

WASHINGTON, D. C., WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 7, 1914.

R. H. Miles Bailed by Recorder Windley Yesterday Afternoon

Give bond in sum of \$3,000. With George Hackney Jr. As surety. Prisoner on stand in his own behalf. Many witnesses examined. Hearing of case heard by many spectators. Final trial comes off May Term Superior Court.

R. H. Miles, charged with the killing of Herbert M. Holbrook in the Palace Barber shop on the morning of January 1, and who since that time has been confined in jail was bailed by Recorder W. B. Miles in the sum of \$3,000 as the result of a preliminary hearing. Miles' bond was signed by Mr. George Hackney, Jr. On Monday the coroner's jury returned a verdict that Holbrook came to his death by a pistol shot inflicted by R. H. Miles on January 1st about 8.15 o'clock. At the hearing yesterday before the recorder at the City Hall there were a number of additional witnesses examined, among them being the prisoner Miles. All the testimony introduced is given the Daily News readers below. Miles was represented by Messrs. Ward and Orimes and the relatives of Holbrook had as their counsel Judge Stephen C. Brazen. The hearing attracted considerable interest and all during the trial the City Hall was packed with spectators. Immediately after the decision of the recorder to allow Miles bail he had been furnished by his bail at once for his home on

statement to you about it? A. No that was after the shooting had taken place? A. It could not have been more than five or six minutes. Q. At the time that statement was made where was Mr. Holbrook? A. He was in Dr. Blount's drug store. Q. He had reached the drug store? A. Yes sir. I didn't see him at all. Q. At the time Mr. Miles made that statement where were you standing? A. Outside of the door on the steps. Q. When you first went there was he at the door or back in the shop? A. Back in the shop. Q. Did he have his coat on? A. No sir. Q. Or his hat? A. No sir. I told him to get his hat and coat and I would take him to the Sheriff, and about the time he got to the door two or three walked up. Q. Who was in the barber shop? A. No one at all.

reached the front of the barber shop? A. Yes sir. Q. The last chair in the place was Mr. Holbrook's? A. Yes sir, and the next one was Mr. Miles. Q. The razor was made where was Mr. A. Yes sir. And Holbrook's chair was between the razor and Miles? A. Yes sir. By Mr. Ward: Q. Was the razor next to the back wall? A. Yes sir. Q. It was back of the chair from the front wall? A. It was between the back chair and the back door. There is another door in the shop that goes in the back room. By Judge Bragaw: Q. This was early in the morning? A. Soon after 8 o'clock. Guy Weston Was Sworn: By Judge Bragaw: Q. Were you down about this shop on the morning of this occurrence? A. Yes sir. Q. Did you see Mr. Holbrook that morning? A. I was on the street brushing off. Q. State what you saw? A. I started in the store and I heard the pistol fire and Holbrook ran out in the street. Q. Were you on the outside? A. Yes sir, he ran out in the street hollering that he was shot and he turned around a time or two in the middle of the street. Q. That was the Market street door? A. Yes sir. He turned around and ran up towards Dr. Blount's drug store and I ran and caught him. Q. How many shots did you hear? A. One report. Q. How was that with reference to the time of opening of the door, did you hear that open? A. I heard first what sounded like some one as breaking out and about that time I heard him hollering. By Mr. Ward: Q. That fus you heard was something in the nature of a soufie? A. Something of that nature. Q. It was not opening the door? A. It sounded like he was coming out pretty fast. Q. Are you ready to tell the court that as fast as he came out of the door he came out front toward the street? A. Yes sir. Q. He was not shot from the street? A. No sir. George N. Howard Testified as Follows: By Judge Bragaw: Q. Have you examined the wall on the Market street side of that building to ascertain what signs are there? A. Yes sir. Q. How many did you find? A. Two. Q. What height? A. One was down about ten inches above the door and the other was about two feet and ten inches high behind the tank coming in the same direction the other bullet went in. Q. From what direction? A. It looked like it was from the second chair from the back. By Mr. Ward: Q. When did you find that other bullet? A. Yesterday. Q. When did you say you found it? A. Yesterday morning. Q. Who was present? A. Four or five or maybe half a dozen. Q. Where is that shot? A. That is on the door moulding. Q. That is about ten or twelve inches from the door? A. Yes sir. Q. And the other is about two feet? A. Yes sir. Q. Where is that? A. Pretty near on a line from the second chair. It hit the ceiling about two feet from the door on that side of the Market street door. Q. It would be in range from the second chair? A. The first bullet about ten inches above the door would range from the second chair and the other bullet was slanting. Q. Where were you when this thing happened? A. On my way down town. Q. You did not figure in the arrest? A. No sir. Q. Is it not true that you told Mr. Hackney that that man did not have a razor in his hand? A. I don't believe it. Q. You have no

