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## GOODMAN NOT GUILTY

THAT WAS VERDICT OF THE JURY IN THE PARSONS MURDER TRIAL.

### GREAT JOY AT HIS DELIVERANCE.

Despite Warnings From the Sheriff There Was a General Outbreak of Applause--The Offenders Promptly Arrested and Fined--The Parsons Letter Played an Important Part in Bringing the Jury to its Favorable Verdict--Railroad Men Delighted.

RICHMOND, Va., March 16.—A Charlottesville special to the Dispatch says: At nine o'clock this morning there was quite a good sized crowd in the courtroom, and soon afterwards the jury in the Goodman-Parsons murder trial filed in and took their accustomed seats. The clerk was in his inclosure. A little later Judge White took his seat.

The sheriff whispered that ancient opening formula, beginning, "O yes," which, peculiarly, has lost its meaning as it has lost its Norman form.

Clerk D. W. Burnley, in a more aggressive tone, read the proceedings of yesterday's session. That done he asked the jury if it had agreed upon a verdict and the foreman nodded assent. He then passed up the papers.

Sheriff Watts warned the spectators that demonstrations of applause in that court house could not be allowed, and if attempted would be followed by the arrest of such persons as he or his deputies saw engaged in it.

"We, the jury," read the clerk, "find the prisoner, Thomas A. Goodman, not guilty."

An attempt at applause—an involuntary one, was made, but checked—for a moment. During that brief interval the accused and his wife were clasped in each other's arms. The 17 year old daughter threw her arms about her parents and the smaller children rested near. Mrs. Goodman wept freely and finally Captain Goodman yielded to his feelings, which had been hitherto under stern control, sinking in his chair, he gave way to tears quietly.

Friends and sympathizers pressed forward, pressed his hand, and expressed their joy at his deliverance. In the meantime the applause broke through all restraint. People lost sight of the respect due to the court. The offenders, detected by the sheriff, were promptly arrested and taken to the bar of the court and fined, but it is believed that the fines will be remitted as the applause was given under the impression that the court had adjourned.

The Dispatch reporter interviewed several of the jurymen after the trial was concluded and found them unanimously of the opinion that Capt. Goodman shot in self-defence. When they first began to deliberate upon the verdict they should return, one stood for conviction of voluntary manslaughter and eleven for acquittal.

The Parsons letter played an important part in bringing the jury to a verdict favorable to the prisoner, but there were many points in the evidence that in the opinion of the jury went to establish the truthfulness of Capt. Goodman's statement. One of the strongest points in the whole case, said several jurymen, was brought out by Mr. Crump in his speech, when he showed by the absence of two bullet holes on the right side of Col. Parsons' coat that it was reasonable to suppose that Col. Parsons was holding his coat by having his right hand in his hip pocket, as sworn to by the prisoner.

Every man on the jury averred that he had no idea what turn public sentiment had taken, but really expected their verdict to be disapproved by many, and especially those who did not hear the evidence.

car rather than trust her dog to Captain Goodman's care, although assured by him that he would be responsible for its safe delivery.

Captain Goodman and family were driven over the city this afternoon. They will remain at the Farish Hotel until Monday afternoon, when they will leave for their home in Richmond. Captain Goodman has been quite sick for the last two weeks and will, upon reaching Richmond, undergo a course of medical treatment. He has not formed any plans, and will rest for several weeks before deciding as to his future movements.

There is general rejoicing among railroad men over the verdict.

### GROVER GETS BACK HOME.

He Enjoyed His Eleven Days Trip and Bagged Many Ducks.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—President Cleveland came back to Washington this afternoon after his eleven days recreation on the water. As he stepped down the gang plank from the Violet to the wharf he looked hale and hearty and smiled broadly when somebody in the crowd shouted, "Bring out the ducks." There was a glow of health upon his cheeks which was not there when he left Washington on March 5th, the day after Congress had adjourned. It was just 4:15 o'clock when the Violet tied up to her wharf. About 50 people were there awaiting her arrival.

Enough game was brought back to send hampers of game to all the Cabinet officers in town, to Mr. Thurber and to the homes of the President's companions, not to speak of a plentiful supply for the White House table.

