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COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Our brief report of Court proceedings in last week's issue was concluded with report, or rather no report of Wednesday's proceedings.

The Court met, was opened for the transaction of such business as the docket showed would come before it. His Honor heard a motion for a change of venue in the Gillis-Whitaker case. Took same under advisement. Adjourned Court till 4 o'clock P. M. when argument on the motion was taken up. This action left all of the jurors and witnesses a prey for several good working hours to the Liquor and Beer dispensaries, and to other amusement vendors of a more or less questionable character. 4 o'clock.—Court reconvened. Argument for that change of venue heard and Attorneys given time until the next morning at 9 o'clock to strengthen their position. Court adjourned.

Thursday.—Court opened as usual. Argument resumed in the change of venue matter. Motion finally refused. Now comes in a very peculiar piece of side play, which will not, we think commend itself to any citizen or taxpayer. To make assurance of a continuance of the case doubly sure, a Grand Juror was placed upon the stand, the Grand Jury having previously been discharged, who testified that he had never been sworn in as a Grand Juror. This effectually did the work, as the case was promptly continued. It would appear to not the most densely ignorant, that this incident would also have immediately caused an adjournment of the Court, for, if the Grand Jury was not properly organized, certainly all the working parts in the Court machinery could not be in good working order.

The remainder of the day, after the change of venue fiasco, and that Grand Juror surprise was devoted to the trial of John Black, a black negro, for poisoning his wife. Jury's verdict, Guilty with recommendation to mercy Life sentence.

Friday.—A short session devoted to consideration of application for bail for J. A. and J. E. Gillis. Same granted to J. A. Gillis in the sum of \$4,000 and refused for the present to the latter. Court adjourned.

The summary of work for the week reads: six cases tried, only one of which was of any great importance. At least two days wasted in interminable talks and arguments, largely on points that to the uninitiated had no point, but for every one of which the people are mulcted that much in taxes. We had thought that some of the more strenuous new court house advocates would have whispered into the ear of the bar that we would have to cut down court expenses now as we are to have a new court house and beg them to be expeditious, but we guess they forgot it, as we feel positive if the lawyers had received such an intimation, much more business would have been transacted, and the people generally better satisfied.

Now, we are only a half lawyer, and want desperately to complete our legal course along certain lines. Why, as soon as that Grand Juror took the oath that he had not been sworn in as such, did not the Judge at once adjourn the Court after giving the necessary orders in the premises to insure a competent panel at the next term? Certainly, as the average man looks at it, no further criminal business could have been legally transacted after that discovery. Stop, we hear some one say, legal business can be transacted under any conditions if conducted by consent.

This perhaps is true, but as surely as the Lord made little apples, it should not be law. Law, is the bulwark of our civil

and personal liberties, and we tell you that when the least little cog in its intricate and delicate machinery is out of place, the whole concern goes to pieces as an instrument of justice between man and his fellow.

To sum up, it is our calm judgment that any trial of a criminal nature before a court, constituted as this was, was simply a resort to legalized lynch law, and not to a court of justice as was intended.

In conclusion, we wish it to be understood that in the foregoing, we disclaim any intention of reflecting upon the dignity of a Court.

All good citizens respect the law, as they should respect the court, the medium through which justice is very often meted out to offenders, but the point that we especially wanted to make was, the woeful waste of the people's money by the continuous and vexatious delays in the transaction of business through long arguments on technicalities in laws that should contain no such, coupled occasionally with a little slowness on the part of the judge. It is these things that are causing a rapidly growing and deep-seated disregard for law. It is these that causes the present congested condition of all our Courts. These also which have sorely punished and impoverished many an innocent man, and which has allowed the escape of equally as many if not more guilty ones, and last, but not least it is these things that are in part responsible for the long score of lynchings, homicides, house-burning and other crimes that have too long stained the fair name of our State.

We hope that in these brief remarks we have not given offense to any individual. It is conditions, not persons to which we have called your attention, and if we have said ought that will tend to improve those conditions, our purpose is accomplished.

THE BEST BEAR DOG.

Speaking of whether an editor should mould public opinion or follow faithfully where it leads, recalls the experience of an editor whose specialty was coming out strong on questions that had been decided by the public. While the balance was wavering, he went easy and spoke low; but when the people had spoken he whooped and shouted and made his position clear. This story was told to fit his case.

Out in the Rockies a gentleman secured the services of a bear dog for a grizzly hunt. The dog's owner declared the animal to be the finest bear dog in the Rocky mountains. In a little while they came on several grizzlies in a canon. At a critical moment a "Silvertip" charged the hunter while his gun was jammed and the hunter owed his life to a little bull dog that worried the bear until he could get a shell out of the carrier. After the grizzly was dead the famous bear dog whom nobody had seen during the fight came flying over the side of the canon and sprang on the bear's carcass, snatching out hair by the handful and growing madder at each bite. The owner came up too rubbing his hands and said: "Did't I tell you that was the greatest bear dog in the Rocky mountains?" The hunter said that the dog's specialty appeared to be dead bear. "It surely is," said the Westerner, "or he'd been a dead dog long ago." The editor in question evidently made a specialty of dead bear and found this species much less dangerous than the other kind.—Conway Field.

We are not much on dead bear, but hope that as an editor, we will not be a dead dog for some time to come.

THE COURT HOUSE AGAIN.

