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THE THAW TRIAL.

Seven of the Thaw jurors have said that it is not safe to commit murder in New York. The Thaw trial should be a warning to all young men threatened with brain storms.

The unwritten law had its origin in this country in the trial of Daniel E. Sickles for the killing of Bartol M. Key, General Sickles being defended by John Graham, Edwin M. Stanton and James T. Brady.

The Sickles case was a precedent and was followed by the acquittal of Gen. Cole for the killing of Hiscock, and followed soon after by the "clearing" of Macfarland for murder of Richardson. Mr. Graham appeared in all these cases.

The Washington Post calls attention to the fact that under the unwritten law Thaw had as good a defense as did Sickles, Cole or Macfarland. While there was a mistrial in the Thaw case yet the vote for conviction by seven jurors until the end is a healthy sign for the public good. Three presidents have been assassinated and in each case it is highly probable that the killing was done by an insane man. The Post says, "that the gallows is a very good place for such criminals insane though they be." And further, that under the law the private citizen's life ought to be as sacred as the chief magistrate's, and it is as wicked murder to assassinate one man as another. That is the way they order it in the Old World, and it must come to that here."

Viewing the matter from one stand point it is clear that a person who will deliberately plan an execute murder is insane; but society is entitled to some protection and jurors are beginning to realize it, and it is not putting it too strong to say that the gallows or an insane asylum is the place for those afflicted with a homicidal mania, call it America dementia or what you please.

THE GROWTH OF ASHEBORO.

Never has there been so much growth in Asheboro in any two years as during the last year. New life is seen everywhere. The Graded School is the one thing in which everybody, both old and young, take the deepest interest. Many families have moved here to take advantage of the superior school advantages. No place, large or small, in the State, has a better Graded School than we have at Asheboro. The new building will soon be completed at a cost of \$15,000, and in has not been built with a dollar of graft in it. The school board has built the house in their own way by letting the contract for one part to one person and another part to someone else. The lowest offer made by any one contractor to erect the entire building was some twenty-three thousand dollars.

The new school building will be fully completed for the beginning of the fall session.

We have heard that there are a number of good families in this and surrounding counties that will move to Asheboro within the next few months. Desirable building lots can be purchased at reasonable prices and your own time can be obtained for a home through the People's Building & Loan Association.

Those who want to move to a town where superior educational opportunities are offered would do well to come to Asheboro and investigate the opportunities offered here.

There was an increase of 50 per cent. in the population of Asheboro last year and we expect a larger increase this year.

TAX ASSESSMENTS TOO LOW.

Several days ago we were talking with one of our enterprising and public spirited citizens discussing the inequalities of assessment of real property for taxation. This gentleman owns some real estate, in one of the towns in this county, assessed at \$3,000, and for which he recently refused to take \$10,000. He did not deny the statement, but said

that there was a great ado by many who claimed that the business houses, mills and factories were not assessed high enough, when in truth and fact property in this class was assessed nearer its true value than farming and timber lands.

The gentleman to prove his position, called names and places, which we omit, stating that he knew of a person recently who wanted to purchase near one of our towns a tract of land partly in cultivation and the remainder in woods and timber. An offer of \$8,000 was rejected without hesitation. The land was assessed four years ago at \$1,000. Does any one contend that this land should be assessed at \$6,000 to \$8,000, yet if our assessors were to put it at \$4,000 when they meet in June, there would be some high old times in that township.

Another instance was given where another gentleman refused to sell for a few dollars less than \$4,000 a tract of land which is now assessed on the tax books at the low price of only \$350. Suppose this tract of land were assessed at \$4,000 or \$5,000—its true value, there would be a hotter time than when the devil and his angels were cast over the battlements of heaven. Another gentleman came along and said I have sold the timber off of my land and its assessed value should be reduced instead of increased. Some one standing near said, but the timber left on land after all the sawable pine and oak are off is worth more than all of it was four years ago, and further, my brother, a great big wealthy county like Randolph ought to get tired some day of being a "pauper" county and drawing from the State more than \$3,000 every year than is paid by the county into the State treasury. Let us pay our just share of taxes and we will be more happy and prosperous, we can have better roads, more bridges and better ones. While land may not be assessed at its true value for some years, yet there should be a great reformation in the assessment of property and there should be a general increase all along the lines. Think about it, brother.

