

INTRODUCE WILL IN BIGHAM CASE

State Officers Find Link in Circumstantial Evidence. Skull of Defendant's Mother in Evidence.

Conway, Sept. 20.—Offering the will of Mrs. Margie Black as the final link in the chain of circumstantial evidence it has been forging, the state rested late today in the second trial of Edmund D. Bigham, charged with murder in connection with the death of L. Smiley Bigham, his brother; Mrs. Black, his sister; Mrs. M. M. Bigham, his mother, and Leo and John McCracken, small adopted children of Mrs. Black.

Judge Hayne F. Rice reserved decision until tomorrow on whether or not Mrs. Black's will would be admitted as evidence. The state had examined thirty witnesses from the opening of court last Thursday morning until Attorney Philip H. Arrowsmith, assisting Solicitor L. M. Gasque in the prosecution, announced that with the introduction of the will the state would rest. The defense is scheduled to begin presentation of its witnesses immediately after Judge Rice's decision on the will is announced.

Two state's witnesses today swore that Edmund D. Bigham had in his possession the pearl handled pistol which was found in Smiley Bigham's right hand on the day following the tragedy, during the night after Mrs. Bigham, Mrs. Black, and the two children had been found shot to death and several hours before Smiley's body was located in a clump of trees about a half mile from the Bigham home. They were Maceo Cox, of Rock Hill, and John W. McCracken, who said he was "supposed to be the father" of the two slain children. Both testified they spent the night of the tragedy at the Bigham home near Pamplico in Florence county, with the defendant, members of his family and several neighbors who came to sit up with the dead.

The bullet-pierced skull of Mrs. Bigham was introduced as evidence early today during the testimony of Dr. N. B. Finkles, of Hyman, who gave it as his opinion that the wound the woman suffered was sufficient to have produced instantaneous death. During the exhibition of part of his mother's skeleton, the defendant leaned forward showing interest in the examination and the words of the witness, but there was no sign of agitation visible upon the pallid countenance, although he swallowed hard once or twice.

D. H. Williams, a farmer living near the Bigham home, told of observing footprints leading from the scene of the tragic occurrence in the direction of the spot where Smiley Bigham's body was located early on the morning following the killing, several hours before the finding of the body in the grove of trees. Cox and McCracken had sworn that the defendant left his house early that day and was gone for approximately thirty minutes without saying where he had been.

A tangled story of the Bigham family financial transactions was related on the stand by R. A. Black, widower of Mrs. Margie Black, and J. Bogan Cain, of Florence, brother-in-law of the defendant. Cain, whose wife, now dead, was Leatha Bigham, testified that when she died in February, 1920, about eleven months before the tragedy, that five-sixths of the Bigham land, estimated to be 1,000 acres valued at \$75,000, was in her name and the remaining one-sixth in the name of Mrs. Black. Deeds to the two women were made out, Black testified, because Mrs. M. M. Bigham and Smiley were on the bond of Dr. Grover Bigham, another brother of the defendant. Dr. Bigham, according to the records, was convicted of the murder of his wife in Georgetown county about five years ago, but appealed and was released on bond pending a hearing. It was this bond that his mother and Smiley were on. The records show that the physician jumped his bond and, so far as is known, he has not been heard from since his disappearance. It was indicated in Black's testimony that the transfer of the Bigham property was made in order to avoid payment of the bond.

After Mrs. Cain's death, her husband testified, Edmund came to him and sought to buy his interest in the estate, saying he was acting for his mother. The deal was not closed, however, and later Mrs. Bigham, Smiley and Mrs. Black engaged counsel to get the estate settled. It was developed that Attorney Arrowsmith was retained by the Bighams for this purpose. Cain testified that it was understood that Edmund D. Bigham had already received his share of the estate some fifteen or sixteen years ago.

Both Black and Cain testified that they had been paid for their part of the estate since the Pamplico tragedy on January 15, 1921. Cain said he

TRIUMPH BRINGS JOY TO CAPITOL

Washington Receives Baseball News With Cheers At Score Boards.

Washington, Sept. 29.—Debonair Washington tonight celebrated in Main Street fashion its first American league pennant.

A driving rain could not dampen the enthusiasm. Water-soaked street urchins were no more excited than dignified governmental officials.

