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PUGH ROBINSON ACQUITTED MURDERER GOES SCOTT FREE

Young Man Who While Drunk Shot To Death Seaman Harney on the Elfreida Acquitted By Superior Court Jury Which Brought In Verdict Last Sunday--Public Opinion Outraged

Pugh Robinson was acquitted of the charge of murder by a superior court jury last Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, after the jury had been out on the case for twenty-four hours.

The verdict though contrary to the public sense of justice was not altogether contrary to public expectation. Throughout Sunday as the crowds discussed the case and speculated as to the verdict that would be brought in, numbers could be heard who expressed themselves as willing to wager that Robinson would be acquitted.

Perhaps a still greater number believed that the jury was hopelessly divided and that the case would result in a mistrial. Indeed word was sent from the jury to Judge Bragaw on Sunday that an agreement was impossible. The judge replied that as court would be in session here all this week and at Washington for the two weeks following, the jury would have all the time it needed to get together. The effect of this clear-cut message to the jury was electric. They "got together" in less than four hours. The general impression prevails that verdict for acquittal was favored by men whose business interest would not suffer greatly by their absence. Alarmed by prospect of enforced neglect of business interests that to them would entail heavy loss others yielded convictions to interests and conceded to the verdict for acquittal.

It is the general opinion that young Robinson should have been convicted of murder in the second degree, to say the least. The argument put forward by counsel for defense was to the effect that Robinson returned to the boat get leave of absence, taking his pistol along to protect himself against Harney; that as he came on board Harney saw him and started again to attack him, whereupon Robinson fired in self defense. Eye witnesses to the tragedy were on the stand, but the defense had to rest their case solely upon the defendant's uncorroborated testimony. Verdict for acquittal under such circumstances is certainly extremely unusual.

Robinson was released and went to his home in Edenton Sunday night, where doubtless the news of his acquittal had already brought joyous relief. The picture of the reunited family is the only apology that can be offered for what is regarded as a glaring travesty on justice.

Ex-Judge George W. Ward, E. F. Aydtlett and W. M. Bond of Edenton represented the defendant and solicitor Ehringhaus prosecuted for the State.

THIS REMINDS YOU

About five hundred subscriptions to the Advance expire with this issue. These are the subscriptions of those who first came to the support of this paper and who should be our staunchest friends. Already a few renewals have begun to come in, and we hope that the next two weeks will break all records. Those interested in the paper are requested to remit the amount of a year's subscription without waiting for statement. Those not desiring the paper another year are requested to notify either us or their postmaster.

COLUMBIA NEWS

Columbia, N. C., June 20th.

Special Correspondence.)

On last Monday night the Norfolk Southern station was broken into, the money drawer torn down, and about \$15 belonging to the Western Union Telegraph Company was taken. No other damage was. The burglar left no clue by which he could be caught. He entered by taking window light out.

Mrs. S. M. McMullan, J. L. Sprull, A. W. Sykes, went to Elizabeth City last Sunday night on Capt. R. S. Ewight's Gas Launch to attend the trial of Meekins vs Braning Mfg. Co.

Mr. W. A. G. Cohoon went to Elizabeth City this week on business.

Mr. J. T. Pucket made his regular trip to Tyrrell this week.

Mr. D. W. Sawyer of Belhaven was in town this week in the interest of the Sawyer Grocery Co.

Mr. D. P. White of Elizabeth City was in town this week on business.

Mrs. B. S. Brickhouse left Wednesday to visit relatives in Pasquotank and Currituck counties.

Mr. J. C. Meekins, Jr., of Washington, N. C., was in town last week on business.

Miss Sarah Cohn of South Mills, Va., is in town this week visiting Miss Ada Davenport in Martha street.

We are glad to see Mr. J. J. McCrees, who has been confined at his home for several weeks with small pox, able to be at his store again.

Mrs. Jos. C. Meekins, of San Antonio, Texas, is the guest of his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. B. McKeel in Bridge street.

Mr. C. F. Godwin who has spent several days in Tyrrell soliciting shipments of Irish potatoes has returned to his home at Croatan, Dare county, N. C.

POTATO MARKET

Irish potatoes were quoted on the Philadelphia market yesterday at 2.25 per barrel, and on the New York market as selling for 2.00 per barrel.

The receipts on the Philadelphia market yesterday were very heavy and the New York market received 74 car loads by the Pennsylvania railroad and 14,000 barrels by the O. D. S. S. Co. The market is expected to decline some as Virginia and Eastern Shore are in the midst of their digging.

The local commission men say that they believe potatoes will stay around \$3.00, in spite of heavy shipments.

The local crop has practically been dug, there being hardly five per cent of the crop in the ground.

GOT ROPE IN WHEEL

The State Militia boat El Freida while en route to New Bern last Sunday met with an accident which disabled her so she had to be towed into port.

