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ROSS POWELL GETS LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

After deliberating two hours and a half the jury early Friday night returned a verdict of guilty of murder with recommendation to mercy in the case of Ross Powell, who killed his wife, Emily Powell, at Glenwood cotton mill in Easley on October 4 last. A sentence of life imprisonment was immediately imposed. The defense announced that no appeal would be taken. Powell's defense was insanity. The case was started Wednesday. Powell, it was charged, went to the mill where his wife was at work and slashed her throat from ear to ear with a razor, killing her instantly.

Following is substance of Ross Powell's testimony:

"I was 20 years old last June and am the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Powell. I have lived at Anderson and Easley and have worked in Greenville but never lived there, only boarding during the time I stayed there.

"I have continually had headache and earache. Sometimes these spells would last so long as to be unbearable. The last attack was about two weeks ago, since being in jail.

"After marriage I lived happily with my wife for six or seven months, until she left me without any cause. She claimed that she wanted to go back to her mother's home. She would stay away two or three weeks at a time. While we lived at Brogan mill, Anderson, she left again, but later came back and lived with me two or three months.

"I went to Easley to see her several times but they did not seem to want me around where she was. Emily told me that she could have a better time at Easley with Jess Phillips, a boarder there, than she could have with me. I often saw my wife and Jess Phillips playing the grafonola together. One time when I got to the house I saw my wife and Jess Phillips in the same room. Jess Phillips went out a back way. My wife's hair was down and she was lying across the bed, having on a loose dress of some kind.

"I protested to Phillips about being with my wife. Mrs. Perry Emily's mother, told me that Emily was too good looking for me to have. The last talk I had with my wife and mother-in-law at the same time was last spring. I don't remember the date. My mother-in-law told me that she was not going to let Emily have any children by me.

"I went to Greenville in August and wrote my wife to come there. She came to Greenville but soon left again. She went back to Easley about a week before I went there and before the killing took place. I was so worried that I could not eat or sleep. The only reason she gave me for leaving was that she could have a better time with Jess Phillips than she could with me.

"When I went to Easley I rode with J. Robert Martin, and got out at the Glenwood mill. I went up in the mill where my wife was working and pleaded with her to return to me, but she said she did not care a d—m for me. At the last she said, 'D—m you, get out of my way, I don't care anything about you and my folks don't want me to live with you.'

"The next thing I knew she was standing there before me bleeding. I wanted to cut my own throat but the razor was broken. I went up town and gave myself up."

On cross examination the following information was brought out: "I recovered my mind a few minutes after the killing. I was crazy then, but am not now, I reckon. I realize that I am here on trial for murder. I did not remember what happened until I saw blood on my wife's clothing. Jess Phillips, Mrs. Perry and others were in the house when Emily and Jess had been seen together. I had not heard that Jess had later married a sister of Emily. I did not know that Jess had been keeping company with Miss Eula Perry.

"I paid Mrs. Perry \$9 a week board for myself and wife. I did not know it if my wife was organist at the Sunday school. I was walking beside my wife in the mill. I wanted to talk with her one more time before ending my own life. My wife said the dress she wore at that time was given her by Jess. My wife cursed me, at the same time declaring that she did not love me and would not live with me. I do not remember what happened for the next few minutes. I gave up because I reckoned it was that I had done wrong to my wife."

A hard legal battle ensued over the admissibility of a letter introduced by the prosecution and purported to have been written in the Anderson county jail by the defendant. Powell admitted mailing the letter, but said a fellow prisoner wrote it and that only parts of the letter were authorized by him. He bitterly denied authority for the statement. "I reckon they will send me to the electric chair for what I have done, and I don't much care if they do." He also denied having told the prisoner to write. "How is my red-headed woman? Does she know what I have got into?"

The defense vigorously opposed admitting this last statement, which had been previously ruled out by

Judge Gary. However, the presiding judge ruled that inasmuch as the defendant had sought to introduce a connecting link between the deceased and another man, it would be proper to admit the entire letter, even the part referring to another woman.

