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Terrible Tragedy at Easley; Man Cuts His Wife's Throat

One of the most horrible tragedies that ever occurred in Pickens county took place about 10:30 o'clock Tuesday morning when Ross Powell entered the Glenwood Mill at Easley and cut the throat of his eighteen-year-old wife while she was at work in the spinning room of the mill. The throat was cut from ear to ear and the jugular vein was severed, causing instant death. Powell then rushed from the mill escaping from sight of other mill employees, and after taking a circuitous route arrived at the Easley city hall and surrendered.

Mrs. Powell before her marriage was Miss Emily Perry, daughter of the late Elvin Perry of Pickens county. She has resided in the Glenwood Mill village with her mother since early childhood until two years ago when she was married to Ross Powell and they resided at Brandon Mill in Greenville. It is stated that several months after their marriage domestic affairs became unpleasant and the young couple separated. On last Sturday Mrs. Powell returned to her mother's home at Glenwood and Monday she applied for a position in the mill which was assigned to her and she reported for work the morning of her death. Shortly after she had gone to work Powell was seen to enter the mill, having come from Greenville, and engage in a conversation with Mrs. Powell but soon took his departure. He later entered the mill and went straightway to the machine where Mrs. Powell was working and he was seen to rush down the steps a few moments later when about the same time Mrs. Powell was on the floor with blood gushing from her throat. The mill officials being notified summoned medical aid immediately, but life was extinct before the arrival of the physician.

City and county officers were notified immediately and while they were organizing a posse to institute a vigorous search for the criminal a telephone message from the Easley city hall announced that the man had arrived there and had surrendered himself to the authorities.

Upon entering the city hall Powell drew from his pocket a razor, which was the weapon used and told the officer there that he had cut his wife's throat. Owing to much excitement and intense feeling against Powell which suddenly arose after the killing, he was spirited away in an automobile to prevent mob violence.

Powell was immediately brought to Pickens, and later carried to Anderson, for safe keeping. He is quoted by officers accompanying him as having told them that he loved the girl more than anything else on earth but that she had left him, and Monday he got a letter from her telling him that she would never live with him again and requesting him not to press his affections upon her. This Powell is quoted as saying, was more than he could stand, and he decided to end it all and so armed himself with a razor and went to Easley; that when the girl still persisted in refusing to live with him he cut her throat.

The general belief is that Powell sneaked into the mill Tuesday morning and tried to force his wife to leave her people and return to live with him in Greenville and that after she refused to do so that he slashed her throat. Shortly before her death Mrs. Powell had told one of her friends that she never expected to live with Powell again.

Mrs. Powell is a native of this county and having resided at Glenwood Mill for a number of years has made a host of friends, who, together with a large family connection deeply deplore the terrible affair and her untimely death.

Rev. J. T. Mann's Appointments
Rev. J. T. Mann will preach at the following churches in Pickens county on the second Sunday in October: Secona at 11 o'clock. Cedar Rock at 3:30. Geer Memorial, Easley, Sunday night at the usual hour. The public cordially invited.

HUSTLING CENTRAL NEWS

New Buildings Going Up—Local and Personal Items

Miss Gertrude Johnston, of Anderson county, is visiting Mrs. L. H. Bowling and other relatives here.

W. T. Earle went to Greenville last Sunday to visit his mother, who is in the City hospital there, and who has undergone a very serious operation. Her many friends will be glad to know that she is improving and hopes to come home in about two weeks.

Mrs. W. L. Carson is improving rapidly after a very serious operation in a Greenville hospital. She hopes to be at home with her family again in a few days.

Mr. Claude Burroughs, of Norris was in Central Saturday wearing his usual smile.

Mrs. J. P. Glenn and Mrs. J. C. Watkins of Anderson spent a few days last week here with their sister, Mrs. L. G. Clayton.

Central's good cotton market continues to bring cotton here, not only from this immediate section, but also from adjoining counties.

Isaqueena Mill here is enjoying an excellent business. It has been running day and night for some time and will likely continue to run thus indefinitely.

Miss Lula King has accepted a position with Hobbs-Henderson Co. here and she wishes her friends to call and see her.

Mr. George Bowers, a traveling salesman, out of Greenville, has purchased a lot here and is laying down the material to build a beautiful home. We are certainly glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Bowers cast their lot with us.

