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JUDGE TYLER CONVENES THE REGULAR FEBRUARY TERM OF THE CIRCUIT COURT ATTENDANCE SMALL AND REGULAR GRAND JURY MAKES FEW INDICTMENTS THIS TERM

Judge D. Gardiner Tyler convened court here Monday morning for the regular February term, and although this was a regular jury term, the attendance was light. The grand jury only returned two presentments, both against R. W. Boyd, colored, who is charged with non-support of his wife and child, and for assault upon his wife, Julia Boyd. This is the second time Boyd, who claims to be a preacher, has been presented for non-support.

A number of chancery cases occupied the attention of court Tuesday, among them being the case of Taylor against Potts.

Tuesday the case of Bucktrout and others against Sheriff Walker Ware and E. W. Warburton was argued by attorneys. In this case Sheriff Ware is being sued on his official bond for less than \$300, Mr. Warburton being his bondsman. The case grew out of a horse deal in which it is alleged the sheriff improperly levied on the animal, making him liable for the amount sued for. Henley, Garnett & Hall represented the complainants and B. D. Peachy and S. O. Bland, of Newport News, the defendants.

Attorneys T. A. Williams and R. W. Carrington, of Richmond, qualified Tuesday morning to practice in this court.

Among the visiting attorneys at this term of court were Judge Sydney Smith, of Yorktown; Hon. M. H. Barnes and T. N. Harris, of New Kent; S. O. Bland, of Newport News, and F. N. Hubbard, of Warwick.

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ARRANGED FOR THE NEXT AUCTION

The Auction Committee of the Business Association met at The Gazette office Tuesday night to take stock of last Saturday's sale and to arrange for the next auction which will be held here, rain or shine, on Saturday, March 8, beginning at 11 o'clock. There will be no recess or intermission for dinner, but the sale will continue right through till everything is sold.

It was ascertained that last Saturday's sale amounted to just a little over \$200. That looks small compared with about \$600 for the second sale. However, this is accounted for by the shortness of the time between sales, and the fear that harm would come of the decision by the committee to cut out by-bidding.

It was ascertained that the commissions amounted to enough to defray all costs of the sale, and the committee allowed the charge of three per cent. to stand, believing that that would be ample.

The list for publication will close at 12 o'clock on Saturday, March 1. Those who want their articles advertised are respectfully requested to hand them or mail them to the editor of this paper before March 1. Everything entered must be sold at the highest bid and no reservations will be allowed. It will thus be understood that the people who come to buy are guaranteed that what is offered is intended to be sold, not bid in by the owner.

Tell your neighbor about the next sale and try to have some article to sell. Have it advertised so that the

public may know what will be offered. Already a number of valuable articles are in for the next sale. Send in the list now, do not wait till it is too late to advertise it.

BINNS HALL NEWS

Binns Hall, Va., Feb. 12—Mr. O. P. Binns had the misfortune of losing his barn last Thursday night by fire. Two horses, three pigs and about five tons of hay were burned. But for the timely help of neighbors in keeping the flames from the out-buildings between the store and the barn they would have been burned.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Babcock of this place are spending several days with the latter's brother, Dr. W. B. Wiggins, on the Eastern Shore.

Miss Emily Huxter, of Cottage Grove, spent the week-end with Mrs. Frank Avery at Sherwood Forest.

Mrs. Fletcher Harwood spent several days last week in Richmond visiting her daughter, Mrs. Stanley Mulford.

Mr. J. C. Hughes made a business visit to Claremont Monday of last week.

Mrs. MacGinley, of Richmond, has been visiting her brother at Cottage Grove for several days.

We are glad to report that little Miss Bertha Hughes, one of the pupils of this school, who has been sick for the past week, is improving.

TO CELEBRATE THE DAY

At Five Forks public school on the night of February 21, a Washington's Birthday celebration will be held, followed by a box social. A short programme has been arranged for the occasion and a cordial invitation is extended everybody.

It is expected that Supt. W. B. Coggin and Miss Agnew, head of the state domestic science work, will be present and make short addresses. It is hoped also on this occasion to organize a girls' canning club.

