

BIGGERS ACQUITTED (Continued from Page One) There was, as to the killing of Hood, whether it came from the defendant or from the defendant's servant, which arose out of the... (The text continues with a detailed account of the trial proceedings, including testimony from witnesses and the judge's instructions to the jury.)

atives of both the deceased man and the defendant have testified as witnesses in the case. The court charges you that where near relatives of the defendant, or of the deceased man, have testified, you may consider their relationship and the interest they have in the result of your verdict, but after doing so, you will then attach to their, or any of their, testimony such weight as you think it entitled to. The court also charges you that you can take into consideration evidence of the good character of any witnesses who have been called in this case, in passing upon their testimony. Now, gentlemen of the jury, take the evidence in this case, all that has been introduced, expert testimony, testimony as to common knowledge, and consider the evidence in the case. You have been called to your attention and return a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, or of murder in the second degree, or a verdict of not guilty. OF IMPORTANCE This case has taken considerable time. Its importance has been emphasized before you by the attorneys representing the State and the defendant. Those who are connected with the case have performed their duty, the court has endeavored to perform its duty, instructing you upon the law that will guide you in your determination. It now remains for you to retire and give the case that consideration which it deserves, and after doing so, return your verdict. You are to try the case upon the evidence and the law. No influence aside from this should operate on your minds. You are not to consider the result of your verdict, whether it means punishment to the defendant, or that he go free, whether your verdict will accord with popular idea or not, but your guide in this case is to take the evidence and the law and return a verdict thereon as your conscience and intelligence shall direct. Sympathy for the defendant, or the members of his family, or for the relatives of the deceased, should not be a matter that should operate upon your minds in the determination of this case. Now, gentlemen of the jury, take the case, go out and approach your deliberation in a spirit that will enable you to reach a just and proper verdict. THE SUMMARY 1. J. Green Hood killed by W. S. Biggers, Tuesday morning, February 11, 1909, in front of the Central Hotel. Biggers immediately taken into custody and lodged in city lock-up. 2. Preliminary hearing before Recorder D. B. Smith, Thursday, morning, February 11. Examination of ways of death. Hood's wounds and Biggers returned to jail without bond. 3. Special term of Mecklenburg Superior Court, ordered by Governor W. W. Kitchen, for Monday June 14, for the trial of case of State against W. S. Biggers, charged with the murder of J. Green Hood. 4. Special venire convened, Monday, June 14, by Judge W. B. Connelly, of Hickory. Special venire of 200 jurymen drawn. 5. Tuesday, June 15, Sheriff N. W. Wallace and several deputies summon the venire. 6. Wednesday, June 16, jury selected after examination of 149 veniremen, in the order given: J. H. C. Flow, of Clear Creek township; I. W. McGinn, of Berryhill; R. L. Rogers, of Crab Orchard; L. Deaton, of Dewees; R. W. Mason, of Mallard; P. C. Henderson, of Mallard; W. A. Smith, of Paw Creek; A. G. Hagler, of Crab Orchard; Kenneth E. Ward, of Charlotte city; J. P. Flow, of Clear Creek; M. L. Baker, of Sharon; John L. Stewart, of Dewees. 7. Thursday, June 17, taking evidence begun. Counsel for the defense, J. C. Osborne, Col. W. Maxwell, J. W. Keerans, R. G. Lucas, for the State, Solicitor Heriot Clarkson, Herbert McLamm, of Wilmington; Plummer Stewart, Frank M. Shannonhouse, E. R. Preston and J. A. Parker. 8. Thursday morning State submits evidence to prove the fact of the homicide and rests, consuming about 45 minutes. 9. Defense immediately begins introduction of testimony to prove the insanity of the defendant, commencing from Thursday morning, June 17, to Monday morning, June 21, and offering 25 witnesses who testified to change in Biggers prior to the homicide, also Mrs. W. S. Biggers, wife of the defendant, and Mr. John Biggers, his brother. Four doctors were examined and 50-odd character witnesses. 10. Monday, June 21, State offers evidence in rebuttal of plea of insanity, introducing 11 witnesses and 5 doctors, and closes Tuesday morning. State recalls Dr. J. P. Munroe for re-direct examination. 11. Tuesday, June 22, The total number of witnesses examined was an even 100. 12. Speaking begins Tuesday afternoon with address to the jury by Mr. Herbert McLamm, of Wilmington, counsel for the State. 13. Mr. J. W. Keerans opens for the defense Wednesday morning, and speaks for 2 hours and 15 minutes. Mr. J. A. Parker follows for the prosecution with an address of about 1 hour for 2 hours and 30 minutes and Col. W. C. Maxwell, argues for the defense from 2:30 to 4:30 in the afternoon. Court adjourned at 5 o'clock shortly after Mr. Plummer Stewart, for the State, had commenced his address. 14. Friday morning, June 25, Mr. Stewart concludes and is followed by ex-Judge F. I. Osborne in a masterly closing address in behalf of the defendant. Solicitor Clarkson begins the concluding address of the case and for the State at 4:15 and is midway of it when court adjourns. 15. Saturday morning, 10 o'clock, court reconvenes. Solicitor Clarkson completes his address to the jury at 11:45 o'clock. 16. Judge Council charges the jury from 11:45 to 12:20. Jury retires to dinner and then to a deliberation of the case. 17. Verdict of "not guilty" returned at 5:15 o'clock. 18. Judge Council orders W. S. Biggers to liberty and his family. 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TALES OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

