the first tenors of the day, and this has been attained in a comparative short time.

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7,000 DEATHS REPORTED

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Nanking, China, Feb. 8th.—For the relief of the 2,000,000 of famine sufferers the provincial authorities of Anhui and Kiangsu provinces authorized the expenditure of 400,000 and 300,000 taels, respectively a total of 700,000 in gold. This, it is conceded by all familiar with the famine situation, is but the beginning.

To prevent a recurrence of the famine, which was caused by the destruction of last year's crops, due to the flooding of the country by the Hwai river, permanent relief works are planned. It is proposed to drain the vast network of canals in the stricken country, build embankments and hold the water within them.

Efforts are being made to drive the people away from the river bottoms by to higher portions of the region. Thousands knowing not where to go, remain close to their farms, sleeping in the open with only straw mats between them and the mud and water.

London, Feb. 8.—A Reuters dispatch from Peking says that there have been 7,000 deaths from the plague in Manchuria and China.

The attorneys and their clients, had been around into a lobby, and was used by every one. That while he was there a few moments before he had heard one of the near beer dealers in conversation with two of the lawyers make some remarks that were intended to cause an effort on their part to be made. The attorney said that hereafter the general public will remain out of the case.

SAVED OFF HATTERAS

Crew of Schooner Rescued By Life-Savers Who Go Out in Gale.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 9.—In the teeth of a 30-mile gale and blinding rain the life-savers of Cape Hatteras and Crooked Hill life-saving station Sunday morning rescued nine men from the schooner Harriet D. Kerlin. The vessel, a three-master, loaded with coal, stranded on the southwest edge of Diamond Shoals.

Almost as soon as she struck the treacherous shoals the life-saver patrolling the beach saw her rockets through the mist.

The schooner was less than a mile off the beach and life-savers did not take the time to prepare a rescue by the breeches buoy, but launched the life boats and were off to the stranded boat in half an hour after she was first discovered. Despite the dangers of the fog, storm and rain the rescue was effected without injury to a single life-saver. The shipwrecked men were given food, clothing and shelter by the life-savers at Hatteras and Crooked Hill station.

It is reported from the weather observer at Hatteras the Kerlin will probably be another victim of the graveyard of American shipping. She appears to be breaking up.

State Senate Kills Automobile Law.

Raleigh, N. C. Feb. 8.—The senate killed the bill amending the State automobile law by giving the board of examiners power to prescribe the speed limit in incorporated towns.

Senator Hobgood, chairman of the committee on judicial districts, introduced a bill dividing the State into twenty instead of sixteen judicial districts.

Representative Wooten, in the house offered a bill to put solicitors' salaries at from \$1,500 to \$4,000.

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Morse Having Hard Time.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Charles W. Morse cannot win back the 20 days' good time he lost a few weeks ago for a breach of prison rules in Atlanta penitentiary. Although the penitentiary warden and Superintendent Ladow were in favor of remitting the time, Attorney General Wickersham, after a review of the case, declined to approve it. Morse was found with money in his possession and told several stories of where he got it. His contradictory explanations cost him 20 days, which had been applied to usual allowance for good behavior.

In-State Legislature Halls.

Raleigh, Feb. 8.—Representative Wooten offered in the house a bill to put solicitors on salaries after March 1912, records of fees to be certified to the state treasurer in the meantime and the salaries to be sealed on the basis that will allow \$1,000 salary where fees aggregate in a district \$1,500, the scale running up to \$4,000 where fees amount to \$4,200.

Doughton introduced a bill providing bonds to refund those due in 1913 and take care of \$25,000 deficit in the state treasury, caused by revenue falling to meet appropriations by the last legislature.

The bills for the relief of the Appalachian Training School and to establish a training school for teachers in Western North Carolina, were reported favorably by the Committee on Education, with a request that they be referred to the committee on appropriations. This was done.

There were additional petitions against near beer and liquor in clubs. Large numbers of bills came from committees with favorable reports and took place on the House calendar. The committee on Liquor Traffic reported, favorably the bill to allow sheriff's \$40 for collections for running distilleries and \$10 where there is no conviction, and reported unfavorably the bill to give sheriff and volunteer jurisdiction to destroy stills in all other counties.

The bill relating to the speed of automobiles and safety for vehicles was again for the third time taken up and discussed. The debate lasting over an hour and finally it was an order of Senator Martin, of Washington, was reported to the table by a vote of 19 to 16. During the debate a motion was made to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

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