

JURY'S VERDICT, "NOT GUILTY OF ANY CRIME"

Amazing Announcement to the Crowded Court Room.

To say that the verdict of the jury, rendered last Tuesday in the Pritchard, homicide case, was a stunning surprise, is placing it mildly. The court house was crowded with people and when the jury stood up and said "not guilty," the large audience was for a few moments completely dumfounded. Even the judge, who is of such quiet and composed disposition, was as completely stunned as the audience and after a moments hesitation, as if to make sure he had heard the verdict correctly, said, "you find them guilty of no crime?" Then as the fact of what had been done dawned upon the crowd, a restless sense of impatience spread over the house. How the jury arrived at the verdict, with the testimony so convincing as it was, remains one of the unsolved mysteries of criminal procedure. The killing was never denied and no one in the entire community, who heard the testimony, thought for a moment of a verdict of less than murder in the second degree, while a large number of persons expected murder in the first degree.

If criminals who shoot down an officer in the discharge of his duty, and at the same time kill a man in the custody of the official, are pronounced not guilty of any crime, by a jury, and turned loose upon a defenseless public, as far as the jury is concerned, it is certainly time to make some amends in the jury system or abolish it altogether. If it is possible to select a jury in whose estimation human life is of no more value than it appeared to have been in this case, then the mode of selecting a jury, or the jury system, has become a glaring farce. Far better would it be for society and the public good, that all such cases be tried and determined by the judge alone, or at most three judges, sitting as a court, than to put them in the hands of such juries. This jury has brought on itself the unanimous condemnation of the people and tax payers of the county, as

Empty Coffin Buried.

A queer story of a burial without a corpse comes from Evreux: An old man who was an inmate of a hospital at Rugles died and arrangements were made for his funeral. The cortege left the hospital and proceeded to the church for the funeral service, and then to the cemetery. The last prayer had been said and the coffin was lowered into the grave. The bearers thought the coffin was very light, and became alarmed. One of the men let a stone fall on the bier. A hollow sound was the result. There was no longer any doubt in the minds of the bearers that they were interring an empty coffin. The grave diggers went to the hos-

pital and to their amazement found the body of the old man on the marble slab in the mortuary chamber. It had been forgotten. The body was removed to the cemetery, the route being through deserted streets. An inquiry as to how the coffin was allowed to leave the hospital without the body has been opened.

Bishop Ward Critically Ill.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 7.—Bishop Seth Ward of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, is critically ill at Yokohama, Japan. This information was received here today in a cable to Dr. W. R. Lambeth, missionary secretary of the church.

A Precious Old War Relic.

In May 1862 a red plush covered bible was found on the battle field near New Berne, N. C. On a fly leaf is written "Sidney P. Dula, Farm Hill, Caldwell Co. N. C."

This old bible is now in the care and keeping of Dr. W. H. Anderson of Highlands Macon Co. N. C. who will take pleasure in sending it to Sidney P. Dula, if living or any one of his family who may be entitled to it. Address: Dr. W. H. Anderson, Highlands, N. C.

[Mr. Sidney P. Dula was a citizen of Caldwell county and lived in 1862 near Lenoir in the house now owned and occupied by J. R. Ervin, and was one among the first men from this county to volunteer in defense of the South. He was first Lieutenant in company I, 26th North Carolina regiment, and was in the battle of New Bern, N. C. and other battles. Mr. Dula was a big hearted man and a brave soldier. A few years after the war, Mr. Dula with his family moved to Missouri, where he lived until his death. He has several children living, two in New York, one in Virginia and one or two in Missouri. He also has one granddaughter living in Lenoir, Mrs. S. S. Jennings.]

The A. & M. College at Raleigh has Big Opening.

All the rooms in the dormitories and all the rooms in the town of West Raleigh are literally packed with sturdy young men bent, even at the expense of comfort, on securing such training as will fit them for successful achievements in the opportunity filled industrial world. Rooms meant for only two men have three in them and rooms built for three have four or more.

Up to mid-day Saturday new students to the number of one hundred and ninety three had reported for admission. The large number of new students will insure the largest enrollment since the college was established.

The rapidly awakening interest in agricultural education, an interest to which the college has contributed, is shown by the immense increase in the number of agricultural students.

THE WORK COURSE.

An offer was made during the summer to take twenty-five boys to work on the farm, in the orchard and in the dairy, barns, and green-houses. Over one hundred and fifty young men applied. Of this large number twenty-five stout boys were selected, and they are at work: one week at class, one week at work. These earnest and ambitious young men have taken hold with zeal and efficiency.

United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The North Carolina division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will hold its next meeting in Wilmington October 13th.

Mrs. I. W. Faison, of Charlotte, is president of the North Carolina division. In a letter she urges every chapter to have a representative present at the State meeting.

The national meeting of the United Daughters will be held at Beach Auditorium, Houston, Texas on October 19.

The organization now has 900 chapters, with a membership of 40,000.

