

MURDER CASE COMMENCED.

CHARLEY MACK AND SUSAN BROWN UP FOR KILLING OF ROBERT BROWN.

Verdict in T. O. Sanders Case Set Aside and New Trial Granted—Cases Tried Thursday Afternoon—Judge Ordered Verdict of Not Guilty.

The proceedings in the court of general sessions continued Thursday and Friday with a more than usual degree of rapidity. Friday morning the case of the State against Charley Mack and Susan Brown was taken up and bid fair to take up most of the day. When court recessed for dinner the defense had several more witnesses to put up and the arguments had still to be heard before the case would go to the jury. Two cases were tried Thursday afternoon, in one of which Judge Gary ordered a verdict of "not guilty," the first verdict of "not guilty" to be returned at this term of court.

Friday morning the case of the State against Charley Mack and Susan Brown was entered into. Mack and the Brown woman were accused of shooting to death Robert Brown, Susan Brown's husband, at their home in Grier street several months ago.

The witnesses put up by the State were Dave Dodson, a brother of the dead man, who testified to the fact of the gun being in Mack's possession at the time of the shooting, Officers H. G. McKaken, A. D. Owens, John Epperson who had been to the house shortly after the killing and who had later arrested Mack. These told of the finding of the body outside of the door, several feet away from the place at which the two defendants had alleged he was shot. Dr. H. A. Mood testified to the fact that the wound had been inflicted by a shot gun and that death was almost instantaneous.

The line of defense put up was as to the friendly feeling always existing between the two families previous to the shooting and especially between Robert Brown, the dead man, and Charles Mack, and their constant visits to each other. Mahaley Mack, the mother of Charles Mack, testified to the fact that he was still a boy, disclaiming his being a man. She created some merriment in court when she stated in answer to the Solicitor's question, "He ain't no man, he ain't nuttin' but a minder." He was fifteen years old, she stated.

Several witnesses were also put up to testify to the good character of the defendant, Charles Mack.

John Ballard was tried for assault and battery with intent to kill and carrying concealed weapons. He was

found "not guilty" on the first count and "guilty" on the second. He was sentenced to serve thirty days on the chain gang and forfeit the pistol to the county, or pay a fine of \$30. He paid the fine.

John Butler was tried for larceny of live stock and was acquitted on the order of the judge to the jury to render a verdict of not guilty. He was discharged.

A hearing of the case against T. O. Sanders, found guilty of disposing of property under lien, was given and upon the showing that the defendant had never been arrested and was not under bond to appear for trial, and was therefore not under the jurisdiction of the court, the verdict of the jury was set aside and a new trial was set for the next term of court. Sanders was arrested and placed under bond to appear for trial at that time.

WRECK DAMAGE REPAIRED.

Wrecking Crew at Work on Track Thursday Afternoon and Night.

The damage done at Camden Junction to the Atlantic Coast Line track by the wreck there Thursday morning had been practically repaired at 9 o'clock Friday morning and the morning train from Columbia was allowed to pass there about that time on its way to Sumter and Florence.

The wrecking train with a crew of workmen on board passed through Sumter about 2 o'clock Thursday from Florence on its way to the scene of the wreck and the men were kept at work all afternoon and most of the night making the needed repairs on the 230 feet of track which had been torn up. In passing Friday morning the big A. C. L. engine which had been derailed Thursday in the wreck scraped off or bent a number of cinder deflectors on the passenger train before the damage was noted and the train stopped so that the projecting part of the engine could be removed and no further damage done.

It seems that the brakes on the freight train refused to work properly and the A. C. L. train ran right through the Southern train. The engine and four cars were derailed.

Depot at Lamar.

Lumber is being hauled on the new depot site of S. C. W. Railway Company for the erection of their depot which will be built in the vacant grove known as the park. A better place could not have been located as it is in the heart of the town and just a few steps to Main street. The place is being cleared and cleaned up and work will begin at once on the depot. The grading is being pushed every day and within a few weeks it will have been completed.—Lamar Correspondence Hartsville Messenger.

VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY.

SUSAN BROWN AND CHARLES MACK RELEASED FROM MURDER CHARGE.

Case Against T. L. Northcutt for Obtaining Goods under False Pretenses Commenced Saturday Morning.

A verdict of "not guilty" was returned Friday night in the case of the State against Charles Mack and Susan Brown, accused of the murder of Robert Brown at his home on Grier Street several months ago. The verdict came as a surprise to many of those who had heard of the case and who listened to the evidence introduced at the trial.

It is probable that this verdict was arrived at because of the previous good relations shown to have been existing between the dead man and the man accused of killing him, Messrs. F. A. McLeod and A. S. Merrimon, two young attorneys of the Sumter bar who had been appointed by the court to defend Mack and the Brown woman, put up an able defense on behalf of the accused and it is probably due partly to their work that their clients were cleared.

The case took up all of Friday, the verdict being returned after court adjourned in the afternoon. The morning was taken up in the hearing of evidence and most of the afternoon in the arguments and charge of the judge. Able pleas for conviction by the Solicitor and for acquittal by the lawyers for the defense were put up. The jury remained out only a short time before returning its verdict.

Saturday morning the case of the State vs. T. L. Northcutt for obtaining goods by false pretense was commenced and bid fair to take up most of the day. Northcutt was accused of giving a mortgage on a mule in the purchase of another mule, when he already had a previous mortgage on the first mule of which he did not inform the second mortgagor. Mr. A. D. Harby of the Booth-Harby Live Stock Company was the prosecuting witness.

During the morning all witnesses on both sides of the case were heard and the arguments were completed before court recessed for dinner.

SENDS BULLET INTO HIS HEAD.

Edward Strout, Young Woodruff Farmer Commits Suicide.

Spartanburg, Feb. 13.—Leaving the breakfast table this morning, after complaining of his ill health, Edward Strout, a well to do farmer, whose place adjoins the corporate boundary of Woodruff, walked into the front yard and put a pistol bullet into his temple. He died immediately. He leaves a wife and one child. He is also survived by his parents and several brothers and sisters living at Enoree.

PEEPLER TO RUN FOR GOVERNOR.

Will Make Race in 1914, Attorney General Announces.

Columbia, Feb. 14.—Attorney General Thomas H. Peeples announced positively tonight that he would be in the race for Governor in 1914. Governor Blease has already announced his candidacy for the United States Senate that year, for the seat now held by Senator E. D. Smith, and it is expected that announcements of other candidates for Governor will be made shortly.

Electrocution or Inoculation?

Kingstree County Record. Representative Welch, of Richland county, has introduced a bill in the Legislature to allow criminals convicted of capital crimes the choice between electrocution or inoculation with the deadly germs of pellagra. It is hardly probable that such a bill will be seriously considered by the General Assembly.

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Supreme Court Denies Motion to Modify Its Judgment.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 13.—The Standard Oil Company of Indiana must quit business in this State. It must dispose of its great refinery near Kansas City and all concerns in this State.

This is the effect of an order issued by the Supreme Court today, when it denied the motion of the company for the modification of the judgment against it to permit it to continue business in this State on compliance with the laws in the future. The order was made by a per curiam opinion of the Supreme Court, made by five judges. Chief Justice Lamm and Judge Woodson dissented.

The majority opinion holds that the court has no power now, since the term at which the opinion was rendered has expired, to modify its decree. The dissenting opinion holds that the action of the majority leaves the Waters-Pierce Company in full control of the oil business.

The opinion says: "The court as a whole is of the opinion that we have no right to amend our judgment and decree after the term has elapsed. But even if it be conceded that we can grant the relief asked by controlling our process, yet a majority of us are not impressed with the propriety of doing so."

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