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MOTHER AND FIVE CHILDREN MURDERED AT GARNER

"Freacher" Tom Jones Killed Elia Jones and Her Oldest Daughter with an Axe Then Set Fire to the House

Two Little Girls, Aged 7 and 3 Years, Alone Escaped From The Burning House and Told of the Bloody Crime---Tom. Jones Arrested and Blood Stains Found on Him

Sam Depree

Mal Penny

Deb Johnson

Hardy Bagwell.

her younger sister.

and said:

mother.

"Where do they go?"

The trial was held on the front porch of one of the stores, and the first wit-ness introduced was Laura Jones, the child who escaped and saved the life of

The oath was administered by Judge

"Do you know where folks go who tell

Upon further questioning she showed

hat she knew the difference between the

"My name is Laura Jones. I do not

know how old I am. Last night when

the train blowed (that was the nine e'clock freight) 'Mr. Preacher' came to

our house. My mother was well, and I

was not asleep. Mother was in bed."
Then she told the story of being awak-

encd by a scream from her mother, and then said she saw "Preacher" hit her

mother in the head with an axe. The

in explanation of its condition she said that the blood flew off the axe when Tom Jones hit her sister with the axe.

The sister was in the same bed with

Laura and in a different bed from her

"! was asleep when he hit mamma the

first time. She hollowered, and that

waked me up. Then he came to sister, who was in the bed with me, and hit

her two times. He hit mother four times, but he didn't hit no body else.

Then he took a match and lit the bed tick on mother's bed and then on our

bed and then went out. He put the axe under the bed. I took Sid off the bed

and went to Miss Ella's (Winters). Sid

Tom Jones was placed among the crowd,

She looked around in the crowd, and

the moment that her eyes rested of "Preacher" Jones she said "That's him.

face did not change expression and he

made no effort to deny the accusation of

the child. He walked off with the officer,

his head hanging down, his eyes gazing

direct at the ground. His hand bore the

lives within sight of the house in which

the woman and her five children were

murdered, and has known all of the par-

He said that he woke up about one

clock last night and a light was shining

in his room. He saw the house of Ella

Jones burning and lay there fifteen or

twenty minutes before he got up. He

He woke Mr. Hobgood, who lives in the

hought some one might need ansistance.

them from the house of Miss Ella Win-

story of the murder at the hands of "Preacher" Jones. He said that she had

told the story four times in his presence

and that not once did she vary in the

slightest way. Mr. Davis stated that he arrested Jones. He found him at his

home about three o'clock and had to knock twice before any response was

By the side of the bed was a pair of

overalls, and on these blood stains were

stains, but the negro said that the blood

got there by killing chickens, and that

he had not had on those overalls in two

weeks. There were blood stains on his

hands, and these were still there when

the negro was put under arrest at the

time of the trial. Signs of attempts to get the blood off with smut were also

Mr. B. Hobgood, after being swoo, sail

that Mr. Davis waked him and that he

looked out of the house and saw Ella Janes' home burning. He thought that he

saw some one go around the house, but he would not testify to it. Some one from

the Winters' house called them and said that two of the Jones children were there

and that the others were burning up, and

child, Laura, said to him that "Mr. Preacher" did it. With Mr. Davis he

went after Magistrate Johnson and they arrested Tom Jones. They found blood on his pants. He took the pants with

San Winters was sworn and said that

Laura Jones came to his house about one o'clock and that he was asleep. She waked him up and when he asked what was the matter she said that their house was burning up and that Preschier Jones had murdered her mother and sister. She

that the mother had been murdered.

He said they were fresh blood

Laura Jones told him the

ter's and asked him to come down.

alleged murderer, was next sworn.

The negro did not move a muscle.

and the child was asked to point out the

in the bed with sister.'

man who murdered her mother.

stains of blood.

he went.

there.

ties for several years.

child's face was covered with blood, and

She was then given the oath,

truth and lies and between right and

H. H. Roberts, of Raleigh, but before allowing the child to be sworn he asked:

"They go to the work house."

