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WALTER FISHER ACQUITTED BY JURY

Walter Fisher was declared not guilty of the murder of George Revis, by the jury, in a verdict rendered at ten o'clock Wednesday morning. The verdict was rendered after the jury had deliberated from 5 o'clock Tuesday evening until Wednesday morning.

Judge Henry P. Lane, presiding at the court, told the jury that it had returned a verdict, which, in his opinion, was shocking to the people of the county and of North Carolina, by disregarding the greater weight of unimpeachable testimony, and expressed the hope that when they were discharged from the case it would be for ever, from the court.

George Revis was shot and killed by Walter Fisher at the polling place at Barkers Creek, on last election day, and at the same time Walter Fisher was shot through the leg, it is alleged by Jim Sutton. Last week the grand jury returned a bill of indictment, charging Fisher with murder in the first degree. An attempt was made to get the case continued until the next 30th of court, because it was contended that Fisher had not sufficiently recovered from his wounds to allow his presence in the court. The motion was overruled, and a special venire of 150 men was summoned from which to pick a jury to try the case. The trial began last Thursday afternoon, and was watched with the greatest interest throughout the days of the trial, by the people of this county, and was one of the hardest fought cases ever tried in the courts of Jackson county.

Appearing with Solicitor Davis for the state were Thomas S. Rollins, Judge Frank Carter, E. P. Stillwell, George W. Sutton and Hugh Monteith. The defendant was represented by Walter E. Moore, Felix E. Alley, W. R. Sherrill, C. C. Buchanan and Eugene Alley.

The evidence was completed Saturday afternoon and the argument by counsel, which was the greatest debate ever heard in this county, continued through Monday and the greater part of Tuesday. Judge Lane gave the jury his charge Tuesday afternoon, and the case closed with the rendering of the verdict Wednesday morning, at the opening of court.

There were a large number of eye witnesses to the shooting, and the state insisted upon a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, contending that Fisher, who was the democratic marker at Barkers Creek, deliberately shot and killed George Revis, who was a leading republican in that section of the county, while Revis was standing with his hand on the shoulder of Miss Fanny Elders, the first witness introduced by the state, and that he shot without provocation, and should therefore be found guilty of murder in the first degree.

The defendant's contention was that Revis was at the Barkers Creek polling place in a drunken condition, cursing and abusing the people of different political faith from himself, and that, when he approached Fisher that he cursed Fisher and reached for his gun, when, so Fisher contended, he drew and shot in self-defense.

Miss Fanny Elders was the first witness introduced by the state, and she testified that Mr. Revis had not been drinking, that he was attending to his own business, and that she saw no weapon upon him, but that, on the contrary, he was standing with his right hand on her left shoulder, when Fisher approached from the school house and drew his gun, firing the shot that killed Revis, while Mr. Revis was looking in the opposite direction from Mr. Fisher.

Julius Sutton, that Julius had called Revis a liar, and that Jim Sutton and Revis left Nelse and Julius and came on toward the polling place, and that Jim Sutton offered Revis his pistol and that Revis refused it, stating that he didn't have any gun and didn't need one, that he wanted no trouble with anybody, and that he was standing talking to Miss Elders, with right side to Fisher, when Fisher fired.

Walter Fisher was the first witness introduced by the defense, and he said he knew Revis to be a dangerous, violent man, that Julius Sutton had told him that he heard Revis say that he was going to kill Walter Fisher that day if he could get anything started, that he came out in the yard to see if anybody was coming, so as to see if they had time to eat their dinner, and that he heard Revis and Jim Sutton cursing Nelse and Julius Sutton, and that Julius and Nelse were leaving, that Revis and Jim Sutton locked arms and were coming down the road, both drunk, Jim Sutton waving his pistol in his hand, George Revis cursing and swearing, Jim Sutton telling him to "tell it to them, Uncle George, I'm with you," that they came down to where Price Ashe was, and that Revis slapped Ashe in the face, and cursed him, and came on toward the defendant, still cursing, and that the defendant asked him, if he was talking about him, and Revis turned on the defendant, cursed him and started drawing his gun, when he swore he drew and fired to save his own life, and that as soon as he fired, Jim Sutton jumped behind a tree and opened fire on the defendant, and shot him through the leg, and that he returned Sutton's fire.

Price Ashe, Dillard Jones, Lyle Jones and Johnny Dills were put on the stand as eye-witnesses to corroborate Fisher, and while none of them said they saw Mr. Revis draw his gun, they corroborated, largely, the story told by Fisher, in other details, and Price Ashe swore that when Fisher fired and Revis fell, he heard Fisher say "Did you see him drawing his gun?" and one state witness swore that when Mr. Revis asked Fisher what he shot him for, that Fisher replied "Because you were trying to kill me."

