

LONG ACQUITTED OF MURDER.

Foreman Tells Court Rebuttal Testimony Against Aiken County Legislator Unnecessary.

Aiken, June 5.—A precedent was established in Aiken county court history today when the jury in the Long murder case decided that they had about enough of the testimony and were ready to acquit Legislator Long without hearing any more evidence or any of counsel's arguments in the case; that they had already reached their decision and would have returned a "not guilty" verdict yesterday afternoon.

The defense had just rested its case and the prosecution was ready to place on the stand witnesses in rebuttal, but it was near the dinner hour and the court announced a recess, whereupon the foreman of the jury, Jas. R. League, of North Augusta, leaped to his feet, but when he started to make his statement the court stopped him with the announcement that the State must be given its opportunity to present witnesses in rebuttal to the testimony offered by the defense.

Decision Already Reached.

When the State's testimony was completed after dinner, the foreman then informed the court that the jury had already determined upon the merits of the case, and that arguments by counsel were useless. This stemmed a promised flow of oratory. So Judge Ernest Gary, of Columbia, presiding, delivered his charge and permitted the jury to enter an anteroom and draw in regular form the acquittal of Long. They were out about ninety seconds, when the clerk of court, in sonorous tones, read the verdict, "Hugh Long, indicted for murder, not guilty."

And tonight Hugh Long is the happiest man in Aiken county. His friends and attorneys are jubilant, too, and his counsel, Messrs. Croft & Croft and Col. Claude E. Sawyer, who so intelligently and skillfully conducted the defense for their client, were the first to congratulate him and they were followed by throngs of people, some of whom were heretofore absolutely indifferent as to Hugh Long.

With some few natural exceptions, there is general satisfaction over the verdict and no one, so far as known has presumed to question its justice.

Defendant on Stand.

In the same court room, where he will soon be practicing law, if reports be true, Legislator Long took the witness stand this morning at 11:45 o'clock and told how and why he killed Pickens N. Gunter, of Wagener. He remained on the stand one hour and forty minutes.

The witness proceeded to state that he moved to Wagener in 1911, and that shortly thereafter, without any solicitation on his part and virtually without his will, he was elected mayor of the little town.

In Wagener he owned and edited a country weekly newspaper, and in addition to this had a good deal of law work.

Then he told how, in the early part of last summer, almost innumerable friends approached him and urged him to run for the house of representatives, and, as he expressed it, "he was in the race before he knew it." From that point the witness told of his alleged political persecution and how, he charged, Pickens Gunter and others followed him from one meeting place to another; wounding him all over the county, he alleged. He enumerated several occasions when they attended meetings and he declared that Gunter and his friends were at practically every meeting of the campaign, with maybe three or four exceptions.

Warned of Alleged Threats.

The witness was elected to the house, however, at the second primary, and said he was informed that his successful candidacy had made "the opposition" in Wagener more intensely bitter against him than ever before, and that it would be best for him to stay away from Wagener for awhile. He said that more than a hundred people warned him of the deceased's alleged threats to kill, among them M. T. Holley and J. P. Permenter, and he corroborated the testimony that these latter two gave yesterday. Also, he testified, numbers of his friends in Wagener among them E. B. Gunter, Jr., of the Bank of Western Carolina, and Van Jones, who was acting mayor, advised him that it would be discreet to remain away until the ill-feeling subsided. Gunter and Jones testified yesterday, it will be recalled. Acting upon these many advices Long said he determined to remain in Aiken for some time, and had his wife and child to come here, where the family boarded until after the third primary election, which was just a few days before the homicide.

Long said he remained in Aiken because he wanted to avoid any trouble,

but that after J. C. Busbee, "the opposition's" candidate, was elected in the third primary, he had thought that would bring an end to the political troubles. Further, he said, that his home and his business were in Wagener, his money invested there, in fact everything he had, and he felt that he had a right to return to Wagener; that under the circumstances he didn't feel that he could do anything else.

Forgave Political Enemies.

But before he went back to his home he had published to the voters of Aiken county a card of thanks, in which he expressed to them his appreciation of their vote, the confidence they reposed in and the honor they conferred upon him, stating in the card that he "could even forgive those who have mistreated me, for I have not one tinge of hard feeling left in my heart for any one." The published article was exhibited in court and accepted as evidence.

The defendant then continued that when he returned to Wagener, he found that his newspaper office had been entered surreptitiously and his private papers ransacked even that his home had been surrounded and pried into, and, he declared, some party or parties had been at his house after midnight, but, after unseemly demonstrations and efforts to enter at the window, departed.

Long's Story of Tragedy.

He had been to the postoffice, he said, and was standing glancing over the headlines of a newspaper when he was approached by a man in his employ. They stood there some moments conversing, he testified, when he felt some one grab him, jerk at him and strike him a stunning blow in the back of the head. He had not seen Gunter, he declared, and was not aware that he was anywhere near.

