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JULY TERM OF COURT CAME TO ABRUPT CLOSE FRIDAY

Fourteen Cases Were Disposed of; Eleven Convictions

12 MORE TRUE BILLS FOUND

Court Maintained Good Average in the Trial of Criminal Cases.

The intensely hot weather of the past week brought the July term of the Court of General Sessions to an abrupt close Friday evening, in spite of the fact that the Grand Jury had asked his Honor, Judge Ernest Gary, to continue the term until the docket had been cleared, or, if his Honor's health would not permit, that a special Judge be appointed to carry on the term. Judge Gary said that it would be suicidal for him to attempt to preside longer than one week and that he would be lucky if he did that well.

A large number of True Bills were returned by the Grand Jury, and these, together with the forty continued cases on the docket made the total an appalling one. Out of the fourteen cases that came to trial there were eleven convictions, two acquittals and one mistrial.

True Bills.

True Bills found by the Grand Jury since the last issue of The People are as follows:

Memminger Priester, larceny from dwelling.

Herman Scott, murder.

William Jackson, disposing of property under mortgage.

William Jackson, disposing of property under lien.

W. T. Munn, assault and battery with intent to kill.

Lee Boatwright, Eston Priester and Walter Boatwright, receiving stolen goods.

Joe Brant, violation of the dispensary law.

H. H. Brant and Rosa Sanders, fornication.

Joseph Priester and Rosa Sanders, adultery and fornication.

J. A. Moody and Carrie Green, fornication.

Thomas Munn and Maggie Washington, adultery.

Charlie Widener and Clara Williams, adultery.

Cases Disposed of.

As The People went to press last week the Court was engaged in the trial of Kelly Hazel, charged with murder. He was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to serve four years in the chain gang or the Penitentiary.

Memminger Priester pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny from dwelling and was sentenced to one year on the chain gang or in the Penitentiary.

R. W. Williams pleaded guilty to violating the dispensary law and was sentenced to pay a fine of $100 or serve three months on the chain gang.

In the case of Memminger Priester and Eston Priester, charged with larceny of live stock, Memminger was found guilty of that charge while Eston was found guilty of receiving stolen stock and recommended to the mercy of of the Court. Memminger was sentenced to one year on the chain gang or in the Penitentiary.

James Creech, who was found guilty of manslaughter, was sentenced to four years on the chain gang or in the Penitentiary; his co-defendant, Lizzie DeLoach, was found guilty of manslaughter with recommendation to mercy and sentenced to two years in the Penitentiary.

W. W. Willis pleaded guilty to violation of the dispensary law and was sentenced to pay a fine of $100 or serve three months on the chain gang.

Sam Perry, who pleaded guilty to the same offense, was given a like sentence.

Lee Wilson was acquitted of the charge of malicious mischief (poisoning a horse).

Ed Cherry pleaded guilty to the charge of assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature and was sentenced to serve three months on the chain gang or pay a fine of $50.

Dave Myrick was acquitted of the charge of murder.

The case against Dennis Williams, charged with murder, resulted in a mistrial.

WON BY MARGIN OF ONE VOTE

B. F. Thomas is Barely Elected Intendant of Fairfax.

Fairfax, July 16.—In the election held for town officials here today, B. F. Thomas was elected intendant, defeating the incumbent, W. E. Harter, by one vote. G. R. Bolen, R. R. Speaks, W. G. Kearse, E. and G. A. Sanders were elected wardens.

INTENSE HEAT CAUSED NEGRO CONVICT'S DEATH

Kelly Hazel, Sentenced Last Week, Released by Grim Reaper.