Sergeant Lamonds Returns.

Sergt. and Mrs. Andrew G. Lamonds, of the 27th Regt. of Infantry, arrived in Asheboro on Thursday for a few days visit with his sister, Mrs. W. M. Hooker.

Sergt. Lamonds is the son Mr. N. A. Lamonds, of Star, N. C. and left on Sunday for that place where he expects to make his home for the present.

Sergt. Lamonds has served continuously with Co. "K," 27th Regiment of Infantry since 1901, and has seen active service in the Philippines.

He was sent from Fort Sheridan, Illinois, on December 26th, to Hot Springs, Ark., to the Army and Navy General Hospital for treatment for Articular Rheumatism, and received his discharge at that place. On June 10th 1904, Sergt. Lamonds married Miss Olevaya M. Smith of Columbus, Ohio. His many friends in Asheboro and Star have given him a warm welcome.

Subscriptions Paid.

Vance Wall, P. K. Brewer, Mrs. Mary Yow, Holland Frazier, Mrs. Ivy Clark, G. H. Luther, B. F. Reynolds, W. J. Barker, Ivey C. Kynard, H. P. Poole, G. T. Atkins, W. B. Hogart, Richard Thompson, G. M. Hearne U. B. Jordan, W. J. Baldwin, F. King, N. W. Newby, G. B. Morris, R. W. Frazier, G. B. D. Reynolds, A. W. E. Capel, J. H. Harrison, J. F. McNeil, C. M. Allen, J. W. Skeen, J. F. Cameron Dr. Chas. Daligny, L. A. Sheets, W. B. Spivey, A. F. Saunders, E. B. Slack, C. F. Coltrane, Margaret Lucas, A. R. Auman, Mrs. I. L. Cox, H. W. Scott, J. A. Stout, T. E. West, Mrs. Bettie Maness, John A. Cox, Lawrence Albright, Geo. Gagle Joel Presnell, J. A. Ward, W. C. Tippett, W. C. Slack, Connie Alfred, W. R. Cox, E. A. Kouth, C. H. Julian, S. L. Welch, G. H. Jones, Isham Jones, H. J. Parks.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends of Asheboro, and most especially our friends at Jackson Springs, for the kindnesses shown us during the sad hours, caused by the sad death of our sister, Mrs. J. A. Redding.

May the Lord's richest blessings rest upon each and every one.

Very sincerely,

MR. AND MRS. J. S. RINGE.

There are many tonics in the land, As for the papers you can see; But none of them can equal Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tonic—Watkins-Leonard Co., Ramsey, N.

CONDENSED FOR BUSY READERS

The internal revenue office was moved from Asheville to Statesville last week.

The First National Bank, of Burlington, has been chartered with a capital of \$50,000.

A macadam road is to be built from Pinehurst to Southern Pine so that tourists may engage in automobile races.

Dr. McKanna, of the Reidsville Three-day Liquor cure Hospital, has decided to establish a branch in Oklahoma.

N. B. Mills, of Statesville, is organizing a new Cotton Mill Co. The capital stock is to be \$110,000. \$100,000 has been subscribed.

Tuesday of last week, citizens of Wadesboro voted a special tax for a graded school. A building will be erected at a cost of \$20,000.

The New York General Assembly last week adopted the bill establishing a flat rate of 2 cents per mile on all railroads in the state.

A race riot at Bryan, Miss., Friday resulted in the death of two negroes and one white man. The riot was in a railroad camp, of the Great Northern railroad.

The Statesville Safe and Table Co. to manufacture safes, tables and kitchen cabinets has been organized at Statesville. A building will be erected as soon as possible.

The senate of Florida has by a vote of 25 to 5 declared the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the Federal constitution void, and disfranchised the negro in that state.

The cold weather of the past few days and heavy frosts reduced the eastern crop of strawberries to about half. The frozen fruit is rotting on the vines.

High Point has voted \$50,000 to secure the entrance of the Randolph and Cumberland railroad to that town. This will give the town three railroads.

