

ON TRIAL FOR THEIR LIVES.

ALLEGED MURDERERS OF MR JULIAN WILSON ARRAIGNED—PROGRESS OF A NOTABLE TRIAL—WILL LAST THROUGH TODAY.

The special term of court to try the alleged murderers of Mr Julian Wilson, who was killed at Cooper postoffice on the night of October 13, 1905, convened here Tuesday morning. Judge Hydrick, of Spartanburg, having been appointed to preside, was promptly on hand, as were Solicitor Wilson and Stenographer Lathan, and the machinery of the court was set in motion with the least possible delay.

In charging the grand jury Judge Hydrick congratulated the county of Williamsburg on setting an example to the State, and the community where the crime was committed for its example to the rest of the county in restraining the natural incignation excited by so atrocious a murder and allowing the law to take its course. His Honor also clearly defined the difference between murder and man-slaughter and, in a general way, indicated the duties of the jurors who were to pass upon the guilt or innocence of the prisoners at the bar.

The grand jury found true bills against the three negroes charged with crime, viz: Jenkins Burrows, Arthur Williams and Robert Scott, who were arraigned and pleaded, "not guilty." The prisoners being without counsel the court appointed the following attorneys to conduct the defense: For Arthur Williams, Gilland & Gilland; for Jenkins Burrows, Kelley & Fairey; for Robert Scott, Stoll & Stoll. Messrs Lee & Askins were retained to assist the Solicitor in the prosecution.

The trial opened with the testimony of three physicians who were present at the coroner's inquest, Drs J R Brockinton, W V Brockinton and W F Haselden, who testified as to the position and the nature of the wounds, which were four in number—three being on the head and one on the neck at end of the spinal column. These wounds, three of which were described as fatal, were evidently inflicted by a heavy, blunt instrument, such as the blood-stained wagon-jack found near the scene of the killing and which, according to the State's theory, was the deadly implement employed by the murderers.

The main points of evidence against the prisoners are tracks found near the store where the murder was committed, which were traced to within a short distance of the houses of the negroes implicated. These tracks made by old, broken shoes, ber nines, which is the size worn by all three defendants, and measures taken of the tracks corresponded to the shoes of each of the negroes. Moreover, there were found in a thicket nearby, a gun, three boxes of shells and a new hat, all stolen from the store, and in a shanty occupied by Arthur Williams, a pair of pants also missing from the store. When Jenkins Burrows was arrested his "overalls" were stained with blood and in his pocket were found bloody shells like the ones stolen and hid in the thicket. On Robert Scott's hat were also found the tell-tale blood-stains.

At a hot supper in the neighborhood on the night of the murder Arthur Williams and Jenkins Burrows were present spending money freely, when it was known that during the day the two were "dead-broke."

By far the most sensational evidence yet adduced was

given by Messrs H J McFadden and Myers Hanna, who testified to a confession made to them by Arthur Williams in the jail, acknowledging his own guilt and that of the other defendants. In graphic language Mr McFadden related the story of the crime as told to him; how it was planned and carried out and all the revolting details. The actual blows, he said, were struck by Burrows with the wagon-jack furnished him by Scott. As the first blow fell he (Williams) ran out at the back door. Later on, his accomplices rejoined him and the stolen money and merchandise were divided.

In all, thirty-nine witnesses for the State have testified. Witnesses for defendants will testify today and this afternoon or tomorrow the arguments will be made.

Tuesday the court room was densely packed and many could not get in at all. Yesterday though the crowd was diminished, it was still filled to overflowing and the keenest and liveliest solicitude is manifested at every stage of the trial.

NOTICE.

All persons who hold keys to the "Money Box" will please bring them in promptly.
W. T. WILKINS.
12-7-1t.

Lines From Lambert.

LAMBERT, Dec. 5.—Harvesting time is about over in this section and the young folks have begun to gather together and enjoy some grand entertainments, one of which took place at the Muddy Creek graded school building on last Thursday night. This was the most enjoyable event that has taken place for some time in this vicinity.

Rev J E Carter preached his farewell sermon for 1905 at Johnsonville Methodist church on last Sunday. Mr Carter has been a faithful minister, and we hope that his circuit will not be changed for the year of 1906.

Mr Robert Baxley and sister of Choppee have been spending a few days with friends and relatives near here.

Mr H P Snowden of Church and Miss Lizzie E Wall of Eulonia, S. C., were happily married on last Thursday, November 30. All wish the young couple a pleasant and prosperous voyage through life.

Mrs J T Baxley and daughter, Miss Reck Tina, are spending a few days this week in Lake City.

The young folk of this locality are rapidly getting mated. This is as it should be and we all like to see the good work go on. I wonder if my time is too far ahead to be overtaken by December 25?

BAY COON.

Suttons Sittings.

Received too late for last week's issue.
SUTTONS, Nov. 18.—Mr John M Blakeley went to Georgetown last week.

Mrs H E Ogburn and Miss Ruth Hinnant visited friends in Manning last week.

Mr W C Ogburn went to Greelyville last Friday on business.

Miss Clara Blakeley visited friends at Sampit last week.

Mr W C Ogburn, Misses Annie Ogburn and Clinnie Henderson, Mrs H E Ogburn, and little Miss Dodie Hinnant went to Kingstree Monday.

Miss Florie Stubbs visited friends at Taft last week.

Little Miss Minnie Walters of Berkeley is visiting relatives at this place.

Mr S J Altman visited friends at Sampit last week. ROSEBUD.

FURIOUS FIGHTING.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST AROUND SCRANTON.

