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MURDERER MUELLER DECLARED INSANE

And Sent to Asylum—Other Court Proceedings.

The fall term of the Putnam Circuit Court finished its work Wednesday evening and adjourned, though a few cases on the docket were continued.

Probably the most important criminal case of the term was that of John Mueller, charged with the murder of his father and mother in the Francis precinct on August 31st last. States Attorney Long summoned Dr. H. Marion Smith, senior assistant at the Florida Hospital for the Insane to examine the plaintiff. Dr. Smith who spent a couple days here closely examining the man, made his report to the court on Wednesday. Dr. Smith's report was as follows:

To the Honorable Jas. T. Wills, Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, Putnam County.

"My dear Sir:
I have been requested by the State Attorney, the Honorable A. V. Long, to make an examination of John Mueller, the defendant in the case herein pending, for the purpose of ascertaining his present mental condition. After a thorough and careful examination, I am in a position to state that he is in a demented or insane state of mind; he is laboring under a number of poorly systematized and absurd delusions, much of which is that he is the cause of the world war now being waged in Europe; that it was necessary for him to murder his parents, that it was his duty to do so; that he was compelled and constrained to do so to influence this war. He also manifested auditory and sensory hallucinations, and from the character of the delusions he displayed and the physical symptoms that I find the diagnosis of dementia precox has been made. This is a disease of the mind which is characterized by a gradual dementing course and has progressed to that point where the subject is mentally irresponsible."

After questioning Dr. Smith as to his experience and satisfying himself that Mueller is insane, Judge Wills decreed the following sentence:

"It having been suggested by the Court that the question of the sanity of defendant at the present time will arise in the case the Court ordered the defendant to be brought before him, and the defendant, John Mueller, who appeared in his own proper person, accompanied by his counsel, appeared before the Judge of the said Court, and the Judge of said Court after hearing the evidence, being of the opinion that the said John Mueller is at the present time insane and a dangerous lunatic to be allowed to go at large, it is considered by the Court that the said John Mueller be remanded to the custody of the Superintendent of the Florida Hospital for the Insane, there to be safely kept until he shall be restored to sanity."

Mueller left for Chattahoochee in custody of Dr. Smith yesterday morning.

Herman Williams the Palatka negro indicted for the murder of Wiley Benbow, pled guilty to murder in the second degree and was given a life sentence.

Ed. Walker, assault with intent to murder; guilty; sentenced to 12 months in county jail.

Lonnie Robinson, aged 14, guilty of breaking into store in East Palatka, was sentenced to one year at hard labor in State penitentiary, with alternative sentence to confinement in the Florida Industrial School for Boys.

Robert Nollis and Nathaniel Reid, 15 year old colored boys, plead guilty to breaking into store of M. D. Rich on Lemon street, were sentenced to State Industrial School till they reach age of 21 years, with alternative sentence of 12 months in the State penitentiary; but Judge Wills advised them to accept the former sentence.

Ransom Green was found guilty of robbery with intent to kill, but Judge Wills in passing sentence said that were there not a doubt in his mind concerning his guilt, he would sentence him to five years in the penitentiary, instead of the one year, which he was given.

Chas. Roam of Crescent City, charged with breaking and entering, case continued to spring term.

Sarah Roach, Jessie Ove and Addie Daniels pleaded guilty to breaking and entering, though claiming that it was unintentional wrong doing. Sentence was suspended.

Possibly the most important civil case was that of Richard I. Nash et al vs. The Rodman Lumber Company, wherein the plaintiff asked damages in sum of \$10,000 for trespass. J. N. Blackwell represented the plaintiffs and Messrs. Hilburn & Merryday the defendants. The case had been pending some time and efforts had been made for a private settlement through arbitrators, without success. A verdict was brought in after trial for the plaintiffs in sum of \$6,000. This was claimed by the attorneys for defendant to be excessive, and they made motion for a new trial. The court agreed with the defendants attorneys and stated that unless the plaintiff would agree to a remittor of \$4,628, he would order a new trial. This the plaintiff accepted and his verdict is therefore for \$1,372.