BY RED BUCK

It will not be long before North Carolinians will feel at home in Washington. Former Sheriff T. F. Rolan, of Yancey county, recently of Asheville has come here to live, and erect a whiskey distillery, which will be the first to make corn whiskey in the capital of the nation. The copper pots and worms have been received and work on the plant begun. No Tar Heel here need want for the elixir of life. Charles Arrey, formerly of Salisbury, is operating a wholesale liquor house on Pennsylvania avenue. D. L. Arrey & Son are doing business in Baltimore, which is just an hour's ride from here. "Red Buck" is the brand that makes them famous, but instead of having a picture of a certain Washington correspondent on it they have one of a big red deer. Prohibition laws come and go but Old Boozie goes on forever. The Southern Express Company gained something by the new North Carolina law. THE SITUATION IN THE FIFTH. The fifth district is presenting some new and interesting phases of political life to North Carolinians. A citizen of that district said: "I guess the man who overcame a six thousand majority and placed the district in the Republican column considers that he has done his duty and shown the way, and, I am told, has announced his desire to retire from the political arena. Under the circumstances there are no end of Democrats who are ready to redeem the district. Among these may be mentioned former Governor Robert B. Glenn, who, since the new Daniels-Glenn movement sprang up, is a powerful factor. His well-known political views, it is thought, will give him a large backing for the nomination. However, the Republicans feel sure that they will be able to hold the district. They claim that they are not going to make the mistake, so universal with their opponents, of naming a lawyer. They have business men, and a winner will be brought out at the right time. Humor has been busy, for some time, whispering that Col. B. Frank Mebane, the great manufacturing king of Spray, has been slated by the Republicans for the nomination and his friends say that he would be an easy winner. "But if the reports are true, the Democrats are not to be outdone, for they will name Dr. George A. Mebane, a brother of the colonel, and, thereby forestall the efforts in favor of the latter. However, if these brothers should be chosen by their respective parties to oppose each other in a merry fight, in which prohibition might play a part, would that! The doctor is a strong prohibitionist, although some of his friends give him credit for being the best judge of wines in the district, while the colonel has always been an anti-prohibitionist and a teetotaler. Here is a pretty state of affairs to be settled in the conventions and at the polls. In the meantime the fifth will not be able to hide all of its shining lights under the dome of the Capitol. THE PROPOSED CORPORATION TAX. The proposition of the administration leaders to incorporate in the tax bill a tax upon the earnings of corporations has created a great deal of discussion, and brought about many conferences between the President and his advisers. I asked Representative Small to-day to make a brief statement about this proposed tax and its effect, and he said: "It is proposed to levy a tax of 2 per cent. upon the net earnings of corporations. What shall constitute net earnings does not seem yet to have been determined. It was at first proposed to levy a tax on the earnings after paying operating expenses, but not including interest on outstanding bonds. There is now a disposition to exclude that part of the earnings necessary for the payment of bonds, provided the amount of bonds does not exceed the capital stock. In any event this will only serve to reduce slightly the amount of tax to be paid, and does not in any way affect the holders of the bonds. They remain secure and escape taxation both on the principal and interest of their bonds, and the stockholder bears all the burden. A DISCRIMINATING TAX. This tax is really a discrimination against the industrial interests of the country, and will be a special hindrance to industrial growth in those sections in which corporations are just beginning to multiply and where capital is seeking investment in industrial enterprises. It is well known that the cautious investor is unwilling to subscribe for stock in an industrial corporation. He is not willing to become a factor in the business and take his chances in the success of the enterprise and in the development of the raw product, but after the men of courage and enterprise have subscribed to the necessary stock, the money lender is then willing to buy a reasonable amount of bonds secured by the assets of the corporation. This tax will make it more difficult than ever to float capital stock necessary to initiate any corporate enterprise. The tax will be a distinct menace to the formation of private corporations in North Carolina. It will serve to hamper our present gratifying industrial growth. "At the same time it may be emphasized that the individual who holds the bond, however, who is protesting vigorously against any tax upon his income. THE PURPOSE IS TO ESCAPE INCOME TAX. However sincere the President may be, it is openly admitted by Republican leaders, both in the House and the Senate, that they are not presenting this measure voluntarily, but simply as an escape from the income tax. Not until it became evident that the Bailey-Cummings amendment for an income tax would command the majority of the Senate and House, did they consider this corporation tax. The Republican party, or its leaders, as represented in Congress, are opposed to any form of direct taxation. They are actuated not by any love of this new scheme, but by fear of the more just and equitable method of an income tax applicable to all forms of income. The Republican leaders would be glad to see both defeated, and if by any show of plausibility they can postpone consideration of both until next winter, they will do so. "This corporation tax is also an encroachment upon the taxing power of the States. It is proposed to tax the net earnings of intra-State, as well as interstate corporations. While such tax is probably legal, it is nevertheless unjust to the States, and is an unnecessary invasion of a right which has been heretofore exclusively exercised by the several States. "The proposed tax further illustrates the cunning of the Republican party. They have consistently opposed an income tax, and have ridiculed the Democratic party for advocating such a measure, and yet when they find themselves finally overtaken by public sentiment, and confronted by an uprising in their own party, they then run to cover, and propose another form of direct taxation infinitely more unjust and discriminating than the other."