F. G. Thompson who was shot by Arthur Vail at the Revolution Mills at Greensboro March 16th, died at the hospital Friday night. Vail has not been seen since the trouble.

Mrs. Sallie Newlin, widow of the late Oliver Newlin, of Burlington, died Sunday. Mrs. Newlin was a member of one of Alamance's most prominent families.

The Elkin and Alleghany railway Company was permanently organized at Elkin last week. A line of 40 miles will be built from Elkin to Sparta. Work will begin about June 1st.

D. B. Smith, a native of Greensboro, now a member of the Charlotte bar has been appointed referee in bankruptcy, succeeding J. B. Smith, recently appointed postmaster at Charlotte.

A coach containing 22 passengers overturned on a trestle on the S. A. L. near Oxford last Friday. It was running at 15 miles an hour. Only one person was hurt and his injuries are slight.

High Point will make a creditable exhibit in the manufacturers building at the Jamestown Exposition, the Manufacturers Club, of that city having secured 1000 feet of floor space for the display.

The auditing committee investigating the books of the board of Commissioners of Surry County, finds that the board has collected \$6,000 by mistake, which it will pay back to Mt. Airy.

The bridge of the Norfolk & Southern railroad over Albemarle Sound will be one of the longest bridges in the county. When completed it will be five and a half miles long.

C. L. Scruggs was killed at Raleigh last week by guards at the penitentiary when he and two pals attempted to escape from the stockade. He was sentenced to two years from Guilford for forgery.

A young man by the name of Moore, employed in the Pipe Foundry, at High Point, was painfully burned Saturday by molten metal spouting over his foot from a crucible which he was handling.

Gus Lee, the negro captured at Salisbury, for the murder of a negro boy at Chester, S. C., in January, was last week convicted and sentenced to be hanged on Friday, June 7.

Just before committing suicide a few days ago chief of police Adams, of Newark, N. J., gave the detective bureau facts about a plot by anarchists to assassinate President Roosevelt. The secret service men are now developing the facts.

The Bronze statue of Jefferson Davis, to be unveiled at Richmond, June 3d, was drawn through the streets of Richmond by 3000 to where the monument is to stand children. The line was two or three squares long.

The reconstructed board of county commissioners of Sampson county

appointed a committee to investigate the accounts of Aman the absconded sheriff, and having only checked a part of the records have found fraudulent entries to the amount of more than \$2,300. This is in addition to the large sum which the officer was short in accounts.

The wife of James Rucken, colored, applied to an insurance company at Asheville last week for insurance on the life of her husband. James is condemned to death for criminal assault upon his step-daughter. The application was rejected.

Officials from the U. S. Department of Agriculture are in Forsyth county investigating the appearance of a small green insect that is destroying wheat. The insect has done much damage in many sections of the country.

W. N. Alberty, a prominent farmer of Forsyth county, was thrown from his wagon in a runaway at Winston-Salem last week, his head catching between the spokes of the wheels. His presence of mind in holding the wheel tightly locked saved his life.

While a negro youth Jesse Lopp, was carelessly handling a pistol at Salisbury Saturday, the weapon was discharged, the ball taking effect in the shoulder of Richard Robertson, an employe of the Southern railway at Salisbury. The wound is not serious and the boy was released.

Assistant Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock is generally believed to be in the South for the purpose of keeping the delegation for National Convention in line for Roosevelt and Sec. Taft. He is conferring with all the leading republicans "enroute to Jacksonville, on postal business."

Fred Hitchcock, of Orlan, N. Y., was sentenced to serve six months in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$50 for violating public decency in permitting his 14-year-old daughter to marry a negro. The colored minister who officiated when arrested said he objected to performing the ceremony, but the father insisted that he proceed.

Buys Timber Land.

H. B. Caldwell, of Pennsylvania, who has made Asheboro his headquarters for several months buying ties for the Pennsylvania Railway has purchased a large tract of timber land in eight miles southeast of Asheboro and will put a saw mill in operation at once. He will continue to represent the railroad and will push the mill business in addition. Mr. Caldwell is a wide awake and energetic young business man and has made a host of friends since he came into our midst.

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