Most of the sport was had in Pamlico Sound and the President bagged a fair share. Capt. Donald of the Violet says Mr. Cleveland is one of the best shots he has ever seen. The party had much bad weather but did not suffer any inconveniences. The trip from Norfolk was uneventful. Last night the weather was very thick and Capt. Donald decided to lay off St. George's Island in the Potomac, at the mouth of St. Mary's river, about a hundred miles below Washington. At daybreak this morning the Violet resumed her journey, reaching the Indian Head Proving Grounds at 1:30 this afternoon. Here a brief stop was made to send a message by telephone to private Secretary Thurber, and then the Violet continued to Washington without stopping again.

### WILL FIGHT THE DIVORCE.

Aubrey Said to Have Received Several Offers to Go on the Stage.

CHICAGO, March 16.—J. Matt Aubrey, the son-in-law of Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller, of the United States Supreme Court, has retained counsel to make a defense when the suit for divorce brought by his wife comes to trial before Judge Horton.

No cross bill will be filed, but the allegations of Mrs. Aubrey will not pass unchallenged. Manager Darling, of the American Dramatic Exchange, who is well acquainted with Aubrey said today that the latter had received several offers from theatrical men to go on the stage, but could not say what the young man would do.

### THOS. E. WATSON NOMINATED.

He Will Make Another Race for Congress on the Populist Ticket.

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 16.—The Populist Congressional Convention of the Tenth district met at Thomson today, the home of Thos. E. Watson, and nominated him unanimously for Congress to make the race in the special election made necessary by the resignation of Congressman Black. Not more than half the counties in the district were represented.

### Rising Three Inches a Minute.

GADSDEN, Ala., March 16.—News reached Gadsden of a water spout some thirty miles above here this morning, near Coosa river. The facts are very meagre, but considerable damage was done and some lives lost. Coosa river at this point is rising now some three inches a minute, and river men predict that it will rise ten feet by morning. For three hours to day rain fell in torrents, flooding the streets and washing away small bridges. The damage to farms is heavy and the farmers will lose thousands of dollars if the Coosa river gets beyond her banks.

### Dr. John I. Wise Dead.

RICHMOND, Va., March 16.—An Onancock, Va., special to the Dispatch says Dr. John I. Wise, one of the most prominent physicians on the eastern shore of Virginia, died of pneumonia at his home.

### Rebel Forces Again Defeated.

PANAMA, March 16.—The Star and Herald learns from Buena Ventura today that the government troops under General Mateus have defeated the rebel forces, 3,000 strong, near Soato.

## NO MERCY IS SHOWN

THE LYNCHBURG DEFAULTING BANK TELLER GETS SEVEN YEARS.

### CONDENNED TO HARD LABOR.

His Counsel Pleads for Mercy But the Judge Declares that Bank Robberies by Officials Have Become Too Frequent to Allow the Guilty to Escape --Hamner Will Be Taken to the Brooklyn Penitentiary--Will Not Be Allowed to Testify Against Pannill.

LYNCHBURG, Va., March 16.—Walker G. Hamner, late teller of the First National Bank of Lynchburg, who robbed the bank of \$25,000, was sentenced by Judge Paul this morning in the United States Court to seven years at hard labor.

Promptly at ten o'clock, the prisoner was brought into court, and in spite of the secrecy surrounding the proceedings, the room was packed. Every seat was filled and every available space was thronged with interested spectators. Mr. Hamner was seated just behind his counsel, Mr. N. C. Manson, and between his wife and daughter. Two of his sons were seated near him. Judge Paul entered the room, and the cleric forthwith announced the opening of court.

Mr. Manson, addressing the judge, said that the prisoner entered a plea of guilty to the offense as charged in the indictment, but that he deemed it advisable to have the jury enter their verdict of guilty, and that he would then briefly state the excuses in behalf of Mr. Hamner.

Mr. Montague said that although he did not know the exact custom in such cases, he would not raise any objection to such proceedings, leaving it to the decision of the court.

The Judge said that this formality could be dispensed with and that he would hear Mr. Manson's plea without delay.

There was a pause in the proceedings at this point in which the dropping of a pin might have been heard. Mr. Manson arose and facing the Judge, made a strong and touching plea for mercy. There was no emotional effusion about his language, but simply earnest and forcible words that burst their way to the heart of every observer.

Judge Paul stated that it was a disagreeable duty for him to sentence the accused; but that offences of a like character had become too frequent to go without punishment. Therefore he would send the accused to the penitentiary for seven years at hard labor.

