

NOTHING WHATEVER IN LARCENY CASE

Stealing Charge Heard Monday Against Prominent Men Comes to Nothing

PROSECUTOR ELLIOTT DOES NOT APPEAR

Prosecutor Was Defendant in Foreclosure Case in Court Here.

H. D. Elliott of Floyds township, and whose name has been connected lately with land sales under foreclosure of mortgages held by the Palmetto Grocery Co., of Mullins; was the prosecutor named in criminal proceedings before the court of Magistrate W. H. Chestnut here last Monday, in a warrant in which Elliott as the Herald is informed charged the stealing of a land deed and land plat by the following named gentlemen, all well known in business circles: Dr. J. C. Williamson, F. P. Covington, June Baldwin, and H. L. Covington, of the Williamson & Brown, Land and Lumber Company, and John P. Cooper, of the Palmetto Grocery Co., of Mullins, S. C.

It appears that some time after the suit to foreclose the mortgages against his property had been brought, Elliott made application to the Federal Reserve Bank, or possibly some other financial concern to borrow money on his land. The title was reported adversely because he had no complete chain of title to some of the property. The Williamson & Brown Land and Lumber Company it appears had been concerned with this land, or parts of it, in years gone by, in the purchase of the timber on it and possibly other transactions, and they also held a mortgage on some of it for money loaned to Mr. Elliott. It seems that Elliott at one time left some of his deeds in the office of the lumber company, and he asked them to return to him a deed entitled J. W. Powell to G. W. Powell, and their search of the office failed to reveal any such deed. The deed that was actually wanted in the chain of title now appears to have been one from J. W. Powell to G. A. Powell, and this last named deed can be located. Letters from the prosecutor were here last Monday morning stating that he, Elliott, had not intended to ask for a warrant for larceny against John P. Cooper, that his attorney had made a mistake as he had told him he wanted Mr. Cooper only as a witness. H. D. Elliott did not appear at the hearing at all. The witnesses who were here for the defendant testified and furnished proof that there was no foundation for such a charge against these well-known business men.

The case was dismissed by the Magistrate. Messrs. F. L. Wilcox and W. F. Stackhouse were here representing the defendants all of whom came into Conway on the late train last Sunday night, except Mr. John P. Cooper, who came over in an automobile on Monday morning. They left on Monday afternoon.

Two holidays coming together never fails to suit the man who hates work.

CASE OF SLANDER WAS DISMISSED

A case entitled the State vs. Rabon, being a charge of slander against the defendant alleging the publication of the marriage of a young lady, when no marriage had taken place, was heard before Magistrate W. H. Chestnut here last Friday, and the case dismissed.

The case grew out of the publication of a notice of marriage published in this paper last year received through the paper at the editorial office properly signed. The defendant however stated that he could not write himself but often got others to write letters for him, and he denied writing this particular letter.

CASES CONTINUED FROM LAST COURT

Will Come up For Trial Next Week in General Sessions.

The court of General Sessions will convene next week on Monday morning, with Judge H. F. Rice the presiding Judge.

An examination of the dockets shows the following cases continued over from the last term of the court:

- The State vs. C. F. Powell, Breach of Trust.
- The State vs. F. O. Bellamy, Forcible Entry.
- The State vs. Sam Bright, Forcible Entry.
- The State vs. Ed. Long, Larceny.
- The State vs. L. P. Watts, Missie Watts, L. M. Watts, and Fannie Watts, Violation of Dispensary Laws.
- The State vs. Vol. Watts, Quince Watts, L. B. Watts, and W. P. Watts, Violation of the Dispensary Laws.
- The State vs. Steve Dawsey, Seduction.
- The State vs. Morris Goodman, False Pretenses.
- The State vs. Morris Goodman, Disposing of Property.
- The State vs. Gus Hammonds and Hix Hammonds, Assault and Battery With Intent to Kill.
- The State vs. Quince Graham, Charles Graham, Conspiracy.