The House Was Completely Destroyed, I Will Black. Only a Few Scattered Bones Remains of Four of the Children While the Charred Body of the Mother and the Eldest Cannot be Recognized-Coronor's Verdict Against Jones-He Refuses to Talk-New in Jall Here.

Among the most horrible crimes in the history of frime and certainly the most horrible in the history of North Carolina, ranks that of early this mornig at Garners, five miles east of this city, when a negro, Tom Jones, commonly known in county as "Preacher" Jones, murdered Ella Jones and her oldest daughter, Ida Jones, and then set fire to the beds in which the bodies of the murdered victims and four others, all children, ranging in years from a baby one month old to the largest boy, who was not more than five years of age. The work was done with an axe, the murderer, according to the story of little seven-year-old Laura Jones, who escaped with her younger sister, deliberately and cooly striking the mother four times and then making two heavy strokes into the body of the oldest

The house was completely destroyed by fire, and the bones of the four youngest children were so frail that they are now distributed among the ashes, which alone remain to tell the story of the conflagra-Ida, the thirteen-year-old child, were burned beyond recognition, and are lying on the ground charred crisp and with the whole bodies cut open and displayed to

The dead in the fire are: Ella Jones, the mother, aged 33. Ida Jones, 13 years of age. Nancy Jones, 3 years old. Clever Jones, 2years old. An unnamed baby, one month old. The two girls excaped from the lire with their lives were:

Sid Jones, 4 years old.

The community was greatly excited when the news firs' became current last night, and when the who heard story of the murder nom the lips of the two little ragged orphans had an opportunity they visited the home of the alleged murderer and placed him under arrest. His clothes bore the stains of fresh blood and his hands even now show spots, of human blood that print gullt upon his face. He refuses to talk. He does not or confirm the charge, though be did last night state to Mr. Davis, who arrested him, that he was not there, and that he had been at his home. He said that he could not prove his whereabouts after supper, and it is on the testimony of the little girl and the little boy an the evidence obtained today from the blood stains that the man is held. According to the story of a gentleman

at Garner in speaking to a representative of The Times-Visitor the fire originated last night about midnight, though it may have been a little earlier. The fiames were seen by only a few people, and several of these had been awakened by the Winters family, to whom the two little escaped orphans had gone for assistance As soon as possible a visit was made to the scene of the tragedy, and there it was easily discerned that there was no the slightest hope of rendering any assistance that would save the victims.

Miss Mary Winters, who lives only few hundred yards away and who is the nearest neighbor, said to a representative of The Times-Visitor that she was awakbout an hour before the night train by the knock of the child Laura ones on the front door. The child was admitted, and then said that "Mr. Preacher" had murdered her mother and sister with an axe, and had then set the beds on fire and left, and that she had taken her little sister, Sld, from the bed, and that they had escaped together. Miss Winters said that she did not visit the scene of the fire, as she was afraid, as were the others, that there might be danger, since the woman and child were mur-

The County Coroner, Dr. J. J. L. Mc-Cullers, visited the scene of the fire this morning, and carefully examined the and the fragments of skulls bond that are strewed all over nd among the ashes. The bodies were taken from the fire and placed on the ground near by. Only two of them were sufficiently intact to be removed and pleed in one box for interment by the courty. A large crowd witnessed the investigation, but there was not the slightest display of excitement and only ce in a while would anyone say that the law should not be waited upon to take

Dr. McCullers then appointed the following coroner's jury to hear the testiony and report on the case;

said that Preacher got the axe and busted her head open and also hit her sister. He saw the house burn but did not go up there. The girl had her younger sister, Sid, with her. Their faces were covered with blood and they said it came from their sister when Preacher hit her with

the jury. He took a seat and looked straight at Judge Roberts while the latter was explaining to him that he was not forced to make any statement, but that if he wished to make one he could do He said: "I haven't anything to say

The trial ended here. The jury went off to one side to render its verdict. The two little blood-stained children sat in front of the store eating cakes that had been given them by friends. Their faces were covered with blood that had gushed from the victims of the murderer when an axe had reached into

Little crowds gathered here and there discussing the horror of it all.

