

WHITLOCK HAD THREATENED ROBERTSON SAY WITNESSES

CORONER'S INQUEST INTO PENDLETON HOMICIDE SHOWS ILL FEELING BETWEEN TWO

POLICE CHIEF WAS DRINKING

Testimony Adduced Yesterday at Investigation Shows Tragedy Up in Bad Light.

The coroner's inquest into the death of Charles W. Robertson, the former State constable under Governor Bleuse who was shot and instantly killed at Pendleton late Monday afternoon by S. H. Whitlock, chief of police for that town and deputy for Magistrate S. E. Whitten, was held yesterday morning, the jury returning a verdict to the effect that Robertson came to his death from pistol shot wounds at the hands of S. H. Whitten. The testimony adduced at the inquest threw considerably more light on the affair than that shed by Whitlock Monday night, when he stated to a representative of The Intelligencer, who interviewed him upon his being lodged in the county jail, that he had no recollection of the shooting and did not recall having seen Robertson on Monday prior to the shooting. The sworn statements of witnesses examined at the inquest set forth that there had been ill feeling between the two men for some time; that they had been heard to threaten one another on various occasions; that on the morning of the day the fatal shooting occurred Whitlock and Robertson had some words in a barber shop; that Whitlock, who was said to have been under the influence of liquor that day, was prevailed upon not to enter the store where Robertson was and where the killing occurred; that Whitlock remarked that he was going in there to raise hell; that after the shooting Whitlock said he had shot Robertson and meant to shoot him.

derstood that Mrs. Robertson is a daughter of Mr. Cann Duckworth, a well known planter of this county. The tragedy has stirred up no little interest throughout the county, as both parties were well and favorably known. Whitlock, who suffered severe wounds in the head and on the left arm, was resting well yesterday at the county jail, where he was visited by several friends. While nothing pertaining to the matter could be learned yesterday, it is presumed that Whitlock will engage counsel and make an effort to secure his release on bail now while a circuit judge is in the city. Following is a transcript of the testimony adduced at the coroner's inquest:

Dr. E. B. Day Testifies. Dr. R. B. Day, being duly sworn, says: "Upon examination of Chas. W. Robertson I found a bullet wound in the left side just above the crest of the ileum. I found no other wound on him. The ball ranged inward, upward and slightly backward, passing through the stomach, perforating the diaphragm, puncturing the interior vena cava, fracturing the sixth rib, lodging just beneath the scapula where it was cut out. Death was caused from hemorrhage." Dr. W. Watkins corroborates Dr. Day. J. J. Stewart Testifies. J. J. Stewart, being duly sworn, says: "I live in Pendleton. I met Mr. Whitlock near Campbell's store. We walked into Wilson's store. I saw that he was drinking. He asked me what this man was doing in there with that axe handle. I wouldn't consider him drunk, but he was drinking. He then started to Campbell's store. In a moment after he went in the door, I heard dishes breaking. I went to the door and saw Mr. Whitlock and Mr. Robertson together in a corner near door. I saw a pistol in Mr. Whitlock's hand and he was shooting. Mr. Whitlock was sitting on the floor leaning back on some crockery that was on the floor against the counter. I saw Mr. Robertson strike Mr. Whitlock with the axe handle. I heard nothing except that Mr. Whitlock said he was going in there to raise hell. I had heard both men speak ill of each other in former days. (The pistol offered in evidence and identified by witness). I told Mr. Robertson that he had shot Mr. Robertson. He said he shot him and meant to shoot him. Mr. Whitlock weighed about 160 pounds and I think Mr. Robertson was a smaller man. I saw Mr. Robertson standing in the store before Mr. Whitlock entered. In about two minutes after Mr. Whitlock's entering the shooting commenced." Dr. Day Recalled. Dr. R. B. Day, being duly sworn, says: "Mr. Whitlock offered me pistol after shooting. I was attendant of Pendleton in 1913. Mr. Whitlock served about four years as policeman for me. I suspended him for being drunk a few weeks before my term was out."

A. N. Crenshaw. Mr. A. N. Crenshaw, being duly sworn, says: "I have heard both men threaten each other in days past." N. H. Campbell Takes Stand. N. H. Campbell, being duly sworn, says: "I live in Pendleton and was standing at store with Mr. Robertson and Mr. Leland Stewart. Mr. Whitlock came in and I met him about half-way between store and door. This was about 15 feet inside of door. I stopped down to pet Mr. Whitlock's dog. While I was down I heard dishes breaking over me and I ran out back door. I saw axe handle in Mr. Robertson's hand, Mr. Whitlock was standing still." S. L. Eskew Know Nothing. S. L. Eskew, being duly sworn, says: "I know nothing of the killing. I am attendant of the town. Mr. Whitlock serves as policeman on Saturdays. He is the only police. I have never seen Mr. Whitlock drunk in my life."

T. J. Stewart Testifies. T. J. Stewart, being duly sworn, says: "I was in Campbell's store yesterday afternoon. I was standing at the stove with Mr. Robertson. Mr. Whitlock came in the door. He came about half-way from door to stove and turned around. I saw Mr. Robertson then walk up behind Mr. Whitlock and strike him in back of head with axe handle. I don't know whether he knocked him down or not. I suppose it was about two or three minutes then before the shooting took place. I ran out back door. Mr. Campbell has been seeing Mr. Whitlock's dog and Mr. Whitlock had turned around and spoke to Mr. Campbell. Mr. Robertson then walked up behind him and struck him. Mr. Whitlock appeared to be drinking." Miss Whitten Swears. Miss Whitten, being duly sworn, says: "I was in Mr. Campbell's store. I saw Mr. Whitlock pass the door. Mr. Robertson got the axe handle from somewhere then. Mr. Whitlock came back and came in store. Mr. Campbell met him and Mr. Whitlock turned around and Mr. Robertson walked up behind Mr. Whitlock and struck him in back of head with axe handle." Dr. W. W. Watkins. Dr. W. W. Watkins, being duly sworn, says: "I assisted Dr. Day in the autopsy and I dressed Mr. S. H. Whitlock's head after the shooting. His head was cut on top, a little to the back. There was a crack 1-2 to 3 inches long on top and 1/2 of an inch deep. There was a crack on his left arm. He was badly stained and ran around like a crazy man in the office."

