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CHARLOTTE, N. C., WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18, 1885.

The Charlotte Observer. seen signs of courtship; had seen him 1 THOMAS L. SHIELDS. CONCLUSION OF TESTIMONY.

The Evidence in Regard to the Burning of Park's Gin Ruled Out and the Case Shortened .- Friday Evening and Satafter Sitton was killed. urday's Proceedings.

THE OBSERVER has already pub-THE OBSERVER has already pub-lished the first and (part of the second day's proceedings of the trial of Thomas L. Shields in Iredell court. Below will be found the testimony of the witnesses offered Friday evening and Saturday. The evidence is given just as it was recorded and as the witnesses related it, without prejudice | made girl he ever had his hands on. to either side:

FRIDAY EVENING. Counsel for the defense introduced

white oak tree one day, when he said: "That's the way I intend to shoot Tom Shields, if he bothers me." Cross examined—This was a month two letters from Jos. G. Sitton to Mollie Shields and the handwriting was identified, one dated March 27, and the other April 13, 1883.
A. C. Shields, the father of the prisoner and Mollie Shields, was then or so before the homicide. Tom Shields and Sitton were seen frequently and were apparently friend-ly. I didn't tell this at the former called and sworn. The witness said: trial, but first told it to Mr. Wilson, counsel for the defense. Sitton told me Tom Shields would kill him if he I live in Mecklenburg. My farm is 2 miles from where I kept a store June 5, 1883, and at that time I went home two or three times a week. I boarded ever found him in his yard. I know

with my son. Thomas, and slept in the store. Thomas bought the place in February before the homicide in John Auten-didn't tell him I wanted to make some money out of the Shields trial. June. On the morning of the 5th of Frank Shoemaker called and sworn : June, as I was finishing my breakfast and was about to start for the store, Thomas said: "Father, I don't want you to leave," and he then turned to his sister, Mollie, and asked her if Joe Sitton was going to leave. She said, "Yes, I think so." "When will he come back?" She answered that she didn't know. "Where is he going?" She didn't know. He then there for stealing; that he went there o see Mollie Shields.

Cross examined-I was in Charlotte asked her if Sitton wasn't in her room at the former trial of the prisoner at the Wednesday night previous, stat-ing at the same time that he knew all. the bar. Didn't hear Monroe Plummer's examination, but told about the same thing on the former trial. She confessed that Sitton was in her room on that night, and that he had his way with her. Tom said, "Mol-lie, don't you know that you are (Counsel for the defense here showed the witness a little book called the "Sports of Venus," &c., said to have ruined,"and she said not if Sitton marbeen given to Mollie Shields by Sitton as a catechism, and showed the ried her. Thomas then asked if Wed book to judge and jury. Counsel for the prosecution objected, but the ob-jection was overruled by the judge.) W. D. Alexander called and af firmed: The general character of A. nesday night was the only time Sitton had criminal intercourse with ber, and she answered "Yes." Tom told her he had heard Sittou in her room and saw him go out that night. Tom asked her if he (Sitton) had se-

C. Shields is good. Cross examined -Never heard any duced her under promise of marriage, and she answered, "Yes." Tom then said "I am going to see Mr. Sitton and I shall ask him to marry you and re-pair the wrong done and if he will charge against him up to the killing of Sitton E. C. Davidsor called and affirmed :

talking to Mollie Shields. Repeat what he said. He said: "He didn't what he said. He said: He didn't want to marry her, but he would se-duce her d-d quick, if he got a chance." I first told this story to Mr. McElroy. I believe he was the only man I told it to. I was working might have been caused by a shot from the gun glancing upwards. The under teeth were loose, but the upper one was not. We found a book (the interest calculator heretofore alluded for him in a mill race some time after Sitton was killed ; suppose it was to, and identified by witness) in the left hand, and under the body. before Shields was tried, but it was

