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## JUDGE SLACK HOLDING FALL TERM OF COURT

### Good Progress Being Made And Much Litigation Is Disposed Of.

The September term of the Ohio Circuit court opened here Monday with all officers in attendance. One of the smallest crowds seen here in years on a first day of this court, was present.

Petit jurors empaneled were: J. J. Keown, Charles Smith, W. A. Loyd, Lonnie Cook, Thad Barnard, Martin Porter, Ernest Morris, Frank Maple, Dudley Plummer, Sherman Coleman, J. G. Davis, R. L. Eudaly, John A. Raymond, W. P. Midkiff, James C. Bennett, Dyer Davis, Joe S. Bennett, Presley Brown, L. C. Hoover, William Lake, John T. Coleman, Elbert Carden, Birdie Raymond.

The following names were drawn from the jury wheel and ordered summoned for jury service: O. W. Williams, Ed Ashby, L. E. Ward, Fred Woodburn, M. V. Johnson, M. B. Crowder, H. L. Renter, W. B. Taylor, J. P. Hicks, G. G. Day, C. F. Boswell (now dead), H. W. Stevens, W. H. Maddox, J. P. Southard, Allen Johnson, T. H. Tatum, John Pirtle, J. B. Blankenship, J. A. Edge, E. C. Baird.

These jurors were on various excuses relieved from service: G. G. Day, Frank Maple, J. G. Davis, Presley Brown, Will Neal, Elbert Carden, Ed Ashby, R. E. Eudaly, W. A. Loyd.

**CASES HEARD**  
W. H. Maddox vs. W. P. Graves, a suit to settle title to timber, dismissed settled, with orders for the defendant to pay plaintiff \$19 due on timber to date, cancellation of contract and plaintiff allowed until January 1, 1922 to remove timber from premises of plaintiff.

A. W. Morgan vs. A. K. Miller, a suit to settle title to land. Dismissed settled, with order to each litigant to pay his own costs.

H. T. Holbrook vs. Huff Collier Co. plaintiff given default judgment for \$80.

Acme Jones Co., vs. W. E. Ellis, peremptory instruction for dismissal and defendant given judgment for costs.

H. Wilson Company vs. Clarence C. Lee involving contract for sale of poultry, the plaintiff was awarded judgment for \$85.

Annie Ferguson vs. William Ferguson, suit for divorce, plaintiff was awarded \$75 alimony pending settlement of suit.

Hinkle Shoe company vs. T. C. Stratton, verdict for plaintiff.

Butler Bros. vs. Otho Dexter, verdict for plaintiff for \$65.

Standard Candy company vs. Otho Dexter, verdict for plaintiff in the sum of \$65.

Crescent Grocery company vs. James Laws, verdict for plaintiff for \$264.

Cal P. Keown vs. Mrs. John Meadows, verdict for plaintiff for \$68.55.

John S. Daugherty was granted an order of divorce from Mary J. Daugherty.

J. J. Jarnagin vs. Bond Tie company, a suit involving a claim for \$900 on a tie contract. Jury returned verdict for defendant.

### WE SALUTE JUDGE SLACK

Under the above caption the Owensboro Messenger, the leading Democratic paper in western Kentucky, paid the following high tribute to the personal worth and professional ability of Judge R. W. Slack, just after his election in 1915:

If we must have a Republican circuit judge in the Owensboro district, how fortunate are we that it is to be Robert W. Slack.

Search the district over and where could he be found a member of the bar who would be more acceptable and more trustworthy in the estimation of the whole people?

We have known Bob Slack pretty tolerably well for thirty-four years—more than a third of a century. We have known him as a Democrat and, as a Republican. And in all these years we have never known one thing of Bob Slack to his discredit. We have never known him to do a dishonorable thing. We never felt that he was capable of doing a dishonorable thing. There has never been a time when we would not have

trusted our all with Bob Slack. There was never a man of greater loyalty to his friends than Bob Slack. There was never a truer friend. There was never in our observation, a man of higher sense of honor than Robert Slack.