The jury returned with its verdict. which was received with approval but no demonstration as it was only the expect

"We, the bery, find from all the mate rial facts and the evidence adduced be-fore us, that Ella Jones and her five children came to their death by violence at the hands of one Tom Jones, now in custody before this Jury." Signed by the members of the jury as given above.

From others it was gathered that foo prints were found about the house, and these are of such a character that they will go hard against the accused man. The cause of the murder is not known, but it is known that the woman Jones was not of the best character. She had been married, but she had not lived with her hus hand for a long time and had recently told "Preacher" Jones that she was going o swear him as the father of her month old baby. This is supposed to be at the bottom of the trouble.

. Tom Jones and the two little orphans were brought to this city this afternoon to await trial before the criminal court

Tom Jones was placed in fail for safe

Little Laura Jones and Sid Jones were turned over to the Superintendent of the County Home to be cared for until court and probably afterwards as they have one in the world upon whom to depend for of blood that were received last night. and Dr. McCullers has directed that their faces be not washed until after they have been presented in court as evidence

The case will almost certainly come up for trial next week.

MR. I. J. HONEYCUTT DEAD.

Mr. I. J. Honeycutt died yesterday afternoon in Rex Hospital.

Mr. Honeycutt lived in Wake county, about eighteen miles from this city, and was taken ill while on a visit here. He was taken to the hospital and died of pneumonia.

The deceased was 26 years of age and was well known in Raleigh and he had several relatives in Among the number are a sister and a

COTTON.

New York, March 22.-Cotton bids March and April, 9:47; May, 9.46; June and July, 9.40; August, 9.27; September,

Mr. H. Vance Davis, who arrested the WAS A PERSEVERING LOVER.

> James Jutnam Won Miss Robinson After Twenty-one Proposals, New York, March 19.—Vowed she would ne'er consent, consented. This was the case with Miss Eleanor Jay Robinson, one of New York's aristo cratic young women, wealthy and beautiful, when James Lowell Putnam, a prominent young lawyer of Boston, and a relative of James Rus-sell Lowell, the poet, for twenty-one times hid his heart at her feet.

> Miss Robinson's mother was Augus ta Jay, granddaughter of John Jay one of the founders of the Republic and her father was Edmund Randolph Robinson, financier and a bean indispensable in social functions in the old days of New York society. Five years ago her brother, Moncure, entered Harvard. They had alweys beeen inseparable, and when the school term opened Miss Robinson moved her household to Cambridge and entered the university social set. There she met young James Lowell Putnam, a student. It was a case of love at first sight with him. He vowed to make her his wife. Twelve times did he propose and was sent away. On the hirteeenth time she began to become interested, but merely in admiration considered him as she considered the considered him as he considered the

rest of her friends. Later Miss Robinson returned to New York. Mr. Putnam immediately began frequent trips to the city, and ne always left the mansion on Wash ington Square after a call with a deected spirit, but with increased termination to possess his affinity. His persistance finally was rewarded, and the friends who will gather to bid the happy couple best wishes will be of the most prominent people of New York and Boston.

WELF PRESERVATION Is the first law of Nature." For this reason every one who is ill desires to become well. Those who have impure or impoverished blood turn to Hood's Sarsaparilla, because they know it will entich and purity their blood and give them good health. To take this medicine on the first appearance of impure blood is on important step toward self-preservation.

ALTOGETHER FOR AN AUDITORIUM

Pres. Jones Calls Joint Meeting of Cham-

ber of Commerce and Citizens The Joint Committee from the Chamber of Commerce and Citizens of aRleigh, having by resolution, re- Uneasiness Felt in Eugland quested me to call a mass-meeting of the citizens of Raleigh, to consider ways and means for securing a suitable Auditorium for large public gatherings in this city. I hereby give notice, that on Tuesday evening next, the 97th inst., at 8 o'clock, in Metropolita: Hall, the citizens of Raleigh are requested and urged to meet in mass-meeting for the consideration of this important matter. It is hoped that every citizen who can will attend this meeting.

W. N. JONES.

President of Chamber of Commerce.

BIG STRIKE.

