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THE HAYWOOD VERDICT.

What the State Press Has to Say of the Trial and Judge Peebles.

—It is now to be presumed that when a poor fellow in Raleigh is caught with a pistol he will be heavily fined, or sent to the roads, but if he kills his man quickly he will be acquitted.—Durham Sun.

—In the cent-a-word column of the Charlotte Chronicle somebody advertises "fresh hog hams" for sale. Sell 'em to the courts to slap the goddess of justice in the face with.—Gastonia Gazette.

The taking of a human life is the one thing for which no excuse can be offered. It is murder. And justice demands a life for life. It is up to the North Carolina officials to see that justice is enforced.—Danville Bee. This has reference especially to the Haywood trial, and while our contemporary is correct in saying "it is up to the North Carolina officials to see that justice is enforced," it may be stated as a fact that in this particular case justice will not be enforced. It will not do to hang a man who belongs to a prominent family and has money and influence.—Henderson Gold Leaf, Oct. 15th.

—Judge Peebles was true to Mr. Haywood to the last.

It is an easy matter to make out a case of self-defense if the lawyers can get such a jury as they want.

While we expected that jury to acquit Haywood, we did not expect it to be in such a blamed big hurry about it.

After getting the jury to do what he wanted it to do Judge Peebles might have kept his mouth shut about it.

Now if some of Skinner's friends should shoot down Haywood, to be consistent the courts would have to turn his loose.

When Mr. Pou said he would not prosecute a man for murder he meant that a man should not be punished for that crime.

Mr. Haywood stands acquitted of murder, but it will be little satisfaction to him to know that a great majority of the people believe he should be doing time in the penitentiary.

If those Wilson murderers are still in jail their bonds should be reduced to a figure where they could give it. One murderer is no better than another and should be treated no better.

The Wake county grand jury has not indicted Mr. Haywood for carrying a concealed weapon and it should not. If there is no harm in killing a man there can certainly be none in carrying a deadly weapon.—Durham Herald.

—The trial of Haywood that has been going on in Raleigh the past two weeks came to an end Wednesday when the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. After the evidence was all in the prosecution abandoned murder in the first degree. From beginning to end it was not more than a farce or mock trial. Haywood murdered Ludlow Skinner without sufficient provocation in the broad open day light, on the main thoroughfare of our capital city, and yet because he was a lawyer, a man of wealth and high family standing, he is allowed to go scott free. This murder was committed in February, and we verily believe that if he had been a poor man without money, influence, etc., he would have been hung long ago. We dislike to criticize the verdict of a jury but we must say that this jury and all connected with the case deserves the severest criticism and the setting of this man at liberty has cast a stain upon the good name of this grand old Commonwealth that it will take many years to out live. But enough said for this time. Haywood, although acquitted by a jury, will always stand before the people of North Carolina as a murderer unpunished.—Warrenton Record, Oct. 16th.

—At any rate Judge Peebles has no occasion to find fault with the verdict of the jury.

The defense certainly has no cause to complain of unfairness to their side on the part of Judge Peebles.

If the twelve men who turned murderer Haywood loose were hung themselves justice might be satisfied.

We hear of hung juries sometimes but hanging juries now and then might be promotive of law and order.

The next of kin to Mr. Skinner should do for Mr. Haywood what the court and jury failed to do.

Of the two cases perhaps in Tillman's there was the greatest provocation for the killing, but Haywood's trial appears the bigger farce.

Haywood saves his neck but the verdict of the jury does not alter the fact that he is a murderer who shot his victim in the back and ought to be hung.

The twelve men who turned Haywood loose may have acted conscientiously but it would be hard to convince some people that conscience had anything to do with it.

Judge Peebles may not have intended it but his course in the Haywood trial cannot but impress a disinterested outsider with the fact that he was for the defense all the way through.

Haywood shot Skinner in the back and killed him as he was walking away from him. But he will not hang for it because the murderer belongs to a prominent family and has money and influence to back him.

After being out fifteen minutes yesterday the jury acquitted Ernest Haywood of the murder of Ludlow Skinner in Raleigh. While it was not believed that he would be hung the action of the jury in acquitting him altogether occasions indignation and disgust nevertheless.—Henderson Gold Leaf, 15th.

