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## ROGERS-HALL CASE MIS-TRIAL

### After Being Out a Few Hours The Jury Was Discharged—Cound Not Agree.

Another case of interest on the civil docket was that of B. G. Rogers vs. R. L. Hall, both of Woodsdale. The plaintiff sued the defendant in this action for \$10,000 damages for criminal conversation and alienation of his wife's affections.

On account of the prominence of the parties and their families much interest was shown, and a large crowd heard the case.

Messrs. W. W. Kitchin and L. M. Carlton were counsel for the plaintiff and Messrs. A. L. Brooks, V. S. Bryant and W. D. Merritt counsel for the defendant.

The case consumed the greater part of two days. The defendant did not go upon the stand or introduce testimony. Several witnesses were examined for the plaintiff.

The jury, after being out several hours, reported that they could not agree and it being the last day of this term, a mistrial was ordered by the Court, which places the case back upon the docket to be tried again.

This was one of the most strongly contested cases that has been tried in Person county for many years and able arguments were made by attorneys on both sides.

## Found Dead.

William D. Hamlet, who lived on Cotton Factory Hill, was found dead on the porch of the negro graded school building last Thursday night about 8 o'clock. Coroner O'Briant was notified and had body carried to the mayor's office where a jury was summoned and inquest held. The jurors and Drs. Long and Bradsher after making a thorough examination, found that the deceased came to death by unknown cause.

Hamlet was a heavy drinker and often drank lemon extract in quantities. He leaves a wife and several children.

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## JURY AWARDS \$3,500 DAMAGES

### In the Saunders vs. Southern Railway Case—\$20,000 Damages Asked.

In the case of Saunders vs. the Southern Railway on the civil docket of the February term, the jury awarded Saunders \$3,500 damages.

The plaintiff sued for \$20,000 damages for the killing of Kemp Sanders at Thomasville over a year ago. The deceased was employed by the Southern Railway company and was engaged in installing block signal systems on the main line at Thomasville. He left his train and went across the tract near the station and on returning to catch his train he was struck by an extra on main line, and instantly killed. There was evidence showing that no whistle was blown or bell rung for crossing and that the train was going at the speed of 25 miles an hour.

This was an interesting case as it involved the Federal Employers Liability Act.

Sanders and his people formerly lived near Helena, in this county, and he was a splendid young man.

Messrs. Kitchin and V. S. Bryant appeared for the plaintiff and W. M. Hendren, of Winston Salem for the railroad.

The case will be appealed.

## From Mullins In Auto.

Mr. Geo. H. Yarboro and family of Mullins, S. C., made the trip here in Mr. Yarboro's car last Friday. The day was bad and few over here would have undertaken the trip but he says he had no serious trouble on the way. Mr. Yarboro has been living in Mullins for a number of years and his friends will be glad to know that he has made good in his adopted home.

## Vital Statistics.

Mr. R. E. Cheek, local register for Roxboro and Roxboro Township gives us the following report for January:

Deaths, town, 5; Township, 2. Births, town, 4; Township, 6.

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## COURT PROCEEDINGS

### Court Adjourned for the February Term Saturday afternoon—Following Cases Tried During Term.

Court convened Monday morning February 2nd. at ten thirty with Judge Lyon presiding and S. M. Gattis prosecuting. The Judge's charge to the grand jury lasted about an hour and the following cases on the criminal docket were disposed of:

State vs. Cook Pearce and Walter William. Defendant plead not guilty.

In this case Walter William was charged with shooting Cook Pearce shooting taking place near Brookdale some months ago. The magistrate bound Pearce over with Williams, charging him with an assault with deadly weapon. At the close of evidence upon a motion before the Court Pearce was discharged and Williams found guilty. Judgement was suspended in the case of Williams upon payment of cost. Pearce was represented by L. M. Carlton and Williams represented by W. D. Merritt.

State vs. Walter Williams. In this case Williams plead guilty to carry concealed weapon and was fined \$25.00 and cost. Williams was also put under a \$100 bond for his good behavior.

State vs. John Smith. Defendant plead guilty to larceny and was given 12 months on the county road force.

State vs. Charles Winstead. In this case the defendant submitted to assault with deadly weapon upon one Ellen McGee. The judgement of the court was that the defendant pay Ellen McGee \$75.00 and judgement was suspended upon payment of the cost.

