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COURT MEETS; JUDGE McHENDESON PRESIDES

SECOND TERM OF THE YEAR

Docket Heavy As Result of Postponement of One Term.

NO IMPORTANT CASES UP

Self Confessed Bigamist Gets a Prison Sentence of Three Years—Other Cases of More or Less Importance Speedily Handled.

Circuit court convened here Monday with Judge MacHenderson presiding and Attorney General Buttram in charge of the prosecution. The docket was heavy, as there had not been any court since January, the last term being called off because of the presence of small-pox in the county.

The court did not have any important cases before it, the old Huffaker case, the Spencer insurance suit and a few others of like nature being the most important. Among the civil cases decided are the following:

A. N. Bozeman vs. W. V. Jones and M. M. Jones, settled by the defendant paying \$91.48.

J. T. Huff vs. Southern Railway, settled by the defendant paying the sum of \$110.

J. W. Washburn vs. Annie Washburn, decree of divorce granted.

D. M. Taylor vs. Melissa Taylor, decree of divorce granted.

J. R. McNabb vs. Southern Railway, compromised by defendant paying sum of \$54.

James F. Shelton by next friend C. L. Shelton vs. The Champion Fibre Company, compromised on payment of \$250 by defendant, the suit arising from injury to the eye of the boy.

S. P. Seay vs. Southern Railway, compromised on payment of \$65 by defendant.

PERSONELL OF THE GRAND JURY

The following grand jury is sitting at this session of the circuit court—

J. S. Susong, foreman; John W. Hale, G. W. Moore, Richard Clevenger, J. C. Pierce, Wm. Fields, Geo. Clark, C. Rader, Thomas Templin, Sanford Netherton, S. P. Duckett, Constable John Reese was named to wait on the jury.

SENTENCED TO THE PENITENTIARY

Gaines Hartwell, the youth who shot Tom Holder in a livery stable row in Eastport, was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary Tuesday morning by Judge MacHenderson.

THREE YEARS FOR CONFESSED BIGAMIST

Thomas Austin, the South Carolina man who was arrested here several months ago and charged with bigamy, having left his family at home and married a young girl, was given a trial before Judge MacHenderson Tuesday and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

ECHO OF FAMOUS MURDER CASE

Another Continuation of Suit for Insurance by Hester Spencer.

An echo of the Slagle murder came up in court again Monday when W. O. Mims, appearing for the Volunteer State Life Insurance Company, begged for a continuance of the suit of Mrs. Hester Spencer against the life insurance company for the sum of \$1,000 which Spencer had carried. Spencer has always been regarded as the murderer of Slagle. His body was found in a rain barrel at Jonesboro, the day following the discovery of the body of Slagle in the river at Bridgeport, and the insurance company and physicians of Jonesboro, where the body was found, stated that it was a case of

suiicide. This was denied by the Spencer family and his body was exhumed, but nothing definite was ascertained. The insurance company claims to be protected from suicide in the Spencer policy. The case was continued until term.

JUDGE SENDS MAN TO JAIL TO SOBER UP

T. J. Welsh appeared before Judge MacHenderson Monday at noon to submit to the charge of felonious assault but when he was questioned it appeared to the court that he was too drunk for trial and as a result he was sent to jail to sober up. Welsh, it is said, threw a stone which hit a man in the face.

JUDGE EXCUSES PEOPLE IN SMALL-POX SECTION

Judge G. MacHenderson announced from the bench Monday that he hoped that all witnesses, whose families had been exposed to small-pox would retire and consider themselves excused.

The matter was brought to his attention by one of the attorneys who stated that there were several men with small-pox in their families who were mingling with the people on the streets.

THREE CASES OF PELLAGRA

One Man, Elias McMillin, is Said To Be Near Death.

Newport has three cases of pellagra. Elias McMillin, aged about 30 years is violently insane at his home in Eastport from the disease and his death is expected at most any time. About a year ago he had a severe case of typhoid fever and when the fever had left him the pellagra appeared and he has gradually wasted away, until his mind has become affected and now his death would be a relief to him. He is so insane that he has to be strapped to his bed where he violently endeavors to break the bond which holds him.

