

Washington, D. C., April 20.—No one wants to accuse Congress of undue hard heartedness, but if there is anything that would tend to reconcile the "conservative" leaders of both houses to the awful disaster that has happened in San Francisco...

But as if he had not caused the conservatives trouble enough for a time, the President breaks out in a fresh place with a special message to Congress on the subject of the beef combine and the judicial idea of the "immunity bill"...

Another note on the part of the administration that is not at all to the liking of many of the large vested interests in the announcement through the Department of Justice...

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The New Dress Goods

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Beautiful Dress Silks in pin stripes and checks in dress patterns. 27 in. Chiffon Taffeta in the leading shades. Special value in 36 in. Taffeta Silks in black and colors.

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J. WHICHARD, Editor and Owner. Twice-a-Week--Tuesday and Friday. ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR IN ADVANCE. No. 35

OLD SONGS.

Over the old, old songs. The songs I used to hear you like that have been dumb in death, for many a year...

BLACK JACK ITEMS.

Black Jack, N. C. April 21. 19-6. Several of our people attended church at Pleasant Hill Sunday. J. D. Dawson, of Washington, was here Tuesday. R. J. Dixon went to Greenville Wednesday. H. M. Hardee, of Norfolk, was here Wednesday. J. O. Johnston went to Washington yesterday. Miss Rebecca Mills has returned home from a visit to her aunt, near Shelmerdine. Zebra Tripp and Miss Annie Hardy were here Sunday. Misses Mary and Martha Williams returned home yesterday from a visit to their aunt in Greenville. Luther Standil was here Tuesday. A. J. Smith, J. S. Smith and Jesse Hardee are all jurors at Greenville this week. Mrs. W. L. Clark has been very sick but is improving we are glad to say. G. S. Porter went to Winterville Saturday and bought one of the Winterville bugies, with a canopy top. Eggs 12 cts per dozen here this week. Abram Dixon and wife returned from a trip in Craven county Sunday.

Another Shock.

San Francisco, April 25.—An earthquake shock this afternoon toppled over several tottering walls and cracked chimneys, left by the severe shock of last Wednesday, and the fire that followed, and killed one woman. The shock was not severe, but the partly wrecked condition of the walls and chimneys resulted in the upsetting of some masonry. The shock was barely perceptible in Oakland and vicinity, and was not felt far from San Francisco, according to reports received tonight.

It lasted nearly a minute and caused considerable alarm, a number of walls of burned buildings, which were standing yesterday, were thrown down, and frail buildings were considerably shaken up, but the damage done was slight.

Mr. Hilliard at Griffin.

Hon. E. F. Hilliard, of Scotland Neck, will deliver an address at the closing of the Griffin graded school May 10th, at 8 o'clock p. m. It will be remembered that Mr. Hilliard delivered a magnificent address at Bethel last year.

Five Horses.

While in Hampton, Va, this week J. F. King purchased a pair of fine horses for which he paid \$750. The horses arrived today and are beauties. They can be seen at his stables near Five Points. Mr. King knows what a good horse is.

OLD LEAP YEAR LAWS.

When Women Proposed Six Centuries Ago the Man Had to Accept.

In two countries, at least, and more than 600 years ago laws were passed which gave women the right of proposing marriage. These enactments went even further than this. They also stipulated that if the man whose hand they had sought should refuse he should incur a heavy fine.

A searcher among the ancient records of Scotland discovered an act of the Scottish parliament, which was passed in the year 1288, which runs as follows:

"It is statud and ordaind that during the reign of his maist blisid Megeste, ilk the yead knowne as Lepe Year, ilk maiden ladye or baidthe like and lowe estate shall have liberte to bespeke ye man she likes, albeit gif he refuses to talk hir to be his lawfull wyfe, he shall be mulctid in ye sum of xij dandis or less, as his estate may be, except and awis gif he can make it appear that he is betrothid aneither woman, he then shall be free."

A year or so later a law almost similar to the Scottish law was passed in France and received the approval of the king. It is also said that before Columbus sailed on his famous voyage to the westward a similar privilege was granted to the maidens of Genoa and Florence.