While in the Albemarle Sound, a hawser got into the wheel and stopped the engine. The crew worked all day to get it out and failed. Sunday night the captain of the Virginia, while coming up from Nags Head observed distress rockets being shot off. Capt. Richardson went to the boat and towed her into the mouth of the Pasquotank river, where the Pompano took her and came on to Elizabeth City. The rope was gotten out Monday afternoon at Wiley's railways.

\$7,100.00 FOR FARM.

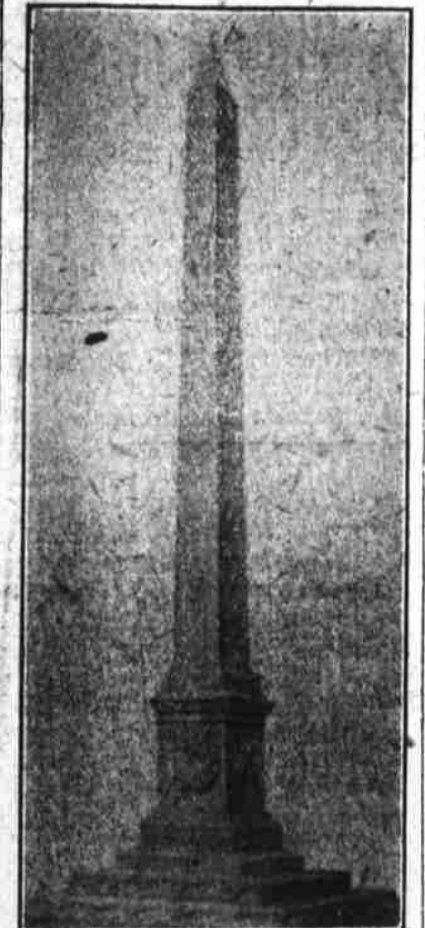
Attorney P. G. Sawyer has purchased the Pendleton farm, a part of the C. W. Hollowell estate. The money consideration was \$7,100.00.

The deal took place last Monday by which Mr. Sawyer became the owner of this farm.

ESTEEMED COLORED MAN DEAD

Jerry White, an aged and highly respected colored man died at his home in this city last Sunday. The remains were taken to Okisco Tuesday for interment. He was 85 years old.

MONUMENT TO CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS, HERTFORD, N. C.



The above is a cut of the Confederate Monument Unveiled at Hertford on Wednesday of last week. The Monument stands on the Court House Green near the street and to the extreme left of the square as one faces the court house.

CAKE BAKING CONTEST

M. P. Gallop & Company wish to announce to the ladies of Elizabeth City that they are going to hold a Cottolene cake baking contest on next Thursday afternoon and night for the benefit of the monument fund of the D. H. Hill Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy in which they will offer valuable prizes to get the ladies interested in helping out this good cause. Every cake submitted for prize will be sold, and the proceeds derived from the sale will then be turned over to the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Bring or send your cakes to our store not later than six o'clock P. M. Thursday, June 27th. We trust that every lady will take part and help this good cause. There will be circulars put into every home giving full details. Remember Cottolene is to be used in place of butter in baking your cake. There will be a good time, with refreshments served free to all present Thursday night.

The contest will be under the direction of Mr. H. P. Farrar, with a lecture by Mr. Adcox, which ought to prove of interest to every lady.

There will be no names used in this contest, every cake being entered by number and judged on merits—not looks.

KICKED BY FRIGHTENED HORSE

The following particulars of the death of little Margaret Black, late of this city, now summering in North Hampton, N. C., will be of interest to the many friends of the former pastor of the Presbyterian church, and his wife.

Mr. Black has just returned from a drive last Friday afternoon, when his little daughter begged to go with him to the barn. He lifted the child and placed her in the buggy, but before he could take his seat by her, the horse suddenly shied, the little child fell out, and a kick from the animal's hoofs gave her her death blow. Mrs. Black who was a witness to the scene, rushed to the child, gathered her into her arms and carried her into the house. The little one complained once of a pain in her side, but in less than twenty minutes she breathed her last.

Mr. and Mrs. Black are much beloved in our community, and the hearts of our people go out to them in deepest sympathy in their great bereavement.

PLANS FOR OIL MILL TAKE DEFINITE SHAPE

Committees Appointed To Draw Up Charter, Select Site, and to Make Recommendations as to Machinery--Committees to Report And Company to be Formally Organized To-night.

THIS WEEK'S SESSION OF SUPERIOR COURT

This week's session of Superior Court has been devoted to the trial of civil cases.

The suit of Capt. J. H. Townsend vs N. S. railroad and R. S. Neal was taken up Monday and two days were consumed in hearing it. The jury on Tuesday night at eleven o'clock rendered a verdict awarding the plaintiff a judgement for five hundred dollars.

This suit was for the recovery of damages sustained by the plaintiff's vessel in colliding with the piling of the Norfolk Southern bridge across the Albemarle Sound, while the bridge was in process of construction. The boat was badly damaged.

