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HARGIS FOUND WITHOUT STAIN

Guiltless of the Murder of James Cockrill

VERDICT OF THE JURY

Cockrill Was One of the Men Assassinated in the Hargis-Cockrill Feud—Hargis Will Now Be Tried for the Slaying of D. H. Cox. Twice Acquitted.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Lexington, Ky., May 23.—After deliberating since Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, the jury trying James Hargis of Breathitt county for the assassination of James Cockrill, town marshal at Jackson, this morning returned a verdict of acquittal. As soon as the verdict was announced, every democratic city and county official in the court room uttered shouts of applause and made a rush to Hargis' side, congratulating him.

Circuit Judge Parker rapped for order and reprimanded Sheriff John McElroy for permitting such action in the court room.

Hargis sat in a chair with an enigmistic smile playing over his face until the verdict was rendered; then he smiled broadly. He said to a Hearst News Service reporter: "I never had any fear as to the outcome. No fair jury could convict me on the testimony of Anne White, Mose Felner, and John Smith. I could take these men and convict Christ of the murder of Abraham Lincoln."

Stunned by the Verdict. This whole community, democratic officials excepted, were stunned by the verdict. The strongest testimony ever given in any Breathitt case was given against Hargis, proving conclusively that he was the arch-conspirator in the plot to assassinate James Cockrill. Every jurymen was a democrat and, with one exception, came from Scott county on a special venire. Scott county is where Caleb Powers, former republican secretary of state, has been convicted three times by a democratic jury for alleged assassination of Senator William Goebel, democratic aspirant for governor, and whose fourth trial will occur in July. It is an open secret that politics has played a great part in the Hargis trial, as he has been favored by democratic city and county officials here, and he is a member of the democratic state central committee.

It is now believed that the cases of Senator Hargis, Elbert Hargis and Ed Callahan, also charged with Cockrill's assassination, will be filed away and never be called for trial. This is the second acquittal for Judge Hargis, he having been found not guilty of the assassination of James Marcum last July. Hargis, with his attorneys, left today for Sandy Hook, Elliott county, where the cases of himself, Alex and Elbert Hargis, Ed Callahan, John Abner, John Smith and Jesse Spicer will be called Monday for the murder of Dr. Cox.

ARREST TO TEST LAWS LEGALITY

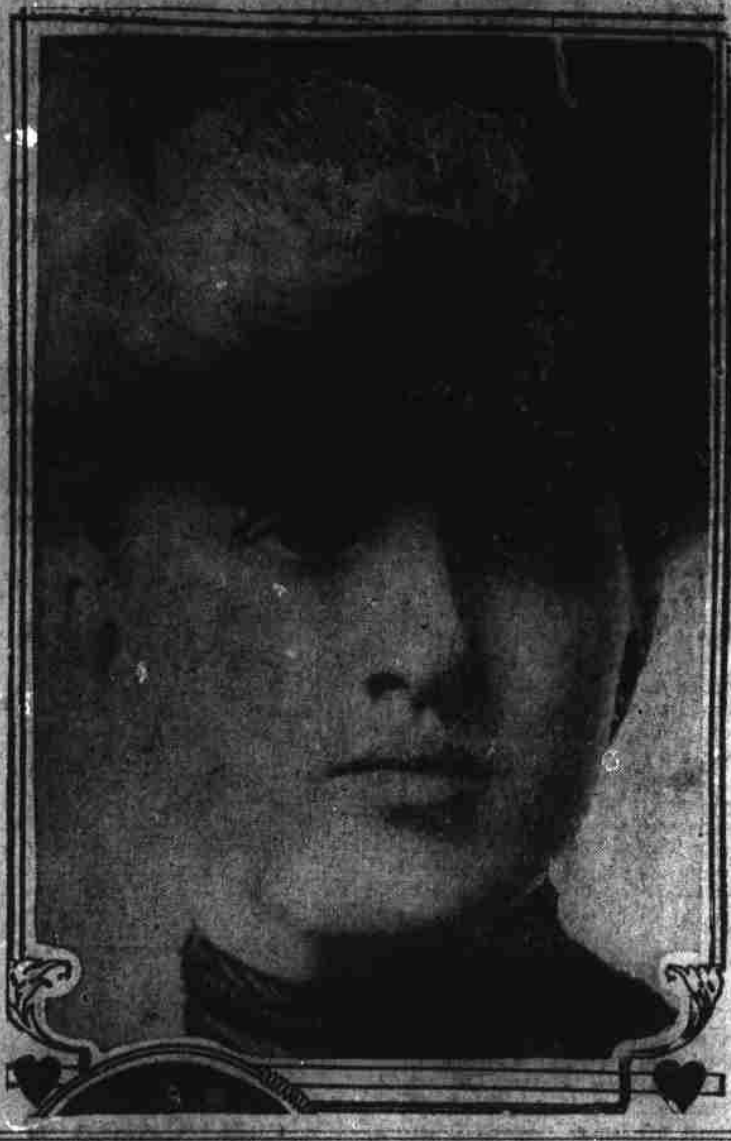
(By Leased Wire to The Times.) St. Paul, Minn., May 23.—Judge Guy C. H. Corliss, formerly state supreme court justice, was placed under arrest today, by consent of all parties, in order to test the legality of the law creating the office of state temperance commissioner. The law creating a state temperance commissioner vests that office with all the power of a state's attorney. Judge Corliss was appointed a deputy commissioner. Judge Winchester refused to allow him to appear before the grand jury.

