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PHYSICIANS URGE PROBES OF HEALTH

Sanatorium.—Opinions of Dr. Frederick R. Taylor, of the state department of Health, Dr. P. B. McCain, superintendent of the North Carolina Sanatorium, and other health experts are quoted in an article appearing in the July issue of the Sanatorium Sun pointing out the wisdom of periodic health examinations to prevent tuberculosis and other serious illness.

"Degenerative diseases are increasing in their mortality rate every year," Dr. Taylor is quoted as declaring. "They are increasing out of proportion to the increase in population, and up until very recently we have not been aroused to the saving of thousands of lives in with it in any adequate way at all. In a periodically examined group the mortality varies somewhere from eighteen to twenty-five per cent less than the mortality from an unexamined group. If this thing can be put on in an earnest and widespread scale, it is bound to mean the saving of thousands of lives in our state."

"We constantly see the need of this work," Dr. McCain said. "Of course we have a great many patients coming to the Sanatorium for examination. All of them come to find out whether or no they have tuberculosis. We examine about fifteen hundred outside cases a year and only about one out of four has tuberculosis, but we find that something is wrong with practically all of them. In emphasizing the fact that the public at large needs to have a periodic check-up, we have had an experience within the last two years among the medical profession in one of the cities of this state in which we found four doctors who, presumably, were in good health, but we found that they had moderately advanced tuberculosis. If doctors can go ahead and develop tuberculosis in a moderately advanced stage without being conscious of having it, we don't need anything further than that to emphasize the fact of these examinations being needed generally."

"It is hard to convince an apparently well person that he should be examined. Many people are afraid they have some chronic disease but do not wish to find out about it. They do not realize that such an attitude is the height of unwisdom and that by refusing to be examined they merely postpone the day when they will learn about their true physical condition, possibly after the disease, easily curable if discovered early, has passed the early stage and entered the stage when a cure is much more difficult, or is even impossible."

Judge B. T. Falls



Shelby lawyer who was one of the leading attorneys in the defense of Rafe King.

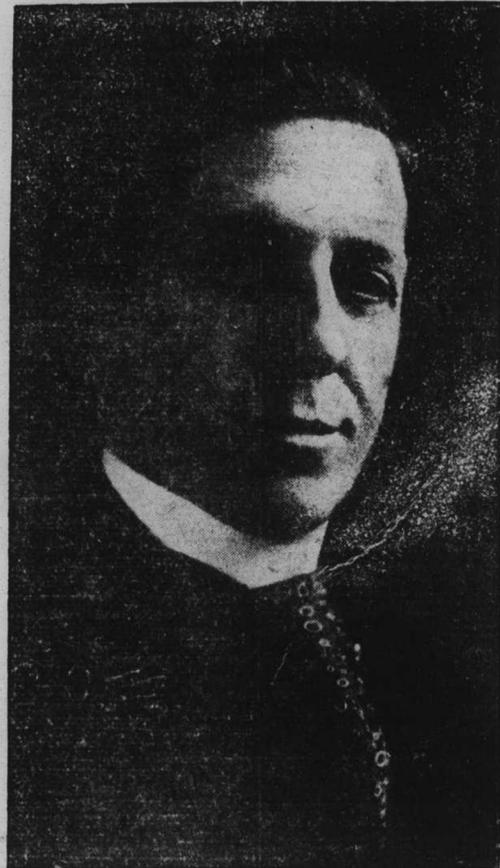
Jurymen Who Tried King For Murder

The following men composed the jury that tried Rafe King for murder at Chester:

- R. L. Crook, cotton man, Chester.
- G. W. Anderson, farmer, Richburg.
- O. D. Smith, farmer, Baton Rouge.
- F. L. Whitlock, insurance agent.
- Fred W. Cassels, auto mechanic, Chester.
- James L. Gamble, merchant, Great Falls.
- H. B. Workman, coal yard employe, Chester.
- S. E. Reeves, merchant, Chester.
- H. G. Hitchcock, merchant, Edgemoor.
- Clyde Killian, farmer, Landsford.
- John Jordan, farmer, Chester.
- James C. Simpson, carpenter, Chester.

