

MYRTLE TARRANTS GETS LAW LIMIT
**FOR SELLING BOOZE - \$500 FINE AND SIX MONTHS JAIL
SENTENCE**

County Court Still Trying Criminal Docket - Several Convictions

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Late Tuesday afternoon was taken up by the County court with the trial of Walter Fulmer, charged with unlawfully selling whisky. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty and assessed punishment at sixty days in jail and a fine of \$500.

Wednesday started off by dismissal of J.T. Vanschuyver under the charge of bootlegging. Henry Kendrick escaped under the same charge on account of the non-appearance of the State's witness.

The sensation of the day occurred when the jury brought in a verdict of "guilty" against Myrtle Tarrants, proprietress of the Hayes Hotel, on West Main street. For many moons has Myrtle been a thorn in the side of the minions of the law, but revenge is theirs now. She was sentenced to serve a period of six months in jail, and pay a fine of \$500. This is the first time in the history of Choctaw County's long list of bootlegging cases that anyone has received this hard a sentence. It is the limit of the law, and it seems especially strange that it should be assessed for the first time against a woman when so many men -- regulars, too, should escape with a lighter sentence.

The case against Joe Wren for bootlegging was dismissed. One against Bud Lewis was continued. Henry Tinuin, a negro, was dismissed. Dub Lenox forfeited bond of \$500 rather than take chances with the court. [?] Forshee was tried Wednesday afternoon and found guilty of selling liquor.