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MURDER CASE OLD FURNACE PRES. WILSON BIG PICNIC THE MAUNEY STAR WILL'MS

Wells, Dover, and Turneys.

The Turneys Tried in York Court for Murder—Young Turney Found Guilty.

Below is an account of the trial of the Turneys at Yorkville last week for the murder of Wells and Dover. The account is bluepencilled and condensed from the Yorkville Enquirer of last Friday.

The next cases taken up were those against J. Ed Turney and Thad E. Turney charged with the killing of J. K. Wells and Pin Doyer on the night of May 5.

Although there were two indictments against the defendants one for each of the men slain, by agreement of council both cases were tried together.

Thos. F. McDow, Esq., represented the defense and Solicitor Henry assisted by John R. Hart Esq. of Yorkville and N. Fred McMillan of King's Mountain, N. C. conducted the prosecution.

After the arraignment of the prisoners both sides exercised great care in picking the jury.

The venire was finally made up as follows with John S. Sandifer as foreman: H. C. Simril, J. M. Smarr, W. M. Setzer, R. W. McConnell, R. P. Carnes, W. R. Harper, Quinn Wallace, J. S. Sandifer, J. N. Hogue, W. T. Ligon, T. S. Lambert, J. A. Mills.

A. A. Lockridge testified that he had been summoned to the scene of the killing by a son of Jim Mack, at whose house the tragedy occurred, about one o'clock. Both Wells and Dover were dead; Wells' back pocket was turned wrong side out and Dover's watch was gone and his hands were folded on his breast.

Wash Harlow was at the scene of the killing when it occurred. Wells, he said had had trouble with J. E. Turney at the home of Well's brother a week before the killing in regard to a charge against Tom McCarter of selling whiskey. Wells had drawn a rock on Turney and had driven away. Turney went on cursing he said.

The witness told practically the same story he told at the inquest. He heard the shots but did not investigate. He slept beside a pine tree until nearly 2 o'clock when he got up, viewed the bodies of the slain men and went on home. A grilling cross examination resulted in a statement to the effect that he did not investigate the shooting because he thought probably the shots came from officers who were after Dover and wells.

M. M. Farris who was also with Dover and Wells the night they were killed said the party were drinking and had a gallon jug of liquor which he, Farris had gotten from Wells. The witness said he and Dover had started to his father's house a distance of about six and one-half miles from his saw mill, meeting Wells and Harlow on the way. They had gone back to Mack's house because Wells wanted a match. Some one called the witness and when he got within ten feet of the men the shooting began. He ran around the house, got in his buggy and drove off. He had no pistol and did not know who killed Dover and Wells.

Picnic Next Saturday.

Elaborate Preparations Being Made for Annual Event—Speeches—Dinner—Ball Game.

The annual picnic will be held at Old Furnace Saturday July 25. There will be addresses at eleven o'clock by Messrs A. E. Woltz and A. C. Jones, of Gastonia, dinner at 12, a ball game at 4 between Old Furnace and Cherryville, good band music all day and plenty of sporting time for the young folks.

Old Furnace picnic originated about twenty years ago with Ormond Reunion and has been a very popular annual event on the last Saturday in July of each year ever since. It was changed from Ormond Reunion to Old Furnace Picnic in order to give it more scope.

The music will be furnished by a nucleus of the Bessemer City band supplemented by several select players from different parts of the state. The band that day will be composed of the cream of a number of bands and the music is expected to be a grand feature.

Mr. Bert Ormand, manager of the picnic, was in the Herald office Monday morning and assured us that the most elaborate arrangements would be made. He stated that he would take a squad of hands Tuesday and remove the seventeen stumps from the road between Long Creek Church and the intersection of the Long Creek road with Bessemer City-Gastonia road at Vanities place. He states that this done the road will be good all the way. Several thousand people are expected.

told almost identically the same tale he told the morning of the inquest. He returned home about 11 o'clock from Peeler's mill and heard loud talking and cursing in his yard. Wells asked him for a match, while searching in his house for a match there came a knock at the door. Soon after he opened the door the firing began. He saw Turney, senior, shoot twice, and saw two flashes of fire from the rear of the house. He saw two men fall. He did not see Thad Turney in the cluster of men, about the buggy in the yard. He asked the defendants if they were going to see whether the men in the yard were dead or not, and Mr. J. E. Turney said, "No you go." He went back toward the house and did not know whether the Turneys went home or not. He did not know when Mr. Thad Turney got his lantern which was in the house, but it was gone next morning.

Deputy Sheriff Rhodes of Kings Mountain, N. C. testified that he had discovered a still on a branch a quarter of a mile from Jim Mack's house, two days after the homicide. He also a keg of mash near the house of Wash Harlow. He did not of his own knowledge know whose property the still and mash were.

The defence introduced several witnesses to testify as to the character of the deceased men.

The testimony of J. Ed Turney was about like this: About an hour and a half before sundown I left home with my son Thad to go fishing on Clark's Fork four miles away.

For October 7th Celebration.

Kings Mountain Battle Memorial Association met Monday night Pres. Wilson to be invited to speak.