—Nobody need be surprised at the verdict in the Haywood case. It is what was expected, but it really looks as if Judge Peebles was disposed to "slop over." Under the evidence and the law Haywood was not guilty of murder in the first degree; he may have been entitled to an acquittal, as the jury found, but the general public will never believe it.

And Tillman was acquitted also. That, too, was expected. But the jury in his case acted more decently than the Haywood jury. Tillman's jury stayed out about a day and professed at least to be considering the case. The Haywood jury hurried back so promptly as to cause one to wonder if they didn't have their minds made up from the beginning.

Gentlemen who are not on good terms with other gentlemen should be warned by the events in this State and South Carolina as to their conduct. If you are tempted to strike a man either examine him first to see whether he has a weapon or postpone the striking until you have one. Then, when you have your weapon handy, and have struck your adversary, begin shooting immediately if not sooner. You can claim self defence on the ground that you thought he was going to draw; if you don't get him first he will certainly get you and claim self defence on the ground that your actions indicated that you were going to shoot. If you are unarmed or for any reason not disposed to engage in gun practice, it would be well on meeting an enemy to elevate your hands above your head and keep them there while in sight of him; by all means keep your hands out of your pockets. If you make the slightest movement he will kill you and secure acquittal on the ground of self defence. By observing these rules one may manage to escape.—Statesville Landmark.

Judge Peebles can hardly be expected to enjoy or appreciate what the papers are saying of him, but all this was doubtless anticipated.—Durham Herald.

—Haywood and Tillman are both free men, not guilty, acquitted, cleared, exonerated. The courts have declared Skinner and Gonzales murderous dogs who deserved to be shot down on the highway.—Gastonia Gazette.

—The juries in Raleigh and Lexington have decided that Haywood and Tillman both acted in self defence and have acquitted them of any violation of the law of their States. This ends these important and sensational murder trials. There are other murder trials in this State which will soon be put before juries, in which the defendants are not so prominent socially or financially. We have the curiosity to know what the verdicts in these cases will be.—Wilmington Messenger.

—The court which tried Ernest Haywood for murder declared him not guilty. But Ernest is a ruined man. There will be no peace for him this side of the grave. Ludlow Skinner who died by violence at the hands of Haywood will appear many and many a time to Ernest Haywood to drive peace from his mind and sleep from his eyes. Ernest Haywood goes free, but there is not gold enough in the world to induce any one to take his place, and suffer as he must suffer in mind and in conscience.—Monroe Enquirer.

—If there is any difference of opinion among the Charlotte lawyers and public, relative to the verdicts in the Haywood and Tillman cases, reporters have not been able to find it. The word "disgrace" is heard oftenest, and it is made to apply to both States. If popular opinion here were to be put in print Judge Peebles might hold that an entire community is in contempt of Court; and the statement that Judge Peebles was the strongest lawyer for the defense in the Haywood case is said too often to be at all flattering.—Charlotte Observer.

—The people are losing respect for our courts, and it is coming to pass that if a man has wealth and professional influence he may murder his fellowman without fear or legal retribution. Is it any wonder that lynch law and violence are taking the place of legal procedure? We think not. The wonder would be, if no condition of anarchy arose from the weakness and cowardice of courts.

This thing of shooting a man down without giving him a chance for his life is horrible—worse than some of the darkest crimes of the feudal age. It causes thoughtful men to wonder if their time will come next. This makes every man afraid of his brother, for none know the hour of assassination. The thing must end or we are all headed toward the hell of anarchy.—Greenville Reflector, October 15th.

Attempted Bank Robbery at Spring Hope.

Four masked men attempted to rob the bank here about 3 o'clock this morning. Several blasts were made in the effort to blow open the safe. This aroused a number of citizens of the town who started to the bank but were held at bay at the point of pistols. The first man to run up on them was caught and bound. Seeing from the arrival of others that their plot was discovered, the robbers fled. An examination showed that the outer door of the safe was wrecked by the blasts but the robbers did not succeed in blowing open the inner door, which doubtless they would have done but for the citizens being aroused by the explosions.—Spring Hope Dispatch, 14th.

Broke Into His House.

S. LeQuinn, of Cavendish, Vt., was robbed of his customary health by invasion of Chronic Constipation. When Dr. King's New Life Pills broke into his house, his trouble was arrested and now he's entirely cured. They're guaranteed to cure. 25c at Hood Bros. Drug Store.

STATE NEWS NOTES.

Some of the Week's Events Scissored and Condensed from the Press.

