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### SHOT ON THE ST.

Sensational Tragedy at State Capital.

WILL PLEAD SELF-DEFENSE.

Both Parties Prominent in Social and Professional Circles.—A Woman Supposed to be at the Bottom of it.

A Special from Raleigh says: The greatest social and criminal sensation Raleigh has ever known developed at 4:20 o'clock this afternoon, when, on Fayetteville street, Ernest Haywood shot and killed Ludlow Skinner. The prominence of both families is marked. Haywood is a grandson of the late State Treasurer John Haywood, and son of the late Dr. E. Burke Haywood, and one of Raleigh's leading lawyers. Skinner was a grandson of the late Mr. Ludlow, of New York, and son of the Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Skinner, of Raleigh one of the best known Baptists in the South.

At least a hundred persons must have seen the shooting. Certainly that number saw the victim of Haywood's revolver as he reeled and fell upon his face on the car track in front of the postoffice and the Yarmouth House and not forty yards from the Courthouse.

Haywood was taken by Deputy Sheriff R. E. Park to Haywood's law office, and was there for about two hours, guarded by deputies and in conference with his attorneys, James H. Pou and Argo & Shaffer. Later he was taken to the Courthouse, where Magistrate Marcam had a preliminary hearing, taking S. E. Park's testimony, upon which he committed Haywood to jail without bail for murder. Skinner's wife is a daughter to the late Major John C. Winder.

The rumor here is that the tragedy grew out of a reported secret marriage in the family of one of the men concerned.

Haywood, who is now in jail has as yet made no statement. The testimony at the preliminary hearing before Justice J. C. Marcom this afternoon was as follows:

Earlier in the day Skinner called at Haywood's office. What occurred there is not known. When he came out he started for the post-office.

In the meantime Haywood went to the Courthouse. As he returned and was near the middle steps of the postoffice, he saw Skinner on the sidewalk, and called him, saying: "Ludlow come here, I want to speak to you." As Skinner approached Haywood fired point blank at him. He missed, and Skinner turned and ran. When he reached the car track Haywood fired again, and Skinner stumbled on for a second and then sank to the ground. He was taken into James I. Johnson's drug store in an unconscious condition and died within a few minutes. Later the body was removed to his home. The wife of Mr. Skinner is prostrated with grief.

#### In Self Defense.

A Raleigh special says: Ernest Haywood will contend that he shot J. Ludlow Skinner in self-defense. It is currently reported here and elsewhere that Haywood

