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H. CLAY GRUBB SHOT AND KILLED BY HIS WIFE in it, was in his wife's name and will not be affected by any debts of the es-

Mrs. Grubb Had Been Terribly Beaten Before She Killed Him-Three Shots Fired---Grubb Asleep or Just Waking When First Shot Was Fired.

The Coroner's Jury Found That Mrs. Considerable Wealth.

shot and killed by his wife, Emma F. Grubb, at their home near Churchland even after the threats made.

ed for the Grubb home. Coroner Pea-cock was notified and he was on the scene a little after ten o'clock. Sheriff Shaw summoned a jury of six and the inquest began soon after the ar-

THE EVIDENCE IN THE CASE. The coroner's jury was composed of the following citizens: John W. Lam-bett, S. W. Finch, Dermot Shemwell, George F. Morefield, J. F. Hedrick, Charles Swicegood. The first witness examined was Zeb Grubb, the 15-year examined was Zeb Grubb, the 15-year old son of the dead man, who told of his father coming home on Friday evening, alightly intoxicated. He was not sure that he had been drinking at all but thought he had and after coming home he continued to drink. Along about the callock he had me release ged his father to let his mother alone but to no avail. He ran the boy away. beating and abuse continued for The beating and abuse continued to the boy did not know how some time, the boy did not know how self and ber children. She said that lay down on a davenport close to the lay down on a davenport close to the door. About 30 minutes later, according to the boy, his mother enter.

The beating and abuse continued to he had to do it for the protection of herbands of herbands and beating, and driven to desperation, thrice shot through the heart the cording to the boy, his mother enter.

She said that day, when a wife and mother, bruised herbands as he had beeding, and driven to desperation, thrice shot through the heart the cording to the boy, his mother enter. ed and shot his father, while he was yet asleep or just as he was waking up. He did not know which and could not tell whether his father was awake when the first shot was fined or nor. Grubb was on his feet and going toward his wife when the other two shots were fired.

MISS BULAH GRUBB ON THE

Miss Bulah Grubb, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grubb, was the next witness. She said that when her father became boisterous and started cursing she went to her room upstairs. She heard her mother's cries and screams and heard the blows. About ten o'clock, Grubb to and heard the blows. About ten o'clock, minutes ahe thinks it was, her father called her to come down stairs and she and 'Was and the come sister, Miss Edna, went down, She found that her mother had been terribeaten. Her face was bleeding blood was oozing from her shoes and she was barely able to move. Her father continued to beat her mother over the head, using his pistol, which he held in his hand, and telling her that he was going to kill her, and all of the family, including Lester Davis, Mrs. Grubb's brother.

Finally, after he had tired of beating his wife, Grubb lay down on the davenport and dropped off to sleep. saying before he did so that as soon is he got up he was going to kill Mrs Grubb. Several minutes elapsed, dur-ing which Mrs. Grubb had sent her son, Zeb, for her pistol, which was in the kitchen. Mrs. Grubb went into her room and later, according to the testimony of another witness, crawled out of the window and was at the door. Mr. Grubb slept a few minutes, Bulah did not know how long; and when he made a movement as i to rise, she heard her mother scream saw her dash through the doo that leads out on the porch, with her pistol in her hand. She fired three pistol in her hand. She fired three shots, all striking him in vital spots and any one of them would have

TESTIMONY OF MISS EDNA GRUBB Miss Edna Grubb, another daughter, was the third witness. She told prac-tically the same story as that told by her older sister, but added a few de talls. She said that at one time she thought that her mother was dead. Her father struck her over the head with his pistol with such violence that was almost unconscious. Grubb tried to get away from Mr. the Central Highway through Tyro Grubb and asked to be allowed to get township, at large expense to himself her a drink on the back porch. He followed her, holding on to her skirt to do many other things for the countries of the and saying that he was not going to ty. er Lester Davis, but was going to keep her right there and kill her and all was going to kill her. He tell and she dragged herself into her being removed from Davidson. He being removed from Davidson. why she did not run away. Mrs. Grubb told her that it would be impossible for her to go anywhere, she was hurt so bad, but asked to be helppossible for her to go anywhere, she was hurt so bad, but asked to be helped from the roam. Miss Edna pulled her through the window and the two sat down by the door to await further developments. Suddenly Mr. Grubb moved. His daughter thought he was cetting up. Mrs. Grubb screamed and ran into the room, followed by Miss Edna. She dred three times, killing her husband almost instantly.