Maebinists Only Want to Work Nine Hours. Cleveland, March 22.—Between fif-

een bundred and two thousand machinists left the shops this morning, pursuant to last night's meeting. Many non-unionists joined the strike. They demanded nine hours and the same pay they are now receiving for The strike will affect fifty machine shops and manufacturers.

BURNED AT THE STAKE

A White Woman Met This Fate in South Carolina

Columbia, S. C., March 22.-News has been received here of the burning of a white woman at the stake by the Regula-tors at Chesterfield Court House.

U. T. Steen, John Jackson, Benjamin Jackson and Harvey Jackson were arrested at midnight charged with the deed Cassie Boone was the white girl, and it is charged that she lived with negroes.

ACONCILLA'S TELEGRAM.

Paris. March 22 .- Intransigeant to day prints a telegram received from Agoneilla, Aguinnldo's envoy, an-nouncing that the Filipino General Pavia had routed the Americans near Cuba' and taken the towar

TWENTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY,

The Woman's Foreign Missionary So lety of Edenton Street Church will celebrate, its twenty-lfirst anniversary tomorrow evening, the 23d inst., at the Sunday school rooms of that church, the exercises commencing at 8 o'clock. pleasing programme will be rendered, in he midst of which an opportunity will be given to all present to make a silver offering for the benefit of the society.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH

Catholic Priest With \$2,000. Found Asphyxiated

New York, March 22.-With a crucifix in his hand and a bank book for over two thousand dolars in his pocket, a stranger, who registered as P. L. Doty, of New York City, was found asphyxiated in the Ashland house this morning. The bank book was of the First National Bank of Port Jarvis. The bank officers said that the depositor was P. J. Duffy, a Catholic

LUMBER CO.

R. W. Brooks, J. M. Kalked and R. II. Brooks, all of Greensboro, today filed articles of agreement for the incorporation of The Broooks-Davidson Lumber Company, with headquarters at Greensboro, in Guilford county and with a capital stock of \$25. 000, and the right to increase the same to \$500,000.

A SAD MYSTERY

A Letter from San Francisco Dated March 15, Brings Hope to the Relatives of Mr. S. M. Bell-The Navy Department Wires That He is Not in the United States Naval Service.

The mystery as to Mr. Sam M. Bell who was supposed to have been killed in a wreck at Index, Wash., on the 15th of March, deepens. This brief resume of the facts: Mi Mr. Bell was a machinist in the United States navy, serving on the Philadelphia. That vessel sailed from San Francis co for South America on the 11th of

On March 15th Mrs. Bell, the moth er of the young man, received a tele-gram stating that Sam H. Bell, had lost his life in a wreck at Index. The telegram was from the superintendent of the railroad on which the wreck occurred, and was sent to the proper address in this city. The fact that the telegram did not give Mr. Bell's correct initials brought hope to his people, and they have made every fort to identify the dead man, hoping

that their relative is still alive.
Yesterday, Mr. Bell's mother re ceived a letter from him dated March 15th, and postmarked San Francisco, Cal., March 16th. The distance between San Francisco and Index is nearly 1,000 miles, and, therefore, Mr. S. M. Bell personally posted the letter in San Francisco it could not have been he that was killed at In-

In reply to a telegram the family of the young man received a message last night from the Navy Department, stating that Mr. S. M. Bell was not in the service of the navy, which dispels the hope that he might be on the Philadelphia. To a telegram sent to San Francisco yesterday morning no answer has been received as yet. Heart-felt sympathy is extended to Mr. Bell's relatives in their great sus-pease and anxiety.—Charlotte Obser-

BOERS CLAIM ANOTHER VICTORY

Over the Reports

GREAT PLAN FORMED

If British Plans Prove Effective the War will Speedily End-Roberts Declares Burghers are Surrendering Wholesale.

London, March 22 .- General Plummer's column, which is marching to the relief of Mafeking, is held in check at Lobatsi by a strong force of Boers. Another Boer force is marching to aid the attack on General Plummer.

A dispatch from Lobatsl says that the British were almost surprised by the Boers and that heavy fighting is going on.