Judge Gary requested that the jury bear in mind the fact that Powell denied writing the letter and that the jury should satisfy itself as to whether or not he had written the letter they were to disregard the fact in the case, he instructed. Powell was asked to write his name, also Anderson county jail, October 18, Dear friend. Will drop you a line." The jury was shown the letter and also a copy of Powell's writing.

Powell, just before coming off the witness stand, admitted having bought a razor from Saw Owens, but denied declaring that he wanted to kill his wife. Said he bought a razor from Owens, but sold it back to him several weeks later and not because Owens took it back.

There were many witnesses examined, among them being the father and mother of Powell, and mother and sister of the dead woman.

The court house was filled with interested spectators all during the trial.

Solicitor Smoak was assisted in the prosecution by James H. Price of Greenville. James P. Carey, Jr., and G. G. Christopher of Pickens represented the defendant.

The following gentlemen composed the jury: S. Wade Williams, foreman; J. T. Finley, Leigh Hunt, Greg T. Mauldin, Ed. L. Hamilton, B. C. Atkinson, J. M. Chastain, J. H. Massingill, T. J. Gillespie, W. E. Stephens, J. H. Riggins, L. W. Bolding.

POWELL RETURNED TO PICKENS TO SERVE HIS LIFE SENTENCE.

Greenville News.

"I guess I'd just as soon have what I got as thirty days," said Ross Powell, convicted of killing his young wife and sentenced to serve a life sentence as sheriff Roark snapped the handcuffs on his wrists in preparation for the trip to Pickens, where he will serve his sentence on the Pickens public works.

Powell arrived in Greenville Friday night and since that time has been in the county jail. It was first thought he would serve his sentence in the state penitentiary, but with the decision of Supervisor McKinney that there is need of men on the Pickens public works, these plans were changed. The sentence of the court required life imprisonment in the state penitentiary or on the Pickens county public works, which left the power in the supervisor's hands.

The prisoner seemed determined to maintain a bold front while arrangements were being made for his motor trip to Pickens. Smilingly he bid Jailer Christopher adieu as he was placed in the waiting car.

TO HIS HONOR, JUDGE FRANK B. GARY.

We, the Grand Jury, beg leave to make the following presentation.

We have passed on all bills handed us by the Solicitor. We have appointed the various committees to investigate ten different offices and institutions and report at the next term of court.

We have received the report of the Rural Police and the same is attached to this presentation. We wish to commend them for their faithful services.

We wish to call the attention of the people of the county to the fact that it is a violation of the law to allow saw-dust from lumber mills to get into the running streams of the county.

It has come to our attention that some of the school districts do not have enough funds to provide for their incidental expenses and we recommend that each District make provision for these expenses.

We also recommend that the legislature make an appropriation sufficient to pay a janitor to care for the court house and grounds.

We also wish to recommend that the supervisor take steps at once to improve the heating system of the Court House.

We wish to thank the court and officers for their courtesies and beg to be excused from this Term of Court.

Respectfully submitted,
C. H. Carpenter, Foreman.

DEACONS TO BE ORDIANED AT SMITH'S GROVE.

Three deacons will be ordained at Smith's Grove Baptist church next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Fant Jones will preach the ordination sermon and Rev. W. J. Sheriff will deliver the charge, and Rev. J. A. Davis will offer the prayer. The deacons of the nearby churches are cordially invited to attend the services. On Sunday morning the church roll will be called and all members are requested to be present.

You are cordially invited to attend our spring tailoring opening of distinctive fashions and exclusive woollens displayed by Kahn Tailoring Company of Indianapolis March 9th, 10th and 11th Folger, Hendricks & Co., Pickens, S. C.

Pickens County Field Day April 8th

A copy of the following letter has been mailed to the principal of every school in Pickens county.

Dear Principal:
The following is a detailed account of the County Field Day to be held at Pickens, S. C., on April 8, 1922.

PROGRAM.

FORENOON.

9:00-9:30—Grand parade. Will organize at the Pickens High School building and march thru town. Two bands secured for the occasion. Please have a banner with the name of your school thereon. Have every child in your school present if possible. See if you cannot secure several wagons and bring them in a body. Be sure and be on time.

