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COLLAPSES AT SIGHT OF PHOTOGRAPH

Peyton Poole on Trial For
Murder in Baltimore

MURDERED HIS NIECE BY SHOOTING

Poole Put on Stand in Own Defense—
Witnesses Tell of Two Attempts
at Suicide by Poole—Girl's
Letters Read—Much
Interest.

Baltimore, Md., April 29.—Brought face to face with the picture of his niece, Viola Poole, and the many letters which she had written to him, Peyton Poole, on trial at Towson for killing her, again collapsed, this time on the witness stand, and it was some time before he was revived. His apparent horror when he saw the photograph of his victim caused a sensation. He was the first important witness of the day, and followed several of his relatives and former friends, who said that he had acted queerly previous to the shooting. His answers to questions were slow and frequently meaningless. "Did you shoot Viola?" he was asked. "No," he replied. "I haven't seen her. The last time I heard of her she was in Baltimore."

Sometimes he waited two or three minutes before answering a question. Asked about the trip he took to Frederick, he said he spent \$75 or \$80 to get dresses for the wedding, and when she reached Frederick she decided not to marry. The letters which Poole identified as having been written to him by his niece were submitted in evidence. Many of them contained requests for money and tokens of endearment. Several of them urged him to come to Baltimore and take her to resorts. In one letter she said: "I look up to you as a father," and in another, after saying she loved him, she wrote "this is not hot air just for the purpose of getting money from you."

Poole's eldest brother, S. N. Poole, of Germantown, Md., was the first witness. He said that Poole had shown signs of mental derangement after visiting his niece. Miss Irene Snyder, another niece of Poole's, said that he had often acted queerly and had attempted to kill himself several times. Haller Snyder, who was in partnership with the prisoners in the threshing business for two years, was then called and he said the first attempt followed a love affair with a girl whom the witness did not know and at the time Poole tried to jump from a window. The second time was two weeks before the shooting when, after a visit to Viola, the prisoner tried to get some poison and said he wanted to die.

The last witness for the defense was Dr. E. B. Shoemaker, who declared the prisoner was suffering from paranoia. Here the defense rested and in rebuttal the State called Jacob Hagan, a civil war veteran who said he had known Poole all his life and believed him to be perfectly sane. Mrs. Durst, who had both Poole and his niece at boarders at the time of the shooting, testified to the same effect. Mr. John O. Watkins, Noah Watkins, Louis C. Frazier, and Mrs. Wm. Watkins, all of Montgomery county, also testified along this line. Court then adjourned.

FIRE IN ROANOKE— 8 ARE DEAD

Mother and Children Burned
in Home

THREE CHILDREN ESCAPED NARROWLY

Mrs. J. H. Nunn, Widow, and Seven
Children, Ranging in Age From
Grownups to Infants,
Were Victims—
Details.

Roanoke, Va., April 29.—Mrs. J. H. Nunn and seven children, ranging in age from grownups to an infant, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home in southwest Roanoke at 1:15 Friday morning. Three of the total of ten children escaped by leaping from windows. Mrs. Nunn was a widow, her husband having died a year ago.

The dead: Mrs. J. H. Nunn; Georgia Nunn 22; Stafford 3; Dillard, 11; Lucile, 6; Helen, 5; Another child, under 5, name not learned. One body of a child is not yet removed from the building. From the scant details obtainable it appears that little property damage resulted from the blaze which was soon extinguished after the arrival of the fire department.

TABERNACLE REVIVAL DRAWS LARGE CROWDS.

Will Continue All Next Week—Much
Interest Manifest.

Pastor Allen Shuler, of the Baptist Tabernacle preached to another large congregation again last night. His text was: "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him," 2 Cor. 5:21.

The preacher defined sin; drew a picture of sin; showed that first parents were deceived by sin; that Satan is still carrying on his campaign of deception; that the seat of sin and unbelief is in the heart; that no man can be "good-hearted," unless his heart is right with God, and closed this part of his discourse with an appeal "Be not deceived; God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."

He next discussed imputed sin and imputed righteousness. He showed: How the human race are sinners by nature; what it must be by Grace; How Jesus Christ took upon Himself the sins and guilt of the world; and how He became sin that we might be made Righteousness in Him. He closed with an appeal to his audience, declaring the word of reconciliation had been committed, unto the messengers of Christ, and that one of the chief causes of indifference and hard-heartedness on part of the world today, is due largely to the lack of plain preaching.

