

COURT PROCEEDINGS

LEYSATH-POOLE ARSON CASE BEGINS TO-DAY.

Two Blind Tigers Plead Guilty and Are Fined—Several Other Cases Tried by Court.

The first case called in the Court of General Sessions here yesterday was that of A. M. Stokes, of this city, charged with violating the liquor law. It will be remembered that some months ago Stokes was convicted and fined \$150 by the City Court. In answer to the charge yesterday morning the defendant pleaded guilty, and his counsel, Hon. T. F. Brantley, called the Court's attention to the fact that he had already been fined once, etc.

Judge DeVore then asked Stokes if he didn't know when selling liquor that he violated the law, and upon receiving an affirmative reply, said that it was always his custom to fine a man convicted of selling liquor enough to eat up his profits, and therefore he fined him \$500, or six months in the penitentiary. The case against his brother, Hamp Stokes, was not pressed.

After some little discussion the Court changed the amount of Stokes' fine to \$250 with the understanding that if he was again convicted he would not be allowed to pay out, but would be sent to the penitentiary or county works for not less than a year.

Verdict "Not Guilty." C. H. Dannelly, a colored barber of this city, was next tried charged with maliciously, wilfully and unlawfully driving a horse to death. The horse was the property of Langston Bros., of this city. The prosecution charged that Dannelly had driven the horse from Orangeburg to St. Matthews, a distance of 14 miles, in less than one hour. The defendant, however, stated that he left Orangeburg about 10 o'clock and reached St. Matthews some time after 12.

After Solicitor Hildebrand's talk to the jury, Judge DeVore cautioned them that the State must prove every one of the three adjectives; maliciously, wilfully and unlawfully; and if either of them were unproved the defendant was not guilty. The verdict given after nearly a half-hour's deliberation was "not guilty."

Another Blind Tiger. W. S. Lee, Jr., pleaded guilty to the charge of violating the liquor law. On account of this being his first appearance in Court Judge DeVore gave him the slightest punishment under the law, \$100 or three months. Next time it will be harder sentence.

Laysath-Poole Case Today. The case of The State against the two Laysath and two Poole boys, charged with burning up their store in North was not called yesterday. The State has been seeking a witness who had left this part of the country and did not wish to try the case without him. He was telegraphed early yesterday and advised that afternoon said that the sheriff of Rock Hill county had his eyes on him, and then the State announced that the case would be called the first thing this morning.

The case is considered a very important one, and it is said that the Insurance Commission at Columbia is pushing it. The line of attorneys engaged is impressive. For the defence there are Messrs. Wolfe and Berry, Rysor and Summers, Adam H. Moss, E. B. Friday of North, and J. F. Williams of Aiken. Assisting Solicitor Hildebrand are Messrs. C. P. Brunson and A. J. Hydrick. The case will very probably last several days.

Other Cases Tried. The other cases tried during this term of court so far are as follows: John Westley Summers pleaded guilty to housebreaking and grand larceny and was sentenced to serve five years on the county chancery or a like period in the State penitentiary.

Wille Weeks, a negro, was tried for shooting at the depot agent at Ferguson. He was found guilty and sentenced to serve 18 months on the public works of Orangeburg county.

Edward Felder pleaded guilty to assault and battery with intent to kill, and has asked the mercy of the court. He has not been sentenced.

Romey Gardner was tried and convicted for the murder of another negro. Gardner killed the negro with a baseball bat. He was found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment.

COLLEGE DANCE.

Invitations have been issued by Eutaw Chapter, D. A. R., to the second "College Dance," which is to be given at the Elks Hall on Friday, the evening of the fifteenth. This will be the farewell dance to the many college students who are soon to leave the city for their various colleges and will be an event long to be remembered. Pennants and other reminders of college life will form a large part in the decorations. A number of visitors from nearby towns are expected to attend.

FOUND HIM GUILTY.

Chestnut Is Sent Up For a Fifteen Year Term.

