

Commonwealth

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Machines Stuck. Several machines were stuck in the road and hacks and other vehicles, on other days scornfully abandoned for the big touring cars that ply between Centralia, the nearest railroad station, and the court house, were most popular today.

Court Delayed. The opening of court was delayed by the non-arrival of Prosecutor Wendenburg.

Opened at 10:35. Court convened at 10:35 o'clock. Harry M. Smith, Jr., counsel for the defense, suggested that during the wait for Mr. Wendenburg a canvas be made of the several witnesses for the defense present so that absentees might be brought to the court house.

Excuse Defense Witnesses. Many witnesses for the defense were excused by Mr. Smith as he said "certain phases of the case anticipated" had not been touched upon by the prosecution.

The prosecuting attorney reached the court house at 10:40 after an uncomfortable experience with the muddy roads.

Lady Witness Ill. The court announced that Mrs. M. C. Steger, by a doctor's certificate, had been declared unable to appear in court.

"She's a very important witness for the defense," said Mr. Smith, who suggested that if she had not recovered when needed, a deposition would have to be taken.

Was Hair Pin Mrs. Beattie's. Miss Louise Reams, finally appeared as the prosecution's first witness. She came to the court room with her father.

"Did you know Mrs. Beattie?" asked Prosecutor Wendenburg. "Yes."

"Maid of honor at her wedding were you not?" "Yes."

The Hair Pin. The hair pin alleged to have been worn by Mrs. Beattie on the night of the murder was produced.

"Did Mrs. Beattie wear that kind of hair pin?" "Yes."

Bunco! The witness was excused after a brief cross-examination in which she admitted that the hair was of a kind worn by hundreds of women.

More Detective. Detective Jarrell, who has worked on the case for the prosecution since its inception, was summoned.

Looked for Blood. "Did you look for any blood between the Owen house and the scene of the crime?" "Yes."

"When?" "On the night of the murder and all day following which was Wednesday."

"Did the jury whether there was any other blood spots?" "No."

Found None. "There was none. If there had been I would have been bound to see it, walked a hand down the road, I reckon, more than any other man. I could not find but the one spot."

Did He Know About Boy? "Did you know that Alexander Robertson claimed there were any more blood spots?" "No."

He Didn't. "No, I hadn't found any and I had looked carefully that I paid no attention to what anyone said."

"After the machine was brought to Mr. Owen's how long before it was moved?" "It stood there until after 12 o'clock."

Didn't Drip Any. "Did any blood drip on the ground in front of the house?" "No."

"It is in testimony that an elliptical blood spot, 20 inches by 18 was in front of Mr. Rice's house on Midlothian turnpike. Was such a spot there on Wednesday?" "No."

"Did you examine the road on Thursday?" "Yes."

"Was it there?" "No."

Cross-Examination. On cross-examination Mr. Carter, for the defense, asked the witness why he repeated his search for blood spots. He said he heard of a story concerning other blood spots.

Scherer Corroborates. Detective Scherer testified that he had made several examinations of the road on Wednesday and also on certain portions Friday morning. He found no blood spots. He said he had looked carefully near where young Robertson said he saw the additional spots. Detective Scherer said he accompanied a newspaper reporter, a brother of young Robertson, to the scene of the supposed new spots and found none.

Major Patton Told. Maj. James D. Patton corroborated Mr. Scherer's testimony, having accompanied the detective in his search.

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Uncle of Wife Saw None. Ben Owen, another uncle of the murdered woman, who assisted in the search for blood spots, testified. "I made a careful examination," he said, "of the road from the scene of the crime to my brother Tom's house and saw no blood except the first spot."

Another Sleuth. Thomas Wren, another detective, gave more corroborative testimony on the absence of additional blood spots.

THE DEFENSE. Court Reconvenes. Court reconvened at 12:50 a. m. Hat Pin Evidence Cut. Judge Watson announced to the jury that a motion had been introduced by the defense to remove from evidence all testimony relating to the hair pin and the court had sustained the motion.

No Bloodhound Evidence. Judge Watson added that a motion of the defense had likewise been sustained to eliminate all evidence concerning the action of the bloodhounds at the scene of the crime.

Paul on Stand. Paul D. Beattie was called to the stand by the defense as the first witness.

Had No Gun. "Did you have a shotgun, a single barreled shotgun on your possession while a watchman on the bridge where you worked?" asked H. M. Smith, Jr., counsel for the defense.