BURGLARY OF STORE—LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

SCRANTON, Dec. 5.—The store of Mr J M Parker was broken into on last Wednesday night. The thief got in by knocking a hole in the side of the chimney and raising the bar from the back door. He found but little money in the drawer, which he tore away from the counter. Mr Parker says that there were only a few "brownies" left in the drawer on that night, but there were several articles of merchandise missing. No clue to the thief has yet been found.

Miss Estelle Coward spent Thanksgiving with her parents at Cowards.

Mr W J Willoughby and family paid his brother, Mr T C Willoughby, near Florence, a pleasant visit last Thursday, which of course was Thanksgiving Day.

Mr O B Carter has purchased the beautiful lot adjoining the Methodist parsonage, on the corner of Dickson and Church streets, and he will soon erect a nice residence thereon. We all know what this new residence means and those that don't know will soon find out—eh, Mr Carter?

Dr W S Lynch and Mr R E McKnight went to Kingstree Tuesday on business.

Mr P M Lee of Conway was a visitor in town last week.

Mrs Frank Cannon returned home Sunday morning after spending a few days very pleasantly with relatives and friends at the North.

Miss Lillie Graham left last Friday night for Columbia, where she will take in the Baptist State Convention.

Mr and Mrs F W Stackley, accompanied by three children, spent last Sunday in town with Mr S O Byrd.

Miss Olive Lavender returned home one day last week after a week's visit to her sister, Mrs R M Cooper.

Dr B G Gregg of Florence and Mr Whisnant, the popular salesman for F W Wagener & Co., were in town one day last week.

Dr Covington Lee and family of Harpers passed through town Sunday morning going to visit the Doctor's parents near town.

Messrs E L Hirsh and R K Wallace of Kingstree were noted in town last Friday.

Mr John E Godwin went to Kingstree this morning on business.

Mr D P Spell leaves tonight for Charleston, where he will be placed at some point as operator for the Atlantic Coast Line railroad.

M R M.

Important Notice.

We need \$500 on subscription by January 1. Now, we do not expect a cent of this amount from those who have already paid; but there are about six or seven hundred subscribers on our books who have not paid a cent for a year or longer, and these are the ones to whom we appeal. Are you one of them? If so, either call at this office or send us a dollar on subscription.

Notice to Teachers.

All white teachers of Williamsburg county are cordially invited to meet at Kingstree, in the graded school building, on Saturday, Dec. 16th, for the purpose of formally organizing a County Teachers' Association.
P P Betha.

12-7-2t.

FIRE AT GREELYVILLE.

Two Stores Burned Belonging to Mrs. Keels.

Greelyville, Nov. 6.—Special: Our town was visited by quite a destructive fire this morning, in which Mrs Keels lost two stores, one occupied by H H Brown and the other by J T W McDowell. Mr Brown's store was discovered on fire about 9 o'clock and burned so rapidly that nothing could be done to save it or the other adjoining, which was occupied by McDowell. There was no insurance on the buildings, but I understand Mr Brown had a small policy on his stock of goods. Other nearby buildings were only saved by the heroic efforts of our bucket brigade.
B E CLARKSON.

HOMICIDE NEAR SUTTONS POSTOFFICE.

R PARIS McALISTER SLAIN BY J M SPORTS.

J M Sports, white, was brought in yesterday by Constable Moore and lodged in jail for the killing of R Paris McAlister, another white man, near Suttons postoffice, on Friday evening, December 1. The particulars of the tragedy are rather meager up to this time; but from what can be learned it seems that several men were gathered at Sports' house, McAlister a long the number, and that whiskey was at the bottom of the trouble. The row began in the yard and Sports was cut with a knife by one of the men. He then went into his house saying that he was going after his gun. When he returned with the gun only McAlister remained, the others having business elsewhere. Sports advanced within close range of McAlister and shot him in the groin, inflicting a fatal wound.

Whether or not McAlister was the man who had cut Sports, we have not been able to learn. After the shooting Sports put the injured man in a buggy and took him over to his home near by. On Sunday night shortly after 12 o'clock, McAlister died from the effect of his wound.

On Monday an inquest was held over the body of the dead man by Magistrate W P Moore and the verdict rendered that the deceased came to his death by a gun-shot wound at the hands of J M Sports.

Mr McAlister leaves a wife and five small children. The remains were interred at Suttons church on Tuesday following the homicide.

A Thanksgiving Dance.

A very pleasant dance was given on Thanksgiving evening at Mr E T Hamer's residence, near Salters Depot. The music was furnished by Messrs Alton Salters and Manson Brown on the violin, and Miss Emmie Brown on the guitar. The large crowd present found the occasion highly enjoyable and the Terpsichorean exercise was kept up until the small, wee hours. Among the participants were the following from Kingstree: Miss Bessie and Alma Kelly, Emma Wilson, Kate Saunders, Lillie Cunningham, Massey Estes, Mamie Jacobs; Messrs P H Stoll, H T McIlary, Tom McCutchen, R K Wallace, A C Swails, Burrie Epps and F W Fairey.

Hot Supper at Benson.

The Ladies' School Aid Society of Cedar Swamp will again serve a hot supper on Wednesday the 13th inst at the home of Mr J G McCullough. Besides the supper, there will be other features of novelty and interest. The proceeds of all are wanted for the new school building.

Thank you, Mr Wolfe, for your kindness in giving us space. Thank you, all those who came before. Won't you come again?
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CHILD FATALLY BURNED.

Shocking Accident Near Central Church Yesterday.

As we go to press we learn that on yesterday, (Wednesday) about 11 o'clock Mollie McCrea, the seven-year old daughter of Mr Tom McCrea, who lives eleven miles east of town near Central church, was burned to death. The child was standing near the fire when her dress caught. She lingered until 12 o'clock Wednesday night and succumbed to her injuries. The funeral services will be held today at Cedar Grove church.

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