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DR. GRISSOM ACQUITTED.

After a month of taking of testimony, squabbling over points of law, and speech-making, Dr. Eugene Grissom, Superintendent of the Raleigh Insane Asylum, has been acquitted of the charges for which he was tried by the directors of that institution.

We know none of the parties, and speak only for the interest of the State when we say that the verdict was a surprise and against the better judgment of the whole people.

We were convinced in our own mind, before half the testimony was taken, that Dr. Grissom was guilty of gross immorality. We believe so still, and think the evidence bears us out in the opinion. We do not believe that he really meant to be cruel to patients, but his treatment in some instances was harsh to say the least.

As to the misappropriation of supplies of the institution it was clearly shown that Dr. Grissom at times appropriated some small article of diet to his own use, yet we believe him to be an honest man so far as his dealings with men go.

We do not think he would defraud any man out of a dollar in a business transaction, yet he had no right to use that which did not belong to him, even if he did not try to conceal the fact from his employees. It was not right, though strictly construed could not be called dishonest because he made no effort to conceal it.

But what does and should condemn Dr. Grissom most in the public mind is the licentious liberties he took and attempted with some female employees of the asylum, who were subordinates under him.

We hope that Dr. Grissom will relieve the people of his presence at the head of the Asylum, by his resignation. The people want a man as Superintendent who can control his temper, and one who is not in the habit of kissing women in a "fatherly manner."

Below we append some opinions, taken at random, from the State press:

Dr. Grissom's testimony does not help him out very much. He admits so much of the testimony of the prosecuting attorneys that his statement could well be taken as a corroboration of the whole of theirs. Matters have doubtless gotten into a very bad way at the Raleigh Asylum, which everybody who has read the reports of the investigation greatly regrets.

In our opinion enough has been proven to warrants the removal of Dr. Grissom from the Superintendency of the Asylum. The man who occupies this position should be above the shadow of suspicion, and that is just what Grissom is not in the minds of a very large number of the citizens of North Carolina.

Dr. Grissom denied every charge made against him except of kissing Mrs. Perkins, and said he only did that through sympathy for her, and he thought she understood it as such. This may or may not be true, but if true, we think an official, especially one holding as responsible position as does Dr. Grissom should not so far forget himself as to let his sympathy get so much the better of his judgment.

This is a strange country! Dr. Eugene Grissom, Superintendent of the North Carolina Insane Asylum is an unattracted (?) man to-day because the Board of Directors said so Saturday, notwithstanding the strong and damaging evidence brought against him by honorable and reliable witnesses. We have no spite against Dr. Grissom, but judging from the testimony given we have every reason to believe that he is a bad man, and is guilty of every charge.—Goldsboro Headlight.

We had thought and still think that the witnesses, W. P. King, Mrs.

Perkinson, Miss Ella Edwards; and Emanuel Jones, were as much entitled to belief as Dr. Grissom and his witnesses, with the Rogers letters thrown in, which we never did believe ought to have been admitted, yet we never had the slightest idea that Grissom would be found guilty by the "jury" before whom he was tried. We honestly believe that they went there biased in favor of Grissom and remained so through the trial, and it was simply trying a man before a set of men who had made up their minds to clear him when they first sat down to hear the case. We think more strongly now that Whitaker and Waddell, and their clients and witnesses had just as well have remained at home. We have never seen a more one-sided set of men in our life.—Goldsboro Mercury.

We were in our last issue misled by the evidence, which appeared in one of the Raleigh papers. Later in the week we had more time to examine into the testimony, and was convinced as the minority of the Board that the evidence in the case sustained a part of the charges, and that Dr. Grissom should have been expelled from the asylum.—Durham Recorder.

Without saying anything as to the guilt or innocence of any one of a single charge whatever, the fact that this investigation has been made (even granting that there was no cause for it), demands a thorough cleaning out. Give us a clean sweep. We believe nothing else will be acceptable to the people at large.—Henderson Gold Leaf.

If the Raleigh Asylum is to be maintained as an asylum Dr. Grissom will have to be removed from the Superintendency. The people will not submit to having such a stigma on the institution as would necessarily rest upon it with him at its head. The verdict of the people is already made up. If the verdict of the Board does not coincide with that of the people, it is only a question of a short time until the latter verdict will prevail. Doctor Rogers should also be investigated.—Newton Enterprise.

We have this to say, with much confidence in our opinion, the people want a new administration of affairs at the North Carolina Insane Asylum at Raleigh. They want a Superintendent and a second assistant physician there above suspicion or reproach. No man knows what day God may deprive him of his reason, and he may have to take up his abode in that asylum for treatment. This thought comes to all of us, and none can conceive of a greater hell on earth than the confinement in a mad house, tortured by the cruelty and brutality of an angry and badly tempered superintendent. Dr. Grissom's own evidence convicts him of cruelty and an unbecoming temper. If there is one on earth that ought to receive all kindness and comfort the human heart and human minds can afford, it is the poor unfortunate insane.—Sanford Express.