The first death in Barnwell County from the intense heat of last week occurred Saturday when the grim reaper released Kelly Kazel, a negro convict, from the service of a six months' sentence. Hazel pleaded guilty last week to the charge of housebreaking and larceny and had only served a few days of his sentence when he was overcome while working on the roads. He was hurried to the camp but died in about fifteen minutes. The coroner's inquest was held at Barnwell Saturday night and a verdict in accordance with the above facts was rendered. There had been some talk among the negroes that Hazel had received a whipping earlier in the day but the doctor who made the post mortem examination could find no bruises whatever on his body. On the contrary, the guards stated that he had been a willing worker and had given them no occasion to reprimand him. He had been confined in the county jail since his arrest and the sudden change to the exposure of the hot sun was probably too much for him.

A week of high temperatures reached its climax Saturday when street thermometers reached 104 degrees in the shade at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The mercury registered [illegible] at the same hour Friday and that evening at 8 o'clock stood at 94 degrees. Some sort of way given has come to us in the form of rains Saturday night. The weather cooled off quite Sunday and Monday morning this section was visited by a steady downpour of rain which cleared the atmosphere wonderfully and in spite of the great good done to the suffering crops.

BUSINESS FIRMS GIVE PRIZES TO CORN CLUB

A. M. Sanders Makes Announcement of Interest to Boy Farmers

To the Editor of The Barnwell People:

The following business houses have contributed the amounts opposite their names as prizes to be awarded to the successful contestants in the Barnwell County Boys' Corn Club:

[illegible]

Wagner Bank $10.00

Bank of Western Carolina [illegible]

Bank of Blackville [illegible]

Home Bank of Barnwell [illegible]

The Barnwell People 5.00

The Barnwell Sentinel [illegible]

Lemon Bros., Barnwell, Stock [illegible]

Beam Mf. Co., Stock Plow Stock [illegible]

Charles Brown, Barnwell [illegible]

Roping Bridge [illegible]

C. F. Mogan, Barnwell, Little Joe Harrow 3.00

B. Mazursky, Barnwell, one Hat 3.00

I desire to thank the above firms for their kindness in contributing these prizes and for their co-operation in making the contest a success. If there are any others in the county who desire to contribute to this worthy cause, their help will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

A. M. Sanders,
Local Agent.

TWO LADIES INJURED WHILE BUGGY RIDING

Mrs. T. N. Bennett and Miss Jimmie Graham Were Painfully Hurt.

While Mrs. T. N. Bennett, of Chester, and Miss Jimmie Graham, of Columbia, who are the guests of Mrs. J. A. Tobin, were out buggy riding Thursday afternoon they were painfully though not seriously injured. In trying to turn the horse around in the road at a point about two and a half miles from Barnwell, the front wheel of the buggy was "locked" and the vehicle tilted at such an angle that the ladies were thrown to the ground. Miss Graham's shoulder was dislocated, while Mrs. Benfiet received bruises on her face and body. As Miss Graham was unable to get back into the buggy, Mrs. Bennett and a colored woman drove to Barnwell and secured the services of a doctor, who brought the former to town in his automobile. The ladies were given medical assistance and recovering rapidly from their unhappy experience. It was indeed fortunate for them that the horse they were driving was gentle, as otherwise they would have been more seriously hurt.

Correspondents Wanted.

The People wishes to print the news of every section of Barnwell County, but to do this we must have the co-operation of our friends. We are, therefore, going to ask that if there are any persons who have the advancement of their towns and communities at heart they send us the news each week. There is no better way to bring your section to the favorable notice of the reading public than through the columns of the newspapers. By writing the news each week in an interesting manner you help to advertise your particular section and whatever helps a community as a whole must necessarily help the individual.

If you who read this notice desire to send us news letters each week, please communicate with this office and writing paper and stamped envelopes will be forwarded immediately, together with a copy of the paper each week. Address

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"MY WIFE'S GONE AWAY"—BUT NIX ON THE "HOORAY"

The Experiences of a Stay-at-Home as Told in a Letter to His Wife.

The following really clever play of words is the product of the brains of a Barnwell man after he had dined sumptuously on clabber and blackberry jam. It will serve to let the wives know the splendid time that their 'hubbies' have while they, the wives, are 'on the island.'