9:30-10:00—Spelling contests for the following:
Class A schools—High schools—First seven grades.
Class B schools—4-5-6 teacher schools—All grades.
Class C schools—1-2-3 teacher schools—All grades.
These contests will be held at the Pickens High school building. A director will be at the school house to show each child his place. Have your child there on time.

10:00-11:00—Grammar contest for the following:
Class A schools—High schools—Last four grades.
Class B schools—4-5-6 teacher schools—All grades.
Class C schools—1-2-3 teacher schools will hold at this same hour a reading contest for the first four grades.

11:00-12:00—Arithmetic contest.
Class A schools—High schools—All grades.
Class B schools—4-5-6 teacher schools—All grades.
Class C schools—1-2-3 teacher schools—All grades.
Each school will be entitled to have two contestants in each one of these contests.

12:00-1:00—Dinner.
Please notify all parents thru children to bring well filled baskets. Dinner will be spread on the court house square. Music will be furnished by the band during dinner.

Afternoon.

1:00-1:30—Address by some prominent speaker.

1:30-2:00—100 yard dash and 120 low hurdle race for Class A schools—High schools.

2:00-2:30—Sack race for Boys and sack race for girls for Class B schools—4-5-6 teacher schools.

2:30-3:00—Potato race and wheelbarrow race for Class C schools—1-2-3 teacher schools.

Each first place winner shall receive a gold medal and five points for his school.

Each second place winner shall receive a red ribbon and three points for his school.

Each third place winner shall receive a white ribbon and one point for his school.

The class A school receiving the greatest number of points shall receive as a grand prize an Encyclopedia.

The class B school receiving the greatest number of points shall receive a set of Supplementary Readers.

The class C school receiving the greatest number of points shall receive a Set of Wall Maps and a Globe.

3:00-3:30—Awarding of prizes.

Let me insist that you try and have every child from your school present even though they do not enter a single contest except the grand parade. May I count on your co-operation in this undertaking? If your school will take part, will you let me know by return mail?

Any additional information will be gladly sent to you upon request.

Trusting your school will be represented 100 per cent strong, and again asking for your continued co-operation with me in our school work, I am,

Yours very truly,
F. V. Clayton,
Supt. of Education.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S PALMAFESTA QUEEN GETS \$500.00 DIAMOND

Contests for County candidates starting this week in newspapers all over the State.

PALMAFESTA AT COLUMBIA WEEK OF APRIL 17th to 22nd.

With indomitable spirit the mercantile interests of Columbia have handed old Doctor Gloom a knockout blow by subscribing \$10,000 as a guarantee fund that will assure even a better Palmafesta week than the one held so successfully in the Capital City last Spring.

Special committees of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce are now busy arranging the programme for the big week which will include the fashion show, automobile show, fire works, baby parade, beauty contest, state-wide industrial exhibits, daily band concerts by some nationally famous musical organization, and a big musical day on which John McCormick of an equally famous star will be featured. In addition there will be the usual round of dances, dinners, meetings and other social features.

By means of popular voting contests in local newspapers throughout the State to be conducted during the next five weeks Palmafesta Queen candidates will be chosen from every county in South Carolina. The county candidates will go to Columbia for the big week as guests of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce which organization will defray all expenses of the trip.

During Palmafesta week an election will be held in Columbia to determine

the most attractive and popular young woman among the delegates assembled from the various counties. The winner of this contest will be proclaimed Queen of Palmafesta, will receive the \$500 diamond ring, and will be crowned in great state at the crowning ceremonies to be held in the big auditorium at the State Fair Grounds. The Queen and her court will feature also in the big float parade. Local newspapers will send to Columbia photographs of the winning Queen candidate in each County for insertion in a beauty supplement to be circulated throughout the State during the week of April 9th to 15th.

In order to secure the most popular young woman in Pickens county as candidate for Queen of Palmafesta, there is printed below a popularity voting coupon which is to be filled out and mailed according to the instructions contained therein. Voting coupons will be printed in each issue of this newspaper up to and including the issue of April 8th, at which time the votes will be counted and announcement of the winner made. There will be no restriction upon the number of votes each person may cast. Every coupon clipped from this paper is good for one vote, and yearly paid-in-advance subscription will be counted as 500 votes.