Judge Corliss appeared and was adjudged in contempt.

FLED SCREAMING MANTLED IN FIRE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) York, Pa., May 23.—With her clothing on fire and the flesh of her body burned to a crisp, Mrs. Ambrose Linbaugh of Davidburg, nine miles from this city, ran about the yard screaming for help.

MRS. DOROTHY CROSBY



FIVE THOUSAND WHEAT COMES BAPTISTS THERE CRASHING DOWN

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Norfolk, Va., May 23.—Five thousand delegates attended yesterday the opening session of the Jamestown Exposition of the Baptist Convention of North America. The Northern Baptist Convention, which has just adjourned at Washington, and the Southern Baptist Convention, which has just adjourned, came to Norfolk yesterday. The convention includes Indian delegates, with the fight of the floor; likewise negro delegates, this being the first instance of the assembling together of white and negro Baptists in the south.

The convention was opened by ex-Governor Montague, of Virginia, who delivered the address of welcome. Other addresses were made by Dr. E. Y. Mullins, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Rev. Dr. O. P. Gifford, of Buffalo; Dr. W. J. Williams, of St. Louis, and Rev. Dr. John E. White, of Atlanta.

The second day's session of the Great North American Baptist Association held at the Jamestown Exposition, will be given over to the election of officers. It is generally expected that Dr. E. W. Stephens, president of the N. A. B. A., will be chosen regularly to fill that office.

There is great rivalry for the much coveted post as head of the body. Some of the great names of the United States are in nomination. Prominent among the candidates are Governor Charles E. Hughes of New York; ex-Governor Andrew Jackson Montague of Virginia; Former Mayor Weaver of Philadelphia; Governor Folk of Missouri.

The session was called to order at 11 o'clock. The nominating committee, appointed yesterday by President Stephens, composed of a delegate from each state, Canada and Mexico announced its slate shortly after the opening. As the meeting is executive, its choice was not given out.

Orlando T. Stewart, of Philadelphia, extends an invitation to the associating to hold its next convention in that city and offered a resolution making that selection for the convention of 1908.

AN ELOPEMENT, A GUN, A PUNCTURED NIGGER

(Special to The Evening Times.) Lumberton, N. C., May 23.—Bob Murphy, colored, and a badly wounded Dime Thompson, also colored, near Rowland yesterday afternoon. He was brought here and placed in jail today by Deputy Sheriff Hixey. Murphy eloped with a colored damsel Thompson went after them to take the girl away, and a fight ensued with the above result.

