

## DR. PURYEAR NOT GUILTY

SO SAY TWELVE JURYMEN OF GRANVILLE COUNTY.

### Jury Decide in About Ten Minutes Solicitor Fuller's First Appearance in Court Here.

In the case of Dr. Puryear who shot and killed a negro twenty-four years ago, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and everybody seemed to be well pleased with the decision. Dr. Puryear is a man of about sixty-five years old and his hair is white. He remained in jail about three months before he was tried for the killing, and is very pale from confinement. All during his trial he showed remarkable nerve, thinking all the time that the jury would acquit him.

At the time he killed the negro, he was tried as to his sanity, and the jury declared him insane, that he was not capable of standing trial for his life, but as soon as he was he should be tried. He left the asylum and lived in Texas for a number of years, then coming to North Carolina and living in Stokes county.

Messrs. Royster, Graham, Devin, and Lassiter defended the prisoner. His defense was that he was insane at the time he shot the negro. The witnesses of the defendant said that he was crazy and that he drank a great deal, but the solicitor tried to show that Dr. Puryear became insane from dipsomania—insanity from drink. One colored witness said that he knew Dr. Puryear and that he had been crazy all his life prior to the shooting. The solicitor, Jones Fuller, of Durham, asked the negro how did he know that Dr. Puryear was insane. The affiant said he would whoop and holler and dance.

After the jury had rendered its decision Dr. Puryear spoke to his friends whom he knew a long time ago. He seemed to be in good spirits and seemed to enjoy his liberty.

There seemed to be a good deal of interest shown during the trial of Dr. Puryear. Those who didn't go up in the court house inquired as to the result of the trial. The court house was not packed, but it always had a goodly number present to listen to the case.

The verdict was not a surprise to the people here, as most everyone thought that Dr. Puryear would be acquitted. Public sentiment seemed to be in his favor.

### Social Life.

One of the most enjoyable events of the season was the Barbecue and Watermelon party given at Mr. Fred Curran's barn yard last Friday night.

The chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Harris.

Other participants were: Misses Lizzie and Fannie Gooch, Helen and Edna White, Sadie Harris, Pearl Lakel, Johnson, Daisy Minor, Roena Daniel, Mrs. Roy M. Curran, and Mrs. Matt Satterwhite. Messrs. T. W. Winston, R. P. Taylor, J. F. Meadows, Irvin Mangum, R. W. Kimball, A. E. Hobgood, P. Williams, B. K. Lassiter, R. L. Hamilton, Brady Harris, Mr. Cupp, and Mr. Lakel, of Pennsylvania. Light showers never stop a wholesale jolly, merry making crowd like that was.

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### Excellent Health Advice

Mrs. M. M. Davison, of No. 379 Gifford Ave., San Jose, Cal., says: "The worth of Electric Bitters as a general family remedy for headache, biliousness and torpor of the liver and bowels is so pronounced that I am prompted to say a word in its favor, for the benefit of those seeking relief from such afflictions. There is more health in the digestive organs in a bottle of Electric Bitters than in any other remedy I know of." Sold under guarantee at J. G. Hall's drug store. 50c.

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### Alexander Clark.

This good man died at his home near Stovall August 10th, 1903, in the 55th year of his age.

In early life he professed faith in Christ and became a church member. For a number of years he has been a member of Stovall Baptist church. The grace of God enabled him to live a quiet, gentle, peaceable life. He was kind to all people, and was loved and respected by all who knew him.

For years he had been in feeble health, not able to do much work, or to attend his church regularly. He had heart trouble, and so his sudden death was not so much of a surprise. He passed away instantly.

As a husband and father, he was all that love and kindness could make him. He seemed to have a presentiment that his death was near. In the morning before his death in the evening, he walked over his farm as though he was taking his last look at it. He said, "Boys you will have to save this crop without my help." He said to some other members of the family: "I am going away today." They did not realize at the time just what he meant. Brother Clark leaves a devoted wife and thirteen bright looking children. He will be greatly missed from his home, his neighborhood and from his church.

A very large congregation attended the burial service at the Stovall Baptist church, which was conducted by the pastor J. A. Stradley, and his body was laid to rest in the church cemetery. The church was draped in black, the emblem of mourning, but in heaven there was joy, because another saved one had joined the heavenly throng.

J. A. S.

### Military Company Back.

The military company returned from camp Tuesday afternoon about five o'clock. Boys say that all had a good time and the soldiers behaved themselves unusually well.

John Booth and Hunter Averett were qualified as first class riflemen, and the company as a whole made a fine record for shooting.

In front of brigade headquarters Hon. William Walton Kitchin's picture was placed and the moment the boys saw it, they gave loud cheers.