Robert Chestnut, who shot and killed Will R. Sabin on the 25th of last April, was sentenced on Saturday by Judge DeVore to fifteen years in the penitentiary or the same length of time on the public works of Orangeburg County, the jury which tried his case having brought in a verdict of guilty of manslaughter, after deliberating over the case one whole night. The case was given the jury about four o'clock on Friday afternoon and the verdict was returned a few minutes after seven o'clock Saturday morning.

Chestnut shows plainly the effects of his imprisonment and the terrible ordeal through which he had passed. When asked if he had anything to say, his counsel, who had striven to satisfy the jury of his innocence, pleaded earnestly and eloquently for leniency from the court in passing sentence. With voices at times affected by the emotion, which was evident, Messrs. Adam H. Moss, William C. Wolfe and Thomas M. Rysor drew attention to the many of the phases of the case favorable to the defendant and laid much stress upon his good character as testified to by a number of witnesses, begging that the Court would take these into consideration in making the sentence as light as possible.

The counsel for defence also took occasion to thank Judge DeVore for his uniform impartiality throughout the trial and the learned manner in which he expounded the law from the Bench, stating that he had been just to the State and fair to the defendant. They asked for a sentence that would vindicate the law, calling attention to the fact that anything like a long term might mean a life sentence to the convicted man, who is now 38 years of age. After giving careful attention to the remarks of counsel for the prisoner, Judge DeVore stated, addressing the defendant, that since the verdict was rendered he had been greatly concerned over the amount of punishment that should be meted out in this case.

The Judge went on to say to the prisoner that an intelligent jury, after considering the law and the evidence for about ten hours had failed to recommend him to the mercy of the Court, and as they were told in the charge they might do. The Court further declared that in its opinion the verdict was a just one; in fact Judge DeVore stated that he felt satisfied that a verdict of murder, under the testimony would have stood the test of the Courts. Without attempting to lecture the prisoner or make his burden any heavier, Judge DeVore reviewed some of the testimony, particularly that of the defendant, which the Court declared, in its opinion, was sufficient to convict of either murder or manslaughter, with the elimination of the evidence given by every other witness in the case.

Continuing Judge DeVore said the testimony of the defendant showed that he deliberately got his gun, went to his victim's place of business and without sufficient provocation, so far as the testimony shows, took the life of William R. Sabin. Judge DeVore reiterated his opinion that, taking out all the testimony in the case except that of the defendant, the jury was bound to convict of either manslaughter or murder. In finally passing the sentence of fifteen years Judge DeVore did not leave the prisoner hopeless, for he stated, that, after a portion of the sentence had been served, how much he did not say, however, he would, if still alive and circumstances prompted him, join in a petition for a pardon.

Both the verdict and the sentence meets with general approval. Mr. L. H. Wannamaker, Jr., who reported the trial for his paper, The News and Courier says, "that the length of the sentence surprised the prisoner, his counsel and many spectators was evident, although none was heard to say that he Court had not in this case tempered justice with mercy. The verdict seems to have given general satisfaction, the popular opinion being that the prisoner had fared exceedingly well. This would seem to be the case when it is considered that on the first ballot at least seven of the jurors voted for a verdict of murder with recommendation to mercy, finally compromising on one of straight manslaughter."

Chestnut's sole defence was that the man he slew had invaded his home, wronged his wife and destroyed his peace, and happiness for all time. Commenting on this Mr. Wannamaker says: "These things are charged by the defendant against his victim, who now sleeping in his Tennessee grave, his lips forever silent, can make no answer in his own defence except the last message to the world, given through his brother as he fell the death damp gathering on his brow, that he was innocent; that he knew nothing of the woman he was accused of wronging and that he was ignorant of the whole affair. What of the woman who may blame for the sorrow that has come to two households? What would she have said had she been placed upon the witness stand? Such can only be guessed at and it is improbable that what is in her heart and mind concerning this deplorable affair will ever be known to others."

GOOD ROADS TRAIN

WILL BE AT SOUTHERN DEPOT WEDNESDAY.