RAFE KING IS GUILTY

Makes Masterful Argument For King



Hon. Clyde R. Hoey who closed the argument for the defendant in the King murder case at Chester this morning. Mr. Hoey's plea was masterful and eloquent and he was kept busy during the noon recess acknowledging congratulations.

Hoey's Plea Regarded As Strongest Appeal Ever Heard In Court

(Special to The Star.)

Chester Court House, July 9.—The only time since the beginning of his trial eight days ago for the murder of his beautiful young wife that Rafe King of Shelby has displayed any deep emotion came today when his counsel, Hon. Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby was making an impassioned plea for an acquittal. As the words of the North Carolina orator fell upon King's ears, King's eyes filled with tears and he was visibly overcome. Aside from this, he has maintained a non-committal air throughout.

Mr. Hoey's argument before the jury for the defense is regarded here as having been one of the strongest pleas for an acquittal ever heard by any South Carolina jury.

In his well known oratorical voice, which trembled in earnestness Mr. Hoey launched his appeal for the acquittal of the defendant. He said that state had failed to prove that Mrs. King had been killed, that it had failed to prove that she had not committed suicide, and that all the evidence proved the innocence of "this man."

As he recounted the events the night before and the day the body of Mrs. King was found Mr. Hoey wanted to know if "he was planning murder."

King Weeps.
Declaring that the letter, written by Mrs. King the day of her death, bespoke in "living burning words" that he was a sick man, Mr. Hoey continued with great dramatic force. King was affected by the words of the attorney and tears welled to his eyes.

"If he had killed his wife would he have called in the little bingham boy, would he have called in Dr. Burris, would he have taken the chance of observation of conditions there in the daylight?" asked the attorney, adding that the state has construed "every simple act" of King against him.

No Consistent Theory.
The state has no consistent theory of guilt, Mr. Hoey continued. After speaking of King's willingness to "live up to his contract" regarding his insurance arrangement, Mr. Hoey declared "I am constrained to believe that a man

who would live up to his business contract, would highly regard his contract with his wife, made before God, would keep that contract until death did part them."

The attorney spoke of King's devotion to his wife. "As she walked the streets of Shelby, as he took her to Sharon, she was to him his 'Rose of Sharon' and lily of the valley," exclaimed Mr. Hoey.

Piece by piece Mr. Hoey took the state's evidence, and its construction of this evidence and held it up to scorn and ridicule, declaring in reference to King's breakfast the morning after the finding of his wife's body "Should a man be convicted of murder for eating a piece of ham?"

"Is that evidence of his guilt?" queried the attorney as he spoke of the various acts of King before and after his wife's death.

"I am willing to rest the guilt or innocence of Rafe King on the testimony about the marks on Mrs. King's throat. I'm willing to take the testimony of Dr. Abel the state's witness," declared the Shelby lawyer.

The explanation of the absence of blood on Mrs. King's face was given by Mr. Hoey, who declared, "I believe that the dog, which licked the blood from her face, was Rafe's dog, the one that knew her footsteps, that loved her."

The suit found in the attic was King's wedding suit, the only tailor made suit he ever had and the only one containing his initials, said the attorney, as he referred to the testimony of King's sister that this suit was hanging in the closet the morning after Mrs. King's death.

Development of the theory of suicide, Mr. Hoey, declared that even though Mrs. King was bright and depressed with the realization that she was suffering with a dreaded social disease. He spoke of the risk of circumstantial evidence.

"You don't look to me like a mean man" the attorney said the little angel faced girl, who drew the jury, had told King, the day the trial began.

"In the name of stern, majestic justice, I ask you for acquittal," concluded Mr. Hoey in an impassioned outburst.

Asheville Man Hurt In Wreck; 2 Youths Held

A. S. Moore Taken To Hospital Following Collision Monday Afternoon.

Following an automobile accident on the Shelby-Asheville highway about 6 o'clock Monday evening, A. S. Moore, railway car inspector, whose home is in Asheville, was taken to a Shelby hospital for treatment while John Hill and "Peaches" Smith, young men of Kings Mountain, were placed in the Cleveland county jail. Charges were lodged against the defendants of driving an automobile in a reckless manner and operating an automobile while under the influence of whisky.

