

**GILREATH WARRANT DISMISSED.**

Prosecution Had No Testimony and Wanted a Postponement.

[Greenville News.]  
That he was out of the city of Greenville on the night T. U. Vaughn made his escape from the county jail last June and that he knew nothing of the affair until his return to town the following morning about 9 o'clock; that he was subjected to indignities heretofore unknown upon his arrest last Sunday night by Hendrix Rector, the nominee of an element of the populace for sheriff of the county; and that the accusation against him is a deliberate frame-up on the part of his personal enemies to injure his reputation and usefulness in the county by securing his conviction upon false testimony, is the gist of a statement made by Mr. Jeff D. Gilreath to a News reporter yesterday afternoon, following the withdrawal of the warrant against him and Patrolman A. A. Phillips and Constable Reuben Gosnell.

Mr. Gilreath's statement comes in the form of an article over his own signature. Inasmuch as newspaper men of the city have been accused of never telling the truth about matters, the reporter did not attempt to reproduce the interview with Mr. Gilreath, but secured from him a signed statement which is as follows:

**Gilreath's Own Statement.**

"The fact of my arrest on the charge of assisting in the escape of Vaughn and my treatment at the hands of the officer who arrested me have already been given in detail before the public.

"Knowing that the preliminary investigation was to be had within a short time, I have refrained up to this time from making any statement regarding the accusation. I now wish to say in the most unqualified terms that the accusation is absolutely and maliciously false. It is a deliberate frame-up on the part of my personal enemies for the purpose of injuring my reputation and usefulness in this community, and, if possible, securing my conviction by false testimony.

"The preliminary hearing was set for Wednesday afternoon. The prosecution was fully advised of this fact. When the case was called, the prosecution moved for a continuance, on the ground that they were not ready for a hearing, could not get their witnesses, etc., whereas the affidavit of W. L. Mauldin, upon which the warrant was issued, stated the witnesses to be Hendrix Rector, Sheriff Poole, Deputy Sheriff Hunsinger, and J. P. Wasson—all of whom were either in Greenville, or could easily have been secured.

"When the magistrate announced that I was entitled to a hearing the counsel for the prosecution asked to have the warrants dismissed. To this my counsel objected most strongly, taking the position that by making this charge the prosecutor had made the matter a public one and he had no right to control it, and that I was entitled to a full investigation of the charge; that the witnesses named in the warrants ought to be examined and if they knew anything to my disadvantage the public ought to know it, but on the other hand if they knew nothing to my disadvantage I was entitled to have this go before the public. From the statement of the attorney representing the prosecutor, it appears that the only basis for this outrageous charge was the statement of Vaughn, made after his conviction of a most heinous crime and while on his way to the penitentiary.

"Mr. Mauldin, in his statement, declared that Vaughn was utterly unworthy of belief, and yet he practically announced that it was upon this statement, alone, that I was arrested. How such a statement, absolutely false, could have been secured from the poor, unfortunate prisoner, under condemnation of death, those men alone know who have been working up this matter. All that I can say is what I have already said—the charge is absolutely false and I stand ready at any and all times to meet any accuser who dares come forward.

"As a matter of fact, I was out of the city at the time of Vaughn's escape, and knew nothing of the matter until 9 o'clock the next morning, on my return.

"As an evidence that there was personal animosity at the bottom of this outrageous matter, I need only refer to the fact that Hendrix Rector, the officer who arrested me and put me in jail, as he was unlocking the doors, said, 'You criminal, you; be sure that your sins will find you out.' He further stated, 'You are guilty. We have got all the evidence we want. We have been working on the case for two months.'

"Yet, having said this, when the time for the investigation comes, although named in the warrants as a material witness, he fails to appear at the hearing.

"I beg to say further that immediately upon my being locked in the cell, and before Jailer Rector left the building, the other prisoners came to me and, speaking through Cleve Harrison, announced that I

**DUNCAN WINS IN BARNWELL.**

Count Shows 140 Majority Over Creech in Clerk's Race.

Barnwell, Oct. 31.—In Tuesday's primary election to choose a successor to the late Hon. W. Gilmore Simms, clerk of court, W. H. Duncan was elected over his opponent, Sheriff Frank H. Creech, by a majority of 140 votes. The official count as declared by the executive committee, which met here yesterday, was: Creech, 795; Duncan, 935. There were eight candidates in the first primary, which was held last Friday. Interest was keen in the race, but the elections passed off very quietly.

This is the tenth time that residents of the town of Barnwell have been given opportunities to vote this year—an average of once a month. The elections held were: Five county and State primaries, two municipal primaries and three municipal general elections. After Tuesday's general election it is sincerely hoped by all concerned that there will be no necessity for other elections for some time to come.