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ODD BITS OF NEWS

Omaha, Neb.—Night school has been started in Nebraska's State prison and 130 prisoners attend classes in shorthand, typewriting, bookkeeping and all common school branches. A number of the prisoners are taking extension work from the University of Nebraska. Montclair, N. J.—If you have a reliable "antif" remedy, Chairman Thomas P. McGlynn, of the Montclair Fire department would like to hear of it. The Montclair firemen have so little work to do that they are fast putting in too much weight for the good of the service. New Orleans, La.—At the convention of the U. S. Brewers Association just closed the fact was revealed that through the new war tax, the U. S. government is getting three times as much revenue from beer as the brewers. Muskogee, Okla.—Miss Flora Well, a thirteen-year-old girl, started to answer a call recently and could not speak. Her physicians say that she may never speak again. The cause of her loss of voice is unknown. Milwaukee, Wis.—The Wisconsin White, a first class weekly paper, is just out, selling and published by the students of the University of Wisconsin. It is run along the lines of a regular weekly paper and is a credit to the students in charge of the "sheet." Logan, Utah.—"Queen of Utah" is claimed by the Utah Agricultural College to be the champion long-distance layer among the hen folk. During five years ending November 1, 1914,

"Queen of Utah" had laid six eggs averaging 2 1/2 ounces each. "Queen" weighs 31-2 pounds and during the five years has produced 107 pounds of eggs.

PENDLETON NEWS

Mr. Mason, a cotton buyer from Atlanta, Ga., was in town Friday and Saturday. The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. Jessie Wilson tomorrow afternoon. Miss Ethel Cole, one of Pendleton's teachers, spent the week-end with friends at Lebanon. Miss Sallie Treacet will have an obligatory sale next Tuesday and Wednesday. This will be held in the new drug store.

News from Seneca

The Death of a Young Lady. Special to The Intelligencer. SENECA, S. C., Dec. 8.—Miss Mamie Kirby, aged fourteen, died at the home of her father, Mr. Dick Kirby, three miles above town, last Thursday night after a few days illness of typhoid fever. She was a bright strong life, and her sudden taking away is doubly and because so unexpected. The bereaved family have the sympathy of all their friends and neighbors in their sorrow. The funeral was held in Poplar Springs church, conducted by Rev. Wm. McAllister, and the interment was in the Poplar Springs church yard Friday afternoon. The death of Mr. Jessie Sanders, of Walhalla, was a matter of regret to many in this community. Mr. Sanders has a large connection throughout the county, and was well known. He was about 45 years of age, and leaves a wife and ten children to mourn his demise. He was buried in the Poplar Springs church yard. On last Tuesday, Mr. Dock Moore and Miss Bartha Wright came to Seneca and through the official agency of Magistrate "Jack" Hopkins, were made man and wife. They leave the best wishes of their many friends in the midst of their joyous life for a happy wedded life. Mr. W. A. Livingston, the Westport Branch of the Masonic lodge of this place, is in Charleston this week attending the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge. Mr. W. L. Harbula has gone to Atlanta to spend a while with his son Joe, who resides in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Wade Hopkins of Anderson visited friends in Seneca last Sunday. Miss Marie Sifton has returned home after a pleasant visit to friends in the Oakway section. Cadet G. W. Lunsney of Clemson College spent Sunday with his brother, Dr. W. F. Lunsney. Miss Lucile Jordan, who has been visiting her mother at the Colonial Apartments, has returned to her home in Union, S. C. Cadet Gordon Todd, of the senior class, Clemson college, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Todd. Woodmen Hold Banquet. In spite of the very unfavorable weather, the W. O. W. meeting and banquet, that was conducted by the Richmond lodge, took place and was pronounced a successful and enjoyable affair. Richmond lodge is one of the strongest and most aggressive lodges of this order in the county, and this annual banquet and rally perhaps explains its vigor and growth. About seventy-two are said to have been present and participated in the ceremonies and festivities. Four candidates were initiated into the mysteries of woodcraft. The Richmond lodge was assisted in conducting these degrees by the degree team from Oak Home, which consisted of J. S. Goodman, Frank D. Lind, V. O. Beck, E. Gordon, A. Landrum, Mr. Taylor, Eugene Whitten, Jim Cole, L. E. Stuger, S. T. Dillard and R. P. Boyd. Friends of Mr. John Meyers will be sorry to learn that he has been con-

stant in his room for many days a week with grip. He is improving, and expected to be out again soon. Mrs. Emma Whitten was in Seneca Monday on business. Miss Susie Harbin, of the South Carolina, has returned from a visit to relatives in Anderson.

The Seneca Church. Rev. N. G. Ballinger, after his first appointment here last Monday as the present in charge of the church, called this morning at the home of Mrs. W. A. Harbin, who is a member of the church. He is a brother of Mr. J. W. Ballinger, of the Richmond section of this county, and respected and highly valued by all who knew him. Mr. Ballinger is now trying to make a permanent home in Seneca, and is expected to secure a satisfactory home.

