

SEVERAL MURDER CASES.

List of Serious Offenses Which Will Come up for Trial at the Approaching Term of Court.

There are quite a number of cases of a more or less serious nature which will come up for trial at the approaching term of criminal court, which opens Monday morning with Judge Sease of Spartanburg presiding. Among the more serious cases which will come up for trial are the following:

- J. B. Caughman charged with the murder of Rural Policeman A. M. Bateman.
- Jake Black, colored, forgery.
- William Jones, colored, house-breaking.
- Abram Potee, non-support of wife and children.
- Rosa Dozier, assault and battery with intent to kill.
- Martha Sumter, assault and battery with intent to kill.
- Ed Harrall, burglary and larceny.
- Betsy Williams, assault and battery with intent to kill.
- John Davis, larceny of bicycle.
- Alex Martin, assault and battery with intent to kill.
- Alice Rollinson charged with the murder of her husband.
- The above are the cases against these persons confined in jail and will probably be called first.
- Cases against those out on bond which are also up for trial are:
- Garfield Richardson, larceny of bicycle.
- John Mack, obtaining goods under false pretenses.
- Will Howell, housebreaking and larceny.
- "Mama" Williams, murder, and Cephas Toney, murder, cases which have been brought over from the last term of court may also be tried.
- Besides these cases, it is possible that three rural policemen, the deputy sheriff and a constable will be tried for murder. These men have been acquitted by the coroner's juries, but wish to be tried in order to avoid having the possibilities of the cases being brought against them at any time in the future. The rural policemen are Alex Norris, W. E. McBride and Julian H. Seale. John D. Epperson is the deputy sheriff and H. B. Boykin is the constable.
- The circumstances under which the charges against these men occurred are for the most part similar. W. E. McBride shot and killed a negro, whom he was attempting to arrest, when the negro took up an iron rod and attempted to strike him. The

jury exonerated him, returning a verdict of homicide in self-defense.

Julian H. Seale shot and killed a negro near Borden, when the negro, whom he had arrested made an attack upon him with a knife in his efforts to get away. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of self-defense.

The case against the other three men is the same. They went to arrest a negro, who attempted to escape by running. All three fired at him, one bullet taking effect and inflicting wound which caused the negro's death. The coroner's jury returned a verdict that the man was shot while the officers were in the discharge of their duty. They were all released on their own recognizance.

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STATUS OF CASE UNCHANGED.

Congress May be Asked to Authorize Inquiry into Grace's Charges.

Washington, Oct. 2.—The status of the Grace-Whaley affair is as follows: When the petition charging Congressman Whaley with corruption of the electorate and perjury, and asking an investigation of his right to his seat was referred by Speaker Clark to Elections Committee No. 1. That committee at its first meeting told Mayor Grace that it would have to have something more specific than the mere allegations contained in his petition before deciding whether or not to recommend an investigation. At the next meeting of the committee the Mayor appeared with H. Leon Larlsey, of Charleston, to back up his charges. But the committee was still of the opinion that the evidence was insufficient to form a basis of procedure and gave the mayor until yesterday to produce more testimony. Yesterday Mayor Grace appeared with several additional witnesses and filed a number of affidavits.

The committee heard the witnesses but did not take time to examine the affidavits closely and deferred further action until December 1. It is believed that in December the committee will ask congress to authorize it to make an investigation on the ground that enough material has been furnished to warrant the expense of an inquiry. The committee was not very much impressed with some of the testimony given yesterday but the assumption that on this account it will decide not to proceed further would not be justified from the answer made by Chairman Post to the questions asked him by The News and Courier correspondent, who understood from Mr. Post that the prevailing sentiment of the committee favored an investigation of the Grace charges at the regular session.

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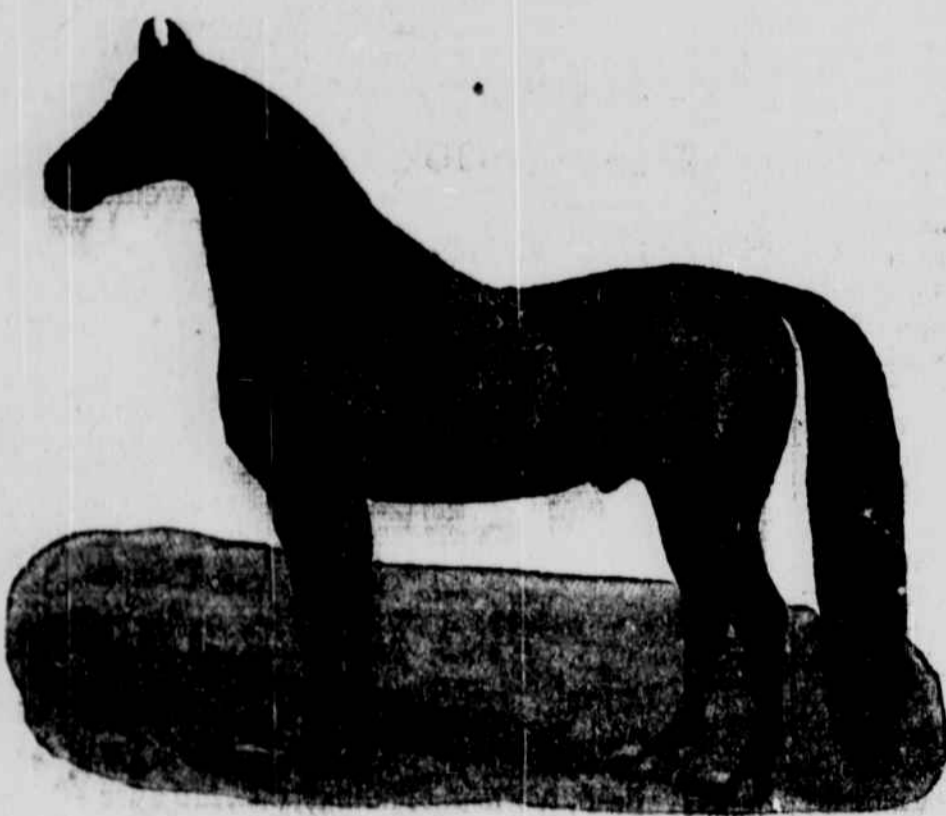
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