

Tillman and Haywood Both Acquitted.

In the acquittal of Tillman in South Carolina, and Haywood in North Carolina, the expected happened. The two cases have attracted so much attention, and are so significant, that every one is interested in them for one cause or another. The best summing up of them is the following from the Charlotte Observer:

"Contrary to expectation at the time of the slaying of Slaughter by Haywood, the defence established, beyond doubt, that an affray had preceded the shooting and that Haywood was struck by Skinner. It was proved just as conclusively that having struck the blow, Skinner began a backward movement and was shot and killed while in retreat. The jury has said that the killing under these circumstances was no crime. To this, public opinion will not assent. It was not murder in the first degree—the State yielded that point, but it was a crime of a lower degree; it was an offence against the criminal law, and all the verdicts of all the juries cannot reverse that stubborn fact. But the defendant had family and personal influence, money, a powerful array of counsel, and, best of all, the judge appeared for him. One of the jurors has told a Raleigh paper that the jury did not deliberate on the case more than two or three minutes after receiving the charge—that the remaining twelve or fifteen minutes it was out the jurors were occupied in packing their clothes.

"As in the case above, the expected happened in the Tillman case. Here the defendant shot down and killed an unarmed man who was making no demonstration toward him—shot him down without word of warning. Gonzales had lashed his slayer without mercy. It is no wonder that he writhed under the daily exposure of his personal and official delinquencies. It, in the passion excited by these attacks, he had slain his assailant, a great deal of the best public sentiment of the country would have had a measure of charity for him. But he was defeated for the nomination for Governor, the attacks upon him ceased, and months afterwards he took vengeance upon his adversary when the latter had no reason to expect an attack. A pretense of a case of self defence was made out, but so careful a paper as the Yorkville Enquirer expresses no doubt that much of this testimony was perjured, and it does not need the expression of this opinion from any paper, but it is a conservative, to lead the careful reader of the testimony to the same conclusion.

"But God Almighty has implanted a conscience in the breast of every man, and there are two men, acquitted of murder in the two Carolinas within the past two days, and set free, who will be haunted to their graves by two white faces."

In the light of these two acquittals one feels like saying a hundred things at first, and the next feeling is one of helplessness—the uselessness in saying anything. Then comes also a fear that what one may say might help along, even to a slight degree, the feeling of distrust of the courts that is now already too great. God knows there is little enough respect for the law and the courts in this country already. Some time ago the leading newspaper of the State made the statement, apparently as a matter of common place knowledge, that a negro couldn't get justice in the courts of North Carolina. Immediately a great hue and cry was made that the honorable courts of great North Carolina had been slandered and the judicial crime trailed in the dust. Now let these papers who made the cry show that a white man of influential family, money and friends, with the best lawyers in the State, can not escape justice. Let them also call for the impeachment of a judge who makes himself an instrument in the escape of the powerful criminal. They will then have plenty of time to worship at the feet of the blind goddess.

For our part, we think that the North Carolina case shows a worse state of affairs than the South Carolina one. Down there a member of the political oligarchy which rules the State had gotten his neck in danger, and the oligarchy had to save him one way or the other. It did it by open trickery and corruption seen of all men. When the people get tired of the oligarchy they have some chance of turning it out. In Raleigh the case was different. There was no political pressure. There was no judicial juggling in the selection of time and place and judge for holding court. There was only a manifestation of the lamentable weakness or our system which selects the weakest vessels in the community for jurors when a capital case is to be tried, and arrays a battalion of strong lawyers to bulldoze a weak judge and to make monkeys out of ignorant jurors. The bar has become stronger than the bench; the defense side of the bar has become stronger than the prosecution that is, in cases of this kind, in cases where a helpless negro without money or friends is dragged from a jail where he has been since arrest with no opportunity to get testimony or counsel. The State's most noble prosecuting officer is a holy terror, and the little battling of a lawyer with license yet warm in his pocket, who is assigned at the last moment, without experience, witnesses, or time for getting either, to defend the prisoner, quails before him. The darkey is hustled off to the chain gang and the honorable solicitor pockets his fee for another conviction.

But why rail? There is but one resort. That is public opinion, and it moves with century slowness. Some times it never moves.

A Love Letter
Would not interest you if you're looking for a guaranteed Salve for Sores, Burns or Piles. Otto Dodd of Ponder, Mo., writes: "I suffered with an ugly sore for a year, but a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me. It's the best Salve on earth. 25c. at English Drug Co's."

KILLED HIS THREE CHILDREN

A Buncombe County Physician, Crazy from Drink, Drives His Wife from Home and Beats His Children to Death With a Claw Hammer.