The jury was found on or about Revis after he was shot, according to the evidence, but Julius Sutton and one other witness testified that they had seen Mr. Revis with a pistol earlier in the day.

The following is a list of the jury that tried the case, in the order drawn and accepted: L. S. Cabe, W. H. McCall, V. C. Buchanan, E. C. Sutton, P. H. Green, W. A. Raby, T. J. Deitz, Sam Buchanan, C. L. Green, M. G. Daves, W. T. Rogers and J. D. Brown.

When the jury was passed the state had one preemptory challenge left, and the defense had three

SEASONABLE RECIPES

MAMIE SUE JONES
Home Dem. Agent.

Scalloped Eggs

Half dozen hard-boiled eggs and cracker crumbs or stale bread toasted and ground. Butter a baking dish, put alternate layers of crumbs and eggs sliced. Heat one cup of sweet milk, season with butter, salt and pepper, and pour eggs and crumbs. Bake in a hot oven.

Baked Eggs.

Four eggs, one cup of sweet milk. Beat eggs separately and add milk to the yolks. Add a lump of butter the size of an egg, then the well-beaten whites. Put in a baking dish and bake in a slow oven. Serve at once.

Omelet With Bread Crumbs

Five eggs, one cup of bread crumbs half cup of sweet milk, pepper and salt to taste. Moisten crumbs with milk, add the eggs and beat until light. Pour into well-greased hot pan or skillet. Let brown, spread with butter and roll. Grated cheese, ham or "left-over" peas can be spread on the omelet before baking. This amount is sufficient for two omelets. The bread crumbs are better if not toasted, but grated from the "heel" of the bread.

Have you signed the pledge? If not ask your school teacher for one of the blanks recently sent out by the Agricultural Extension Service. It will help every farmer to live at home this year.

CLUB WORK PUSHED IN CATAWBA COUNTY

Hickory, N. C., Feb. 28.—Cheered by the fine results obtained in poultry club work last year, and knowing that Catawba County led the South with it Jersey Calf club and its sheep club during the same time, the work of the junior farmers under the direction of J. W. Hendricks, county agent, is being pushed for the year 1923. The latest commercial organization to get behind this work is the First National Bank of Hickory, which offered \$250 in gold as prizes for club activity during the coming season.

The conditions under which this money may be contested for will be outlined by Mr. Hendricks but in general are as follows:

Any boy or girl under twenty years of age may compete but no one will be eligible to receive a prize who does not make an exhibit of the club products at the Catawba County Fair in the fall.

The club member producing the largest yield of corn on one acre will be awarded a first prize of \$25, with a second prize of \$20.

The club member producing the largest yield of seed cotton on one acre will receive \$20, with a second prize of \$15.

The club member making the best record with his calf and exhibiting at the fair will receive \$20, with a second prize of \$15.

The club member making the best record with his poultry and exhibiting at the fair will receive \$20, with a second prize of \$15.

In addition to these prizes the First National Bank will also offer \$100 in gold to the best exhibit made by a community at the county fair.

According to Mr. Hendricks, such co-operation as this by business organizations is doing much to promote better rural conditions in his county.

HOGS HAVE CASH VALUE FOR TENANT FARMER

Hertford, N. C., Feb. 28.—Mr. J. D. Dail, a tenant farmer in Perquimans county, is feeding 69 head of hogs in a demonstration put on by County Agent L. W. Anderson. According to the records being kept by Mr. Dail, these hogs ate during the first 25 days of January 4,253 pounds of feed worth \$86.88 at market prices. "Looks reckless, doesn't it?" asks W. W. Shay, swine specialist for the State College and State Department of Agriculture in reporting this demonstration. But he answers his question by adding that the hogs gained 1,970 pounds during the 25 days. At 10 cents per pound this gain is worth \$197.00 giving a clear profit on the venture and above feeding costs, of \$110.12. This is with the provision that the hogs sell for 10 cents per pound during the latter part of March, and they usually do that, according to the records kept by Mr. Shay.

Mr. Shay states that by the latter part of March those hogs will be worth well over \$1,000 and this gives an excellent weapon with which to argue with the fertilizer or supply man. Cash in March is usually scarce on the average tenant farm in North Carolina but Mr. Dail seems to have found how to have it.

Mr. Shay says, "Somehow we can't get away from the belief that cash for fertilizer is even better than credit, no matter how easily obtained. A great many farmers have not yet recovered from the effects of the ease with which they got credit during 1919.

"What we especially like about hogs is the fact that with proper management one has two crops per year. March sales help out on fertilizer, and sales during the latter part of August not only bring the highest price of the year, but money comes as handy at that time as at any other.

"Oh, yes! Some of the land that was formerly in cotton will have to be devoted to raising corn. There should be at least 100 bushels for each brood sow kept, and 125 bushels is safer, as she may raise more than 12 pigs, two litters of six each."

