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## JOHN JONES CONVICTED GETS TEN YEARS IN PEN

Charged With Killing Will Mathenia, John Jones is Sentenced to Ten Years in Penitentiary. Many Other Convictions in Circuit Court.

At Caruthersville Circuit Court has courted this week, and the output for the penitentiary, and other degrees of punishment, has been satisfactory to all except those included in the output.

The case of John Jones, charged with killing Will Mathenia at a dance in the Game neighborhood late last fall, has been the most important so far to occupy the stage of action, and to none more important than to Jones himself. After the evidence was all in, and after attorneys had done their best, the case was handed to the jury which decided that Jones should give the state ten years of his life at "hard labor," and returned their verdict accordingly. This was the package that Jones got handed him Wednesday, and not being pleased, will ask for a new trial, and that being denied will appeal to the Supreme Court according to report furnished this paper. There is also another charge against Jones—that of killing Jim Leake at the same time of the killing of Mathenia. It will be remembered that Leake was killed on the spot while Mathenia lingered for weeks, declaring that Jones should not be charged with his murder, for he intended to live and possibly have further neighborings with his assailant, maybe of the same, or a similar kind. Mathenia was a son-in-law of Jones, and it was over his efforts to see his wife that the father-in-law sought to, and did, extinguish his candle. Whether the Leake charge will be brought against Jones at this term of court is knowledge this paper has not been furnished. It is a bad affair. Leake and Mathenia have crossed over the top. Their jig of life is up. And Jones, one of the most peaceful, harmless farmers in the county, is just entering the door where peace is left behind and torment and torture begins. It was a short step that lay between the two—peace and torment. The snap of a trigger, the flash of a gun. That was all, except the count—two to the grave and one to the pen, the price men too often pay for action without thought. Jones claimed self-defense and mitigating circumstances, but the jury could not see with Jones' eyes—not the eyes that Jones saw with that fateful night—the night that has no sunrise.

The negro, Tom Red, who slew "Buster" Fox, son of H. Fox, in a negro dive, during the arly part of last winter, was tried and the jury gave him a job with the state for life, after that he is left to look for himself. This, too, was a bad case, made worse because it happened in a bad place, a place into which to venture borders closely onto suicide. Lots more of all colors, sexes and ages have jumped off into the voids of the hereafter from that locality. For some of these crimes, some are in the pen, some fugitively slinking the law in parts unknown. When young Fox entered this den of iniquity he immediately became the central figure of a terrible fight, in which he had not one chance in a thousand for his "white alley." He was stabbed, and shot and kicked, and after being rescued never regained consciousness. Other negroes were implicated, but it is believed Tom Red or Red Tom, was the most guilty and that he had luck in his trial to escape with a lifetime job when he might have better been entitled to a seagrass necktie.

Other cases of minor importance furnished a sufficiency of grist to keep the legal mill grinding steadily to date, but not having a "friendly reporter at court," (our fault) we can only account for the "mains" and the "highs," with a few minor flashes for the "belows."

W. A. Thomas, living in the south end of the county plead guilty to the charge of selling mortgaged property, and pulled down two years in the state's prison; R. A. Nicholson charged of carrying a pistol, got by easily, the state failing to prosecute; J. A. Vaughn was charged with driving a Ford intoxicated; he asked for a jury

### EARTHQUAKES, FLOODS STORMS, CLOUDBURSTS

March, Throughout, Has Been a Roaring Lion—All Sorts of Weather But Good.

March, from beginning to end, has been one wild month and has brought all sorts of weather but good. The sun, if it shone for a day or half day, was but the sarcastic smile of angered nature, soon to be obliterated by tempestuous clouds that have hidden from earth the blue sky for almost the solid month. Another earthquake gave us another bump yesterday. In the last few days torrential floods have fallen from the clouds, and more water covers the ground than was ever known here before from rainfall. A couple of miles to the east, the earth's greatest river, at almost its highest reach, moves silently, but menacingly, toward the gulf. Its yellow crest, beaten by the winds send its huge waves rolling and pounding at the slender thread of earth that narrows its course but lessens not its body by one single drop.

