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JOE DORSEY CONVICTED

GETS SIX YEARS IN STATE PRISON

The Jury Hung Over Night and Was Discharged Sunday Morning

The case of the State against Joe Dorsey for the murder of Robert Daniel, heard in Granville Superior Court last week, possessed enough tragic interest to test the character of the judge, the integrity of the jury and the learning and eloquence of the advocates. It was only a colored boy at the bar of justice, but the charge against him inspired the principles of justice as it exists in the very elements of humanity. There was the searching struggle for truth, the conscientious application of law to evidence, the stern recital of the prosecution, the appeal of the defence, the constant test of inquiry, of reference to statutes and precedents, the arrangement of conflicting facts by the judge, his impartial deductions and clear final statement.

To the apprehension of a thoughtful spectator the majesty of the law is sublime in the constant test of facts by Judge Devin, the learning and eloquence of the Oxford bar and the integrity of a jury drawn from old Granville.

The case had a number of different angles from which it might be viewed ranging all the way from second degree murder to self-defense on the part of the prisoner. The trial began Thursday afternoon and the case reached the jury Saturday night. The jury selected was composed of V. T. Cheatham, G. F. Downey, W. G. Curran, W. B. Dixon, Thomas Morris, J. B. Boyd, L. W. Oakley, B. F. Frazier, M. P. Crews, L. S. Jeffries, R. A. Adcock and Walter Boyd.

From the evidence of the State's witnesses it was contended that while at the supper table on the night in question a dispute arose between the deceased and the defendant. The deceased threw two cups at defendant, one of which struck him. Defendant picked up a very sharp knife lying on the table either before or after the throwing of the cups and started towards deceased. Daniel then ran out of the house followed by defendant who seized him just as he ran against the white camp a few feet away, turned Daniel around and cut him with the knife in the left side from near the back around to near the middle of the stomach. The State's testimony then tended to show that Daniel slung Dorsey aloose from him over on to a barrel about eight or twelve feet away; that Daniel also fell over the barrel, the two arose together, Daniel backing off and then Dorsey cut him again in the breast and throat.

The defendant's evidence contradicted practically all of this. Defendant and his witnesses testified that after throwing of the cups Daniel started towards Dorsey, then Dorsey picked up knife from the table, ran out of the door pursued by Daniel, that as he came out of the door Daniel picked up a rock lying near and threw it at Dorsey, the rock grazing his temple; that thereupon Dorsey fell over the barrel with Daniel on top of him, they rose together fighting and all the cutting was then done. There was no blood at the place where the State's witnesses said the first cutting was done nor at the barrel, the first blood being several feet away.

For the State Judge Graham appeared with the Solicitor. Kittrell & Kittrell, of Henderson, Gen. Royster, D. G. Brummitt and J. W. Hester represented the defendant and the case was hotly contested on both sides. Solicitor Gattis spoke first for the State in a speech of about an hour. Then Mr. J. C. Kittrell spoke for an hour for the defence in an hour's speech and was followed by Mr. Brummitt in a speech of about the same length. Gen. Royster then closed for the defendant speaking for about an hour and fifteen minutes and Judge Graham closed for the State in a

SHORT LOCAL PICK-UPS

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

About People and Things That Are of Interest to Our Readers.

Frank Spencer, who has been sick several days, is gradually improving.

Carpenters have commenced work on the Veasey residence on Gilliam street.

More and larger pay rolls is what Oxford needs. How about a wagon factory?

As the farmers are busy gathering and shucking corn the tobacco breaks are lighter.

Neglect your water pipes and let them freeze. The plumber does not mind having a job.

Your attention is called to the Executor's notice of L. M. Carrington in another column.

Ye builders are asked to note the change in the advertisement of C. D. Ray on the 8th page.

Sell the balance of your crop on the Oxford market if you want to reap a golden harvest.

The Rabbits are coming in town very slow this season, which proves that the hunters are rabbit hungry.

Mr. Taxpayer Sheriff Hobgood has a message to you in another part of this paper and we ask you to read it.

Your attention is called to the change in the advertisement of the Carolina Power Co. on another page of this paper.

Do your Christmas shopping early by letting your wife do the shopping just as soon as you can give her the necessary money.

The many friends of Roy Curran will be glad to know that he has about recovered from his severe illness and is at his place of business again.

Rev. Louis Taylor conducted the services at the Episcopal Church on Sunday morning and delivered an excellent sermon which was enjoyed by the congregation.