GOOD HOPE SCHOOL NEWS

Dash, Va., Feb. 7—Our roll of honor for January is, Ellis Bingley, Edith Bingley, Aubrey Crump, Earl Bingley, Urcelle Boswell, Everett Bingley, Bernard Clark, and Bernice Bingley.

Miss Cleaton visited us on last Friday. She gave us quite an interesting talk on school fairs and the tomato club.

One of our pupils, Virginia Slater, has been sick, but we are glad to hear she is much better.

Our School Club will hold its regular meeting the 14th of February. All the patrons are invited, as their presence will encourage us. Our programme will be short and interesting.

Supt. and Mrs. W. B. Coggin visited us last Thursday. We are always glad to see them, and feel like rebuckling our armor and doing better work, after a talk from Mr. Coggin.

Examinations are over, and only a few of us were unfortunate.

Mr. and Mrs. James Boswell and little son, Willis, of Newport News, are visiting relatives and friends in this community. They will return home next week.

Mr. G. W. Bingley returned home from Barboursville today.

A NEW JERSEY VIEW

COULD NOT RENT A VIRGINIA FARM

Camden, N. J., Feb. 8th Editor The Gazette:

I am taking the liberty to write you at this time because of six words that I saw in an item in your paper, The Virginia Gazette, and they are found in the article under the heading "Planning Another Colonizing Scheme." They are these words, "a thing devoutly to be wished."

Mr. Editor, I have made two trips into your state to try to find a home for myself and family and have failed, and the reason I have failed is to be found in another article on the editorial page of the same issue (of Jan. 23rd, 1913) which I am sending in this letter marked for your special reading.

There are thousands of acres of good land in your state that are idle and the owners will not rent it to anybody, so they have told me. They say when asked to rent, "we don't want any tenants, we want to sell."

Then they ask a price in many cases entirely too high for the amount of cleared land they have and talk of the timber as if that was of more value than all the clear land. But they fail to point out a way for a man to make a living while he is clearing his land and getting his first crop ready for sale. Just think of a man having to buy 300 acres in order to get 50 acres cleared and pay \$5,000 to \$10,000 for it and half cash at that. Then have to buy teams, tools, feed and live 3 to 6 months before he can get any returns, say nothing about seed and fertilizer and transportation to the farm. If you will look at the fact as it is you can see why you have run down farms and farm buildings going to ruin. I can buy a 3 story brick house of nine rooms here in this city for \$2,000 to \$2,500 with a payment of \$500 cash and have ten to twelve years to pay balance in and it is in good repair. That is why good men will not come. I will be glad to rent a farm of 100 acres to 160 acres of clear land that can be rented reasonably, and for a term of years 3 to 5, in a respectable, healthy location.

There is one thing that I noticed in a part of your state that I was in. A great many of the men drank more or less and that all along the road on both sides that I traveled there were rum bottles scattered all along the way, which is a very bad sign to find and it does not point to high morals, but I found on the other trip the opposite which was very gratifying to me. Now, Mr. Editor, I am not trying to say anything that I think you do not already know. If you devoutly wish to get people to come to your section (and I believe you do) you must give them a chance to come and then a chance to make good when they get there, and the way to do that I think is to rent or sell them farms at a reasonable figure and then help them by giving the necessary help otherwise that they may need and not see them come and spend their last dollar with you and then you look on and see them starve out and move away for the lack of help. Now I see that you have canneries wanting men to contract tomato acreage. That looks good and it should receive a prompt response. The canners here furnish seed and in some places plants to the farmers to help them. Try that plan. Look up some of the colonizing schemes of Alberta, N. W. Canada, they seem to be doing great work and meeting with much success.

Hoping you will receive this letter in the spirit in which it is written, that of kindness, and hoping that some day I may have the pleasure of seeing you, I am, yours sincerely,

John H. Robinson.

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

GOSSIP OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD BOILED DOWN

The largest hog on record in this section was sold by W. B. Burnas to a local butcher last week. It was two years old and dressed 458 pounds.

Mrs. B. F. Wolfe and little daughter, Dorothy, are visiting relatives in Staunton and will be away a couple of weeks.

