

**DUNCAN CONTEMPT CASE.**

**Supreme Court Trying Columbia Lawyer—He Alleges Conspiracy Against Him.**

Columbia, July 15.—It is a most unusual thing to see the supreme court taking evidence and going into details. It is doing so in the case of John T. Duncan. This is a noteworthy case. The court room was crowded during the entire hearing this morning, and when the dinner recess was taken the principal figure in the case was on the stand giving his testimony in dramatic style.

John T. Duncan is a young lawyer in Columbia, who has figured in politics more or less. He is well connected and, above all else, is a hard fighter. He has been connected with the local bar for many years, but has not figured in many prominent cases.

He is the counsel for a colored man named Jess Hunter. He thinks Hunter is being persecuted and that the white people in this county tried to drive Hunter from the community. Hunter was arrested and convicted on the charge of firing into a posse that went to arrest him. Hunter's case was appealed and the appeal dismissed. Then Mr. Duncan tried to appeal again and failed.

Then came the turning point in the present case. An affidavit was presented which, it was alleged, was signed by Jeff Taylor. In this affidavit Jeff Taylor swore that Hunter was under the house and that he (Taylor) was in the house and did the shooting. Now Taylor says he made no such affidavit and that he never did the shooting, and that Mr. Duncan tried to get him to make an affidavit, but that he refused to do so. The Taylor affidavit was sworn to before Mr. Washington Clark, of Columbia, and Mr. Clark swears that the man presented to the supreme court as Jeff Taylor was not the man who signed the affidavit before him.

Mr. Clark says that the man who signed the affidavit before him was a tall, black negro, whereas the man who appears as Jeff Taylor, is a thick set, light complexioned colored man.

The Jeff Taylor who appeared before the court absolutely denied that he has signed the affidavit, and Mr. Clark says he is not the man who appeared before him and signed the paper.

Mr. Duncan says he is the man and that he signed the affidavit, and that he did the shooting, and that he voluntarily told him so months after the shooting. Mr. Duncan went into the minutest details to show how and why Taylor confessed to him that he had done the shooting.

Then to add to the mystery of the Taylor affidavit it cannot now be found. Mr. Duncan alleges that it has been abstracted and that this is merely an incident of the "conspiracy" that has been formed against him. The Taylor affidavit is alleged to have been filed with the supreme court for a new trial. Mr. Duncan alleges that Mr. Timmerman, then solicitor, took it out with a bunch of other papers. Mr. Timmerman turned over the papers in the case to his successor in office—Mr. Benet—and the affidavit was not among them. Mr. U. R. Brooks, clerk of the supreme court, said that he looked for the paper in company with Mr. Benet, and that he could not find the file at all, and that later on he telephoned for Mr. Duncan to come down to his office, and that when Mr. Duncan appeared and helped him look for the papers that they were found. Col. Brooks says that he does not know whether the record was in the file box when he and Mr. Benet looked for the papers, but that he could not find a single paper at that time—they may have been there. The Taylor affidavit, the original, was not then found and has evidently flown. Then there is a negro, Myers, whose affidavit was filed by Mr. Duncan. He says he made no such affidavit. Mr. Duncan says that he did.

Now Mr. Duncan is charged with contempt of court and the court of its own accord is considering his disbarment. The disbarment proceedings hinge on the genuineness of the affidavits, particularly that of Jeff Taylor, and it is for the court to decide from the evidence it is now hearing whether the affidavits were genuine or not. Judge Memminger, of Charleston, is sitting with the court. Chief Justice Pope, Justices Jones, Woods and Judge Memminger asked questions during the progress of the hearing, and once or twice suggested that there was no need to have a re-hearing of the original trial as to whether Hunter really did the shooting or not.

Mr. Duncan is represented by Col. O. L. Schumpert, of Newberry, and Attorney General Lyon is presenting the case against Mr. Duncan.

Solicitor Benet, who has been most active in the matter, and who questioned the genuineness of the Taylor affidavit, was present, assisting the attorney general.

The supreme court found an old dry goods box and covered this with a few old newspapers, and from a chair placed on top of this box the witnesses, many of them colored men, were heard in the august supreme court giving their testimony. At 7 o'clock the hearing was adjourned until tomorrow morning.

**A Packed Jury.**

"The Allen," said a New York politician, "took a cynical view of mankind. For one thing, he did not believe in trial by jury. Humanity, he would say, was too corrupt to admit of your getting twelve good men and true in a jury box together. Then he would tell his ham story.

"A chap, the story ran, was indicted for stealing a multitude of hams—some six or seven hundred.

"The trial came. The evidence against the chap was overwhelming. His lawyer leaned to him and whispered.

"You are a gone goose. There is nothing for me to do."

But the prisoner smiled and replied:

"If you get up there, please, and make a speech abusing all the witnesses. Considering the size of your fee, you lose heart pretty quickly."

"So the lawyer made a most abusive speech. But the jury swayed up powerfully against the ham stealer. After an absence of five minutes, however, the jury brought in a verdict of 'not guilty.'

"Well, I can't understand it," said the prisoner's lawyer, as he left the court arm in arm with his client.

"I can," said the other with his calm smile. "Every man on that jury had one of the hams."—Washington Star.

**Hot For Grandma.**

"The little girl was very fond of pleasant days and at the close of a heavy rainstorm petitioned in her prayer for fine weather; when, the next morning, the sun shone bright and clear she became jubilant and told her prayer to her grandmother, who said: "Well, dear, why can't you pray to night that it may be warmer tomorrow, so grandma's rheumatism will be better."

"All right, I will," was the quick response; and that night as she knelt she said, "O Lord, please make it hot for grandma."—Harper's.

**The Indiscreet Parson.**

A Scottish parson, still on the under side of forty, was driving home from an outlying hamlet when he overtook a young woman. He recognized her as the maid-of-all-work at a farm which he would pass, so he pulled upon and offered her a lift. Mary gladly accepted his offer and they chatted pleasantly all the way to the farm gate.

"Thank you, sir," she said, as she got down.

"Don't mention it, Mary. Don't mention it," he told her, politely.

"No, I won't," Mary obligingly assured him.—Everybody's.

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school shall be established in the above mentioned district. Those favoring the establishment of a high school will vote "For High School" those not favoring a high school will vote, "Against High School." Registration certificates and tax receipt are necessary to vote.

J. S. Wheeler,  
E. O. Counts,  
S. J. Derriek,

County Board of Education.

**STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Newberry Land and Security company will be held at the chamber of commerce rooms on Tuesday, July 21, 1908, at six o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing directors for ensuing year and any other business that may come before the meeting.

Jno. M. Kinard,  
Secretary.

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47 16.60	19.00	22.05	25.80	35.05
48 17.45	20.10	23.50	27.60	36.55
49 18.40	21.35	25.10	29.55	38.15
50 19.50	22.75	26.85	31.65	39.90
51 20.70	24.30	28.80	34.00	41.70
52 22.00	26.00	30.90	36.50	43.65
53 23.50	27.90	33.25	39.25	45.75
54 25.15	30.00	35.85	42.20	47.95
55 27.00	32.30	38.65	45.40	50.30

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**ROBERT NORRIS, General Agent,**

Newberry, S. C.