"Well, my dear, I am afraid to fuss and ashamed to tell you the treatment I received and the experience I had yesterday. In attempting to get a bite I got 'stung.' I walked into the house as cool as a cucumber. As I opened the door I saw the kitchen sink. The stove said most disgustingly: 'Say, sonny, get a match!' I wanted to smoke. You bet I made it hot for it and gave it a good roast. The pots and pans were smutty. I said: 'Don't get the Dutch causes when the bread and'e remarked on a most offensive manner. I needa bawth.' The screen door laughed for which I hung it. That seemed to pane the window so I raised it up and slapped its face for being light. Accidently I turned the door jamb over the hard headed cabbage would not be prune and I threw a knife at it cutting 'toms to' which fell on the Irish potato's eyes.

I was reading the news to the ear when the broom said: 'I give it a clean sweep' then you should have seen the salt shaker. The butter was so strong I could not manage it and the tea was so weak I could not work it and called on the coffee but that only made it boil. Why, even the mat scowled on me. I asked the bacon in the spare ribs for not having the alsike to help me and I said: 'I certainly don't admire the syrupy stand in this affair.' Whereupon the bacon flew up and caused me a welt. I took the drum stick and knocked the stuffing out of it.

I was so outdone when the cake fell that I sat down and drank water melon and decided to run away when the cantaloupe said: 'You have been beet but think of the cream you just whipped.' So I washed the lettuce head and stuffed the egg and was ready to make friends when the pitcher threw a croquet ball, which I 'ducked' and it literally peeled a lemon, making the 'ice cream' with laughter. I sat down and got full with the tank and sang, 'My wife's gone away,' loaded the gun with fish balls and joined the Greeks, with the hope that they'd send 'Turkey' to me.

"Good-bye. When you come home you will find 'welcome' on the mat."

If there are any readers of this paper who desire the name of the writer of the above effusion, their curiosity will be gratified by calling on the efficient postmaster at Barnwell, who reads all post cards and knows the correspondents of every married man in town.

DR. C. N. BURCKHALTER OPERATED ON THURSDAY

Following Acute Attack of Appendicitis He Was Taken to Columbia.

Following an acute attack of appendicitis Thursday morning Dr. C. N. Burckhalter, the popular druggist, was hurried to a Columbia hospital that afternoon and an operation performed immediately. The surgeons found that there was a trace of gangrene, but in spite of this the reports from his bedside have been very reassuring and his many friends hope and confidently expect an early recovery to health and return to his home.

Miss Harrison Entertained.

Miss Rena Harrison entertained several of her friends on Wednesday morning of last week in honor of her guest, Miss Annabelle Connor, of Elloree. An "Ad." contest was enjoyed by all, after which delightful refreshments were served.

HILDA SHOWS SIGNS OF PROGRESSIVENESS

Telephone Line and Post Office Building Nears Completion.

Special to The People.

Hilda, July 21.—A much needed rain fell here Saturday evening, followed by another nice shower yesterday.

The Rev. D. W. Heckle is at present conducting revival services here. As the church building was not completed in time, the school building is being used instead.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hartzog, of Clio, Ga., spent the past two weeks with relatives here.

Miss Estelle Collins, of Govan, is visiting relatives in Hilda.

Capt. and Mrs. L. A. Dyches and family returned home Sunday after a visit to relatives at Elkhardt.

The telephone line is nearing completion. The poles have been erected and the wire is on hand and will be strung this week.

The new post office is nearly completed with the exception of the cases and rent boxes. It is expected that a rural delivery will be started from Hilda in the near future.

MISS JULIA C. LATHROP,
One of country's noted women and head of Child Welfare Department of National Conservation Exposition.

MR. J. M. EASTERLING PAINFULLY SCALDED

Was the Victim of a Peculiar Accident on Monday Morning.