Hugh A. Gray called and sworn. Witness testified that he resided in Monroe Plummer, called and sworn: Long Creek township, Mecklenburg county. He lived nearly two miles from the home of David Shields the Was working at the Hopewell copper scene of the homicide. Was at Shields' house on the 5th of June, 1883. I was going to the postoffice that morning and saw an assemblage of people at Shields' house and went there. Went to the room where the body lay about 8 o'clock. Messrs. Capps, McNeeley and others were in the room. Saw the body of Jos. G. Sitton was never seen without his pistol-I often saw him shooting with Sitton lying diagonally across the bed I saw considerable blood under it Saw him shoot five balls into a

the bed directly beneath where the head lay, and a pool of blood on the bed two feet from where the body lay on the front of the bed, and a pool of blood on the floor. Did not ob serve the surface of the bed. Remained at the house a considerable time. Left and was gone for two hours and then returned. Mollie Shields was there before I left. When I first saw her she was pacing the floor of the room immediately below the room where the homicide had been committed. She seemed to be in deep distress, and I asked her if the charge made by Tom Shields was

Witness had a conversation with true or false and she said "No, no! it Monroe Plummer in regard to the is false." I then said to her that I conversation between him and Mr. Sitton. He (Sitton) had told him some time before if he got killed in For Shiddel and he got killed in the same answer, and Mr. J. Mc Sam Tom Shields' yard he wanted me to be a witness for him, that he wasn't knew me, as I believed, because of her manner. 1 had known her since November, 1879. She had been a pupil of mine at Hopewell academy. supposed she was in her right mind. When she denied the charge she looked me directly in the eye, and she called Mr. Sample by name when he came in I was there when the body was removed from the bed. The book shown (interest calculator) was in the left hand of Sitton's body. I got the book first and examined it. It came out when the hand was remov ed from under the body Mollie Shields was at David Shields' house when I got there. The door of the room in which Mollie Shields was, was locked, and I went in through the window. She wasweeping and in great distress. Don't know why the door was

locked. (Here witness repeated the disavowal of Mollie Shields which he know the general character of A.C.

cut rather below the nose on the left side of the face. The nose bone was broken, but the skin was not broken. I said in the former trial (that it go until Tuesday and said he would fix that business between them by that time. Sitton said he would wait. I talked with Mr. Tom Shields one I talked with Mr. Tom Shields one day at the mill, and he asked me what the white folks were talking about at Mr. David Shields' house on a certain night He asked if they were not talking about him, and I told him no. He said there was no use to lie about it, for he knew better. Cross examined—Had been work ing down at Mr. D. Shields' and he was reading a letter to me when I SPECIAL SALE was reading a letter to me when I heard Mr. Tom Shields call Mr. Sitton up to his house. Don't remember what the letter was about. Am twenty years old Been in jail charged with rape—was in jail five months and five days. My brother John went to jail with mewas cleared on the trial. Did not hear Mrs. Annie Shields tell her husband that if he didn't stand up to her she would leave him; am friendly

with Mr. Tom Shields. Redirect-Was tried for rape and cleared.

W. B. Parks and T. A. Carter were called and sworn. (Their testimony was ruled out by the judge because not germane to the case.) John Hanna called and sworn: I have lived in Mecklenburg county for 18 or 20 years. Know the prisoner at the bar. He is a bad, immoral man.

Cross examined-Never heard his character for truth questioned.

In Defense of the Mahdi.