Bond was posted for the two Kings Mountain youths, one of whom is said to be the son of a prominent and wealthy family there, Hill being required to furnish bail in the sum of \$500 and Smith in the sum of \$100.

Reports made to the office of Sheriff Allen indicate that a car driven by L. L. Merchant of Asheville and one driven by Hill were both going from this city to Asheville, Mr. Moore being an occupant of the Merchant car. When at a point about six miles from this city, it is alleged that the Kings Mountain youths attempted to pass the Merchant car at a high rate of speed and struck the other vehicle. Mr. Moore was badly hurt and the Merchant car damaged while the Kings Mountain car jumped across a six-foot ditch but was not badly damaged.

Mr. Moore was brought to the Shelby hospital where it was ascertained that he had suffered very painful, though not necessarily serious, injuries to his back and it is probable that he will be incapacitated for some time. No hearing of the case against the Kings Mountain defendants will be attempted until such time as the injured man is able to appear.

Peanut Pushing In Pike's Peak Manner

Not since blind Homer sang and Aeneas wandered, has the race been so cluttered with big achievements and great stuff! Take the case of Bill Williams. Coming up the home stretch in a cloud of dust, with pads on his hands, nose and knees, he finished his heroic undertaking of pushing a peanut twenty-two miles to the top of Pike's Peak, using his nose entirely and exclusively as the motive power. He won \$500 for his accomplishment besides the glory of newspaper bulletins on how many peanuts he wore out in making the grade.

A connoisseur in unusual performances has listed some of the latest. The flagpole sitter and the chained automobile driver again infest the land. An Englishman played the same piece on the piano a thousand times without stopping. A polish jazz band ground out its so-called music for thirty-three hours without a pause for a long breath. An Italian played a trombone six hours and twenty minutes while treading water, which added another horror to the futility of treading water.

Even in Europe the search for quick fame has worked miracles, particularly gastronomic miracles. A German ate a 300-pound pig in ten days. Another of his countrymen swallowed seven and a half yards of sausage in the record-breaking time of thirty minutes. An Italian ate more than two miles of spaghetti in one session, and on the twenty-third gulp a Parisian swallowed the last drop of a two-gallon jug of beer.

Thus, we see, there is no limit to peanut greatness. It has reached the point where the most disgusting gorrandizing wins space in our intelligent newspapers. Anything that is great, big, outstanding, colossal and immense is a ticket to the seats of the mighty. Foreigners used to say that Americans judged everything by the question, "Is it the biggest in the world?" Now it begins to look as if this American habit had contaminated all Europe!

Laugh often even if you don't have anything to laugh at for it is a great aid to digestion.

John Haynes Holmes says that any man who gets married has to sacrifice 50 per cent of his individual liberty. Thou optimist, John.—Camden Post.

Rafe King, Shelby Man Who Faced Murder Charge Before Chester Jury



The above picture of Rafe King, Shelby man accused of the murder of his wife, was taken by a newspaper photographer at Chester, S. C., while the trial was in progress and is regarded by King's friends as a splendid likeness. King appeared to be unperturbed throughout the entire trial, according to newspaper reports coming from Chester.

Mrs. Faye Wilson King Who Was Found Dead In An Outhouse On January 25th



Attractive young wife of Rafe King, Mrs. Faye Wilson King, popular in Shelby and later in York county, for whose death the Shelby man has been on trial for his life since last Monday week. Mrs. King was held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends and was loved in particular by the school children of the little town of Sharon, York county, South Carolina, where she met her death.

Jury Deliberated Three Hours Motion For New Trial Is Made

Hearing Of Motion For New Trial Is Set For Wednesday Morning At 9:30. No Court Room Demonstration. King Holds Iron Nerve. Verdict Carries Death Penalty. Breath Silence In Court Room.

