

GRAND JURY WILL CONTINUE PROBE

Witnesses From Many Counties to Be Summoned to Testify.

DRAGNET IN NINTH DISTRICT

Investigation of Alleged Violations of Law in Recent Election.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Norton, Va., November 22.—What may prove a veritable dragnet for the whole Ninth District will be started tomorrow, when witnesses will be summoned from the counties of Scott, Lee, Dickenson, Russell and the city of Bristol to testify before the Wise County grand jury, which is now in session investigating violations in the recent election.

It is said that under the Barkdale pure election law witnesses can be summoned from any part of the State and made to testify on the ground of a general conspiracy to violate the law. The present investigation will go forward on the theory that if there were violations of the law in any county a general or partial understanding to such effect was had between party managers throughout the district.

It is planned to examine the witnesses from the counties named above and the city of Bristol at this term of the court, and if revelations seem to warrant a continuance of the investigation, then witnesses from other counties will be summoned to appear before the next term of the court. The present grand jury has examined a large number of witnesses in this county but it is learned that so far very little has been done in gathering evidence sufficient to warrant the return of indictments. The grand jury will continue in session the balance of the week, and will probably hold a session or two next week.

ASHLAND NEWS NOTES

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Ashland, Va., November 22.—The Ashland Music Club met Wednesday morning in the parish home. The program was delightful, and greatly enjoyed by a large number of members and guests. Those taking part were Mesdames R. E. Blackwell, Edgar Watkins and Hand, Misses Martha Hughes, Mary Wright and Margaret Tilly. Miss Constance Nourse, of Cassanova, is the guest of Misses Goodwin, Miss Kate Howard, of Chattanooga, Tenn., was the recent guest of Mrs. Overton Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Robinson and Miss Inez Robinson, of Richmond, were here Thursday visiting friends.

Mrs. Isaac Carter, of Baltimore, is visiting her son, Dr. Hall Carter.

At the Young Woman's Literary Club on Thursday afternoon a round-table discussion on "Isabel's Doll's House" was held by Misses Marton Lasher and Marguerite Wightman. Tea was served by Mesdames W. M. Jones, W. L. Fox and Miss Katharine Kent.

The guest this week of Mrs. Graham H. Lambeth.

Mrs. Edward Muller, of Maryland, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Frank Day.

An interesting meeting was held by the Hanover Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, in the home

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of Mrs. George Morr's on Thursday Mrs. Charles G. Blakey read a paper on the recent convention in Washington, she being a delegate from the local chapter. Mrs. Blakey's paper was most entertaining, and it was voted to have it typewritten and given to the members.

SHOOTER BAILED

Victim of Chelsea Hill Row Released on \$500 Bond.

Magistrate R. A. Smith yesterday bailed Heuben Miles, colored, in the sum of \$500 for his appearance on November 29 to answer to the charge of carrying a concealed weapon and of engaging in the general shooting which took place on Chelsea Hill some days ago. Miles's mother, stood security for his appearance.

COUNTY REAL ESTATE

Two Deeds Recorded Yesterday Covering \$30,000 of Property.

Two real estate transactions involving the exchange of about \$30,000 were recorded yesterday afternoon at the clerk's office in Henrico County Courthouse.

RULES OF APPEAL ARE REFORMED

United States Circuit Court of Appeals Adopts New Rules of Equity.

EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1

Reforms Promulgated Thursday Will Greatly Lessen Cost of Litigation.

In order to reduce the cost of litigation and to make its procedure conform to that of the higher tribunal, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals Thursday afternoon promulgated an amendment to the rules of equity and admiralty practice and bankruptcy cases, which are taken verbatim from the new rules promulgated by Chief Justice White on November 4 for United States Supreme Court practice. Taking bodily rules Nos. 75, 76 and 77 of the Supreme Court, all relating to the preparation of records by appellants, the Circuit Court of Appeals incorporated them into Rule No. 23 of the equity rules of practice adopted by this court April 1, 1912.

The reform accomplished Thursday will greatly curtail the expenses of appeals in equity, admiralty and bankruptcy cases. The rules provide for diminishing the size of records, for which suits are taken from the trial court to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for review, by promulgating rules for compelling the exclusion of immaterial documents, the giving of testimony in narrative instead of interrogatory form, or the presentation of a record which shall contain only the decree of the trial court and the questions at issue, if agreeable to both parties.