A Catawba County club boy made over \$500 with a small flock of sheep in three years. The money and the sheep are his own.

Meat, potatoes and white bread will never make a boy or girl. There isn't the stuff in them to do it.

"PARSONAGE DAY" AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday March 11 has been set apart by the First Baptist Church of Sylva as "Parsonage Day". A special service is being arranged to which the public is invited and all members of the church are urged to be present.

NEWS FROM C. N. I. S.

The spring quarter of the Calhoun Normal and Industrial School opened up on February 18th with a feeling of interest on the part of both students and teachers, following the duties of the winter quarter. We have quite a number of new students, who seem to come with a real purpose. They appear to be such as the school should be proud of.

In the latter part of the preceding quarter the school adopted an honor roll system, by which all students who average above ninety per cent on every subject would be placed on the honor roll and would be exempt from the final examinations. This caused the students to work with a new and enthusiastic interest. Consequently a large number were exempt from their examinations at the closing of the winter quarter. And from the interest manifested at present it looks as if a still larger number will be placed on the honor roll this quarter.

The literary societies are progressing nicely. On Feb. 15th, the members of the faculty and the Erosophian Society were entertained by the Columbian Literary Society. The program was as follows: the welcome address, by Mr. J. B. Madison; a short play, "The Interrupted Engagement"; and instrumental music, by Misses Annie and Mattie Woods, after which refreshments were served. The evening was enjoyed very much by all. The Erosophians showed their appreciation by a short talk made by their president.

Several interesting talks have been given in chapel by the members of the faculty and the pastors of the churches in the vicinity. On the 15th, the Baptist pastor made an interesting talk on "Choosing the Right Way in Life."

On Monday 19th, a banquet was given in honor of our president. Following the banquet, the last number of the year's series of Lyceum attractions was given. The evening was enjoyed by everyone.

The school was honored Tuesday morning by a visit of Senator J. M. Zachary of the Legislature, whose purpose was to look over our plant and report on our needs. We are hoping to realize great results from this visit.

THE NEW WHITESIDES TRAIL

White Sides, or I-san-day-ga (on a chart of 1699 Chatooga river so named) is by U. S. survey, 4,930 ft. Eastward it faces Big Terrapin, Chimney Top, and the remotest Mt. Toxaway; and westwards, the remotest, the Nantahalehs, and north of these great Smoky Mts. Seen from the west it is a rather common place level-topped ridge, but on its east side, between two massive domed spurs, the south, and the north arch rises the most massive and by far the highest precipice east of the Rocky Mountains. This grim and grand Walpurgis Wall, in places, at least 1000 feet of bare rock from base to brow, and too precipitous for a cat to climb or hush to cling to.

Many years ago, 1870 or earlier, the only possible ascent was by the Green Trail (so called) some three miles to the south end of the Summit ridge, near the Nose, or Cernice; but this was then, in places, a risky route for the sure-footed; and as now, for many years abandoned, it is doubly dangerous.

This summer, for the first time a way was explored up to the north-east spur, between the north Arch southwards, and the Devil's Court House, the bold and picturesque triple-crowned crag at the extreme north end of the summit ridge. This "V. G." Trail, as it is called, has just been completed. Except at one point, the rather long Cat Ladder, a horse could be led-if not safely ridden; but at no part of this trail would it be dangerous for pedestrians, and after reaching Huger's Shelter, Reck, about 3-4 miles above the bridge over the Chatooga and, say 1-1-4 below end of trail at north end

of summit ridge, a continual succession of beautiful views: Sheepcliff, Mt. Toxaway, Chimney Top, and grandest of all, Big Terrapin, or Esterons.

There are at least five excellent shelter rocks, in case of rain; the highest—very large one, only 100 yards from upper end of V. G. Trail; and this point (highest) is by trails some six miles westwards to Highlands, and eastwards four miles (two of this roadway) to Cashiers.

The lowest of these shelter rocks, about two miles west of Cashiers, known as the Bang-O right by it excellent water, and under 1-8 mile from the Chatooga, which abounds in speckled trout. Less than 1-8 mile higher up the perennial Rhavi spring and both of these places fine for campers. Still a little higher, water can be got at the Bride's Brook, and a fine shelter rock can be reached by a short climb. Still much higher, about 7-8 miles above the Chatooga, within 3 or 4 hundred yards of the V. G. Trail, easily reached as at about noon on the 10th of Spring, Zeb's Cab, a few miles below the Cat Ladder, about 1/2 mile below upper end of trail, and a fine view to be had from the valley below here, and on the valley below.

