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CLARK GETS LIFE SENTENCE

PRISONER MAKES STATEMENT
CEIVING SENTENCE

ADMITS KILLING THE BRAKEMEN

Claims The Shooting Was in Defense of Self
and Partner. Other Prisoners Sen-
tenced For Minor Offenses.

The District Court on yesterday, Judge Powers, presiding, pronounced judgment upon the two colored men, Henry Clark and Chesley Hubbard, as well as George Smith. The charge against Henry Clark was murder in the first degree, for killing the two brakemen, Warner and Brechtel, on the night of the 19th of June, between Vail and West Side. Before pronouncing sentence, the Court had witnesses examined concerning the facts surrounding the transaction of the killing and also permitted Clark to make a statement for himself as to the situation, as he viewed it, when he shot the brakemen. The conductor of the train stated, that the first intimation he had of anything unusual having occurred, was after the train reached West Side, when he discovered that Mr. Warner, one of the brakemen was dead and the other brakeman, Mr. Brechtel, was at the point of death. A detective of the Northwestern Railroad from Omaha, testified, that Clark told him in the jail at Carroll, after his arrest, that he had done the shooting, from a position which he occupied on a box car, immediately in front of a flat car on which the brakemen were standing, at the time he did the shooting. The defendant himself, made to the court the following statement: "On the night of the shooting why these two brakemen came to my partner, and when they came up they were talking to him, and begin to cuss him, and then they got him right in between them, and he went to put his hand in his pocket like he was going to hand him some money, and one of them says: 'No, you black son-of-a-b---, we don't want that. If we

don't throw you off this train when she gets to running fast I will be a son-of-a-b---." At that time one of them stepped back and says, take my knife, and when as he said that, one kind of reached at him, and I begin to shoot. It is a certain fact if they threw him off, and I being the only colored man on, they are going to and do the same way."

Q. Where did you shoot?
A. Where was the shooting?
Q. No. What did you shoot at?
A. Well, I begin to shoot at them, Judge.

Q. At the brakeman?
A. Yes, right at them.
Q. Did you see them?
A. Yes, I saw them.
Q. Did you see this man fall when you shot him?

A. No sir, I didn't see him fall because the pistol was smoking, and after the shooting I just got right on down and my partner says, "Where is the pistol?" And I says, "Here it is," and he says, "Let me take it," and I handed it to him, and I dropped right off on the ground and fell and skinned myself all up. I didn't wait to see whether I hit one or not.

Q. That is all, unless you have something further you want to say?
A. That's all, Judge.

Whereupon the court informed him that there was no question in the mind of the court but what it was murder in the first degree, and told him that he was about to pronounce sentence upon his plea of guilty, and asked him if he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced at this time. Mr. Clark then said:

"Well, Judge, I don't know of anything to say why judgment would not be pronounced on me, but all, I beg, I beg the court to be, and have, mercy on me as far as the law will allow. Of course I am a colored man, and my desire is good, Judge. Everybody does wrong sometimes, and of course some goes further wrong than others, and I beg of you to be as merciful on me as the law allows."

The Court: Under the law of this State murder in the first degree may be punished by sentence of death.

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DEATH OF ROSS NICHOLSON

Former Crawford County Man Passes Away at
His Home in Newton Iowa.

Newton Daily News: Ross A. Nicholson was born June 24, 1861, in Barnesville, Belmont county, Ohio. His parents were John L. and Eleanor Young Nicholson, both good old quaker stock.

He died at his residence in Newton, Iowa, September 16, 1909, of apoplexy. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lena Nicholson, one daughter, Mrs. Leigh A. Hough, and four brothers.

In 1864 his parents came to New Sharon, Iowa, where they spent the winter and in the spring went to a farm near Okaloosa where they lived for two years then came back to New Sharon where the father and mother remained the rest of their lives.

The father died of heart failure in 1899 while visiting his son, C. L. in Denison, Iowa. In 1902 the mother died of paralysis in New Sharon. He was the sixth child in a family of nine, seven boys and two girls. Amanda, the oldest, died when she was eighteen, M. W. lives in New Sharon. George W. in Denison, J. W. died in 1904. C. L. lives in Blair, Nebraska, B. Y. lives in Denison, Mary died when she was about one year old and Ollie E. died in 1900.

Mr. Nicholson's boyhood and early manhood days were spent in New Sharon. In 1873, when he was about twelve years old, he went into the New Sharon Star office as "devil" and learned the printer's trade and he learned it right. Those were the days when a man had to learn how to do things in this line with neatness and to the best possible advantage to the office. He had to be an all around printer, which in those days in a country newspaper office, meant that he had to be compositor, pressman, advertising and job work solicitor, subscription getter, reporter and editorial writer.

Until 1885, with the exception of a few months when he went with Harvey Lupton to Lenox, Iowa, and started a paper, his time was all spent in the Star office.

On February 17, 1884, he was married in Okaloosa to Leila Champion,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Champion, of New Sharon.

In 1885 he and his wife went to Vail, Iowa, and he purchased the Vail Observer. He changed the name to the Crawford County Observer and from a small paper without so very much business he doubled the circulation, acquired a flourishing business and made it one of the influential papers in Crawford county.

In 1893 he sold out to his brother, Ollie E. