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DR. HYDE IS GUILTY

Of Murder With Life Imprisonment Penalty.

HIS WIFE BREAKS DOWN

After Deliberating Sixty Hours the Jury in the Hyde Case Find the Accused Guilty and Fix the Punishment at Life Imprisonment—To Jail Without Bail.

Kansas City, Mo., May 16.—After deliberating sixty hours, the jury in the trial of Dr. B. Clark Hyde today found him guilty of murdering Col. Thomas H. Swope, the millionaire and philanthropist, with a sentence of life imprisonment.

Thus ended one of the most remarkable murder cases of a decade, in which it was charged that the doctor planned to secure the immense Swope fortune by killing off his wife's entire family with disease germs and snipie poisons.

As the verdict of murder in the first degree was announced by the foreman of the jury, Dr. Hyde bowed his head. His wife broke into sobs and tried to rush to his arms as he stood in the dock.

The verdict was returned at 10:32 o'clock. Dr. Hyde sat motionless during the reading of the verdict, which was as follows:

"We, the jury, find the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree as charged in the indictment, and assess his punishment at imprisonment in the State penitentiary during his natural life."

(Signed) "FRANK CLAY POOLE, Foreman."

As the words of conviction were spoken Mrs. Hyde broke down completely and hurried to the side of her husband. Her two sisters-in-law, Mrs. E. M. Hopkins and Miss Laura Hyde, mingled their tears with hers, but the physician stoically and with the same fixed expression of the mouth, said not a word. For a time he was seen to whisper a word of encouragement to the strong, brave woman who sat at his side.

At 10:15 o'clock the jury stepped on the door of its room to indicate that a verdict had been reached. From almost the first the majority, it was learned earlier in the day, had been overwhelmingly in favor of conviction, so that when it became known that an agreement had been reached it was generally supposed that the State had won its case.

Judge Latah had been in the court room since early morning, expecting hourly that an agreement would be reached.

With Dr. and Mrs. Hyde sat Mrs. Hopkins and Miss Hyde, the sisters of the physician. Prosecuting Attorney Vigil Coulking and James A. Reed were in their places early and the court room was thronged with spectators and crowds pressed into the aisles to hear more distinctly the reading of the verdict.

Every eye in the court room was turned on the physician. His face was as immovable as ever. He scanned the faces of the jurors, heard their words and then turned to his wife.

Mrs. Hyde had slept little during the time the jury had been deliberating on the verdict. She was immediately taken into an ante room, where sobs that shook her frail body could be heard in the court room.

Dr. Hyde chewed gum in a nervous fashion while he waited for the report of the jury but his jaws tightened suddenly as his fate was sealed, and even a few words of comfort for his wife were not forthcoming.

Judge Latah said that Dr. Hyde would be remanded to jail without bail and treated like every other convicted man.

Dr. Hyde cannot be admitted to bail, said the judge. "I shall give his attorneys full limit within which to make their motion for a new trial."

SCHOONER ARRIVES

The schooner Mary Gallard, Geo. N. Howard, captain, arrived in port yesterday with a consignment of merchandise for the wholesale firm of E. R. Mison & Co.

ORE LODGE

There will be a regular communication of Ore Lodge No. 194, A. E. & A. M., this evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting brethren cordially invited to be present.

A WOMAN WOULD RATHER BE A MAN'S

fast romance than his first love.

COMMENCEMENT

The Washington Public Schools Will Close on Friday, May 20. With an Interesting Program.

THE HOUSE OF NO REPEATERS

The Galety, offers its patrons for this evening the following pictures: "The Rival Cooks," a simple spring concoction, guaranteed to dispel all tired feelings.

NEW BISHOPS

The General Conference of the Methodist Church now in session at Asheville, have decided to elect seven new bishops. The election started yesterday and the result of the first ballot was the election of Rev. Collins Denny, D. D., L. L. D., of Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. J. C. Kilgo, D. D., L. L. D., president of Trinity College, Durham, N. C.; and Rev. W. B. Murray, D. D., L. L. D., president of Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss.

ATTEND SERVICE

The Improved Order of Red Men attended St. Peter's Episcopal Church last Sunday evening in a body, at which time the rector, Rev. Nathaniel Harding, delivered to them a special sermon. The discourse was much enjoyed by every member of the tribe.

MR. MACLEAN TO SPEAK

Mr. August D. MacLean will speak at Aurora, this county, next Friday night, the occasion being the celebration of the Mecklenburg Independence. A rich treat awaits the citizens of that community.

MOTHER ILL

Mrs. John T. Bell in response to a message announcing the precarious condition of her mother, left this afternoon for Yatesville. It is to be hoped she will find her better.

BIG YIELD

Big Corn Yield Promised For the Old North State.

