SHAW MURDER TRIAL.

State's Evidence Not Yet Completed-Henry Gurkin and R. W. Cobb. on Trial Charged With the Murder of Thomas

GÜRKIN NOT GUILTY

Aate Tuesday evening Judge Eane ordered a verdict of not guilty as to Henry Gurkin, and the State immediately put young furkinon the stand as a witness against Cobb.

Henry Gurkin and R. W. Cobb. Cobb is guilty. two young men of Roanoke Rapids, of splendid family connections. were placed on trial Friday charged defendants are guilty. with the awful crime of murder. Up to the hour of going to press and excused. four days have been consumed, and the end is not yet in sight.

Judge Henry P. Lane, of Reidsville, is presiding, and at all times parties and sworn in as juror No WW wagins magin he holds the scales of justice so 12. evenly balanced that few exceping, Cobb is represented by R. C. Dunn and J. P. Pippin.

counsel for Cobb.

PROCEEDINGS IN DETAIL. Friday-Judge Lane convened

court at 10:00 o'clock. There was only one of the regular panel present, E. F. Sater, and he was promptly accepted by both sides as

Then began the drawing from the hat the names of the special venire.

T. T. Hale, first, excused by G. M. Hamell, peremptory chal-

lenge by the defendant. Henry Robertson, excused.

H. M. Porter, accepted as juror No. 2.

Ed. Allsbrook, excused on account of sickness.

J. W. Dickens, peremptory challenge by defendant Cobb. D. E. Iles, qualified, but a pe-

remptory by defendant Gurkin knocked him out

box as juror No. 3. W. E. Marks, not acceptable to

J. W. Leonard, excused by the Solicitor W. H. Rogerston had been

drawn as "Royster" and excused by the court. Russell Lewis, accepted by all

parties, and seated as juror No. 4. J. W. Pierce, related to defen-Charlie Bradley, accepted as

juror No. 5. J. H. Pope, peremptory chal-

lenge by defendant. H. M. Adcock, excused by the

W. H. Thorne, challenged for cause by State, cause admitted by

defendant W. H. Collins, excused by the H. O. Crawley, excused by the

defendant. J. W. Bell, accepted as juror No.

Ed. Harper, not acceptable to defendant.

R. E. Shearin, accepted by the State but the defendant said "No." Jack Barnes, from the land of

somewhere, accepted by both sides as juror No. 7. J. D. Manning, went into the jury box as juror No. 8.

Jerry Branch, he also ran with the State, but the defendant said

S. C. Bellamy, had expressed the opinion that defendants are guilty.

and expressed the opinion that the defendants are guilty J. G. Sears, excused by the

State. R. J. Shields, tendered: "Juror look upon the prisoner, prisoner

him?" Charles Hargrove, excused by

defendant. B. N. Pittard, believed that the defendants are guilty.

T. J. Hardy, excused by the

R. B. Ivey, excused by defendant. Cox, sworn in as juror

S. F. Hardy, stood aside by a

J. E. Condry, but here the court took a recess for dinner. son Session-Mr. Condry recalled, had a case pending and [continued on this page, 5th column.] W W Wiggins, mayor,

THE ROANOKE NEWS, at issue, and was excused W. H. Saunders, related by marriage to defendant.

J. S. Crew, passed by the State but a peremptory by Cobb knocked him out of the box.

Willie Hale, accepted as juror E. P. Applewhire, challenged by

defendant and not accepted. 1.. Powell, had formed and expressed the opinion that Gurkin was guilty.

Patterson Dickens, excused by the defendant W. H. Riggan, challenged for

cause by defendant and not ac-J. E. Branch, passed by the state W W Cohen, treasurer

but fell down on a peremptory by 10 E-manhack, elerk me defendant. W. F. Coppedge, had formed and expressed the opinion that w L-scott,

> George V. Boyd, had also form- it I Daniel. ed and expressed the opinion that Weldon throwery Co., feed multi-defendants are guilty. M.T. Bax, street cleaning.