In this case it appeared that Mr. Winstead had been out hunting and had started home and on his way stopped at Ellen McGee, who is an old colored woman living in Cunningham Township, and sat down on her door steps to rest. The old woman being out some 15 or 20 steps at the wood pile picking up chips and the defendant claimed that his gun accidentally went off, shooting the woman in the hip. There was some evidence tending to show that he snapped the gun at her, but same was strongly denied by the defendant. The Court held him guilty upon the ground that he was negligently and recklessly handling the gun and amount ordered to be paid her by Winstead was in the nature of damages for her injuries and expenses. Ellen McGee was present and seems to have fully recovered.

State vs. Tom Glenn. Defendant plead guilty to assault with deadly weapon and judgement was suspended.

State vs. Jim Carver Day. The defendant on December 19, 1913 was on train coming from Denniston to Roxboro and was charged with taking a suit case belonging to a Mr. O'Brien, of Durham, who was on same train. There were two other boys with Day and all had been drinking heavily. Officers were notified and suit case was found in Day's possession, but same was returned later to Mr. O'Brien. The jury rendered a verdict of guilty of larceny and defendant was sentenced to 12 months on county roads. The defendant's attorneys were Messrs. Carlton and Merritt.

In passing upon this case Judge Lyon took occasion to ask about the condition of the county jail. He asked if there were five rooms to jail as required by law. That is, separate apartments for white males and females and black males and females and a poor debtors room. And stated that if such apartments were not furnished by

the county commissioners they were indictable, as the law specifically required it and that it was humane to be done.

State vs. Thomas Howard. Defendant plead guilty to assault with deadly weapon and judgement was suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs. Alex Clay. Defendant found not guilty.

State vs. Ed. Bailey. Defendant was charged with seriously cutting and wounding Arthur Beard, in Holloways township. The difficulty arising over girls. Beard was seriously cut, on arm and back and came near bleeding to death. Jury rendered a verdict of guilty and Bailey was sentenced to 12 months on roads.

State vs. O. Green. Defendant was found guilty of larceny.

State vs. Dalphin Winstead. Jury found defendant guilty and the judgement was suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs. Tom Glenn. Defendant charged with assault with deadly weapon and found guilty. Judgement was suspended.

State vs. Tom Glenn. Defendant charged with assault with deadly weapon and found guilty. Given three months on roads.

State vs. John Russell. In this case John Russell, a negro boy about 14 years of age was charged with killing another negro boy named Frank Williams. The defendant not being able to employ counsels, L. M. Carlton and F. O. Carver were appointed by Judge Lyon to defend him.

The state's witness, who was the only eye witness to the killing stated that the deceased and defendant were out hunting together and that the defendant pointed his gun at deceased's dog, whereupon deceased told him not to point the gun at his dog as it might go off and kill him. The defendant then said, "I will shoot you," and turned upon the deceased and gun fired.

It appeared that they had been the best of friends and the defendant claimed that they were playing at the time and the gun accidentally discharged. Upon this evidence the defendant through his counsel tendered to the state a plea of man slaughter, which was accepted, and the Court, on account of the age of the defendant and all circumstances connected with the killing sentenced the boy to the penitentiary for one year.

State vs. Zack Jones. In this case Jones was tried for retailing. It came out in the evidence that the person who brought the charge against the defendant had been convicted of the same offence and Jones had been a witness against him. The defendant was found not guilty.

This completed the criminal docket for the February term of Court.

## County Teachers Meeting.

The meeting of the County Teachers will be held in Roxboro on Saturday, February 21st, at 10:30 o'clock in the Graded School building.

These meetings mean much to the teachers and it is very necessary that they should attend them. When you find an up-to-date teacher you will always find one who takes an active interest in meetings of this nature. Superintendent Holloway is very anxious that every teacher in the County attend.

## How to Get a Prosperous Town.

If you want a prosperous town where people can come who are disposed to make homes, then do away with and bury from sight all jealousy and spite work move for common prosperity and mutual benefit. Wake up, rub your eyes, roll up your sleeves and go to work.—Ex.

## VOLCANO ERUPTION.

### Recent Disaster in Japan Results in Heavy Loss of Life.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 7.—The first detailed account of the eruption of Sakura Jima, on the southern coast of Japan, as received here today by mail from the Tokyo correspondent of The Associated Press, places the loss of life, conservatively estimated at "several hundreds."