A "saunterer" in the old days was one who had made a pilgrimage to the Sainte Terre, the Holy Land. The connection between the word and place is clear.

BILLY PARKER DESERTS THE CAUSE OF CATTS

And Now Has Carpetbag Filled with Republican Campaign "Dope."

Jacksonville Oct. 19—Senator D. U. Fletcher and a number of other very prominent democrats visited the headquarters of the Democratic Campaign Committee in the Heard Building this week and have given assurance of co-operation and support in the campaign now on for the election of Hon. W. V. Knott and the entire democratic ticket.

Hon. W. T. Cowles who opened the campaign in Palatka on Monday night is now addressing the people of St. Johns county. Mr. Knott is now in the western part of the State and will cover an itinerary made out by the committee. Hon. Amos Lewis addressed a monster rally meeting at Marianna on Tuesday night and is to speak during the remainder of the week in Jackson, Madison and Calhoun counties. Hon. S. J. Hilburn, one of Florida's most brilliant campaigners, has also tendered his services to the committee and will make a number of addresses in the State.

A very strong and convincing piece of campaign literature, showing by photographs of the tally books, the various forms of errors, made by inspectors in the counting of the votes, by which Mr. Catts was given votes that were cast for the other candidates for governor is being mailed out to the voters of the state. This piece of literature is gotten up in an attractive form, and proves in a most convincing and positive manner that Mr. Catts was never nominated by the voters at the primary election in June, and that he enjoyed the honor of being considered the nominee, as a result of errors made by inspectors.

Reports are coming to Democratic headquarters of the organization of Knott Clubs and other campaign preparations in a large number of the counties and optimistic reports of a rapid changing of sentiment in favor of the entire Democratic ticket.

Billy Parker, national organizer of the Guardians of Liberty, has formed an alliance with the Republicans. He has visited a number of the Guardian courts in the neighborhood of Jacksonville in the interest of Mr. Allen, Republican candidate for governor. He leaves Jacksonville tonight for points in South Florida with a grip and trunk well stocked with Republican literature. No statement was made or reasons given for his new alignment, but the report is current, and no denial has been made, that Mr. Parker insisted that the secret political organization that he is known to be interested in organizing in this state, have endorsed Mr. Hughes in the north, and that an order had been sent to the courts in Florida, demanding that they also endorse Mr. Hughes, the Republican nominee, and ordering all members to vote for the Republican electors in Florida. Mr. Parker is a Republican of the Pennsylvania type and insists that the courts in this state must obey orders from the National court in so far as it pertains to the national ticket.

The advisability of organizing separate courts in this state for the colored citizens is reported to have been under consideration at the national headquarters for the past several months. The constitution and by-laws of the organization in the Northern states is the same as used by the courts in Florida and permits the colored citizens to join on the same basis as the whites. It has not been considered advisable in this state to open the doors to any but white citizens and for this reason the separate courts will be organized for the colored citizens. The same constitution and by-laws it is understood, will be used for the colored organizations, as is now in use by the whites.

Those who are familiar with Mr. Parker's method are inclined to the belief that it is his intention to begin the organization of these courts at once, and it was this motive that prompted him to form his alliance with the Republicans.

Presbyterian Church.

Services next Sunday at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. M. Alford, D. D. Morning topic, "The Hero of Gilead." Evening topic, "Redemption." Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., F. T. Merrill, superintendent. Mid-week prayer service, Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. A cordial welcome to all these services.

That Woman's Club Edition.

In Palatka the Women's club is working hard to secure an adequate and proper home. Various means have been employed for some time past to raise money for this purpose and it is understood that the club has very clear ideas about what it wants in the way of a home. The latest move in the matter of raising building funds is that the members will assume charge of the Palatka News for a single issue and will publish a special edition that will not only bring them a considerable amount of cash, from advertising and sales, but also prove a fine advertising medium for Palatka. It will be a combination booster and woman's club edition and contain valuable information regarding Palatka and Putnam county. November 17 has been named as the day for the appearance of the special edition of the News.—The Times-Union.

ARBITRARY CHARGE OVER PALATKA BRIDGE

Will No Longer be Enforced by Fla. East Coast Railway.