WHAT WOMEN ARE DOING.

Mrs. Sofia Loobinger and Miss Helen Murphy, of Brooklyn, are to edit the new suffrage monthly, and they propose to have it on sale at all news stands. At the recent convocation of the State Church in Finland it was decided by a large majority to recommend that full suffrage in Church affairs should be given to women and that they should be eligible for all Church offices. The suffrage store kept open for one week in Boston is said to have proved a great success. More than a thousand new signatures were added to the national suffrage petition and a large quantity of literature, candy and cake sold. Mrs. Blanche H. Mason has been appointed assistant State factory inspector for the State of Washington with a salary of \$1,200 a year. She was formerly a factory inspector in Michigan and has been district superintendent of the Washington Children's Home Society since she removed to the Pacific coast. She is a widow with one son. Miss Mary Evans A. M. Litt, D., a graduate of Mount Holyoke, has resigned as president of Lake Erie College, Painesville, O., after a service of forty years. She will be succeeded by Miss Vivian Blanche Small, associate professor in the Latin department of Mount Holyoke. Miss Small was graduated from Mount Holyoke in 1895 and received the master's degree from the University of Chicago in 1902. For several years she has been assistant secretary of the National Alumnae Association and for two years head of Mead Hall, one of the dormitories at Mount Holyoke. Miss Zoe Hartman, of Cornell University, has won the \$50 prize for the best essay on "Woman Suffrage Essential to a Democracy." The prize was founded by Miss Mary S. Anthony, who left \$1,000, the income of which is given annually for the best essay on the subject submitted by pupils of the universities and colleges in the State of New York. Mrs. Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, M. P. mayor of Aldersburgh, England, opened the fair recently held in London by the Women's Social and Political Union. Mrs. Herta Ayerton, the only woman member of the Institute of Electrical Engineers, opened it on the second day. Miss Beatrice Harraden on the third, Mrs. Kendal, president of the Actresses' Franchise League, on the fourth, and Lady Constance Lytton on the fifth. The fair is said to have been a great success both financially and as a means of gaining converts for the suffrage movement in Great Britain. Prof. Katherine Lee Bates, of Wellesley College, has won the prize offered by a Chicago musical society for the best words to be sung in a madrigal. The contest was open to both men and women and a great number of songs were submitted by writers of both sexes. Dr. Marie Stopes, of London, has just returned from a scientific trip through the coal regions of Japan. "The main object of my mission to Japan was to search for botanical fossils," said Dr. Stopes. "For eighteen months I traveled from one island to another hunting for fossils in the rich coal mines that abound in that country. Fruitful though my search was from the scientific point, what impressed me most was the respect and kindness shown me by the people. I visited places where no European had ever set foot before, the unknown region of Yezo, and even the squalid villages of the superstitious, semi-civilized Ainu, and yet I was always treated with the utmost deference."

Mrs. William Nottingham has been elected trustee at large of Syracuse University. She is a sister of State Senator Hendrick Holden and a daughter of Erasmus Holden, who donated the observatory to the university. At its recent commencement Syracuse University conferred the honorary degree of doctor of laws on Mrs. Belya A. Lockwood and gave the honorary degree of master of painting to Mrs. Luella Stewart Holden and to Prof. Jeannette Scott. Mrs. Holden is the wife of Senator Holden and was a professor in the Fine Arts College before her marriage. Professor Scott is now connected with the painting department of the Fine Arts College. Yet another departure was made by the trustees in creating the office of dean of women of the university. Miss Jean Maine Richards, professor of English, was appointed to fill it. Her duties will include advising the women students of the university. The Rev. Carolina Bartlett Crane, vice president of the American Civic Federation, has just completed a course of lectures on sanitary matters in the leading cities of Kentucky. She was invited by the State board of health of Kentucky to deliver these lectures for the purpose of instructing the people in the best method for keeping their cities clean. Because of Mrs. Crane's work in this direction in Kalamazoo she has called from all parts of the country asking her to give lectures on the subject. Mrs. Crane when scarcely more than a girl was called to Kalamazoo as pastor of the Unitarian church. The congregation was disorganized and the church property heavily in debt. One of the members told the new minister that about as they expected of her was to keep the church open for funerals. Since then she has built a \$40,000 church, taught Kalamazoo the lesson of municipal cleanliness and been a leader in various movements of social reform. Not While Charlotte Exists. Nashville having voted to bond herself in the sum of \$300,000 for a high school building, the chairman of the building committee naturally boasts that Nashville is "indeed the Athens of the South." Not while Charlotte, N. C., stays on the map.

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