J. W. Dickens, related to family wit thus, street work, Frank Moore passed by the State

and accepted as juror No. 11. Ernest Smith, accepted by all Watter Garland, seavenger

Here the case took a peculiar Tex standark, sterk, tions to his rulings are noted. The turn. Judge Lane sent the jury a warner of com-State is represented by Solicitor out with the exception of Juros of Papa night watch Kerr, E. L. Travis and A. L. Clark, Cox, and Miss Ednah Dickens, of For defendant Gurkin, W. E. Dan-Roanoke Rapids, was sworn and Hill Grant iel, W. L. Knight, G. C. Peebles testified that Mr. Cox had said in ET Daniel. and Garland Midyette, are appearable presence that the defendants Hit Rowe Death Reg were guilty and that Cobb had not WH Day, shooing mule & repairs 6 a ghost of a chance. That anybody Perce-Wintelend Hilw Co. goods Its a legal battle and every State who was mean enough to break M.I. Hux, st cleaning witness is put through three exam- into the depot, was not too good to Hank of Weldon interest on notes inations, first by the State, then by kill a man. The court excused troubled selands counsel for Gurkin, and finally by Mr. Cox and called the eleven back into the box, and proceeded with the business of securing another

> B. Y. Harris, not accepted by the defendants. Walter Dunn, a brother of R. C. Dunn, of counsel for defendant J W thereight com-

Cobb, and excused.

and excused. This exhausted the venire, with W.L. scott. Cox's seat in the box still vacant, H.I. Grant, and Judge Lane ordered a second R S & W.P Co. lights quarter venire drawn of 20 men to report ending July 1. Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, pope and cement and adjourned court till that time M.I. Hax, st eleaning

Saturday, June 7.—Court opened at 10:30. W. B. Boseman, G. Hank of Weldon, interest on note w. E. Daniel, salary as eity attor-Walker and J. E. Neville, were new to May 1, 1912 examined and excused.

cepted to fill the vacancy in the box and the battle was on.

at once for the State. Mrs. Shaw, widow of Thomas of finding her husband on the

down by the side of the porch. The man sprang up and said:

tion of Rosemary, a distance of about two and a half miles. Sam Hockaday's evidence was along the same line.

Monday, June 9.-The third day of the trial began with the evi- J W Pierce, st com dence of Mr. Cowan, of the State Cooper Morris, seavenger derer with blood hounds.

placed in evidence. C. H. Robertson, had formed youth, went to Taylor's and de-

livered the wheel to Cobb. look upon the juror. Do you like and found that they fit exactly and

Of Accounts Audited and Allowed By the Town Board of Commis- I refused. sioners for the town of Weldon, Cobb came to his shop Saturday N. C., and of all Allowances for evening May 3, and wanted to Which no Vouchers are Filed for borrow a pistol. Did not see Cobb the Fiscal Year May 1, 1912 to again the about 11 o'clock that night when he came in bareheaded

April 30, 1913. MAY 6, 1912. 11.1. Hux, thief police Walter Lucas, night watch W. W. Worgens, mayor, W M Cohen, treas 12 50 D E Stainback, elerk 10 00 J W Pierce, st com Cooper Morres, seavenger, in on W.T. Shaw. Walter traviand: scavenger 35 00 W J Ward, J 00 B A Pope, 1 00 W J. Scott 1 00 H J. Scant I I Popus night watch: E Clark, goods town

M.J. Hux, street cleaning JANUARY 6, 1913. W. Parrer, mayor pro tem: JUNE 3, 1912. Mt. Hux. chief police.

W.M. Colley, treas m on D E Stainback, clerk 34 L Har, whice palice. 12 % Cooper Morris, seavenger Walter Lucas, night watch B.A. Bope, Le to W J Ward. too W.L. Scott. 1 on Weldon Gro. Co. feed mule, 12 75 Pierce-Whitehead Hdw. Co.goods

M L Hux, st work M L Hux, at cleaning

JULY 1, 1912. Br.k.E. tereen, supt health, M Littus, chief police

W. M. Cohen, treas-D.E. Stainback, clerk. Walter Garland, scavenger W. G. Hedgpeth, passed by the State, challenged by the defendant water Harrison, night water w T shaw, taking tax list