He has lived in Owensboro nearly forty years. He has gone through many personal trials. He has reared a large and most interesting family. He has suffered adversity, but trudged on manfully never relaxing in his efforts as a good citizen and as a lawyer to do the best for his community in the "dark hours, as in the brighter ones; and he has made good. His unflinching optimism, his radiant and infectious smile, his great charity toward his fellowman, has served him and those who have enjoyed his friendship well.

As a lawyer he has held his own among the best; as judge he could only be fair and just, and in point of ability he will be far above the average of those on the bench in Kentucky.

The circuit judgeship comes to him at a most fitting time of life, and he will at all times lend dignity to the office. **EVERY LAWYER AND LITIGANT WILL GET JUSTICE. NOTHING MORE AND NOTHING LESS AT THE HANDS OF JUDGE ROBERT W. SLACK.**

### LEBANON, TENNESSEE MAN BURIED HERE TUESDAY

The remains of Mr. A. J. Casey of Lebanon, Tennessee, were brought here Tuesday and interred in Oakwood cemetery. The remains were accompanied by his wife and two sons. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Russell Walker.

Mr. Casey was a journalist, and had published newspapers in Owensboro, Hopkinsville, Russellville, and Lebanon. He was formerly owner and editor of the Owensboro Inquirer. He was about sixty years old. He is survived by his widow and two sons, Walker of Nashville, Tennessee, and Dudley English of Memphis.

Mr. Casey married Miss Lydia Walker, daughter of the late Hon. E. D. Walker, of Hartford, and was well-known and admired by the older citizens of the city.

### BEAVER DAM STORE ROBBED

The general store of J. T. Vincent and Son at Beaver Dam, was burglarized Sunday night and about \$250 worth of clothing and shoes stolen. The thieves gained entrance to the building by forcing a rear door.

Later in the night two men carrying bundles were in the act of boarding a train at McHenry, when the presence of a railroad detective gave them a fright and, dropping a part of their load, made a get away. The goods recovered were identified as the property of the Vincent store. More than half of the stolen goods were recovered.

The Vincent store was burglarized several months ago, and one of the thieves is now serving a term in the penitentiary.

### DR. GEORGE SMITH DEAD

Dr. George Smith died at his home near Hickory Grove church Friday. His death was caused by paralysis. He was nearly eighty years old. A wife and two children survive him.

Dr. Smith came to this country from Scotland many years ago, and was well-known throughout the county as a cancer doctor. He claimed to have a secret process of treating that disease, and many persons have testified to having received material benefits from his treatment.

### PRACTICING FOR MOVIES GIRL GETS BOYS IN BAD

An Evansville girl with movie star aspirations was giving exhibitions of her bodily beauty to a number of young boys in a barn, near Fordsville a few nights ago, when Censor Walter Burden dropped in on the performance and arrested the entire audience. Burden said he could tolerate fig leaves but no exhibitions in the nude could be pulled off in the barns around Fordsville while he held the position of official censor.

The offenders were brought before Squire Ben Rice's court and a number of them were let off with fines, but Orion Wade's offense was considered more serious by the Justice, who fined Wade \$15 and 15 days in jail. Marshal Burden delivered Wade to the jail Thursday morning.

### GENERAL NEWS BRIEFED

Legal importations of liquor totaled 180,000 gallons during the first eight months of the present year.

Prohibition Commissioner R. A. Haynes has recommended that the salary of distillery warehouse guards be cut from \$1500 to \$1200 a year. Attendance at the State Fair, Louisville, last week, eclipsed all former records, and was the largest of the twenty-seven state fairs held this year.

Postmaster General Hays has issued an order requiring postmasters at first, second and third class offices to work eight hours a day.

The world's crop is estimated for this season as about 95 per cent of that of last year.

The council of the League of Nations is holding its second session at Geneva, Switzerland.

It is estimated that 12,000,000 Russians have perished since the beginning of the war in 1914.

Cost of living in England is reported to be 120 per cent above pre-war cost.

The murder charge against Fatty Arbuckle has resulted in the barring of plays in which he has appeared, from the movie houses, and film producers stand to lose \$3,500,000 as the result.