**CAN'T SQUELCH THIS YOUTH.**

Youngster Threatens to Kill Himself and the Court is Perplexed.

Washington, Oct. 31.—With the declaration that he would kill himself if sent back to his home, 12-year-old Aaron Breggan, for three days has defied the juvenile court and today the board of children's guardians faces the problem of how to deal with him.

Although his father is well-to-do, Aaron was said to have persisted in going about in rags and with trading on the credulity of the sympathetic theater crowds. When arrested for peddling without a license, he refused to be paroled in the custody of his parents. Two days in the house of detention did not alter his attitude and even when his mother fainted in court yesterday he would not weaken.

Judge DeLacy, fearing that the lad in a spirit of braggadocio might attempt to injure himself if ordered to accompany his parents, turned him over to the children's guardians.

had pay a quarter or take 25 to 50 lashes. Just at this time Sheriff Poole came into the building and I called out to him and told him how I had been threatened and that I wouldn't stand for such an indignity. Thereupon he immediately unlocked the door to take me out.

"The question as to whether I have been fairly and honorably treated I leave to a right thinking public. The people of Greenville know that I have always stood for the enforcement of law in the city of Greenville and that my treatment is due to the enemies that I have made by this course.

"J. D. GILREATH."

**The Inhuman Treatment of Mr. Gosnell.**

Heretofore a statement from Constable Reuben Gosnell as to how he was treated on the occasion of his arrest Sunday night has not been had. Yesterday afternoon, however, following the withdrawal of the warrants against Messrs. Gilreath and Phillips and himself, he came forward with the following statement in regard to the matter:

"I heard Sunday night that a warrant had been or was to be issued for my arrest in connection with Vaughn's escape. I telephoned to Sheriff Poole that my wife was critically ill and that at that time we had a trained nurse and the doctor with her, and explained to him how important it was for me to be at home during the night. I begged him not to disturb us during the night and he agreed that I should remain at home during the night and not be troubled and I promised to give bond Monday, if necessary. Notwithstanding this agreement Rector came in an automobile for me and had as his escort Broadus Thackston. On our way to the jail Thackston informed me of Jeff Gilreath's arrest and said he would not take \$50 for seeing him locked up.

"We were met at the jail gate by Tom Ross, an ex-convict, who was convicted of manslaughter, who was in charge of the gate. On entering the jail we found Tom Harrison in charge of the phone and when the magistrate stated our bond should be \$1,000 a gambler butted in and said 'I'd make it \$30,000.' But my bond was made and I was allowed to return to my sick wife.

"I was opposed to Mr. Rector in the primary because I did not think he would be sufficiently discreet to make a good sheriff, and I also thought he would be more or less under the influence of the lawless element, who spent so much money on his election in the city. I have made the statement above to show that my estimate of him has been fully borne out, even before he had been inducted into office. Truly, when the wicked rule the righteous mourn."

"REUBEN GOSNELL."

**HID A GALLON OF RINGS.**

Negro's Confession Leads to Stolen Jewelry's Recovery.

Cooper Davis, the negro charged with stealing \$5,000 worth of jewelry samples from the baggage room of the Hotel Carroll 10 days ago, made a full confession this morning, which resulted in a gallon crock of rings being found where he had hidden them, says a Lynchburg, Va., dispatch.

Davis claims that Abe Saunders and George Peters, two other negroes under arrest, stole the trunk and made him treasurer of the gang. Not until Peters and Saunders began to sell rings did the police have the slightest clue as to the robbery. Davis managed to keep in hiding until last night although suspected of having stolen the trunk even before the rings were offered for sale.

The trunk belonged to a Buffalo concern. It is thought most of the jewelry will be recovered. Six negroes have been arrested in connection with the robbery.

**DID BLEASE ORDER ARREST?**

Gilreath, of Greenville, Puts Question Up to Governor—The Reply.

Columbia, Nov. 1.—Ex-Sheriff J. D. Gilreath, who was arrested at Greenville charged with assisting T. U. Vaughn to escape from the Greenville jail, the case having been dropped because of insufficient evidence, to-day telegraphed Gov. Blease asking him if he ordered his arrest and the governor replied that he would not answer if his telegram would be used against any Democratic nominee. Mr. Gilreath wired as follows: "Did you order my arrest. Kindly wire at my expense."

Replying, Gov. Blease wired Mr. Gilreath as follows: "Your wire. Primary obligations, in my opinion, bind all parties. The violation of the oath in one instance relieves all others therefrom. If my wire is to be used against a Democratic nominee, I shall remain silent."