Hiss Edna also brought out anoth-large find in Davidson and Rowan

DEED JUSTIFIABLE er detail of the affair that was not touched by other witnesses but was The Coroner's Jury Found That Mrs.
Grubb Shot in Self Defense—Killing
Took Place in Boone Township—
—The Evidence of Zeb Grubb and
Misses Bulah and Edna Grubb in
Detail—Mrs. Grubb Was Very Badly Hurt—Funeral Sunday Drew Record-Breaking Crowd From All Over
this Section Grubb Was a Man of

Miss Edna told of other troubles in H. Clay Grubb, a leading citizen of the past in which her mother had suffour sons and four daughters, three Boone township and one of the best fered abuse and mistreatment but stated that she did not believe that her father intended to kill her mother. Grubb, at their home near Churchiand even after the threats made. She was Saturday morning at about one o'clock. The news of the killing created a sensation the like of which has not been known in Davidson county vive further beating and in response News of the killing reached Lexing-ton early Saturday morning and at about five o'clock Sheriff Shaw start-further beating would kill her and that was why she shot.

MRS. GRUBB'S STATEMENT. to visit Mrs. Grubb, who was in a ner door and peered in at the win-room in a small house at the edge of the yard. Mrs. Grubb asked to be al-lowed to make a statement. She told a story that confirmed the testimony a story that confirmed the testimony of her daughters, in almost every detail. She said that she believed that her husband fully intended to kill her and that she acted in self-defense. She and that she acted in self-defense. She warv calm, very cool and self-posconvincing way. She said that Mr. Grubb had been dangerous for two years. She had realized it all along and when he had been drunk and quarrelsome, she had always tried to get out of his way and stay away unabout ten o'clock he became violent get out of his way and stay away un-and abusive and went into Mrs. til he got sober. Sometimes she was Grubb's room. She had lain down. He unable to get away and had been terbegan to curse and abuse her and ribly beaten. Friday night he was from that to beat her. The boy begso terribly that she knew she could not stand any more beating. She did not want to kill him but felt that she had to do it for the protection of her-

> Mrs. Grubb was horribly beaten. A crashing blow with the butt of the pistol had broken the bridge of her nose. One ear was split, the hammer of the pistol doing that, and both legs, mass of bruiged flesh. Her right arm was ferribly lacerated from her wrist to her elbow and her left arm was in less than the same of the pistol doing that affair has a parallel in the criminate age, and was an employe of the greensboro. Was 17 years of the democrats to 47 republicans, a ge, and was an employe of the majority entirely too small for companions. One car was split, the hammer to bring happiness, and finally, in the following particulars:
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> "Young Benson bathed out too far in the bay with companions on a log and their improvised raft was caught to her elbow and her left arm was in less."
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> "George Benson completed the to her elbow and her left arm was in almost as bad condition. Her injuries are serious and very painful but she will recover.

THE JURY'S VERDICT.

After hearing the statement of Mrs Grubb the jury retired and in a few minutes returned with the following

"We find that the deceased, H. Clay Grubb, came to his death from a gunshot wound inflicted by the hand of his wife, Emma F. Grubb, in self defense and she was justifiable in her

WHAT THE NEIGHBORS SAID. The place was overrun with people they heard the evidence with no little tell. As one man expressed, Mr. along that his family was in danger but they wouldn't say anything ab it. His enemies were afraid to say that when the outbreak did come that it would be some member of his famnights when Grubb would run his family from home and make them who lives on the place, told that about four weeks ago he saw Grubb ch his wife, who was screaming and beg ging for mercy, with a pitchfork. MANY REDEEMING QUALITIES.