There are two other cases in Newport a five year old boy and seven year old girl being afflicted. Their cases have not reached the serious stage and attending physicians expects them to live through the winter.

Dr. J. H. Delozier has taken an interest in the pellagra victims and has made a request of Mrs. Gregg that she allow him to take full charge of two stricken children for the winter and he hopes to experiment with them with the view of effecting a permanent cure, believing that when the disease is fought in its earlier stage that a cure is possible.

HAD A HORSE THIEF SCARE

Glen Alpin Folk Thought Negro Murder Had Taken Horses.

Coeke county people living near Glen Alpine had a horse thief scare last week which created considerable excitement. Two horses belonging to Sevierville men were hitched near the Springs, and both disappeared.

It was thought that they had been stolen by a mulatto negro who had been seen skulking around in that vicinity and it was at first thought that this negro was the man wanted in Blount county for the killing of the Maryville police chief, and for whose capture a reward of \$700 had been offered.

The excitement ended, however, when it was discovered that the two horses had merely wandered away and were found on one of the mountain farms two or three days later.

COL. SWANN BUYS SOME FINE STOCK

A. R. Swann's fine pair of mules shown at the Newport fair and which won at the Appalachian exposition, will have a mate worthy of the name, as Col. Swann purchased at Knoxville the Harris and Woods mule which won the sweepstakes, for the best mare mule, any age any size. It is said that this mule cost Col. Swann \$300.

Col. Swann also purchased a fine Hereford Bull from Gilford Bros.

FOUND DEAD; NECK BROKEN

Well-to-do Farmer Dies in the Field Near Home.

WAS MISSING OVER NIGHT

D. L. Kilby, One of the Best Known Men Living in Crestmont Section, Was Discovered Sunday Morning Lying Across a Pile of Logs.

D. L. Kilby, one of the best known men living in the vicinity of Crestmont, was found dead in a field near his home, Sunday morning with his neck broken.

He had disappeared from his home Saturday afternoon, and when he did not return his wife was alarmed and on Sunday morning neighbors were notified and as a result the lifeless body of the man was found. The body was found lying across a pile of logs, and it is presumed that he came to his death accidentally.

The Haywood county coroner was summoned but he did not arrive on the scene until after the burial of the body, as physicians made examinations for the purpose of submitting a report to him.

"Doc" Kilby, as he was known lived along the public road between Mt. Sterling and Crestmont. He was about 65 years of age and was a man who had many acquaintances. The body was interred Monday morning.

ROBBED ON FAIR DAY

Unknown Thief Took Savings of Children at Lem Wilson's Home.

The home of Lem Wilson near town was entered on Wednesday of the fair and a thief stole from the house, two pocketbooks holding the savings of the children amounting to four or five dollars. Two razors belonging to Chet Holt, and one shot gun belonging to Carry Dennis were also stolen. A reward will be given for arrest and conviction of the guilty parties.

CHILD DIES IN CISTERN

Four-year-old Boy Falls to Death Near Dandridge.

A four year old boy was drowned in a cistern between Dandridge and Jefferson City last Wednesday. The child Lawrence, son of Rufus Pitner, a well known resident of that section.

It was thought that the child was trying to get a bucket of water and lost his balance and fell in. His lifeless body was discovered later by his little sister.

The neck was broken in the fall as there was only three or four feet of water in the cistern.

Interment was made on the Chest-hill Hill burying grounds Thursday.

DR. HUFFAKER NOT GUILTY ON THE ABORTION CHARGE

Nearly two years ago a young woman named Lillie Webb, of Sevier county, came to Newport, where after a short visit with relatives, she died. Inasmuch as it was alleged at the time that death was due to a criminal operation, the affair created considerable excitement and Dr. Huffaker, of Sevier county, a relative of the girl, was subsequently arrested and charged with the murder of the girl. In the second term of 1910 the physician was brought to trial on the charge of murder. It was a stubbornly fought lawsuit, the defendant being surrounded by an array of legal talent such as is seldom employed in a criminal case here, he being defended by Governor Hooper, United States Attorney James R. Pen-

MUST ANSWER FOR A HORSE

Grover Chapman in Jail On Charge of Horse Stealing.