The blow stunned him, and as he fell to the ground he recognized the face of Pickens Gunter, whose countenance, he said, "looked like that of a wild man in a cage." The legislator said that as he fell, he had an idea that the affair was the execution of the numerous threats made against his life, and that this fear prompted his deed of a few moments later. About the time he fell, he said, his assailant struck him a heavy blow between the eyes and blinded him to such an extent that he did not remember to have been consecutively or very consciously anything else that transpired until he got up.

After they fell to the ground, Long affirmed Gunter's left hand gripped over his throat as it was choking him to unconsciousness. He was grappling for his pistol and when Gunter realized this he grabbed Long's wrist and tried to wrest the revolver from it. The first shot did not find its mark, and Gunter, said Long, renewed more vigorously than before his efforts to secure the weapon, but Long fired the second and fatal shot, and Gunter's muscles relaxed.

At this juncture, Mr. Long, in a clear steady voice, declared:

Says Believed Life in Danger.

"I shot because I believed my life to be in imminent danger and that I myself would be killed unless I did fire, I fired the two shots in defense of my life. I knew that if Mr. Gunter secured my revolver he would kill me, if his friends didn't."

Mr. Long went on to the house—he had already seen behind him the shouting mob of armed men coming toward him—ran upstairs, he said, and looked out of a window to see J. B. Harley and J. Chester Busbee running up with guns. Busbee is the young man from Wagener who was elected to the house of representatives at the third primary election, and who this week receives his diploma from the law department of the South Carolina University.

Surrendered to Sheriff.

Long refused to surrender to Baldwin, the chief, he said, because the latter was his personal enemy. Further, he said, he didn't care to risk his safety in "the little calaboose we used for a guard house." However, he told the chief to wire to Aiken for the sheriff and the rural policemen, and that he would willingly surrender to them when they came, if they would guarantee safety to his person. When they did arrive, several hours later, he surrendered to them.

He told how he and one of the rurales slipped from the house, crawled through the woods a-foot in the face of a cold, driving rain, losing their direction several hours after midnight. As day broke gray and misty, they wandered upon a house, where they secured a conveyance that brought them on to Aiken, and Long was safely lodged in Jail.

One of the newest life preservers is an inflatable rubber garment to enclose a person's body and legs, the top being formed like a boat to hold a wearer upright in water.

Ford THE UNIVERSAL CAR. You've observed—that in front of the finest homes Ford cars are numerous. We are selling an ever increasingly greater part of our gigantic output to experienced automobile owners who have tired of the exorbitant expense of big car up-keep.

TUNNELING THROUGH ROCK.

Great Engineering Feat on C. C. and O. Railroad—Nearly Two Miles Long.

Spartanburg, June 5.—Under Sandy Ridge mountain, near Dante, in Western Virginia, a tunnel nearly two miles long is being hewn out of solid rock at the rate of sixty-five feet a week. On the completion of this tunnel—the twenty-eighth in thirty-four miles of railroad construction—there will come into existence a trunk line which its projectors believe will change the traffic map of the South. The road—the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio—will bring Spartanburg, its Southern terminus, Atlanta, Charleston, Savannah and Jacksonville many miles nearer than by the present existing railroad routes to Pittsburg, Buffalo, Cleveland and Detroit.

Builders of the existing trunk lines running north from the South Atlantic States avoided the Blue Ridge. They constructed railroads east of the mountains to Richmond and Washington, west of the mountains to Cincinnati. The promoters of the Clinchfield Road chose the most direct route; they struck right into the heart of the mountains and continued in the mountains through the 243 miles of road extending from Spartanburg through North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, to Dante. It cost \$35,000,000 to build this line, which was opened three years ago.

At Dante the railroad tapped rich coal fields, yielding a heavy tonnage. But there was no northern outlet; the line was a cul-de-sac; its development was incomplete.

Thirty-four miles ahead, at Elkhorn City, Ky., was the Chesapeake and Ohio road, and thither the projectors of the Clinchfield turned their eyes. The capitalists who built the Clinchfield—Thomas F. Ryan, James A. Blair, Norman B. Ream and others equally well known—realized the advantages which would accrue from that thirty-four mile extension, but they hesitated to incur the enormous additional expense in the very infancy of the road. In the form of rugged and almost impenetrable mountains the extension presented engineering difficulties of a most serious kind.

It was not until Mark W. Potter, of New York, assumed the presidency of the Clinchfield that it was decided to build the extension. The thirty-four miles of road are costing \$5,500,000.

