

FIVE YEARS FOR BLACK.

CONVICTED GRAFTER SENTENCED TO PENITENTIARY.

Motion for New Trial Refused and Case Appealed to Supreme Court—Black Released on \$10,000 Bond.

Chester, Nov. 11.—"Five years in the penitentiary, without labor," was the sentence passed on John Black by Judge Moore this morning. The Judge overruled a motion for a new trial. Notice of appeal to Supreme Court was made immediately by defendant's counsel and pending this appeal Black was released on \$10,000 bond.

TAFT IN CHARLESTON.

President Makes Brief Stop En Route to Panama Canal.

Charleston, Nov. 10.—President William Howard Taft did not have to "see Charleston first," having visited this city several times already, so that, while a short time was spent by him and his party in sight-seeing, the greater part of his short stay of three hours in the city this morning was taken up with speech-making and preparations for his departure.

The President and his party arrived in the city this morning at about 7 o'clock in a special over the Coast Line. They were met at the station by Mayor R. Goodwin Rhett, and driven to Mayor Rhett's residence, where breakfast was served the party. Immediately after the conclusion of the meal, President Taft was driven to Marion Square, where he made a short address.

Of course, presidents are not in town every day, so that the usual crowd was present to view Mr. Taft's expansion smile, and incidentally hear what he had to say. The school children were especially in prominence, sections of the square being assigned to each of the schools, and the President's remarks were directed chiefly to the children. He told them how glad he was to see so many bright faces present to greet him, and gave them some good advice as to how to grow up to be good American citizens, telling them to "work hard while they worked, and play hard while they played." He referred to the numerous flags waved by the children, and stated his pleasure at seeing such a display of patriotism. He spoke only for about five minutes. At the conclusion of his speech Mr. Taft was presented with numerous bouquets of lovely flowers.

Mr. Taft was carried from Marion Square to President street, where he addressed the students of the colored Industrial school.

Both of Mr. Taft's short speeches were in a happy vein, and if he still felt any discontentment over the election returns, his jovial countenance did not show it.

At 10 o'clock the President's party was transferred to the battleship Tennessee, which with her sister ship, the Montana, steamed out of the harbor at 10:30 on their way to Panama.

PROTEST BY BICYCLISTS.

Bicyclists Protest Against Action of City Council in Forbidding Them on Broad Street Sidewalks.

Editor Daily Item:

As a bicycle rider we desire to enter a protest against the action of City Council in prohibiting bicycle riders from traveling on the northern pavement of Broad Street, as they have been doing for many months. The street is narrow and much traveled by automobiles and other vehicles, practically forcing the bicycles into the gutters. In wet weather the street is unfit for use and it is a great hardship on those of us who live too far out to walk to and from business.

Only yesterday a lady riding a bicycle on Broad street was so crowded out of the road by automobiles and wagons that she was compelled to get off and push her wheel. There has been no demand, so far as we can learn, for putting the bicycles into the street and there is absolutely no good reason for it. We want relief for

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ONE GRAFTER CONVICTED.

BLACK GUILTY—JODIE M. RAWLINSON AND H. LEE SOLOMONS NOT GUILTY.

Attorney General Lyon Warmly Congratulated on Result—Usual Motion for New Trial Will be Heard This Morning—Able Arguments Made by Lawyers in Case.

Chester, Nov. 11.—"Not guilty as to Jodie M. Rawlinson and H. Lee Solomons; guilty as to John Black on second count; not guilty on first count," was the verdict of the jury in the case of Rawlinson-Black-Solomons, charged with conspiracy, at 9:30 o'clock tonight.

Immediately on announcement of verdict, counsel for John Black asked court to note on minutes a motion for a new trial, which motion will be heard by Judge Moore on the convening of court tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The case went to the jury at 6:10 o'clock and the verdict was returned at 9:30 o'clock—3 hours 20 minutes of deliberation.

The verdict was received with much interest.

Black's counsel immediately, on the announcement of the verdict, gave notice of a motion for a new trial and this will be heard when court convenes tomorrow morning. In the meantime Black is out on bond and is spending the night at the hotel.

The attorney general, Mr. Lyon, is receiving the congratulations of friends on the outcome. When seen tonight and asked for a statement he said that he had nothing to give out now. There is much speculation on the next step in this case. People on the street and especially in the lobby of the hotel are discussing the probable result.