And the talk of the neighbors was not all to his hurt. Many told of his fine work of recent years toward the willingness to help every worthy cause. He was a big-hearted, good-natured man, when not under the infriends in the county by the score. His neighbors say that to him is due largely the credit for the fine roads that are

At the time of his death he was en gaged in building the new section of the Central Highway through Tyro

HE HAD LIVED A STORMY LIFE. let her get away hut was going to keep her right there and kill her and all the rest of the family, after which he would settle with Lester. He was a man of quick temper, altorough the room and pushed her down on the davenport and lay down on the other end of it, telling her that when he rested he was going to kill her. He fell askeep and she dragged herself into her town and she dragged herself into her was going to kill her. He fell askeep and she dragged herself into her town and she dragged her town and she

counties, the most of it very fine land, and in addition to this he held many fine pieces of property in Salisbury. The home place, with about 300 acres in it, was in his wife's name and will

Members of the family placed his were of the opinion that under a force ed sale, all of his properties would bring but little more. Mr. Grubb himself was of the opinion, a short time before his death, and so expressed himself to a friend in Lexington, that he was worth about half a million dol-

NO LIFE INSURANCE

ord-Breaking Crowd From All Over the hair, took her down on the dayped all of it, and had advised this
friend to drop his.

He is survived by eight children

The body of H. Clay Grubb was laid o rest Sunday afternoon in the Grubb burying ground near his home. funeral services were conducted by Rev. V. E. Swaim and it is estimated In trully 3,000 gathered to look for the last time upon his face. There was some drunkenness and disorder around the outskirts of the big crowd but in the main the great throng was but in the main the great throng was orderly and subdued. Mrs. Grubb was MRS. GRUBB'S STATEMENT.

Later the coroner's jury was invited to visit Mrs. Grubb, who was in a her door and peered in at the win-

improving steadily and was thought to be out of danger. She had an alarming fainting spell Saturday night but since that time there have been ser; Tyro, N. H. Swicegood; Arcadia, no dangerous symptoms.

make any mistake in outlawing the liquor traffic? Perhaps the best answer to that question may be found in Davidson county's tragedy of Satur-

did not know how many times she and protect her.
shot.
For sheer horror we doubt whether

Has the liquor traffic, under any cirwer.-Greensboro News.

R. E. L. Mounteastle Dead.

incoln Memorial hospital in Knox- log and swam shoreward. pital for a minor operation a day or two before and from the operation them up with a glass. "I am going in his death Friday night. Mr. George and W. Mountcastle, of this city, received a telegram Friday morning, giving and reached the shore exhausted as the governor of Alabama to fill any Senator. His older brother, Robert him the first news of his brother's ill-did the other two. Benson failed to vacancy by appointment until an election. D. Johnston, followed him (from Char-

Mr. Mountcastle was one of leading citizens of Tennessee. He had been democratic national committee-man for Tennessee since 1902 and was one of the leaders of the democratic party in the south. His advice and of the party in the nation and his inleading lawyer of Tennessee, alike at

Jefferson City, Tenn., and two broth-

Col. Cody Never Recovered From Wreck at Linwood.

In a half column editorial, pathetic in its description of the financial failure of Col. W. F. Cody, better known as "Buffalo Bill" and the hard road his wild west shows traveled in re-cent years, the Charlotte Observer concludes with this paragraph:
"One of the worst misfortunes sus-

Hard to Get the Right One.

THE CORN CONTESTANTS.

Sixty-Seven Men Are Trying to Beat All Records for Corn Growing in This County.

The Davidson County Agricultural association held an interesting meeting Saturday afternoon in the grand jury room at the courthouse. It was contestants was prepared for publica-tion. The contestants are as follows:

Cotton Grove-Henry E. Simth, S.

