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## Hargis Trial is Removed

### SON WHO SHOT HIS FATHER.

**Believing That Men Have Been Influenced to Qualify as Jurors in the Hargis Trial, Judge Adams Grants the State a Change of Venue—Defense Takes Exception to the Ruling.**

Jackson, Ky. August 31.—A change of venue was granted the Commonwealth in the Beech Hargis case by Judge Adams today.

The court delivered a carefully prepared opinion, amid breathless silence. "The evidence in this case," said Judge Adams, "presents the most unusual state of affairs I have ever known to exist. The Commonwealth has proven that an overwhelming sentiment exists in the county against the defendant, while the defendant introduced a number of witnesses to prove the same fact. The Commonwealth insists on a change of venue, but the defendant is demanding a trial among the people whom the proof shows are clamoring for his conviction.

"It is proven by one witness at least that efforts have been made to influence men to qualify as jurors and hang the jury. No evidence is offered by the defendant to deny this charge. While there are many just as good men in this county as can be found anywhere, the evidence shows that most if not practically all of them have expressed an opinion and hence would not be competent jurors. Under these conditions I do not believe the case ought to be tried in this county and the change of venue will be granted."

The attorneys for the defendant excepted to the ruling of the court.

### With the Sick.

Mr. R. A. Gaithe, who has been sick at the home of relatives near Asheville is improving rapidly.

Miss Mary Turner, daughter of Mr. John C. Turner, who underwent an operation at the sanitarium a few days ago is resting as easily as could be expected and her early recovery is looked for.

Mr. S. A. Plyler, who has been very low with typhoid fever at his home on the Boulevard is improving.

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### Internal Revenue Collections.

Cashier R. B. Roberts, of Collector Brown's office reports the following internal revenue collections for the month of August, 1908:

Lists.....	\$ 461.50
Spirits.....	25,519.89
Cigars.....	49.50
Tobacco.....	206,263.77
Special tax.....	727.20

\$233,021.86

Collections Aug. 1907. \$229,392.02

Increase..... \$3,629.84

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Miss Ina Connelly went to Le noir this morning to visit friends.

### DAMON AND PYTHIANS.

**Pythians Will Give an Entertainment on Tuesday Night, September 15th—Celebrated Actor and His Wife Will Train Local Talent for the Event.**

The Pythians of Statesville have arranged for the presentation by local talent of the drama Damon and Pythias.

The play will be given under the direction of the celebrated Edouard D' Oize and wife.

Mr. D' Oize is a native of New Orleans. His stage career began in the spring of 1892 with Edward Ferry, playing small parts in Virginia and Damon and Pythias. Since that time he has been prominent in the supporting companies of Louis James, Frederick Warde, Robert Downing and Charles B. Hanford and has played in all the larger cities and towns of the United States and Canada. He has made a life study of Shakespeare and the classic drama and has appeared as the star at the head of his own company through Canada, New England, New York and the south.

The date set for the event is the night of September 15th.

The story of Damon and Pythias is what the grand order of the Knights of Pythias is founded on and the love of these two men for each other can only be compared with the love of David and Jonathan. The actors in the play will be dressed in the Greek costumes and the stage settings will be elaborate.

### Attempted Jail Breaking.

It is probable that the watchfulness of Mrs. L. R. Connelly, the jailer, prevented a jail breaking at the county jail one day last week.

The jail has recently been quite crowded. During the recent court there were 45 prisoners in the institution.

Mrs. Connelly discovered that a piece of grating had been removed and covered up with old papers.

It was evidently the work of T. Wilson, a white prisoner who had his hand badly bruised while working on the chain gang and who was brought to the jail to recuperate, as he was unable to work.

Mrs. Connelly promptly placed the man in the cage.

### Married in Washington.

Mr. J. Y. Foard of this city and Miss Blanch Carson of Cleveland, Rowan county, were married in Washington, D. C., today.

The ceremony was performed at the home of a sister of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Foard will return to Statesville where they will reside in about two weeks.

Miss Carson is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Carson.

Mr. Foard is a salesman for Wallace Bros' Co. and is popular with his associates.

### Really Rather Rash.

Mr. R. J. Shoemaker of this city and Miss Myrtle Rash of Jennings were married on Sunday.

The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride and was a very quiet affair.

The couple will reside in this city on Drake street. The groom is employed by the Iredell Bottling Works.

The bride is a daughter of the late Squire A. A. Rash.

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### PERSONAL NOTES.

**Some Happenings Among Those People You Know and Others You Don't Know.**

Messrs. B. W. Garrison and E. W. Overcash visited friends in Asheville over Sunday.

Mr. William Cowles left for Guilford college yesterday morning.

Mr. Fred Barkley of Gastonia has been in the city for several days.

