

Dr. Taylor and Miss Saunders Are Not Guilty, Jury Declares

Immorality Charge Fails in Superior Court, Jury Deliberating One Hour and 40 Minutes—Repudiation of Former Testimony to Prosecution's Case—Other Case "Hanging Fire."

Dr. J. W. Taylor, Greensboro optometrist, and his former secretary, Miss Clara Saunders, tried in Guilford Superior court on a charge of immoral conduct, were acquitted Saturday afternoon, the jury returning the verdict after one hour and 40 minutes' deliberation.

Dr. Taylor, a former cook of his, for evidence against the defendants covering a period of the last two years. They both testified at the municipal court trial that they knew of nothing wrong in the relations of the defendants. They repudiated that testimony in the trial just ended, stating that they did know of immoral relations between the two, but their having sworn differently on two occasions ruined the state's case. There was other testimony, for and against, covering a period of about 10 years. That could be viewed as giving light on the two-year period, Judge James L. Webb, presiding, ruled in his charge to the jury. He stated that to be convicted the jury would have to find that the defendants had been guilty of immoral acts in the last two years.

Another case of a similar nature, in which Dr. Taylor and Mrs. J. H. Harrell of Greensboro are co-defendants, was also docketed. Solicitor J. C. Bower stated Saturday after court had adjourned that he did not know what would be done with that case. It is now "hanging fire," was the way he expressed its status.

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(Universalist)

Bijou Theater Sunday Night 7:45

Rev. R. S. Kellerman, Pastor.

Subject: "Which Way Is Your Course?"

Special Note:—Rev. Kellerman will be located in Greensboro after January 1st, and will give his full time to this Church. Watch for our notice of morning and evening services.

If the Cross is the Ground Plan of the Universe, How Many Are Standing On Their Heads and Seeing the World Upside Down?

Stand before the Cross and consider.

We need not take the crowd too seriously; it was just like any human crowd, curious, led by the nose, shouting the catch word of the moment, stampeded into madness by men who should have known better.

But there are two companies in the multitude you will do well to observe carefully.

The first is a group of ecclesiastical persons, grave, severe, resolute, who look on with a grim satisfaction. Their authority has been shaken by the subversive doctrines of the Galilean fanatic, and it was their business as the custodians of sacred religion to suppress him and put him out of the way. They set the appropriate machinery in motion; and this trouble of Israel would trouble them no more.

The second is a group of political persons, officers, soldiers, representatives of the Roman power, symbols and custodians of law and order. You can say nothing much about them except that they went about their task with passionless efficiency of government officials. But this man of Galilee, thrusting to break the peace and make trouble; and the mills of law were grinding him to powder.

That is the wisdom of this world, with its blind belief in punishment—suppression, repression. He said that. He said that in punishment, its fatuous error that you can get a quiet life by force and coercion.

And the man that was crucified, what of him? He looks down on these men with a pitiful eye. And as he looks, he prays: FATHER FORGIVE THEM FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO.

Perhaps some day we shall believe, and until we do believe and live it, we shall go on making a mess of God's world.

Christ said: "If I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

"THIRTY-THREE MILLION PEOPLE PASS FROM THIS EARTH EVERY YEAR" in the solemn, silent exodus we call death. Among that number, it may be some to us, whose going left us to walk alone with aching heart. At last each of us, all of us, must join that vast, inevitable emigration. What shall we say to the fact of death and the fate of the soul of man? Not only our own souls, nor yet all who are now upon earth, but all who have walked our human round? We do not know their names. Like us they were pilgrims, and had to pass on. But they were men and women like ourselves, with faiths and fears and hopes like our own. They were on the land or on the sea, in the city or in the field. Death stopped them. Suddenly a hand put forth from the unseen touched them, and they vanished. Whither did they go? Is dust the destiny of our pitiful, passionate, and pathetic human life?

Only as we think of men as Jesus thought of them, setting a value upon them equal to his estimate, is there light on this mystery—light all round the sky. Finally, and at bottom, it is a question of values. If life is worthless, so is immortality. The life of any man, of every man, is worth the good it has done or can do. Its moral value actual or potential. Faith in a future life has an unshakable foundation in the conviction that the value of life—the value of love, or moral personality, of character—are real, and whatever has value of God is exempt from decay and death. They are treasures which time cannot rust nor death break through and steal. Otherwise all is vanity and chaos in the crown of cosmos. Jesus lived in the world of moral and spiritual values, lyrically confident of God and the eternal life. The doubts that depress us seemed to never darken his mind. From that center of light and truth he uttered those words which are themselves immortal, telling us of the LOVE OF GOD, THE WORTH OF THE SOUL and the power of an endless life.

