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MINISTER MUST PAY PENALTY IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

ALVIN LINNELL'S SLAYER SENTENCED TO FULFILL HIS OWN LIFE FOR THE MURDER OF SWEETHEART.

TO BE EXECUTED MAY 19

A PETITION MAY BE PRESENTED TO GOV. FOSS TO COMMUTE HIS SENTENCE TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT—NOTED ALIENIST OPINIONS.

Boston, Jan. 9.—A great crowd thronged into the corridors of the court house today in an effort to see the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson in his first public appearance since his confession of the murder of—Avis Linnell, his former sweetheart.

CHANGED HIS PLEA

Richeson had pleaded not guilty when arraigned after his indictment on the charge of murdering Avis Linnell, of Hyannis, Mass., his former fiancée, but following a written confession made public Saturday last, he today retracted that plea and made a formal plea of guilty.

It is understood a petition may be made to Governor Foss and executive council of the state to commute the death sentence to imprisonment for life.

Richeson made no statement. He was in court for only about six minutes. His face was pale, but he was perfectly composed. He answered formal questions propounded by Judge Sanderson in the simplest possible way, and when asked if he had anything to say, replied: "I have nothing further to say, further than my written confession."

RICHESON UNMOVED

Richeson heard the death sentence with little apparent emotion. When brought into court he walked with slight assistance from the officers who escorted him. He was not required to enter the prisoner's cage and remained standing.

District Attorney Felletier read the minister's written confession and added that the government had sufficient evidence to have convinced a jury that Richeson was guilty of murder in the first degree. He then said that it became his solemn duty to move for sentence.

Judge Sanderson read the statutes bearing on the case, and asked the prisoner if he realized the gravity of his action in pleading guilty, if he had consulted counsel, and if he had acted voluntarily. To each question Richeson said "Yes, sir."

The court gave the prisoner every opportunity to realize what his action meant and to make any statement, but the prisoner expressed no desire to make any further explanation of his decision.

The court then pronounced sentence.

Richeson immediately was taken back to the city jail.

"EGO," NOT INSANE

According to Dr. Carlos F. Macdonald, one of the most famous alienists in this country, it was Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson's monumental ego that induced him to give out his amazing confession. Mr. Macdonald made a statement to the press in which he said:

"It has ever been ME, ME, ME, with that man Richeson. I have just read his confession, and from it I draw the conclusion that it is as Jesuitical as have been all his actions. I consider the man sane, but a cunning fiend, whose present purpose is to save his life, despite his protestations to the contrary. If Richeson had not been found out in his hideous crime, I believe he would be leading a prayer meeting somewhere to-night, with a long solemn face. He is that sort of a man, and deserves no pity."

Dr. Macdonald, who was called to Buffalo to pass upon the mental status of Colonel McKimley's slayer, who was medical counsel to the district attorney during the "Thaw" trial, and is an international authority on psychology and mental diseases, has made a study of the Richeson case from the published reports and history of the man. While he has never seen the self-confessed intimate slayer, he bases his deductions and opinions on the chief characteristics and acts of Avis Linnell's slayer.

In his opinion given December 31,

FIRST NATIONAL BANK HOLD ANNUAL ELECTION

This Institution Made Fine Showing for Year Just Closed—Undivided Profits \$6,900.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the First National Bank was held Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1912, at 12 o'clock noon.

The shareholders elected G. M. Brown, J. B. Fowle, W. E. Swindell, D. M. Carter, W. E. Proctor, F. C. Kugler, W. H. Whitlow, George T. Leach and A. M. Dumay, directors for the ensuing year.

The business of the bank shows a material gain over that of a year ago; \$224,000 deposits, \$203,000 in loans, undivided profits \$6,900.

The directors elected held their meeting immediately after the stockholders' meeting and elected the following officers and employees: C. M. Brown, president; J. B. Fowle, vice president; A. M. Dumay, cashier; L. A. Squires, assistant cashier; C. B. Sterling, bookkeeper; Miss Mary Shaw, stenographer; William Knight, collector.

SIMMONS AND CLARK FAVOR A PRIMARY

Held Conference Yesterday in Which They Expressed This as Their Choice of Placing Themselves Before the People.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Senator Simmons and Judge Walter Clark, 1% of the candidates for the seat in the Senate held by Mr. Simmons, met today and agreed that they wanted a primary and that the best time to hold it is on election day in November. For some time Senator Simmons has favored a senatorial primary. Election day will suit him. He and Mr. Clark conferred on the matter at the Senate today. They do not intend to try to influence the committee, but hope that the committee will see it as they do.

WOMANS ASSOCIATION HAD GOOD MEETING

Good Attendance at Meeting of Betterment Association Yesterday Afternoon—Will Meet in the Public Library in the Future.

At a regular meeting of the Women's Betterment Association yesterday afternoon, there was a splendid attendance. At this meeting the Association was divided into two departments—Home and School, and Civic. Two propositions for membership were presented at this meeting. On Tuesday afternoon, next, at 3 o'clock the Home and School department will meet in the Public Library, and on Wednesday, at the same place and hour the Civic department will meet. The association urgently requests all members to be present at these meetings as assignments of duties for work this year will be made at that time, and committees appointed. In the future all meetings will be held in the Public Library at 3 P. M.