March came in bad, grew worse, and today, the last of it, seems to have gathered shreds from all the bad and is unloosing these as a parting salute. Well, goodbye, old March—here's your hat.

Since the 22nd, when the sun crossed the equator in his return journey from the south, there has been one steady, vernal equinoctial storm of greater or lesser intensity, to which have been added several very perceptible bumps from our old friend, the New Madrid Earthquake, the "villain" that was only needed to make the weather play complete.

So far, all is safe. According to reports the upper rivers are falling, and the Mississippi, along this territory, is also falling slightly, and is only being held in check by the local rains. But this is all "so far." To what extent the rains of the last few days will change the situation cannot as yet be told. From the best information we have, however, these rains have mostly been local, and if the storm area is not extended, the worst will soon be passing and over.

At best, Pemiscot county is wet, regardless of the Volstead law. Farm work has been delayed, and all together, farming is in for a late start.

### SOME CROWE!

Ed P. Crowe in his last week's Dexter Statesman says:

"Otis Popham has shown wisdom in calling the versatile Charles S. York to his editorial tripod. No more forceful and graceful writer in this section than is Charles York and the paper is exceedingly fortunate to capture such talent. Popham in an A-No. 1 newspaper man and the Herald has always been a good paper, but the presence of York on its editorial staff will make it all that is desired as a strong publication."

—Flaxon, in stripes and checks, all colors, at Buckleys.

and the jury acquitted him; John Findly paid a fine of \$25 and cost because he plead guilty of driving a car while "muled;" Will Craig, a Mico negro, broke into the pen for five years because he was found guilty of breaking into the house of another negro and stealing a gun; Will Smith, charged with stealing money, was nollied at cost of the state; Ray Edwards, charged with receiving stolen property, was dismissed by the state; J. T. Lonon, had the charge of grand larceny against him nollied; Zol Owens was charged with robbery, had his trial, and the jury found him not guilty; Jim Cook, disposing of mortgaged property, dismissed by state.

## Qualifications For Voters

The qualifications for voters voting in the city election are the same as for regular elections. The Revised Statutes relative to the election laws, Section 4748, governing county, state and city, reads as follows:

"Every male of female citizen of the United States who is over the age of twenty-one years, possessing the following qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all elections by the people: First, he shall have resided in the State one year immediately preceding the election at which he offers to vote; second, he shall have resided in the county, city or town where he shall offer to vote at least sixty days immediately preceding the election; and each voter shall vote only in the township in which he resides, or if in a town or city, then in the election district therein in which he resides."

There is also a law requiring each qualified voter to vote—the law of DUTY. You cannot live in any community and escape this duty. Let the women of Hayti not only vote themselves, but also see to it that not a man shirks his obligations in this important respect. Remember you cannot escape voting by staying at home. A vote not cast is a vote for the "other side," and more than possibly the wrong side, BECAUSE the wrong side always goes to the polls in a solid "line up." The way you vote, neighbor, or the way you do not vote, will show how sincere you are to "make Hayti a better town to live in." This election will show where you stand.

### ATTENTION FOR JOHN W. GREEN

For Recorder of Pemiscot county, John W. Green.

So it has been for twenty years. That is a long record to be untarnished by a single blot—a record of official life that stands like a stone wall to the credit of his efficiency. He has kept faith with the voters, realizing always that public office is a public trust, and the occupant a servant of the people. Upon his record Mr. Green has again and again asked for and received election, generally running far ahead of his ticket. Once more he is asking for the same. He believes the office belongs to the people, not the man, but that when the man has proven his worth it is due him to have his employment extended. Experience and service make for perfection, all of which Mr. Green possesses to fullest requirement of that very important office.

Mr. Green came from Tennessee to Missouri in 1872, and with his parents worked on the farm in the pioneer days of the county. He also attended business college, and soon thereafter secured a position as clerk in one of the stores at Caruthersville, and was also made assistant Postmaster there. It was in the days that ALL the mail came for Pemiscot county by the St. Louis & New Orleans Anchor Line steamers, and many are the times that Mr. Green carried the mail on his back from the store to the landing, then a half mile further from the town than now. He first did service for the county as deputy County Court Clerk from 1892 to '94 when the courthouse was located at Gayoso, serving under his brother-in-law, H. P. Coleman. He was later made deputy Circuit Court Clerk and Recorder by R. F. Michie, who died in 1901. Mr. Green was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of the deceased, and to which office he was elected in 1902. That, in brief, is Mr. Green's official record. As a model citizen, quiet, unassuming, and as an obliging official, always on the job, he is known to almost every man, woman and child in Pemiscot county. To speak further in his praise would be a waste of words. So the end or the extension of his official service is left for the people to choose, into whose hands Mr. Green submits his claims in full confidence that they will render unto him a just verdict at the August primary on the Democratic ticket.