GOLDIE NEIL TO PRISON SHADES

Artists Model, Actress, Slayer of Her Husband

HER GUILT CONFESSED

With Trembling Lips and Scarcely Articulate Utterance She Mourns Her Plea and Then Sinks Swooning to the Floor of the Court Room—Saved from a Harder Sentence.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, May 23.—"Goldie" Neil, the pretty New York artist's model and actress, self-confessed slayer of her husband, Joseph Neil, was taken from the county jail at Bridgeport to the Connecticut state prison at Wethersfield today to begin her indeterminate sentence of from five to nine years imprisonment.

A plea of guilty of manslaughter brought her trial before Justice Wheeler in the superior criminal court at Bridgeport to an abrupt end and possibly saved the young woman from more severe punishment, as she was under indictment for murder in the first degree. The state's attorney announced his willingness to accept a plea of guilty in the minor degree of homicide, and the woman's lawyer quickly took advantage of the opportunity to save her. Goldie Neil's lips trembled and her voice was scarcely audible as she stood up before Justice Wheeler and confessed her guilt. Hardly had the words passed her lips when her quivering hands fell to her side, she sank unconscious to the floor of the court room.

The state's attorney accepted the statement of the defense as the manner in which Goldie Neil killed her husband. Goldie Neil's lawyer declared that the woman had killed her husband with an umbrella, while defending herself from an attack. She said she had tried to push him away from her with an umbrella and the point entered his brain.

Justice Wheeler evidently did not believe this version of the story, although the prosecution accepted it as true and agreed to a plea of guilty of manslaughter.

In passing sentence Justice Wheeler said: "If it is true that this woman, in defending herself really used an umbrella and the tragedy occurred as she described it, she should be free. If, on the other hand, she used a nail file to kill her husband with, she should be punished."

Nevertheless Justice Wheeler tempered justice with mercy. He discharged the jury, accepted the woman's plea and imposed a sentence of not less than five years nor more than nine years in prison.

EVERY FIFTH WOMAN WORKING FOR WAGES

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, D. C., May 23.—Every fifth woman you meet nowadays works for wages, and some of them are holding down pretty hard jobs.

That is the information gathered from the reports of the twelfth United States census and just made public by Census Director North in an interesting census pamphlet.

The report throws some light upon the magnitude of the servant problem, as over 1,000,000 of the women who work for wages are domestics. Classified not only according to age, race, nativity, marital status and occupation, but also to their relationship to families in which they live, nearly 5,000,000 women, from the age of sixteen upwards, are recognized in this report as being entitled to a position in the ranks of the world's workers. Out of the 602 occupations distinguished by the report, there are only 9 in which women are not represented.

In continental United States by which is meant the United States exclusive of Alaska, Hawaii, and all other outlying territories or possessions—the exact number of women at work is reported to be 4,533,830.

A MONUMENT TO GENERAL GORDON

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Atlanta, Ga., May 23.—Saturday afternoon the monument to General John B. Gordon will be unveiled on the grounds of the state capitol at Atlanta. The unveiling will be preceded by a military parade which will include nearly all the troops of Georgia with many other organizations.

GOULD OFFERED HER A MILLION

His Family Will Pay That for a Divorce

SO DECLARES HAWLEY

But, Adds the Prince of Crooks, This Offer Will Never Be Accepted by Mrs. Gould—The Offer Made When Trouble Between Married Pair First Became Acute.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, May 23.—One million dollars has been offered by Howard Gould to his wife for a divorce. This proposition still stands today, and the money will be turned over by Howard Gould or the Gould family at any moment Mrs. Katherine Clemens Gould will acquiesce in the hard conditions which they impose. The acceptance of this offer by Mrs. Gould is a chance so exceedingly remote that it is hardly worth considering.

"I know positively that Howard Gould, or his family if he himself should back down, will give Mrs. Gould \$1,000,000 to get a divorce from her husband," said W. C. Woodward, alias "Big Hawley."

"There is a standing offer to Mrs. Gould of \$1,000,000," said Woodward. "It was first made when the troubles between the Goulds assumed a acute form, which was about a year ago, I think. Through intermediaries Gould told his wife that he would give her \$1,000,000 flat if she would go to some state where the divorce laws are easy and sue him on the ground of incompetability."