In addition to the above stated crimes bound over to the court by cases which came over from the last term, there are the usual number of new crimes bound over to the court by the several magistrates of the county and which cannot be listed in this paper for the reason that they are in the hands of the solicitor now for the preparation of indictments. Among the new cases will be that of the State vs. A. C. Murrell, charged with the killing of L. J. Watts, the news of which appeared in this paper several months ago.

Judge Rice, who will preside over the court has been at Conway once before to hold court.

CIVIC LEAGUE WILL LOOK AFTER TREES

What about the trees on your place? Do they need trimming or re-setting? Have you ever thought how much the trees added to your comfort and the beauty of your home?

The ladies of the Civic League have undertaken to get the trees in Conway looked after and are planning to have new ones set out before the spring "Clean-up Drive" which comes on a little later.

After consulting with the members of the town council the League members announce that the Council will have trees planted on the streets in the proper places if they are furnished and will offer suggestions for planting on the individual premise. This work must be looked after once for the trees will not live if transplanted in the later Spring.

The first comment usually heard from a stranger visiting in Conway is concerning the beautiful trees in the city, and the ladies of the Civic League are working to keep these beautiful marks alive and pretty.

Don't neglect this, join with the league members in their work. Look around your place at once and make plans for the new trees needed. Help make Conway a prettier town and assist in making the City on the Waccamaw beautiful.

THRIFT CARDS.

Laura Francis Spivey is the first to report the return of a Thrift Savings Card complete. Who will be next from the Burroughs School? We want to see every pupil in every school in the County complete one of these cards.

HALF AND HALF MAKES GOOD BREAD

We have heard from some who have tried the Herald's recipe published in last week's issue for making good bread from corn meal ground fine and wheat flour well mixed half and half.

Since we are asked as a people to save the wheat, it is the Herald's idea to cooperate and do more than is asked if possible in this patriotic movement. Just at this time if many people will use only half the amount of flour that was formerly eaten, there is not a doubt in the world about the great amount of wheat that will be preserved for shipment to the soldiers. The recipe as published last week takes a very small amount of lard as anyone will see, and when made up strictly according to directions given, and milk is used in making it, the result is some of the best bread that was ever produced, presuming that it is properly baked. The finer the corn meal is ground the better the appearance of the biscuits.

Try it to-day if you have not tried it before. Hunt up last week's paper and follow it exactly.

CASES SENT TO THE SOLICITOR

W. L. Bryan, the Clerk of the Court of General Sessions, sent to the Solicitor's office on the 18th instant; the records turned in by the magistrates, upon which indictments will be prepared against the following persons; for attention at the criminal court next week:

- John W. Barker.
- Morgan Lewis and Lola Lewis.
- Joe Sarcas, Jr.
- John Smith.
- Jordan Mishoe.
- Walter Holt.
- J. J. Carter.
- A. C. Murrell.
- William Elliott, et al.
- Henry Johnson.
- Press Dozier.
- D. G. Hinson.
- Kelly Boyd, et al.
- D. A. Lewis.

The following were reported as being "hold over" cases from the last term of the court:

- Sandy Duettt.
- W. T. Hayes.
- Harrison Rowell, et al.
- Sallie Powell.
- Offie Strickland.
- D. N. Stanley.
- C. F. Powell.

W. L. BRAN,
C. C. C. P. & G. S.

FEDERAL COURT TERM.

Florence.—United States court will convene here the first Monday in March and Marshal Simms was here today serving the local jurors. The court will be in session a full week, the docket being a large one. Most of the cases are for violation of the liquor laws.

JESSE H. BROWN CLEARED BY JURY

Jesse H. Brown, a street car conductor, coming here to work from Conway, was tried today in the court of general sessions on a charge of murder, killing J. L. Thompson, a railroad worker from Savannah, by stabbing on January 24, and was acquitted. Brown put up a plea of self-defense, declaring that Thompson attacked him in the boarding house, where the fight took place, using brass knucks, and that he would have been killed had he not defended himself and had not some one pulled his assailant away from him. Thompson was cut in the neck with a pocket knife and died a couple of hours afterward.—The State.