For Half a Day the Good Roads Special Which is Touring South Carolina Will Stop in This City.

Wherever it has been seen, the Southern Railway's special "Road Improvement Train," which will be in Orangeburg on Wednesday morning, September 20, at half-past nine o'clock, has proven an effective advocate of better highways and much good has resulted from its tour which has been in progress since May 1.

The government road experts, L. E. Boykin and H. S. Fairbanks, who accompany the train, have had wide experience and are prepared to not only tell of the advantages of good roads but to give the most practical information as to the best and most economical methods to be used in the construction and repair of roads in order to accomplish the best results with the materials at hand.

There will be much of interest for the people of Orangeburg in the lectures and novel exhibit, and it is hoped that a large crowd will be on hand to welcome the train. It is especially desired that all road supervisors, county officials and farmers who have to deal with road work on their plantations, take advantage of the meeting as many suggestions will be given which will doubtless prove of value to them in the building and maintenance of roads.

Stereopticon views covering every phase of the good roads movement will be flashed upon the screen in the lecture coach as the experts talk, and all the advantages of good roads as well as the disadvantages of bad ones, will be pointed out. There is a striking view showing how bad road led to the death of a patient whom the doctor was unable to reach because his buggy was caught in a bad rut; how the undertakers' wagons were delayed on the way to cemeteries for the same reason; and other views show trying experiences of automobilists.

A view appealing especially to the farmers and all interested in the cotton industry is the one showing two loads of cotton. One came to market over a bad road and the load necessarily was light while the other came over a smooth improved road and carried three or four times the load of the other team, the difference in the weights of the two loads showing the profits and losses that come from good and bad roads.

In the exhibit coach, which will be thrown open after lectures, there are enlarged photographs, showing some of the finest roads in the world, including the well light perfect roads of France, work in models which will be seen in operation and sections of various kinds of road showing materials used to construct them. The farmer who has been at a loss how to improve his road can find out all about it by attending the exhibit.

The "Road Improvement Train" is making a remarkable tour in the interests of good roads, having already toured Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia. After finishing its work in South Carolina, the train will tour Georgia and Florida.

Realizing the vast economic importance of the movement and acting in the belief that whatever benefits the people of the South is to its own interests, the Southern Railway and affiliated lines is handling this train over its entire system without charge to the government so that the people along the road may have the opportunity to receive the valuable information on road building which it affords. President Finley of the Southern Railway is an ardent advocate of good roads, and the Southern Railway is doing everything possible to spread the idea.

The train will be located while in this city on a side track at the Southern depot on Railroad avenue. Be sure and see it. You will be interested. Don't forget the date, Wednesday, September 20, at half-past nine o'clock.

STOLEN HORSE AND BUGGY.

Negro Claiming to Be an Agent Has Made His Escape.

Last Friday morning about 9 or 10 o'clock a negro, who said he was agent for fruits, medicines, etc., came to the house of Moses Hair, a colored blacksmith, on Windsor street and asked to borrow Hair's buggy to deliver a package on the State road. Hair lent the horse and buggy, and also \$6. The stranger's name was not caught by Hair. He was six feet high, dark skinned and wore a suit of navy blue. Wore a large rimmed hat and a masonic pin.

Further on in the adventures of the stranger for the day he borrowed \$7 from W. R. Bradley a colored farmer living about two or three miles from town. Since that time neither money, horse or man has been seen. The stolen pony was gray, shodded all round and glassy eyed. No doubt when the stranger discovers his mistake in leaving without a farewell, he won't bother to come back, but we warrant that it will be hot for him if he does.

Bazaar at Magnolia.

There will be a bazaar given at Magnolia school house Friday evening, Sept. 15, from 7:30 to 11:30 o'clock. The ladies have prepared one log cabin quilt, one linen quilt, linen bureau scarfs, table covers, centerpieces, and various other articles. Ice cream, cake and oysters will be served, proceeds to go toward painting Pleasant Baptist Church. Every body is cordially invited to come.

K. OF P. BANQUET.

Bowman Lodge Enjoys Fine Meeting. Other News.