J. E. Rue was passed and ac-

AUGUST 5, 1912 to E Stainback click. T. M. Cooper went into the jury dictment, and the evidence began W. H. Hus, ether por W. M. Cohen, treas Clerk Gary read the bill of in- W W Wiggins, mayor M L Hux, chief police J W Pierre, st com Shaw, in deep mourning, took the JT Pope, night watch stand and told in a pathetic manner 19t W.J. Ward. com B.A. Pope, ground with his life fast ebbing w I shaw, away. Her little son, Shelton, was H I. Grant the next witness. He left the store M.I. Hux, st cleaning

with his father. It was a dark Bryant Manly, Jag well night, they saw a man crouching W W Wiggins, mayor, "Hands up." His father thought it was a neighbor and said, "Oh, w M cohen treaquit your fooling." The man fired DE stainback, elerk and Shaw fell dying. Little Shel- 3 W Pierce, street com ton ran back to the road where Cooper Morris, seavonger there were some neighbors who B A Pope. had just left the store and soon returned with help. Mr. Shaw was placed in an automobile and rush- II L Grant. ed to the hospital at Roanoke Rap- WT shaw

ids, where he died early the next Roanoke News, Pulvannual state C. O. Byrd, the next witness, Pierce-Whitehead Hdw.Co.goods told of trucking the man with blood hounds. It appeared that he rode M. Hux, st cleaning a wheel up to Shaw's and mounted this wheel after jumping over a fence and escaped out in the direc-

farm, who helped to track the mur- walter Lucas, night watch Clyde Taylor restified that Cobb W J Ward. borrowed his bicycle the evening H L trant,

of the murder. The bicycle was E t Hayward, print and bind Pendleton Grizzard, a bright M.I. Hux, st cleaning R N & W P Co. lights quarter

Chief of Police Baird measured the trucks at the fence at Shaw's Harrell's Ptg House, tax books house, and along the road, he af- Bank of Weldon, interest on loan 16 2 terwards measured. Cobb's tracks compared all the way round. They did not compare with Gurkin's w w wiggins, mayor

When asked by Attorney Trayis | W M Cohen, treas to tell of a certain confession Gur- DE Statuback, clerk kin made, after his arrest, the defendant's attorneys were quick on | w J Ward, their feet with objections, it being understood that the confession was most damaging. Judge Lane sent the jury from the room and heard argument as to admitting alleged confession made to Baird and Mr. peremptory challenge by the de-fendant. Chase. It appearing that induce-ments had been held out to Gurkin, Judge Lane said I will exclude the testimony for the present, and the jury was brought back into the

FEBRUARY 3, 1913. royum sanggett W W M L Hux, cluef police,

Walter Lucas, night watch W M Cohen, treas. D.E.Stamback, clerk. 10 10 J. W. Pierce, st com Cooper Morris, scavenger, BA Poje, com W T Shaw. W L Scott, H.L. Grant, Wellon Go Co. feed mule M I. Hux, st cleaning Bank of Weblen, note and R N & W P Co. G C Green, re-

ceiver lights quarter

MARCH 3, 1913.

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APRIL 7, 1913. P.Rodwell, freight, ames Pierce, hauling W W Wiggins, mayor M i. Hux, chief police Waiter Luras, night police W M Cohen, treasurer 4 16 D E Stainback, clerk J W Pierce, st com-Cooper Morris, seavenger WT Shaw. 1 00 W L Scott. 1 00 W J Ward 1 00 B A Pope, 1 00 Dixon & Poole, lumber M L Hux, st eleaning.

Fred. Disfec. Co., disinfectants 165 oo Bank of Weldon, note paid RECAPITULATION. July August September November December January T 636 3 March April

\$5 500 7 TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT May 1, 1913. Settlement of J. L. Harris, Tax Col-

NOVEMBER 4, 1912. M L Hux, chief police,

J W Pierce, st com W L Scott. H L Grant. Walter Lucas, night watch Weldon Groc. Co. feed mule M L Hux, st cleaning and coal Weldon Fur. Co. goods town

liank of Weldon interest on notes 7 5

OCTOBER 7, 1912.