"PALMAFESTA"
THE PICKENS SENTINEL
Gentleman:
My choice for Queen of Palmafesta is:
Name.....
Address.....
This coupon good for one vote. A Yearly, Paid-in-advance Subscription to This Newspaper counts 500 Votes.

BASKETBALL GAME AT EASLEY FRIDAY.

The girls basketball team of the Pickens High school will meet the team of the Easley school on the Easley court next Friday afternoon, March 10, at 3:30.

The Pickens girls are determined to win and want a big crowd as possible to go down to Easley Friday and help them by cheering and yelling.

BOX SUPPER AT PICKENS COURT HOUSE.

If you are interested in the welfare of the Pickens school show it by coming to the Court House Friday night March 10. A box supper will be given for the benefit of the Pickens track team. Everybody is invited. Come and enjoy the evening and at the same time help the team. All the girls are urged to come and bring well filled boxes. All the boys are urged to come and bring fat pocket books.

HONOR ROLL BETHLEHEM SCHOOL.

First Grade.—Loree Benson, Roy Coleman, Pickens Gilstrap, Bessie Herde, Clay Hicks, C. P. Simmons.

Advanced First Grade.—Nettie Morton, Mary Porter.

Second Grade.—Feltz Aiken, Alice Bates, Floride Benson, Hurie Fortner, Frank Herde, Nancy Mary Looper, Josie Roper, Beaufort Simmons, Hassie White.

Third Grade.—Ruth Bates, Gladys Coleman, Nera Henry, Ora Henry, T. M. Looper, Loyd Parsons.

Fourth Grade.—Weldon Waldrop.

Fifth Grade.—Ralph Benson, Nellie Davidson, Ernest Holden, James Looper, Gladys Roper, Broadus Simmons, Grace Waldrop.

Sixth Grade.—Thomas N. Davidson, Lillie Fortner, David Roper, Vadie Simmons.

Seventh Grade.—Johnny Aiken, Lillian Bates, Annie Hicks.

Eighth Grade.—Annie Mason.

HONOR ROLL MIDWAY SCHOOL.

First Grade.—L. T. Atkins, Esther Blair.

Second Grade.—Bruce Brown, Annie Byars, Burnice Powell.

Third Grade.—Essie Byars, Lizzie Mae Evette, Bruce Powell.

Fourth Grade.—Claudie Evette.

Fifth Grade.—Beulah Evette.

Sixth Grade.—Beulah Powell.

ABOUT TAXES

Dear Editor:
As I am a subscriber to your paper and also a tax payer of Pickens county, would you please allow me a small space in your paper for a brief letter in reply to some letters in the last issues about lower taxes.

It seems to me like some of them do not understand why taxes are so much higher than they used to be. I will admit that we have too many officers and that most of them get too large a salary. But when we look around over our county and see all of the new graded schools that have been built in the last five or six years we can see where a lot of our tax money goes. I don't suppose that ten or fifteen years ago there was a graded school in Pickens county that a country child could go to, and now, most every child in the county has the privilege of going to a graded school and best of all we have a law to make them go and if you will wait for a few years you will see some of the results, when every young man and woman in our county will have a good education. And another thing I want to call your attention to is the improvements on the roads in Pickens county. A few years ago we did not have a top soil road in the county and now we have such roads between every town.

And of course all of these improvements cannot be made without raising our taxes, and if taxes were to be lowered of course schools and road building would come to a drag.

What I say about it is let us have schools and roads and then pay for them.

Henry Pike.

MARRIAGES

Married, on Saturday, 4th inst., about 7 p. m., at the residence of the officiating officer, Mr. Luther Hughes to Miss Jessie King, both of Liberty.

J. Alonzo Brown, N. P., at the throtle.

Married, on Sunday, 5th inst., about 2 p. m., at the residence of the officiating officer, Mr. Otto Morgan to Miss Ruth Chambers, J. Alonzo Brown, N. P., at the throtle. The bridal couple are prominent young people of Central who are receiving the congratulations of their many friends.