Ernest M. Green, of Newbern, is now Assistant District Attorney for this district. He received his commission a few days ago from Washington and was sworn into office.

If you want to keep up with the latest home news subscribe to the Twice-a-week Public Ledger at the very low price of one dollar a year. Send in your subscription at once and cast your 500 votes for your township man.

Now wouldn't a tailored to order suit be "It?" Now is a fine time to treat yourself to a nice suit of clothes and hence you are asked to read the neat advertisement of R. L. Brame on the last page and give him your order.

Let everybody get ready to attend the First Annual Poultry Show to be held in Oxford in January. Already enough is known to warrant the prediction that this will be the largest and finest display of Poultry ever held in this section.

speech of the same length. The jury did not reach a verdict until Sunday morning. About 12 o'clock the court house bell was rung and the jury came in with a verdict of manslaughter.

Monday morning the prisoner was taken before the court for sentence. Mr. Brummitt and Gen. Royster appealed to Judge Devin for the tempering of justice with mercy in the sentence of the court forcefully asking that the boy be given a chance to redeem himself on account of his youth. Judge Graham represented the Solicitor and asked that severe punishment be inflicted. After carefully going over the matter Judge Devin imposed a sentence of six years in the penitentiary at hard labor. The verdict and the judgment seem to meet with the general approval of those who heard the evidence and the addresses of counsel.

GRANVILLE FANCIERS.

MINOR DETAILS ARE BEING WORKED OUT

The Granville County Poultry Show Will Have Exhibits From Far and Near

Mr. Jim Stegal, advertising manager of the Granville County Poultry Association, is getting in some good licks for the Poultry Show, which will be held in Oxford Wednesday and Thursday, January 14th and 15th. The plans are well under way and there is every assurance of a fine exhibit of birds from far and near. There is a much wider interest in poultry than was anticipated and nearly every man approached by the officials readily pays his dollar and becomes a member of the Association.

There are several expert judges of poultry in the State and they have all extended their services to the Granville Association.

The style of coops and place of holding the show is now engaging the attention of the officials of the Association and an attractive premium list of cash prizes will be available in a few days.

Services at Knott's Grove

The Sunday School Association of Fishing Creek Township will meet with Knott's Grove church on Thanksgiving Day. Services will begin promptly at 10.30. The public is cordially invited.

W. S. HOWELL, Sec.

Oxford College

Elsewhere in the Public Ledger will be found President Hobgood's announcement of the spring term of Oxford College. He calls your special attention to the Teacher's course, the Domestic Science course and Business course.

Notice of Speaking

J. Z. Green, State Lecturer for the Farmer's Union, will speak at Karp of Reeds, November 27th, at 2.30 o'clock, p. m. If you want to hear the best speech you ever heard come out to hear him. He will speak on the principals and objects of the Farmer's Union. All are invited to hear him.

W. A. L. VEASEY, Sec.

Monument Unveiled

The unveiling of Woodman of the World monument to the late A. S. Davis took place Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ann Davis, near Stovall. Gen. B. S. Royster, Council Commander of White Oak Camp, No. 17, had charge of the ceremonies, which were very impressively conducted. The poem was pathetically read by Dr. F. W. Hancock. In addition to the officers of the Camp G. E. Cheatham, J. J. Medford, A. Williford and Pete Bullock and a number of members were present. Several members of the family were present along with a large number of neighbors and friends. At the close of the very impressive ceremonies of unveiling the nice monument Gen. Royster, a life long friend of Lex Davis, delivered an appropriate address upon the life and character of the deceased and upon the principles of the order.

Short Local Items.

Granville Superior Court practically adjourned Monday.

The deep sympathy of the people of the county and town go out to Dr. Booth and family in the hour of deep sorrow.

Mr. Will Jones, of Raleigh, joined Mrs. Jones Sunday who has been by the bedside of her devoted aunt, Mrs. Sam Booth, and attended the funeral.

Of course, you are going to attend the Episcopal Bazaar at the Armory this Wednesday and Thursday, and help the energetic ladies out in their laudable work.

Major William Landis is now on the Northern markets buying holiday goods and picking up bargains for the benefit of the customers of Landis & Easton. Lookout for the big advertisement when he returns.

BUSINESS MEN FEAST.