Under the new rules, which become effective February 1, 1913, only the decree and the very marrow of the proceedings are necessary for the record, instead of a transcript of the detailed evidence and pleadings of the entire case. Certain limitations, however, are imposed on the exercise of the right to cut the record to the marrow, giving the appellee and the trial court the right to pass upon matter to be excluded. Formal and immaterial portions of the record of the trial court are not to be incorporated in the record for the appellate court. According to a statement made by Chief Justice White at the time the rules were promulgated from the United States Supreme Court bench, the new rules would make it possible for the appellate court not to reverse suits merely because of errors not actually prejudicial to the vital point at issue.

New Rules.

The amendments to the rules are as follows:

75. Record on Appeal—Reduction and Preparation.

"In case of appeal:

(a) It shall be the duty of the appellant or his solicitor to file with the clerk of the court from which the appeal is prosecuted, together with proof or acknowledgment of service of a copy on the appellee or his solicitor, a praecipe which shall indicate the portions of the record to be incorporated into the transcript on such appeal. Should the appellee or his solicitor desire additional portions of the record incorporated into the transcript, he shall file with the clerk of the court his praecipe also within ten days thereafter, unless the time shall be enlarged by the court or a judge thereof, indicating such additional portions of the record desired by him.

(b) The evidence to be included in the record shall not be set forth in full, but shall be stated in simple and condensed form, all parts not essential to the decision of the questions presented by the appeal being omitted and the testimony of witnesses being stated only in narrative form, save that if either party desires it, and the court or judge so directs, any part of the testimony shall be reproduced in the exact words of the witness. The duty of so condensing and stating the evidence shall rest primarily on the appellant, who shall prepare his statement thereof and lodge the same in the clerk's office for the examination of the other parties at or before the time for filing his praecipe under paragraph a of this rule. He shall also notify the other parties or their solicitors of such lodgment, and shall name a time and place when he shall ask the court or judge to approve the statement, the time so named to be at least ten days after such notice. At the expiration of the time named, or such further time as the court or judge may allow, the statement, together with any objections made or amendments proposed by any party, shall be presented to the court or the judge, and if the statement be true, complete and properly prepared, it shall be covered by the court or judge, and if it be not true, complete or properly prepared, it shall be made so under the direction of the court or judge, and shall then be approved. When approved, it shall be filed in the clerk's office and become a part of the record for the purposes of the appeal.

(c) If any difference arise between the parties concerning directions as to the general contents of the record to be prepared on the appeal, such difference shall be submitted to the court or judge in conformity with the provisions of paragraph b of this rule, and shall be covered by the directions which the court or judge may give on the subject.

76. Record on Appeal—Reduction and Preparation—Costs—Correction of Omissions.

"In preparing the transcript on an appeal, special care shall be taken to avoid the inclusion of more than one copy of the same paper, and to exclude the formal and immaterial parts of all exhibits, documents and other papers included therein; and for any infraction of this or any kindred rule, the appellate court may withhold or impose costs as the circumstances of the case and the discouragement of like infractions in the future may require. Costs for such an infraction may be imposed upon offending solicitors as well as parties.

"If, in the transcript, anything material to either party be omitted by accident or error, the appellate court, on a proper suggestion or its own motion, may direct that the omission be corrected by a supplemental transcript.

77. Record on Appeal—Agreed Statement.

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She was a member of the Keswick Golf Club in that city, and gave the name of her club.

Her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anthony, of Chicago, will attend the funeral, which will be held from the home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and interment will be at South Union Church, Keswick. Notice her parents, Mrs. Horne is survived by her husband and three young sons.

One of the most brilliant golf matches which Mrs. Horne won on the 18th was at Keswick in 1904 when she defeated Mrs. Stibel, of the Keswick Club. In many instances of her championship matches Mrs. Anthony had "Chick" Evans for her caddy.

Funeral Under Bond.

Shadrach Nelson and George Nelson, colored, were yesterday placed under a bond of \$100 each to keep the peace for three months, after being made to pay the cost of the prosecution against them. Shadrach, who was tried before Magistrate H. H. Sawyer, was arrested on a warrant issued by his wife, white woman, who is Shadrach's mother, and was prosecuted by her father.

The papers put up the necessary bond and were dismissed from court.