

## WILL HANG TOM JONES IN JAIL YARD MAY 11

### Jury Out all Night Returned Verdict Today

### JURY AGREED IN ROOM BUT ONE MAN CHANGED WHILE BEFORE COURT

### Preacher Jones Received Sentence of the Twelve and Will Hang in Raleigh Six Weeks from Today—A Ray of Hope Came but Was Lost.

Tom Jones, colored, will be hanged in the jail yard in this city between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. on Friday, May 11th, 1900, just six weeks from today.

"And may God have mercy on your soul."

Early this morning it was rumored on the streets that the twelve men who had remained all night in Wake County Court House considering the case of Tom Jones, had come to an agreement, and that they would find him guilty of murder in the first degree. This was true. At 3:30 this morning the jury came to an understanding. George Boothe, of Cary, who was alleged to be opposed to capital punishment, had held the jury for nine hours, but gave up to the eleven who were decided for the severest punishment. But George Boothe was not as settled in his opinion as he thought at that time. He had a surprise and irregularity in store for court when it convened after the night's recess.

Court was opened at 10 o'clock, and the jury had already taken their seats in the court room ready to give their verdict. Counsel for defense, Mr. B. C. Beckwith, was the first of those interested in the case to reach the court room. Then came Judge Hoke, and in a moment the Solicitor General was opened the clerk read the minutes of yesterday's court proceedings, which gave the salient features of the fight of the murderer to save his life from the gallows.

The court room had been filled almost in the twinkling of an eye after the court house bell had pealed forth the warning to the prisoner that he was soon to hear his fate. Every seat in the room was taken and the aisles were packed with a mass of humanity anxiously awaiting the entrance of the prisoner and ready and eager to hear the verdict rendered and a sentence passed. The crowd had listened to the trial and each man considered himself a jury. The feelings of the crowd gave an insight into the jury room and there was not a disappointed man in the house when the first verdict was announced.

The Judge ordered that Tom Jones be brought into the bar. Then the clerk was told to inquire of the jury if they had reached a verdict.

"Guilty of murder in the first degree."

Not yet—it looked as though the fight was not over. It seemed that Attorney Beckwith had confidence in the jury and felt that some one would weaken in the individual passing of sentence before the crowd.

He requested that the jury be polled.

"The clerk will poll the jury," said Judge Hoke.

Then the clerk read the names slowly, asking each as he called his name, "What say you?"

R. T. Wilson—"Guilty—First Degree."

J. P. Jones—"Guilty—First Degree."

Thomas Burns—"Guilty—First Degree."

J. P. Lanston—"Guilty—First Degree."

Donald Campbell—"Guilty—First Degree."

J. W. Smith—"Guilty—First Degree."

G. C. Stone—"Guilty—First Degree."

George E. Boothe—"What?"

"What?" the question passed hurried along the aisles, through the seats and back to the doer. Those sitting inside the bar were surprised. The counsel for defense looked brighter and even the prisoner, who has appeared uninterested, looked up with a ray of hope shining from his eyes. Tom Jones was looking at the man who had come over to him to save his life. He almost smiled as he watched the juror who stood facing the court and announcing a break in the jury. Tom Jones actually looked around in court at the crowd.

The other jurors were called and the response "Guilty in the First Degree" came from every other man.

Judge Hoke asked an explanation.

The spokesman for the jury stated that they had reached an agreement before entering the court room and that Juror Boothe had been counted

in. All eyes were then on the dissenting juror.

Boothe faced the court, but his head hung down. He was disconcerted, but remained firm in the presence of the crowd.

"I did consent to a verdict of guilty in the first degree," he said, "but since I have taken my seat here it has seemed to come to me that it must be second degree."

"Then you must retire until you all agree," said the judge, and one by one the jurors filed back into the jury room.

An hour passed. A long hour of weary waiting for the prisoner and for those who were watching for the final outcome.

At eleven o'clock the twelve men were ready to stand together.

They were brought before the court and there announced the verdict.

"Guilty of Murder in the First Degree, So say we all."

They were polled and every man, including Boothe, stood before the prisoner and rendered their verdict.

There was a faint whistle and a solemn murmur from the crowd. The prisoner was standing and he appeared not to realize the awful end that was approaching.

Attorney Beckwith made a plea to set aside the verdict until the July term of court when he could have time to prepare the case of the defense. He stated that on yesterday he was physically unable to conduct the case as it should have been conducted for the defense. He prayed the court to consider the fact that there was doubt in one man's mind. He begged this, he said, in the name of justice and of the court.

