

PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN DANGEROUS CONDITION

Forrest County Grand Jury Calls
Espacial Attention to Main
Street Structure.

COUNTRY ROADS ARE ALSO IN BAD SHAPE

Several Cases Disposed of by the
Court—Newell Found Guilty of
Forgery—Sentence Has Not Been
Passed in This Case.

The report of the Forrest County
grand jury turned into court just be-
fore the noon hour today has caused
much merited discussion.

Some of the recommendations con-
tained in the report occasioned no lit-
tle surprise among those present in
the court room, and the document is
the talk of the town this afternoon.

The most surprising feature of the
report is the mention of the danger-
ous condition of the public school
buildings of Hattiesburg, publication
of which was made several weeks ago
in the columns of the Daily News.

This part of the report is timely
and should result in prompt action on
the part of the trustees of the city
schools.

Another matter to which the grand
jury calls special attention is the con-
dition of the county roads, and its re-
commendation of the contract system
will meet with general commendation.

The finding of seventy-three true
bills is not surprising. It is a good
showing, however, and marks the pre-
sent grand jury as one of the best ever
empanelled in Hattiesburg.

The following cases were disposed
of in the circuit court Wednesday and
Thursday:

State vs. J. W. Newell, forgery;
found guilty and sentence reserved.
This negro forged a check and signed
the name of A. M. Booker, and suc-
ceeded in passing it. The bank cash-
ing the check was repaid.

State vs. Jake Weidman, selling il-
liquor; pleaded guilty in five cases and
five cases were passed to the files;
sentence reserved.

State vs. Oscar Barnes, pleaded
guilty to carrying concealed weapons
in one case and in one for exhibiting
deadly weapons and a nol pross was
entered.

State vs. Mark Williams, carrying
concealed weapons; found not guilty.

State vs. Will McCallip, selling il-
liquor; pleaded guilty in five cases and
eight went to the files.

The entire time of court up to the
time of going to press, had been oc-
cupied today hearing the case of Ed
Blueff, a negro charged with burglar-
izing a store located on Sixth and Mo-
bile streets about three months ago.

The negro is being defended by W.
S. Pierce and Dan Currie. It will like-
ly be finished this afternoon.

The two negroes, Cherry and Yowe,
charged with the murder of another
negro near the cracker factory some
time ago, were discharged from cus-
tody today, the grand jury having
failed to find sufficient evidence to
connect them with the murder.

TWO STATES STORMSWEEP

Hearst News Service.
Salina, Kan., May 22.—Mrs. Fred
Rothe, was killed and several persons
were injured in a tornado which
struck Lincoln last night. Several
houses were destroyed.

FIVE KILLED.
Albia, Iowa, May 22.—Five persons
are reported killed in a tornado which
swept over the southern part of Iowa
yesterday.

Forrest County's First Grand Jury Has Made Its Report

The grand jury for the present term of the circuit court adjourned
about 11:30 this morning and reported as follows:

We the first grand jury of Forrest County, beg to submit our re-
port for the May term of court, 1908.

We have examined 277 witnesses and found 73 bills.
We have inquired carefully into the cases especially given us in
charge.

We find the public roads, by close investigation to be in bad condi-
tion. We recommend that the board of supervisors change the system
of working the public roads to that of contract system.

We have examined the County Farm and find it in good condition,
except the stockades are too small and insecure.

We find the county jail insufficient in size, but understand that the
board has plans for a new jail. We recommend that the cages of the old
jail be used on county farm.

Committee was appointed to investigate the condition of public
buildings of the city, find that the doors of all the school buildings, with
the exception of the South Mississippi College, not to be according to
law. We call special attention to the Main street school building, as the
furnace and doors are in a very dangerous condition. We recommend
that doors be made to swing both ways.

We have examined the books of the various county officers and find
them correct and kept according to law.

We thank the judge for his able charge, also district attorney and
other officers of the court for the courtesy and assistance rendered us.
Now having finished our work, we ask to be discharged.

S. E. CONN, Clerk. G. M. KENNEDY, Foreman of Grand Jury.

DENTAL EXAMINERS FINISH THEIR WORK

Jackson, Miss., May 22, 1908.
The state board of dental examiners did not finish their work of grad-
ing the papers of the fifty applicants
yesterday, as they had endeavored to
do, but concluded the work this morn-
ing; after which they left for their re-
spective homes.

The work of the present board has
been harder than in the past, both for
the applicants and for the examiners,
owing to the added practical work im-
posed. Yesterday Representatives' Hall
in the state house bore the ap-
pearance of a gigantic dental parlor,
and applicants occupied not only all
the committee rooms, but a large
part of the main hall with dental
chairs, improvised as they were, and
the usual machines and paraphernalia,
doing actual work on the teeth of in-
nocent victims.

TO ELECT OFFICERS.
Hearst News Service.

Kansas City, May 22.—The Catholic
Knights of Labor will elect officers at
today's session.



GOVERNOR JOHN A. JOHNSON, WHO SOUNDS THE TARIFF
REFORM NOTE AS A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.



VISCOUNT HOTA, JAPAN'S NEW MINISTER OF FINANCE, AND THE NATION'S MONEY CRISIS.