Dr. Grissom was acquitted on the charge of gross immorality by a vote of 5 to 3, and on the charges of cruelty to patients and misappropriation of public supplies by a vote of six to two. This is the verdict of the board of directors; but the verdict of that other "jury of his peers," the intelligent people of North Carolina, will, in our opinion, be: "Guilty in manner and form as charged in the indictment." Doctor Grissom ought to resign; and the oscillatory demonstration of "sympathy" should be forever banished from our charitable institutions.

Five to three, within one vote of a tie, does not place Dr. Grissom where he ought to be, above suspicion, if he expects to remain in the position he now holds.

For the good of the Insane Asylum, for the good of the State, for his own good, we repeat, Dr. Grissom should follow the example of Dr. Rogers.—Wilmington Star.

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A despatch from Easton, Pa., says: Jos. A. Stack, ticket agent here for the New Jersey Central Railroad Company, was last night discovered short in his accounts and this morning committed suicide by shooting himself in the left temple. The deed was committed in an outbuilding, at the residence of Mrs. Dr. J. P. Hoff, whose husband is in the Norristown asylum. Stack left a note giving a description of the jewelry belonging to himself and Mrs. Hoff, and stating that they could be found at the pawn shop.

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He Murders His Parents at Midnight.

CHICAGO, July 27.—A Times' special from Mason City, Iowa, says: Wednesday night in Elk township, Clayton county, West Elk, but little more than eleven years of age, murdered his father and stepmother. After committing the crime he took his infant sister in a carriage and drove four miles to a neighbor, reporting he had discovered his parents murdered and fled to preserve his own and his sisters life. Yesterday he confessed the patricide, to Judge Hatch. West Elk, related the story of his crime. He had had some difficulty with his father. The night of the murder he slept in the barn. Between 2 and 3 o'clock he got up and went into the house and took down the rifle which was hanging in the kitchen, loaded it and went into the room where his father and mother and sister were sleeping. "I placed the muzzle of the rifle near my father's head," he says, "and sent a bullet through his brain. This frightened my mother and she arose and knowing that I was discovered, I went into the kitchen, seized a club, went back into the bedroom and killed my mother. I stayed around the house about thirty minutes, then decided to arouse the neighbors. I took the baby from the bed where it had laid between its dead mother and father, took it into an adjoining bedroom, removed its bloodstained clothing and with it in my arms went to the neighbors and related the crime that had been committed, but shielded myself. I am guilty of the crime."

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A report reached this city yesterday to the effect that Wm. Clapp, a white man living at Bakersville, and a former deputy for Mitchell county, had been stabbed and killed in an attempt to separate two other men engaged in a fight at Bakersville Monday evening.—Asheville Citizen.

Lost.

Somewhere in Green Lake neighborhood, a small, yellow dog puppy, with a white stripe on his nose and breast. A suitable reward will be paid to finder, on returning the animal to its owner. THEODORE WEILL.

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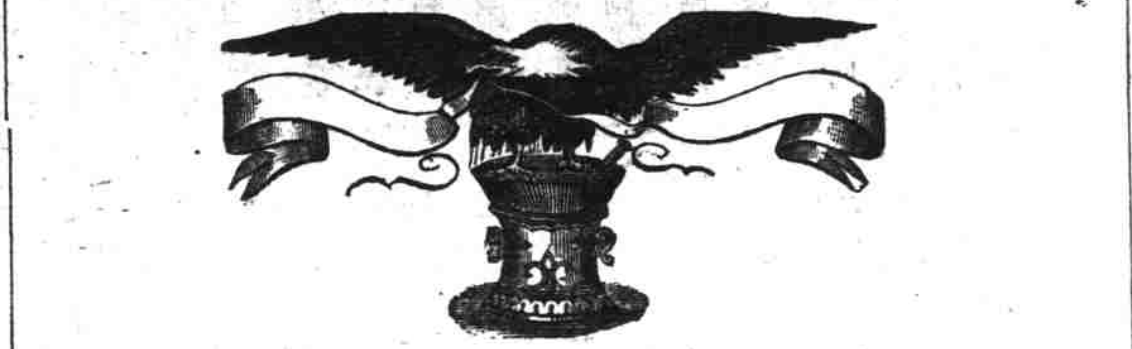
at the court house in Rockingham, N. C., on July 30th, 1889, at 12 o'clock m., for cash, a certain tract of land in Richmond county known as Lot No. 2, in the partition of the lands of H. W. Harrington, allotted to Mrs. Rose T. Wetmore, deceased, containing about 1,300 acres, more or less. For a more particular description, see petition of Hallie F. Wetmore and others in Superior Court of Richmond county.

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