Following Richeson's act of self-mutilation, Dr. Macdonald said that Richeson was not insane at the time he poisoned the girl. The alienist further said Richeson was not a man to be actuated by a high sense of duty, but, on the contrary, his motives were the satisfaction of desire and the preservation of his life and reputation.

In his interview, Dr. Macdonald said: "The confession of Richeson proves that my first deductions were correct. He is not insane, but quite to the contrary, is a man of keen, calculating mentality, of high reasoning power and, in my opinion, is and has always been perfectly deliberate in his acts."

"His confession was not forced by the delinquency of his conscience, but by his last desperate resort to escape the electric chair."

"Richeson so far as I can judge by his acts, characteristics and history, published in the press, is of the type that has two powerful motives which at all times inspire and direct his every act—the desire to live as long as possible and the impulse to satisfy his own desires and appetites. This is supreme selfishness."

"His mind, naturally a keen one, has been trained by his study for the ministry and his work as a pastor afterward, to a high capacity for the discrimination between right and wrong."

EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT IN BEAUFORT

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT W. L. VAUGHAN, GIVES REVIEW OF WORK OF 1910 AND 1911. IMPROVEMENTS IN ALL BRANCHES.

SOME SPECIAL TAX TIDINGS

MOST MARKED IMPROVEMENTS WHERE SPECIAL TAX OBTAINED—NEW BUILDINGS WERE ERRECTED AND NEW FURNITURE INSTALLED.

Editor News:

Your request for a report of the county schools during the past year affords me an opportunity to give to the public information which could not otherwise be known generally or in an exact collective form.

During the year 1911 the value of school property increased from \$17,665, in 1910 to \$23,200; the number of new houses built from 4 in 1910 to 9 in 1911 at a cost of \$7,500 in 1911, as compared with \$3,200 in 1910. In 1910 15 out of 75 white schools reported as having patent desks; in 1911 the number having patent desks had increased to 29. During the year of 1910, the number of districts was decreased from 75 to 71. This number has remained constant during 1911. In 1910 fifty one white districts had less than 65 children, the number required for a district. In 1911 this number had decreased to 46. In 1910 the average number of school days for the rural school was 85; in 1911 this average was increased to 90.7, an average gain of nearly six days. During the year 1911, seven local tax districts were voted during 1911, three making a gain of ten districts for ten years.

It is not out of the place here to say that in Richland township only 4 out of fourteen rural districts are not under local tax for schools, and two of these are isolated and have only a few children. Washington Township has one good local tax school, with three teachers. Chowchigny has one with two teachers. Bath has three, each two teachers. Out of the six townships, only one, Long Acre, is still without a local tax district. It is a notable fact that the community having the local school tax are generally the most progressive along agricultural lines, and the most prosperous. Whether the prosperity and progressiveness in agriculture in certain sections of the county is due to local tax and better schools, or whether the interest in better schools is the result of progressiveness I can not say, but the two have certainly gone together in this county.

In 1910 out of a census of 4068 children, 3059 were enrolled, or only seventy-five of the children in 1911 out of a census of 4266, 3224 enrolled, or 76 per cent. Thus 1 per cent more were enrolled last year than the year before. In 1910 an average of 1914 children attended school, this being 46 per cent of the census, and 63 per cent of the enrollment. In 1911 an average of 1865 children attended school, and while this was an average of 71 more children than the year before it was only 44 per cent of the census being a loss of the average per cent of the census of 2. The percentage of enrollment attending in 1911 was 62, same as 1910.

It is interesting here to note the percentage of attendance and enrollment for the special tax districts as compared to the entire county, for last year. Out of 395 children in rural special tax districts, 723 were enrolled and 518 in attendance for an average of six months. These figures show an enrollment of 90% per cent of the census and an attendance of nearly 59 per cent, with an average of 95% per cent of those enrolled attending. By referring to the same comparison for the entire county above we will see 76 per cent against 74 per cent; 56 per cent against 44 per cent and 65% per cent against 62 per cent. These figures present the strongest possible reason for voting of special tax, as refute the argument that special tax is a useless expenditure of funds because the children will not take advantage of what they already have.

During 1911 seven rural libraries were added to the number in the county, making a total of 31 with 7,

HEAD OF PANAMA CANAL EXPOSITION



Charles C. Moore, president of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition company, is one of the leading business men of the Pacific coast. He will devote much of his time to making a success of the great exposition that is to be held at San Francisco.

771 VOLUMES

The above has reference to figures alone, but there is another side which is not told in figures, and can only be seen by the Superintendent, the organization of the system and inside work of the teachers.

During the year of 1910, only 19 out of 83 teachers had had the benefit of normal training. During 1911 54 out of 86 had received normal training. This caused great improvement in the work of the teacher, and on every hand the superintendent could see the results in a better and more effective system, and a better class work. Heretofore reading had been a neglected subject, but 1911 showed a teaching force striving to strengthen this subject, which is the key to the education of every child.