H. W. Dana, through his attorney last week filed suit against G. C. Schmidt to recover the sum of \$360 for commission claimed in a recent real estate deal. An attachment was also filed against any funds Schmidt may have in the local banks. Mr. Schmidt recently sold "Skipwith's" a farm near Williamsburg, and Mr. Dana, who is a real estate agent, claims that he was the cause of the sale, and entitled to commission.

J. W. Clements, of Halstead's Point, who has been undergoing treatment at a hospital, has returned to his home much improved in health.

Mayor E. W. Warburton returned from a short visit to New York City.

There will be special music at Bruton Parish church each Sunday beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The service which has been held heretofore at 7:30 will begin fifteen minutes later (7:45 p. m.) and close at 8:30, lasting only 45 minutes as formerly. It is hoped that many will be glad to hear this music in the true spirit of worship.

Mr. R. B. Slater, of Toano, was in town attending court Monday.

Mr. J. B. Richardson, one of the leading citizens of Providence Forge, well and favorably known here, spent Monday in Williamsburg, attending court and calling on friends. Mr. Richardson has long been a justice of the peace at Providence Forge and his skill and celerity in handling cases that come before him are equal to The One John's.

Dr. Harry R. Kelsey, the Newport News veterinarian, was called to Williamsburg Tuesday to treat a valuable cow, ill with pneumonia, belonging to the hospital.

A marriage license was issued in the clerk's office Tuesday to Mr. L. R. Hicks, of Toano, to wed Miss Virginia Otey of the James City county. The bridegroom's age was given at 54 and that of his bride 19.

Mr. H. W. Dickerson, of Salisbury, Md., was in town the first of the week on business at his saw mills that are in operation in this section.

Mrs. R. L. Walton and little daughter spent the week-end with Dr. and Mrs. King, being on their way to Norfolk to visit relatives. Mr. Walton, who has been ill many months, is much improved and is now in the Retreat for the Sick, Richmond.

Mr. W. H. Macon was called home the last of the week by the continued illness of Mrs. Macon, whose condition is critical.

Pursuant to the call of President J. B. C. Spencer, the Williamsburg Business Association held a regular meeting last Thursday night instead of Friday night, owing to other attractions in the city. The attendance was specially good and the organization had just gotten down to some important work when a general invitation was received from the genial proprietor of The Palace to attend a free show. It broke up the meeting, but not until much routine business had been attended to.

For a sprain you will find Chamberlain's Liniment excellent. It allays the pain, removes the soreness, and soon restores the parts to a healthy condition. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by All Dealers

SCHOOL FAIR TO BE BIGGEST EVENT OF ITS KIND EVER HELD ON PENINSULA

AT LEAST A THOUSAND VISITORS EXPECTED HERE ON APRIL 25 FOR THE DAY

The Peninsula School Fair to be held at William and Mary College on April 25 next will be the biggest event of its kind ever held on the Peninsula and will bring together at least a thousand pupils and teachers. The principal events will take place during the day, but at night their will be held a speaking contest that promises to be of vast interest to the pupils at least.

This Fair embraces all the schools of five counties, namely, Charles City, New Kent, James City, W. B. Coggin's district; York and Warwick, J. E. Eastman's district, and the city of Williamsburg, Dr. H. E. Bennett's district.

The Fair will embrace exhibits of school work of all kinds, literary, industrial, athletic events, literary contests, public speaking, composition, etc.

There will be a big parade with a band of music, in which all the pupils, teachers and officials present will take part. Although the territory is scattered, it is believed that the attendance will be as large as expected, and there will be no less than a thousand in the parade.

At a meeting of fifty teachers held here January 10, the movement for the School Fair was begun. Committees were appointed to make all arrangements for the Fair. The Bulletin is now in press and will be ready within a few days and will be mailed to all who wish it. For bulletins or other information relative to the Fair, address Prof. G. O. Ferguson, Williamsburg, Va.