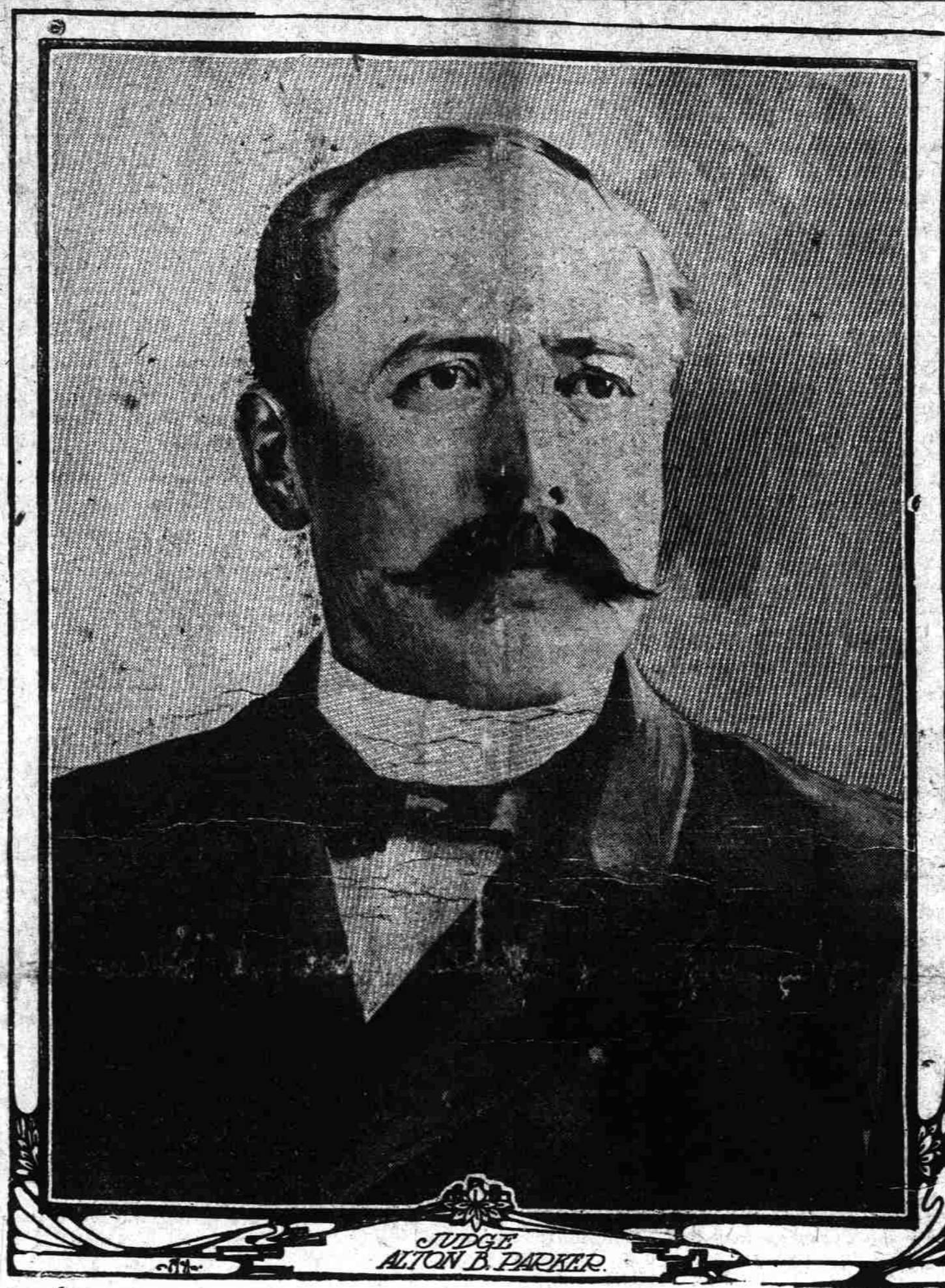
will plead temporary insanity, but this is denied by Haywood's counsel. Haywood will allege that Skinner came up to him and without provocation knocked him down. "As he arose both he and Skinner reached for their pistols. He was quicker than Skinner and fired before Skinner could draw his weapon. The first shot, Haywood says, inflicted the second and thus he fired the wound time because he thought Skinner was coming back to attack him.

Haywood's version of the shooting was given me shortly after my arrival here this afternoon, and I was told at the same time that within the next few days Haywood's attorneys would ask for a writ of habeas corpus, in order that Haywood might be released from jail after showing that he had killed Skinner in self-defense. The fact that Haywood will make the contention suggested indicates that there will be an expose of the sensational incidents leading up to this homicide. In an interview with friends of Skinner and Haywood I asked the question if concealment of the several elements involved in the tragedy was possible, and I was told that any attempt at concealment would be useless. After a careful investigation and acting under conservative advice, I have decided to tell the hidden and real story that lies back of the tragedy.