There was a fire in Rockingham, N. C., Tuesday; loss about \$75,000.

Postmaster Lewis, of Madison, is \$500 short in his accounts and his office has been turned over to his bondsmen.

Burglars secured about \$150 in cash from the safe in the store of E. A. Williams, at Battleboro, Thursday night.

Two white girls were burned to death in Gates county a few days ago while attempting to kindle a fire with kerosene oil.

Petitions are being circulated in Wilmington asking for an election in that town to decide between saloons and a dispensary.

Near Fayetteville Saturday night Jim Sawyer, colored, shot and killed another negro named Jo. Stark. Sawyer charged Stark with destroying his domestic peace.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to burn the store of Mrs. Mary Barringer, Lockville, Chatham county, Friday night, but the fire was discovered and extinguished before damage of consequence resulted.

Crazed by drink, Dr. J. V. Jay, of Barnardsville, a prominent physician in the northern part of Buncombe county, killed with a claw hammer his three children, aged two, four and six years, after driving his wife from home Saturday morning and then attempted to burn his house. Passing neighbors discovered him at this stage, bound him, extinguished the fire and carried him to the Asheville jail.

Four State prison convicts escaped from a camp near Dunn, on the Cape Fear and Northern Railroad, a few days ago—two white and two colored. Dolph Vinson, white, was sent from Rowan in November, 1901, for three years for secret assault; Jesse Knott, colored, was sent from Rowan in 1899 for 15 years for murder in the second degree. Of the other two the negro was from Wake and was serving three years for larceny, and the white man was from Halifax, serving five years for larceny.

Killed the Preacher at a Funeral.

Rev. N. D. Hogan, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was stabbed and killed today while conducting the funeral of Frank Seth by Frank Headen, a brother-in-law of the deceased. The preacher and Headen had had a bitter dispute as to the funeral arrangements, Headen, whose views are peculiar, insisting that Seth be laid away without ceremony, and the minister wishing to conduct the funeral with the usual ritual. The minister carried his point and the funeral was in progress when, just as the body was lowered, Headen rushed at Hogan with a knife and disemboweled him. In the excitement which followed the entire party left the cemetery with the coffin and the open grave unguarded. Later another preacher was secured and the funeral was held.—Blairsville, Ga., Dispatch, 16th.

Confessions of a Priest.

Rev. Jno. S. Cox, of Wake, Ark., writes, "For 12 years I suffered from Yellow Jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all sorts of medicines, but got no relief. Then I began the use of Electric Bitters and feel that I am now cured of a disease that had me in its grasp for twelve years." If you want a reliable medicine for Kidney and Liver trouble, stomach disorder or general debility, get Electric Bitters. It's guaranteed by Hood Bros. Only 50c.

The steamer South Portland sunk on the coast of Oregon Sunday; she had a crew of 22 and 14 passengers.

Acquittal in Both Cases.

Yesterday's papers told of the acquittal of Ernest Haywood; to-day's tell of the acquittal of James H. Tillman.

Contrary to expectation at the time of the slaying of Skinner by Haywood, the defence established, beyond doubt, that an affray had preceded the shooting and that Haywood was struck by Skinner. It was proved just as conclusively that having struck the blow, Skinner began a backward movement and was shot and killed while in retreat. The jury has said that the killing under these circumstances was no crime. To this, public opinion will not assent. It was not murder in the first degree—the State yielded that point, but it was a crime of a lower degree; it was an offense against the criminal law, and all the verdicts of all the juries cannot reverse that stubborn fact. But the defendant had family and personal influence, money, a powerful array of counsel, and, best of all, the judge appeared for him. One of the jurors has told a Raleigh paper that the jury did not deliberate on the case more than two or three minutes after receiving the charge—that the remaining twelve or fifteen minutes it was out the jurors were occupied in packing their clothes.

As in the case above, the expected happened in the Tillman case. Here the defendant shot down and killed an unarmed man who was making no demonstration toward him—shot him down without word of warning. Gonzales had lashed his slayer with-out mercy. It is no wonder that he writhed under the daily exposures of his personal and official delinquencies. If, in the passion excited by these attacks, he had slain his assailant, a great deal of the best public sentiment of the country would have had a measure of charity for him. But he was defeated for the nomination for Governor, the attacks upon him ceased, and months afterwards he took vengeance upon his adversary when the latter had no reason to expect an attack. A pretense of a case of self-defense was made out, but so careful a paper as The Yorkville Enquirer expresses no doubt that much of this testimony was perjured and it does not need the expression of this opinion from any paper, be it never so conservative, to lead the careful reader of the testimony to the same conclusion.