Rev. W. D. Correll is assembling material on his beautiful lot on East Main street to build a handsome new bungalow.

Fall goods are arriving in Central almost daily and our merchants will soon have their stores chock full of fall and winter goods.

Several prospective buyers of land have been looking at farms around Central during the past week or so. Central needs a chamber of commerce, a board of trade, a young men's business league, or something to put into use the proper methods of advertising our town and community.

Mr. W. T. Earle claims he had a strange experience a few nights ago when he was awakened by a noise down in his cotton patch and when he investigated it he found it was a spat between two boll weevils—an old one was whipping a young one because it would not take two rows at a time.

Revival services are in progress at the Second Wesleyan church. Rev. H. H. Williams, of Miltonvale, Kan., is doing the preaching.

Prof. and Mrs. G. E. Welborn and little George, Jr., and George Marrett spent the week-end with Mrs. Welborn's parents at Townville.

The community store at the Isaqueena Mill is enjoying a flourishing business under the management of Mr. A. A. Pearson.

Mr. J. F. Banister of Liberty was a Central visitor last week.

Miss Edna Clayton, who is teaching at Fountain Inn, spent the week-end with her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Clayton.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. King, of Opelika, Ala., spent a few days in Central last week with Mrs. King's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkes Kelley, and while here he subscribed for The Pickens Sentinel to be sent to the "Pig Iron" state.

RUNAWAY ACCIDENT

While Mrs. L. B. Boggs and two sons were on their way to Secona church last Sunday morning their mule became frightened at an automobile which is said to have run very near them without signal of any kind frightening the mule so that he ran away. The buggy and harness were considerably damaged and Mrs. Boggs sustained several painful bruises. The boys were not hurt.

Official Vote In Senatorial Election

PRECINCTS	Chastain	Looper	McCray
Pickens Mill	27	0	2
Pickens	154	72	42
Glenwood Mill	42	5	62
Alice Mill	6	1	15
Easley Mill	7	32	39
Easley	44	10	254
Crosswell	2	5	10
Dacusville	8	4	5
Liberty	50	24	92
Praters	9	2	0
Central	27	45	19
Calhoun	8	1	8
Six Mile	36	11	9
Cateechee	15	2	9
Loopers Gin	6	9	9
Norris	8	3	7
Holly Springs	25	1	0
Pumpkintown	11	23	5
Mile Creek	15	6	1
Flat Rock	1	7	6
Peters Creek	2	3	7
Cross Plains	9	8	9
Antioch	15	0	0
Cross Roads	12	5	7
Pleasant Grove	2	4	3
Total	541	283	620

NEWS FROM OOLENOY

Mr. Welborn's Death Saddens Community—Pastor Bolding Resigns

Oolenoy, October 2.—The Oolenoy community sustained an irreparable loss in the death of J. Forest Welborn, which occurred at his home Monday, September 20. While he had been in declining health for some time few realized the seriousness of his condition until a short time before his passing. This was due for the most part to the spirit of hopefulness which characterized his entire life. During his illness he ever spoke cheerfully and hopefully of his condition. His closest attendants say that not once did his wonderful will power falter. Mr. Welborn was 39 years of age—just in the prime of young and most useful manhood. He was a consistent member of the Baptist church. For a number of years he had served as a deacon of the Pleasant Grove Baptist church of which he was a member at the time of his death. He was of a quiet and unassuming disposition. A high tribute paid by a neighbor was that during all of his acquaintance with the deceased he had never heard him express a harsh criticism of any one. In this way he erected his own monument—a priceless example worthy of emulation. He was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Welborn, of Pickens, one of the oldest and most substantial families of the county. The following brothers and sisters survive him: Mrs. Henry Hendricks, of Anderson; Major, of Gonzales, Arizona; Charlie, Frank and Henry and Miss Claudia, of Pickens. These relatives and his devoted wife, Mrs. Janie Hendrix Welborn, are recipients of heartfelt sympathy of this community. Interment was made the day following his death at Secona, his old home church.

"Sunset and evening star, and one clear call for me, And may there be no moanings of the bar when I put out to sea; I hope to see my pilot face to face when I have crossed the bar."