But it will be better to give in the outset in detail the contrasting statements relative to the actual shooting. The preponderance of the testimony thus far adduced is responsible for the story that was told in yesterday's Observer. It will be declared that just after Skinner left the postoffice Haywood fired at him but missed. Skinner quickened his pace, or started to run, with his back to Haywood, and then it was that Haywood fired the fatal shot. All the witnesses examined so far state that they saw no evidence of an altercation between the two men prior to the shooting and no witness except Charles A. Separk says that he saw Skinner make a motion as if to draw a revolver. He states that he saw Skinner faced Haywood, throw his left hand back towards his hip. On the other hand, Willis Briggs, editor of The Times-Visitor, will swear that Skinner raised his right hand and not his left hand and placed it on his hip. This testimony has an important bearing, because Skinner was left handed, and after his death it was found that he had a revolver in his left hip pocket. This summary of the evidence for the State will be corroborated by a number of witnesses who have not yet been called upon to testify. At the time the homicide occurred there was a large number of people on Fayetteville street and probably 50 or more witnessed some part of the shooting.

#### Will Raise More Potatoes.

Mr. A. J. Forbes of Lewisburg, was a visitor this week. He says the storm last week was the most destructive that ever passed over his neighborhood. He sustained damages exceeding two hundred dollars. The greatest damage was done to timble of the trucking interests. Mr. Forbes says there will be five times as many Irish potatoes planted this year than ever before, and that the sweet potato crop will be in excess of any previous season.



Judge Parker, of New York, whose picture appears here is one of the most prominent men in the list of Democratic possibilities for 1904. He is a successful farmer and a lawyer of considerable note. He supported Bryan, though he did not swallow the platform's doctrine in the free silver campaign.

#### A Button From Washington's Coat.

A rare and curious coin was shown the news gatherer of the Tar Heel this week. It comes from the days when the Indian hid in the Swamps and the white men dressed in knee breeches. Mr. Willis S. Jones, of South Mills, is the owner of this curio, which is, according to that gentleman's firm conviction, a button from the coat of George Washington. Whether this be true or not the button, or coin, whichever it is, was actually found near the line of the original survey made by the general himself, only he was at that time a mercenary surveyer. The button, which after all may be a relic of Colonial days, was found in a corn field, by Mr. Jones, in 1860, while the gentleman, then in his youth, was hoeing corn. Being too young, at the time, to read, Mr. Jones put the button away, and it came to light again several days ago.

Congress is said to have appropriated money for a Presidential button and this one really comes close, to a description of that button, as near as can be ascertained. It is made of copper alloyed with brass and is the size of a silver dollar. In the center is the monogram "G. W." Around this is grouped thirteen links each link containing the initial letter of one of the original thirteen states.

Between the inner circle, containing the President's monogram and the circle of links, are the words "Long Live the President." Though the coin has undoubtedly rested in the damp soil of the dismal swamp section for years, the metal has retained its polish and looks wonderfully new.

Mr. Jones declares that \$50. only would induce him to part with his treasure. He also has in his possession a coin of Spanish make, bearing date of 1798. This is also of a rare type.

#### Geography a La Limerick.

There once was a man from Nantucket,  
Who kept all his cash in a bucket;  
But his daughter, named Nan,  
Ran away with a man,  
And as for the bucket, Nantucket.

But he followed the pair to Pawtucket—  
The man and the girl with the bucket;  
And he said to the man,  
He was welcome to Nan,  
But as for the bucket, Pawtucket.

Then the pair followed Pa to Manhasset,  
Where he still held the cash as an asset;  
But Nan and the man,  
Stole the money and ran,  
And as for the bucket, Manhasset.

They fled up through Maine past Sebomook,  
Where their future assumed quite a blue look;  
For they lost all their dotage  
And they never will know  
How much of it Old Time quassambook.

Then the runaway pair, out of pocket,  
Dropped back, like a stick from a rocket.  
As for this sort of verse,  
It is fast growing worse,  
And we'd best let this final Squibnocket.

#### A Box Supper.

There will be a Box Supper at Salem School House Saturday March the fourteenth at eight o'clock proceeds to be used in buying a library for Salem Sunday School. Public invited.

#### It is Judge Albertson.

North Carolinians win place and honor wherever they go. The latest North Carolinian to be promoted is Mr. Robert B. Albertson, of Seattle, Washington, who has been appointed Judge of the Fifth district by Governor McBryde. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer prints a handsome two column cut of Judge Albertson and an appreciative sketch of his life. He was not a candidate for the position and the honor was therefore unsolicited and more to be prized.