—Do you need whitewashing done? If so, call Dr. J. V. Moore for a contract.

### METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday the special series of meetings begin at this church.

Sunday school officers and teachers are earnestly requested to be with their classes on time Sunday at 10:00 a. m.

At the worship hour the membership banner will be installed in its place in the church. Mr. Culbertson will speak on the topic "Stars In Our Crown." This will have reference to the banner being erected. The sacrament will be administered.

The League—Miss Essie Reno leader, 6:30 p. m.

At 7:30 the pastor will deliver his message, "Soul-Winning."

• Rev. W. H. Hansford, our pastor at Campbell, will conduct the music during the revival campaign. Messdames Dunklin and Guffy will be at the instruments, organ and piano.

The meetings will not be conducted on any narrow, denominational line. The effort will be to bring people to decision for Christ and they may be free to choose the denomination they prefer to join in our city.

The public generally is invited. While there will be no compromise with sin, hope for the sinner who turns to Christ will be constantly held out.

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, p. m., five cottage prayer meetings will be held. Homes wishing to have one of these prayer gatherings with them are requested to notify Mrs. Sane, Mrs. Averill, Mrs. J. L. Dorris or Mrs. Buckley.

The members and friends of this congregation are expected to refrain from any social events calculated to, in any wise, interfere with them in their relation to the meeting.

### A CALL FOR ACTION.

The city election to be held next Tuesday is a call for action on the part of every citizen who wants lower taxation, more economical conduct of city government and a betterment of the town in general. If you go to sleep on that day you will sleep on your rights. There has been considerable talk, but the day for the showdown is at hand. What shall be your showing?

Campbell Citizen: Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Banner of Hayti and Miss Verna Scruggs of Gibson, Tenn., are visiting the Teagues in Campbell.

## ATTEMPTED BANK ROBBERY; BURGLARS FRIGHTENED BY ALARM

An Attempt to Rob the Bank of Hayti Last Friday Night Frustrated by Efficiency of Burglar Alarm. No Damage Done.

### PROSECUTING ATTORNEY COMMITTED TO JAIL

Judge McCarty Commits J. Ralph Hutchison, Prosecuting Attorney to Jail. Fine Paid and Prosecutor Released Before Being Locked Up.

Judge McCarty will stand for no "monkey business" in the court he presides over.

He has fixed that fact to his record Thursday evening, Prosecuting Attorney, Ralph Hutchison, according to reports from Caruthersville, while in trial of a case in the circuit court, in which Everett Reeves was one of the opposing attorneys, asked Mr. Reeves to explain "which of the families of monkeys he belonged to?"

Whether the case being tried was Darwinism or not, this paper is not informed, but there is nothing to indicate that the prosecuting attorney even if out of record, was not sincerely asking for enlightenment on this important question of biology.

However that may be, Judge McCarty, it is said, immediately took judicial cognizance of the remarks sharply rebuking the young attorney for his injection of "monkeyism" into the lawsuit and assessed a fine against him for contempt of the court.

It is said this judicial transaction, not down on the regular docket, was in full swing before Mr. Reeves had made complaint, if, indeed, he intended to make complaint at all. Mr. Reeves having been a school teacher, may have been up-to-now on the history of how we got here, as Mr. Darwin attempts to account, and nobody has successively denied. So Mr. Hutchison is at fault because he failed to look up his ancestral records instead of having displayed his want of information in a court room. And if he intended to cast a slur upon Mr. Reeves, he is further at fault, because he should have slung something that would not have equally cast a slur upon himself and all the rest of us in equal proportion, including the dignity of the court. The trouble, though, with us laity is, we are not empowered to work upon the "ding dong" of our tormentors like the judgeship of a well regulated court.