(By ERNEST JACKSON.)
(Special to The Star.)

Court Room, Chester, S. C., July 9 (6:27).—"Guilty," was the verdict rendered by the jury at 6:27 this evening in the Rafe King murder case.

"Your honor will please note a motion for a new trial and we would like a time fixed now for hearing the motion," said Thomas F. McDowe of King's counsel.

Judge Henry Named 9:30 in the morning as the time for hearing arguments on the motion.

HOLDS IRON NERVE.

King's iron nerve and composure did not desert him when the verdict was read. After hearing it he even smiled slightly.

His father W. Pink King, who was seated immediately back of him, gave him a warm hand clasp and said something in an undertone that no one else could hear.

The jury indicated at 6:05 its desire to report a verdict, but Judge Henry had left the courtroom and had to be summoned from his home.

The verdict carries with it a sentence of death in the electric chair. The notice of an appeal for a new trial automatically stayed the imposing of the death sentence by Judge Henry.

The courtroom was jammed when the verdict was read.

Gentleman of the jury have you agreed on a verdict, inquired Clerk of Court J. E. Cornwell, after everything was ready for hearing the jury's decision.

"We have," announced R. L. Crook, foreman.

The verdict was then handed the clerk of the court who read it in the mist of breathless silence.

No demonstration occurred when the verdict was announced.

Attorneys Offer Very Strong Pleas In Closing King Case

Chester, July 9.—Argument by John H. Hemphill, the fourth and last of the day, wound up the afternoon session Monday in the case of the state vs. Rafe King.

Testimony regarding the presence of human blood on clothing of the King's and on the floors and doors of their home was attacked by the Chester attorney.

He endeavored to show that the tests for the blood were incomplete and rapped the noted pathologist who made the tests for his "own ideas about such tests."

Mr. Hemphill said that if the pathologist could not be more definite, "there must be something wrong with his chemistry."

He ridiculed the state's contention that Mrs. King was strangled to death and cited several reasons to prove that she might have committed suicide.

Condemnation of physicians who performed the autopsies on the body of the deceased was made by the barrister, who scored them for "jumping at conclusions."

"I really doubt that traces of poison could be found in that small portion of her stomach subjected to chemical analysis after the organ was twice washed out with embalming fluid, the lawyer said."

State's attorneys were flyde by the speaker telling the jurors not to be afraid of the "bugaboo of reasonable doubt," for endeavoring to insinuate to the jury that King had been married twice before and had killed both wives and for telling the jurors that they would not be honest men if they held she committed suicide.

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Presence of human blood on the clothes of King and his wife and on floors and doors of their home, sworn to by a nationally famed pathologist, was stressed by the solicitor.

In closing Mr. Hines declared: "Murderers go free, criminals go unpunished, men go whupped for justice. Juries are falling. Men kill their wives and get away with it. And when it is going to stop?"

"God knows, I wish we could catch a fiend like that," he shouted. "The man who planted those clothes there was attempting to murder Rafe King through the process of the law."

He ended by reminding the jury that they were not trying King under the moral law and asking them to bear in mind that the North Carolinian must be given just as fair a trial as a man from this state.

state when the afternoon session began with even more people in the room than at the morning session, when a larger crowd than at any previous session of the trial was in attendance.

The heat in the court room was terrific, most of the air currents being off by the crowd that jammed the place and it was not long before a woman almost was overcome by the heat, although she was quickly revived. Another fainted later.

Mr. Hines launched into a lengthy resume of the case after which he dwelt on several important points.

At the conclusion of a dissertation on the two autopsies, he shook a finger at the jurors and shouted:

"If you are honest and seeking the truth, you can't say that, that woman poisoned herself."

Later on in his speech he said: "There is no other evidence in this case but that she was strangled to death."

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The back-to-the-farm movement has been a complete success. There are now more backs to the farms than ever before.—The Thomas E. Pickering Service.

In order to eliminate curves millions of dollars are spent each year in this country by railroads and overweight girls.

A heathen country is one in which the pay-roll can be transported without an armored car.—Brooklyn Times.