But God Almighty has implanted a conscience in the breast of every man, and there are two men, acquitted of murder in the two Carolinas within the past two days, and set free, who will be haunted to their graves by two white faces.—Charlotte Observer, 16th.

Point of Law Decided.

Durham, Oct. 19—This has been a hard week on those who have asked damages against corporations. In two suits the jury found with the defendant, and in another Junge Allen refused to let it go to the jury, and the plaintiff was non-suited. In one of these suits Judge O. H. Allen decided a question of law that it seems has never been decided in this state, or in any of the courts so far as the lawyers could find. It was the question as to whether or not a conductor should carry back to a station a passenger that he neglected to notify when the station was reached. The judge decided that it was the duty of the company to carry the passenger back, free of cost. The case has gone to the supreme court.

As a result of a fire in the Grady Hospital in Atlanta Friday night two negro women died and for some time the lives of a score or more was threatened. The two women died as a result of the excitement and not from injuries received. The negro ward was destroyed but the property loss is small.

The Long Bridge at Washington, D. C., has been repaired and trains are running as usual.

Marriage in Washington City.

The marriage of Miss Robena Atkinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Atkinson, and Mr. Charles Edgar McLean, of Burlington, N. C., took place yesterday at 4:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, 814 Thirteenth street northwest. Rev. Randolph H. McKim, of the Church of the Epiphany, officiating. The ceremony was witnessed only by relatives and a few intimate friends. Miss Cora L. Richardson, of Selma, N. C., was maid of honor, and Miss Mattie Grigg, of this city, bridesmaid. Mr. N. S. Cardwell, of Burlington, N. C., acted as best man, and Thomas H. Atkinson, Jr., as groomsmen. Miss Nellie Herrin, of this city, rendered Mendelssohn's wedding march.

The parlors were tastefully decorated with plants, palms and pink carnations, and the shaded lights made a very pretty effect. The bride wore an extremely becoming gown of white crepe de chine, elaborately trimmed with white lace, and carried a shower bouquet of Bride roses. The bride's traveling dress was dark blue broadcloth, with hat to match. Miss Richardson wore a very handsome gown of white silk, and Miss Grigg a lovely mousseline over white silk, both carrying pink carnations.

The popularity of the contracting parties was shown by the splendid collection of gifts. Mr. and Mrs. McLean left at 6:30 for an extended trip through the South, after which they will reside in Burlington, N. C., where Mr. McLean is engaged in the practice of law.—Washington Post, 16th.

Educational Evening at Kenly Academy.

Heretofore it has been the custom of Kenly Academy to observe what has been known as "Educational Day." This year, instead of observing a day, an entertainment was given last Friday evening with special reference to arousing as much educational enthusiasm as possible.

Prof. E. P. Mangum, Superintendent Wilson Schools, was the principal speaker and made a address. Prof. Mangum is one of the best city school superintendents in the State, and is a thinking leader in his work. He pointed out the fact that the private high schools have had their day in North Carolina, and that the high school of the future will be supported by public funds. The speaker showed clearly that all the public schools of the entire State will be supplemented by funds raised by special tax within the next decade. Each county will have one or more high schools supported by public funds; these high schools will furnish the intermediate steps between the rural graded schools and the State University, and in this way the system of State education will be complete.

Prof. Mangum's address was full of good, sound reasoning, and was greatly enjoyed by all who heard it.

Brief talks were also made by County Superintendent Turlington, and Mr. Hardy, of the News and Observer staff.

In addition to the address, several pieces of instrumental and vocal music were rendered. The recitations by six or eight of the younger students were of a high order, and greatly enjoyed by the audience. The exercises were enjoyable to all who attended, and we feel sure a great deal of good was accomplished.

VISITOR.

John Alexander Dowie, the Elijah the second, of Zion City, near Chicago, says that he expects fifty millions of dollars to flow into his church treasury after he and his followers have evangelized New York city, and that he will then build two more Zion Cities, one on the Pacific coast and another one on the Atlantic.

Spain will send a warship to New Orleans in connection with the St. Louis Exposition.