Do you need money? If so there is no reason why you can't get it. Cross ties at Pickens are bringing 70 cents. This is a good price and within the last two weeks the wagons are hauling them in.

If your subscription to The Sentinel has expired, don't forget to renew this week if you want the paper next week.

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING MEETING.

The following farmers meetings will be held next week for the purpose of discussing the cooperative marketing association.

Some of the counties have already gone over the top quota and let me urge Pickens county to do their part in this work. We have secured some splendid speakers to present this proposition and it will pay every farmer to take the time and attend these meetings. Most of the business men and all the bankers with one exception are behind the proposition.

Mr. C. H. Carpenter the county organizer will have one speaker and I will have one and we hope to reach every one in a general way next week. Please remember the dates and attend the meeting nearest to you.

To line up Pickens county the farmers must lead us their support and influence as this work is for their interest directly.

Let me again urge you to come out to these meetings.

We will also discuss fertilizers and prices of same at these meetings.

Lang Branch Monday March 13th, 10:00 a. m.

Pleasant Hill Monday March 13th, 2:00 p. m.

Garrett's Store Tuesday March 14th, 10:00 a. m.

Gates Store Tuesday March 14th, 2:00 p. m.

Norris Wednesday March 15th, 10:00 a. m.

Tabor Wednesday March 15th, 2:00 p. m.

Six Mile Thursday March 16th, 10:00 a. m.

Palestine Thursday March 16th 2:00 p. m.

Flat Rock Friday March 17th, 2:00 p. m.

Norris Friday March 17th, 2:00 p. m.

Zion Monday March 13th, 10:00 a. m.

Dayton Monday March 13th, 2:00 p. m.

Hester's Store Tuesday March 14th, 2:00 p. m.

Maynard Wednesday March 15th, 10:00 a. m.

Dacusville Wednesday March 15th, 2:00 p. m.

Glassy Mountain Thursday March 16th, 10:00 a. m.

J. W. Hendricks Store Thursday March 16th 2:00 p. m.

Cedar Rock Friday March 17th, 10:00 a. m.

Reunion Friday March 17th, 2:00 p. m.

T. A. Bowen, Co. Agt.

RAG WEEVILS—NOT BOLL WEEVILS.

Mr. T. A. Bowen, County Agent, wishes to have the following letter published for general information as to the weevils found in the rag weeds. Do not become alarmed about this weevil but keep in mind there is yet plenty of boll weevils to be found.

Mr. T. A. Bowen, County Agent, Pickens, S. C.

Dear Mr. Bowen:

The weevil occurring on rag weed is commonly known as rag weed weevil. In the West where it was first observed commonly on account of weevil invasion, it is called horse weed weevil. Its scientific name is Lixus sylvacus. It is not related to the boll weevil and is not injurious to cultivated crops. A closely related species is the rhabarb weevil, which is not wide-spread in this territory.

So far as the boll weevil occurring in rag weed, we are absolutely safe in saying that there is nothing to it.

Yours truly,
A. F. Conradi.

CURIOSITIES OF DAILY NEWS.

Oddities and Novelties in Happenings of General Interest.

Washington, Mar. 9 (Capital News Service).—Suing his wife for divorce, a deaf mute of Chicago complains that his spouse used too much rough language in her finger talk.

In London a suit for "jactitation of marriage" has been filed by a man against a woman who annoys him by claiming to be his wife when she is not and never has been, the first legal action of this sort for more than a hundred years.

From Texas comes the tale of a physician who has discovered what is called a "truth serum," which, when administered to a suspected criminal, paralyzes his imaginative faculties so that he can tell only facts and not thoughts which are not true.

New York has an inventor who has perfected a means by which rays of light, allowed to play upon the letters on a printed page, are converted into musical sounds, pleasant to hear, so that the blind can read through their ears.

Denver, Colo., is to furnish blind persons with police whistles, which, when blown at street crossings, will cause traffic cops to halt all traffic while the sightless cross the street in safety.

A Maryland legislator has introduced a bill which will make it illegal for more than two persons to ride on the front or three on the rear seat of automobiles, with the idea that it is crowding a machine which produces accidents. Some of his conferees have asked the author of the bill if he didn't mean it for street cars.