Mr. Hamner will be sent to the penitentiary at Brooklyn. He will be removed there very probably at the close of the criminal docket of the United States Court.

He will not be permitted to testify in the trial of Robert H. Pannill, charged with being in collusion with him to rob the bank. The statutes are explicit on that subject, and unless a felon has suffered the penalty of his crime or been pardoned, he cannot appear as a witness.

### ALL QUIET ALONG THE LEVEES.

Private Subscriptions Must be Made to Keep the Military on Duty.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 16.—There is no change in the labor situation here. Everything is quiet. The Governor estimates that the cost of keeping out the militia to be between \$1,000 and \$1,200 per day. There being \$5,000 appropriated by the State during a whole year for use of the military in actual service. This sum will be entirely exhausted within the next day or two.

### A New Republican Morning Paper.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 16.—A stock company composed of wealthy sugar planters and others interested in sugar, has been formed for the purpose of establishing a Republican morning newspaper in this city. Capital stock \$150,000. The publication will begin about April 15.

### Another Club Coming South.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 16.—The members of the Pittsburg National League team left to-day, destined to Savannah, Ga., where they will go into training for the season's work. Cross, Snuden and Kinslow will join the team at Washington. The club will remain in the South until the opening of the season with the Louisville club.

### Wiman Now at Liberty.

NEW YORK, March 16.—District Attorney Fellows this afternoon, when seen about the decision in the Wiman case, stated that he had decided to take the case to the Court of Appeals. Mr. Wiman is now at liberty, he having furnished bail in the sum of \$30,000.

### Fire Bug at Work.

ALGONA, Iowa, March 16.—The 5th attempt to burn this town was made last night. Four business houses were burned. The militia is on guard and detectives would be employed to ferret out the fire bugs.

## PLEASED WITH THEIR VISIT.

The Massachusetts Legislative Committee Delighted With N. C. Special to the News and Observer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—The committee of the Massachusetts Legislature arrived here today. In the party are Senator F. W. Darling, Chairman, Senator Isaac Hutchinson, Representatives Geo. M. Eddy, Chas. Bancroft, W. J. Donovan, E. M. Moriarty, Frank Chandler, R. T. Tralom and Wm. Whiting, Sergeant-at-Arms. They seem very much pleased with their trip South, and say the object of the visit was carried out to the letter and is pronounced a great success. They speak highly of the hospitality of the people. They were impressed with the State officers. They refuse, however, to give an opinion on the Legislature, as they understand it, but Senator Darling said enough in condemnation of the assembly in general. Tralom, the colored representative said he was proud that the white Legislature had recognized Douglass. They leave to-morrow night for Boston.

Wm. H. Pearson is here on business. Charles L. Jones was commissioned postmaster at Lumberton to day, and W. A. Thompson was appointed postmaster at Woodleaf, Rowan county, vice C. D. Van Cleve dead.

Miss Claudia Erwin of Morganton, Mrs. Lawrence Holt, Lawrence Holt, Jr., and Erwin Allen Holt are at the Metropolitan for a three weeks stay. It is expected that the President will act on Fayetteville and Greenville postmasterhips early next week.

### WAKE FOREST NOTES.

President Taylor off Again for the Purpose of Raising an Endowment Fund Special to the News and Observer.

WAKE FOREST, N. C., March 16.—President Taylor came home from his tour in the eastern portion of the State the middle of the week, but is again off on his endowment mission. He is greatly missed. His occasional brief addresses at morning prayers are always helpful and often inspiring. He says that the finest audience in North Carolina assembles every morning in the Wake Forest chapel; it is to him the most stimulating. Earlier in his experience he dreaded to speak to a college audience, but he finds now none so appreciative and responsive.

The visit of State Secretary L. A. Coulter on Thursday last was spiritually helpful to the large number of the students who heard him in the afternoon and again at night. Several young men will avail themselves of his cordial invitation to attend the State Convention of Young Men's Christian Associations in Raleigh next week. There is no Association here, and no effort was made to organize one, and yet Mr. Coulter said that representatives of the student body would be welcomed in the Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Dunn are at home again from their bridal tour. The first session of the moot court on yesterday afternoon attracted much attention and was the occasion of not a little amusement.

### A NEW FURNITURE FACTORY.

Phillips Didn't Know That Fred Douglass was a Negro. Special to the News and Observer.