The people are responding generously to appeals for aid in the undertaking. Organizations in Williamsburg have taken the matter under consideration and are planning to lend their assistance in every way. The entertainment of the visitors will be arranged for and their stay here will be made as pleasant as possible. The Fair will be an event of considerable importance, bringing together the people and quickening the school spirit.

ENTHUSIASTIC OVER AUCTION

If the Farmers' Auction had a dozen more men like Mr. H. Mouquin, the success of the sales would be assured. From the very beginning he took hold of the proposition like a veteran and in him the committee in charge has had one of its warmest supporters. He has been one of the largest contributors to the auctions, both in moral support and in the things offered for sale.

Last week he had live stock, lumber, hay, etc. His comment on the sale was: "I got the prices I wanted on everything sold, and they were perfectly satisfactory. So well am I pleased that at the March sale I will have more to offer than at any of the previous sales. I am going to surprise the people next time." And he may be counted upon to do so.

Mr. Mouquin comes in time for the business meeting at ten o'clock, an hour before the sale begins. He is still a young man, 74 or 75, and finds no trouble to get here early. His teams start in before him and he and Mrs. Mouquin drive in at their leisure. He is here in time to see that every article is in place when the auction begins and his cherey, good natured bantering with the crowd keeps the people in a happy frame of mind. He

feels a deep interest in the success of the sales, and is showing it. As every one knows, it is not the money that he is after, but rather the excitement of doing something for what he believes is a good cause.

The committee in charge assures him that it appreciates his patronage, his interest and his presence, and would hardly know how to get along without him. It is to be hoped that others will emulate his example.

RECENT ARRIVALS AT THE INN

J. E. Ballard, J. M. Mason, B. A. Taliaferro, C. R. Dilworth, G. A. Sinclair, Baltimore, Md.; C. J. Heard, Jos. G. Fewish Jr., O. H. Baur, F. H. Smith, J. W. Still, J. Rivensworken, Jno. B. Baker, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. J. G. Nicholson, A. D. Nicholson, Pittsburg, Pa.; E. B. Wharton, C. W. Hodges, B. H. Grundy, Jr., C. W. Carrington, L. H. Respass, T. A. Williams, Richmond, Va.; W. L. Paine, G. L. Boyden, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Carpenter, J. D. Outkuse, Boston, Mass.; Miss E. K. Titus, Greenfield, Vt.; Miss Agnes G. Pillard, Miss Clare Van Clief, New York City; G. M. Davis, Bassett, Va.; H. D. Sparks, Washington, D. C.; W. C. Ritter, J. M. Carpenter, S. O. Blank, A. T. West, G. L. Thompson, Newport News, Va.; Wm. A. Bailey, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. F. E. Bowman, Warrenton, Va.; Miss Grasselli, Cleveland, Ohio; W. W. Ware, Miss Elizabeth Marston, Toano, Va.; T. E. Bryant, Petersburg, Va.; Miss Elith Church, Portland, Me.; Miss Willie Camp, Franklin, Va.

PERRYS ARE NOT KNOWN ABOUT HERE

The Newport News Daily Press has the following account of an attempted suicide. No family by the name of Perry lives here. Perry was seen here on the street, but did not say anything about having a brother here:

Sober and apparently with all idea of ending his life gone, M. H. Perry, the diminutive one-legged man, who is alleged to have tried to commit suicide by jumping overboard from the ferry steamer Virginia in Hampton Roads Thursday afternoon, was arraigned before Justice Brown in the Police Court yesterday morning. Perry told the court that he is a shoemaker, having a shop in his native town, Waynesboro, Va., and that recently he decided to see something of the world. He said he was headed for for Williamsburg where he has a brother living.

As the cripple apparently was of sound mind, having recovered from the effects of his "spree", Justice Brown said that he would let him off provided he left immediately for Williamsburg. This Perry agreed to do and he left at 10 o'clock for his destination, in high good humor and at peace with the world.

Perry tried to jump overboard from the Virginia while that steamer was on her way from Norfolk to this city Thursday afternoon. He removed his wooden leg and had mounted to the guard rail when grabbed by First Officer Frank Latimer. On the arrival of the ferry here, Mr. Latimer turned the would-be suicide over to the police.