### Fatal Accident at Henderson.

Henderson, N. C., dispatch, August 10.—One of the most horrible accidents in the history of Henderson occurred this morning in Parham Bros. bagging factory at 5 o'clock. While feeding the picker, Henry Allen, colored, age 30 years, had his left arm caught in the machine, which drew his body also into the works, crushing not only his arm and shoulder, but a part of his face disappearing. In an unconscious condition the mangled form was removed to the office, where death soon relieved him of his suffering.

### A Vote of Thanks.

At the last meeting of the Edwards Hose & Ladder Co. the following vote of thanks was unanimously passed:

We, the Edwards Hose & Ladder Co., wish to express our sincere thanks to Mrs. H. O. Furman, Mrs. L. F. Smith, Mrs. W. H. Britt, Mrs. Lennie Smith, Miss Gray Yancey and Miss Hallie Wood for their untiring efforts in getting up such an excellent barbecue in behalf of the Fire Company and Hon. Jas. D. McNeill, also Mrs. E. T. Rawlins and Mrs. Hillman Cannady for preparing such a good Brunswick stew. We wish to thank all those who helped these ladies and all contributors to this splendid barbecue, which will long be remembered as one of the most delightful of its kind ever given in Oxford. We assure each and all of you it was greatly appreciated by every member of the Edwards Hose & Ladder Co.

W. H. BRITT, Committee.

By request of the ladies, we wish to thank Mr. Roy Carrin for cooking such excellent barbecue, and Mr. L. F. Smith for his kind and thoughtful assistance.

### The National Guard.

The Regular Army of the United States is looked upon by many as being made up of the rough and tough element of society. They seem to think that it is a vast scheme to herd together the fellows who are of no value elsewhere. This is true in some cases, and again it is false. There is another class of men who bear a name that is closely related to that borne by the regular soldier, the class making up the National Guards. After careful investigation the following was ascertained.

The National Guards or State Militia is made up of rowdies who enter the service for the purpose of having a free trip to some Camp once a year. This Encampment to consist of some military duty that is forced upon the men, and unwillingly done by them. Whenever the guards can be passed the men are, very naturally, to get drunk, gamble, prey upon the citizens who visit the Camp, make remarks to and about ladies whenever they are seen, to use the uniforms of the soldiers as a cloak for creating all kinds of disorder. If this enumeration does not cover the ground it is to be found in all kinds of deportment that would not be tolerated at home.

That this has been true in the past, and is true at present among certain regiments no one can deny. But when a body of men numbering between 800 and 900 go off for a week, and behave as well as a large body of men can be expected to behave; when the officers of the companies speak of their men and of other companies composing the regiment in the highest terms; when the citizens say there is no word of adverse criticism to be made concerning the men; when the men, themselves, feel that there is a name to make, and strive to make it, it is time someone spoke a word in behalf of an abused class of men. They were abused in the past because they deserved it, and if they act so as to receive commendation they should have that also.

The 3rd Regiment of the National Guards spent a week at Camp Glenn, and from many sources came the highest praise as to the conduct of the Regiment. This does not mean that they were a Sabbath School class on an excursion, but it does mean that the men can return to their homes knowing that no unfavorable reports will follow them. Oxford sent a company to this encampment, and what is said of the whole Regiment can be said of Company E. in an especial manner. The trip going and returning was not marked by that roughness that is expected of men gathered together when they know the eyes of their friends are off of them. While in camp the men behaved themselves, and were the superiors of some companies. On the Rifle Range they attended to their duties, and if not producing crack marks, they were the recipients of favorable criticism from superior officers.

Those in the Pits, having charge of the targets, made a record for accuracy in marking, and speed in performance of duty. On parade they marched well, drilled well, and looked the soldiers who knew their business. Oxford should be proud of its Company, and do all in its power to help it. It should be proud of Captain J. R. Wood, and give him credit for gathering together a company of young men whose deportment and character is such that anyone would be proud to become a member.

It is expected of a Company Chaplain that he is to see nothing, hear nothing, know nothing, and say nothing; but the Chaplain of Company E. went to Camp Glenn with his senses unimpaired, and he takes this opportunity to say that, as a Company, the men brought no disgrace to the town of Oxford. What the past has been I know not; what the present is I do know, and may the people of Oxford remember it; may the men of Company E. remember it, and both people and Company strive to make the future brighter.

### Letter From Mr. Stephens.

Mr. F. C. Spencer, agent for the Southern Express Company here, wrote to Mr. W. A. Stephens, one of the head men of the Company, asking him when the express wagon would be here and here is the reply:

Danville, Va., Aug. 9th, 1903  
Mr. F. C. Spencer, Agt.

Dear Sir:  
Your wagon will come from Atlanta Ga.; was ready to ship 10 days ago but the factory was burned and it was scorched and had to be repainted. You can expect it any day.

Will see you about this Thursday or Sunday.

Respectfully,  
W. A. STEPHENS,  
Route Agent.