A pouring rain throughout the afternoon found the usual crowds in front of the half dozen score boards. Muffled in raincoats or from under umbrellas, the Washington fans, thousands of them, forgot the wet and rooted like college boys.

A wild outburst of cheering and shouting greeted the flash that told of Washington's victory over Boston—and the pennant. Umbrellas were tossed in the air, traffic cops forgot traffic and the White House stopped the wheels of government to send a telegram of congratulations to the Washington team.

All over the city tonight baseball talk was humming. Cigar stores, hotel lobbies, fashionable cabarets, everywhere it was baseball. The sand-lot spirit of Main Street held the city.

Washington, excited and happy, gurgled like a two year old over his first toy.

Since the day when Ban Johnson organized the American league a score of years ago, the capitol city has waited and hoped for today. And now that the long coveted pennant has been won, Washington, after its first outburst of cheering, also has heaved a sigh of relief—the 1924 season with its close finish was a nerve frazzling session for the Washington fans.

After midsummer found the Senators battling for the league leadership, the strain on the fans increased. With the team at home they packed the ball park. Out of town games found the higher-ups in governmental circles rubbing elbows with ragmuffins in front of score boards—Washington rooted and rooted. Tonight was its night of nights.

Words of today's victory flew over the city. Mrs. Coolidge was one of the first to hear it at the White House and gave the tidings to the president.

A telegram from the executive mansion, which was signed by C. Bascom Slemm, secretary to the president, and addressed to Manager Harris, read:

"Heartiest congratulations to you and your team for your great work in bringing Washington its first pennant. We of Washington are proud of you and behind you. Onto the world's championship."

Plans are being pushed to add the finishing touches to the welcome the city will give the team when it returns Wednesday. An elaborate program has been arranged, including a welcoming address by the president.

The weather bureau also added more cheerfulness to the city tonight by forecasting fair weather for the week-end, when Washington Saturday will clash here with the New York Giants in the first game of the world series.

Commercial Club Meets on Tuesday

October Meeting Pushed Up One Week To Avoid Conflict With Synod Date.

The Commercial Club will meet next Tuesday evening in the club rooms at 7:30 p. m. The change from the second Tuesday to the first was made by the board of directors to avoid a conflict with the opening date of the South Carolina Synod, which convenes here on the 14th.

Beginning this month, the club meetings will be held at 7:30 instead of 8:00, as heretofore, and all members are asked to bear this change in mind. President Witherspoon stated yesterday that several members at each subsequent meeting will be called upon for short, snappy talks, affecting Clinton's future development.

P. C. Professor Heads Association

Prof. A. V. Martin Re-elected President South Carolina Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

At a meeting of the South Carolina Intercollegiate Athletic Association, held Monday in Greenwood, Prof. A. V. Martin of the Presbyterian College faculty, was again elected president and Prof. D. H. Henry of Clemson College, secretary and treasurer.

The meeting was attended by Prof. Martin and Prof. Sturgeon as Presbyterian College representatives. All players on football teams now in the field among South Carolina colleges were declared eligible and all cases where doubts of eligibility have arisen were amicably settled, it was announced after the meeting.

P. C. STUDENTS BACK FROM CHINA

L. N. Edmunds and James McCord Spend Interesting Period in China, Engaged in Teaching.

L. N. Edmunds and James McCord, members of the 1921 graduating class of the Presbyterian College, have returned to the states from Shanghai, China, where they have been teaching in the American school. During the past week they were visitors on the campus of their Alma Mater and received a most cordial welcome from the members of the faculty and student body.

While in China Mr. Edmunds and Mr. McCord made for themselves many friends as well as for the Presbyterian College. In addition to teaching, Mr. Edmunds also coached athletics in the Shanghai schools and he has the enviable record of putting out an undefeated football team for two successive years.

These two men never forgot the institution from which they graduated three years ago. The college today has on its enrollment T. N. Grafton, super runner, who finished at the Shanghai schools and was coached by Mr. Edmunds, as a member of its sophomore class. Arthur Grafton, a freshman and brother of T. N. Grafton, is also a product of the Shanghai schools and has matriculated this year. Both of the young men possess unusual ability on the cinder path.