Mr. Pon said only a few words in answer. He said that he could find a hundred men to say that Tom Jones was mentally alright, even if it were admitted that he did not want the highest degree of infirmity.

Judge Hoke overruled the motion of Attorney Beckwith. He stated to Mr. Beckwith that he had no reason to feel that the case had not been conducted in the best manner.

"Every argument," he said, "that could have been used to save the man was put with force by you. The case was ably handled and the delay of the jury in rendering their verdict showed that they gave it the most careful consideration."

The prisoner was then ordered to stand up to receive his sentence.

Judge Hoke, addressing the murderer, said:

"You have been found guilty of the highest crime known to the law, that of feloniously and wilfully murdering a human being. In this hour of your greatest extremity I do not wish to harass you by a recital of the hideous horrors of your crime. It devolves upon me to pass the sentence prescribed by the law and it is hereby ordered that you be turned over to the sheriff of this county and by him be recommitted to the common jail, where you shall be kept in confinement until Friday, the eleventh day of May, 1900, on which day, between the hours of 10 o'clock in the forenoon and 2 o'clock in the afternoon, you shall be taken to the place prescribed by law and there hanged by the neck until dead."

"And may God have mercy on your soul."

There was a murmur from the crowd. A low whistle ran through the court room. The prisoner showed no sign of fear, but seemed to take in the words so forcibly spoken by the judge. He looked not to the right or to the left. He waited for the Deputy Sheriff to take him back to his cell in jail where he will remain until the day set for his death.

When he went back to his cell he had nothing to say to his fellow prisoners. He went off alone into one corner of the iron latticed room and there remained quiet. It was some time before he became communicative and even then he did not wish to talk about his sentence.

### MECHANIC FOR BOUSHALL

### Declares That, as Wake's Representative He Fought for Union Wages and Labor

Editors of The Times-Visitor:

Whenever a political office is sought, or a political office is to be filled, it is frequently much to say appealing to the mechanics for support. The mechanics and the working people cast a large vote, and well that their wishes and demands are sometimes recognized by party leaders. I am classed with the mechanical (honorable, it is class myself, but am not one of those who believe that the salvation of the mechanic is by electing mechanics to office. Others, who are not acquainted with the mind of the turning lathe, have prosed themselves to be our friends.

Understand, I am not opposed to mechanics holding any office in the gift of the people, for which the are qualified, but I see no reason why the mechanical gift, or the mechanical connection with us, should be the great qualifying fitness.

While the Hon. Joseph D. Boushall is not a mechanic, he showed himself to be their staunch friend and advocate the first opportunity he had as a Representative in the last Legislature. He fought a hard fight in advocacy of organized labor and union wages. And he did this without being impugned by a string of resolutions from labor organizations. He did it from honest convictions—that it was a right step in the right direction. He fought with power and force for the protection of unionism.

Now, shall we not show our appreciation of his efforts by honoring him with our suffrage? He fought our battle unsought; shall we not now offer him our aid as a token of gratitude? Is it not our duty? He is fitted by education, orains and business experience, acceptably.

Let us remember him at the primaries; and if he fails to receive our vote, remember he is our friend still.

## ASKED FOR \$5,000, GOT SIX CENTS

### Negro Congressman From N. C. In a Suit

### HIS FRIEND SUED RESTAURANT KEEPER

### Senator Proctor Against Porto Rico Bill—Representative Berry Wants Congress to Regulate Sleeping Car Rates—Washington Items.

Pittsburg, March 30. The jury in the case of Assistant District Attorney Billows, colored, against William J. McCarthy, restaurant keeper, who refused to serve a meal to Billows and his companion, Representative George H. White, of North Carolina, also colored, returned a verdict today of six cents in favor of the plaintiff, who asked five thousand.

PROCTOR AGAINST IT.

Washington, March 30. Senator Proctor, speaking in favor of free trade in the Porto Rico bill, announced that he will vote against the combined Porto Rico tariff and civil government bill.

NO TRUST.

Washington, March 30. Senator Berry introduced an amendment to the Army Appropriation bill prohibiting the purchase of army supplies of any trust or combination.

POSTAL APPROPRIATION.

Washington, March 30. The postal appropriation will carry three quarters of a million for pneumatic tube service, an increase of a half of a million. The appropriations are between \$112,000,000 and \$114,000,000.

NO TRUST.

Washington, March 30. The Treasury is now disbursing an average of a million daily on account of the premium bonds exchanged for new Treasuries. These disbursements are about offset by the excess in revenue.

REDUCE RATE.

Washington, March 30. Representative Berry introduced a bill in the House prescribing not more than a third of a cent a mile can be charged for a lower berth and a quarter of a cent per mile for an upper berth on sleeping cars.

