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Testimony Offered By The Defense; Godwin's Explanation of Thirty-Two Charges

As the case went on the stand... testimony... Godwin's explanation... charges... testimony... Godwin's explanation... charges...

to see their mistake. Peel told them plainly that the Nitrate Agency account was put to the Liberty Bond account to cover shortage of bonds, etc. He said that he was amazed at the transaction but did as he was told to do by Godwin.

He stated that he went to Baltimore when he left here, then went to a port on the Gulf of Mexico for ten days, then to New Orleans and Atlanta. He said emphatically that he was not worrying over his own affairs but over the bank's business.

He admitted that he owed \$135,000 and stated that he had certain personal property listed that were worth \$5,117 and stocks valued at \$41,690 to pay same. He admitted that Cletcher and Cletcher forced him in bankruptcy. He admitted being responsible to Peanny Peel for \$1,250 collected from The Peoples Bank and taking Plum Williams' mortgage for same.

He said "I made no attempt to explain to Pardee, the representative of the Bonding company except four items. I made no effort to explain to the bank examiners. Stator was making a fight against me."

In answer to the question of where Peel & Co., Godwin & Peel and other fictitious names he could name no such firms. He claimed that Stator owed the \$6500 note. He also stated that he kited in his own name so he could draw on it and that he had no other personal account. That he paid for his speculations and his house and expenses out of this same account. He could not recall when he began kiting.

That the agreement was to handle the Nitrate Agency Account for a \$20,000 balance but he found it unprofitable and kept as high as \$75,000 at times and that when Latham the state examiner came he took the old drafts out of the cash box and charged them to the Liberty Bond account and that he got \$110 to his own credit out of the transaction. He did not know what Grover Godwin was worth. He admitted taking a cashier's check in his own name for \$2800 which should have been credited to the account of R. L. Little on a mortgage held by Wynne and Williams. He then went over a long list of stocks which he had hypothecated in different parts of North Carolina. He also claimed to have delivered bonds to those who had bought them.

He made explanation of the \$6500 real coupons; \$500 Holiday bond; \$500 J. D. Bowen bond and the \$500 John T. Price bond, all with school-boy drill and pomp. Also the Tyre and Rogerson losses which he had charged to the expense account.

As to the contingency account: \$4,000 charged to Expense item. Interest \$1200; bond lost \$500; Norfolk \$1000; Farmers and Merchants \$500; E. C. Ford lost \$500; bank of Raleigh \$1270 cash out of balance of which makes up the \$4,000 missing.

John D. Biggs stated that he was President of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, had attended many banker's meetings with Godwin, had never seen him drunk at one nor had ever seen him drunk anywhere. That Godwin was a hard worker for right bank. In the matter of the Ed Walston to pay \$800 and interest but did not know he understood Walston was known he had paid it. Godwin told him he would pay the interest and the \$200 note due and he drew on him for \$299. That if he had known that Walston had paid the entire note he would have demanded it all.

Local News and Personal Mention

Mr. Fred Shute of Durham spent yesterday in town. Miss Estelle Crawford has returned from Hassells where she has been teaching in the public schools. Owing to a mild epidemic of influenza the Hassell schools are closed temporarily.

Mr. W. G. Peele who is stationed in Rocky Mount now for The Standard Insurance Company spent Wednesday night and Thursday in town. Mrs. Roger Critcher, Jr., went to Rocky Mount Tuesday for medical treatment. At the suggestion of her physician at Park View Hospital she returned home Wednesday night to grow stronger physically before having an operation.

Mrs. John A. Manning and Miss Carrie Dell White went to Richlands yesterday to visit Miss Arline Murrill until the time of her marriage to Mr. George H. Harrison on April 6th. Mrs. W. J. Bullock on Suffolk attended the funeral of Mr. J. D. Ward Wednesday. While here she is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. Lawrence Peel.

Miss Rosa Nelson was operated on for appendicitis Monday at Park View Hospital in Rocky Mount. The Boy Scouts enjoyed a fine outing Wednesday evening when they had a camp fire supper in the woods about two miles from town. They were accompanied by Scoutmaster Simon Lilley.

Mr. T. Jack Bagby returned to Richmond this morning after attending court here for nine days. Miss Mattie Lou Anderson arrived today from Greensboro College for Women to spend the week-end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson. Mr. Malvern Rodgerson of Wilson of Wilson was a business visitor in town yesterday.

NEWS FROM IN AND AROUND JAMESVILLE

Mr. J. J. Roberson was a visitor here Monday. Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Roberson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Friddin Saturday. Mr. Henry Jackson and Mrs. Annie Reddick were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Plenny Peel Friday.

Mr. W. W. Walters made a business visit to Edenton this week. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lilley were the guests of Mrs. J. B. Lilley Monday. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hodges and Miss Sadie Perry spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. W. Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fagan of Goldsboro spent some time here this week with friends and relatives. Misses Carrie Dell Manning, Essie Brown and Martha Lilley were in town Saturday afternoon. Messrs. Ben Barnhill, C. B. Holder and Pertie Brown of Williamston were business visitors here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harrison spent this week in town with the former's father, Mr. J. F. Harrison. Mr. W. W. Roberson was in town Wednesday for a few hours. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Fagan, Mrs. J. E. Smithwick, Mrs. Blanche Blount and Miss Stella Davenport spent Wednesday afternoon in Washington.