Smith, J. C. Owens. Reedy Creek-Settle Hanes, T. T. Hanes, J. D. Hill, J. D. Huffman, C. F

Tyro-C. H. Fritts, L. C. Snider, C. Carn, C. H. Palmer.

Jackson Hill—J. B. Badgett, J. A.

Stokes Smith. Midway-J. Elmer Perryman, Geo. Potts, J. F. Siceloff, Charles Lindsay,

C. Whicker. Thomasville—J. M. Stone, J. W. Bowers, J. F. Sechriest, J. C. Meredith and David Kennedy.

A committee was named to solicit premiums among the farmers, busi-tramp and not caring to have tramps ness men and professional men of the spend the night so near his dwelling county. This committee was compos-ed of the following: Lexington township, A. C. Tussey; Thomasville, J. F. Sechriest; Yadkin College, J. W. Walno dangerous symptoms.

The sentiment of the multitude Huffman; Midway, P. E. Whicker;

Jackson Hill, Stokes Smith; Emmons, Liquor.

Did the people of North Carolina

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Cotton Grove, E. H. Warfford.

George Benson, of Greensboro, Drown-

son, of Greensboro, was 17 years of

Benson completed the death. morning drill with his detail at 11 cumstances and in any aspect, a valid o'clock and prepared to take his cus-defense? H. Clay Grubb is the an-tomary plunge. He with John Schlos-the senate in this way: ser and Earl Smith went to the suff together with another man of the second company. They ventured out fur- ate, the executive authority of such Hon. Robert E. Lee Mountcastle, brother of Mr. George W. Mountcastle, could not bring the log back. Smith of this city, died Friday night in the and the man of the second left the the current and realized that they fill such vacancy, provided that the ville, Tenn. He had gone to the hos- asked Benson to hold on while a boat puremia, an acute form of Bright's to swim or drown," the lad said, al-Disease, developed, which resulted in though be had already confided the Schlosser followed him into the ser arrive. The alarm was spread and the life savers called out. The tragedy has cast a gloom over the camp. Benson's body was recovered Satur day evening, 8 miles down the coast

and was carried to Greensboro for Cotton in Warehouse Fired by Light-

Fire. started by lightning in the home in civil and criminal practice. Bloomfield Manufacturing Company's Farm School For Negro Boys to Be Reserved two terms as president of cotton warehouse at Bloomfield, near the Tennessee Bar Association and Statesville, during the severe storm several times acted as judge in the which passed over that section early Tuesday night, did damage to the ex He is survived by a widow and four vided by a heavy brick wall, was gut-children, two sons and two daughters. ted by the flames and 186 below a sister. Miss Eula Mounteeatle ers, Messrs. Frank Mountcastle, of over and badly damaged. The cotton Johnson City, Tenn., and Mr. George was worth in the neighborhood of W. Mountcastle, of Lexington, survive \$12,000 and it is not known just how

Ex-Congressman Brower Dies at Par is, Texas.

Hon. John M. Brower, formerly of Mt. Airy died in a hospital in Paris, Texas, last Tuesday night. He had some there for treatment from his home at Boswell, Okla. He had been a steroographer of Atlanta, was knocked.

A convict from the state camp located in Greensboro some years ago, escaped. He was blind in the left syc, walked with a "drop" stop and was five feet four in height. Descriptions were sent out to all nearby towns with the result that four one-syed negroes were caught, all blind in the left eye and of the right height, but neither was the right man—Rales of the result man—Rales of the right man of the right man—Rales of the right man of the right man—Rales of the right man of the right man of the right man of the right height.