Messrs. Aydtlett and Markham represented the plaintiff; and attorney Pruden of Edenton represented the McClean Construction Co., and attorney W. M. Bond represented the N. S. railroad and R. S. Neal.

The case of Hopkins vs the Braning Mfg. Co., of Tyrrell county was taken up Tuesday afternoon and finished Wednesday morning. This suit was to recover for damages for personal injuries that the plaintiff sustained while working for the defendants in a lumber woods in Tyrrell. The amount of damages sued for was \$7,500. Contributory negligence was the basis of the suit, but the evidence was not sufficient to warrant the case going to the jury and it was non-suited.

The case of R. T. Bell against the Atlantic Coast Line railroad was disposed of yesterday afternoon. The suit was for the recovery of alleged personal damages sustained by the plaintiff, while a passenger on the defendant's train. The jury awarded a verdict in favor of the defendants.

ENTERTAINED BRIDGE CLUB

Misses Mary McMullan and Evelyn Aydtlett entertained the Auction Bridge Club last Saturday afternoon, at the home of Miss McMullan on Pennsylvania avenue. Delicious refreshments were served in ten courses, home-made rolls, hot and crisp, crab salad, cakes and ices. The guests were Mesdames Winfield Worth, Frank Scott, Tom Old, G. C. Rhoades, S. S. Mann, Harney Johnson, W. P. Duff, Joseph Greenleaf, Blecher Ehringhaus, Herbert Walker, C. P. Brown and Misses Mattie Griffin, Eloise Robinson, Alice Outlaw, Minnie Leary, Margaret Hollowell, Maude Grice, Mattie Whitehurst, Nan Burgess and Carrie Jones.

ENTERTAINED AT DINNER PARTY

Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Walker entertained a number of friends at a dinner party last Friday night, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Old, who, to the great regret of our community left last Tuesday to make Norfolk their future home. The guests who enjoyed Mrs. Walker's hospitality were: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Old, Mr. and Mrs. M. Leigh Sheep, Mr. and Mrs. Wladislaw Wozniak, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Kramer.

SMITH--WEST

Samuel Edward Smith and Miss Gladys Eulalia West, both residents of Suffolk secured a marriage license last Monday and were united in marriage by Register of Deeds J. W. Munden.

The Elizabeth City Cotton Seed Oil Mill and Fertilizer Factory being now one of the assured enterprises of tomorrow, the fifty thousand dollars capital stock, as announced last week, having already been subscribed, definite plans for the plant are now being marked out.

The stock subscribers held a meeting last Friday night in the Chamber of Commerce rooms in the course of which plans for the erection of the plant were discussed for the first time. A committee composed of C. E. Kramer, chairman; C. W. Stevens, L. R. Foreman, C. O. Robinson and J. Q. A. Wood was appointed to prepare a charter for the company. A committee was also appointed, consisting of W. J. Woodley, chairman; C. W. Stevens, W. T. Culpepper, C. M. Edwards, and George Beveridge, to recommend a site for the plant. This committee received bids this week for a suitable site. The plant will require a lot containing an acre of land or more and must be located on the water and accessible to the railroad. The committee on machinery is composed of L. R. Foreman, chairman; C. E. Kramer, Walter Wood, W. A. Pinner, and A. M. Willey. These committees will make recommendations at a special meeting which is to be held to-night, at which time the company will be formally organized. A Board of Directors will be selected and the officers will be elected. The charter, too, will be drawn up and the machinery to be purchased will be discussed.

Actual construction work is expected to begin on the new plant in the near future and the promoters of the enterprise expect to have the mill in operation in ample time to handle this year's crop of cotton seed.

WILL LOCATE ON FARM

Prof. M. P. Jennings and family have returned from Creswell where they have spent the past year.

Mr. Jennings has been principal of the Creswell High School for the past four years. He has resigned his position and will not be with the school any more. He will locate on his farm near Elizabeth City and will devote his time to farming.

VAUGHN--OWEN

James Vaughn of Newport News, Va., and Miss Mabel Wilson Owen of Charlotte county, Va., secured a marriage license here last Friday and were united in marriage by Justice of the Peace J. W. Munden.

CUPID'S PLANS GO AWRY

Cupid occasionally strikes a snag ignominiously in his efforts to unite hearts that would best as one. He failed yesterday afternoon, when Mr. James B. Smith of Perquimans applied to register of deeds, J. W. Munden for license to wed Miss Mary Jane Monds also of Perquimans Co. The evidence as to the age of the young lady was not sufficient to induce Mr. Munden to part with the license so they are now resting in the vaults at the Court House, while the anticipated bliss of the couple is sadly brighted.

HARRIS--MORSE

Mr. Cale V. Harris of Kitty Hawk and Miss Essie Morse of this city were united in marriage last night at the home of the bride's parents in this city. Rev. J. D. Bundy performed the ceremony.