It will be recalled that Hendrix Rector, sheriff-elect of Greenville, arrested Mr. Gilreath, and the latter's friends are so indignant over the matter that they have placed an independent candidate for sheriff in the field against Mr. Rector, who won the Democratic nomination for sheriff over Mr. Gilreath by a majority of 16 votes. Mr. Rector is a Blease man and Mr. Gilreath an anti-Bleasite.

**NOTICE.**

I Have Just Opened a FRESH MEAT MARKET to the rear of H. W. Beard's 5c and 10c Store. I will handle the very best meats that money can buy and give the public the lowest prices possible. Will quote you choice steaks at 15c, roast at 12½c, stew beef at 8c, and pork will be sold at a reasonable price.

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**TAX NOTICE.**

The treasurer's office will be open for the collection of State, county, school and all other taxes from the 15th day of October, 1912 until the 15th day of March, 1913, inclusive. From the first day of January, 1913, until the 31st day of January, 1913, a penalty of one per cent. will be added to all unpaid taxes. From the 1st day of February, 1913, until the 28th day of February, 1913, a penalty of 2 per cent. will be added to all unpaid taxes. From the 1st day of March, 1913, until the 15th day of March, 1913, a penalty of 7 per cent. will be added to all unpaid taxes.

**THE LEVY.**

For State purposes ..... 5 1/2 mills  
For County purposes ..... 5 1/2 mills  
Constitutional school tax ..... 3 mills

Total ..... 14 1/2 Mills

**SPECIAL SCHOOL LEVIES.**  
Bamberg, No. 14 ..... 9 mills  
Binnakers, No. 12 ..... 3 mills  
Euford's Bridge, No. 7 ..... 2 mills  
Clear Pond, No. 19 ..... 2 mills  
Colston, No. 18 ..... 2 mills  
Cuffie Creek, No. 17 ..... 2 mills  
Denmark, No. 21 ..... 6 1/2 mills  
Ehrhardt, No. 22 ..... 9 mills  
Govan, No. 11 ..... 4 mills  
Hutto, No. 6 ..... 2 mills  
Hampton, No. 3 ..... 2 mills  
Heyward, No. 24 ..... 2 mills  
Hopewell, No. 1 ..... 3 mills  
Hunter's Chapel, No. 16 ..... 1 mill  
Lees, No. 23 ..... 4 mills  
Midway, No. 2 ..... 2 mills  
Oak Grove, No. 20 ..... 2 mills  
Olar, No. 8 ..... 4 mills  
St. John's, No. 10 ..... 2 mills  
Salem, No. 9 ..... 3 mills  
Three Mile, No. 4 ..... 2 mills

All persons between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years of age, except Confederate soldiers and sailors, who are exempt at 50 years of age, are liable to a poll tax of one dollar.

Capitation dog tax 50 cents. All persons who were 21 years of age on or before the 1st day of January, 1912, are liable to a poll tax of one dollar, and all who have not made returns to the Auditor, are requested to do so on or before the 1st day of January, 1913.

I will receive the commutation road tax of two (\$2.00) dollars from the 15th day of October, 1912, until the 1st day of March, 1913.

G. A. JENNINGS,  
Treasurer Bamberg County.

Light weight rain proof automobile dusters, also fine for traveling men, price \$6.00. Write F. G. MERTINS, Augusta, Ga.

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All Goods Charged During This Sale at Regular Prices

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Don't forget to keep the dates of this great sale in mind and be sure to attend in full force from our opening day,

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To Inaugurate this sale we Quote a few Prices to Substantiate the Above

**GROCERIES.**

Foote's Best and Maryland Chief Tomatoes, 1,000 three-pound cans, @ each ..... 10c  
Pink Salmon, 500 cans, talls, @ each ..... 10c

**DRY GOODS.**

Kimonas and other Standard Outings @ per yard ..... 8 1-3c  
Calicoes, very good, at the low price per yard ..... 5c  
10c, 12½c, and 15c Dress Gingham, per yard ..... 8 1-3c

**CLOTHING.**

\$12.00 and \$15.00 Men's Suits at only ..... \$9.98  
65c Sweaters being sold at the low price of ..... 41c  
65c Fleece Underwear to go on sale at ..... 41c

**SHOES AND HATS.**

\$1.00 Shoes now on sale at only the pair ..... 89c  
\$1.50 Shoes, good ones for the low price of ..... \$1.19  
\$3.00 Shoes during this sale @ per pair ..... \$1.89  
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In like manner all the way through. Our word is our bond for what we will do. We make everything good at this sale.

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