Size of the Rales of the right man of the right height, and there is hardly a man of the result that four one as a search being made his body was at the lottest time of the result the left had been washed from the log cross found on Dark's fish trap whither it had been washed from the log cross found on Dark's fish trap whither it had been washed from the log cross of the left h

Found \$1,263,04 Worth of Stamps His Tobacco Barn. dispatch from Kernersville, pub lished in Saturday's daily papers

Henry Gordon while cleaning a tobacco barn preparatory to curing tobacco on the farm of W. S. Linville late yesterday afternoon was shower-ed with postage stamps. He had findecided to go to work on the premium ished cleaning the ground floor and list at once and the complete list of begun to take tobacco sticks from off ished cleaning the ground floor and the poles where they had been stored for the winter and put them on the Lexington township—W. C. Wilson,
A. C. Tussey, John T. Jenkins, D. D.
Smith and D. H. Black.
Yadkin College—A. L. Hartley,
Webster Snider, Ivey Michael, John
Michael, J. W. Walser.
Emmons—J. W. Frank, W. H. Leach,
J. C. Crouse, John T. Places, H. M.
J. C. Grouse, John T. Places, H. M.
J. G. Grouse, John T. Places, H. C. Crouse, John T. Pierce, H. M. and see if the stamps were the ones Skeen. that were stolen from his office when Healing Springs—C. G. Doby, Grady it was burglarized June 7 last. The Smith, Forrest Holmes, W. L. D. Surbarn is only situated about three ratt, J. S. Carrick. Cotton Grove—Henry E. Simth, S. and soon the postmaster was on the E. Warfford, Robert Sheets, W. H. ground. Instantly he identified them as the ones stolen from his office. He and made an inventory of them and day. These statistics are for a period found their value to be \$1,263.04. From of six years, covering the administra-Weaver.

Conrad Hill—A. H. Burkhead, J. R. one of the sheets which had never tion of County Superintendent P. S. Warfford, T. G. Kindley, M. M. Swing, been broken there was one 10 cent vann. The first figures in each case stamp gone, which was evidently lost are for 1907 and the second for 1913. and C. A. Swing,
Arcadia—E. W. Wilson, J. E. Hege,
J. A. Hege, W. T. Perryman, W. L. is the exact amount stolen from his

It is not strange to those who know they quietly steal back and get the Surratt, W. R. Badgett, N. H. Johnson, goods and make for some point where they can dispose of them. But it is strange that they never returned for these stamps, for it was two months to the day from the time they were stolen until the day they were found. Mr. Gordon lives near the barn and sometime back saw a man come out of the barn one morning presumably spend the night so near his dwelling went and locked the barn. It may be that the yeggmen sometime returned for the stamps and found the barlocked and thought possibly Uncle Sam had discovered them and was having the barn watched and that their liberty was worth more than the stamps. Many reasons have been ad-vanced, but they all have to admit

Senator Johnston Dead.

The slender democratic majority in the United States senate was further cut down last week by the death of George Benson, a private in the Senator Johnston, of Alabama. It was Guilford Grays, Greensboro's military stated last week that 49 democratic company, was drowned at Fort Cassenators would support the pending well Thursday afternoon. Young Bentariff bill in its entirety. With Johnson was the son of Mr. John C. Bentators would support the pending well at the senate of the senate of the senate, the line up will be 48 democrats to 47 republicans,

The constitutional amendment pro-

"When vacancies happen in the renresentation of any state in the ser the executive thereof to make temporthe vacancies by election as the leg- his native and to his adopted state.

As in most of the other states the Alabama legislature has not been in session since the constitutional later became a successful banker and and consequently has not empowered mingham, Governor of Alabama, and tion may be held. Furthermore, the lotte) to Birmingham in the eighties Alabama legislature does not meet and won almost equal success. Sen-

was said would urge upon the governor of Alabama the desirability of Pearson Hobson, avowed his calling the legislature into special for his seat, the vacancy arising in a session to give him authority of ap- term which would have expired year pointment, or to provide for an imme diate election.

