

## WHITE MAN KILLS ANOTHER

HAMLET KILLS RHODEN IN SELF-DEFENSE SO HE STATES.

But Other Reports are That He Laid in Wait Behind a Tree.

Held by Coroner.

Aiken, Aug. 18.—N. H. Hamlet, a young man, an operative in the Langley mill, was placed in the Aiken jail this morning. Hamlet shot and instantly killed John Rhoden, another young man, with whose brother Hamlet had a disturbance last night. The shooting occurred about six o'clock this morning in the public park at Langley. Hamlet was immediately taken in charge and brought to Aiken, Deputy Busbee meeting Mr. John Cleckley, in whose charge Hamlet was, at Graniteville, en route to Aiken.

John, James and Oscar Rhoden, three brothers, moved to Langley some years ago and kept bachelor's quarters there. They are well known young men, having splendid reputations for quiet and peacefulness.

**Hamlet's Story.**

Hamlet was seen in the jail this morning by your correspondent. Hamlet says that he regrets very much that he committed the homicide, but said that he was compelled to do so in self-defense. He said that this morning as he was going to the mill to work, he forgot his keys and started back to get them. In the park he encountered John Rhoden and a difficulty took place then in regard to the disturbance the previous night between himself and James Rhoden, brother of the deceased. He maintains that he did not shoot until after Rhoden fired twice at him with a revolver. He then shot, he says, in self-defense. He said he had never had any disturbance with Rhoden previous to this.

Several parties from Langley were seen and interviewed this morning by your correspondent and the general version of the killing appears to be about as follows:

**The Other Version.**

Last night James Rhoden and Hamlet had a disturbance at the "merry-go-round" at Langley. The cause of this disturbance is not known, but is said to have been because Hamlet walked between Rhoden and a young lady whom he was escorting. The brother is said to have prevented the two men from fighting. This morning it is generally rumored, Hamlet walked out in the park, and getting behind a tree, waited for Rhoden to pass going to work in the mill. When the latter passed, he stepped, so the story goes, from behind his place of hiding, and fired once, Rhoden falling almost instantly, but, it is said, firing once as he was falling, or had fallen to the ground, this shot going stray.

The deceased was an excellent young man. He was prominent in the fraternal world, belonging to several orders, including Royal Arch Masonry, so it is said, having only recently taken his degrees in the Aiken lodge. The affair is deeply regretted. The coroner is now in Langley to hold the inquest.

**Prohibition in Barnwell.**

The sheriff seized a quart of whiskey from a colored man on the streets of Barnwell Tuesday morning. Under the present act, as we have heard it interpreted by able lawyers, it is against the law for any person to receive, accept, deliver, store or keep in possession in this State any whiskey or liquor of any kind "which if drunk to excess will produce intoxication," so we take this means of warning all law-abiding citizens that if they have any whiskey, wines or anything of the kind in their possession they had better pour it out at once, for the sheriff and other peace officers are under oath to enforce the laws of the land, and by that oath are in duty bound to seize intoxicants wherever they can be found. A word to the wise is sufficient. If you are pulled, it will be your own fault. The sheriff has started out to do his duty, and, no doubt, the other peace officers will fall in line with him.—Barnwell Sentinel.

**Savage Thirst in Edgefield.**

Edgefield, Aug. 20.—The sheriff's office was broken into last night and four gallons of contraband liquor, recently seized by the officers, were stolen.

Mr. Ouzts has offered a reward of \$100 for the apprehension of the guilty party or parties. There is no clue to who they are.

**Washington's Plague Spots**

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## HAMLET HELD FOR MURDER.

Coroner's Jury Says Killing Was Wilful and Felonious.

Aiken, Aug. 19.—Coroner John son held an inquest over the dead body of John Rhoden, who was shot and killed yesterday morning in a pistol duel at Langley by Nat H. Hamlet, and the finding of the coroner's jury was that the deceased came to his death from a wound or wounds from a pistol in the hands of N. H. Hamlet, who wilfully and feloniously fired shot or shots which caused death. The following is a gist of the evidence of the inquest:

Mrs. Daisy Leopard was the first witness. She said that she heard the shots, that one shot was fired, and then the shooting was continuous and rapid. Saw the deceased fall; there were a number of shots fired.

Dr. W. C. R. Turnbull testified to attending the young man, heard the shots, and was soon after summoned. Found two wounds, one in each side, could not say that there were two pistol shot wounds, or whether the wounds were caused by one bullet; deceased died about 7:30.

Robert Pryor testified that he saw Rhoden coming to work and saw Hamlet coming from the direction of the mill; saw them meet, and saw Hamlet fire the first shot; Rhoden was facing him a few feet away, pistol in his hand, by his side; after the first shot, both men fired almost together in rapid succession six or eight shots; saw Hamlet run, shooting back as he ran; saw Hamlet get behind a tree, shooting once after he got behind the tree. Rhoden also got behind a tree, watching Hamlet, who broke his pistol and emptied the cartridges. Rhoden then dropped, just after he had got behind the tree, and Hamlet then ran. Testified that Rhoden fired at least two or three times.

J. P. Marshall testified that he heard Hamlet curse Rhoden the night before and say: "He would not meet him and get away with it." He testified as to the difficulty the night before with the brother of the deceased, at the merry-go-round; that Hamlet, with others, went to Rhoden's house, and cursing, called to him to come out that he would whip him. Rhoden apparently was not at home. Went back to the merry-go-round, and encountered Rhoden, who spoke very kindly to him, telling him he was Hamlet's friend. Wednesday morning he saw Hamlet coming around depot and look up park, through which deceased would come to work, then went up in park. Heard shooting, and looking saw Rhoden grasp tree, then turn loose and fall to ground. Rhoden raised arm after falling as if to shoot, then arm dropped from weakness.

