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The following cases were disposed of on the Session Order "do with"

The State vs. Thomas H. Parviz Indict. Ad. M. & B. & The Dist. Atty. Guilty.

The State vs. Peony Roberts Indict. Retailing Rob. Prosequi. The Dist. Atty. in this case having pleaded Guilty, in another indictment for the same offence, was called on and sentenced to pay a fine of One Hundred Dollars J. B. O'Mall P. Juge.

The State vs. Wm. C. Gibson Indictment Petit Larceny. Not Prod.

The Court then disposed of the following cases on the Calendar.

The State vs. Stephen Bentoo & William Bentoo Indictment Ad. M. & B. & Prosequi. & Co.

The State vs. Thos. Waldrip Indictment Ad. M. & B. & Prosequi. & Co.

The State vs. Jacob Cooley, N. W. Cooley, Jasper Cooley, J. C. Cochrane & James Cochrane Indictment Rich. & Ad. M. & B. & Prosequi. & Co.

The State vs. Jacob Cooley Indictment unlawfully whipping slave Transposed.

The State vs. Jacob Cooley Indict. unlawfully whipping slave. Transposed.

The State vs. Miles Waldrip, Thos. Waldrip, James Waldrip, Huldah Waldrip Indictment Rich. & Ad. M. & B. & Prosequi. & Co.

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The Grand Jury came in and made the following Presentment to His Court. In accordance with the usage in this Court long established, and in response to the suggestions of the presiding judge the Grand Jury for Greenhill District by leave make the following Presentments: 1st We have in a body visited and examined the Jail and take pleasure in saying we find it in a good and wholesome condition and the comfort of the prisoners for as far as the nature of their confinement admits 2^d as to the Public roads we have considered the subject and admit it is imperfect, and should if practicable be improved so as to equalize the labor in keeping them in good condition, but apprehend with trouble and expence, that would counterbalance to a great extent the advantages contemplated.

3^d We are unanimously of the opinion and recommend that a good law should be passed under which to punish persons for carrying deadly weapons, a practice contrary to the good order and well-being of society.

4th As to the Public officers we are not aware of any delinquency as the discharge of their duties, but are of opinion that to often in their selections too little attention is paid to the necessary qualifications to fill the office and recommend that if the public duties can be discharged with fewer than now are in office the number be reduced. 5th We have discussed the free school system and further want of information are unable to suggest an improvement, although fully satisfied the present system is woefully deficient and far from the hopes of its supporters.

6th We have considered the subject of a Penitentiary in this State and weighed the suggestions of the presiding judge upon the subject and are happy to say we adopt them and recommend the adoption of the system. It is due though to say that only twelve were in favor of it.

7 We recommend that legislation of this State to pass a law requiring the citizens to pay a poll tax and that none who do not pay some tax be allowed to vote.

We are fully aware of the condition of the Statutes and reports of this State, and recommend that the Statutes out of force now be compiled therein omitting all of them not in force, and that a suitable index be prepared for easy access to the Law, sought after, and we would also make the same recommendation as to the reports of the adjudicated cases in this State.

As to the vexatious question of retailing spirituous liquors we confess our inability to recommend any modification or alteration of the Law as it now is, that will effectually remedy the evil. Having as we believe considered all the cases brought to our notice, but the P. House, and are not permitted to submit the foregoing as our Presentments. William Grace, Clerking.