

FLOYD ALLEN GUILTY

MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE

To Be Sentenced to the Electric Chair - Other Prisoners Will Be Tried Immediately.

Wythesville, Va., May 17. "Guilty of murder in the first degree" was the jury's verdict in the case of Floyd Allen, charged with the murder of Commonwealth's Attorney Foster in the Hillsville, Carroll county court-house, in March. This verdict means that Floyd Allen will be sentenced to electrocution in state prison at Richmond.

The verdict was returned shortly after ten o'clock this morning.

POINTS OF DIFFERENCE.

When court opened the jury was called in. The foreman was questioned by Judge Staples. He declared there were a number of points of difference existing in the panel and it was doubtful whether a verdict could be reached.

TALK BY JUDGE TO JURY.

Judge Staples said the case was of such magnitude he felt he must send the jury back with a few words of caution and ad-

vice. The judge declared the jury was sworn to reach only one conclusion, the defendant's guilt or innocence. He said if the jurors lost sight of that issue in private individual opinion they would do wrong to themselves, an unintended violence to their solemn obligations and a grave injustice either to the accused or the commonwealth.

JURY RETIRES AGAIN.

The jury again retired. It was but a short time before the announcement that an agreement had been reached. When court reassembled the foreman announced the verdict.

OTHER INDICTMENTS.

Besides the murder indictment against Floyd Allen similar indictments stand against Victor and Claude Allen, his sons; Sidna Allen, Friel Allen, Wesley and Sidna Edwards, Floyd's nephews, and Byrd Marion. All are in jail except Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards.

TO BE TRIED IMMEDIATELY.

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VERDICT A SURPRISE.

The Allen verdict was a distinct surprise. It was thought the jury was hopelessly divided. One of the twelve men was

alleged to have said previous to being summoned for jury duty, that you can't always get justice in the court and maybe the Allens were not far wrong." The Commonwealth's Attorney had made arrangements to arrest him on a perjury charge should he bring about a disagreement.

SENTENCE NOT PRONOUNCED.

Sentence was not pronounced on Floyd Allen, being suspended in order that he may testify in other cases.

CLAUDE'S TRIAL BEGINS MONDAY.

The Commonwealth's Attorney will next try Claude Allen on an indictment charging the murder of Judge Massey. The trial begins Monday.

TO ASK FOR WRIT OF ERROR.

The defendant's attorneys announced after court adjourned they would ask for writ of error.

FEW IN COURT ROOM.

There was barely a handful of people in court other than the attorneys, detectives and newspaper men when the verdict was announced.

The prisoner's wife was beside him, dressed in black, and she wore a large poke bonnet so her face could not be seen.

ALLEN PICTURE OF DESPAIR.

Allen seemed brighter this morning, evidently expecting a mistrial. He was the picture of despair when the verdict was read.

HELPS A JUDGE IN BAD FIX.

Justice Eli Cherry, of Gillis Mills, Tenn., was plainly worried. A bad sore on his leg had baffled several doctors and long resisted all remedies. "I thought it was a cancer," he wrote. "At last I used Buckle's Arnica Salvo, and was completely cured." Cures burns, boils, ulcers, cuts, bruises and piles. 25 cents at all druggists.

NEWS OF OLD SURRY

INSECT DESTROYING WHEAT

Heaviest Rainfall Recorded Ever - Big Fruit Crop Expected - Other Items From the Mt. Airy Leader

Edgar Welch, a dental student at the Baltimore, Md., college, is home to spend the summer vacation.

Mr. J. S. Rosa, of this city, has secured the contract for carrying the mail on the star route between here and Dobson, and will begin his contract the first of July.

Thos. M. Bower has returned from Wythesville, Va., where he spent several days attending the Allen trial. He like others who have heard the evidence, predicts conviction.

It is now an assured fact that this year will witness the heaviest crop of fruit in several years. All trees of every variety of fruit are practically loaded and nothing but a severe hail-storm can prevent an unusual large crop.

S. Schrob, the well known merchant, left Saturday, for West Virginia, where he will locate and engage in the mercantile business. He has not decided just where he will locate and Mrs. Schrob will remain here until that matter is settled.

The many friends of Mrs. John M. Clarke will be pleased to hear that she is rapidly recovering from a recently performed operation at John Hopkin's hospital, Baltimore, Md. It will probably be a month or more until she can come home.

In some sections of the county there is an insect that is completely destroying the prospect for a good wheat crop. It is a small bug working at the roots of the wheat which kills the stalk first turning it yellow. This insect has appeared in sev-

eral sections of the county and the farmers are at a loss to know just what it is.

J. T. Hoare has returned from Boswell, Va., where he purchased an engine for the Mount Airy and Eastern railroad. The engine was shipped last Saturday and is expected to arrive today and will be put in commission at once. This is a light engine for the passenger run but another and larger one will be purchased for the freight service.

On last Saturday the heaviest rainfall ever recorded by the local weather bureau, fairly flooded everything in this section and 13-14 inches of rain fell in a period of thirteen hours. More than two inches fell in two hours, between noon and two o'clock and the streets of the city were quickly converted into streams and much damage was done to gardens in the city.

Again in the evening the rain came in torrents and the high water placed the electric light system out of business and the town was in total darkness after 9:30 p. m. Ararat river and Lovill's Creek broke all previous records for high water and thousands of acres of newly planted bottoms were submerged or badly washed. The damage to crops can hardly be estimated as this land must be replanted.

The county bridge at Hamburg was completely washed away by the flooded river and the one at the old Banner ford was somewhat damaged while other bridges, in the county, were more or less damaged. On the Mount Airy and Eastern railroad the large trestle across Dan river was swept away and considerable damage was done to other bridges on the line. The rain seemed to follow the mountain range and little or no damage is reported south of here.

Dr. Meltzer.

Dr. Meltzer, the renowned eye specialist of Germany, who has treated some of Walnut Cove's best known citizens for their eyes, is having his praises sung by all. He is undoubtedly one of the best optometrists that has ever been in this section and the people are not missing the opportunity of taking advantage of his presence. He has been pressed to stay in our midst two weeks longer and has kindly consented to do so.

I have shoes and slippers at a bargain. W. E. Butner.

A Prominent New York Politician Near Death

Henry H. N. Lanning, of Rochester, N. Y., Six Times a Member of the Assembly, Tells of Narrow Escape.



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JOHN A. BURTON
Walnut Cove, N. C.

There Will be no Tobacco Sales on the Winston Market During the Months of June and July

On account of the fact that so few buyers are on the sales during the summer months and believing it to be for the best interests of the farmer as well as the market, it has been unanimously decided to suspend sales on our market during the months of June and July. We urge all the farmers to sell what tobacco they have on hand during the month of May.

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The warehouses will be open all the summer as usual to take care of their friends and patrons.

Tobacco Board of Trade
By F. A. COLEMAN, President.
Z. T. BYNUM, Secretary.