Mr. Brown is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Brown of Bucks township. Before going to Charleston, where he has been engaged with the street car company, he filled the position of a salesman for some time, and was once engaged as a mail carrier. He was always of a peaceful disposition and his friends regretted to learn of his difficulty in Charleston, and are now glad that he is clear.

CHAUTAQUA BEGINS AT PASTIME TO-DAY

Among the attractions which will be seen at the three-day chautauqua beginning in Conway to-day, February 21st, are "The Mills-Andrus Company and Martha Morrison," who will furnish the closing concerts and entertainments; Louis Williams, Electrical Entertainer, who will give two of his performances on the second day of the entertainment; Cap's Orchestra which will appear in two concerts on the opening day; one domestic science expert sent out from Washington, who will hold forth on the second day; Dr. A. W. Hutchins, the director of the Chautauqua, who will give two lectures during the time on very important matters touching this country just at this time; and on the last day there will be a great Red Cross Demonstration.

The above are only a few of the many things you will want to see during the three days of instruction and entertainment, now beginning.

STRIKERS CALLED BY DRAFT BOARDS

New York.—Many striking ship carpenters at Staten Island plants have been notified by their local draft board to appear today for physical examination, their exemptions because of fitness for industrial work having been automatically rescinded when they quit such employment. Draft boards in Newark, N. J., and other nearby points where carpenters are registered are expected to take similar action.

The strike at two Staten Island yards continued today with prospects that the 450 strikers would be joined by several hundred other carpenters unless the government intervenes. The strikers are demanding a wage increase from \$4.80 to \$6.60 a day, the same scale, they say, as is being paid on the Pacific coast.

NINETY-THREE PER CENT OF SOLDIERS INSURED

Washington.—Ninety-three per cent of the men in the 17 large large army camps are insured under the new war risk plan. Secretary McAdoo announced today. More than one million applications, representing insurance of almost eight and one-half billion dollars, are on file with the bureau of war risk insurance, and thousands of applications written up to February 12 have not yet reached the bureau.

On the percentage basis, Camp Dodge, Iowa, leads with 99.92-100 per cent of its personnel protected by United States government insurance. Next is Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky, with 99.3-10 per cent.

In total amount of insurance written, Camp Logan, Texas, leads with \$316,000,500. Camp Greene, N. C., is second with \$313,176,200.

AS TO SELLING HENS.

The Department of Agriculture is now opening a campaign urging farmers to refrain from selling hens from the first of February to the first of May, and at the time requesting buyers to refrain from buying hens during that time.

The Poultry and Egg Section of the United States Food Administration feels that this is a highly desirable move and requests your hearty co-operation in seeing that the best possible results are secured.

Every hen which is sold before the first of May represents a food loss to the nation of about thirty eggs. The total loss of eggs represented by the customary selling of hens between the first of February and the first of May amounts to about 150,000,000 eggs. The value of these eggs is about 80 per cent of what the hen is actually worth, so that this program does not entail a loss to the farmer, but an actual gain.

We hope that you will give full publicity to this program since it is of interest to producers and dealers.

—Wm. Elliott,
Food Administrator for South Carolina.

A cloudy morning hardly ever means a gloomy day.

GOOD ENROLMENT OF SHIPBUILDERS

Over Half of Number Needed Secured in First Week of Drive.

Washington.—More than half of the great number of shipyard workers needed to carry out the country's merchant marine program have been secured in the first half of the first week of the nation-wide enrolment campaign by the United States public service reserve. This is shown by incomplete returns to William E. Hall, director of the reserve.

The national drive will be continued for another week, however, and thereafter in every State whose quota is not filled at the end of the campaign. Mr. Hall pointed out today that to obtain suitable men is more important than speed in attaining the quota. He emphasized the fact that men are not expected to leave their present jobs until they are called upon by the Labor Department for shipbuilding service.

NO SECOND DRAFT BEFORE MAY OR JUNE

Washington.—While the House was discussing the Alien Slacker Bill today Representative Dent of Alabama, Chairman of the Military Committee, said the second draft would not be called for some time and consequently there was no hurry for action in regard to alien slackers. Representative Flood of Virginia, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, told the House there would be no second draft before next May or June.