Bowman, S. C. Sept. 8. Special—The local K. of P. order gave a splendid banquet at the close of their regular meeting last Wednesday evening. A number of guests were invited, the "drawing card" being an address by Dr. Browning, Dist. Grand Deputy, Elmore, who came over with Mr. Jeff D. Gates, of Elmore, in the latter auto. Past Chancellor C. J. Rast was master of ceremonies and did his part exceedingly well to the gratification of all present. Dr. Browning's address was followed by short speeches from Rev. Mr. Henry, S. A. Fair, Jeff D. Gates and Charlie J. Rast, which were closely listened to and well received. After the speaking the audience was invited to feast on the numerous good things prepared by the ladies in the spacious hall on the second floor of the large three story building, an ornament to the town of Bowman. The good ladies, vied with each other in seeing all the guests well cared for. All of which was done to perfection.

Cotton picking has been badly hampered by the light and heavy showers of almost the entire week, very little of the staple being gathered. The quality of the lint has been badly damaged and samples show up poorly, no good grades being offered on the market. Much of it has sprouted in the bolls and if not closely watched damaged seed will be saved for planting the next crop. There will be a scurrying around in the cotton fields as soon as weather conditions improve. Many fields indicate more than half the crop open and ready for picking.

Mr. J. L. Shuler and family are at home again after a stay of some days in the mountains of Tennessee.

Mrs. Meyers and children of Summerville are on a visit to her sister, Mrs. E. N. Mittle, and other relatives in town.

Mr. W. J. Whetsell and family who moved from near Orangeburg to Bowman last winter left here to engage in business at Kingstree.

Dr. D. E. Connor has sold out his interests at Bowman and has moved to Chapin in the Dutch fork, where he will engage in professional business in this new field.

All streams in this section are again running with water and ponds here and there are beginning to show up water too, at the delight of the many stock owners in this section.

Miss Ellen Smith, of Charleston, is on a visit to her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Smith.

Mr. J. Clifton Evans has been on the sick list for a week or more and the Bowman train of which he is the regular engineer has been making very irregular schedules, necessitating the R. F. D. boys leaving the Post Office without the mail.

Messrs. Irvin Evans and Harry Wimberly of the Cameron section visited relatives at Bowman Thursday.

Mr. Earnest Jackson, who has been ill for a long time died about 11 o'clock last night. He is survived by his wife and one child, Mrs. E. N. Mittle, Mrs. Sue Meyer, of Summerville and his father, J. F. Jackson. The funeral notice has not yet been given out.

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS.

A Few Ideas Expressed Concerning Our Court-House.

During the past week or so there have been two cases which have attracted more than passing interest in our County. The Chestnut murder case and the Leysath-Poole arson case both attracted crowds and consequently the Court-House was oppressively hot. Remarkable upon this we have heard several citizens say that if ventilators were placed near the top of the Court-room it would be much cooler, besides purifying the air that all who attend court have to breathe.

Many times during the progress of the trials the witnesses could scarcely be seen at all, and several times they were only heard by those nearby and they with difficulty. The people outside the bar heard what was going on only with an effort. In this connection we have heard several say that they believed if the witnesses was seated on a slightly raised platform he could be seen better and heard more clearly.

In connection with the two other expressions above we have one. Probably the Chestnut trial was the first one during which the representatives of the Press had an especial desk for themselves. This was used by them continually during the trial and as a result of which full, interesting reports of the trial were had. Now, in view of the fact that a great number of people depend entirely upon the press—especially the county press—for their news concerning court, we believe it would be a good idea to make this a permanent thing. The press folks we are sure would appreciate being able to hear the case and take their notes in comfort, and the readers of the paper would enjoy the fuller and more accurate reports that they would then give.

Negro Shoots a Negro.