Among the business visitors in town this week were Messrs. Clyde Owens, H. B. Holloman of Williamston, George Cottrill, W. K. Parker and P. E. Manning. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Martin and family wish to express their thanks to their friends and neighbors who were so kind to them during their illness with influenza.

VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY IN THE GODWIN CASE. In the face of the evidence given and laid down by the State the jury returned a verdict of Not Guilty this morning in the C. H. Godwin trial.

LAW ENFORCEMENT ADDRESS

REV. G. M. HAMMOND, distinguished orator of Kentucky, will give his famous lecture "The Challenge of the Times," at the Christian Church, here on Thursday April 6 at 8:00 P. M. "All red-blooded American citizens—both men and women—are invited."

As a citizen cannot choose what laws he will obey, so likewise those charged with law enforcement cannot choose what laws they will enforce. Those charged with law enforcement must enforce all the laws and all good citizens must obey all the laws. Neither can exercise any right of choice in this matter without placing themselves above the law.—Atty.-General Daugherty.

OAK CITY NEWS AND PERSONALS

Misses Eva Peel and Millie Robbuck and Mr. Herman Rawls of Robersonville were in Oak City Friday. Messrs. Baxter and Russell Carson and Mr. Brown of Bethel were in town Sunday evening. Mrs. Sallie Harrell was hostess to the members of the Ladies Aid Society last Tuesday evening.

On account of the illness of five of the Oak City teachers school has been suspended and will be until the following Monday as the influenza epidemic has spread throughout the community. Two basket ball games were played Thursday afternoon on the court of the Oak City school. The first game was played by the Oak City boys against those of Hassell, the score was 11-4 in favor of Hassell.

Mr. Wilbur Barrett of Suffolk spent the weekend with his sister, Mrs. Wilbur Worsley while enroute to Farmville. The stores of Oak City will all close at seven o'clock P. M., beginning now and continuing through the summer months. L. C. Larkin, Pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 A. M. Morning service, 11:00 A. M. Afternoon service at Vernon church 8:00 o'clock. Evening service, 7:45 P. M. You are cordially invited to attend all of these services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT BIGGS' SCHOOL HOUSE SUNDAY. The regular Sunday school exercises will be conducted at Biggs' School House Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend. JAMES E. HARRELL, Supt. NOTICE. North Carolina, Martin County. To L. J. Davenport and others: You will take notice that we purchased one hundred and seventy four acres Coburn land listed to L. J. Davenport, Hamilton township, at a sheriff's sale for taxes at the court house door in Martin county on Monday June 6th, 1921. You will further take notice that unless redemption is made I will demand a deed for said land at the expiration of one year from June 6, 1921. This 8rd day of March, 1922. F. L. HAISLIP and D. G. MATTHEWS.

FARM LOAN BANKS FALL DOWN ON JOB

The Williamston National Farm Loan Association out of a large number of applications recently sent to the Farm Loan Bank in Columbia, S. C., has been notified that more than three fourths of the applications were turned down. The excuse offered was that the banks found it hard to get money.

It is not surprising to those who know or to those who think. The true solution is this: a law great banking and money interests in New York who have full power under the present administration to do their own way are unwilling that any should have a show except themselves. They say if we are to handle the people we must help them in a camp, we must hold them in a jam and so long as we are able to do that we can use them as we please. We can make the law and we can wield it. They also say that if farmers can borrow their reasonable needs from the Farm Loan Banks that it will relieve the country so that they will lose their power and the folks will be free again.

Now where does the fault lie? It lies in the halls of Congress. New York says to the elders don't help the farmers, if you do we will not be able to dictate to them, hence the powers that be in Congress take the cue and nothing is done. If the members of Congress would stand, fight and crush these matters to the front we would get much relief but the job is they do not, they leave the job; they run around to make money and get votes. We see such too often, even in our own state. Congress can force the Land Banks to issue bonds in any amount and they readily sell, better than any other class of bonds. If Congress would pass such a law, the south and west could easily convert their burdensome debts to long term, easy payment debts and business would ease up immediately. If the present gang stays in, there will be but one place to get money—Wall Street.

PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES. Rev. J. T. Wildman will preach at Hobgood on next Sunday morning and at Roanoke Church in the afternoon. Bible class at Mrs. Pittman's in Oak City every Monday night, and at Mrs. Julia Ward's in Farmville on Tuesday nights. HAVE A FEW SETTINGS OF PARK strain Plymouth Rocks. \$1.50 per setting of 15. J. W. Ward, City 23. STRAY CATTLE ADVERTISED. The following cattle have been in my field six weeks—owner can get them by paying for ridances. No. 1. One pale red and white heifer, looks to be about two years old. Half moon under right ear, left ear half moon over. No. 2. One pale red and white heifer. One year old with half moon in right ear. No. 3. One brown spotted cow, looks to be about four or five years old. Crop and slit in right ear, left ear crop off. B. B. SHERROD, Hamilton.

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STRAND THEATRE. Comments on "The Old Nest" by exhibitors who have shown it. Excellent. —Please 100 per cent. —a picture that pleases both young and old. —one of the best pictures ever shown in this theatre. —one of the finest pictures ever made. —Broke all house records. —truly a slice of life. —it will please any audience. —100 per cent from any angle. "THE OLD NEST" NEXT MONDAY 8:00 P. M. J. B. E. KNIGHT.