### His Own Grandfather.

Complicated relationships are not infrequent, but it would probably be difficult to parallel two cases recently reported, one in Italy and one in America.

A Neapolitan sailor thus tells his own story: "I married a widow. She had by her first husband a handsome girl named Silvieta, with whom my father fell in love and who became his second wife. Thus my father became my son-in-law and my stepdaughter became my mother, since she had married my father. Soon afterward my wife gave birth to a son, who became my father's stepbrother and at the same time my uncle, since he was my stepmother's brother.

"But that was not all, for in due time my father's wife also gave birth to a boy, who was my brother and also my stepson, since he was the son of my daughter. My wife was also my grandmother, for she was the mother of my mother, and thus I was my wife's husband and at the same time her grandson. Finally, as the husband of a person's grandmother is naturally that person's grandfather, I am forced to the conclusion that I am my own grandfather."

The case of the fifteen-year-old Pennsylvania girl, Ida Kriebel, is quite as remarkable. When she married sixty-year-old Jacob Doney she did not realize that she would become the wife of her own stepgrandfather and consequently the grandmother of herself.

Doney's first wife was the widow of John Wieden. She had three more children by Doney. One of her children married Samuel Kriebel, and a year later died. The widower married again. From this second union came Ida Kriebel. By this arrangement Doney became the stepgrandfather of his own child. The second Mrs. Doney also became stepgrandmother of twenty-five men and women, and stepgreat-grandmother of a lot of boys and girls of about her own age.—Serap Book.

Durham Buggy Co., manufacturers of fine vehicles, F. F. Lyon, Agent, Johnson Warehouse. Nice line on hand. It will pay you to get prices before buying elsewhere.

Misses Katie Lee Hester, Mae Kendrick, Maude Hester, and Maggie Hester, of Hester, Messrs. W. M. Boyles, and W. L. Peebles, of Greensboro; Messrs. Crawford Phillips, and Leo Warburton and Miss Elma Warburton, of Rockingham, N. C. and Mr. and Mrs. Carter and son, of Baltimore, are the guests of Miss Hettie Lyon on College Street this week.

FARM for rent. For particulars apply to J. E. Duncan, Stem N. C. 2t. pd.

The members of the Company had a pleasant week, and much of it was due to the thoughtfulness of the Captain of the Company. A great deal of credit belongs to the one who looked after the Mess Hall. Mr. Frank Lyon at all times did all in his power to see that the men had all that was allotted to them, and a great deal more came to them by his strict attendance to duty, and his desire to please all.

Credit to whom credit is due.  
GEO. B. THOMPSON.  
Chaplain, Co. E., 3rd Regiment.

### Only One in Jail.

Mr. Connie Walters, deputy sheriff and jailer, says there is only one person left in the jail and that one is a negro woman. The last court, which convened last week cleaned out the jail. Eight negroes were sentenced to the county roads, their sentences ranging from eight to twelve months.

The lonely female prisoner is having rather a quiet time she thinks. She won't have to wait very long before she will have some company.

### Providence Notes.

Mrs. Jessie Daniels continues in very feeble health. The whole community anxiously hopes for her recovery.

Our good friend, Mr. Joe Allen, always smiles pleasantly at the mention of the name of a lady who recently taught school at Providence.

Mr. Walter Averett has bought a home at Providence. He takes great pleasure in showing it to his friends, especially to some of his lady friends.

The public school at Providence will be taught by Mrs. Kitty Tilley, and Miss Alma Clayton, and will begin about the middle of September.

A singing class of about 40 was organized here last Sabbath, to be taught by Mr. Sim Peed. The first lesson will be given next Thursday, beginning at ten o'clock. I never saw a school made up so quick and easy.

Two weeks ago the farmer's faces were wrinkled with dark foreheadings that their crops were about ruined by drought; but the recent, copious rains have smoothed out the wrinkles on their faces, and covered them with smiles. The crop prospect is good.

The Beulah Baptist church at Providence will begin a protracted meeting on September 7th. The new church house here has been so far completed that it is now being used. The building committee aims to place an order at once for new seats.

A few nights ago, Mr. Carl Piper had a very unwelcome bedfellow. He was curing tobacco at his barn. Late in the night he lay down on the ground near one of the flues. Mr. Stroud lay down a few feet from him. They both went to sleep. After sometime Mr. Stroud waked up, and saw a very large high land moccasin crawl up Mr. Piper's side, around his head, and start down on the other side of him. The snake stopped, lifted his head several inches high, and seemed to be trying to understand his new surroundings. Mr. Stroud was alarmed. He was afraid Mr. Piper would roll over on the snake, or throw his arm on it, and be bitten. He finally caught Mr. Piper and rolled him away from the snake. This waked Mr. Piper, and they killed the snake and cremated him in a burning tobacco flue. After this Mr. Piper felt more comfortable to sleep up on a bunk. For some days almost every stick he saw looked to him like a snake.