MANGUM & WATKINS ENTERTAIN

The Tobacco Men of Oxford Have a Jolly Good Time

Mangum & Watkins, the live warehousemen, gave a supper Monday night at Greeley restaurant to the tobacco buyers and warehousemen of Oxford. The first item on the bill of fare was oyster cocktail, then followed oysters in every style and quail on toast. The gathering was more of a fraternal spirit than anything else and knitted more firmly the ties that bring together the strongest and best tobacco market in the State. There were seated at the table:

W. G. Pace, W. B. Ballou, John Webb, E. T. White, J. F. Meadows, Vassar Critcher, J. P. Floyd, B. S. Skinner, J. M. Farris, H. G. Cooper, Henry Hunt, Will Fleming, W. Z. Mitchell, Ernest Parham, S. M. Watkins and I. W. Mangum.

Jurors for U. S. Court.

The following are jurors from Granville in United States Court at Raleigh for December Term: John Mangum, A. P. Hobgood and Luther Stark, of Oxford, and W. C. Pittard, of Fishing Creek township, and George Walters, of Tally Ho township.

Who Can Beat It?

Harry Curran, 20-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Curran, Route 6, is quite an industrious young man and a good farmer thus early in life. This year he cultivated 18,000 hills of tobacco which netted him the nice sum of \$1,297. Who can beat that record?

Gone to California.

R. W. Lassiter, of Washington City, spent the week-end in Oxford returning Monday, joining his very attractive daughter, Miss Katharine, and left for San Francisco, California, to visit his brother, Col. Wm. Lassiter, and wish for them a delightful trip across the continent.

Lookout Farmers.

The members of Tobacco Board of Trade have agreed to suspend the sales of tobacco on Thursday and Friday, November 27th and 28th for the purpose of observing Thanksgiving, therefore farmers take notice that there will be no sales of tobacco in Oxford on the days mentioned above.

Thanksgiving Sale

In announcing their Thanksgiving sale on the last page of this paper Cohn & Son feel grateful for the generous support they have received. As is customary with them they have planned to share their profits with you. They are prepared to give you many remarkable bargains.

Cow Accidentally Killed.

Owing to the killing of a valuable cow by hunters on the lands of Mrs. Mary R. de Lacroix during the past week she has been compelled to have her land posted, and to forbid any hunting upon the same except by her written permission. She regrets to take this course, but is compelled to do so to protect her property from vagrants and reckless hunters.

Cream of the Market

The sales at the Farmers' Warehouse last Friday amounted to \$7,000 averaging 33 1-2c round for all on the floor. The floor was comfortably filled with tobacco and there was no excitement or flurry in the transaction, and the buyers, warehousemen and farmers all enjoyed the serenity of the market. It may be of interest to know who got all the money; if so, look up the adv. of the Farmer's Warehouse in this paper.

FOR SALE—Cabbage plants, extra and selected early Jersey Wakefield, Charleston or large Wakefield and May Queen, 20 cents per hundred, \$1.50 per thousand. Prices on large lots on application. Apply to Oxford Orphan Asylum. 4t.

MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE.

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends in General!

Frank Curran, of Route 6, was in town Monday.

C. L. Floyd, of Route 3, was in town Tuesday.

R. T. Averett, of Route 7, was in town Saturday.

Robt. Burnett, of Route 6, was in town Monday.

Mrs. Capehart is on a visit to relatives in Virginia.

J. M. Brooks, of Berea section, was in Oxford Monday

Miss Viola Latta, of Route 3, was on our streets Monday.

Durrell Brummitt, of Route 3, was in town Monday.

B. P. Thorp, of Route 4, was a town visitor Tuesday.

J. W. Garrett, of Route 3, was a town visitor on Monday.

L. Y. Gordon, of Tar, was on the tobacco market Monday.

S. T. Loyd, of Route 4, was on tobacco market Monday.

Mrs. Louis Daniel and son, Route 1, were in town Monday.

C. W. Pleasants, of Route 5, was on tobacco market Monday.

F. S. Beasley, near town, was on tobacco market Monday.

Ben Pitts, of Route 2, was in Oxford Monday selling tobacco.

T. A. Royster, of Bullock, was on tobacco market Monday.

Miss Carrie Wilkerson, of Route 7, was in Oxford Saturday.

Norman Daniel, of Tar River, was in Oxford Monday selling tobacco.

Miss Helen White is on a visit to Mrs. W. M. Gulick in New York.

J. R. Hobgood and Elam Curran, of Route 1, were in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bradsher, of Route 6, were town visitor Saturday.

A. S. Green and Filmore Adcock, of Route 5, were on our streets on Monday.

T. E. Hicks, of New York City, visited his summer home the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Robards are at home after a pleasant visit to Washington City.