The contractors, Rhinehart & Dennis, of Lynchburg, Va., have been at work a year. They have pierced the mountains in twenty-seven places, built bridges, constructed the road bed, ballasted it and laid the tracks from Elkhorn City to Sandy Ridge. The tunnel through Sandy Ridge is all that remains to be done. It will be 8,260 feet long, and Ward Crosby, chief engineer of the Clinchfield, estimates that it will not be completed until next May. At places the tunnel will be half a mile under the mountain. Work is being done simultaneously from both ends.

From Elkhorn City Clinchfield trains will pass over the Chesapeake and Ohio 152 miles to Catlettsburg, Ky., where the Ohio River will be struck and a junction effected with the Baltimore and Ohio.

The shortest route at present from Spartanburg to Cleveland is by way of Cincinnati, and the distance is 767 miles. Over the Clinchfield by way of Elkhorn City the distance will be 688 miles. The shortest route at present from Spartanburg to Pittsburg is by way of Washington, and the distance

is 759 miles. Over the Clinchfield by way of Elkhorn City the distance will be 701 miles.

In anticipation of the opening of the Elkhorn extension the Clinchfield Railroad is building enormous piers in Charleston at a cost which eventually will be upward of \$1,000,000, and has been vaguely considering a proposition to reach the coast from Spartanburg over its own rails.

Could Have Saved Her.

"Why do you hate her so?" "She used to be engaged to my husband." "And didn't marry him. Oh, I see."—Houston Post.

Popular Excursion From Walhalla, Anderson, Greenville, Spartanburg and Greers to Charleston, S. C., June 12, via Southern Railway.

The Southern Railway will operate excursion from Walhalla, Anderson, Greenville, Spartanburg and Greers to Charleston, S. C., Thursday, June 12, taking on passengers at all stations to Alston, S. C. The following schedule and rates will apply: Lv. Walhalla 7:10 a. m. \$4.50 Lv. Anderson 8:41 a. m. 4.00 Lv. Greenville 8 a. m. 4.00 Lv. Belton 9:25 a. m. 4.00 Lv. Abbeville 9:10 a. m. 3.75 Lv. Greenwood 11:02 a. m. 3.50 Lv. Newberry 1 p. m. 3.00 Lv. Alston 2:05 p. m. 2.75 Ar. Charleston 8 p. m.

Proportionately low rates from intermediate stations. Tickets good going only on special train returning on all regular trains leaving Charleston Monday, June 16. For further information call on local agent or address S. H. McLean, D. P. A., or L. D. Robinson, C. P. & T. A., Columbia, S. C.—Ad.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE TOWN OF NEWBERRY FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF SAID TOWN.

Whereas, a petition signed by a majority of the freeholders of the Town of Newberry, has been submitted to the Town Council of said Town, praying that an election be ordered on a proposed amendment to the charter of said Town providing that the Mayor and Aldermen of said Town hold office for a period of two years instead of one;

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that a special election in the Town of Newberry will be held on Tuesday, the 24th day of June, 1913, at the Council Chamber in the Opera House, in the Town of Newberry, S. C., for the purpose of voting on a proposed amendment to the charter of said Town, which will amend Section V of said charter so as to make the said section provide for the holding of elections for Mayor and Aldermen on the second Tuesday in the month of December of every other year, instead of every year, as now provided in said section. At said election ballots will be used providing that those in favor of said amendment shall vote a ballot on which shall be contained the word "Yes" and those opposed to said amendment shall vote a ballot on which shall be contained the word "No." The polls will be opened for said election at eight o'clock in the forenoon and will be closed at six o'clock in the afternoon, and all qualified electors of said Town will be allowed to vote at said election. The managers appointed for said election are H. L. Speers, E. P. Bradley and F. L. Paysinger.

By order of the Town Council of

Colds should be "nipped in the bud", for if allowed to run unchecked, serious results may follow. Numerous cases of consumption, pneumonia, and other fatal diseases, can be traced back to a cold. At the first sign of a cold, protect yourself by thoroughly cleansing your system with a few doses of THE FORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT the old reliable, vegetable liver powder.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS THE DIAMOND BRAND. The best Ask for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best-Selling Always Reliable SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

NEW GROCERY STORE I have opened a Grocery Store at the stand formerly occupied by Messrs. E. T. Carlson and T. M. Rogers, next door to the old post-office, where I shall handle an always fresh line of groceries—everything kept in a first class grocery store—and where I will be glad to see my friends. I extend a cordial invitation to all to visit my store and see the goods you want.

M. Q. Chappell. SOUTHERN RAILWAY. Schedules Effective December 3, 1911. Arrivals and Departures Newberry, S. C. (N. E.—These schedule figures are shown as information only and are not guaranteed.) 8:51 a. m.—No. 15, daily from Columbia to Greenville. Pullman sleeping car between Charleston 11:50 a. m.—No. 13, daily, from Greenville to Columbia. Arrives Greenville 1:35 p. m., Augusta 8:35 p. m. Charleston 8:15 p. m. 2:45 p. m.—No. 17, daily, from Columbia to Greenville. 9:05 p. m.—No. 16, daily, from Greenville to Columbia. Pullman sleeping car Greenville to Charleston Arrives Charleston 8:15 a. m. Arrive Savannah 4:15 a. m. Jacksonville 8:30 a. m.

