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BELKS WERE ACQUITTED.
Jury Remained Out Only a Short
Time--Prisoners Reieased But Time--Prisoners Relassalt on
Held Under Bond for Assaut Stack-Judge Allen Oives Defendants Advice. After being out about four hours
last Wedinesday, the jury in the case last Wednesday, the jury in the case
of Gus, Will and Winifred Belk of Gus, Will and Winifred Beik,
charged with the murder of Ben charged with the murder of non guilty. There is no question that
the verdict was a surprise to the pablic. At the request of the solicior the men were put under bond
for appearance to stand trial for assuult upon Walter Stack, the man
who was in the fight when Hunter was killed. On giving bonds the
on defendants were released and soon
left for their homes. On dismissing left for their homes. On dismissing
the defendants, Judge Allen said:
II "I do not think that you shonld
go out with a feeling of exultation. I have been trying cases oree. North not been in the habit of criticizing the verdicts of juries, and I will not
criticize this one, but I have never seen men make a closer escape with their lives. I was not sure that the
jury ought to have brought in a ver diet of murder in the first degree, but I did not expect an acquittal.
And had they brought in a verdict And bad they brought in a verdict
of less than murder in the first degree, I should mare sentenced each You ought to go home now and remember that gou have taken the life gu
When The Journal weat to press
last week the evidence bad been concluded and the lawyers were speaking. Redwine \& Sikes for the
State, and McNeely \& McNeely and
Wind defliams, Lemmond spoke during the day on Tuesday, and Judga Osborne for the defense and Solicitor Stack spoke at the solicitor finished his argument. Judge Osborne began at $7: 30$ and
occupied more than two hours. His occupied more than two hours. His
address was a masterly presentation address was a masterly presentation
of the case for the defendants. The solicitor spoke a little more than an
hour, making a powerful argument in behalf of the State and terribly arraigning the prisoners at the bar
for what he called the most cowardfor what he called the most cowardly murder ever committed in North
Carolina. Allen charged the jury
Judge all Judge Allen charged the jury
Wednesday morning, his charge being very clear and impartial, and the jury retired at 11 oclock,
turning their verdict at three. George Mlahew Gets New Tri George Nlahew Gets New Trial.
George Mahew, the negro George Jahew, the negro convict-
ed last August with Charles B. Plyler for the murder of Waiter Parks, was granted a new trial last Wednesday by Judge Allen.
Alien did not sentence IIahow, be
lieving that there were grave doubts on for a new trial last Wednesday, Judge Allen stated that he had gone
over the evidence very carefully, and as Mahew was tried with another
man, he thought he was instifed in granting the new trial. Hahew was
released on bond of $\$ 400$. Counsel
tor Plyler are mat for Plyler are making strong effort
to get his sentence commuted to life o get his sent.
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