A half million railroad workers have voted to decline to accept the 12 per cent reduction in wages which went into effect July 1.

On account of business engaging the attention of Mr. Tichenor, Mr. George Johnson is acting jailer during the present term of circuit court.

Mr. Sam Riley of Owensboro, was a guest of relatives in Hartford for the first of the week.

Twenty masked men bound the guards and got away with three barrels of whisky and 88 cases from a Nelson county distillery Monday night.

The value of the South's cotton crop is enhanced \$500,000,000 by the increase in market value of the staple within the past two months.

The Home Telephone Co. of Louisville is preparing to install an automatic call system by which a patron may directly call the party wanted.

The National Prohibition enforcement department has issued a statement declaring home brewing and home fermentation of alcoholic beverages are a violation of the prohibition laws.

The city council of Chicago has barred meetings of the Klu Klux Klan in that city.

Two hundred of the 700 workers in the Henderson cotton mills walked out Monday because leaders in their organization had been discharged. The condition was also aggravated because of a fourth cut of ten per cent in wages.

The special election in New Mexico, usually a Democratic state and depended on to show the country how unpopular the Harding administration was growing, elected a Republican United States senator Wednesday, by a substantial majority.

Morris Galvin, Republican member of the state central committee of the Sixth district, was indicted by a Franklin county grand jury in connection with the Blair pardon.

Evansville city authorities have said "Thou shalt not" meet here, to the organizers of the notorious Ku Klux Klan.

After recessing for thirty days, congress will reassemble Monday.

Betting odds in the mayoralty race in Louisville are 4 to 1 in favor of Judge Quinn.

The county judges of the state held a meeting at Owensboro Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

The judge of the Lexington police court holds that a man who gives no more vigorous evidence of being drunk than staggering on the street is not fit for drunkenness.

Hayden Campfield 14, and Elsie Havener 15, Owensboro school children, slipped over to Rockport and got married. The groom's father has announced his willingness to finish rearing the children.

Constables in Detroit took the body of a woman out of her coffin, after the undertaker had failed to collect from the husband the price of the casket.

### WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET

The Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. J. S. Gelan Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. This will be the first gathering of the society, since last spring. The roll will be called and program for future meetings of the club formulated.

### COUNTY CROP CONDITIONS MAKE LATE IMPROVEMENT

After one of the severest droughts in recent years, rains came just in a nick of time to save a threatening condition. Very early corn grown on the highlands was materially damaged, but later planting and the valley lands were saved by the late precipitation.

County Farm Agent McInteer estimates a corn yield approximating 90 per cent of a normal crop. The corn is well advanced for the season, and two more weeks will insure it against damage from frost. A well matured, sound crop will be assured.

Tobacco will be the best crop of the season. The growth has been uniform and it is now maturing in almost perfect condition. About half of the crop has been cut and the remainder is rapidly ripening. However, not more than half a crop was planted.

Recent rains have been very beneficial to late gardens, and have insured good pastures until killed by frost. The late season has been unusually favorable for the growth of late potatoes, but only a light crop was planted. Sweet potatoes will yield abundantly. The sorghum crop, an average one in acreage, is in fine condition and evaporation is in progress.

Little weed land is being plowed for wheat, but much corn and tobacco land will be sown to this crop. Twice the acreage of last season will probably be sown.

Hogs for feeding purposes are scarce, and are selling much above the market price. Only a few herds of cattle are being fed for the fall market, but these are reported in good condition. Walter Campbell, Al Sheffield, Watt Taylor, Solon Chish, Arvin Tichenor and J. A. Caldwell are the largest feeders of market cattle.

### MRS. ANGIE LEACH

Mrs. Angie Leach died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. Lee Barnes at Beaver Dam, Monday. Funeral services were held at the Beaver Dam Baptist Church by Rev. C. C. Davis, after which burial was in Sunnyside cemetery. Death was due chiefly to ravages of age.