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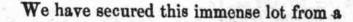
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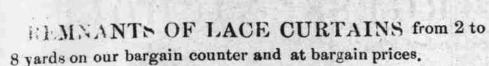
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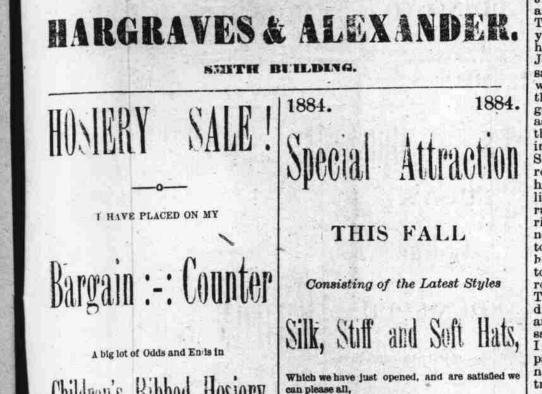
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not agree to do so there may be Shields. It is good. trcuble." He did not say when he was going to see Sitton. I then start ed to the store, and Tom came on after me and asked me what the Cross examined-Never heard any-

thing against him. Thomas Mc. Alexander called and affirmed: I know the general char-acter of A. C. Shields to be good. Mollie Shields' character was thought hands should do, and whether a certain field should be plowed or harrowed. After I had sold to be very good until this homicide. I have lived in the neighborhood for some little articles, I

went out to feed my chickens. Very soon 37 years, and have known A. C. Shields since 1847. Tom came down from my son David's Cross examined-Never heard house and told me that he had killed Sitton. I asked what did he do that Shields charged with false weights for, and he answered 'because he had seduced my sister." He then walked on to the front of the store and called and false packing of cotton until the trial of Tom Shields in Charlotte.

W. D. Alexander, by courtesy for the prosecution, testified to the gen-eral character of Mr. Hugh A. Gray, me and Mr. Abner Alexander, to whom he again asserted the reason why he had killed Sitton, and we and knew it to be good. Samuel Howie called and sworn.

why he had killed Sitton, and we then fixed to go to town, to surrender to the sheriff, and in 25 or 30 min-utes they started. Witness knew Joe Sitton, had seen him drinking many a time. I had often told my Know the general character of A. Shields to be good, as was that of Mollie Shields up to the time of the homicide.

many a time. I had often told my daughter Mollie to be very careful about talking with wild young men, and Sitton was a wild, drinking, rowdying man. Did not know of any courtship between my daughter and the deceased. Did not have any knowledge of the purpose of my son Thomas when he went to David Shidde' house on the morning of the bore a good character up to the time Sitton was killed.

Shields' house on the morning of the mill on the morning of June 5, 1883 Went to Dave Shields' house after I snields house on the morning of the homicide. There was no restraint put on my daughter's conduct or associations after she went home that evening. She was allowed to write what she pleased. My son Tom habit heard of the killing. The saw mill is Cross Examined-I was invited by 700 yards distant. I went into the Mr. Gray to go into the room some-700 yards distant. I went into the room where Sitton's body lay. Mr. John Sample was in the room. The body was lying on the bed on its left side. I remained there nearly all day. Was there when the body was removed. Martin Allison, John Korns and Grandison Baker were ually carried a gun that spring for the purpose of shooting crows and ducks. Cross Examined .- Witness slept in his store, and Tom slept at his own house. Our usual breakfast hour was half past 5 or 6 o'clock, and I took my meals at Tom's house. My Kerns and Grandison Baker were present when the body was removed. Here the witness was shown an "infamily residence was two miles away. terest calculator," which was be-smeared with blood). This book was in the left hand of the body when I Saw Tom that morning at the breakfast table. Left Tom at his house at

the supper table the night before. Did not see Tom that morning until I saw him at breakfast. J. C. Ewing, called and sworn: In March, 1882, I was at the Hopewell Copper Mine, in Mecklenburg county. I am a miner by trade. Knew Joe Sitton and saw a good deal of him, One day in March we were talking of marrying. He asked me if I was was a trail of blood on the bed con necting the two puddles. (Here the bloody memorandum book was hand-ed the witness.) This book was picked up by Mr John Sample who found it lying behind the bed, at the time some of the rest of us were tak-ing the things from Sitton's dead marrying. He asked me if I was married, and I told him I was. He said he was not, and didn't wish to be. I asked him if he didn't think he could be happier as a married man than a single one. He said no. He said he never intended to get maring the things 'from Sitton's dead body and the book was placed with them This occurred between 6 and ried, because he could get all he wanted without being married. He 7 o'clock a. m. I saw the book 3 min utes after I got in the room. I was not present when the door was broken open.