At the recent great missionary meet ing at Waynesville a magnificent collection for prosecuting the work maintained by the Board of Missions of the M. E. church, south, was made More than \$152,000 was pledged.

meal for a farm school for negro boys. In response a generous donation two thousand dollars on the annuity plan was given by a lady from Kenraoia Company. There was no insurance on the warehouse, which is damaged to the extent of several hundred dollars, says the Landmark.

There is a big persimmon crop and hickory nut crop this fall, which, if with a pledge of five hundred acres old predictions are true, means that of land to be located in whatever part there will be a hard winter ahead of Mississippi it was thought best to establish the school.

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Atlanta Woman Drowns at Wrights ville.

LEE FORD IS SANE-SO SAYS THE JURY

Jurors Were Out Eighteen Hours Before Bringing in Verdict---Trial of Case Consumed Entire Week---Great Speeches Made on Both Sides.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS.

What Has Been Accomplished in Dayidson County During the Past Six Years.

If Davidson county accomplishes a uch during the next six years along educational lines as it has in the past six, it will rank among the best in the state in 1919. Below are given some facts and figures, clipped from the big educational edition of the News brought them back to the postoffice & Observer, which appeared last Sun-and made an inventory of them and

> Read them carefully. They will make you proud of your county. 1907 AND 1913 The statistics are as follows: Number rural libraries in schools

Spent for rural libraries, \$30; \$571.38. Number special school tax districts, 0; 13.

Amount raised in special school tax fistricts, 0; \$3,132.95. Value rural school property, \$14,660; Number log schoolhouses (three of

hese colored) 14; 4.

Number painted schoolhouses, 18; Number houses having large school bells, 18; 32. Number houses having home-made

Number schoolhouses having porch-Number scholhouses furnished with patent desks, 9; 25.

Number new schoolhouses built in last six years, 48. Spent for new schoolhouses, repairs and sites, \$881.65; \$3606.58. Number hyloplate blackboards in schoolhouses, 0; 55.

Number teachers employed, 136 Number schools having assistan eachers, 4; 38. Number teachers having norma raining 10; 53.

Number children chools, 5328; 5775. Average attendance in school, 3433:

Number children receiving certifi- how to proceed with their prosecution cates of graduation in seventh grade or defense. Number high schools established

Spent for county high schools, Amount fines and forfeitures collected, \$408.09; \$2408.68.

Senator Johnson's Death.

One of the senators from other states who were born in North Caro-lina died in Washington Friday. Joseph Forney Johnston did credit to anced mind, extending over a period Going to Selma, Alabama, shortly after the civil war, in which he had served with the utmost gallantry he iron and steel manufacturer at Bir-His older brother, Robert ator Johnston's death at this juncture Democrats leaders in Washington, apparently increases the senatorial chances of Representative Richmond candidate after next .- Charlotte Observer.

Hosiery Mill to Employ Colored La-

The High Point Hosiery Mills Company has closed the contract for a lot adjoining the property of the Colored Normal School, on which the company vill construct a knitting mill. capacity of the plant will be one thousand dozen hose daily. The contract local bar, all assisting Solicitor Bow-for the construction of the building er. Messrs. Jones, Z. I. Walser, Bowwill be let at once and Mr. Adams advises us he hopes to operate the mili some time in September.-High Point Enterprise.

Only One in Captivity.

They say there is a man in Wake county who opposes good roads be-cause the work of road building would take the labor off of the farms. We bet there is not another county in the state that can match him, for we are sure he is the only one in captivity.-Raleigh Times.

Business News Notes.

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Messrs. R. L. Green & O. A. Rothrock, of the Superior Tailoring Co., have an interesting ad in this issue. Hunt it up. They are "Royal" tailors. The J. B. Smith Company has a warning in its ad that all should heed. Read & now.