Not only was the island of Sakura Jima itself, with its dozen villages, flooded by a torrent of flaming lava and buried under a hail of incandescent rocks, but the beautiful city of Kogoshima, overlooking the Golden Gate of Japan, was partly destroyed, several towns and villages on the mainland to the east were sore hit and the villages of Akamidzu, Yokoyama and Koike literally were swallowed up by the molten lava. Until they are dug out, no specific count of lives lost will be possible. The account follows:

## LAST DAYS OF POMPEII.

"While a Tokyo audience of Japanese was assembled at the Imperial Theater, viewing moving pictures of the last days of Pompeii, the subterranean fires of their own Empire, imprisoned for more than a century, were surging upward beneath the island of Sakura Jima, in the southernmost part of the realm.

"The 22,000 inhabitants of Sakura Jima fled wildly in all directions, in a pitiful quest for food and shelter. From thickly settled villages and from houses embosomed in groves of oranges, peaches and plums, the farmers ran to the shores of the bay.

"Horses neighed and snorted in terror and all manner of domestic cattle bellowed and cried to be let loose. Many freed themselves and began a wild stampede through and over their human companions.

"Many old men refused to try to save themselves and had to be dragged along by the unger. Women and children were sent off first, the women carrying their infants, slung Japanese-fashion

across their backs, their hands filled with portable household goods. Some shielded themselves with mattresses; others wore metal and earthen pots for helmets. It was a wild, a pell-mell rush, a flight of indescribable panic and confusion.

## Every-day Religion.

Every man should be strong enough to "tote" his religion around seven days a week.

A religion that won't work more than twelve hours out of eighty-four is not worth keeping.

True Christianity is in doing, not in believing.

A man's business may not help his religion, but true religion will not hurt his business.

A business that won't prosper under the Golden Rule is not worth while.

Success at the cost of a man's conscience is dearly purchased.

It is not so much what we get as what we are.

The worst of all failures is success in wrong doing.

When we learn the true definition for love we have solved the mysteries of God's kingdom.

## Six Applicants.

An examination was given here last Saturday for the position of postmaster at Hurdle Mills and Woodsdale. There were three applicants from both offices. From Hurdle Mills: A. P. Daniel, Louis Long and Dr. J. I. Coleman.

From Woodsdale: Mrs. E. J. Robertson, R. P. Brooks and E. Mitchell. It will probably be about five or six weeks before it is known who were successful.

## End Treasurers' Jobs.

During the last session of our General Assembly a bill passed allowing fifteen counties to abolish the office of County Treasurer and allowing a local bank to disburse the funds under bond without salary. A strong sentiment is brewing looking towards the end of this sin-cure and we hope our citizens will keep this theme in their minds as any reduction in taxes will be a consummation devoutly to be desired.—Ex.

## GEORGE & I KNOW WHERE TO GO FOR HATCHETS & HARDWARE



GEORGE WASHINGTON NEVER LIED. THAT'S WHY HE HAD THE CONFIDENCE OF MILLIONS, AND WHY WE RESPECT HIM TO THIS DAY AND ALWAYS WILL.

WE DO NOT NEED TO MISREPRESENT OUR MERCHANDISE. THE BRANDS WE SELL HAVE STOOD THE TEST OF TIME.

ASK THOSE WHO HAVE TRADED WITH US WHETHER OR NOT THEY LIKE THE WAY WE DO BUSINESS.

## Long, Bradsher & Co.

## OUR STOCK Is Low, Very Low

And it is just like we want it at this time of the year. It means much to you as well as to us. It means that we will have almost a complete stock of brand new goods and styles to begin the new season with. There will be little danger of your buying anything but the newest from us. We will have next to nothing in carry overs. We are buying and planning every day for the Spring season and it is our purpose to spare no effort to get together the best and most complete stock of merchandise ever shown in Roxboro. We are daily receiving new shipments. Within the next few days we will display a grand line of new laces and embroideries as well as woolen and cotton dress goods for early Spring wear in the newest fabrics.

In the meantime we are closing out odd lots and all heavy winter goods at ridiculously low prices.

## Harris & Burns.

Roxboro's Best Store.