The St. Matthews correspondent of The News and Courier says: "The peace and quietude of this town was rudely disturbed Saturday night at 9.30 o'clock by five pistol shots in rapid succession. Three physicians were rushed to 'Buyck's Quarter,' to find that Olin Hampton had been shot in the thigh by George Taylor, both colored. The femoral bone was fractured by the bullet. Taylor, it is said, had brutally clubbed Hampton's wife, his former paramour, in the morning, and when Hampton later remonstrated with him Taylor whipped out his pistol and began firing. Taylor is of violent temper and a dangerous character, having been in several cutting and shooting scrapes."

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

PICKED UP ALL OVER TOWN BY OUR REPORTERS.

What Is Happening Here and There.

Local Items of Personal Interest to Our Readers.

Miss Mary Long at Theatror this week.

Every registered voter should vote today.

See Buster Crane all this week at the Theatro.

Vote early, but only once, and then see that your neighbor votes.

It is said that when the wicked rule the people mourn. So do not vote for any wicked man today.

Craine-Long-Craine Vaudeville at Theatro all this week. This a good company and all should see them.

They do say that if a certain faction is successful that there will be a clean sweep in all the city offices.

The Orange Cotton Mills will soon install some new and up-to-date machinery to replace some that is now antiquated.

Lay aside your prejudices and vote for the men that will best represent the character, progress and interest of your city.

Yesterday morning Jeff L. Ashe, a candidate for Mayor, retired from the race. This came as a surprise to his friends.

The verdict in the Chestnut case seems to give universal satisfaction. The only comment we have heard on the matter is that Chestnut got off light.

Five paroles and two commutations of sentence were Saturday added by the Secretary of State to the list of convicts who have been turned loose by Governor Bleas.

There will be an ice cream festival at Gerizim Church near Vance Thursday evening, Sept. 14. Commencing at six o'clock. Everybody invited. The proceeds will be used for the cemetery.

Messrs. Sifley and Frith's handsome building on Russell street was thrown open and was the scene of a most unique entertainment, in which a number of ladies and gentlemen participated. Many joined in the dance and hundreds present listened to the music, which was furnished by the Orangeburg Military Band.

Mr. J. J. Sharp, one of the trustees of School District No. 82, gives a very encouraging report of that school. They have added a much needed and nicely finished apartment. School opens in a few weeks with Miss Pauline Bennett, of Oiler, S. C., as teacher. There are about fifty scholars in attendance.

Before the verdict in the Chestnut case was announced, it was reported that one of the jurors was under financial obligations to one of the lawyers for the defence and that Chestnut owed another juror several hundred dollars. If this was true, it did not affect the action of the jury, as at no time was there any hint of acquittal. Like honest men, they did their duty as they saw it, regardless of personal considerations.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE.

Names From Which to Select Your Municipal Ticket.

The candidates for Mayor and Alderman whose names appear below are soliciting the votes of the readers of The Times and Democrat for the respective offices for which they are running, and we hope they will get them.

For Mayor. W. W. Wannamaker. O. K. Wilson.

For Aldermen. D. H. Marchant. Lawrence E. Riley. Thos. A. Failey. Julian A. Salley. Abial Lathrop. Wallace W. Crum. Robert F. Bryant. J. X. Weeks. W. G. Smith. John W. Josey.

A good Mayor and six good aldermen can be picked from the list named above, and we hope the next Mayor and Aldermen will be elected from it.

NEGRO KILLED AT NORWAY.

Marion Evans Shoots Charley Milhous After a Game.

Word was brought to this city yesterday of the killing of Charley Milhous by Marion Evans, both negroes. The tragedy occurred near Norway. It seems that a crowd of negroes gambled all Saturday night and that Sunday morning the two above named got in a difficulty about a deck of cards. As a result of which difficulty was shot in the arm and he then crawled under the house.

When Evans started to leave the house he was followed by Milhous. Evans turned around and told Milhous not to follow, but this did not stop the follower, and Evans shot, killing Milhous instantly.

All of the participants were fined \$50.00 in Norway for gambling, thus swelling the treasury of that town considerably. Evans was brought to this city yesterday morning and it is said that he is a brother to the negro that was lynched some years ago for the killing of Mr. Phillips.

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