The Lord knows, friends, we had hoped never to open our lips again or publish another line concerning the new court house. We received such a surprise and our sensibilities such a shock that we feel it to be our duty to call attention to the cause. We learn that a scheme is on foot to erect the court house—where? In the centre of Hampton Park. Shades of our ancestors! That the bare idea could have entered the head of any citizen of Camden, passes our comprehension. Fellow citizens, aside from the destroying to all intents and purposes, the very finest natural park in the State, Hampton Park is almost a hallowed spot to all of our people, both in town and country, for its associ-

ations and its traditions. No, no, gentlemen who are manipulating the scheme. With-erred the arm that first lays axe at the root of one of those magnificent pines for such a purpose. The assimilating process has gone to a goodly length, we know, within the past few years, but for God's sake, gentlemen, cast this loathsome idea from you. Leave us, who still retain a little veneration for the things our forefathers held sacred, at least that one little spot to remind us of what has been. When the dark wings of Azrael have enfolded us of the old school, within their sombre folds, when our earthly bodies have been received into the bosom of mother Earth, when our spirits have gone before the final judge, then talk about a court house in Hampton Park, and we will wager that our sons and our son's sons will fight the project, for they will be raised to hold sacred all that their forefathers held sacred, and to repel, as noxious, such bizarre ideas as are intimated in the above.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

Every now and then Mr. Hearst is called upon to bow his thanks for an endorsement which the politically wise declare cannot be of any practical benefit. Judge Parker has been peculiarly favored in his ability to maintain a prolonged silence without being referred to as a "sphinx."

The promptness with which everything is done by Carrie Nation leads to the suspicion that she employs a press agent.

The angrier Tammany gets the more David B. Hill seems pleased.

Mr. Gorman's friends do not hesitate to remind the democracy that if it wants a man who can talk with fluency and yet with considerable discretion, Maryland can produce him.

The Japanese are greatly interested in base ball. There is no possible doubt as to the sincerity and completeness of their civilization.

Some of Mr. Bryan's utterances indicate that his experiences with that will case has left him a little sensitive and irritable.

A Bryanite asks why so much attention is paid to Bryan if he has no influence. A mosquito is not an influential creature, but he receives attention all the same.

If it is decided to land marines at Tangier, it is possible that Sultan Aziz will wake up some morning to find himself Sultan Aswas.

Editor Bok does not approve of the woman having pockets in their stockings. He is probably a fraud they will fall into the male habit of standing around on the corners with their hands in their pockets.

Russell Sage objects to the vacation habit. He is getting so close that he hates to spend time.

Bethune Items. Rev. James Bradley left last Thursday morning via the Seaboard for Helena and McRea, Ga., where he will preach during the summer months.

There is a good deal of sickness in the community at present. Mrs. L. W. West has been very ill for some time. Mr. G. S. King and several children have been very sick.

Messrs. S. T. and Jesse Gardner left last Saturday night for Aldalusa, Ala., where they will attend Court this week.

Mrs. D. McDonald and children left last week to spend a month at Kershaw.

Miss Lois Hough, of Kershaw, is on a visit to relatives at Bethune.

Messrs. Roland Harron and C. F. King, of Bishopville, spent a couple of days here last week.

Mr. Lee Seeger, who left this community about the first of April this year, to make Haynesville, La., his home, arrived here Sunday morning. He will return to Louisiana the first of September.

The Bethune Base Ball Club and the Kershaw club will play a match game today (Tuesday) on the grounds of the former.

Mr. J. A. McKeithen, of Aberdeen, N. C., is here looking after his lumber business.

Mr. E. B. King spent Sunday in Columbia.

Mr. J. N. McLaurin is at home from Clemson College.

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The Matrons Club has decided to put off all card games until fall, but the Acorn Club met with Miss Henrietta Brailford on Wednesday afternoon and had a most lively and interesting series of games.

On Wednesday morning, June 22nd, the wedding of Mr. Athol Miller, of Columbia and Miss Margaret Carrison, the popular daughter of Mayor H. G. Carrison, will take place, quietly at her home on upper Broad Street, Rev. Gordon officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Miller will reside in Columbia, and the good wishes of the whole community will follow the young couple. The Capital City's gain will be Camden's loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Carrison are here for the wedding and his friends are more than hearty in congratulations, since fortunate enough to meet his choice.

Miss Meta Boykin has returned home after a most delightful visit to Clemson where, we learn, she was the belle and toast of the season; Misses Lulu and Frances Boykin and Mary Cantey are enjoying the gaieties of Columbia and Miss Betsy Boykin and Mary Johnson will return this week.

Mrs. R. M. Kennedy and little daughter left on Tuesday for Winchester, Va., where they will spend the summer.

The many friends of Mrs. Alex. Heyward will be grieved to hear of her illness, but will rejoice to know it is not at all serious. Her mother, Mrs. Chas. Shannon, Sr., has been in Columbia with her.

Mr. Laurens Mills spent a few days in Camden, but returned to Columbia, on Monday, where he will take a course in stenography and typewriting before entering upon his duties with Mr. Wm. Shannon. Mr. Mills fulfilled the expectations of his friends in his high stand in law at the South Carolina College and was one of the four selected to argue in the Moot Court at the commencement.

Mrs. A. D. Kennedy and Master H. B. Kennedy returned from Columbia on Monday evening.

Miss Ellie Zemp is visiting friends in Beaufort.

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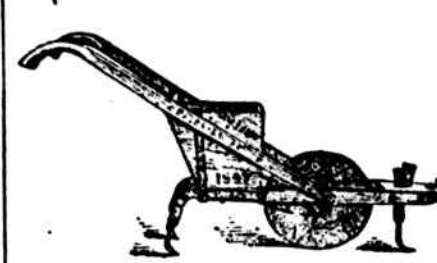
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