There is no record extant of any fines imposed under the conditions of this Scottish law and no trace of statistics regarding the number of spinsters who took advantage of it or of the similar regulations of France, but the custom seems to have taken firm hold upon the popular mind about that time.

The next mention of it is dated nearly 400 years later, and it is curious little treatise called "Love, Courtship and Matrimony," which was published in London in 1606. In this quaint work the privilege was thus alluded to:

"'Tis it now becomes a part of the common law in regard to social relations of life that as often as every leap year doth return, the ladies have the sole privilege during the time of continuance of making love either by words or looks, no man will be entitled to benefit of clergy who doth in any wise treat her proposal with slight of contumely."

Up to within about a century ago it was one of the unwritten laws of leap year that if a man should decline a proposal he should soften the disappointment which his answer would bring about by the presentation of a silk dress to the unsuccessful suitor for his hand.

A curious leap year superstition is still to be met with in some parts of New England, and that is that during leap year the "bug grow on the wrong side of the pod."

Greenville's Star Player.

The University of North Carolina base ball team played the Virginia team in Richmond on Monday and won by a score of 6 to 1. The Richmond Times-Dispatch says James, for Carolina, was the star player of the game, that "he was by far the fastest play at third seen in Richmond this year, and he excited many congratulatory comments by his pretty work." Burt is one of our boys and we are proud of his good record.

As molasses attracts flies so does a busy man attract loafers. A woman can throw a hint straighter than a man can throw a rock.

SUPERIOR COURT.

April Criminal and Civil Term in Session.

The following cases have been disposed of: T. B. Cherry, nuisance, heretofore found guilty, judgment was prayed and defendant was sentenced for 30 days and assigned to work roads.

Moses Willoughby, forcible trespass, pleads guilty, judgment suspended on payment of costs. Joseph Rawls, assault with deadly weapon, pleads guilty, fined \$5 and costs.

Royal Barrett, assault with deadly weapon, pleads guilty, fined \$15 and costs. Henry Belcher and John Frizzle, affray, pleads guilty, fined \$10 each and costs.

John Nobles and Elijah Brown, affray, pleads guilty, judgment suspended on payment of costs. A. D. Hill, assault with deadly weapon, pleads guilty, fined \$5 and costs.

Alonso Randolph, abandonment, pleads guilty, motion for judgment, motion continued, defendant required to give bond for his appearance to show that he had supported his wife and family, and that he has been of good behavior.

Willie Cannon, carrying concealed weapon, pleads guilty, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Jack Hyman, false pretense, guilty, sentenced 30 days to jail to be assigned to roads. Defendant excepts and appeals to Supreme court.

Ed. Orthington, malicious destruction of personal property, guilty. Motion for judgment motion continued upon payment of costs.

William Barret, carrying concealed weapon, not guilty. Ormond Hart, assault with deadly weapon, pleads guilty, sentenced 3 months to jail to be assigned to roads.

Sam Little, assault with deadly weapon, pleads guilty, fined \$10 and costs. Sam Little, carrying concealed weapon, pleads guilty. Motion for judgment, motion continued on payment of costs and good behavior.

John Clarence Wooten, assault with deadly weapon, fined \$15 and costs. J. F. Payne and George Dudley, assault with deadly weapon, both guilty, each sentenced for 60 days to be assigned to roads.

J. W. Eason, assault with deadly weapon, guilty, fined \$50 and costs. E. T. Phelps, assault with deadly weapon, pleads guilty, fined \$5 and costs.

Turner Fields, assault with deadly weapon, pleads guilty, fined \$5 and costs. Zen Blount, assault, guilty, sentenced five months to be assigned to roads.

John Wash Walker, carrying concealed weapon, not guilty. John S. Clark, carrying concealed weapon, pleads guilty, fined \$15 and costs.

James Langley, assault with deadly weapon, not guilty. I. C. Hardy and R. M. Kennedy, assault with deadly weapon, Hardy guilty, Kennedy not guilty. Tip Person, assault with deadly weapon, not guilty.