KENTUCKY ROW.

Question is Has Yountsey Told All He Knows.

Lexington, Ky., March 30. The Morning Herald prints a dispatch from Winchester stating that James Andrew Scott said in the House Monday night that if Yountsey will tell what he knows he can hang Governor Taylor, and destroy the Republican party in Kentucky. Scott insisted that Yountsey should confess and make himself rich. Officers said that Yountsey had told all he knew and can say nothing more.

ARRAIGNED TOMORROW.

Frankfort, March 30. Yountsey before Judge Moore was not ready and will be arraigned tomorrow.

### THE CHRISTIAN.

### Presented to a Good House at the Academy of Music Last Night.

"The Christian" as presented last night by Liddell's company, headed by Miss Effie Elsher, as Glory Quale, at the Academy of Music, was well received. The largest audience ever to welcome a production here during the Lenten season was present and the play thoroughly satisfied all and as a strong object lesson even surpassed the expectations of the majority of those present. The company is making a great reputation throughout the country, and their rendition is said to be equal to that given by the company headed by Miss Viola Allen, who first introduced the character of "Glory Quale" on the stage. Miss Elsher possessed wonderful emotional powers and an enunciation almost faultless. Mr. Colville, as "John Storm," carried the spirit of the zeal and love with him. The characters of Horatio Drake and Robert Eye were well presented, especially the latter.

The company left Raleigh last night for Danville, Va., where they play tonight. They played in only two cities in this State, Wilmington and Raleigh, and in Wilmington the audience was a disappointment, the managers of the opera house failing to realize the guarantee.

### A LABORING MAN'S VIEW.

Editors Times-Visitor:

I notice in your issue of yesterday an endorsement by "Business Man" of our townsman, Mr. J. D. Boushall, for State Treasurer.

As a laboring man, a friend of organized labor, and a member of a labor organization, I take great pleasure, in view of the firm stand taken by Mr. Boushall in the last Legislature in favor of organized labor, in seconding "Business Man's" endorsement of Mr. Boushall for State Treasurer. The laboring class now has a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers as Labor Commissioner and they desire him retained in this position lest the place be filled by some one who never belonged to an organized labor body, and who was no sympathy with such organization. With Mr. Boushall as State Treasurer, and Mr. Lacy as Labor Commissioner, the interest of organized labor would be abundantly protected.

"LABORING MAN."

## OUTSIDERS MAY BRING THE SUITS

### Insurance Claims Paid but Certain Rights Required

### MADE PROPERTY OWNERS SIGN AGREEMENTS

### The Investigation Committee Meets Tonight to Hear Statement From Water Company—Unknown What Position Will be Taken.

The Water Investigating Committee of the Board of Aldermen will hold their second meeting in the Mayor's Court Room this evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of hearing any statement or testimony that the Water Company may see fit to offer.

Just what will transpire at this meeting is a matter of doubt and will be until late this afternoon. Some time this afternoon the Attorney for the Water Company will determine upon the course to be pursued. He is feared, it is said, by an unpleasant situation and one that will make the meeting tonight an event of more than ordinary importance to the Water Company.

The Insurance Companies who lost in the recent fire have practically announced their intention of suing the Water Company to recover the amounts that they have paid out to their policy holders who were losers when the Pogue Warehouse went up in flames and took surrounding buildings with it.

The Water Company has information to this effect and it comes in a way which relieves the possibility of a doubt. The Insurance Companies have paid all of the claims against them, but before doing so each policy holder was required to sign papers which give the insurance companies the right to bring suit against the Water Company in their own name. This is known to be a fact and one of the papers has been shown to a representative of the Water Company.

It is stated on competent authority that the reason that the insurance companies have not yet brought suit is that they are waiting for the completion of the work of the investigating committee with the hope that the Water Company will expose its hand to view and give them the information that they desire and upon which they will base their suits.

It is possible that this will be brought to the attention of the committee tonight by Mr. Ernest Haywood, attorney of the Water Company, but this is not authoritative. What step will be taken by the Water Company is not known and cannot be known until late this afternoon.

There are many people who will stand by the Water Company in the event that they are sued by outside corporations, and it is generally hoped that such a step will not be taken by the insurance companies.

Mr. Haywood stated this morning to a representative of The Times-Visitor that he has every matter in readiness to protect the Water Company in the event that a suit is brought. It is not desired by the company to have to undergo the expense of litigation. The meeting tonight will certainly be attended by the Water Company's representatives and some action will be taken. Thus the rumor that they would not be present at the meeting and would ignore the investigation is found to be unfounded.