Mrs. Leach's first husband was Martin Porter, father of Attorney J. Mack Porter and Mrs. Lee Barnes. After the death of Mr. Porter she was married to Mr. John Leach, now deceased.

### BONDSMEN SURRENDER MAN

E. G. Roach, McHenry, under charge of carnally knowing a female under sixteen years of age and at liberty on bond was surrendered by his bondman Wednesday, and lodged in jail. Roach, who is a married man, is charged with improper relations with his young sister-in-law, a Miss Morris. The young woman is destined to motherhood. Roach's securities grew suspicious that he was going to skidoo, and surrendered him to the court.

### LOUISVILLE WOMAN DIES

Mrs. Ida Petty, wife of Rev. F. M. Petty, pastor of the Jeffersontown, Ky., Methodist church, died of yellow jaundice, Sunday. The remains were interred in the Evergreen cemetery, Louisville.

Mrs. Petty was formerly Miss Ida Park, and was reared near Barrett's Ferry. She married Rev. F. M. Petty twenty-five years ago. Mr. Petty at that time lived near Sulphur Springs. Her mother, Mrs. Amanda Park, brother, Carson Park, and sister, Mrs. Arthur Wilson of Narrows, and Will Park of Fordsville, survive her. She leaves two children, Dr. Carlile Petty of Lynch, Ky., and a young daughter.

### ASSAULTED WRONG END.

Only through darkness confusing the wielder of a fence slat did a Central City man escape possible death during the fair here last week. The Central City chap and a local man engaged in a fight Friday night. The home man knocked the visitor down and proceeded to shillalah him with a fence slat, but in the darkness beat up his feet instead of his head. The C. C. man left for home on the late Saturday train, with broken bones in his foot and a bandage on his head.

This incident reminds us of a story told by an army officer, some time ago. A negro living near the army

camp died and left considerable estate to one of his sons, disinheriting the other one, who had led a rocky sort of life. The devisee being without issue the disinherited brother decided to murder him that he might fall heir to the estate. Familiar with his brother's bedroom the negro stole into his room at night and attempted to brain him with a club. But the sleeper had swapped ends in his bed that night, and the club fell on his feet, breaking both legs. Screams of the assaulted man brought other occupants of the house to the room, and the assailant got a term in the penitentiary for his misdeed.

### BOLD HOLDUP HERE

Three Owensboro men were held up by a negro and robbed of \$80 here, late Saturday afternoon. A crowd of more than a hundred men were drinking moonshine whisky and playing poker in the woods just south of town, so the report goes, and when the three men started up town they were followed by the negro, who held them up with a brace of revolvers and relieved them of their cash. It is said the negro was from Madisonville. A local colored man, repeating a story of the incident remarked that "A colored 'gentleman'—held up three white 'fellars' and took their cash."

### LIGHTNING KILLS HORSE

A horse belonging to Mike Cooper of McHenry, was killed by lightning at the fair grounds during a storm Saturday. The horse was hitched to a limb some distance from a tree, and a peculiar feature of the incident was that none of the trees standing near by was struck.

### METHODIST CONFERENCE SITTING AT SCOTTSVILLE

The Louisville conference of the Methodist Episcopal church is holding its annual session at Scottsville in Allen county this week, with Bishop Denny of Richmond, Virginia, presiding. The conference comprises about 60,000 members, and will be attended by about 400 ministerial and lay members.

The conference will continue in session until Monday, when the assignment of preachers will be announced. It is expected that the Rev. T. T. Frazier, pastor of the local church, will be returned to the charge for another year.

Five young men of the Owensboro district have been licensed to preach. They are: W. F. Davidson, Owensboro; James C. Hayden, Owensboro; Marvin Glenn, Calhoun; S. M. Bean, Hartford, and William Hill, of the county.

### FARMER'S BARN BURNS

Fire originating in some mysterious if not incendiary manner, destroyed a barn belonging to Mr. Thomas Ragland, near Rosine, Thursday night. An automobile, 150 bushels of corn, a new wagon and other valuable property were destroyed. Losses aggregated \$1500 with only \$400 insurance.