ASHEBORO, N. C., March 16.—The "Douglass Legislature" has honored our townsman, P. H. Morris, by appointing him as a trustee of the State University. The new furniture factory will soon be erected. Still another is contemplated. Judge and Mrs. Brown will be the guests of Mrs. Sam Bradshaw next week. Mrs. Cartland, president of the W. C. T. U. made two interesting talks here Thursday to the ladies and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dalton, of High Point, are visiting Mrs. G. S. Bradshaw. Miss Mary Kerr Bingham, the attractive daughter of Maj. Bingham, of Asheville, is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. W. C. Hamner has returned from a visit to South Carolina, accompanied by Miss Alice Thompson, a very charming young lady. One Republican Representative, E. C. Phillips, says he wouldn't have voted for the Legislature to adjourn out of respect to Fred Douglass if he had known he was a negro.

### Capt. A. A. Iseley Resigns.

Special to the News and Observer.

BURLINGTON, N. C., March 16.—There is a great deal of indignation here over the Fred Douglass Legislature or, as it is now being called, the "Possum" Legislature.

Capt. A. A. Iseley, of the Burlington Light Infantry has tendered his resignation to take effect April 1st, and in his remarks to the company he told them that the "Douglass" Legislature, did not see the importance of the State guard, hence he was forced to resign.

### Asheville Company will not Disband.

Special to the News and Observer.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., March 16.—Chauncey Dewey and party arrived at Kenilworth Inn this afternoon, and will remain until Monday. Asheville Light Infantry last night discussed the reduction in the State Guard's appropriation, and finally decided that they would not disband.

## GRABBERS FOR PLACES

THE SENATE DID NOT TAKE QUITE ALL THE OFFICES FOR ITSELF.

### \$6,627.88 MORE THAN IN 1893.

That's the Balance on the Books Against the Fusionists--The Hollow Mockery of "Retawm"--Unusual Record of Nepotism in Both Houses--Sons, Daughters, Brother and Wives all Provided for in the Distribution of the Union Offices.

It is to be doubted whether there has ever been a legislative body assembled in any State that appropriated a greater proportion of the offices and public patronage to themselves than has the Legislature just adjourned. It is safe to say that at least 90 per cent., and perhaps more of the positions at their disposal were filled by members of the General Assembly. As shown by the list published in this paper Friday the Senate secured the lion's share of the spoils, though it is the smaller body. Though most of the pie had been distributed before it reached the more popular branch of the General Assembly the members did not hesitate to gobble up what was left.

Here is a partial statement of how the members helped themselves, to the almost absolute exclusion of all outsiders: V. S. Lusk, Rep., of Buncombe, Trustee and member of the Executive committee of the University.

S. Huffman, Rep., of Burke, Trustee of the Morganton Deaf and Dumb Institution.

E. C. Duncan, Rep., of Carteret, slated for Director of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad.

A. F. Hileman, Pop., of Cabarrus, Director of the Morganton Hospital and slated for Director of the North Carolina railroad.

Lee Whitener, Pop., of Catawba, Director of the Morganton Hospital.

J. E. Bryan, Pop., of Chatham, Director of the Blind Institution at Raleigh, Director of the Penitentiary and member of the Arrington Investigating Committee.

A. A. Campbell, Republican, of Cherokee, member of the Arrington Investigating Committee.

J. A. Buchanan, Populist, of Clay, member of the Board of Agriculture.

R. P. Williams, Republican, of Craven, slated for Director of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad.

Z. V. Walsler, Republican, of Davidson, Speaker of the House and trustee of the University.

H. G. Ewart, Republican, of Henderson, Judge of the new criminal circuit.

Frank Brown, Republican, of Jones, slated for position at the Penitentiary.

G. Z. French, Republican, of New Hanover, slated for Director of the North Carolina Railroad.

J. A. Cheek, Republican, of Orange, Director of the Penitentiary.

D. H. Abbott, Republican, of Pamlico, slated for Director of Atlantic and North Carolina railroad.

R. M. Croom, Republican, of Pender, slated for a position at the Penitentiary.

J. T. Phillips, Populist, of Pitt, member of Arrington Investigating Committee.

A. Cheek; page, \$1 a day. N. B. Wilson, son of S. Otho Wilson; page, \$1 a day.

M. B. Self, son of Representative Self, of Chatham; page, \$1 a day.

What the General Assembly Cost.