Asheville Special, 27th, to Charlotte Observer. Transformed into a monster after a week's debauch, Dr. J. Y. Jay, a physician of prominence in the northern part of Buncombe county, today drove his wife from home, brutally murdered his three children, and attempted to burn down his house. The man became violent last night, and after going home terribly abused his wife. Mrs. Jay had put the children to bed, and was endeavoring to quiet her husband, when the man attacked her and drove her out of the house. She went to the home of Thomas Dillingham, not far from where she lived, and there spent the night. Returning to her home this morning she found her husband in a dangerous mood. The man was even worse than before. Jay was continually looking for his pistol, threatening to exterminate the whole family.

Little Miss Mary Burns and the writer had the pleasure of gathering shells at Wrightsville Beach this fall. Miss Ada Thomas, who has been quite low with typhoid fever, is recovering. Much success to The Monroe A FRIEND.

Prize Winners in the Pie and Cake Contest.

Marshallville, Oct. 19.—Died on Saturday morning, 17th inst., at the home of Mr. Robt. Stegall, Miss Emma Little, sister of Mrs. Stegall. Miss Little had been sick for sometime. Her remains were interred at the cemetery here Sunday afternoon.

The cake and pie contest given by the ladies of the Presbyterian church came off Friday night. Quite a number of beautifully trimmed cakes and pies were on exhibition. First prize, given by the W. J. Rudge Co., was awarded to Mrs. J. E. Dowd for best and prettiest cake. First prize for best standard pie, given by Rev. Geo. H. Atkinson, was won by Mrs. Sarah Hallman. Mrs. Hallman also won the prize for best two-crust pie. The prize for best pie for dyspeptics was given to Mrs. G. A. Grant. Prize for pie made by girl of twelve years was won by Miss Floy Myers.

The editor of Our Home and Sons, Masters Ingram and Brugg, spent last Wednesday in Charlotte. Mr. and Mrs. Will Lee, Miss Wilma Armfield and Mrs. Hudson spent Wednesday of last week here. Mr. C. H. Bivens, who had an operation performed for cancer some time ago, was in town one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Moore, of Book Rest spent Friday with relatives here.

Misses Annie Stewart and Alice Marsh spent Sunday at Mr. John Q. Griffin's. Mrs. R. H. Moore came up from Hamlet today to spend sometime with relatives. Dr. Redfeair brought his usual crowd to town today, we judge from the looks of the mouths of the people on the streets.

The students of Marshallville Academy will give a public entertainment Friday night. Mr. Chas. Howie of Mineral Springs spent Sunday here. J.

Confessions of a Priest.

Rev. Jno. S. Cox of Wake, Ark., writes: "For twelve years I suffered from Yellow Jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all sorts of medicines, but got no relief. Then I began the use of Electric Bitters and feel that I am now cured of a disease that had me in its grasp for twelve years." If you want a reliable medicine for Liver and Kidney trouble, stomach disorder or general debility, get Electric Bitters. It's guaranteed by English Drug Co. Only 50c.

Notice.

All our notes, mortgages and accounts were due Oct. 1, '03, except some who have been owing us for years and years and act like they thought if they were to happen to pay these honest debts the world would come to an end and over then their days would be over for deceiving people (and it ought to be). We will say to such who owe us, we intend to collect from you at once if possible. To one and all we will say that we need our money and hope you will settle at once and save trouble, etc.

MORALE MERCHANTILE CO. Country Produce. I sell butter, chickens, eggs, and produce so fast that I can't buy enough. If you have any to sell don't sell a bit of it until you see me. I want it. S. R. DOSTER.

Olive Branch Items.

Olive Branch, Oct. 17.—We have had a delightful fall so far. The leaves are turning a beautiful red and golden hue. I am glad the law of the State protects the birds. On last Sunday afternoon while at prayer services at the Baptist church, a sweet singing mocking bird, perched in a tall magnificent oak near the church door, chanted his merry lay in a low, soft tone which made heaven seem not so far away.

Mr. J. O. Griffin and wife of Charlotte are spending some time with their son, Mr. Baxter Griffin, of this place. Seems quite natural to see his seat filled again in church. Rev. Mr. Stephenson will deliver his last sermon for this year at the M. E. Church at this place Sunday night.

From indications look out for another matrimonial cyclone ere long. Some may get caught that escaped the other cyclone. Miss Mitonie Sinclair and her father spent Thursday at Marshallville. Little Miss Mary Burns and the writer had the pleasure of gathering shells at Wrightsville Beach this fall.

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