Mr. and Mrs. Melville Bragg, of Raleigh, spent the week-end in Oxford with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Herring have returned after a delightful tour of several northern cities.

Dewitt Brummitt and James M. Clayton, of Fishing Creek township, were in Oxford Monday.

Mrs. L. Meadows and her granddaughter, Miss Ruth Mitchell, are on a visit to Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. Kerr Taylor has returned from Hertford accompanied by her mother, Mrs. F. M. Shamberger.

Mrs. George W. Hobbs, Rutherford, N. J., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Britt, on College street.

FOR SALE—Nancy Hall sweet potatoes, 65 cents a bushel at the cellar door. J. C. Horner. 1t.

Double Marriage.

There was a pretty double marriage in the parlors of the Exchange hotel this Tuesday morning, the contracting parties being Mr. Ransom P. Wallis and Miss Lucy May, Andrew Wallis and Miss Ella Sue Asworth, all of Fort Mitchell, Va. Dr. A. P. Tyer tied the knots. They were accompanied by S. W. Vane, D. S. Asworth, Miss Beatie Asworth, Mrs. Nora Geter and Daniel Asworth. There were about fifty people at the wedding. Mesdames Luther Stark and John Booth attended.

FOR SALE—Best quality run of the mines Pocahontas coal \$4.00 a ton at the depot. J. C. Horner.

DEATH OF NOBLE LADY

BELOVED WIFE OF DR. S. D. BOOTH

Laid to Rest in Elmwood Cemetery This Tuesday Morning

At four o'clock Sunday afternoon, after protracted illness, Mrs. Magdeline Booth, beloved wife of Dr. S. D. Booth, breathed her last, at the advanced age of seventy-three years. She was the daughter of Rev. Thos. Lynch and Mary Bingham, her mother was member of the State's fine scholars and educational leaders. Reared in the Presbyterian faith she was true to the doctrines of the church and faithful through all her life in the services of the church and ever ready to respond to the calls of duty.

In her last illness she was tenderly watched by loving relatives and her devoted husband, but their faithful attention could no longer keep her and on Sunday evening, the gentle spirit of this lovely christian sped its way from earth, from the home she loved so well, from the loved ones here who kindly waited at her bedside, sped its way heavenward

"Into the Silent Land!
Where they, who in life's battle firm doth stand.
Shall bear hope's tender blossoms,
Into that Silent Land."

She left her devoted husband and many relatives and friends to mourn her death. Her two daughters, one in early life and the other, so sweetly remembered in this community, were called from earth heavenward awaiting her coming in the christian's home in glory.

She loved the church of her adoption but her charitable heart responded gladly to the calls of all denominations. Few lives are spent in greater usefulness than that which characterized the daily life of the deceased.

In her home, where the shade of "Asrael's wing" had cast its shadow since the sweet Annie Booth passed out of the threshold into the life beyond the grave, the bereaved mother has lived with a consecration to duty and kindness, which was felt and appreciated by all and shed the halo of christian resignation about her daily walk.

The poor never turned empty handed from her door and her kindly ministrations to the feeble and sick will never be forgotten.

Mrs. Booth was one of the seven charter members of the Granville Grays' chapter of United Daughters of the Confederacy and was at all times generous and whole-soul in the cause of the Confederate veteran—enthusiastic in their behalf and their memory.

To the bereaved husband, who through his long life of usefulness has never faltered when sickness and suffering called for his kindly ministrations, the sympathy of the entire community goes out in his bereavement and every one of his host of friends fain would help him say: "Thy will be done."

The funeral services were held in the Presbyterian church this Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock conducted by the pastor, Rev. S. K. Phillips and Dr. R. H. Marsh. The services at the grave were concluded by the singing of favorite hymns of the deceased, while loving hands placed the beautiful floral tributes on the newly made grave which was covered with beautiful flowers she loved so well and every blossom bore a wealth of tender love.

"Emblems of the great resurrection Emblems of the bright and better land."

The following were the pall bearers: Active—J. G. Hall, B. K. Hays, H. G. Cooper, I. W. Mangum, N. C. Daniel, G. S. Watkins.

Honorary—E. T. White, John Webb, J. C. Horner, Jas. W. Horner, Calvin Breedlove, T. W. Winston, F. P. Hobgood, R. T. Smith.

LOST strayed or stolen one liver and white pointer, female. Liberal reward for any information leading to her whereabouts.

Will H. Fleming.