President Woodrow Wilson of the United States was the unanimous choice of the Kings Mountain Battle Memorial Association here Monday night as orator for the seventh of October Celebration. Many names, a dozen or so, were mentioned as splendid and probably available material for the august occasion but all gave way before the name of the mighty Statesman-President and everybody agreed that he was the best man we could get. It was decided to send a delegation of at least twenty-five of our most representative men to Washington to extend the formal invitation to the President on a date to be agreed upon by the executive board of the Association and the President, provided a date can be fixed with the President. The following were appointed on the committee Monday night: W. H. McGinnis, D. M. Baker, J. B. Thomason, Dr. O. G. Falls, G. G. Page, F. Floyd, and L. A. Kiser. W. P. Fulton, D. M. Baker, and Dr. J. E. Anthony were appointed a committee to get up the remainder of the twenty-five delegates.

It was decided to ask the government to furnish a band and a company of soldiers for the Celebration. It was pointed out that Charlotte had been accorded soldiers for her Twentieth of May Celebration whereby a precedent had been established which was the only bar to our having soldiers last year.

It will be remembered that at a meeting of the Memorial Association several weeks ago it was decided to invite Ex Pres. Theodore Roosevelt to deliver the annual address but it was learned through his secretary without sending a delegation that he could not come.

The delegation that will go to Washington to present President Wilson with the formal invitation has been instructed to secure the next best man to be had in case the President can't come.

creek. We caught sixteen catfish and an eel, and about eleven o'clock, as well as I could guess, came back to Mack's house having no idea of any trouble or of meeting any one. My son was in front and we had a lighted lantern and came by the path in front of Mack's house.

When we approached the house I heard some one say, "Give me your gun, I want to shoot that light out." Thad went to the house after his larder and went to turn my buggy around: the buggy being between the corner of the yard and Macks wagon.

Two men—J. K. Wells and Pink Dover—walked to the buggy and another man was at my back.

I said, "stop boys. I'm not bothering you." The men were cursing and Dover got between the wheels.

The man behind me had a pistol and said "stop, — you!" I dropped the shafts I was holding and he fired. I then fired and he ran around the house still firing. When he fired the second time I turned the back of the buggy

At Sunnyside Last Friday.

Bessemer City Sunday Schools Have Outing—Kings Mountain Basketball Team Makes Good.

The largest and one of the most enjoyable picnics ever held by Bessemer folk was given under the auspices of the Sunday school management of the Methodist Church of Bessemer City Friday at the pleasant picnic grounds at Sunnyside, about seven miles north of Kings Mountain near the residence of S. L. Kiser.

The event was an entire day's outing, and while it was promoted and arranged by the Methodist Sunday school, all of the other Sunday schools of the town and vicinity were invited to join in the festivities, and it thereby became a general Sunday school picnic for all denominations.

The weather was propitious and afforded the best conditions for an enjoyable day. It was estimated that about 3,000 persons, young and old, were present during the day.

In the pleasant and convenient grove near the church, a large number of swings had been prepared for enjoyment by the young folks, and a basketball ground prepared, where two interesting and lively games were played between teams from Bessemer City and Kings Mountain and which resulted in a score of 6 to 3 in favor of the Kings Mountain team.

Tables aggregating a total length of probably 1,000 feet were neatly sugged and laden with a most abundant supply of an almost endless variety of good things to eat, which had been prepared by those who know how to tempt the appetite and to satisfy hunger.

So elaborate a luncheon has probably never been served in that locality. A slight shower shortly after luncheon drove the crowd into the several buildings near by and afforded opportunity for exchange of ideas, diverted from the special exercises.

After the shower, many of the party assembled in the pasture land of S. L. Kiser and witnessed two games of baseball, the first of which was between Bessemer City and Sunnyside teams and resulted in favor of Sunnyside; the second game was between Bessemer City and Kings Mountain teams and resulted in favor of Bessemer City by a score of 9 to 4.

It was a source of satisfaction and pride to all who attended the gathering to realize that so large an assemblage had spent the entire day in a pleasant, joyous and profitable intermingling without the annoyance and disgrace of any disturbing element resulting from intoxicants, which have sometimes obtained.

The initial efforts which have led to this eventful day should be made of record, and at least an annual repetition of its kind be provided.

A good delegation of Kings Mountain people were in attendance.

Miss Pearl Jones of Bessemer, C. has accepted the position of a member of the Kings Mountain graded school here. The school is now complete as indicated by the Herald last week. The school should have been open for some time ago. The school is now open for the first time since the fall of 1913.

Touring Party. Cont'd from Last Wk.

A Continuation of the True Story of Travel by our Own Home Folks.