From the completed accounts in the office of the State Auditor, it is shown that the recent General Assembly cost the people of North Carolina \$72,604.66. The Legislature of 1893 cost the State, as the cold, calm figures in the records show, just \$65,976.78.

The "Reform" Legislature of 1895 cost the tax-payers of North Carolina just \$6,627.88 more than the Democratic Legislature of 1893.

### The Arrington Resolution.

Here is the full text of the resolution creating "The Great Triangle," the Arrington Commission; it was ratified March 11th:

"Resolved, That A. M. Campbell, J. E. Bryan and J. T. Phillips, members of the House of Representatives from Cherokee, Chatham and Pitt, respectively, be and they are hereby appointed a committee of investigation to investigate all the matters growing out of the litigation and all other troubles between Mrs. Pattie D. B. Arrington and her husband, and all other matters, persons and things concerning or in any way appertaining to her matters in connection with said litigation. Said committee shall have full and ample power and authority to send for persons and papers, and examine the same, and to administer oaths and examine witnesses, and with full power to punish for contempt for disobedience to its lawful order, in as full a manner as is now vested in judges of the Superior Court of the State. They shall find the facts from the evidence and report the said facts, and also set out the evidence in full in said report and make their report to the Legislature, if possible, before its adjournment; and if not then to the Supreme Court. That full authority to pay necessary expenses while acting is given the State Treasurer, and the Auditor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant for the said amount."

### Juggled With the Bills.

Harris of Hyde, (Fusionist), says he knows positively that a bill which was tabled twice was presented for ratification. Whether it goes on the statute books or not remains to be seen.

### To Fence in a Town.

A bill was passed requiring a fence to be built around the town of Pollockville, which will hereafter be one of the "walled cities." This bill is said to have been passed out of pure Nile-green spite.

### DEATH OF DR. BROADUS.

A Severe Cold Which Developed into Pleurisy Caused his Death.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 16.—Dr. John A. Broadus, the eminent theologian, died this morning at 3:45 o'clock, thus ending the career of one of the most notable men in the South. It was apparent for twenty-four hours that he could not long survive.

During the past year his health had not been as good as usual and in January he spent three weeks in Florida and returned much improved. Just at this time the extreme cold weather reached this region and as a result of the change from the mild climate in which he had been sojourning, Dr. Broadus contracted a severe cold. This developed into pleurisy and also affected his heart.

The remains will be interred to-morrow afternoon in Cave Hill cemetery. The services will be held at the Walnut Street Baptist church.

### DIME SAVINGS BANK.

The Capital Stock Fixed at \$15,000—Already an Assured Success.

The first meeting of the incorporators of the Mechanics' Dime Savings Bank, was held in the office of the Commissioner of Labor Statistics Friday afternoon. There were present B. R. Lacy, D. M. King, J. A. Mills, W. N. Jones, H. W. Jackson, Josephus Daniels, John B. Kenney and N. B. Broughton. Josephus Daniels presided and B. R. Lacy acted as Secretary. The capital stock was fixed at \$15,000, the amount taken by any one person being limited to \$500. A large amount of stock was taken at once. A committee of seven, John A. Mills, D. M. King, John B. Kenney, J. S. Wynne, Wesley N. Jones, B. E. Lacy and N. B. Broughton, was appointed to solicit subscriptions to the capital stock.

This new bank is already an assured success. The incorporators are: Dr. D. E. Everett, B. M. Moore, D. M. King, B. R. Lacy, John Ward, J. B. Kenney, H. W. Miller, N. B. Broughton, W. N. Jones, J. S. Wynne, Josephus Daniels, J. A. Mills, Claude Barbee, James Maglenn and H. W. Jackson.

### New Superintendent of Motive Power.

W. T. Read, the new superintendent of motive power of the Seaboard Air Line, has arrived and taken charge. He comes from Chicago, and was brought here by Vice-President St. John. He has a fine reputation and will no doubt succeed here.

### The Trust Stands Firm.

RICHMOND, Va., March 15.—The executive committee of the Southeastern Tariff Association adjourned this afternoon after issuing a statement that in their opinion the public here had no reason to be dissatisfied with the schedule of insurance rates. There is some talk of appointing a compact manager for Richmond.