The result of the verdict is a triumph for the attorney general. A great many expected to see a mistrial at best while others, from the evidence presented at the trial of this case, were of the opinion that Black would be convicted.

What the sentence will be will depend on the court, as the matter is left to it.

Last Day of Graft Trial.

Chester, S. C., November 11.—The evidence is in; the arguments have been made and the case of the alleged dispensary grafters is in the hands of a jury of Chester county men.

Up to today there has been much dependence placed upon the rumors that the issue would be not guilty or a mistrial. But after the powerful and in fact, convincing, argument of W. F. Stevenson this afternoon, a great many have been hard to say that they believe that the jury will not dare to acquit. Mr. Stevenson left for the North at 6 o'clock this evening and he declared his firm belief that at least one of the defendants would be convicted.

Never has a case been fought on such lines. Every wile known to the legal profession, every kind of special pleading and specious argument has been made in behalf of these defendants. There are on all sides evidence of a regular political campaign during the months, preceding and the attorney general, the commission to wind up the affairs of the dispensary and the witnesses for the State have all been pilloried, ridiculed and abused in advance of this trial.

The settling of the issues in the court room has been an uphill fight, and if the verdict be for the defendant there will be no surprise. The most powerful man on the jury is variously reported to have said only a few days ago that he would not convict any of the defendants, and the local attorneys for the prosecution have by some persons been criticised for allowing the attorney general to permit certain men to go upon the jury.

But the array of evidence produced by Mr. Lyon and Mr. Stevenson, the wonderful argument of Mr. Abney on the law of conspiracy and the powerful address before the jury by Mr. Stevenson should be sufficient to create a reaction in favor of the prosecution. The attorney general's argument before the jury was the best effort of that kind that he has made, no oratory, but a convincing presentation of facts, but it was not such a rivet-clinching speech as that of Mr. Stevenson. The local attorney, Jos. G. McLure, representing Solicitor Henry, in a quiet and unimpassioned manner, made an argument to the jury this morning which carried great weight. He did not denounce the alleged grafters as thieves and scoundrels, but he showed by homely illustrations how the facts proved the existence and operations of the plunder-bund.

The attorneys for the defense indulged in earnest appeals to the jurors and from their viewpoint, with no evidence submitted by their side on which to argue, the lawyers made effective speeches. As samples of oratory these addresses were complimented. The speakers on the respective sides in the order in which they appeared were: For the defense, P. H. Nelson opened Thursday with a

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Having demonstrated to ourselves the merit of this advertising contest [both to the prize winners who secure a piano at a tremendous saving, and to ourselves in the vast number of names we secure of people who do not own a piano and the extensive publicity and widespread interest aroused], we have secured for the fall campaign the biggest-best contest of all. Start today and send your list in early.

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FIRST PRIZE—A fine new \$365 Piano.

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Each of the contestants sending in the next five highest lists will be given a credit check for \$90. Following these in groups of five or more, each of the contestants sending in the next highest lists will be given a credit check for \$1 less than those previous (first five at \$90; 2nd five at \$89, etc.) until the entire amount is awarded.

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These credit checks are good on the purchase of any new Hallet & Davis, Conway or any piano or player-piano in our warerooms at regular retail price. Time of credit check is limited. Credit checks cannot be applied to any purchase made previous to November 26 1910. Only one credit check may be applied on the purchase of one piano.

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The words — Hallet and Davis Pianos—must be written plainly. The person sending in the highest list in accordance with these conditions will be awarded first prize; the second best list the second prize, etc.

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brief and effective statement of the case in five minutes; John M. Wise of the Chester bar today spoke 45 minutes; M. R. Howell of Walterboro, R. H. Welch of Columbia and A. L. Gaston of Chester were the other speakers. For the prosecution B. L. Abney, in an hour and 55 minutes, expounded the law in such an address as the court house of Chester has not heard in many a year; he was followed by Jos. C. McLure, J. Fraser Lyon and W. F. Stevenson closed in an hour and 15 minutes' address. The defendants' attorneys who did not speak were: F. H. Weston, W. T. Aycock, W. S. Nelson, T. Team Gettys.