EVIDENCE

Dr. John G. Blount Was Sworn: By Mr. Bragaw: Q. Will you state whether on the day of January last you had occasion to examine Mr. Holbrook and describe what you found upon examination. A. The first time was in my office and I found a pistol shot wound in his right chest about the third or fourth interspace. Q. What was the condition of the patient at that time? A. He was violently shocked. Q. Go on and describe in your own way what subsequent discoveries or developments there were in the case. A. At that time he was thoroughly unconscious and sometime during that time he regained consciousness and Mr. Swindell said don't you think this man ought to make a statement. Q. I mean the character of the wound? A. That day I found only the pistol wound in his right chest and that night at the hospital I found a pistol bullet hole in his left thigh. Q. Where was that located? A. About two or three inches below the groin. Q. Did you find any other wound? A. Through the right side of his coat and vest there was also another bullet hole but that did not pierce the skin. Q. Those clothes are in evidence? A. Yes sir. Q. What became of him? A. He stayed in my office until late that afternoon. Q. Did he die? A. Yes sir. Q. What caused his death? A. Internal hemorrhage. Q. Resulting from what? A. The bullet hole in his chest. Q. When did he die? A. The morning of the 3rd about 5.30 o'clock. G. A. Spencer Was Sworn: By Mr. Bragaw: Q. Did you know Mr. Holbrook? A. Yes sir. State what you from any statement, if any, made to you by Mr. Miles with respect to the shooting of Mr. Holbrook? A. I went to the floor and looked in and didn't see any one and as I looked around I saw the boy that worked there and he said Mr. Miles was in the shop. Part of the door was closed. Q. Was that the front door? A. Yes sir. One side of the door was closed and I saw Mr. Miles about half way the shop coming out and I said, Miles what is the trouble, what have you been doing? And he said I shot Mr. Holbrook. And I asked him what the trouble was, and he said, I asked Mr. Holbrook for a haircut and he jumped on me and I shot him. Q. Did he make any further

other bullets about it too? A. No sir. Dr. Blount Recalled: By Judge Bragaw: Q. These two wounds that went into the body did you see any sign of them coming out? A. No sir. Q. There was a bullet that went through the front of his coat? A. Yes sir. STATE RESTS R. H. Miles Was Sworn: By Mr. Ward: Q. How long have you lived in Washington? A. Three or four years. Q. What is your business? A. Barber. Q. On the first of January you had a difficulty with Mr. Holbrook? A. Yes sir. Q. Where were you? A. In the shop. Q. Where is that shop? A. On the corner of Market and Main streets. Q. Who controlled the shop? A. Me and Mr. Holbrook had the shop leased until January 6th. Q. As partner? A. Yes sir. Q. How interested? A. Half. Q. Who held the purse strings? A. Mr. Holbrook. Q. Did he have any books and paying off? A. Yes sir. Every Monday morning Mr. Holbrook would figure up and pay the barbers off and me and he would whack up the balance and we would all get our money. Q. Did you have authority to pay him off? A. No sir. Q. On this morning who went to the shop first? A. I always got to the shop first. Q. How long had you been there? A. About 30 minutes. Q. During that 30 minutes what did you do? A. I figured up the checks and sorted them out. Q. What do you mean? A. Every barber has a different check and whatever he takes in he turns in a check for and Mr. Holbrook was cashier. Q. How did you find the checks? A. The checks were all right. How did the checks stand? A. Alright I think. Q. When Mr. Holbrook came down what door did he enter? A. The front door. I said good morning Holly. Mr. Holbrook did not speak to me this morning and I had some checks in my hand and I went over to the door and straightened them up getting ready for a day's work. I went to Mr. Holbrook and said Holly this is the first of the month and I said I am obliged to have some money to pay my grocery bill and he came up in front of me. He had never spoken to me at all and I said Holly you are underminding me. Q. What do you mean? A. Every underminding by not giving me my money. Q. What did you mean? A. He would not give me a check for it. Q. Had he refused? A. No sir. Q. Ever have a difficulty with him? A. No sir. Q. Mad with him? A. No sir. Mr. Holbrook spoke short to me several times and come and 'apoofsted. Q. Cursed him? A. No sir. Q. Tell the court to what extent there was any scuffle to me we have \$86 and something. Q. When was that? A. On the following Monday after Christmas. Q. This happened Thursday? A. Yes sir. Q. That happened Monday morning? A. Yes sir, and Mr. Holbrook said to me we have \$86 and some cents and we will deposit that for rent and we can pay our debts and get everything square. I said Holbrook that is alright but this week and next week would cover that expense and more too. Q. That rent was due the 6th of January? A. Yes sir, and he said let us deposit that money and pay the rent and I said Mr. Holbrook I need money. Q. How much did it take to pay the rent? A. \$40, and I believe there was a barber's bill for \$15 or \$20. I said I have to

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Messrs. J. F. Latham and J. P. Lovelace now in Aurora section in interest of Tobacco and other crops.