London, March 22 .- A dispatch from Lobatsi, dated March 16th, says that the Boers under Commander Snyman advanced in force from Mufeking toward Lobat-

Further dispatches from Lobatsi says that the Boers who had been repulsed with loss, again attacked the English and a lieutenant was killed. The Boer account says that the British fled. The Boers took four prisoners, fifteen cases of ammunition, a number of guns and horses.

BRITISH PLAN.

London, March 22.- The great plan of General Roberts and General Kitchener prepare for it in the next three weeks. Then General Buler and forty thousand men will advance into Natal and at the same time General Methuen and twenty thousand will advance toward Mafeking entering Transvanl from the west, while General Roberts, being joined available forces agregating 100,900 and 400 guns, will advance northward from Bleemnfontein. Thus he will be in a position to envelope any force the Boers can possibly bring against him, and it is believed by thus catching the oBers be-tween three fires he will bring the war to a speedy conclusion

BURGHERS SURRENDER. London, March 22,-General Roberts telegraphs, under date of day, that so many Burghers have expressed a desire to surrender under the terms of the last proclamation

that the British sent small columns in various directions to register their names and take over their arms. The eavalry brigade has gone erstward to Thabanchu, A detachment from Springfontein has occupied Smithfield where some Transvaulers and a wagor with arms and ammunition were cap-

BRITISH UNEASY.

London, March 22.—The report from Kroonstadt that the Boers have defeated the British troops under General Gatto the News from Springfontein Tuesday says that General Gatacre and all General Gatacre thirty miles north of Bethulle, where the Boer report that great loss was inflicted.

The reports of skirmishing at Lobatsi cause much anxiety. While apparently no serious loss has been sustained by General Plummer's force, yet his ability to reach Mafeking is doubted. Further news is anxiously waited, as six days have passed since the big engagement may have occurred.

NEWBERNE FAIR

A List of Raleigh Gallants for Marshals There The Newbern Fair wil be held April

16 to 21st. Arrangements have been made for the most successful fair in the history of Newbern and the place will be thronged with visitors.

The following are the marsuals from Raleigh for the fair:

Messrs. B. W. Baker, Henry W. Miler, A. P. Bauman, W. W. Robards. F. P. Haywood, John Andrews, J. M. Ayer, J. O. Litchford, Henry E. Litch ford, A. B. Andrews, Jr., W. B. Snow, John Stronach, Frank Strongeh, Dalen Stronach, Joe Marshall, John C. Drew ry, T. E. Eberhardt, Henry McKee Thomas Howard, F. C. Olds, Aller Higgs, W. S. West, John West, W. H. Bagley, V. H. Boyden, W. H. King, S. S. Bachelor, Wm. Little, W. W. Vass, Brown Shepard, W. E. Grimes H. W. Jackson, W. C. White, Richard S. Busbee, K. P. Lewis, J. W. Hins-dale, Jr., D. S. Thompson, A. S. Root, George Snow, Alex Webb.

FAIR-MUCH WARMER

For Raleigh and vicinity: Fair, much warmer tonight and early Friday; increasing cloudiness Friday afternoon. The high pressure area has moved to

the South Atlantic coast with clear, cold weather. Heavy frosts occurred in North Carolina, and the temperature is still below freezing over the East Lake region is much warmer in the lower Mississippi Valley and westward, with temperatures considerably above freezing point as far north as Chicago. Cloudy, threatening weather prevails in the Southern States owing to a disturbance over Texas.

FATAL WRECK

Pittsburg, Pa., March 22.-The second section of the western express on the Pennsylvania Railroad was wrecked to day on entering Altoons yard. Engineer Kaufman was killed and two men were badly injured. The engine left the rails

Mr. G. W. Marsh, Sr., and daughter, Mrs. Johnson, went to Clinton today.

Local News altems

Mi "amie Duffie is sick at the residence of Mr. E. Schilling, on Halifax

Mr. Stephen L. Barden went to Rafeigh yesterday to accept a position with W. H. Halloway & Son, as a painter and trimmer in their buggy stablishment.—Fayetteville Observer. Mr. A. M. McPheeters, Sr., was able to be out today.