Mr. John M. Easterling was the victim of a rather peculiar and painful accident Monday morning while at his farm a few miles from town. He was trying to loosen a bolt on his mowing machine and found it immovable. Having heard that boiling water poured on obstinate bolts would loosen them he decided to test the remedy. Having secured a kettle of hot water he returned to his task when the negro who was helping him carelessly dropped the kettle, allowing a steady stream of boiling water to pour down Mr. Easterling's leg and ankle. His shoe caught a large quantity of water and before he could remove it his foot was severely scalded. His many friends will learn with regret of his painful injury.

Revival Meeting.

The revival meeting will be held at Double Ponds Baptist church the fourth Sunday in July, at 4:30 o'clock P. M. And the meeting at George's Creek church, Govan, S. C. will begin the first Sunday in August, at 11 a. M.

The Rev. R. L. Bolton, pastor of the First Baptist church, Millen, Ga., will assist the pastor at both these places. The public is cordially invited to attend all these interesting services. Come one, come all.

P. A. Bolen, Pastor.

THE GRAND JURY MADE A MOST ABLE PRESENTMENT

BARNWELL COUNTY FAIR TO BE HELD NOV. 18-22

Plans Are Being Made for a Bigger and Better Fair than Ever.

Unless something entirely unforeseen happens to prevent the third annual meeting of the Barnwell County Fair Association, which will take place here on November 18th to 22nd, inclusive, will be on a larger and grander scale than any fair ever held in this county, according to information given out Monday by President Harry D. Calhoun.

From a monetary standpoint the previous meetings have not been unqualified successes—In fact, the stockholders have lost money—and for a time it was problematical whether or not there would be another meeting of the Association, but realizing that a county fair of the right sort is of untold benefit to to the farmers of the county the men at the head of this enterprise have decided that the advantages accruing to the people of the county is of greater moment that the mere matter of dollars and cents. It is, therefore, hoped that the farmers and business men will lend their aid in making this one of the biggest meetings in the history of the Association.

The directors are not prepared at present to make a detailed announcement of their plans, but this will be done at as early a date as is practicable. The patrons of the fair can rest assured, however, that attractions galore will be provided for their instruction and amusement and they are urged to make their plans now to attend, as all roads will lead to Barnwell on November 18-22.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS OF FAIR FAIRFAX

A Number of Enjoyable Entertainments Marked the Past Week.

Fairfax, July 19.—Powell Harrison of Johnston has been visiting Tom Wilson and other friends here.

Sydney Padgett of Florida is spending some time with his aunt here.

On Friday evening Fairfax was swarming with visitors and vehicles in abundance. About 50 young persons of Allendale presented an operetta in the school hall. Too much praise can not be given Mesdames Oswald, Ali Visser and Miss Eunice Williams for carrying out so successfully this high grade entertainment.

Mrs. John G. Williams of Allendale visited Mrs. S. L. Sanders Friday.

Miss Mell Kearse of Olar visited Mrs. Julian Harter recently.

Carlisle and Herbert Rast of Swansea visited Brooker Simpson last week.

Mrs. Otis Deer has returned from a visit to Ulmer, where she was in a house party of about 25 persons at Dr. John Weelkey's. Mrs. J. F. Council, Miss Edith Nelson of Lakeland, Fla., and Louise Blount of Ulmer are visiting her now.

The "backward" party of Misses Zelle Loadholt and Alma Knight to visitors was much enjoyed.

Miss Maud Barber entertained the young folks recently at her lovely home.

Misses Eleanor and Elizabeth Edwards of Brunson are visiting Miss Ethel Simpson.

Mrs. Padgett of Florida is spending some time with Mrs. Jones Lane.

Miss Olive Calhoun, after spending some time with Miss Zelle Loadholt, has returned to Barnwell.

Mrs. Amye Moye O'Neal and son, Allen, are spending some time with relatives in Bamberg.

Mrs. H. M. Harvely, after a short stay in Augusta, is bound for the mountains of North Carolina, accompanied by her son, H. M. Harvely, Jr.

Miss Lucile Youmans, after spending some time in Tennessee, also at Jonesville, has returned. She expects to return to her school at Kosciusko, Miss., later on.