J. F. Latham, farm demonstration agent for Beaumont county and John D. Lovelace, of the Beaumont county warehouse, of this city, have gone to Richland township where they expect to remain the balance of the present week in the interest of tobacco growing and other crops in that thriving section. Messrs. Latham and Lovelace expect to pay a visit to Bath, Long Acres and Pantego townships next week with the same end in view.

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A POPULAR YOUNG LADY IS MARRIED

Miss Sallie Cozzy of Williamston, N. C., who for the past three seasons has been the head milliner at the firm of Suskins & Berry, was happily married to Mr. Charles H. Moore, of Graham, Virginia, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Jackson on North Market street yesterday afternoon at 3.45 o'clock. Mr. Stephen Fowler was the groom's best man and Mrs. Eugene Jackson, the bride's dame of honor. The ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. Robert V. Hope, pastor of the Christian church, in the presence of quite a number of friends and relatives of the contracting parties. The bride wore a handsome going-away gown of blue with hat and gloves to match. Immediately after the consummation of the nuptials Mr. and Mrs. Moore drove to the Atlantic Coast Line depot and took the afternoon train for a tour of northern cities after which they will be at their home in West Virginia. The bride since her residence in this city has made a host of friends. She is a woman of culture and attraction. She and her husband have the best wishes of the entire city for a life of happiness and joy.

pay my little debts and furthermore my wife is in the condition that she needed baby dresses and Holbrook said to me the stock holders meet tonight and let us leave the thing off, and I said well I can make out to the first of January and I went on and never said anything about it. Q. Come to Thursday morning? A. Thursday morning I came down as usual and helped the boy clean out the shop and counted out these checks and when he came in I said good morning, and he didn't speak to me, and I had on my coat and hat and got ready to go. I had some checks in my hand and put them on the stand. I came back to Holbrook and went up in front of his chair and said, Holbrook this is the first of the month and I went to pay for my groceries and Mr. Holbrook never paid much attention to me and I stood there a few minutes and I said Holbrook you have underminded me and he hit me. Q. Where did he hit you? A. On the head. Q. What happened. Did you have your hat on? A. Yes sir. I couldn't find my hat and when I got ready to go out Holbrook said, Q— you, get out of here, I am going to run this place from now on and he grabbed this razor in front of his stand and I stepped back and got the gun and I said Holbrook don't come on me with that razor and I fired two or three times shooting down at his legs to stop him and he kept coming until he got in about two feet of me and I raised it and fired the last shot. Q. How far was he from you when you fired the last shot? A. About two or three feet. He threw up his left hand and dropped the razor and I went to the front door and I believe Mr. George Spencer was there. Q. Did you intend to kill him? A. No sir. Q. Ever have a difficulty with him? A. No sir. Q. Mad with him? A. No sir. Mr. Holbrook spoke short to me several times and come and 'apoofsted. Q. Cursed him? A. No sir. Q. Tell the court to what extent there was any scuffle to me we have \$86 and something. Q. When was that? A. On the following Monday after Christmas. Q. This happened Thursday? A. Yes sir. Q. That happened Monday morning? A. Yes sir, and Mr. Holbrook said to me we have \$86 and some cents and we will deposit that for rent and we can pay our debts and get everything square. I said Holbrook that is alright but this week and next week would cover that expense and more too. Q. That rent was due the 6th of January? A. Yes sir, and he said let us deposit that money and pay the rent and I said Mr. Holbrook I need money. Q. How much did it take to pay the rent? A. \$40, and I believe there was a barber's bill for \$15 or \$20. I said I have to

Tobacco Seed Free to Farmers of County For First Planting

Mr. J. F. Latham, agent in charge of the Beaumont county Farm Bureau announces that he has now at his office in the court house for free distribution tobacco seed. The seed are for the farmers who contemplate planting tobacco this season for the time. This is an opportunity to secure seed free. Tobacco the past season proved to be a crop of value and these should be more acres cultivated the coming year. Mr. Latham will gladly furnish any information to the farmers desired.