Remembered Both. Here G. W. Booth was called by the defense to present while Paul was testifying. Mr. Smith said to Paul Beattie, pointing to Mr. Booth:

"Did you have a conversation with this man concerning the murder?" "Yes."

"Did you tell him that you didn't think your cousin Henry killed his wife because he loved her too well?" "No."

"When you testified before you said you had no conversation with Mr. Booth."

Didn't Know Him. "I didn't know him by name but by sight."

Booth or Stand. Paul was excused by counsel for the defense and Mr. Smith continued with Mr. Booth.

Talked With Paul. "Did you have any conversation with Paul Beattie on the bridge on the Wednesday following the homicide?" "Yes."

"What did he say?" "He said 'well what do you think of Henry?' I said 'I don't know what he meant.' 'Tell,' he said, 'I don't think Henry killed his wife. He always spoke well of her to me.' That was all that was said."

"Did Paul Beattie begin the conversation concerning this?" "Yes."

"Who was present during your conversation?" asked Prosecutor Wendenburg in cross-examination. "No one. Two men came up later."

Mr. Booth was excused. Court then recessed for luncheon. "It's a Lie."

Just before court recessed, H. M. Smith, Jr. counsel for the defense was shown a report that one of the jurors was a friend of Henry Beattie. "It's all a lie," said Mr. Smith. The prisoner himself leaned forward and also denied the report most emphatically.

Paul Again Called. Paul Beattie was called to the stand by counsel for the defense when court reconvened at 2:45 o'clock.

W. F. Baker, a chauffeur, was called at the same time. "I want to ask you," said Mr. Smith to Paul Beattie, "if on Saturday after the coroner's inquest you did not get into an automobile?" "I did."

"Was this man (Baker) in the machine?" "Yes."

"Did you state then that you were going to tell all about the case because your uncle Henry had had your grandmother in a room once and made her sign away everything?" "I made no such statement."

Paul Excused. Paul Beattie was excused. Counsel for the defense here asked Baker what Beattie said in the machine he was driving.

Baker Says. "Paul Beattie said," testified Baker, that he intended to tell everything he knew about the case because his Uncle Henry had made his mother-in-law or grandmother, I don't know which, sign some papers."

The Second Time. It was the second time today the defense had used a witness to impeach the veracity of Paul Beattie.

Mr. Baker, a minute later in cross-examination, denied that he had mentioned "mother-in-law" and "Grandmother" had the stenographer read his record, after which the prosecutor said sarcastically to the witness:

Bad Memory. "So that's the memory you've got. You're trying to tell us accurately a conversation of several weeks ago and yet you show you can't remember two or three minutes. That will be all."

The witness was excused. Senator Simmons Comes Tonight. Senator Simmons will arrive in the city tonight. He will be at the Selwyn. Tomorrow morning early he goes to Matthews, where, as noted elsewhere, he is to speak tomorrow. Accompanying Mr. Simmons will be his private secretary, Mr. A. D. Watts, who will be remembered by the hosts who attended "the" democratic state convention.

Cameron Morrison, an ardent Simmons man and a number of other friends of the senator, will accompany him to Matthews tomorrow.

Senator Simmons returns to Charlotte tomorrow night.

25 KILLED ON BRIDGE. By Associated Press. Paris, Aug. 30.—A railroad bridge in course of construction over a deep gorge near Brail, in the Engadin valley of Switzerland, collapsed last night, carrying with it 25 workmen to the depths below. Twelve of the men were killed and 10 others frightfully injured. The remaining three men have not been accounted for.

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Water Over The Dam!! Let Everybody Cheer—Hip, Hip, Hurrah!! Cyclonic Storm. This news, the best that Charlotte has heard in a month, was conveyed to The News a little after 1 o'clock this afternoon, first by Supt. Vest, and a few minutes later by Water Commissioner Hutchison. The former said: "The pond is full and the water is running over the dam at Irwin's creek!" The latter said: "The water is running over the dam at 1.10. It is running at the rate of 120,000 gallons. We'll have a mass meeting, to celebrate, on the banks of the Catawba." Stories of storms by sea and land—even to the blowing away of the historic old Sardis church transplanted to Villa Heights—sink into insignificance by this news from the dam (thing) at Irwin's creek that the city has been setting up of nights with for a month. All things pale in interest by this news, even the reports of the Beattie trial. Charlotte is Shakespeareally "herself again."

Use All Water You Want. "Please state," said Supt. Vest, "that consumers of water are at liberty to use the water the same as before the period of short supply, and cut-off." Don't forget this date—August 30, 1911—the day the water ran over the dam at the water reservoir, ending an unique chapter in Charlotte's book of experience.