Raleigh, May 16.—The State Department of Agriculture estimates that the corn acreage in this State this year will be 3,200,000, as compared with 2,894,000 last year. The corn yield last year was estimated to be 48,686,000 bushels. The oat crop this year is estimated at 300,000 acres, with a 50 per cent condition, as compared with last year, when the acreage was 190,000 and the yield something like 3,225,000 bushels.

The department estimates give the fruit crop condition for North Carolina at 11 per cent, as compared with last year. The vegetable conditions are figured as something like 50 per cent in condition. The boys' crop club interest that has spread throughout the State is very greatly quickening interest in this staple crop, which is already at least equal importance with North Carolina farmers with "king cotton."

DELEGATES ARRIVING FOR COTTON MEN'S CONVENTION

Charlotte, May 16.—Several hundred delegates are already in the city to attend the annual meeting of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association. Great interest centers in the address of President Parker tomorrow, in which he will pay his respects to the methods of the New York cotton exchange. Over 1,000 delegates will attend.

STILL IMPROVING

The condition of Mr. E. B. Moore becomes more favorable daily and, unless nothing unforeseen happens, within the next few weeks it is expected he will be able to get out.

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It isn't difficult to love your neighbor's money, as your own.

TO PRISON

Three Prisoners Were Taken to the State Penitentiary by Sheriff Hicks Yesterday Afternoon.

INSTITUTE

Commencement Exercises to Take Place Next Friday Morning and Evening—All Invited.

MANY MINERS RESUME WORK

Des Moines, Iowa, May 16.—Seventeen thousand Iowa mine workers today resumed work after a suspension of over six weeks. As a result of concessions granted the miners, the operators have advanced the price of all coal mined in the thirteenth Iowa district two cents a ton.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF NEWMARKET

Leighton, Va., May 16.—The forty-sixth anniversary of the battle of Newmarket was observed today at the Virginia Military Institute by a suspension of duties. Memorial exercises were held at the Cadet Cemetery.

MYSTERIOUS ROBBERIES

Durham, May 16.—The officers have been watching for strange looking men who are believed to be professional crooks and robbing after the manner of the gentlemen highwaymen of the eighteenth century.

CREDITABLE BUILDING

Now that the annex and storage room erected by the Washington Horse Exchange, has been completed it presents a most creditable appearance and adds considerably to the appearance of that part of the city.

AN EARTHQUAKE AT GEORGETOWN

St. Thomas, D. W. I., May 16.—A sharp earthquake was felt at Georgetown, the capital of British Guiana, Saturday evening.

LICENSE TAX ON LIQUORS IS CONSTITUTIONAL

Washington, D. C., May 16.—The statute of Kentucky passed March 25, 1909, levying a license tax on liquors was declared to be constitutional today by the Supreme Court of the United States.

ARRANGING FOR LONG FLIGHT IN THE SOUTH

Montgomery, Ala., May 16.—W. R. Brooks and S. C. Crane, attaches of the Wright flying machine party, in camp here, returned last night from a trip down the Alabama river, spying out a route for a long flight later in the month. The distance is seventy miles and will be the longest ever tried in this country. The objective point will be Benton, Ala., and the citizens of that vicinity are already beginning to arrange a reception.

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PLANS ARRANGED

King's Body Will Be Removed Today.

THE CEREMONY IMPOSING

The Remains Will Lie in State Until Friday. When the Funeral Will Take Place—Solemn Services Held in the Churches of the Kingdom During the Day.

GOOD SHOW

The Hallie Mack Shows' Initial Performance Was a Most Creditable One and Pleas'd All.

THREE REELS

Tonight the Gem will have an unusually strong program of three reels covering six subjects of great interest. The Painter's Sweetheart is one of Pathe's beautiful colored pictures. This well known firm have indeed done themselves proud in this production which is one of great beauty.

STATE CONVENTION

The next State convention of the Christian Church has been called to meet in this city, November 23 and 24. Already the church here is making preparations for the entertainment of the convention.

EDITOR OUB

After being confined to his home for a week as a result of a runaway horse, Editor James L. Mayo of the Daily News, was out yesterday, in the delight of his many friends. Mrs. Mayo is still confined to her home but is rapidly recovering.

WEDDING

Two Popular Young People are Married at Winsteadville.

BONNERTON

Notes of Interest From This Progressive Section of County.

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Russ Brothers Have Received Another Shipment.

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FOR HYDE COURT

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COURT NEXT WEEK

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MOTHER ILL

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THE HALLEY COMET

Earth Will Pass Through Comet's Tail Tomorrow Night.

CONCENSUS OF OPINION

Visitor From the Upper Air Will Be Studied by Astronomers and Scientists Within the Next Four Days—Thousands of Telescopes Will Be Trained on the Comet.

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