**Jury Frees Donald Bain.**

Atlanta, Ga., August 20.—Donald M. Bain was acquitted at 10:30 tonight by a jury in the Fulton county superior court of the murder of E. G. Williams.

Not in years has a criminal trial in Georgia excited as much interest as has the trial of Bain, a prominent insurance broker, who, last June shot and killed Williams, another insurance broker, with desk room in the same office. There had been ill feeling between Bain and Williams for several months and it was claimed that several days prior to the shooting Williams, who was a much younger man than Bain, slapped the latter's face.

On returning from a trip of several days' duration, Williams accused Bain of having changed the wording of a note left by Williams on his desk. Bain denied the charge, heated words followed and when Williams advanced toward the older man, Bain drew a revolver and shot him dead. The plea of self-defense was sustained.

**Standing Still.**

Do you remember the story of the young lady who went into a well-known establishment and said to the "aisle director": "Do you keep stationery?" "No, miss," replied the young man, "if I did, I'd lose my job."

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It is a better story because it makes you think.

How about yourself? Are you stationary—or are you on the job, and making things hum, even if it is a warm day?

**Miss Kirk Wins Case.**

Columbia, August 19.—Miss Mary Kirk, who contracted anaesthetic leprosy while working as a missionary in Brazil, and while living in Aiken last December, was ordered to a pest house, where smallpox negroes were kept. She had the health board enjoined, and to-day the State supreme court decided the case in her favor, on the ground that, in the first place, such a form of isolation in her case, she being a woman of culture and refinement and aged and blind, was too harsh; and for the further reason, that her form of leprosy was not so dangerous as to warrant such extreme measures.

## GEORGIANS LYNCH NEGRO

TAKE EX-CONVICT FROM SHERIFF WITHOUT TROUBLE.

Victim of Mob Charged with Assaulting and Murdering Woman and Killing Baby.

Fitzgerald, Ga., August 20.—Henry Taylor, a negro ex-convict charged with assaulting a white woman Tuesday and then murdering her and her infant, was this afternoon taken from the sheriff of Wilcox county, between Lumpkin and McRae, and lynched, according to reports reaching here to-night.

The crime for which the negro was lynched by indignant citizens was one of the most brutal ever recorded in the criminal annals of Georgia.

The negro's victim and her 8-months-old baby were left at their home at Lumpkins Ferry Tuesday afternoon and that night when the husband and father returned from his work both his wife and baby were missing. A search revealed the fact that they were not at the home of any neighbor. Soon their disappearance, with suspicion of foul play, was known throughout the neighborhood and search for them was immediately commenced. Thursday afternoon the bodies were found in a small pond not a great ways from the woman's home. The woman had been assaulted and then choked to death, while the baby's skull had been crushed. Henry Taylor had told of seeing the woman with her baby, going in the direction of the pond in which their bodies were found. Suspicion was immediately directed toward him on the finding of the bodies, but he had disappeared.

Early to-day Taylor was arrested in Ben Hill county, near Lumpkins Ferry. He was taken in charge by the sheriff of Wilcox county, who immediately started for Fitzgerald. Finding that his way was blocked by the presence of large numbers of aroused people, a circuitous route was taken. The citizens, however, learned of the change of plans, and continually augmented by blood-thirsty men, the mob followed the trail of the sheriff and finally came upon him between Lumpkins Ferry and McRae and quick work was made of the negro. After being strung up to a tree, Taylor's body was filled with bullets.

Taylor had only recently completed serving a chaingang sentence in this county.

**Notis.**

If anybody cums here attter lickor or tu git akross the rivver, dey kin blo dis yer horn and when mi wir Betsy heres the horn a bloing she will cum and sel em the lickor or set em akross the rivver.

I'm gwine fishin.

N. B. Dem as kant rede will hav to go to de hous attter Betsy. Taint but a haf er mille.

**Prohibition in Kansas.**

Wichita, Kan., August 19.—After four months of enforced idleness, the saloons of Wichita are again running on the wide-open plan. Beer can be obtained at a large number of resorts, and whiskey also is served. The "wets" are happy and predicting that good times have returned to stay.

But one restriction is placed on the dealers, and that is they must operate only on the second floors of buildings. The chief of police says that he cannot stop the resorts because the law allows them to sell near-beer, that is, beer containing less than two per cent. of alcohol, and that it is impossible to tell near-beer from the real thing when the labels are removed.

It is also declared that if real beer was found it would require a chemical analysis to prove it. This they consider too much trouble.

**Attends Anniversary.**

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Crum returned from Denmark yesterday, where they have been for the past several days. Mr. and Mrs. Crum while in Denmark attended the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Guess, of that place. The occasion was one of much pleasure. The anniversary took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guess, which is the old Graham mansion near the town of Denmark. The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the happy couple were the recipients of many handsome and costly presents.—Orangeburg News.

**Bees Drive Justice Out.**

Columbus, Ga., August 20.—Justice Daniel's court at Shack, in Chattahoochee county, was to-day broken up by a swarm of bees being dislodged from the ceiling. During the argument of an attorney the bees dropped and scattered over the crowd. Almost every person present was stung.

The magistrate escaped through a window. Several persons were seriously injured by the stinging of the bees.

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