Mrs. Malcolm Moye, with her four children, of Bamberg, is spending some time with Mrs. M. A. Moye.

Mrs. W. E. Harter and son, Carlisle, visited Ulmer recently.

W. Reed Kirkland was in town recently.

Mrs. Kantie Rouse of Brunson visited relatives here this week.

Miss Ella Youman is spending some time at Tampa, Fla., with her sister, Dr. Iva Youmans.

Miss Hallie Armstrong, stenographer in the Attorney General's office, and her sister, Miss Jessie, who has been her guest for some time, motored down to Barnwell Thursday with Attorney General Peeples on a short visit to relatives and friends.

Recommend that Salaries of Rural Police Be Reduced.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENDED

Hope Expressed that "They Will Continue to Keep Their Eyes Open."

The State of South Carolina, County of Barnwell.—Court of General Sessions (Summer Term, 1913).

To the Hon. Ernest Gary, Presiding Judge:

We, the Grand Jury of the County of Barnwell, submit the following presentment:

1. In the able charge of your Honor to our body, your Honor stressed the fact that crime was proven by our own docket to be rampant in the county, there being forty-odd cases continued from the March term of the criminal court, to which would be added fifty or sixty new ones, making the appalling total close to one hundred.

Now, we admit being ashamed of this record and acknowledge as citizens and jurors our share of the blame, though we do not take all of the blame; but we place a part and a large part on the whole Court, from the Honorable Judges on the bench down to the most obscure lawyer. Time and again we have plead and urged that cases be not continued, save for the best of reasons,—that punishment delayed would be justice defeated—but our words have never been heard. The lawyer still gets up with his excuse, flimsy or otherwise, as the case may be, and so far as a layman can see the genuineness of the excuse is seldom looked into, and, no matter how heinous the crime, the case is continued from court to court until the witnesses are scattered, some even dying from old age, and when at last the trial comes the criminal gets off entirely and the people suffer.

All over this land we are crying to the courts for help, askingthem to think more of actual justice and the good of the country and less of their so-called legal forms, technicalities, etc., and, in our humble opinion, if the Honorable Judges continue to disregard this cry, the radical doctrine of the recall of the judiciary will certainly spread, it being our only redress.

We respectfuly urge that your Honor will continue this Court and, if possible, clear the criminal docket; and if your Honor's health will not permit, that you communicate with the proper authorities, explain the situation in our county and ask that a special Judge be appointed in your stead.

2. It has been brought to our attention that no adequate record is kept in the office of the County Commissioners and Supervisor of the property of the county, such as mules, wagons, tents, machinery, etc., nor of the number of convicts on the chain gang, length of their sentences, the nature of their crimes, etc., and we recommend that this unbusiness-like method be discontinued and that the Commissioners purchase a suitable book immediately and require their clerk to keep the said record.

We understand from the present commissioners that claim No. 127, which was actually for an automobile for the Supervisor, was sworn to and presented as corn and approved as such by the former Board, and that they, the present Board have refused to issue a warrant for the payment of the same, maintaining that an automobile for a county officer, no matter under what head charged up, does not constitute a legal claim under our present law. We commend our present commissioners for the stand they have taken and their vigilance, and hope they will continue to keep their eyes open. Our county has been spending too much money for the return we have been receiving. In reference to the former Board of Commissioners, who approved the said claim, we wish to go on record as condemning their action.

3. We have received numerous complaints against certain of the Rural Police. These have not been investigated to our entire satisfaction, but will before the next term of this Court. Nevertheless we feel certain that the rural police are not doing their duty, are very little if any value to the county, and we recommend and insist that our Commissioners exercise the power vested in them and reduce the salary of the said Rural Police to the minimum allowed by law. If the Police resign, so much the better, for we hope and recommend that our delegation abolish this office entirely at the next meeting of the General Assembly.

4. We have visited the jail and find the same kept all right. We fail to de-

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