(Written Before 10 O'Clock.) The water board and everybody connected with the water works office has on a smile that won't come off on account of the rain. Said Commissioner D. P. Hutchison this morning: "There hasn't been such a rain here since Tat's visit—i. e. for the time being."

The reports from both watersheds were such as to add to their breadth of the smile. Supt. Vest reported from Stewart's Creek that "it is running bank full." A small break in the dam (Stewart's Creek) which occurred day before yesterday was repaired yesterday and everything is all right from that creek. Not Up to Top Yet. Before the Taft rain of the morning, the report from the dam at Irwin's Creek was to the effect that the water leaked two feet and nine inches of being up to the top of the dam. When it gets full a special dispensation is to be gotten out allowing everybody to say—just once—"the pond is a damn full!"

Supt. Vest, the water board, and Mr. Fred Oliver, will lead the chorus. The heavy rain between 8 and 9 o'clock helped the pond some inches, but the time for profane outburst is not yet.

Water Trains Discontinued. Officer Killough, who is in charge at the Irwin Creek pumping station, and now efficient thereat, was phoned this morning and asked for news. He replied: "We have more water than news—which was the best news he could have given."

Mr. Killough reported a discontinuance of river trains since yesterday morning at 7 o'clock. Ten tanks came in, but were emptied into the settling basin. "The Irwin and Stewart's Creeks," said Mr. Killough, "have furnished all the water we have been using since Sunday. We have not pumped any from Irwin's Creek."

The last water train returned to the river early this morning. The Columbia (S. C.) steamer is still at the river, but with a few more good rains it is thought the steamer can be returned to the kind folks who lent it, in a short time. Briar Creek and the big filter are not needed at present, but it is good to know they are "to hand."

Figures of Interest. Supt. Vest furnishes the following dam figures—Water ceased to flow over the dam. May 10—Flowed over the dam. May 26—Ceased to flow. June 9—Flowed over the dam. June 13—Ceased and has not flowed over the dam since until today.

GAMES POSTPONED. By Associated Press. Philadelphia, Aug. 30.—Philadelphia-Chicago double-header postponed, wet grounds. Two games tomorrow. Brooklyn, N. Y., Aug. 30.—Cincinnati-Brooklyn, both games postponed, rain.

SECRET MARRIAGE OUT. Having kept their marriage a secret from everybody except two people, Mr. W. Davis and Miss Mabel Clanton, of Steel Creek township, yesterday took one or two more friends into their confidence and gave it out that they were married about ten months ago, or last Thanksgiving night at 9 o'clock, by Rev. Mr. Vest, at his home on the Beattie's Ford road.

There were two witnesses only. Mr. Gilreath Davis, a brother of the groom, and Miss Maude Craig, of the Presbyterian College, a special friend of the bride, who was visiting her at the time. The young people were attending a party at the home of Mr. Paul Mitchell on the Steel Creek road just beyond Mr. W. M. Long's. The date of the marriage had been fixed at Wednesday, August 6, but the continued ill health of the bride's mother caused the young people to reconsider their plans. They therefore decided to get married right away and keep the matter a secret from everybody except the brother of the groom and the chum of the bride.

The young people therefore drove to the residence of Rev. Mr. Vest, on the Beattie's Ford road, were married and went back to their respective homes. Both bride and groom are popular among a large circle of acquaintances. The groom is a member of the firm of Davis Bros., the progressive mercantile firm at the intersection of the Southern Railway track and the Steel Creek road. The bride is the accomplished and attractive daughter of Mr. John B. Clanton, one of the most progressive and prosperous farmers of the county, who lives a short distance below the city on the Steel Creek road.

EXPERIENCE WITH HIGH TIDE. Mr. Joseph H. Wearn and family of East Seventh street, returned last night from Wrightsville. They got the benefit of the Charleston storm to a degree that made life interesting for a spell on Sunday afternoon. A high tide sent every one from the beach to seek shelter in the hotel and cottages. The Irwin cottage, where Mrs. Wearn and family were visiting had water under it to the depth of a foot and half. "There was no damage," said Mr. Wearn, "but the situation was not comfortable."

TO VISIT MRS. HARRISON. Mrs. C. E. Harrison, of East Vance street, is to have a delightful visitor for a week—her aunt, Mrs. Edgar Gray, of Columbus, Ga. Mrs. Gray is a prominent society woman of Columbus. She will be with Mrs. Harrison.

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