Four further information call on ticket agents, or E. H. Cozeman, V. P. & G. M., Washington, D. C.; J. L. Meek, A. G. P. A., Atlanta, Ga., or F. L. Jenkins, T. P. A., Augusta, Ga.

Winthrop College SCHOLARSHIP AND ENTRANCE EXAMINATION The examination for the award of vacant scholarships in Winthrop College and for the admission of new students will be held at the County Court House on Friday, July 4, at 9 a. m. Applicants must be not less than sixteen years of age. When Scholarships are vacant after July 4 they will be awarded to those making the highest average at this examination, provided they meet the conditions governing the award. Applicants for Scholarships should write to President Johnson before the examination for Scholarship examination blanks. Scholarships are worth \$100 and free tuition. The next session will open September 17, 1913. For further information and catalogue, address Pres. D. B. Johnson, Rock Hill, S. C.—Newberry, S. C., on this the 30th day of May, 1913. Z. F. Wright, Mayor. Attest: J. R. Scurry, C. & T. T. C. N.

LODGE DIRECTORY. Newbery Camp, No. 542, W. O. W., meets every second and fourth Wednesday night in Klettner's Hall, at 8 o'clock. Amity Lodge, No. 87, A. F. M., Amity Lodge, No. 87, A. F. M., meets every first Monday night at 7.30 o'clock in Masonic Hall. Visiting brethren cordially invited. T. P. Johnson, Secretary. W. M. Wodmen of the World. Maple Camp, No. 437, W. O. W., meets every first and third Wednesday evening at 7.45 o'clock. Visiting brethren are cordially welcome. D. D. Darby, Clerk. Bergell Tribe, No. 24, I. O. R. M., Bergell Tribe, No. 24, Improved Order Red Men, meets every Thursday night at 8 o'clock in Klettner's Hall. J. O. Havird, Sachem. O. Klettner, Chief of Records. Omaha Tribe, I. O. R. M., Omaha Tribe, No. 75, I. O. R. M., Prosperity, S. C., meets every first and third Friday night at 8 o'clock in Masonic hall. Visiting brethren are welcome. G. H. Dominick, Sachem. Prof. J. S. Wheeler, Chief of Records. Catachee Council, No. 4, D. of P. I. O. R. M., Catachee Council, No. 4, D. of P., meets every other Tuesday night at 8 o'clock p. m., in Klettner's Hall. Signet Chapter, No. 18, R. A. M., Signet Chapter, No. 18, R. A. M., meets every second Monday night at 8 o'clock in Masonic Hall. Van Smith, E. H. P. T. P. Johnson, Sachem. Lacota Tribe, I. O. R. M., Lacota tribe, No. 79, I. O. R. M., Japala, S. C., meeting every other Wednesday night at 8 o'clock in Summer hall. Visiting brethren are welcome. T. C. Dobbins, Sachem. J. Wm. Folk, Chief of Records. Newberry Commandery, No. 6, K. T., Newberry Commandery, No. 6, K. T., meets every third Monday night at 8 o'clock in Masonic Hall. Fred. H. Dominick, E. C. T. P. Johnson, Recorder. Willow Camp, No. 694, W. O. W., Willow Camp, No. 694, W. O. W., meets every second and fourth Tuesday nights in each month at West End school house. T. B. Kibler, Council Commander. A. C. Ward, Clerk. Palmetto Camp, No. 694, Boys of Woodcraft, meets at Odd Fellow's hall, West End, every second and fourth Wednesday night, at 8 o'clock. G. W. Harrison, Commander.

A FAIR WARNING. One That Should Be Heeded By Newberry Residents. Frequently the first sign of kidney trouble is a slight ache or pain in the loins. Neglect of this warning makes the way easy for more serious troubles—dropsy, gravel, Bright's disease. 'Tis well to pay attention to the first sign. Weak kidneys generally grow weaker and delay is often dangerous. Residents of this locality place reliance in Doan's Kidney Pills. This tested remedy has been used in kidney trouble over 50 years—is recommended all over the civilized world. Read the following: Mrs. J. R. Goldman, Pressley St., Greenwood, S. C., says: "My kidneys were weak and I often felt dizzy and nervous. When I heard about Doan's Kidney Pills, I began using them. They restored me to good health in a short time. I can recommend this remedy highly and can say that it is a safe and reliable one for all kidney sufferers."

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other. Jack Makiit—How can we marry? I'm only worth \$15, and that wouldn't buy your clothes. May Spendit—Oh, yes it would, Jack for nearly five years!