SCRIBO.

Mr. Tom Pruitt went to Tar River and Wilton Wednesday selling life insurance and said that business was good.

Miss Gertrude Landis will open her class of music Tuesday, September 1st, 1903, at her home on College Street.

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### NOTICE.

I have located at my father's, Graham B. Royster, in Northern Granville for the purpose of practicing my profession as physician and surgeon. Will attend all calls night or day.  
4t. pd THOS. H. ROYSTER, M. D.

## A TEACHER'S INSTITUTE

EXERCISES WERE HELD IN THE GRADED SCHOOL.

### Large Number of Teachers Present From all Over the County—Prof. W. N. Walker Superintendent.

The Teachers Institute began work last Monday morning. It was for the purpose of giving the teachers an opportunity of studying here and to save them the expense of going away to school. The Graded School building was the meeting place of the teachers. Mr. N. W. Walker, of the University of North Carolina, is the Superintendent of the Teachers Institute.

### DAILY PROGRAMME.

8:45 to 9:15 opening exercises.  
9:15 to 9:45 arithmetic, Supt. W. F. Webb.  
9:45 to 10:45 language work, composition.  
10:45 to 11:15 English Grammar.  
11:15 to 11:45 Recess.  
11:45 to 12:30 History.  
12:30 to 2:00 Intermission.  
2:00 to 2:45 North Carolina History and Civic—D. G. Brummitt.  
2:45 to 3:15 School.  
3:15 to 3:45 Theory and practice teaching.

The following are in attendance upon the Institute:

Misses Elizabeth Bumpass, Virginia; Carrie Fuller, Oxford; Pearl West, Virginia; Fannie Webb, Oxford; Elnora Williams, Durham; Annie Crews, Oxford; Ethel Breedlove, Oxford; Ida Fuller, Berea; Hattie Dunn, Henderson; Pearl Parker, Raleigh; Bettie Green, Lyon; Irene Howell, Kittrell; Dora Overton, Franklinton; Mary K. Webb, Ruth Webb; Stem; Lucy E. Webb, Oxford; Fanny Morton, Oxford; Grizzelle Smith, Oxford; Annie B. Tippet, Dabney; Emma M. Peace, Creedmoor; Mary E. Brummitt; Kittrell; Bessie Mangum, Stem; Dixie Hester, Oxford; Eunice Crews, Henderson; Urna Umstead, Stem; Alma Clayton, Stem; Eta Washington, Oxford; Hattie Jones, Stem; Norfleet Hunter, Oxford; Mary Renn, Oxford; Cora Phipps, Oxford; Annie Shotwell, Berea; Naomi Cash, Oxford; Mary Hart, Oxford; Annie Lou Thomas, Roxboro; Lela Routon, Oxford; Virgie Pendleton, Oxford; Addie Wood, Oxford; Huldah Latta, Oxford; Nannie Adcock, Berea; Florence Waller, Oxford; Etta Peace, Oxford; Zelma Clement, Esma Clement, Nelson, Va.; Jean R. Daniel, Clarksville, Va.; Annie Clement, Oxford; Etta Clement, Oxford; Margaret Horsfield, Oxford; Ethel Holmes, Iola York, Nannie Garner, Jeannette Biggs, Sarah Daniel, Mrs. O. B. Allen, Mrs. J. Y. Paris, Mrs. Kate Fleming, Oxford; Mrs. Sallie B. Watkins, Cornwall; Mr. A. M. Jones, Stem.

### Mrs. Hicks Piano School, Season 1903

Mrs. Hicks greets all her former students and those interested in the study of the piano, and will be pleased to have them call at her home after Sept. 1st and talk over plans for another year. She will return from New York with her diploma from Virgil Piano School and with the new ideas required this season will be prepared to do better work than ever before.

In order to introduce more fully the deservedly successful Virgil method special terms will be made for the first quarter. Session will begin September 8th, 1903.

I still have my wood saw and will run this winter for the people of Oxford. If you have any wood I would like to saw it for you. I am ready from now on. E. T. JONES, pd.

Mrs. John B. Booths School of Music will open Monday September 14th.

### Why James Lee Got Well.

Everybody in Zanesville, O., knows Mrs. Mary Lee, of rural route 8. She writes: "My husband, James Lee, firmly believes he owes his life to the use of Dr. King's New Discovery. His lungs were so severely affected that consumption seemed inevitable, when a friend recommended New Discovery. We tried it, and his use has restored him to perfect health." Dr. King's New Discovery is the King of throat and lung remedies. For coughs and colds it has no equal. The first dose gives relief. Try it! Sold under guarantee at J. G. Hall's drug store. 50c, and \$1. Trial bottle free.