W W Wiggins, mayor

M I. Hux, chief police

order books

ending sept. 30

DECEMBER 2, 1912. Dr 1 E Green, supt health,

1 50 To bal 1912 To property & potls By amt paid Treas W. T. SHAW, W. J. WARD, Colored-Male W. L. SCOTT, Committee TREASURER'S REPORT. To the Honorable Board of Commiss ers of the Town of Weldon, N. C. Gentlemen :- I beg to submit herewith

Receipts Bal in Treas. May 1, 1912 Rec'd of J L Harris taxes 1911 1750,67 5.326.46 "Bank of Weldon loan 1.000:00 " S. A. L., for sidewalk Interest on bridge bond

a statement of the finances of the town

1 00 of Weldon for the year ending April 30.

H. R. Keyser, druggist, said "Cobb came to my store a few days before the murder, and asked for the loan of a pistol. He came again Saturday evening of the murder and repeated the request, which

and went to the toilet and washed

J. W. Mason, gave damaging 12 to evidence as to hearing Cobb and 10 00 Gurkin plotting to rob Thomas 4 16 Shaw. He was put through the third degree on cross examination by counsel for defendant Gurkin 1 no and then had a second grilling by counsel for Cobb. While he did 1 oo not show up favorably as to his travels with a certain female friend after leaving Rosemary, his evidence was unshaken as to the al-\$216 84 leged plot to rob Shaw of his 1

money. Monday, June 10.-Judge Lane this morning admitted all the evi-12 to dence excluded yesterday as to al-10.00 leged confession of Gurkin, W. 40 00 F. Horner, the trial magistrate, testified that Gurkin said he want-1 on ed to change his life, and that what 1 ou he said about the time he and Cobb 1 00 came to Weldon was not true, that 1 00 they came earlier than he said and returned to Roanoke Junction earis is lier. That Cobb said he was going over the creek. When Cobb came Gunn Disinfee, Co. disentectants 17-55 back he asked Gurkin to exchange Rose & Stauback, burial pauper | 11 00 | bicycles, that he could not ride the 7 50 one he had.

In substance Gurkin made about the same confession to J. T. Chase and Chief of Police Baird.

A. M. Lyon saw Cobb night of murder at about 11 o'clock, Cobb 38 12 50 came in pool room dusty, and had

1 in S. F. Patterson testified that he & saw Cobb at Tom Shaw's funeral. Patterson was watching him close-100 ly. When the grave was being i in filled noticed that Cobb became 1 00 very nervous. He attempted to roll a cigarette, but failed and made the second attempt. His hands were shaking. On cross examination by Mr. Dunn Mr. Patterson said 3 he couldn't say if Cobb had ever & rolled a cigarette before.

Several other witnesses testified for the State, but their evidence 26 was not material, and the State anon nounced that it would rest.

C. G. Peebles, of counsel for 2 Gurkin, then arose and moved & that their client be discharged, that & in m at no stage of the evidence had any | 22 1 00 witness had ever placed Henry 1 00 Gurkin nearer than two miles of 💥 the scene of the crime, and that he ould not be convicted as an accessory before the facts. Mr. Peebles then cited numerous authorities, and court took a recess of one hour to allow counsel for \$2 State to look up authorities in the \$ case. On reassembling Judge Lane, after argument, had the jury \$ brought back. Henry Gurkin & having been indicted as co-princi-8 20 pal, Judge Lane held that taking & 50 00 State's evidence in the most favorable light, without any evidence of the part defendant Gurkin could not be convictedon the bill of indictment. The young prisoner 1 00 was then set at liberty. Immediately the State placed him on the stand, as a State witness against Cobb. Gurkin said the alleged confession to Horner, Chase and Baird was in the main about right, but he denied having had the conversation with Cobb as testified to

GEORGIA, we are told, leads all the Southern States in the possession of automobiles. In fact, she boasts nearly twice as many of these vehicles as any one of her neighbors and is increasing her supply faster than any other South-ern State.

Disbursements Paid out to order of Board Balance 1,672,36 Respectfully submitted W. M. COHEN, Treas W. T. SHAW W. L. SCOTT W. J. WARD. Finance Committee Weldon, N. C., May 1, 1913. To the Honorable Mayor and Town Com-I herewith submit my report for the car ending April 30, 1913 Deaths from all causes as follows

Births-White, male, female

Total 43. H. G. ROWE, Registrar RUB-MY-TISM

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