Rev. E. M. Bolding filled his regular appointment at Oolenoy Sunday, delivering a splendid discourse on the "Wide Gate Religion." He has held the pastorate of this church for the last four years. During this time he has endeared himself to the people and many regrets were heard when he tendered his resignation after the service. An election was entered into and Rev. C. R. Abercrombie of Pickens was called to succeed the retiring pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Rigdon of Easley were with relatives here for the week-end.

Miss Few and Miss Halie, teachers in the school here, spent the week-end with the former's home-folk near Mile Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Morris and Mrs. E. Jones of Pickens were vis-

PICKENS BULL ASSOCIATION

Five Communities Organize—H. H. Shirley Is President

During the past week or two, County Agent T. A. Bowen, of Pickens, and a specialist from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, at Washington, D. C. have been canvassing the farmers of Pickens county in the interest of a Cooperative Bull Association, the primary object being the improvement of the family cows of the county, and they have met with splendid success five communities having been organized for the purchase of bulls in the new association.

Each community will be known as a block and one high grade, purebred Jersey bull from cows with a record of at least 400 pounds of butter-fat per year will be assigned to each block. To prevent inbreeding the blocks will exchange bulls every two years.

The officers of the Pickens County Jersey Bull Association are: President, H. C. Shirley, Liberty; vice president, W. H. Ballentine, Easley; secretary-treasurer, L. M. Bauknight, Easley; directors, Block 1, L. M. Bauknight; Block 2, T. R. O'Dell, Liberty; Block 3, H. C. Shirley; Block 4, W. H. Ballentine; Block 5, H. M. Garrison, Easley.

CARD FROM SENATOR-ELECT.

To the voters of Pickens county: Ladies and Gentlemen: Once more you have expressed your confidence in me and have elected me to the high and honorable position of senator. I have not the words to express my deep appreciation. I would rather have your confidence than all else that could be bestowed upon me, and with God's help and guidance I shall be faithful to every trust and shall ever be found standing by and guarding the rights and welfare of the people of our county.

I am faithfully yours,
E. P. McCray.

FROM MR. CHASTAIN.

I wish to thank the voters of Pickens county for the nice vote given me in the race for the unexpired term of senator for Pickens county.

Owing to my entering the race late it was impossible for me to visit more than half the county.

I assure the voters that I ran a clean race and have no reason to feel bad, even though I was defeated by real politicians who must have been a little scared, judging by the tact they used. Thanking you all,
W. H. Chastain.

Read the new advertisements this week and profit thereby.

MISTRIAL IN GOSNELL CASE; JURY WAS OUT 24 1-2 HOURS

After deliberating twenty-four hours and thirty minutes the jury in the Jake Gosnell case failed to agree upon a verdict and Judge Memminger ordered a mistrial at 2:55 o'clock last Friday afternoon. The case went to the jury at 2:20 o'clock Thursday afternoon after four hours of the most brilliant arguments ever made in a South Carolina court house. At 11 o'clock Thursday night the jury asked the judge to charge them again on what constituted self-defense. The judge did this, but no more was heard from the jury until they sent word that they were hopelessly deadlocked.

Solicitor David W. Smook said immediately after the trial had ended that Gosnell would be tried again. He was unable to announce whether this case would be called or not at the next term of court of general sessions in Pickens county, which convenes in February.

On motion of counsel of defense bond fixed at \$5000 by Judge Memminger was granted Gosnell and the defendant was released from custody. Gosnell's bondsmen are R. E. Bruce, L. C. Thornley and W. H. Chastain.

Mr. and Mrs. Gosnell, surrounded by friends and relatives, and also the widow and mother of the late Sheriff Rector, together with three of his brothers were among the thirty-odd people who remained in the court house all Thursday night to hear the jury's verdict.

Jake Gosnell, federal prohibition enforcement agent, shot and killed Sheriff Hendrix Rector in Briscoe's garage in Greenville July 4, 1919. His case was called for trial at the August term of the court of general sessions in Greenville county, but was transferred to the United States court upon motion of the defense. Shortly afterward Judge H. H. Watkins remanded it to the court of general sessions and after being continued through several terms it came up for trial in May, 1920, and resulted in a mistrial after the case had consumed seven days. Gosnell was released on \$4,000 bond at the conclusion of the trial which was presided over by Judge T. J. Mauldin of Pickens. On the ground that Carlos Rector, brother of Hendrix Rector, had been elected sheriff of the county, defense counsel requested a change of venue and the case was ordered tried in Pickens county.