En route to the states, Messrs. Edmunds and McCord made a tour of Europe, taking in many of the battlefields of the World war and other points of interest. Mr. Edmunds is entering Union Theological Seminary at Richmond to prepare himself for the ministry. Mr. McCord had not announced his future plans when in the city a few days ago.

BIG CROWD HERE FOR THE CIRCUS

Walter L. Main Circus Brings Fair Weather and Hundreds of Spectators To Town.

They were all here Tuesday—from little Willie to Grandma, for the Walter L. Main circus which gave afternoon and night performances on the Guy L. Copeland property just on the outskirts of the city.

The circus arrived early in the morning from Monroe and at once began unpacking and setting up its "city of tents". The lot on Musgrove street was abandoned on account of the continual rains of the past two weeks and the show, followed by a big crowd, moved up to the Copeland location. The day was fair and beautiful, and the passing of the September rains brought delight and satisfaction to all. The muddy grounds caused a considerable delay in getting the show set up and necessitated the calling off of the street parade, which was quite a disappointment to the big gathering of little folks that had thronged the streets to take in the sights.

Big crowds greeted both performances. As is always the case with the Main circus, a well balanced program, consisting of various features, was presented and everybody seemed happy and imbued with the circus spirit.

TEACHING BIBLE IN HIGH SCHOOL

Regular Bible Training Begins This Month Under Direction of Members of Faculty.

Beginning this month, the Bible will be taught regularly in the Clinton high school. The course will be given in the respective sections by the members of the high school faculty with classes twice a week. The work will be approved by the ministers of the city and promises to be a very helpful and interesting part of the school curriculum.

WHERE IT DOESN'T RAIN

In certain parts of America, it never rains. Yet there are fertile farms there because of the system of irrigation. A great network of ditches brings the water to the hungry soil. These irrigation ditches have gates or locks. The water does not reach a man's farm unless he pays his water tax and opens the gate to admit the life-giving stream.

Think of the water as newspaper advertising—think of the soil as your own market for your retail store.

You can irrigate your market through the columns of The Chronicle. Advertising will stimulate your market and make your profits grow.

First, you must open the gates and let the advertising work for you. You cannot expect crops unless you plant seed and furnish water. You cannot expect profits unless you buy merchandise and advertise it.

Herbert Kaufman once said: "The circulation of every newspaper is nothing less than a reservoir of buyers from which shoppers stream in the direction that promises the most value for the least money."

"The magic development of the desert land has its parallel in merchandising of men who consider the newspaper an irrigation power which can make two customers where one grew before."

Your business is full of great possibilities. What it needs is advertising.

To quote Mr. Kaufman again: "Advertising has made thousands of men rich, just because they recognize the possibilities of utilizing the newspapers to bring streams of buyers into neighborhoods that could be made busy locations by irrigation."

Why not send for an advertising representative?

"FLAPPER" TO BE STAGED TONIGHT

Given Under Auspices of Clinton and Laurens Rotary Clubs. Promises To Be Great Success.

"The Flapper Grandmother," a musical comedy in three acts, will be presented tonight at 8:00 o'clock in the Central graded school auditorium, under the auspices of the Clinton and Laurens Rotary clubs.

Miss Thelma Richardson, of Roanoke, Va., is here directing the play, and it promises to be a howling success in every way. The people of Clinton have enjoyed two of the Wayne P. Sewell productions, "The Microbe of Love," and "Mr. and Mrs. Polly Tiek," but "The Flapper Grandmother" is said to far surpass them both. It is said to be without a doubt, one of the cleverest and most delightful home talent productions ever presented in this part of the country.

The plot deals with an old grandma who invests her savings in oil stock and becomes a millionaire. She goes to Europe in search of beauty, and in the office of "Dr. L. Skinnum" has her old face made new, and returns to America a flapper grandmother with all the charm and beauty of her grand-daughters.

The song hits are right up to the minute and the whole comedy is a class production. The costumes are beautiful. In fact, it's a "whale of a hit" from beginning to end. The audience recovers from one convulsion of laughter only to go into another. The good-looking "Jelly Beans," the little rag dolls, the chorus girls, to say nothing of all the leading characters, will surely appeal to all.

There isn't a dull moment in the entire performance, from the opening ensemble of the automobile chorus to the closing old square dance.

An admission of fifty cents for children and seventy-five cents for adults, will be charged.