"The News will be glad if the Zeb Vance chapter, can by one or more of its members, be represented at both of these meetings—Will it?"

After a man came woman, and she has been after him ever since.

Big Summer Travel.

The Citizen.

The passenger traffic department of the division of the Southern Railway has been rushed during the past few days in accommodating the crowds who have been returning to their homes at the expiration of the mountain excursions and also in making their reports of the traffic during the past month. With the aid of several additional agents the men have been able to make out a preliminary report.

Judging from the part of the report already completed the business of the department in Asheville has surpassed all records for the month of August. The number of extra trains during the month coming into the city and going out of the city has been greater than at any time in the city's history. The number of extra Pullmans run on the regular trains has also been far in excess of the usual number added during August in any preceding years.

At the same time files of tickets now in the office of the district passenger agent show that the long distance travel to Asheville has been greater, which is convincing proof of the publicity of this city as a resort. During the past week alone more than twenty five Pullmans have been added to trains to accommodate the crowds. Several extra trains have been put on during the past seven days for Jacksonville and New Orleans as well as other Southern points.

Swiftest of all Creatures.

A homing pigeon flew, July 12, from North Bay, Ontario to Baltimore, 510 miles in an air line and the total time was 9 hours and 17 minutes.

Racing pigeons are the fleetest of all creatures. They have maintained a speed of a mile and a half a minute for 100 miles and they have flown 700 miles between the rising and setting of the sun.

Pigeons have flown 1,000 miles back to the home loft. In 1904 a bird covered that distance in four days, two hours and 15 minutes, proving how unerring is the mysterious homing instinct that will drive them across a continent with out swerving. The birds simply hurl themselves against time and space till they are played out. They can never race again.

The racing bird weighs from 12 to 14 ounces, and measures 11 to 12 inches in length from tip of tail to beak. It stands strongly, is full chested and has broad flight-feathers, well protected by secondary feathers.

The racer rises into the air with heavy, slow wing pulsations, thence once poised over the starting point there is a swifter, shorter beat, and then the time its hit up to the "third and permeated wing rhythm rapid and steady as a pulse beat, which sees them homed before dark."

They fly 300 feet high over land but low over water. They do all their flying between sunrise and sunset. If caught out overnight they fend for themselves till dawn.

The homing instinct is life long. during the Franco Prussian war the Germans caught a homing pigeon which was on its way into beleaguered Paris. The bird was kept prisoner for ten years. It was then released and immediately returned to its old home.

Why the Tears Came.

She offered an explanation of her tearful mood.

"I've been to a wedding," she said. "I always cry more at a wedding than I do at a funeral. It's so much more uncertain."

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An Old Vehicle.

Wilkes Patriot.

A vehicle passed through town Tuesday which excited more interest and attention than all the new automobiles combined. It was an old-fashioned rockaway, being driven from Palmyra, the Patterson home, up in the "Happy Valley," to Winston Salem. The vehicle first belonged to General Patterson and later to the late Samuel L. Patterson. It is now being taken to Hon. Lindsay Patterson, grandson of the first owner, who becomes the possessor of it. It is Mr. Patterson's intention, said Mr. J. R. Steele, who had charge of the vehicle, to have it repaired and to present it to the State museum. The bed of the rockaway is at least four feet from the ground. It is suspended from swan neck-shaped springs by huge leather straps, which gives the rider, in addition to an up and down one, a motion like a swinging churn. To enable the occupants to enter and dismount there are folding brass steps on each side, which, when not in use, are folded up into the bed. There is a high seat in front for the driver and one behind for an attendant. It is of superb workmanship and was doubtless in its day one of the finest vehicles in the whole country. From Mrs. Lindsay Patterson's easy and delightful pen, it is hoped that more of the rockaway's personal history may be made known.

How to Cure Peavine Hay.

By Prof. W. F. Massey.

In curing peavine hay I start as soon as the pods show yellow.

Mow in the morning only, and put a tedder after the mowers to toss the hay and hasten the wilting. Rake into windrows that afternoon and the next morning turn the windrows with the rake, and in the afternoon cock the hay into as tall and narrow shocks as will stand. If rain comes, turn the cocks and remake. As soon as you can take a handful and give a hard twist, and can run no sap in the twist, haul into the barn and pile it with out tram,ing, letting it settle while the leaves are still limp. Then let it alone even if it heats some, and keep the barn open, and it will cure bright and sweet. But if you turn it when heating, it will let in the germs of mold and will injure the hay.

Don't start out with the idea that you are going to revolutionize all the ways of doing business. There are plenty of old, established, well-grounded principles that can never be supplanted with modern ideas.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Long and Short.

On September 6th, in Wilkesbarre, Pa., Mr. Thomas E. Lewis, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. was married to Miss Annie Elsenheith, principal of the St. Clair High School. Mr. Lewis is only 3 feet six inches high while Miss Elsenheith is 5 feet 9 inches high. The marriage is said to be a happy one.