With a brilliant array of counsel lined up for and against Jake Gosnell and through crowded sessions, the case continued five days, going to trial Monday and ending Friday when the mistrial was ordered.

As the Gosnell case consumed practically the entire term of criminal court very little Pickens county business could be transacted. Greenville county is obligated by law to defray the expense of the trial, because it was transferred from Greenville county to Pickens county thru a change of venue.

Judge Memminger adjourned the court sine die Friday afternoon at the conclusion of the Gosnell trial.

There are all kinds of rumors as to how the jury stood in the Gosnell case, and most of them are wrong. Reliable information is that the jury stood five for manslaughter and seven for acquittal.

The jury in the Gosnell case wishes to publicly thank Sheriff and Mrs. Rorbk and the management of the Old Hickory Inn for many courtesies shown them during their arduous duties.

The transfer of the Gosnell case from Greenville to Pickens recalls to mind that twenty-odd years ago a Pickens county case was tried in Greenville by a change of venue. It was the case of The State against L. E. Childress for the shooting to death of Will Latham at Mt. Carmel church. Childress was acquitted by the Greenville jury. A change of venue was obtained because one of the Pickens court officials was a relative of the defendant.

Many old and new subscribers are taking advantage of The Sentinel's special offer of a two-year subscription for \$2.00. All who wish to take advantage of this offer should do so at once, as we do not intend to extend it longer than the first of November.

COURT PROCEEDINGS

Very little Pickens county business was disposed of in the court of general sessions last week. Besides the two cases mentioned in last week's Sentinel the following cases were disposed of:

Clyde Robinson and Walker Robinson, colored, housebreaking and larceny. Clyde plead guilty and got twelve months; Walker was found guilty by the jury and got five years. These are the negroes who broke into J. P. McCoy's store at Easley.

Frank Williams plead guilty to violating the prohibition law and received a sentence of six months on the chain gang.

Charlie and Oliver Morten plead guilty to violation of the prohibition law and received a sentence of \$500 fine or six months each. Sentence suspended until December 1. If each shall pay \$25 at that time balance of sentence will be suspended during good behavior.

J. A. Madden, E. L. Maw and W. H. Meredith, violation of prohibition law. Mr. Madden plead guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$300 or serve six months. Paid the fine. The case against Maw and Meredith was not pressed.

Wister Hendricks plead guilty to violation of prohibition law and was sentenced to serve two years.

CIVIL COURT

The court of common pleas for Pickens county convened Monday morning and is expected to continue throughout the week.

GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT

To His Honor, R. Withers Memminger, Presiding Judge: We beg to submit this, our final report: We have passed on all bills handed us by the solicitor.

We have examined the records kept by the county officers and find them neatly kept and correct.

We have the report of the rural police and wish to commend them for their faithful service.

We have visited the chaingang and find it in good condition. The prisoners and live stock are well cared for and the camp and cages are in sanitary condition.

We have also visited the jail and find that the prisoners are well cared for and that the jail is in good condition.

We have visited the schools throughout the county and find that they are very much improved, although a great many of the buildings are overcrowded.

We recommend that the proper authorities take steps to have the railroad underpass at Liberty doubled; that an overhead bridge be built at the railroad crossing at Norris; also that an underpass be built at Central.

We have visited the county home and find that the buildings there are in a dilapidated condition. We have called this matter to the attention of the county supervisor and he states that there are no funds that he can use for the purpose of remodeling these buildings. We therefore recommend that a special appropriation of \$5,000 be made by the legislature for the purpose of erecting new buildings and putting in such improvements as light and water, and for the general maintenance of the farm.

We recommend that a county physician be appointed and that an appropriation of \$600 per year be made for the purpose of paying his salary.

It is with a deep sense of our loss that we refer to the death of Mr. R. T. Thornton, who was a member of our body. We missed his presence and his counsel and will ever remember his devotion to every duty that his county placed upon him.

We wish to thank His Honor and officers of the court for courtesies and beg to be excused for this term.

Respectfully submitted,
C. H. Carpenter, Foreman.

Cotton was bringing 20c in the Pickens market Wednesday.