"She also was asked to relinquish all claims against his estate and to drop the Gould name, never to assume it again. He was willing not to put in any defense, and to reimburse his wife for all of her legal and other expenses."

"But she turned him down. He was too anxious. The Gould family now stands ready to make good on the offer. But it never will be accepted. You may depend upon that."

TO FABULOUS WEALTH Mrs. James Downing and Two Brothers Heirs

They Inherit a Fortune of Two Hundred and Fifty Millions Held in England for Two Hundred and Forty-Seven Years.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Oil City, Pa., May 23.—Mrs. Jas. H. Downing and her two brothers, Herman and Charles Hyde, all of this city, have been legally notified they are joint heirs to the estate of \$250,000,000 held in the chancery court of England. The fortune has been held by England for two hundred and forty-seven years and an investigation of the validity of the claims has been going on for fifteen years. There are 400 heirs in America. W. A. Hyde, founder of the fortune, was compelled to flee from England for political reasons and the estate was taken in charge by the chancery court.

THIS STANDARD OIL ROAD IS A MYSTERY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, D. C., May 23.—The railroad mystery of the country has at last got up to the interstate commerce commission. It is the Standard Oil road from Tidewater at Hampton Roads to the Great Lakes. Who is building it and why? Where is its terminal on the Great Lakes to be located?

It is declared on high authority that the company has bought great areas of land for terminals at one of the big lake ports and that much right-of-way had been secured under various names and aliases from West Virginia's coast towards the lakes, and that the road is to be completed with the lowest gradients and the highest efficiency of any line from Tidewater to the fresh water sea. Over \$20,000,000 has been invested in it and not a dollar's worth of bonds has been issued. Nearly 800 miles of the line is approximately completed.

THE REPORT FOR UNION ADOPTED

Charlotte Articles Accepted Without Amendment

ALLEN G. HALL'S PLEA

Dr. Cecil's Amendment to Make the New Council Advisory Only Was Ruled Out of Order—Dr. Howerston Favored the Majority Report on the Charlotte Agreement.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Birmingham, Ala., May 23.—At noon today the Southern Presbyterian General Assembly by a vote of 99 to 92 refused to adopt the report of the minority of the special committee on the Charlotte agreement, which report opposed adoption of the articles.

The appeal of Dr. Allen G. Hall of Vanderbilt University, who stood for adoption of the articles, and who said the Southern Presbyterian Church was standing on the sidewalk while the procession was passing, is regarded as the winning card for the majority report.

A little after 12 o'clock the assembly had commenced to vote on the majority report favoring adoption of the Charlotte articles without amendment. Dr. Cecil's amendment to make the new council advisory only was ruled out of order. Dr. Howerston declared he favored the majority report.

Later—the majority report favoring the Charlotte agreement was adopted by a vote of 96 to 94.

TEXAS EXPERIMENTING WITH CAMPHOR CULTURE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, D. C., May 23.—The department of agriculture has been carrying on a series of experiments with camphor cultivation and utilization for a number of years in Florida, and has extended these experiments on a small scale to Pierce, Texas, where the camphor tree is being experimented with as a windbreak about plantations and as a possible source of profit.

The department is in no way connected with experiments reported as in progress at Wharton, Texas. In articles regarding these experiments, statements have been made concerning the probable profits of camphor growing in Texas, figures as high as \$40 profit per acre being given.

This statement, the department says, is doubtless an exaggeration and based on no information which the department has at any time given out.

FIREMEN TO MEET IN WILMINGTON

(Special to The Evening Times.) Wilmington, N. C., May 23.—The state firemen's convention and tournament will be held in Wilmington in August, and the dates will very likely be the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th. These dates were selected yesterday, and the time may be looked upon as about certain.

NO REPORT BY THE CHEMISTS

All is quiet in the Rowland case, and there is no probability of there being any further developments until the report is made by the chemists who are making the analysis of the stomach of Engineer Strange and also that of David Austin Rowland, the small son of Dr. Rowland. Everything rests on the result of what the chemists find, and, as previously stated, it may be a day or two yet before any report is made. There are many who are predicting that with the report the whole affair will fall through.