So it is to be hoped this will be the end of "monkeying" with the law. Let the Darwinites beware. The court ordered the sheriff to collect the fine. Enters the real jeans.

The prosecuting attorney balked. Refused to ante.

"Take him to jail until he pays the fine," commanded the court to the sheriff. Off the two moved toward the jail—the sheriff and the prosecuting attorney.

The court had the records show that the prosecuting attorney was "disbarred," and B. A. McKay appointed to officiate in his place. Then the machinery of the law moved on in the even tenor of its way.

The sheriff and the prosecuting attorney was over AT the jail. Understand that AT don't mean IN. Along came a friend with a long, green fiver and rescued the young prosecuting attorney from his fine by liquidating the assessment, but whether that accomplished re-instatement this paper has to await further developments.

So far as The Missouri Herald can learn this morning as going to press the above is the approximated status of the case. And for the present, this paper prefers to withhold all comment, further than to say that we deeply regret that such a scene had to be staged in the highest tribunal of Pemiscot county.

### MISSOURI WOMAN WHO WEIGHED 600 DIES

California, Mo.—Mrs. Henry Niehaus died March 24, at the age of 50. She was the largest woman in this part of the State and weighed 600 pounds.

—Good hay—for sale cheap, at Wood Taylor farm, Hayti, Mo.

—Try a for sale ad in the Herald and get results.

An attempt was made last Friday night at about 1 o'clock to rob the Bank of Hayti, but the effort abruptly ended with the attempt.

At about the hour named the electrical gong attached to the top wall of the bank's front, turned loose with all the clatter it was able to send out upon the quietude of the sleeping darkness, making a noise it would seem almost sufficient to raise the dead. At this time it is said the nightwatchman was on the opposite side of the Public Square, and immediately ran toward the bank firing his gun. The commotion awoke several citizens, among whom was L. C. Averill, vice president of the bank.

When citizens and police arrived at the bank Mr. Burglar was conspicuous for their absence, but it is said some saw him, or them, as more likely, running away. All they got was a foot race, and while not pursued it was some race, for it must have required lightning like action to have gotten off the bank and out of sight before the arrival of those who arrived.

Examination showed that no harm had been done—not a scratch made not a copper missing. It is believed that the burglar took himself to be an expert, and climbed to the top of the bank with the intention of putting the electric alarm out of commission, but touching the metal encasement of the mechanical wonder with his screwdriver—whiz, ziz, clatter, long and loud, until the night was made hideous with calls that puts the baddest of the bad men into gymnastic bounces with an uncontrollable desire to go hence and yonder.

So Hayti has undoubtedly had a call from the aristocracy of eggs, and that the property and funds of the bank are intact is due to the efficiency of the "alarming" electrical contrivance with which it is equipped.

### SEEK REDISTRICT.

Jefferson City, Mo.—An effort to redistrict the senatorial districts of the State through the initiative will be made immediately and initiative petitions will be in circulation within two weeks. It was announced following conferences of Republican leaders.

The Republicans assert the Democrats have a gerrymander under the present arrangement and the proposed redistricting is expected to render 20 of the 34 districts safely Republican, it was said. A previous effort of the Republicans to effect a redistricting was declared invalid by the State supreme court December 3 last.

Eight per cent of the voters' signatures in two-thirds of the 16 congressional districts are necessary to bring the initiative into play. Consequently it was decided to circulate petitions in all districts except the Fifth (Kansas City) and Tenth (St. Louis). These two districts are so large it was explained it would be a considerable undertaking to circulate petitions in them.

### MORE GOOD CITIZENS COME.

Dr. B. D. Crowe, one of the leading and oldest practitioners of Caruthersville, this week becomes a full-fledged citizen of Hayti, having moved his office here, securing quarters with Dr. J. W. Johnson in the Keystone building. Dr. Crowe is no stranger to the people here, having in the past had frequent calls in difficult cases. For the present his family will continue to reside in Caruthersville, but later, as soon as suitable arrangements can be made, will move here to make their future home, and besides being welcomed by our people, they are to be congratulated upon making such a wise choice of future residence.

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