In 1910 only three teachers' meetings were held, in 1911 four, one each month for the regular term, were held. Attendance on these meetings was better than the year before, and most teachers co-operated gladly and willingly.

Before 1911, although the school law had required instruction in agriculture, but few teachers had the time to form classes. Last year 60 per cent of the schools had such instruction, and several had school gardens. Before that time the children had followed this instruction with reluctance; last year, thanks to the efforts of the teachers, it was becoming one of the popular subjects.

In conclusion, permit me to say that the continued success of the schools of this county will depend solely on the parents. Several things are needed which can come only through them. We need more special tax and larger schools so there may be more teachers to the school, and fewer grades to the teacher. Special tax will bring more money, and then teachers will be better able to fit themselves for their work. But most of all I need, the teachers need and the schools need, the active interest and co-operation of the parents.

W. L. Vaughan, Co. Supt.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW COMING AND GOING

Messrs. C. H. Roberson, W. A. Thompson, W. E. Bonner and T. Litchfield, of Aurora, are in the city today.

Mr. C. V. Roberson, of Beaufort, is registered at the Louise.

J. D. Eborn, Esq., of Hayeside, is transacting business in the city today.

Mr. J. E. Bonner has accepted a position with the Pamlico Grocery company.

WAR IS STILL WAGING IN THE BIG CONTEST

Several are Piling up the Contest Votes by the Thousands, and Its a Query Who'll be Leading Next. Remember the Double Votes This Week

With the closing of the big bonus and announcement of the double votes and offer on each Five Dollars remitted, the interest is unabated and the battle is growing stronger each day.

It would take a person with the dom of Solomon to prophesy the numbers of the prizes for Districts Nos. 2 and 3 are gradually coming to the front, and they intend making an interesting race before the close of the contest for No. 1.

We are sorry to report one of our live workers, Miss Jordan is unable to vote-seeking this week, but Miss Olivia has a host of friends on the alert for her, and we hope she will be able to join the ranks again soon.

FIRST BONUS PERIOD IN THE WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS VOTING CONTEST

For every \$20.00 for Subscriptions, new or old, sent in by or for Contestants in the News Voting Contest, between the dates of Dec. 11th and Jan. 8th, 1912, a Bonus of 40,000 Free Votes will be given.

One, two, or three, or any numbers of years, count on this offer; any combination may be used to make \$20.00.

Persons having sent in three or six months' subscriptions before, may extend their time and the Contestants securing the extension will receive the increase vote.

This is positively the largest Bonus offer that will be made. Don't forget The Daily Bonus that goes with it.

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS

Table listing names of contestants and their standing in District No. 1—Washington, N. C.

District No. 2

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District No. 4

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Rules Governing Contest

Rule 1.—Only one nominating coupon entitling each contestant to 1,000 votes will be allowed.

Rule 2.—Votes can only be obtained by securing subscriptions prepaid, renewals, collecting past due subscriptions or by clipping free voting coupons from each issue.

Rule 3.—Contestants may secure as many free voting certificates as possible and vote them each week.

Rule 4.—Monies collected by Contestants on subscriptions must be turned over to Contest Manager by 8 o'clock Saturday night, of the week in which receipt is issued for same. Failure to make report of such collection within specified time will forfeit your right to votes on such amounts.

Rule 5.—Contest Manager's signature must be affixed to votes before same are valid.

Rule 6.—No employee of The Daily News, or member of any family connected with the paper will be permitted to participate in the contest.

Rule 7.—Subscribers are cautioned to demand a receipt for money paid Contestants.

Rule 8.—All money for subscription must be paid to Contest Manager, who will upon receipt of same, issue Voting Coupons to cover the amount paid in.

Rule 9.—Any question that may arise between contestants will be determined by the Contest Manager, and this decision will be final.

Rule 10.—Contestants are at liberty to secure subscriptions anywhere regardless of what district they live in.

Miss Olivia Jordan... Miss Lillian Swanner... Miss Mary Shaw... Miss Madeline Ellsworth... Miss Lizzie Kelly... Miss Fannie Stewart... Miss Carol Willis... Mrs. Marion T. Mayo... Miss Rena Rowe... Miss Nina Reddin... Miss Lucy G. Wellard... Miss Alice Worland... Miss Mary Marsh... Miss Willie Lee Latham... Miss Nancy Marsh... Miss Ella Baynor... Miss Kate Ehorn... Miss Letta Cartwright... Miss Leslie Silverthorn... Miss Ruth Chadwick... Miss Ruth Silverthorn... Rule 11.—The right is reserved to reject any name for cause... Rule 12.—Votes can not be transferred by one contestant to another after same have been placed to her credit... Rule 13.—All out of town Contestants are allowed the privilege of mailing their coupons and money collected for subscriptions... To all who enter this contest we guarantee fair and impartial treatment... For any information call on or address the Contest Manager, and same will cheerfully be given... Yours respectfully, MISS ETHEL HOUSTON, Contest Mgr.

Table showing the schedule of votes for different subscription durations.