MRS. MCKINLEY IN SHADOW OF DEATH

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Canton, O., May 23.—Mrs. William McKinley, wife of former President McKinley, has suffered a stroke of paralysis and not expected to live throughout the day.

FRANKLIN MAN GETS TWO YEARS

Reputation as a Blockader Went Against Him

ARRESTED LAST FALL

One of Officers Who Raided Distillery Was Shot But Not Seriously. Number of Soft-Drink Dealers Plead Guilty to Technical Violation of Law and Paid Costs.

The longest term imposed so far during the present term of federal court was dealt out this morning to a young white man from Franklin county by the name of Albert Robbins. His reputation is somewhat bad for making blockade liquor and this made it harder for him than would have otherwise been the case. The reputation a man bears in regard to evading the revenue laws has a great deal to do with the penalty imposed upon him. He was given two years in the penitentiary and fined \$50 and the cost.

Robbins was caught in a distillery last fall near his home and there was no excuse he could invent to prevent his being convicted. He came very near getting in even more serious trouble than operating an illicit distillery for one of the deputy marshals who raided the distillery, Marshal J. E. Jordan, was shot in the face with a bird shot, but, fortunately, he suffered no serious result from the injuries sustained. The officer fired at the moonshiner but missed him. Deputy Marshal Jordan says he has no doubt about it being Robbins who shot him, but he was not tried for the crime today, only operating an illicit distillery.

Mr. W. H. Yarbrough, of Louisville, and Mr. Charles H. Harris, of this city, defended Robbins.

The first thing disposed of this morning was twelve or fifteen cases in which parties had been indicted for selling soft drinks that come under the head of the temperance law without paying the license. Owing to the fact that it was merely a technical violation of the law, the license in each instance having been paid as soon as it became known that such license was required, judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs and penalty, making total license, costs and penalty amount to more than \$50 in each case.

A negro from Greenville county by the name of John Boone, who seems to have taken a very active part in getting a dispensary established at Creedmoor by dispensing booze from a blind tiger and later becoming a witness against the person operating the blind tiger, was given a term of thirty days in jail and fined \$100 and costs despite the fact that he had two attorneys and a petition signed by a number of leading citizens of the town, asking that he be not punished as he had appeared as a witness against certain blind tigers and helped to get the offenders sentenced to terms on the roads. Two witnesses swore to having bought liquor from Boone and one of them used the old trick in paying for it—but the money in a horse trough in the livery where he was when the whiskey was delivered. One of the old time methods of evading the laws was to place the proper amount of money and a bottle on the top of a stump—there having been an understanding at some previous time in regard to what stump—and in a short time the bottle would be filled with whiskey and the money gone.

Judge Furnell said from the evidence it looked to him like John Boone was aiding and abetting in conducting the blind tiger, for he was acting as an agent for them. He allowed the negro to give bond until the December term before serving his sentence so that he will not be deterred in making his crop. Boone bears the reputation of being an excellent farmer.

The Orange Chief Brigade.

The following composed the Johnston county crowd that had been selling orange cider and similar drinks and were indicted for retailing: A. L. Hall, J. A. Hinnant, J. H. Lee, D. H. Watson, J. W. Barham, C. H. Speavey, Oscar O'Neal, Harris Johnson, L. W. Brannon, J. E. Hoeft, J. E. Price, and H. V. Green.

Several Found "See Guilty"

Other cases disposed of today were as follows: Jerry Markham, of Durham county, plead guilty to retailing and was sentenced to thirty days in jail and to pay \$100 and costs.

Turner Williams, of Johnston county, plead guilty to retailing and judgment was suspended upon payment of costs. This was another of the soft drink cases, only the defendant sold the orange cider out of the wholesale instead of retail.

Beth Brant, of Johnston county, illicit distilling, verdict not guilty.

Horace Sanders, of Johnston county, verdict of not guilty ordered by the court.

Tom Robinson, of Durham county, removing and concealing, verdict of not guilty.

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