Slipping Swain Is Almost Centenarian.
Little Rock, Ark., April 29.—Not waiting for June, B. R. Bailey, aged 93, and Mrs. Martha Griffin, aged 48, of Sylamore, have eloped and become man and wife.

A friend went to Mountain View and obtained the license, which the groom feared might be refused to him. Bailey is a well preserved man for 93 years, retaining his hearing and eyesight.

Freight Haul for His 240 Pound Diva.
New York, April 29.—Because the New York managers of the Municipal Opera Company, of Palermo, supplied Teresa Lina Paoletti, the 240-pound prima donna, with a more massive stage, Francesco Bartolotta, the impresario of the company, asked that a new one be had.

EXPRESSIONS ON "SPECIAL COUNTY COURT"

We publish below a letter from Hon. James A. Bryan, of this city, who is too well known to need any introduction from us.

Mr. Bryan was mayor of New Bern two years ago, has served as Chairman Board of County Commissioners of this County, as well as represented the County in the State Legislature. He is acquainted with the County Government and his opinion regarding the establishment of a "Special Court for Craven County" will no doubt be read with interest by the people of this county:

Editor New Bern SUN:
Dear Sir:—Replying to your queries as to my opinion about the establishment of a Special Court for the County of Craven, I beg to say that I am unqualifiedly opposed to it and heartily endorse the views of the various members of the last and present Board of County Commissioners and others, especially those of the City Attorney, the Hon. W. D. McIver, which you have already published.

If I could see any way in which it would reduce the expenses of the County I would gladly endorse it, but as I cannot I shall vote AGAINST it and hope the good people of the County will do likewise.

If it is the desire to lighten the burdens of the people it seems to me that many things claimed for the special court can be better accomplished by enlarging the jurisdiction of the Mayor and conferring upon him the same power that would be exercised by the Court.

We pay him a salary of \$1,000 per year and will have to pay him the same if the Court is established. That being so, why should we take the business from him and turn it over to a Special Court at an additional cost of \$2,400.00 per year? I can see nothing but additional expense attending the establishment of this Court and I cannot believe that our people wish to create any more unnecessary office-holders for Craven County to do what can be done and better done by the Mayor of the city and for ONE-THIRD THE COST. I shall therefore, as I have said, vote AGAINST it myself, and hope those who have the interest of the county at heart will do the same.

Respectfully,
JAMES A. BRYAN.

Bridgeton, N. C., April 27, 1911.

MR. O. G. DUNN,
New Bern, N. C.

Dear Sir:—Yours of 25th instant to hand and in reply will say that I think that the people of Bridgeton are ALL AGAINST the "Special County Court." Of course there may be a few who favor it, but I think ALL ARE AGAINST IT.

Respectfully,
N. C. BROOKS,
Mayor Bridgeton.

PROBESTINE'S BODY TAKEN TO NEW YORK

Bride of Four Months Came
for Body

HUSBAND LOST LIFE IN BURNING CAR

Wife Was on Way to Join Husband
When He Was Burned to Death
in a Car at Rocky Mount
—Dead Man Was
Well Known.

Rocky Mount, April 29.—Mrs. J. Probestine, a bride of four months, accompanied by her father and a brother of her dead husband, Mr. Probestine, arrived in the city from New York and left yesterday afternoon for the north with the body of J. Probestine, the victim of the Pullman car fire in this city at an early hour Thursday morning. The remains were given to an undertaker upon an order by the railroad officials, and they were later carried to the Cambridge hotel upon a request of several acquaintances and friends of the traveling salesman in this city. He was known here by several friends and Rocky Mount was included in the southern territory worked by him. Friends who knew him, and those who did not, have done everything possible within their power to minister comfort to the bereaved widow and relatives, while flowers in abundance around the burial casket evidence the fact that the community has been touched deeply by his untimely and horrible death. Among the floral designs is one from the Masonic lodge of this city, the deceased being a member, while another is from the traveling men now at the local hotel.