ORPHANAGE GETS OFFICE BUILDING

Friend of Institution To Erect Administration Building For Local Orphanage.

A modern office building is soon to be erected at the Thornwell Orphanage. It comes as a gift from a devoted friend of the institution, whose name on their request, is not made public. The new building will accommodate the president and treasurer's office and the stenographic and commercial department of the young ladies employed in the office. The clerical headquarters heretofore have been in the Technical building and in view of the need of enlarged and improved office facilities, the gift was made by one of the institution's friends.

The building will be of granite construction, costing \$8,000. It will stand just below the Dining Hall, and face the Technical school building. Plans are now being perfected by the architect and it is planned to begin work at an early date in the hope of having the building completed by the first of the year.

GOVERNOR NAMES ELECTION MANAGERS

Governor McLeod has named the following federal, state and county commissioners of election to serve in the approaching general election: Federal: R. M. Wassen, H. J. G. Curry and D. W. Copeland. State and county: B. M. Wolff, J. H. Nance, and Eugene E. Simpson.

GREENWOOD SURGEON HERE

Dr. C. E. Crosby, of Greenwood, spent yesterday in the city, performing several operations upon children of the Thornwell Orphanage.

FATALLY INJURED BY SPEEDING CAR

Miss Hortense Landrum Knocked Thirty Feet and Killed By Fast Moving Machine.

Columbia, Sept. 29.—Miss Hortense Landrum, 1600 Blanding street, sister of Mrs. Hugh Murchison, was mortally wounded at the corner of Taylor and Pickens street last night when she was struck by a fast moving Ford touring car being driven by an unknown white man. Miss Landrum was rushed to the Baptist hospital in an unconscious condition and she died at 9:45 o'clock. She suffered a fracture at the base of the skull and a fracture of the left limb above the knee.

Officers Dreher and Geiger made a fast run to the scene of the accident on call and questioned witnesses. A negro chauffeur said he was driving a truck northward of Pickens street and when he neared Taylor street heard the roar of a fast moving machine. The negro told officers that he brought his truck to a standstill and saw the touring car hit Miss Landrum and knock her from the east crossing to a point near the silent policeman that marked the center of the intersections of Taylor and Pickens streets. The negro said the car was driven by a white man and that the machine continued to roll at a rapid rate of speed after the accident. One white witness corroborated the story of the negro chauffeur. All agreed that the runaway car moved so fast that it was impossible to catch the number of the license plate.

Miss Landrum had just left her home to walk to church when she was knocked down and fatally injured. The blow rendered her unconscious and she never spoke after she was struck. She was carried to the hospital where an operation was performed in the effort to save her life.

Witnesses said it is probable that the death dealing car will show blood stains on the front of the machine and that a bent fender or some broken part will bear silent testimony of the roadway tragedy. Columbia police are following every clue in the effort to locate the driver. Coroner Scott was notified of the accident and he will decide today at what time the inquest will be held.

Miss Landrum had made her home in Columbia for about six years with her sister, Mrs. Hugh R. Murchison, at the Columbia Theological Seminary. She was originally from Batesburg.

Surviving are Mrs. Murchison and two brothers, Dr. Frank Landrum of Florence and George Landrum of Bisbee, Ariz.

Miss Landrum was a devoted member of the Baptist church and was a faithful attendant at its services. She was a woman of many fine qualities and during her residence in Columbia made a host of friends.

Japan Missionaries To Visit Here

Dr. and Mrs. S. P. Fulton of Kobe, Japan, To Arrive Today To Visit Thornwell Orphanage.

Dr. and Mrs. Sam P. Fulton, of Kobe, Japan, are expected to arrive today for a visit of several weeks to the Thornwell Orphanage and their coming is being looked forward to with unusual interest by the orphanage family as well as their numerous friends in the city.

Dr. Fulton was one of the first boys admitted to the Thornwell Orphanage when it opened for the reception of children. Following his training there and graduation at the Presbyterian College, he went to Japan as a missionary where he has successfully labored for the past 30 years, being at present the directing head of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Kobe. Dr. and Mrs. Fulton are now in this country on furlough, and Dr. Lynn extended them a cordial invitation to make a visit to the orphanage while in the state.