A New Disease

Trachoma, a serious eye disease, is North Carolina's latest disease. Dr. A. D. Foster, the government expert who went to Western North Carolina about a month ago to look for trachoma, a rare form of infectious eye disease, reports having found a few cases in Caldwell county. Trachoma has recently been found rather prevalent in the mountainous regions of eastern Tennessee and Kentucky, and it is not very surprising to find some of it on the side of the state line. Dr. Foster expects to make a survey of our western counties and if trachoma is found prevalent, endeavor to learn the extent and prevalence of this disease. Trachoma is a very serious, rare and long drawn out disease which usually results in blindness in the course of years if let go unattended. Comparatively little is known about it. We know that it is infectious, i. e., that if a person having trachoma uses a towel, wash cloth, handkerchief or other article which later comes into contact with the eyes of a healthy person, the latter is very likely to contract the disease. In this way members of the same family frequently contract trachoma from each other, and school children also frequently contract it from other children. About the best advice that can be given with reference to avoiding this disease is to avoid the common roller towel. When you avoid such relics of a by-gone civilization as the old roller towel and common drinking cup, you will avoid exposure to several other serious illnesses. Q. Why. A. I was operated on a little over a year or possibly two years ago for appendicitis. Q. Where in this town? A. Yes sir. Q. Dr. D. T. Taylor? A. Yes sir. Q. Have you ever gotten where your wound is entirely well and never hurts? A. No sir. Q. How was Holbrook? A. I think he weighed 176 pounds. Q. Do you know what his strength was compared with yours? A. He was athletic, strong. By Judge Bragaw: Q. Where were you when Holbrook came in the shop that morning? A. Sitting down counting checks. Q. In what part of the shop? A. Back end. Q. Which is nearer the front of the shop, the cash register or Holbrook's chair? A. His chair. Q. You were a little to the rear of his chair. A. He was. Q. Where were you? A. I walked up to Mr. Holbrook in front of his stand. Q. When he came in where did he come? A. He came in and hung up his hat and coat in the closet and I said good morning and I got on then. I had straightened out the checks and I laid them on my stand. Q. Where were you standing when you said you are underminding me? A. In front of Mr. Holbrook right behind his chair. Q. When you spoke of his underminding you it did not have anything to do with the matter of setting the shop for this year? A. No sir, about my money. Q. Was there any trouble between you about the shop? A. No sir. Q. You were going to sever the partnership? A. I thought so. Q. Who was going to run the business? A. Like it had been running. Q. It had been running under the partnership? A. Yes sir. Q. Had you made any effort to get the shop yourself? A. No sir. Q. Were you going to bid for the shop? A. Mr. Holbrook put a bid to buy the shop. I put in a bid to run it the night before. Q. Were you both trying to get the shop for the year 1914? A. Yes. Q. Did you not make an effort to get the shop? A. I put in a bid to run it and Mr. Holbrook put in an offer and he would not sell the shop next year he believed it could be run. Q. Where were you when he said that? A. In the shop. (Continued on page four)

Attempt Made Rob Home of Mrs. Baughman

A would-be burglar was located in the residence of Mrs. Mary Baughman, corner of Second and Reservoir streets last night about 9 o'clock by Mr. Charles Wright, Mr. Wright rooms there and last night worked at store of Walker Credit Company until after 12 o'clock before going to his room. Entering the house he went directly to the room and when there only a shadow white heard some one walking in an adjoining room. Knowing there was no one in the house but Mrs. Baughman and her two young daughters, as two of her sons are away to school and one in the hospital, Mr. Wright at once called and arrested who it was, receiving no answer. He began to investigate only to find a man running down the steps and out of the front door. It was not ascertained whether the intruder was white or black.

K. Hoyt's Daughter Bitten on her Leg By Dog Monday Last

Majorie, the 10-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John K. Hoyt, while engaged in a game of basket ball in her playmates and friends on West Third street Monday afternoon was bitten on one of her limbs in two places by a dog said to belong to Mr. Clinton Marsh. Dr. J. G. Blount was called and rendered the necessary medical aid. While the wounds are yet painful her many friends will be pleased to learn that she is getting on nicely and unless something unforeseen occurs will soon be herself again.

Henry Book Club Changes meeting date To Thursday January 17

The O. Henry Book Club has changed the date for its next meeting. The club was to have met on Thursday afternoon of this week but the meeting has been postponed until Thursday afternoon January 17th when it will meet with Mrs. W. A. B. Branch on Market street. All the members are requested to bring their books and also their program.

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