To come finally to the heart of the whole matter, something somewhere has gone wrong with the common Christian thought of God.

IF YOU WERE UNIVERSALIST YOU WOULD BELIEVE IN THE PROGRESS OF MANKIND ONWARD AND UPWARD IN THIS WORLD AS WELL AS THAT TO COME AS GO INTENDED. THIS BEING SO, YOU WOULD NOT BELIEVE THAT YOU INHERITED FROM ADAM HIS SINS, CRIMES AND ENDLESS PUNISHMENT, NOR THE DEGENERACY OF CHILDREN, NOR THE CORRUPTION OF THE FLESH OF HUMAN NATURE.

YOU WOULD NOT BELIEVE IN THE HATRED, CRUELTY AND VENDETTA OF GOD, NOR THAT HE HAS PREPARED A HELL OF ENDLESS WORSE AND PUNISHMENT AND SUFFERING FOR ANY MAN, WOMAN OR LITTLE CHILD, THAT SUCH IS UNCHRISTIAN AND AGAINST EVERY PURPOSE OF GOD, HUMILITY AND NATURE.

YOU WOULD PRACTICE GOOD WORKS IN YOUR DAILY LIFE AND APPLY THE "GOLDEN RULE" IN ALL YOUR DEEDS. IT WILL MAKE YOU HAPPIER AND MORE CONTENT.

TRY UNIVERSALISM FOR A WHILE AND SEE IF IT DOES NOT MAKE YOU HAPPIER AND MORE CONTENT.

COME TO CHURCH THIS SUNDAY NIGHT.

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Rhodes Puts Volume of Quality Ahead Of Volume of Mass

LISTEN: A retail store's greatness is no more to be based on volume alone than human greatness is to be based on worldly possessions.

IN MEN and their institutions, truth, unchanged and unchanging, still remains the sole spiritual denominator of intrinsic worth.

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Joe Patterson, convicted of highway robbery, two years on the county roads. Patterson was convicted of knocking W. E. Ratcliffe, an old man at Proximity mill village, in the head and robbing him of about \$400.

W. E. Etheridge, found guilty of larceny of an auto, eight months, to be hired out by the county commissioners.

Walter Moon, W. A. Craven and P. W. Coble, plea guilty to manufacturing whisky; \$50 each.

Robert Jenkins, plea guilty to housebreaking; six months on the roads.

Jim Summers, \$50 for retailing.

Lum McLeod, eight months for retailing liquor, capias to be issued in three days.

Clarence Martin, negro, receiving stolen goods; four months on the roads.

Will Martin, negro; larceny; six months on the county roads.

W. L. Walker, bigamy, 60 days, to be assigned to work on the county roads.

Court will adjourn Wednesday afternoon for the Christmas holidays.

WARREN FLORA IS SHOT IN LEG BY W. T. PHELPS

Phelps, a Ticket Taker in a Rocky Mount Vaudeville Theater, Shoots After An Argument

(Special to Daily News)

Rocky Mount, Dec. 17.—Considerable excitement was occasioned in the business district this afternoon about 4 o'clock when W. T. Phelps, ticket taker at a local vaudeville theater, shot Warren Flora, a young white man of this city in the leg following a dispute as to whether or not Flora was trying to get into the theater without a ticket. The shooting occurred in the lobby of the theater and created much excitement among the Saturday afternoon crowd both on the streets and in the vaudeville house.

According to the story told officers by Mr. Phelps, who is well up in his seventies, Flora was trying to get by him without a ticket. There was some argument after which the ticket taker alleges the young man knocked him down. Then it was, he claimed, that he pulled a pistol and shot the ball passing through the fleshy part of Flora's leg creating a painful wound by no means a serious flesh wound. The youth, it is stated, gives a different version and denies knocking Mr. Phelps down.

After the shooting Mr. Phelps was placed under a \$500 bond for a hearing next week on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

ROCKY MOUNT NOBLES TO ATTEND BIG CEREMONIAL

(Special to Daily News)

Rocky Mount, Dec. 17.—"On to New Bern" was the slogan at a special meeting and smoker held by the Rocky Mount Shrine club at the chamber of commerce assembly rooms last night when various committees were appointed and plans formulated by the local Shrine men to attend the mid-winter ceremonial of Sudan Temple December 23, in full force.

Upwards of 50 nobles from this immediate vicinity and a large number of candidates are expected to make the New Bern trip. At least two and possibly three special pullman cars will be provided for the Rocky Mount delegation. The exact number to make the pilgrimage, however, will not be known until next Wednesday night, December 21, when another special meeting and smoker of the local club will be held for the purpose of perfecting final plans and checking up on the arrangements already made.

LEADER'S FIGURE ADORNS CAMPFIRE GIRLS' MEDAL



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