One of the most interesting summer visitors, who has been here more years has visited the mountain sections, from the Adirondacks and the Adirondacks, to the Cumberland of Tennessee, says by far the finest scenery in the United States, not Mt. Mitchell, and the Blacks, nor the Great Smokey mountains (unless it is Mt. LeConte or Acadia, which this far, only seen at a distance) but the Grandfather Mountain, near Banner's Lake, about 15 miles (a riotously fine view for 15 miles) and White Sulphur Springs, at least. These things are very white, difficult to see, but for height and grandeur, none can compare with the "Wall of Time" which can be seen from old residence of the late Henderson, and which can be seen from the summit of the mountain.

R. E. B. of Ottaway.

INSURANCE FOUNDED

On Wednesday evening, February 21st, about eight o'clock we were attracted by the beautiful strain, "Hark! the Voice of Jesus Calling." Thinking that a company of young people had come to surprise us with a singing, I opened the door, a multitude, almost filling the front yard, stood before me.

They began pouring in until the house was filled. After depositing their bundles, they went out, making room for the remainder of the company. I soon realized that it was about a hundred of our friends who had come to surprise us with a pious and beautiful singing.

After the first of the party had disposed of their bundles, we assembled in the parlour and listened to the singing, which was led by Roy, who had been called to express his appreciation of the kindness shown to him by those who have been living in this country. Failing to command words, I set for this, I thanked them and set down. After this Bro. D. J. Bryson and my father made short talks, encouraging me and bidding me God speed in the great work into which I have decided to enter.

The speeches, having been finished, we reverently bowed our heads and Bro. Deitz invoked the blessings of God upon the company and upon the gifts. Then the crowd dispersed leaving us in a state of excitement never felt before.

May God bless all our friends of this organization and make us worthy of their example.

W. C. HARRIS and W. E. HARRIS.
—Baptist.

VISITS HER OLD HOME AFTER HALF CENTURY

The following clipping, taken from the Newport, Tenn., Plain Talk, will interest numerous friends of Mrs. Penland, who with her husband, has spent the past two winters here, with their daughter, Mrs. Roy C. Allison: Not many ladies returning to Cooke county would be willing to admit that 54 years had passed since they last set foot within the county. Not many ladies would admit that they are that old.

But Mrs. G. W. Penland, of Haynesville, N. C., who has been visiting friends in the county for the past week informs the Plain Talk that it has been 54 years since she was last in the county. Mrs. Penland was formerly Miss Nancy Williams. More than half a century ago she resided at Edwina. Then she moved to North Carolina and 54 years dragged by their weary lengths before she again saw Cooke county.

Now Mrs. Penland is back to look upon the changes wrought by half a hundred years. Since she went away Newport has grown from a small village into a town of sizeable proportions. The one room log school house have been replaced by up-to-date consolidated schools with several teachers. Pike roads have replaced the old muddy roads. Everywhere progress has written its record.

And other changes, less pleasant have come about. Most of Mrs. Penland's girlhood friends are gone, many have been dead many years. Their children have grown up and are growing old. Little remains that was familiar. 54 years ago.

Nevertheless, Mrs. Penland says she has enjoyed looking over the old scenes and noting the changes wrought by the fleeting years.

During the past week she has been a guest of the Stamberrys and Woods at Edwina and T. E. Loyd at Newport.

CHRISTIAN LOVE

Need for our folks to love one another more than we need anything else. It is less important to have more laws than to have a mind to obey by those we now have. If we have more laws we would not need to make us behave, for (Romans 13:10) Love worketh no ill to his neighbor. When you love people you do not need a law to make you treat them right. Laws are made because people do not love. 1 Timothy 1:9 "The law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient." That is for those who do not love.

The strange thing then is that Christians should be more interested in having laws made, or electing people to make laws, or gathering together to have laws enforced than they are in trying to get folks to love.

The best man in the community is the one who loves people the most. The greatest patriot is the man who radiates a spirit of goodwill in which others find it easier to think kindly. The worst man in the community is one who is filled with criticism and suspicion, and goes around talking those things. Jesus gave us just one commandment and it is that we love one another as he loved us, John 15:12. If we keep that commandment we will do everything we ought to do, and we will not do a job we ought not to do. We cannot keep it by trying but we can keep it by trusting. Jesus loved because it was his nature to love. "God is love" is the way his nature is defined. When you and I are regenerated we come to have a nature similar to his nature and so we are able to love as he commands.

This ideal of life appears too high, let us not give up aiming at it. The world will, maybe never live that way, but believers in Jesus may. And they so live with all their hearts, others will be influenced to try. It is not that we love Jesus because he first loved us, and it is also true that others will love if they see us loving in sincerity.

This is Jesus' commandment and it will be "well" to the believer when he comes up before the enthroned Christ, if he has not made a serious effort to live by this commandment.

Well balanced rations for the home help produce boys and girls with good bone, good teeth, muscles capable of being developed, and a clear head. See home demonstration workers.