JAMES DEFENDS PLANS FOR WAR

In congress last week Senator James of Kentucky, spoke at length in defense of the administration's war accomplishments.

Senator James' speech reopened the war discussion, which promises to continue again for several days with Republicans leading the attack and Democrats making defense.

Senator Chamberlain's speech, Mr. James declared unjustified by the facts, and of great comfort to the enemy.

"Who can measure the mighty force of this utterance in the hands of the Kaiser?" he asked, stating that it probably was emphasized in German newspapers as responsible, coming from the chairman of the military committee.

"Of course, I know he did not intend to have that effect, but I'm just pointing out the danger of such utterances. Let's see if they are warranted. I will undertake to prove they are not.

"Of course America has made mistakes," he declared, "but we want to go back and live in the atmosphere before the war."

At length Senator James reviewed the sudden expansion of the army, the quick passage of the draft law and the registration of 10,000,000 men, their mobilization and equipment and that whereas the French only had asked for 30,000 troops at the beginning to enhearten the French people "many more than 100,000" had been sent.

"How has a military establishment fallen down that can do work like that?" he demanded. "No," he shouted at Senator Chamberlain, "the departments have not ceased functioning."

In conclusion Senator James said: "In time like this we need a united American people back of the commander in chief of the army and navy of this land, and of course who ever attacks that commander will have the whole support of every pro-German every spy, every pacifist, every enemy of America, who will rally behind him because they want to break down the great directing force of this war."

"President Wilson walks the tight rope—it stretches across the sea with its wrecks and dead; he holds in his

APPLY FOR BLANKS HERE AT CONWAY

C. H. Snider, Local Food Administrator, Will Supply Farmers and Millers

WITH CERTIFICATES FOR MEAL AND GRITS

Take the Certificates to the Grocer After Being Signed by Miller.

The farmer who raises his own corn does not have to buy pound for pound of other cereal in order to obtain flour from his grocer. When he carries his corn to the mill to be ground, the farmer will sign a statement showing the amount of pounds of flour which he then has on hand at home, the number in his family, and the number of tenants he supplies, and at the bottom the miller will sign a certificate showing the amount of pounds of meal and grits that the farmer has on that day had ground at his mill. This certificate is taken with the attached statement to the merchant, and the amount of flour the farmer can purchase is based on that.

The blanks for these certificates are now on hand at the office of Mr. C. H. Snider, the local food administrator, and he will supply the millers and the farmers also with the blanks upon application. Those who cannot call may write to him at Conway and receive the blanks by mail.

To save time and confusion let every farmer when he starts to mill take note of the amount of flour he has on hand at home.

SCHOOL TEACHERS HELP IN WAR WORK

President Wilson issued a call to all of the school teachers of the country, some time ago, to offer their aid in the filling out of cards in the offices of the local boards, in the work of placing the registered men in classes, etc.

The teachers of this county have responded and numbers of them were in Conway last Saturday engaged in the work.

PREPARE VATS FOR CHARGING

In a recent issue of this paper I asked the farmers who had an interest in a dipping vat, to have same cleaned out and refilled with fresh water. I have not heard from very many as yet. I would like to hear that more vats were ready to charge with chemicals.

Time is growing short. The regular dipping of all cattle in this county will start April 1st, 1918. When your vat is ready for the chemicals, send me a post card, or word by somebody and we will come out and charge the vat. If the vats are not ready by April 1st for dipping the cattle, then those cattle owners will be served notice to take their cattle to the nearest vat that is ready. We are in this war on the cattle tick to win, just the same as we are in the war to lick the Kaiser, and the government is back of it all so let's help the government and do all we can.

—Dr. C. Hedley.
Conway, S. C., Feb. 18, 1918.

greatest things we know with which to aid in winning the war.

hands the richest treasure ever lodged in the keeping of one man. That treasure is our very life, our liberty, our institutions, our homes, our firesides, our all.

"Let me plead with you; let me plead with all Americans, do not shake the rope. Do not badger him; do not heckle him. Do not annoy him. He will make the journey safely over this ocean of blood and peril."