Sam Mooring, Abram Mooring, Caester Mooring, Bill Mooring, assault with deadly weapon, all guilty. Sam and Abram sentenced for 60 days to be assigned to roads. Chester and Bill fined \$20 each and costs. Sam Mooring, carrying concealed

THE BETHEL CASE.

Defense Wants Continuance. While State Wants Speedy Trial. The Matter Still Under Discussion.

The interest of the community in the occurrence which took place near Bethel on the night of April 15th, when Mr. W. J. Teel's home was broken into by a party of men and Mr. Teel assaulted, was shown by the immense crowd which packed the court room Wednesday afternoon, at 2:30 when court resumed session. The preliminary hearing of the six men arrested and released under bail, was set for Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, but by agreement was postponed until 2:00 o'clock. All the defendants in this case on bail appeared at this latter hour and were represented by the following counsel: Harry W. Wheelbee, Donnell Gilliam, I. A. Sugg, J. L. Fleming, Julius Brown.

For the State—Solicitor L. I. Moore, A. L. Bow, F. G. James. When the case was called the State sprung a surprise by announcing that a true bill had been found by the grand jury for housebreaking and conspiracy against all six defendants and suggested that a day be set for the trial under this indictment.

Mr. Gilliam for defendants, announced that they had had no time for preparation of case nor was it known just what crime the defendants would stand charged with. He now has a roll of witnesses for defense numbering 70 or 80 and among this number many who could not possibly attend court this term; that justice to both State and defendant demands that the case be continued for the term. The case having been discussed generally and opinions pro and con having been formed, and it being necessary to be thoroughly prepared in this case, it should be continued. The case an important one, should have trial undisturbed by feeling or bias. It is willing to submit affidavits that witnesses cannot attend this term of court.

Mr. Moore for the State, feels that it is his duty to insist on a trial of the case at once. Feels that the defense can easily arrange with the means at their disposal, to get all witnesses necessary for the trial. It is a matter of great public interest. He suggested that some day next week be agreed upon for the trial.

Judge Long here instructed the clerk to make the following entry on the docket relative to the warrants. "In this case a bill of indictment was found by grand jury before the time agreed on by counsel outlined for the hearing of preliminary investigation by the court. It is therefore agreed by counsel on both sides that such preliminary inquiry by the court upon the charges in the warrant be dispensed with, and the court files the warrants with the clerk."

Mr. Gilliam. Did not wish to interpose any technical objections to the indictment, but some such objection had been suggested. Is willing to forego this and waive any objections if continued for the term. Suggests that time be allowed to prepare affidavits for

weapon, pleads guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of costs. Joseph McLawhorn, Henry McLawhorn and J. W. Humphrey, assault with deadly weapon, both McLawhorns guilty, Humphrey not guilty. Jack Brown, assault with deadly weapon, guilty, fined \$5 and costs.

continuation, and also any formal objection or pleas in abatement the defense may offer. Judge Long allowed such time until 9 o'clock Thursday morning. Solicitor Moore called attention of the court to the fact that bonds would have to be renewed. Judge Long ordered same bond for appearance from day to day at this term of court, in the same amount as before adjudged.

At the opening of the court this morning Mr. Gilliam, for the defense, offered affidavits as follows: AFFIDAVIT FROM A DEFENDANT'S

1. Offense alleged April 15th, nothing done until April 23rd, when they entered into bond, then on 25th announced bill found. That bill was first knowledge of defense had. Gave attention and widespread rumors and opinions as expressed pro and con. Cannot have fair and impartial hearing at this term. Lawyers have not had time to prepare case. Not until night of 24th was there any conference with affidavits and no witness has been examined. Cannot get witnesses, numbering 75, living in different parts of county. Is not for the purpose of delay, but for good and sufficient reasons stated.

2. Defendant Adrian Whichard says he cannot go to trial and in addition to above reason, that his wife and mother cannot come, wife is now under care of physician, mother is also confined by sickness, expects to prove by both that he was at home all of the night of April 15th, from sun down to sunrise. No subpoena has been issued.