Miss Carrie Wilson returned to Mooresville Saturday after a few days' visit in the city.

Miss Stella Leonard of Barium is visiting her brother, Mr. Clarence Leonard, at Salisbury.

Mr. T. N. Brown returned yesterday from a visit at his old home in Catawba county.

Richard Ferguson and Hargrove Brady left yesterday morning to enter Davidson college.

Dr. W. R. Collon of Wake Forest College was the guest of Rev. J. F. Mitchiner yesterday.

Miss Anie Mills returned to Mooresville Saturday night after a few days visit with Miss Ruth Ledbetter.

Mrs. H. O. Morrison who has been visiting at her father's, Mr. J. A. Wise, went to her home at Cornelius this morning.

Mrs. I. V. Taylor who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. C. Foyd, left today for her home at Atlanta.

Miss Clara Mills returned to her home at Mooresville Saturday night after a most pleasant visit with Miss Angie Mills of this city.

Mrs. W. L. Hill has arrived from Connelly Springs to spend several days with Mrs. R. L. Poston, before going to her home at Winston.

The Charlotte Chronicle says: "Rev. H. H. Robbins and Mrs. Robbins have returned to their home in Statesville, after visiting friends in Charlotte.

Mrs. John Hoke and her daughter, Miss Irene, have returned to their home at Granite Falls, after a very enjoyable visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Connelly.

Mr. A. W. Watson, who has been a guest of Mr. W. A. Overcash's left this morning for his home at Wilmington. He was accompanied by his niece, Miss Mary Watson.

Mrs. W. T. Dickson, sister of Officer Tom Kerr returned to her home at Mooresville, after a pleasant visit with her relatives here. Her husband, a conductor on the Southern was here on Friday and Saturday.

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### Embroidery Club.

The Round Dozen Embroidery club will meet with Miss Marie Long tomorrow.

The members are requested to assemble at 10:30 o'clock.

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Miss Estelle Love of Selma, Ala., who has been the guest of Mrs. J. E. Deitz went to Charlotte yesterday for a visit with friends.

### THE SKATING RINK WILL

be open all this week under the management of Mr. Rose. Hours 3:30 to 5:00 in the afternoon. 8:00 to 10:00 in evening.

### COTTON MARKET.

#### Local Market.

Prices at wagon:  
Strict good middling.....10¼  
Good middling.....10½  
Middling.....10

The market was steady.  
**New York Market.**

The New York market showed a lower tendency today.

Spots dropped 20 points and closed at 9.30.

Futures closed as follows:  
October.....8.44  
December.....8.37  
January.....8.29  
March.....8.35

### Back From the Far West.

Miss Martha Moore and her friend, Miss Angie Mullaly, have returned from a trip to the west.

They were gone about a month and while away visited relatives of Miss Mullaly at St. Paul, Minn., and many points of interest in various parts of the west, among them Bald Eagle Lake.

Miss Moore had intended going on to Spokane, Wash., to visit a brother who is superintendent of the street railroad but was obliged to return without doing so.

Both of the young ladies enjoyed their trip immensely and return in the best of health.

### Negro is Bad Off.

Fred Allison, the young negro who was mysteriously hurt at Mr. W. M. Westmoreland's stable before day Thursday morning, is still in a dangerous condition and his recovery remains doubtful.

He is still unable to give any account of how he was hurt, although he told his doctor the other day that he was assaulted by a white man who hit him with both a stick and a rock.

He was not fully rational at the time and it is hot certain that he knew what he was talking about. He suffers a great deal.

### Mr. Henry's Clock

The clock in Jeweller Henry's window stopped at 11:37 o'clock Saturday night.

There was considerable interest in the guessing contest and a large number of guesses were recorded.

Miss Carrie Lyons guessed that the clock would stop at 11:30 o'clock and Mr. J. I. Goforth at 11:44.

Consequently the two tied for the prize and it will be divided between them.

### Dress Suit Case Found.

The dress suit case which was taken from a restaurant stand near the depot last Saturday where the owner, Mr. W. D. Goodman left it, has been recovered.

It was found in a corn field last night by a small boy. With the exception of some books, all of the contents were recovered.

The suit case together with the contents were valued at about \$20.

### Raided a Crap Game.

Chief of Police Connor raided a party of colored boys who were engaged in a crap game yesterday afternoon and arrested Bud Moore.

Before the mayor he was held for the superior court in the sum of \$100.

Henry Bennet who was playing with Moore escaped.

### Nearly a Hundred

Mrs. Hooper who will be 99 years old if she lives till next May is visiting her son, Mr. M. L. Hooper at Bloomfield.

She is very deaf and quite feeble but has the full possession of all her faculties.