It was learned yesterday that Mrs. Probestine was en route from Philadelphia to Richmond at the time that her husband met his death and that he was to have met her in Richmond on yesterday. It having been his intention to make the jump from Charleston to Richmond. Flagman J. C. Russ and Mail Transfer Clerk W. F. Ireland are still in the hospital, but will recover.

Fell on Brake Cord and Saved His Life.

Cloyton, N. J., April 29.—Harry Moncrief, of Clayton, had a hair-raising escape from death while attempting to board a moving electric train from the wrong side. He had run half a mile to catch the train and was so nearly exhausted that he lost his hold on the handrail as the train swung around the first curve. The man was thrown directly between two cars, but fortunately in his fall he struck the automatic brake cord, which stopped the train so suddenly that passengers were thrown from their seats. Moncrief was picked up with the car wheels only a few inches from his head.

both lumber laden for Philadelphia. &eudcate5chrdu cmfw cmf vbgvb

The U. S. S. Elfrida, captain Tom C. Daniels, will leave tonight for Beaufort and Cape Lookout with the New Bern division of Naval Reserves on board. The barge Saturn, of the J. W. Munn Transportation Company, of Philadelphia, arrived in port this morning from Baltimore in tow of the tug Frank K. Ehrick with a cargo of fertilizer for the New Bern Cotton Oil and Fertilizer mill.

The barge Orion, of the J. W. Munn Transportation Company, of Philadelphia, arrived in port this morning from Philadelphia, light to load a cargo of lumber at Munger & Bennett's mill.

STATE S. S. ASSOCIATION ADJOURNED

Closed Its Sessions at High
Point Yesterday

NEW OFFICERS WERE ELECTED

Asheville Will Be Next Place of Meet-
ing—Work Will Be More Ex-
tensive and Effective This
Year—Officers Were
Elected.

High Point, April 30.—The promise is that the work of the State Sunday School Association of North Carolina will be enabled, as a result of the convention which closed here this evening, to carry on its work more extensively and effectively the coming year than in the past. A budget of five thousand dollars has been recommended for this purpose and the convention has been asked to pledge four thousand dollars of the amount. Last evening Marion Lawrence presented this matter and pledges to the amount of two thousand dollars were made. In the morning other pledges were made and the amount yet to be secured is \$1,664. It is believed this will be secured before the convention adjourns.

This morning the question of the place for holding the next session of the convention was presented and Asheville was made the unanimous choice of the body.

Another important feature of the morning session was the report of the nominating committee. This committee nominated the following named as officers of the convention for the coming year, and they were elected, as follows:

President—W. R. Odell, Concord.
Vice-President—A. M. Scales, of Greensboro; John T. Pullen, Raleigh; Lewis Collins, Asheville.
Treasurer—E. B. Crow, Raleigh.
The Executive Committee will elect the General Secretary.
Superintendents of departments elementary, Mrs. E. R. Michaux, of Greensboro. Home to be supplied by the executive committee.
Teacher Training, J. C. Wooten, of Wilmington. Organized adult class, T. B. Eldridge, Raleigh. Visiting, Miss Dora Redding Randleman, missionary, Mrs. Dr. Whitsett, Greensboro.
Member of International Committee, N. B. Broughton, Raleigh, vice-president of International committee from North Carolina, George W. Watts, Durham.

New Bern Lime Company.
Raleigh, N. C., April 29.—The Carolina Coast Lime Company of New Bern was chartered yesterday with \$100,000 capital, \$13,000 paid in, to mine marl and limestone and to manufacture fertilizers. The incorporators are J. Council Brown, James A. Bryan, George H. Roberts and C. W. Munger, of New Bern.

Love in a cottage isn't bad, if you also own a house in town. The upper crust of society isn't always founded upon dough.

26 Years of Age, Married Four Times.
Sayre, Pa., April 29.—Mrs. Pearl Ellis is only 26 years old, but she is now living with her fourth husband. Her third died less than two months ago.

Her charms first won a man named Brown. The divorce court permitted her to marry a Mr. Hare. Again the divorce court permitted her to change her name, and she had two suitors. One was Pearl Ellis; the other was Cyrus Babcock. Babcock won.

Eight weeks ago he was taken ill and Ellis was at his bedside seven weeks ago to close his eyes in death. Three days later Ellis was a bride. Now he is a bridegroom.