Mrs. F. A. Woodard returned to Wilson today.

Mr. Van B. Moore is having two

cottages built on Dawson street, Mrs. George H. Williams will nove into the new house on West Hargett street, facing Nash Square, April 1st. Ex-Judge H. G. Connor went to Wilon this afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Edmunson left the city to-

day.

The time for paying the sanitary license tax expires Marca 31st.

Mrs. J. W. Carter and Miss March 15 to the payer today for their Carter left the city today for their former home in West Virginia. They have hundreds of friends here wind sincerely regret their departure from Raleigh. Miss Pattie Cartee well re-main in the city and board at Mcs.

Jno. S. Johnson, on Hillsboro street.

Mrs. Alvin Betts is quite sick at her

esidence on North Person street. Next Sunday Rev. Dr. Wilingham, of Richmond, Va., will be in the city, in the interest of missions and will preach at the First Baptist Chuch in he morning and the Baptist Tabernacle at night. Sunday morning Rev. Dr. A. A. Marshall, who will probably be the next pastor of the First Baptist Church, will preach at the Captist Tabernacle and at night at the First Eaptist Church.
The Choral Symphony Club will

meet at the Blind Institution at 8 o'clock this evening.

Mr. David Clark, of Charlotte, is in

Congressman John Atwater is in the

The trustees of the Baptist Female niversity will meet here April 10th. Mr. James Asheraft, who has been on a business trip to Greenville, S. C., has returned to the city. He says the cotton business there is on a big boom. The four cotton mills there now, will double their capacity, and three new large mills are to be built at once. A street car line is also being built and will soon be in opera-tion.

FARMER'S MUTUAL CO.

Today a director from each branch of the Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Company met here in the Insurance Commissioner's office in accordance with a State law, to form a parent branch, or in other words to feet a State organization. Up to this time there have been branches in a few counties. The late J. S. C. Carpenter organized the company and sold county rights. Up to this time there have been no reports because there was no State organization. Mr. N. B. Broughton was elected president. He area interest.

president. He appointed a committee the British troops under General Gat-on rules and an adjournment was acre is not believed here. A dispatch taken until tonight, to hear the report of this committee.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

This afternoon in the Agricultural milding, the building committee from the State oard of Agriculture will meet for the purpose of inspecting the work on the annex to the State Mus-eum, now being built. This commit-tee is composed of Col. Jno. S. Cuning-ham, R. H. Jones, J. W. Bailey, Prof. Helms. Commissioner Bailey. Holmes, Commissioner Patterson and Secretary Bruner.

GRAND ENGLISH OPERA CO.

New York, March 22.-The Maurice Grau Opera Company and Henry W. Savage of the Castle Square Opera Company have perfected definite and positive arrangements to give a grand opera in English in the Metropolitan Opera House. The agreement is for a term of years, and the company will be known as the Metropolian English Opera Company. The chorus will number seventy youths, well schooled in verse and largely drawn from the Castle Square choruses, and the American chorus of the Metropolitan. The orchestra will comprise forty of the best musicians of New York, to be increased when necessary.

CTIZEN'S CARD.

Editors Times-Visitor: It is the universal custom in England. and I believe also in France, that when those in authority determine to pursue any particular course upon which the people are divided, the question is submitted to the people for an "expression of confidence" or of disapproval, and if the people fall to sustain the majority element, they gracefully retire and let the minority organize a harmonious government. It occurs to me that the people of Raleigh have failed to extend a of confidence," and it is in order for the majority who brought forward the question of sale of the market to step down and out and let those remaining follow the English custom.

PREVENTION.

Victoria, March 23.-A quarantine department has been ordered in detention until further notice all vessels for San Francisco, for daylight inspection on account of the plague.

OLGA INDICTED. New York, March 22 .- The grand jury have indicted Olga Nethersole

I. O. O. F. Members of Seaton Gales Lodge, No. 64, are requested to meet at their lodge room tomorrow night at 8:30. A. O. JONES. AL S. WELLER P. Noble Grand,