## Has a Circus on Its Hands

### OWNER HAS DISAPPEARED.

**Atlantic City Was Called on to Care for the Performers and Animals and Policemen are Busy Figuring How Much They Are in the Hole—Borrowed Money on His Bank Deposit.**

Atlantic City, Aug. 31.—Desertion of an entire circus, menagerie, performing animals and 40 professionals, with a number of employees ended the three days' show which was to have been given by F. S. Berger, of New York.

He had agreed to share the gate receipts with the Police Pension Fund, 50 per cent. to go to each, the officers to sell the tickets and permit the use of the title the "Policemen's Circus For the Benefit of the Police Pension Fund." Officers of the Beneficial Association were chagrined over the departure of Berger, which left them to care for the deserted host, and they gathered them in the police court to save any of the employees from suffering.

Berger disappeared last night. The officers had collected \$400 at the gate. This cash they distributed among the stranded professionals and it enabled them to pay their hotel bills, and also to obtain railroad tickets for those without funds. P. G. McHugh, of Cleveland, claimed he big tent as his property, while others appeared to prevent loss of animals and other property.

The climax came when a lawyer, Mr. Keller, of New York, appeared with a writ of attachment for \$12,000 in bank, collected by the police from the sale of tickets, and deposited under the control of the bank, which had orders to use it to pay such bills as would be contracted by Berger. Berger it is alleged, went to New York with the deposit book, and upon its evidence borrowed the full amount.

The tent will stand and the trained bears and other animals are being cared for until arrangements for their return to the owners can be legally made.

### Mr. Lawrence Goes to Northern Markets.

Mr. L. C. Lawrence, of Lawrence Bros. Co., left this morning for the northern markets to buy goods for his firm.

Mr. Lawrence will be gone a week or ten days. This firm will have a good sized ad in **The Evening Mascot** after he returns to keep the people informed as to the bargains they will have to offer.

### Mr. Miller's New Clerk.

Mr. S. B. Miller, the shoe man, has a new clerk in the person of Mr. Earl White who commenced work this morning.

Mr. White was formerly employed as salesman by Eagle & Milholland.

### Going to Mooresville.

Mr. David McLelland will shortly sever his connection with the Statesville Drug Company.

He will go to Mooresville where he has a position with the Goodman Drug Store.

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### MR. WRIGHT IS DEAD.

**Well Known and Worthy Citizen Suffers a Stroke of Paralysis and Death Follows—Funeral Was Held This Afternoon From the Associate Reformed Church.**

Mr. William Gilmore Wright suffered a stroke of paralysis late yesterday morning and death resulted at 7:45 o'clock last night.

The end came at his residence on Center Street, near the depot. The deceased had been an invalid for nearly a year and a short time ago went to the Sanatorium for treatment.

He had improved greatly of late, however, and was able to be about the city the first part of last week.

Mr. Wright was a son of the late P. L. Wright and was born in Rockingham county November 16, 1854.

Of his family one brother, who lives at Mayesville, Ky., survives.

Mr. Wright came to Statesville from Guilford county more than twenty years ago and was for a time connected with the spoke and handle works, an important industry which occupied the site now occupied by the Gaither Lumber Co.

He was a veterinary surgeon and did considerable business in that line. He had also been in the mercantile business.

On March 12, 1891, Mr. Wright married Miss Mary Elizabeth Myers of Stony Point and the wife and an adopted child survive him.

The deceased was a member of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

The funeral was held from the church this afternoon at 4 o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. J. H. Pressly.

Interment was at Oakwood cemetery. The following gentlemen acted as pall bearers: W. R. Sloan, J. S. Kerr, John McElwee, R. V. Tharpe, L. C. Caldwell and B. P. Young.

### Eggs Soaring High.

The egg famine in Statesville continues.

Farmers coming in today did not bring their usual supply and they are bringing from 23 to 25c a dozen in the stores. An unusually high price for this season of the year.

### Change of Schedule.

A change of schedule will be made in the running of the passenger trains from Charlotte to Taylorsville and for No. 12, on the Western road, next Sunday, the 6th.

It is understood that No. 12 will arrive here about an hour earlier than at present but no official figures for any of the changes have been received.

### A New Sidewalk.

Contractor Oscar Carlson has a force of men putting down a new sidewalk in front of the store in the hotel Iredell building that will be occupied by the new shoe company.

It is to be of concrete.

### Mr. Fulp's Son Dead.

A six weeks old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fulp died Sunday at the home of its parents on Caldwell street. Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon by Rev. J. F. Mitchner and the remains were laid to rest in Oakwood cemetery.

### Excursion to Winston.

The Sunday schools of Race Street Methodist church and the Western Avenue Baptist church will conduct a public excursion to Winston-Salem on the 18th inst. The fare for the round trip will be \$1.00.

### Hip Was Dislocated.

Mr. William Miller of New Sterling fell last Saturday while near the state farm and his hip was dislocated.