No other witnesses available for this purpose. Defendant Walter Woodard says in addition to above his grandmother had been stricken with paralysis, is entirely ill.

Defendant J. K. Brumhill says in addition that Gus Little, an important witness, is kept at home by the serious illness of his wife. Expects to prove he was not present on April 15th, called in Oakley as late as 1 o'clock, at home of Gus Little to get whiskey for sick wife. Also Mrs. Little cannot come. Expects to prove in corroboration of Gus Little.

Defendant Chas. Wyan says in addition, W. H. Wyan, his father taken ill Monday night of this week, was here Monday, mother of affiant was called back home. Will prove he was at home, April 15th, all night and could not have committed said crime.

Mr. Gilliam also offered certificate from Dr. E. E. Nobles as to the condition of persons mentioned in the affidavits whom he had visited.

"The general affidavit is not correct in saying defendants cannot get a fair trial. The court condemns the crime but does not prejudice any one's trial. Does not think the case should be continued. A case of such importance demands speedy trial. Plenty of means at their disposal to get any number of witnesses. Counsel would have plenty of time to examine witnesses. Alibi is the defense which judging from affidavit will be set up, and will cover little territory.

Mr. Gilliam: The knowledge lies in the bosoms of the families, which is necessary to show in their

defense. At present they are unwell, as shown by affidavits, and it is impossible to say when they can attend. He argued the serious earnestness of the affidavits, and insisted that there is nothing in these affidavits to show mere desire to delay the trial. The public might as well be given the defendants a fair and impartial trial. People yesterday wondered to see ride in a town's man who had been many times during the past few days rumored as having died in a hospital in Norfolk from wounds received the night of the crime.

This court asked whether this could be called. No special term could hardly be arranged.

Mr. Gilliam—The court will take more time than is generally thought, to justify the rest of the docket, the case will be postponed. There shall be an interval in which the passions of the public might be cooled. No precedent sickness of affidavits. Has no means of knowing if witnesses would be here if the court would be set for any day next week.

Judge Long—Does not see case generally, and the witnesses of counsel on both sides. With 100 defendant witnesses, 10 State witnesses, 8 lawyers and 100 witnesses, other sickness might arise. It would be a source of trouble to put the burden on some one's shoulders, on the jury to perform. He suggested that under the statute set forth, be taken from those witnesses who cannot attend. Would expect the solicitor to allow these propositions to be read and entered, and waive notice.

The solicitor asks that the matter be deferred until the afternoon session. This was granted, and the matter left open until this afternoon.

SHELMERDINE ITEMS.

SHELMERDINE, N. C. Apr. 26. O. J. Johnson, of Norfolk, visited our town this week.

Misses Mabel Savage, Eva and Della Stokes, Madeline H. H. and E. A. Stanley went to Greenville Tuesday shopping.

Mr. Reynolds, of Panadelphia, was in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Waleley attended services in Greenville Sunday and returned that afternoon on the motor car, making the trip in 28 minutes. While there they were the guests of Mrs. Harper.

F. H. Stallings, of Richmond, spent Monday night in our midst.

Mrs. J. A. Baker and Miss Lottie Dickens returned Saturday night after quite a pleasant visit to relatives and friends at Drum Hill.

Mr. Hawkins, of Washington, was in town Wednesday.

George Shumaker family have moved to Shelmerdine and will make their home here.

Mr. Barrows, of Cincinnati, was in Shelmerdine this week.

C. J. Duke, at Suffolk, spent Wednesday night in town.

Mrs. F. G. Waleley and Mrs. J. O. Bobbit spent the day in Washington Wednesday.

Little Emily Cole is right sick with measles. The box party last Friday night for the benefit of the Mascoe order of this place was quite a success. One case was raffled and brought as much as \$22. Miss Olive Woodard was the popular young lady. Dr. C. L. Fridge, deputy grand master of this district, made an official visit to Temperance Lodge of Coxville Monday afternoon and visited Shelmerdine Lodge Monday night. Dr. Priddy made a favorable impression on all those who had the pleasure of meeting him.