Judge Albertson comes of Quaker stock, and many of his name have been honored in North Carolina. He was born in Hertford N. C., December 21st, 1859. He graduated from the University at Chapel Hill and was licensed to practice law in 1888. Shortly thereafter he went to Seattle, then a flourishing young city. When he reached there he had no money or friends, and he found employment in a lumber yard. Later he was assistant city editor of the Daily Chronicle, and then entered the

law office of Burke & Rams as a clerk. In 1886 he began to practice law on his own account. He was Republican city attorney in 1889; he was elected to the Legislature in 1895 and was re-elected. News and Observer.

Paris, Feb. 23.—Doctors Netter and Solomon attached to the Paris hospital claim to have discovered a new silver treatment which will eradicate the most serious diseases if applied in its first stages and if not applied till later assures a speedy recovery. The treatment consists of a special preparation of colloidal silver mixed with vaseline. The preparation is rubbed into the skin thus entering circulation. Already it has been successfully tried in cases of typhoid diphtheria scarlet fever cerebro spinal meningitis tubercular pneumonia and other diseases.

#### Wednesday Fire.

A fire alarm was turned in from the fourth ward Wednesday morning the fire being in roof of a building belonging to Mr. J. L. Pritchard. The blaze was extinguished before the arrival of the department however, and no damage was done worthy of note.

#### License Issued.

The register of deeds has issued the following marriage license this week: Joseph H. Bundy of Pasquotank County, to Cordelia Jennings; Wilson J. Edwards, of Norfolk, to Laura A. Williams, of Norfolk. Harvey H. Overton colored, of Pasquotank County, to Mary Overton, of Pasquotank (colored).

#### Property Transfers.

The register of deeds this week recorded the following Property transfers: W. J. Morse and wife, to John Berry; consideration \$225; W. C. Dawson and wife to Jordan Parker; consideration \$600; J. H. Sawyer, Trustee to J. S. Morris and J. C. Brooks; consideration \$300; E. Dunston and wife to Harriet Kinney; consideration \$75.

### GETS FIVE YEARS

Bishop Condemned to Hard Labor.

HE HEARD SENTENCE CALMLY

His Council Advised Him to Accept Sentence Without Murmur. Accompanied to the Court Room by His Wife.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 23.—Arthur L. Bishop, the slayer of T. J. Wilson, was today sentenced to five years at hard labor in the State penitentiary. The sentence was pronounced by Judge Walter H. Neal this morning at 8 o'clock.

Bishop was accompanied to the court room by his wife and a deputy sheriff. When called upon to stand up he arose and did not seem to be in the least agitated. His demeanor never changed one iota when the sentence was pronounced.

Bishop's counsel gave notice of an appeal, but this step will hardly be taken as your correspondent learns that his counsel have advised him to accept without a murmur the sentence of the court.

The action of the jury in bringing in a verdict of manslaughter yesterday afternoon was somewhat of a surprise. It was generally surmised that the case would result in a mistrial. Yesterday morning the three men who had held out for murder in the second degree decided to come over to the six who were in favor of a verdict for manslaughter. Later in the day the three who voted for acquittal decided to agree to a verdict of manslaughter with the understanding it is presumed, that the judge would not be hard on the prisoner. The small sentence would justify this presumption.



The above is a cut of Hon. I. M. Meekins, Elizabeth City's new postmaster. He is an accomplished and talented gentleman, and the Democrats are as well pleased with the appointment as the Republicans. In fact no man out of the Democratic rank could give the party greater satisfaction. Mr. Meekins comes in the political arena as a steady one. He is a whole-souled citizen, and in the event that his party regains control of the district, Mr. Meekins will unquestionably occupy the seat now filled so acceptably, by the Hon. Jno. H. Small.