Senior Class Elects Officers for 1924-25

Senior class officers at the Presbyterian College have been elected for the ensuing year. The class is headed by J. J. Cornwall as president; E. L. McIlwaine, vice-president; S. McLendon, secretary; R. F. Banks, treasurer; V. G. Hartwig, historian; S. B. Hayes, poet; H. J. McLaurin, prophet. Under the leadership of this staff of popular officers, a prosperous and successful year is assured.

Children Must Be Vaccinated

In compliance with the state school law, all children in the city schools must be vaccinated as a preventative against small-pox. It was stated yesterday by the trustees that all pupils enrolled in the schools must bear scars and be vaccinated either by their family physician or an attending physician at the schools.

MR. DAVIS TOLD G. O. P. WORRIED

Coolidge Forces Distressed Over La Follette Strength. Democrats Encouraged.

New York, Sept. 28.—With half of his fight for the presidency behind him, John W. Davis today was resting at his home in Locust Valley, Long Island, getting in shape for another month of stumping.

The candidate's aides refused to let callers see him and he enjoyed his first full day of complete rest and relaxation since he was chosen as the Democratic standard-bearer over six weeks ago. He was forced to forego a round of golf because of a sore right arm—incapacitated by his several thousand enthusiastic hand-shakers during his campaign.

Mr. Davis was considerably heartened over his chances of capturing the presidency by his visit to Democratic headquarters at Washington yesterday. He was told there by campaign officials, who have been keeping an eye on the White House, that the Coolidge forces were worried over the progress of the campaign.

Republican scouts who have conferred with the president recently have issued a warning that if the Republican party wishes to remain in power a vigorous campaign must be put under way immediately.

Mr. Davis learned that the Coolidge managers are particularly worried over the La Follette strength, which has surprised the leaders of both old parties since the campaigns have been under way. Mr. Davis, however, believes that the Progressive candidate is recruiting his strength from Republican ranks rather than from the forces of Democracy.

Mr. Davis probably will remain here until Wednesday, when he will start his stumping tour of the Atlantic seaboard. He will open his second Western tour with a speech at Baltimore October 5, according to present plans.

While the itinerary of the Western tour has not been definitely fixed, it is understood that it will include Toledo, Cleveland, Kansas City, Louisville, St. Louis, and possibly a short trip into Oklahoma.

R. O. T. C. UNIT IS RE-ORGANIZED

Col. Glasgow Appoints Cadet Officers. Wilson Named as Major, Clark and Bonar, Captains.

The Reserve Officers Training Corps of the Presbyterian College, headed by Colonel E. L. Glasgow as the commanding officer, has been re-organized for the coming session with an increased membership over last year. The unit has added a third platoon to each company, thereby forming a battalion composed of two companies with three platoons each.

The officers and non-commissioned officers for the coming year as appointed by Col. Glasgow, are as follows:

Company A: Captain, Frank K. Clarke; First Lt., H. L. Fuller; Second Lt., E. G. Beckman; Second Lt., H. B. Warner; First Sgt., L. L. Holladay; Platoon Sgt., S. McLendon; Platoon Sgt., P. D. Hannah; Platoon Sgt., J. G. Hayes; Platoon Sgt., S. B. Hayes.

Company B: Captain, E. H. Bonar; First Lt., E. L. Wilds; Second Lt., D. D. Edmunds; Second Lt., V. P. Weldon; First Sgt., A. O. Ramsay; Platoon Sgt., H. B. Smith; Platoon Sgt., E. E. Sheldon; Platoon Sgt., W. H. Denny; Platoon Sgt., H. J. McLaurin.

All members of the junior class who take the advanced course are appointed Corporals.

Nineteen members of the present senior class and one from last year's class, represented the college at Camp McClellan this summer where they made an enviable record by winning third place among the colleges of the Fourth Corps Area. The showing made by Col. Glasgow and his men is a source of gratification to the institution, and it is expected that another excellent record will be made during the coming year's work which has just been entered upon.

Laurens Man Guilty Of Manslaughter

Laurens, Sept. 30.—With a recommendation to the mercy of the court, a verdict of manslaughter was returned late today in sessions court here in the case of John O. Powers, young white man, who was charged with causing the death a few months ago of Mack Brown, fourteen year old boy of Watts Mills. Brown, it was alleged, was thrown to the ground by Powers while in a tussle and the fall caused concussion of the brain, death ensuing two days later.