Japan's money crisis is attracting worldwide attention and is the cause of deep rooted disaffection in the em-
pire. As the parliamentary elections approach the financial question assumes overshadowing proportions. The
nation finds itself confronted by the necessity of a loan of 70,000,000 yen, and the prospects of obtaining the money are
gloomy. It is openly charged by the Japanese public that the inability to make the loan is due to official concealment
of the exact condition of the nation's finances. Since last August forty banks in Japan have suspended; only
five of these have since resumed payment. Minister Hotta of the department of finance is in daily communication
with financial men in America and Europe with regard to the grave money situation in his country.



SPARKS IS DEAD

Governor of Nevada Dies at His
Home in Carson City at 9:30
This Morning.

BORN AND REARED IN OLD MISSISSIPPI

Went West When a Young Man and
Rose to the Highest Office Within
the Gift of His People—Only Recent-
ly Re-elected.

Hearst News Service.
Carson City, Nev., May 22.—Govern-
or John Sparks died at his home in
this city at 9:30 o'clock this morning,
after an illness of several weeks. His
death was not expected and has cast



a pall of sorrow over the Nevada capi-
tal.

Governor Sparks was 67 years of
age and a native of Mississippi. He
came to this state when a young man
and entered the practice of law, en-
tering politics after he had distin-
guished himself at the bar. He was
recently re-elected to another term
which would have expired in 1911.
He is survived by a wife, daughter
and two sons.

SIX KILLED; FORTY HURT

Hearst News Service.
Paris, May 22.—Six workmen were
instantly killed and forty-two were ter-
ribly injured in an explosion which
demolished a sugar refinery here to-
day.

HAND CARS IN SMASHUP

Three Men Painfully Hurt, and
Foreman Dorsey's Injuries
May Prove Serious.

Yesterday afternoon there was a col-
lision between two lever, or hand cars,
near the Northeastern station, both
cars belonging to the Northeastern
Railroad.

As the section force of the railroad
company were returning from their
work, and while running at a high
rate of speed for hand cars, the for-
ward car, which was loaded with men
and tools jumped the track, throw-
ing the occupants off the car, with the
tools, to the ground.

The second lever car was closely
following at a high rate of speed and
ran into the derailed car, and there
was a general mix-up.

Assistant Foreman Dorsey had his
left shoulder fractured, chin cut, head
and right shoulder bruised. He was
carried to the offices of Drs. Cook &
Martin, who gave him immediate at-
tention. After dressing his wounds,
Dorsey was sent to his home at the
section house of the Northeastern. It
will be several weeks before he will

be able to resume his duties on the
railroad.

Two of the colored laborers were
bruised up considerably and were car-
ried to the office of Dr. Bufkin, the
railroad surgeon, where he dressed
them. They are not seriously injured.

MAY WOOD IS DEFIANT

Woman Who Wanted Divorce From
Senator Platt Happy Behind
Prison Bars.

Hearst News Service.
New York, May 22.—Laughing and
defiant, Miss May Wood, is now
in the Tombs prison facing charges
of perjury and forgery growing out
of her sensational divorce suit against
Senator Platt.

Miss Wood says that her life has
been several times threatened by Sen-
ator Platt and that she is not sur-
prised that he has been instrumental
in sending her to jail.

BOMBS

Strike Sympathizers in Cleveland
Hurl Them at Innocent
Passengers.

Hearst News Service.
Cleveland, May 22.—Despite the
near approach of peace, three dynamite
bombs were thrown by the strik-
ing street car men or their sympa-
thizers, early this morning. That no
fatalities resulted was due to the
faulty construction of the bombs.

SNOW TWO FEET DEEP.
Hearst News Service.
Butte, Mont., May 22.—Heavy loss
of sheep and lambs is reported from
Dawson County because of a blizzard
and the snow is two feet deep on the
level and six feet in the drifts.

WHITAKER ON STAND

Trial of Former Police Inspector
of New Orleans Who Tried to
Kill Editor.

New Orleans, May 22.—The trial of
former Police Inspector Whitaker for
trying to kill Editor Leveque was con-
tinued this morning. He is expected
to take the stand himself this after-
noon.

CARS COLLIDE; SCORES INJURED

New York, May 22.—More than a
score were injured, eleven of them so
seriously that they had to be taken
to the hospitals, in a collision of trol-
ley cars on an up-town railroad this
morning.

MEADVILLE CITIZENS REFUSE TO ARBITRATE

Daily News Special.
Jackson, Miss., May 22.—The mem-
bers of the railroad commission have
returned from Meadville, where they
went to look over the new depot situ-
ation and arbitrate, if possible, the
differences of opinion among the citi-
zens with reference to the location
of the site.

No definite action was taken, the en-
tire matter having been postponed
until the next regular meeting of the
commission, when it will be settled.

While it had been a question be-
tween the citizens as to whether the
new depot should be located at one
or the other of two points in the town,
and while the railroad company had
expressed itself as being satisfied with
either of the two provided the citizens
could get together, an entire new

proposition entered into the calcula-
tions when it was proposed to locate
the station at a point between the two,
where it would serve as a compromise
between the citizens, but where it
would cost the railroad company a
good sum of money to grade down a
hill before a depot or side tracks
could be put in.

This latter proposition brought a
protest from the road, and did not
appear to be perfectly satisfactory to
either faction of the warring populace,
although no formal protest came from
that quarter.

In fact it is apparent that the com-
mission bit off somewhat more than
it could chew in accepting the invita-
tion of the citizens and the railroad
company to go down and decide the
matter.

THE DAILY NEWS PROGNOSTICATOR



CLOUDY
Washington, May 22.—For Missis-
sippi: Partly cloudy tonight; show-
ers and cooler in north portion; Sat-
urday fair.