### COL. CUNNINGHAM WILL ACCEPT

### The State Convention May Now Nominate Him for Lieut. Governor By Acclamation.

Since Hon. John S. Cunningham withdrew from the gubernatorial race, in the interest of harmony and in order that Mr. Aycock might be nominated by acclamation, there has been a protracted and almost unanimous demand on the part of the State press and the people generally that he accept the nomination for Lieutenant-Governor.

The most pronounced advocates of Mr. Aycock have led in this suggestion, and all say that Col. Cunningham would add much strength to the ticket.

It has, until today, however, not been known definitely whether he would accept the Lieutenant-Governorship. This afternoon a close personal and political friend of Col. Cunningham received a letter from him, in which he stated that he would accept the nomination and do all in his power to aid in the coming campaign.

When informed of this a gentleman remarked:

"This is good news, and we hope every ward and precinct in Raleigh and Wake county will, at the primaries to be held tomorrow, instruct their delegates to the county convention to vote for Col. Cunningham and see to it that Wake county casts its vote for him in the State convention on April 11th."

"Aycocks and Cunningham would make an invincible team, and there is no man in North Carolina who would add more strength to the ticket generally than Col. Cunningham, nor is there one in the State who deserves better of his party and his people."

We hope the State convention will nominate both Mr. Aycock and Col. Cunningham by acclamation, and from all the information at hand, this is likely to be done."

## JOUBERT FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

### Queen Victoria Sends Expressions of British Sympathy.

London, March 30. A Cape Town despatch says that Joubert will be buried at his farm at Rustfontein in accordance with his wishes. The ceremonies will not be military but entirely civil and private. British prisoners at Pretoria sent a wreath to the funeral.

The message said: "Tell her the British people regarded her husband as a gallant soldier and an honorable foe."

### TROOPS MOVING.

London, March 30. A Cape Town despatch says that two thousand mounted troops passed through Barkley West Monday, their destination unknown. It is supposed that they intended sweeping the disaffected districts, but the outfit seemed to indicate that an extensive march was contemplated possibly for the relief of Mafeking.

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### BRITISH SQUADRON.

London, March 30.—A special service squadron was today ordered from Gibraltar to Canary Islands with the ostensible purpose to watch the Cape route, but of course nobody credits this explanation. It is taken as a warning to the powers.

### PRESIDENT BOMBARDED.

Rome, March 30. The extreme Leftists continued to obstruct the opening of the Chamber of Deputies. When the President entered he was bombarded with paper pellets. After ten minutes of uproar the President was compelled to retire.

### WILL ADDRESS.

Paris, March 30.—The news-papers this morning state that there will be no further interpellations of the government before the adjournment of Chambers, which takes place prior to the opening of the Exposition.

### KILLED 600.

London, March 30. French army at Scherz won a big victory, killed six thousand tribesmen and wounded a thousand.

Six hundred prisoners were taken.

### FORBES DEAD.

London, March 30. Archibald Forbes, the noted war correspondent, died last night.

### OLD DOMINION AFFIRE.

New York, March 30.—The steamer "Old Dominion," formerly of the old Dominion Line, caught fire this morning, but was extinguished after a short time. The loss was fifteen thousand dollars.

### COTTON.

New York, March 30.—Cotton April 9-21, May 9-25, June 9-21, July 9-29, August 9-11.

### GRANT APPOINTED.

New York, March 30.—Hugh J. Grant is appointed permanent receiver of the second branch of the Third Avenue Railroad.

### FORGOT SPOON.

Eventors of Bishop Williams Find This Amount He Had Forgotten.

New Haven, Conn., March 30.—The executor of the will of the late Bishop Williams has found that he had a deposit in the national bank of about ten thousand dollars unaccounted for many years, and apparently forgotten. This sum will go to Berkeley Divinity School at Middletown, Conn., as a residuary.

### FOR MR. J. C. CADDELL.

Raleigh, N. C., March 30, 1900.

Editors Times-Visitor:

I take pleasure in seconding the nomination of Mr. J. C. Caddell for State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Mr. Caddell has had ten years of active experience in the school room, is a man of fine address, a true Democrat, a forcible and aggressive speaker, and is today the best known man in North Carolina, and his personal friends are numbered by thousands. If he should be nominated he will add a great strength to the Democratic State ticket and to the Constitutional Amendment, and in his election the school interests in North Carolina would go into safe, conservative hands.

His presence in the approaching campaign would be a source of great strength to the entire ticket, and his magnetic speeches would have the effect of drawing to our ranks many lukewarm Democrats, as well as many adherents out of the ranks of the opposition.