### CENTRAL CITY BEATS McHENRY

Battling on home grounds, Central City defeated McHenry Sunday by the close score of 2 to 1, before one of the largest and most enthusiastic crowds of the season. The visitors came on a special train, bringing a Brass Band and more than 500 people.

The game was fast and furious from the start, McHenry getting three hits off the Spud King, Hill, and Central City five off Parrott. Col. John T. May reporting the game says "McHenry has not only a first rate ball team, but the nicest set of boys and fans that have visited Central City in quite a while."

Batteries for McHenry, Parrott and Phelps; for Central City, Hill and Soder.

Central City will play McHenry on the latter's grounds Sunday, and those who love a real live ball game should not miss the occasion.

### WANTED, 2000 BUSHELS COAL

Hartford School Board will receive bids for 1000 bu. slack and 1000 bu. lump coal to be delivered at school building during October. Leave your sealed bids with C. O. Hunter, at Bank of Hartford, before October 1st. All coal to be weighed. Board reserves right to reject all bids. C. O. HUNTER, Secretary.

## CHEMICAL BLAST TAKES BIG TOLL

### Many Germans Lost In Terrible Explosion; Property Loss Great

Paris, Sept. 21.—One thousand persons are reported to have been killed and several thousand others injured at Oppau, near Frankenthal, in the Rhine Palatinate, through explosions in a chemical product plant, according to a Mayence message to the Havas agency received here today.

The town of Oppau itself was entirely destroyed by the explosions, the advices state.

The force of the shock was felt for a distance of nearly forty miles around. In Mannheim one person was killed and about fifty injured.

Mayence, Germany, Sept. 21.—Eight hundred persons are reported to have been killed and many injured today by explosions in the Badische Anilin- und Fabrik works at Oppau, near Frankenthal, in the Rhine Palatinate.

The disaster appears to have been one of the most terrible in the history of industrial catastrophes.

The first explosion occurred when the shifts were being changed at 7:45 a. m., in a laboratory where 800 men were working. All of these are reported to have been killed.

Shocks Felt 40 Miles Away.

This explosion was followed by a rapid succession of others, which rendered assistance to the first victims impossible. The concussions were so terrific that they were felt in this city, some thirty-five miles from the scene, while at Mannheim, thirteen miles distant, almost every window was shattered and several persons were killed and thirty-six others injured by debris.

Some persons were killed at Ludwigshafen, across the river from Mannheim, many roofs were blown off houses and all the windows in the town were broken at Worms, while at Oppau itself nothing remains but a heap of ruins.

The shock was felt as far as Frankfurt, more than forty miles away, and many windows were broken there.

The whole district was enveloped in thick smoke which, together with the cutting of telegraph and telephone communication with neighboring towns, hampered the efforts at assistance.

All the available fire brigades were rushed to the spot, but the work of rescue was found by the relief parties to be exceedingly difficult.

Rescuers who penetrated Oppau reported finding hundreds of dead and wounded lying in the debris. The uninjured inhabitants fled in panic when the explosions occurred.

Reports from the scene variously describe the disaster as due to the explosion of a gas or spirits tank.

Besides causing hundreds of casualties in killed and injured the explosions did enormous material damage.

The region in the Rhine Palatinate where today's disastrous explosion occurred was developed during the war into one of the most extensive and productive of Germany's chemical munition supply districts.

Oppau itself is a comparatively small town with only a few thousand population, but nearby are Frankenthal, a considerably large place, and Ludwigshafen, which has a population of 75,000 and which during the war was accounted the largest of the German chemical manufacturing plants for war purposes.

The chemical works there are still on a vast scale. It is about seven miles southeast of Frankenthal and directly across the Rhine from Mannheim.

During the war the region was frequently bombarded by Allied air squadrons, Ludwigshafen being their particular target.

One of the most circumstantial reports of the disaster says that the first explosion occurred in Laboratory No. 53 of the old plant of the Badische Company in Oppau. The laboratory was raised bodily by the air pressure from the shock and then collapsed, not a single one of the 800 workers in it escaping death, this account states.