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Criminal Court.

When we went to press last week the jury was still out in the case of John Miller, the white man charged with assault and battery with intent to kill, the direct charge being that he fired into the house of John Head, a farmer, residing near Saxe-Gotha, on the 29th of last January. The jury found the defendant guilty with recommendation to mercy, and Judge Gary sentenced the accused to serve a period of three years on the county chaingang. Before passing sentence, however, the court took occasion to give Miller one of the most severe lectures ever heard in the court house. T. C. Sturkie, attorney for the accused, gave notice of appeal to the supreme court, and bond was arranged in the sum of \$1,000. Hon. W. H. Sharpe assisted the solicitor in the prosecution of Miller.

Elmore Koon, a negro, was next placed on trial for the murder of Ed. Johnson, another negro, near Cayce, several weeks ago. After remaining in the room a short while the jury returned with a verdict of guilty with recommendation to mercy, and Judge Gary sentenced Koon to serve the remainder of his natural life at hard labor in the state penitentiary. T. C. Sturkie represented the accused.

The next case was that of Henry Lyles, a negro, charged with the murder of his wife, Sila Lyles, the crime being committed near Spring Hill, in the Fork. The State put up several witnesses to show that Lyles had premeditated the murder. Lyles had no attorney and upon request of the court, Col. J. Brooks Wingard and A. D. Martin, represented the accused. The defense put up no witnesses, and the case went to the jury, after strong arguments by the solicitor, and Messrs. Wingard and Martin for the negro. The jury found a verdict of guilty with recommendation to mercy, whereupon the life sentence was pronounced by the court.

On Friday morning W. B. Glenn was placed on trial for the killing of Clinton Rhoden, on the streets of Batesburg, on the 24th of last March. But little difficulty was experienced in securing the jury, the state using three objections and the defense only five. The killing was the result of an attack made upon Glenn by Rhoden, while the former was passing along the street in front of the dead man's store

on the day in question. A few licks passed between the two men, it being claimed that the dead man struck the first blow. The State sought to show that Rhoden was unarmed and that the defendant shot after Rhoden's hands were raised. Several eye-witnesses were sworn, the stories of each being somewhat conflicting. The defendant stated that Rhoden called to him to stop and when he did so Rhoden struck him in the face and when he (the defendant) struck back, Rhoden attempted to draw a pistol, placing his hand to his right hip pocket. He said that he did not fire until he felt sure that his life was about to be taken by his adversary. All of the testimony was closed on Friday evening and the arguments were made on Saturday morning, Col. Graham, E. L. Asbill and Solicitor Timmerman speaking for the State, and Hon. C. M. Eard, Col. Edwin Folk Strother and Hon. W. H. Sharpe for the defendant. All of the arguments were able, being considered among the best ever heard here. Mr. Sharpe closed for the defense in an eloquent peroration for an acquittal by the jury, and Solicitor Timmerman closed for the State in his usual vigorous manner. The charge of Judge Gary was one of the strongest, plainest, fairest and most concise ever heard in a murder case here. The jury after remaining out for three hours returned a verdict of guilty of manslaughter, and Judge Gary sentenced Mr. Glenn to serve a period of five years on the county chaingang or a like period in the State penitentiary. The verdict was a surprise to many, it having been generally conceded that there would be a mistrial or an acquittal. Sympathy is expressed for all parties concerned in this unfortunate affair. This ended the court of general sessions, and on Monday the court of common pleas was opened, the dockets sounded, but not a case was ready for trial, and Judge Gary dismissed the jury before the noon hour was reached. A consent verdict for \$125.00 was rendered in the case of Harvey Holmes against the Columbia Mills Co. A number of orders were signed by the judge, after which court adjourned sine die.

Mrs. Johana Earhardt, is critically ill at her home on Laurel street, Columbia. She has been very ill for several days, and her family and friends are alarmed over her condition.

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