Nominating J. C. Caddell and we will make no mistake.

C. B. EDWARDS.

### FUNERAL OF MISS CADE.

The funeral service over the remains of Miss Maggie E. Cade was held from the residence of Rev. Baylis Child on Newbern avenue this morning at nine thirty. A brief service was conducted jointly by Rev. G. F. Smith and Rev. Dr. T. E. Skinner.

The body, accompanied by members of the family and friends, was carried to Louisville, where the interment will occur. Rev. G. F. Smith went to conduct the service.

The pall-bearers were: Messrs. T. R. Moseley, H. W. Ayer, E. DeWitt Smith, J. M. Proctor, R. N. Simms and T. S. Pearce.

Mr. E. Cowper returned to the city this morning.

Mrs. C. P. Spruill has gone to Greenville to visit relatives.

Send your order today to Dughl for your Sunday ice cream.

## TEN YEARS AT HARD LABOR FOR JOHN LEE

### The Youth Who Poisoned His Own Sister

### COUNSEL AGREED TO COMPROMISE ON SERIOUS CHARGE

### Charge of Murder in the First Degree Set Aside and Jury Returned Verdict Without Rising—Boy Murderer Only Fourteen Years Old.

John Lee, fourteen years of age, a bright, intelligent looking young mulatto boy, was arraigned in Superior Court this morning to answer to the charge of murder in the first degree which had been returned by the grand jury before whom sufficient proof had been brought to convince them of the boy's guilt of murdering his own sister, the wife of Green Hobbie, by giving poison to her. The crime was committed in this city last October.

When John Lee was brought into court this morning he had a sympathetic crowd in the court room. He took a seat by his attorney, Mr. W. B. Snow, and was facing the jury and the Solicitor and Attorneys Douglas and Harris, who were to assist the State in the case.

Solicitor Pon addressed the court. He stated that the counsel for the defense had agreed with him and those associated with him in the case that the charge of murder in the first degree be stricken out and that a verdict of murder in the second degree be returned. This, he said, was decided upon after carefully considering the case from every standpoint. It was a boy only fourteen years of age on trial and it would be terrible to contemplate the swinging of a youth of such few years, of swinging him between heaven and earth for murder. The State, by decision of the Supreme Court, must prove premeditation in cases where murder in the first degree is charged. This, he said, is very difficult, and it would be possible for the guilty to escape punishment if this were always adhered to. He urged the court to approve the request, stating that he believed a long sentence would be for the best.

Attorney W. B. Snow, representing the youth, stated to the court that he had taken the kindest interest in the prisoner, that he had fully visited and talked with him; that he found a boy just between childhood and youth charged with murder, and without friend or relative willing to assist him in any efforts to save his life. He said that the boy's father is not here; that his mother died when John Lee was but an infant and that he thought the course agreed upon would be for the best. Mr. Snow said that the boy was at that age when he needed assistance. That he needed some one to guide him. He gave as one of his reasons for accepting sentence of murder in the second degree that there was too much hazard. That he should be given a trade and that he believed a few years in the State Prison would be for the good of the youth. He argued that taking the life of a mere child would be unseemly, and prayed the court to approve the compromise agreed upon by counsel.

The jury remained in their seats and returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree.

Judge Hoke said that he agreed with the counsel for the defense and the prosecution that it would be most deplorable if a youth had to be hanged in this land. That, however, it was the greatest crime known to the law, and that no light punishment should be inflicted. He then ordered the clerk to read a sentence of ten years at hard labor in the State Penitentiary.

John Lee took his sentence as though he had expected worse treatment from the law. He stood erect and as he left the court room his face was bright and a sorrowful gladness seemed to envelop him. He has been a good prisoner. His behavior has been the best in the jail and it is probable, if he continues the same in the State Penitentiary, his sentence will be shortened on account of his behavior.

### COLDER TOMORROW.

The forecast for Raleigh and vicinity says: Clearing this afternoon or evening; fair, colder Saturday.

The storm yesterday central in the lower Mississippi valley has moved to the middle Atlantic coast, with the lowest barometer at Charlotte. Light rains occurred at nearly all stations on the Atlantic coast from Florida to Maine. An extensive area of high barometer has appeared in the extreme northwest with clearing, much colder weather. The temperature is considerably below freezing from Kansas northward. The lowest temperature is 12 degrees above zero at Thomaston. Snow is falling at St. Louis, Chicago and Cleveland.

California Naval Oranges at Dughl's, 25 to 40 cents per dozen.