TRADED OFF FINE MARE

Took Horse From Livery Stable Sunday for a Half Hour Ride and Did Not Return Until the Officers Arrested and Brought Him In.

Grover Chapman, a young man who left Allen's livery stable for a half hour ride on the back of Dave Mack's mare Sunday, met with a jockey, Blutch Cozart, near Old town proceeded to swap the mare for another horse, getting \$2.50 to boot. Gazart thought he had made a mighty fine trade as the mare he secured during the trade, was worth two of the one he pushed off on Chapman. Chapman rode his horse to the home of Ad Boyer where he dismounted and went across the fields. In meantime some one recognized the Dave Mack mare in Gazart's herd and the officers were notified, but they failed to come upon Chapman.

Joe Cureton returned to his home Sunday evening and he was told that if he had been a little earlier he would have caught a horse thief. He started after his man and finally came upon him.

He had learned at the camp his name and his description and when Chapman approached, Cureton called him by name. Chapman had out his knife and drawing his 38 revolver, Cureton suggested that he close it up. He did so and Chapman wanted to know by what authority he was being arrested and Cureton pointed to the revolver and told him that was sufficient authority and Chapman came to town, where he was committed to jail.

INTEREST IN HARMONY PLAN

Democrats Await the Action of Vertrees Committee.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept., 20.—Except for a brief note acknowledging the receipt of the harmony proposal of the democratic state executive committee. Maj. W. O. Vertrees has made no reply to the proposition for a settlement of party dissensions therein made. He however, states that he will answer the communication at length soon.

At a meeting of the democratic state executive committee, of which O. C. Barton is chairman, held last Wednesday, a committee of five was appointed to formulate a basis upon which it was believed that party harmony could be secured, honorable to all sides and such as to appeal to the party for a united support.

The good democratic doctrine, the rule of the majority was made the basis upon which the party could re-unite. It was proposed by the sub-committee that early next year a white democratic primary be held, at which a new democratic state executive committee would be selected, a candidate for United States senator be agreed on, delegates chosen to the national convention and to express the choice of white demo-

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crats for a candidate for President.

To hold this primary a committee of twenty composed of one from each faction for each congressional district is to be in charge.

Such a proposal for party harmony, embodying an absolutely fair primary for getting the party reorganized on a democratic plan, it was felt could not well be turned down by the committee of which Maj. W. O. Vertrees is chairman. A primary such as described would, it is confidently believed appeal to the rank and file of the democrats of the state with irresistible force.

Whether or not Maj. Vertrees will call a meeting of his committee or not, has not been given out. He states that he will confer with the members as to his reply.

It is expected that a full reply will be ready within the next few days, and if other members of the committee who are consulted approve, it is possible that no formal meeting will be called. However, this matter has not been decided as yet. Next Thursday Chairman Barton and his sub-committee, will make a report to full committee as to the result of the negotiations. In the proposals made for a primary to settle all differences, the sub-committee is confident that a happy solution has been reached and one which will commend itself to the party membership throughout the state.

BRING HOME "THE BACON"

Vaughn & Jones Successful at Knoxville—Buy Fine Mares.

Vaughn and Jones were highly pleased with their showing at the Knoxville exposition and returned home with a total winning of \$185 in cash and a \$100 silver trophy.

The winnings of "Gold Bond" which paired with Lawson and stowed by Hunt, won first prize in the heavy harness pair and second prize in the light harness pair, not included in this sum.

Immediately after the show, Vaughn and Jones purchased the champion pair of mares exhibited at the show, "Bullah" and "Lullah", shown by Bovard Brothers of Martinsville, Ind.

These mares, fine registered Percheron stock, took first money for first pair, first in the two year class and first in the class under four years.

This was practically a clean up for the pair, as they won everything in which they were entered. The addition of these mares will increase the value of the Vaughn and Jones stock.