Tallahassee, Oct. 19—The Railroad Commissioners have won two cases of considerable importance to patrons of the Florida East Coast Railway Company.

One of the cases arose from the arbitrary charge added to the regular mileage fare, for passengers carried over the bridge at Jacksonville and Palatka.

The other case arose out of the refusal of the Florida East Coast Railway Company to observe Rule 19, prescribed by the Commissioners, by which a reduction of 10 per cent from the regular rate for the distance hauled, is required of each railroad, where freight is hauled over two lines, and a reduction of 20 per cent from the regular rate, where hauled over three or more lines.

These cases were both decided early in 1915 by the Supreme Court of Florida in favor of the Railroad Commissioners, but the Railway Company appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States. Recently these appeals have been dismissed, and the judgments of the Supreme Court of Florida in favor of the Commissioners are now effective.

Hon. L. C. Masey represented the Commissioners in the bridge arbitrations case and Hon. F. M. Hudson represented them in the Rule 19 case.

The bridge arbitrations case came about in this way. Where a passenger bought a ticket from one station to another, and had to travel over the bridge of the East Coast Railway at Jacksonville or the one at Palatka, 5c was added to the regular 3c fare, that is, the passenger was required to pay 5c extra to the East Coast Railway Company for traveling over the bridge at Jacksonville and the one at Palatka. The Commissioners ordered the Railway Company to cease making this arbitrary charge, which they refused to do, and the case has been in the Courts ever since, with the result as above stated. Now the passengers will not be required to pay this extra 5c, and will pay only the regular 3c rate.

To give some concrete illustration of the effect of the enforcement of the Commissioners' Freight Rule 19, it might be stated that the first class rate heretofore from Tallahassee to Miami has been \$1.64 per hundred pounds—the rate with the operation of Rule 19 on the Florida East Coast Railway will be \$1.54, and for all other distances and classes, the reduction will be in proportion.

Surprise Shower.

Tuesday evening at her home on Kirby street, Miss Annie Louise Urie was given a "surprise" shower by her friends. Many beautiful and costly gifts were brought in a large decorated basket and presented to the bride-to-be. They also brought refreshments and a delightful evening was spent.

Next Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock at St. James Methodist Episcopal church will occur the marriage of Mr. Ashley Edward Brucewell of Jacksonville and Miss Annie Louise Urie.

Miscellaneous Shower.

Mrs. Frank Whitthorne was hostess for a bridge party and miscellaneous shower Tuesday afternoon in compliment to Miss Annie Louise Urie. The rooms were made attractive with coral vines and ferns. Five tables enjoyed playing and mints were served during the games; Miss Grace Urie presided over the punch table. Tutti-frutti cream was served, after which the hostess brought in a crepe-covered basket filled with over-flowing with gifts for the honoree. Many lovely articles were poured forth for this young lady is popular and is held in high esteem by her legion of friends. All report a lovely afternoon.

Woman's Club Opens.

The Woman's Club opened auspiciously last Friday afternoon in the Putnam House parlors with a large attendance of members and guests. After the opening address by the new president, Mrs. J. L. Dunsford, which was pithy, and the reading of minutes, Mrs. George W. Bassett rendered a delightful vocal solo. Interesting reports from the members who summered away, were given and most thoroughly enjoyed. This was followed by a lovely violin solo by Miss Louise Boyd, after which the social committee served delicious refreshments and a social hour was enjoyed.

First Literary Meeting.

This afternoon Mrs. J. H. Houghton as chairman of the Literary department of the Woman's Club, announces her subject: "Position of the old Testament" which is sub-divided in three parts (a) As an Influence in World Literature; (b) As a Factor in History; (c) As an Inspiration in Art. Miss Isabel Welch will have charge of the subject matter and will no doubt handle it well. A short musical program will follow. The literary department this term has taken up the historical phase of the old testament for its season's study and some very interesting subjects are presented in the year book, which will no doubt make this department very enjoyable.

COUNTY COMMITTEE URGES DEMOCRATS TO SUPPORT NOMINEES

Of the Party from President to Constable—Harmony Prevails.