Cross examination: My home is in Cabarrus county, but 1 was living with Mr. W. B. Parks at the time. Am a carpenter by trade. No family. Mr. John W Sample motioned me to come in and I went. Only Sample and myself were in the room, and and myself were in the room, and stood at the door near Sitton's feet until others came. I saw the memo-randum book before I passed the fire place, lying near but behind the bed. Saw a pool of blood on the floor, and on the bed rail eighteen or twenty inches from the foot of the bed. A trail of blood led from this pool to the tection, and a man would have to be pretty d-n quick, or he would kill him." Cross Examined-Knew Sitton

two months. Went to work at the mine in the latter "clause" of Sep-

ad made in his direct examination.) Counsel for the defense asked if witness had not contributed to a fund to be used in the prosecution of this case, and he answered promptly that he had. The community thought something ought to be done to aid the solicitor.

J. Mc Sample called and sworn: I was at the house of David Shields on the morning of June 5, 1883; I lived about one mile from his house; got there pretty early; had no time piece. Saw Miss Mollie Shields there; she was standing on the front porch when asked to go into the room by Mr. H. A. Gray. In there I found Mrs Sample and Mr. Gray. Mr. Gray asked Mollie Shields to make the same calculate make the same acknowledgement in regard to the charge of seduction to me that she had done to him, and she said the charge was false. She knew me, because she took me by the hand and called me by name. I John Pope called and sworn: Know the general character of A. C. Shields. It is good. Mollie Shields

tears. I got there about half an hour after I heard of the occurrence, near REBUTTAL BY THE PROSECUTION. D. L. Bradford was called and sworn. I was at W. B. Parks' saw mill on the morning of June 5, 1883 sheet.

Mr. Gray to go into the room some-time after 1 got to the house, and went in through a window from the front piaza. (Here the witness repeated the statement made in his direct examination in regard to Mollie Shields denying the charge of seduction.) He did not know why the door had been locked. Abner Alexander re called: Went

to the blacksmith shop and from there to Charlotte with the prisener at the bar. The distance was eleven miles. Shields did not tell me that Sitton attempted to draw his pistol, but he alluded to the cause of the killing in my presence but once, and that was at the store, before we started for Charlotte

Matthew Thrower, called: In June, 1883, witness lived a quarter of a mile from David Shields' house. Knew the prisoner at the bar. Saw him frequently. In February 1883, he purchased a tract of land adjoining mine. After that I saw him from twice to four times a day. Do not remember to have seen him with a gun until three weeks before this occurrence. After he commence ed it he generally had his gun with him-previous to that he did not usu

ally carry his gun. Cross Examined — 1 moved up in the neighborhood of Shields' in 1880 and lived a quarter, to half a mile, from him. Shields carried a double barrelled shot gun. It was in the spring of the year that he carried the gun. Question direct: "Were you not once arrested on the charge of murder?" Answer. "I was, but I was released. The grand jury found no bill."

Cyrus Allen, called and sworn: In June, 1883, I lived on Mr. A. C. Shields place, four hundred yards from David Shields' house. Know trail of blood led from this pool to the pool where the head lay, as if it had spilled from a leaky vessel. I then took charge of weeks before the homicide Shields That it will astonish everybody. We mean to sell out our stock and don't intend to carry any over and to do this will make prices to suit everybody. Men of limited means cau buy at our house a good suit for \$4,50 \$5.00, \$6.00 \$7.00, \$10,00. These suits we sold at least 33 per cent higher before the Holidays, but we mean to sell, and therefore put the knife into prices. Finer grades of Suits which we sold at \$15, \$18, \$20 and \$25, we now still at \$12, \$12.50.

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