The Fred Thompson Company is advertising a cut price sale on ladies summer dresses and coat suits, right at the hottest time of the year. Note their bargains.

tinued Motion of Defense to Set Verdiet Aside Until Next Term of Court -Will Announce His Decision Soon -Ford Showed No Emotion When Verdict Was Brought In. The first chapter of the Ford case

ASK A NEW TRIAL

Defense Claimed That Jurors Wers

Influenced in Their Verdict by News

of the Killing of H. Clay Grubb by

His Wife Which Reached Them Sat-

urday Morning-Judge Shaw Con-

is closed. The jury Saturday morn-ing returned a verdict in favor of the state, declaring that Lee Ford is now The jury had been out eighteen hours and the suspense, especially on Ford's devoted little wife and other members of his family, had been terrible. When the jury filed in with its verdict he paid no attention to it. The big crowd that filled the court-room to the door held its breath and there was a tense stillness in Ford's little boy was in his arms and he seemed to see nothing and hear nothing but the child. Mrs. Ford broke down when the verdict was read and cried piteously for half an hour

or longer but Ford never paid the slightest attention to it. His face was

almost entirely expressionless and, apparently, he was the most unconcerned person in the court room. When the verdict was announced Mr. J. R. McCrary, of counsel for the defense, moved to set it aside on the ground that while at breakfast Saturday morning members of the jury heard of the killing of H. Clay Grubb by his wife and that this influenced them in reaching a verdict Being questioned, members of the jury stated that they stood 9 to 3 in favor of a verdict of insanity at the last ballot taken Friday night and Saturday morning, without much delay, they all came to the decision that the defendant is sane Being questioned singly the jurors declared that they had not been influenced in the slightest by news of the Grubb tragedy, with the Number teachers taking the reading ourse, 0; 130.

Amount paid to teachers, \$13210.10; him. The motion was argued earnestly for some time and Judge Shaw finally continued the motion till next term of court, which is in November, but gave attorners on both sides not

> in a short time, so that they may know In attempting to prove Lee Ford inthe evidence of Dr. I. M. Taylor, of the Western North Carolina Hospital for the Insane at Morganton, who swore positively that Ford is a paranoiac, Dr. E. J. Buchanan, of this city, who swore to the same thing, Dr. J. R. Terry, Mrs. Lee Ford, the prisoner's wife, Mr. Will Ford, of Texas, and other members of his family, who testified to conduct indicating an unbal-

but gave attorneys on both sides no-tice that he would render a decision

of six years. The state sought to break down the insanity plea by discrediting the ex-pert witnesses. The defense insisted pert witnesses. The defense insisted that Ford suffered under the insane delusion that Garland was continually slandering him and that this delusion grew upon him and he finally reached the homicidal stage. The state undertook to undermine contention by showing that J M Garland, the man whom Ford killed in this city on April 4th, did make statements about Ford that were damaging in the extreme. Garland made these statements to his wife and to Mr-J. H. Michael, six years ago, and shortly before Ford went to Texas. The state contended that actual cause for Ford's enmity to Garland did exist and that this growing enmity and hatred led him at last to take Garland's life.

Lawyers for both sides made speeches. For the state appeared ex-Judge E. B. Jones, of Winston-Salem, Mr. George Garland, of Colorado, Walsel & Walser and J. F. Sprull of the er and Spruill made speeches the defense appeared McCrary & Mc-Crary, Wade H. Phillips and Hon, E. J. Justice, of Greensboro. Messrs. Ray McCrary, Wade Phillips and E.

Nothing that has been sprung in court circles in Davidson county in several years has brought on quite as much talk as the affidavits filed by the state when the motion to draw a jury from another county was made. was due to a statement made Ford's attorneys in open court, it came about in this way. Whe it came about in this way. When the state's formidable array of affidavita was presented, Judge Shaw asked the defense if they had counter affidavita to file and one of the attorneys for Ford rose and said that they desired to file but one and that one directed toward clearing the county commissioners of any possible connection with, or knowledge of corruption of the jury box. He said that he expected to file an affidavit from Chairman Siceloff, of the board of county commissioners, to the effect that if there