Mr. Abney started in Thursday afternoon to speak about 20 minutes, confining his remarks entirely to the law. He had carefully prepared 19 requests to charge and by the time he had concluded he had spoken nearly two hours. This morning the defense opened the reply with John M. Wise addressing the court. Mr. Wise made a clear and earnest address in which he commented upon the fact that this case ought not be brought to Chester county and put the taxpayers of the county to the expense of bearing a trial which belonged to Richland. He grew exceedingly wroth at the idea of a "red-handed Yankee" like John Early coming down here and testifying against some of our prominent citizens. That attack on John Early gave the prosecution a cue on which to hand a powerful argument, namely, that in liquor drinking and money borrowing times John was a fine fellow, all right, and it came with bad grace from the attorneys of Early's beneficiaries to call him names now.

Following the homely style and manner of his partner, Solicitor Henry, now ill at home, Mr. McLure proceeded to take the jury into his confidence. He explained that this whole matter was new to him and his only knowledge of the case was the testimony as it developed from day to day, and it had convinced him that the charges in the indictment were true. He urged the jury not to get excited over the word conspiracy.

The matter is very simple. There may be a conspiracy to rob an apple orchard as well as to rob a State or to end a kingdom.

Mr. Howell of Colleton then made what was regarded by many as the principal speech for the defense. He attacked the methods of the prosecution in granting immunity to some and pushing so vigorously the cases of others. He also flayed the witnesses for the prosecution. In reply Attorney General Lyon said he would not be sidetracked by such an address, but he stated that there was no foundation in fact for the innuendoes against himself. Mr. Lyon made a powerful presentation of some of the facts in the case, especially the manner in which the complaint as to the price of Buweiser beer was handled by the dispensary board. He defended with warmth the testimony of Col. Dudley, a man tottering on the brink of the grave, who would not lie about the matter now and who under fear and stress and the advice of his attorney had lied to the dispensary commission two years ago. Mr. Lyon in reply to the statement about granting immunity stated that in trying the Republican grafters for their frauds in radical times the attorney general under Gov. Hampton, Gen. James Conner, granted immunity to two conspirators in order to catch the third, and that this had been done on other occasions. As to why the case had not been tried in Richland, he cited the manner in which the case had been handled by a Richland county jury. The venue of this case was in Chester as well as in Richland. Mr. Lyon said that the work of the last four years had been a burden and a very distasteful duty, and he was glad that he was now able to place this burden upon the heart of the jurors.

In a remarkable piece of word painting, R. H. Welch made a horrible caricature of Joe B. Wylie. He called the State's witness a Judas, said he had of deliberate purpose sunk to a level of a common thief and had the greed of a monster with the lack of morals of a fatherless and motherless moral wulf. He spoke

powerfully of the manner in which Wylie had "betrayed his friends." Mr. Welch's address no doubt made a strong impression on the jurors, but after the dinner intermission W. F. Stevenson took up the debate for the prosecution.

Inch by inch Mr. Stevenson fought over the testimony. He was particularly savage in denouncing Black's banking methods. He declared that Mr. Welch had admitted the whole case when he had said that Wylie had betrayed his associates—in crime! Mr. Stevenson ridiculed the idea that Black could have made \$15,000 in one summer on the live stock business, for live stock is not paid for until the fall of the year and yet Black had a check for \$5,000 for "live stock" sold to M. A. Goodman in August. And this was the Goodman to whom Black had paid or claimed to have paid the \$2,500 he grafted from John Early in March. Mr. Stevenson mingled humor with satire and execration of persons with denunciation of particular crime and his logic swayed the jury. He appealed for the conviction of all three of the accused.

The last speech in the case was made by Arthur L. Gaston of Chester. Like some of his predecessors, it would have been difficult to have told who was on trial, the attorney general of the State and the dispensary commission or men accused of graft, whom he was defending. He spoke of Dr. W. J. Murray of that commission as a hypocrite in the garb of a saint, who had come before the jury lying and a party to this diabolical scheme hatched up against his clients. He denounced Dudley and Roy and Early an spoke of Samuels as a white-livered coward. It was also quite evident that he did not like his fellow townsman, Joe B. Wylie, whom he denounced severely.

Judge Moore charged the jury for an hour and a half, discussing the 19 requests made by Mr. Abney. The judge was impartial but under his charge it would be difficult indeed to render a verdict of not guilty.

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There is still a great deal of cotton in the fields and farmers are having difficulty in obtaining cotton pickers. There are farm laborers enough in the county to pick the cotton and perform all other work, but they cannot be induced to work regularly.

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