The Putnam County Democratic Executive Committee met at the court house at 11 o'clock Tuesday forenoon pursuant to a call issued by Chairman Jos. H. Houghton. Some 20 precincts were represented. Two precincts have no committeeman, and six others failed to appear or send proxy.

Chairman Houghton explained that the meeting was called in order that the county committee might endorse the regular nominees of the democratic party and put its stamp of disapproval on independence.

Judge J. C. Calhoun addressed the meeting in a conciliatory though straightforward talk in which he deplored the bitterness engendered by the primaries and the contest which had resulted. He explained that Mr. Knott was clearly within his rights as a democrat in making his contest under the law and now that his nomination had been certified to the various counties as the regular democratic nominee, it behooved all good democrats to accept the result and support the ticket. Judge Calhoun also paid his respects to independents and urged the committee to do its utmost to secure the election of the regular party nominees.

Judge Calhoun was followed by W. M. Williams of Pomona and W. A. Russell of Crescent City, who also urged the getting together of all factions under the banner of democracy.

A resolution was introduced and unanimously passed pledging support to all candidates of the democratic party from President to Justice of the Peace as endorsed by the State Democratic Executive Committee. A resolution condemning the action of independents and all democrats who signed the petitions of independents, was also unanimously passed.

It should be explained that members of this committee during the late contest have been divided in their views as to the nominee for governor, but when the supreme test was made, the idea was that the question was not "Knott or Catts," but the survival of organized democracy; that there had been a legal contest and the high courts had been called upon to decide by the only test known to the law—a recount of votes—who was the nominee of the democratic electors. The court had decided that the nominee for governor was Hon. W. V. Knott, as also had the State Democratic Executive Committee, and there was but one thing for this committee and the democrats of Putnam county to do, and that to support the declared nominee of the party—W. V. Knott—whose nomination had been certified to the various counties by the State Board of Canvassers.

A motion was passed that members of the committee present make a small contribution to the State Campaign committee, and all present did so. The amount subscribed was but \$24, but more will follow.

A committee consisting of W. M. Williams, W. A. Russell, J. C. Calhoun, S. S. Browning and L. J. McLeod was appointed to prepare an address to the voters of the county and do anything else proper for the furtherance of party candidates.

Among the committeemen present were J. H. Houghton, Chas. Burt, J. W. Matthews, W. R. Revels, J. W. Chesser, Max Melzer, L. J. McLeod, C. C. Sullivan, W. M. Williams, W. F. Rogers, S. S. Browning, B. B. Daney, D. J. Coughlin, J. I. Wimberly, W. A. Russell, L. M. Baldwin, C. N. Livingston, J. F. Hancock, E. Stacy, and perhaps one or two others.

Surprise Shower.

One of the most delightful of parties given in honor of Miss Annie Bruce the bride-elect, was that of Thursday afternoon, when Mrs. W. A. Walton entertained fifty-four friends in her lovely home on Kirkland street. Miss Bruce was given to understand that the affair was to be an afternoon "Tea," but upon arriving at the home discovered that a surprise shower had been arranged by her hostess who had in the living room an original improvised "wishing well" filled to the brim with well wishes in sentiment and gifts from her many friends. For the younger set, there was a box of original fortunes and nonsense verses, which proved mirth provoking. The living rooms were bowers of ferns and palms, and the dining room was decorated with white and green. Coffee was served from the dining table with Mrs. Robert L. Earnest assisting. Delicious refreshments consisting of tuna salad, wafers, coffee and hot cheese sandwiches were served by the following ladies who assisted Mrs. Walton: Mesdames John N. Walton, Robert L. Earnest, S. G. Coburn, Albert Trombley, E. W. Warren, and Ed. Watters. The young ladies assisting in entertaining were the Misses Susie Walton, Nora Sharpe, Julia McIver and Anne Denderick. During the afternoon an informal program of music was given by Miss Louise Boyd and Mrs. Robert S. O'Haver. Miss Bruce was beautifully remembered by numerous and costly gifts. Her charming personality has won for her hosts of friends who were only too glad to prove their appreciation of her sterling character.