SAID HE "LIT IN ON 'EM"

Negro Explains How He Came to Shoot at White Men.

George Carrington, a negro charged with carrying arms and with assault on Eddie Austin Hall and H. A. Topolt, last April when he shot at them from the public highway, was given a trial, Monday afternoon.

Carrington appeared without a lawyer and conducted his own case. He claimed that the white boys had threatened to run him off, and that the two boys mentioned had argued with each other as to which one should do the killing. Carrington started for town and found the white boys waiting for him and he told the jury that when they opened fire on him that he simply "lit in on 'em" and emptied his revolver. The gun was found in the buggy by Policemen Shults when Carrington drove into town and asked that the sheriff be sent after Hail and Tolbott.

The jury found the negro guilty of carrying arms and he submitted to the charge of assault to dodge trial on charge of assault which had a penitentiary confinement attached.

COW DRAGGED LENGTH OF THE DEPOT

As Passenger Train No. 12 came into the station Monday morning, a red cow stepped in front of the engine at the crossing in front of Robinson's warehouse.

The cow was knocked down and rolled under the fender, being terribly mangled and was dragged past the depot to the crossing at the Merchants and Planters Bank where she was finally extricated.

CONTESTANTS ARE ALL BUSY

Many Are Taking Advantage of Their Great Opportunity.

MISS McHARGE IN LEAD

The Young Ladies Now in Search of Subscriptions Are Trying to Capture the Handsome Prizes and it is up to Their Respective Friends to Help Them.

Interest is still increasing in The Newport Plain Talk contest.

Only three more weeks before the prizes will be awarded to the successful contestants. Not too late to enter the rate, tho' you must hurry if you wish to be one of the winners.

Interest is still increasing as the close draws nearer; just a little over three weeks before the Plain Talk popularity contest closes.

Who will head the list next Wednesday? Watch the standing of the contestants and help your favorite climb to the top. Everyone no matter how many papers he takes, needs and ought to take the Plain Talk. There is no paper, especially local, that can take its place or which carries so much local news every week as the Plain Talk.

Every subscriber who pays \$1.00 for subscription is entitled to cast 2,000 votes free for the lady of their choice in the voting contest, and the four young ladies receiving the highest number of votes, get the four grand prizes free.

The paper is only \$1.00 per year, so the votes and prize are absolutely gratis. Don't wait, subscribe at once, and cast your vote for your favorite. Now is the time.

The contestants have only a short time left now and if they are really anxious to win one of the valuable prizes they should get as many subscriptions to the Plain Talk and votes as possible now. Get ahead and keep ahead. Don't depend on climbing up at the last minute or day; it will be that much harder for you.

At present the ladies leading in the contest are:

It now looks like four of these popular ladies will get the four handsome prizes. Still, it is possible for others to enter yet and win, as the votes are not very high. If you want a beautiful Seminoe piano absolute free, now is your opportunity.

Yerkes, the great Chicago financier, was in company with an Englishman at one time, in Chicago, when the Englishman pressed him to go to London, on account of the "Great Opportunities" which existed there for making a vast fortune.

"Opportunity, opportunity," Yerkes said, "there is an opportunity everywhere here in Chicago. I cannot turn my head or take a step but that fresh opportunity is presented. I cannot open my eyes except to see an opportunity. I cannot go anywhere without seeing unlimited opportunities. I could not take advantage of them they are so numerous. Here in Chicago is an opportunity for every breath you draw."

One does not have to go away from home to find an opportunity. There are plenty of these on every hand. Just open your eyes and look about you, put your thinking faculties in operation and you will discover many an opportunity that has existed for years, you will recognize them fast enough if you will but only think.

So we say, quit looking for opportunities somewhere else, instead of right where you are. You can scarcely stir but that some opportunity presents itself which you have passed by for so long you do not recognize them. But here one of the very greatest opportunities of your whole life has presented itself, right here in Newport by the Plain Talk.

It has not waited for you to seek it, but has sought you and has knocked at your door until it has worn a hole nearly through. Opportunities such as this do not often seek out an individual.

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