(By Miss Bonnie Mauney)

It would not only be tiresome but impossible to describe the many monuments, nevertheless, I want to mention several of them. The New York State Monument is 90 feet high and cost \$90,000. The Pennsylvania Monument is in the shape of a large dome with a conservatory at the top. This is the most expensive monument on the field—the cost being \$150,000. The National Monument in the National Cemetery is a handsome piece of work. On top is the figure of Liberty and at the four corners of the base stand figures of War, History, Peace, and Plenty. This has a cost of \$50,000. Our guide showed us the position of the two armies on the first, second, and third days respectively, the headquarters of the generals in command, the spots where General Reynolds was killed and where Gen. Barlow fell, the Valley of Death where so many Confederates were killed when forced back from Little Round Top, the High Water Mark, the place where Pickett made his fatal charge and other points too numerous to mention here.

In the town of Gettysburg is an old house called the Jenny Wade House. It is now used as a museum of war relics and a souvenir shop. In this house, Jenny Wade, the only inhabitant of the town killed during the battle, lived. At the time of her death she was kneading dough.

Tuesday morning was the appointed time for starting home. No desire to go beyond Gettysburg had here before been manifested. But there were motives in view when one of the younger members of our party suggested our going to Philadelphia. After recovering from the shock caused by the suggestion, we discussed the matter and decided to go.

At 11:30 A. M. we said goodbye to the City Hotel and set our faces toward the "City of Brotherly Love". Our route lay thru York, Columbia and Lancaster. At the last named city we had dinner. This is one of the oldest cities in the state and is a great business center. Lancaster County of which Lancaster is the county seat is considered the garden spot of the United States and from the appearance of the farms this is most certainly true.

There are no important towns when you leave here all you get to Philadelphia, and a good part of the road is poor, but the eighteen miles from Philadelphia is the beginning of the excellent road. After a slight delay with the other car, we drove up to the Windsor Hotel about 7:30 P. M. just escaping a terrible rain storm.

The next morning found our party scattered—Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mack, Young Myer, Mrs. Cooper, Vineland, and Mr. W. K. Mauney in one car, and the remainder in another. After the return of the day, a party to Philadelphia was all went to the Children's Hospital in connection with the Children's Hospital in Philadelphia. The party was very successful and we were very much pleased with the results. We were very much pleased with the results. We were very much pleased with the results.

Case to Be Tried Next Week.

July Term of Court Meets Next Monday—Noted Star Williams Murder Case—Jury List.

The murderers of Star Williams will be tried in superior Court at Shelby next week. The July term of court is scheduled to open next Monday, July 27th. The case which easily overshadows everything else on the docket is the trial of the four Blacksburg young men—J. Z. Bell, R. C. Davidson, James Whisnant and Fulton Whisnant, for the murder of Star Williams, a 16 year old negro boy, here during carnival week in March.

The state does not charge that all these young men had a hand in the murder, but that one of them shot the negro wantonly. Which one, the state does not allege, and it remains with the state to fix guilt upon one of them before case can be established. It is believed by many that the state will have a hard time to establish a case, as the deed was shrouded in mystery.

The case came up for trial at at previous session of court, but was postponed by the request of the solicitor, owing to the closeness of the murder to the time of the trial. The boys, with a strong array of counsel, were ready for trial. They have been out on bail.

Judge W. F. Harding of Mecklenburg will preside and Solicitor Thomas S. Newlands of Lenoir will prosecute, assisted by Lawyer N. F. McMillan of Kings Mountain.

The Jurors. At the recent meeting, the County Commissioners drew the following jurors:

First week: No. 1, Void Humphries; No. 2, P. L. Humphries, George D. McSwain, and D. D. Todd; No. 3, H. A. Logan, Obe Lavender, W. R. Lawery; No. 4, Leon Ware, John Chaney, John Fletcher Ware, J. H. Eppers, W. A. Seism, W. F. Logan; No. 5, A. E. Betts, O. C. Black; No. 6, Y. Crowder, L. P. McBrayer, W. V. McCall, G. V. Hawkins, T. E. McCoy, W. M. Hamrick, J. H. Carroll, J. L. Spangler; No. 7, W. W. Gibson, Irv. Pallbeck, W. A. Martin, Z. R. Walker; No. 8, Andrew J. Elliott, B. H. Briggs, J. C. Bantroy; No. 9, E. B. Morfax, W. R. Porter, J. C. Osburn, G. V. Coravell; No. 10, C. G. G. Willis; No. 11, A. C. Braswell.

Second week: No. 1, G. W. Elmore; No. 2, David Struggs; No. 3, R. J. Neal; No. 4, A. N. McMillan; P. L. Mullinax, Lee Woodall; No. 5, W. L. Barrett, John C. Owens; No. 6, W. P. Eddleman, George L. Putnam, Chas. L. Eskridge; No. 7, M. L. Beam, A. M. Lattimore; No. 8, J. E. Chambers, L. Z. Grigg; No. 9, Gaston Spurr; No. 10, Cicero C. Falls; No. 11, Jas. L. Elmore.

part of us were visited by Messrs. Steele and Sharples to attend the theatre. Thursday morning our wandering sheep returned and we started towards Baltimore—but fate was against us and before long we were to find it out. Just at the edge of Chesapeake something went wrong and we headed for the Penn'a Garage. In three hours we learned that a part must be secured before we could go further. A failure to obtain it in Philadelphia. (Continued on Last Page)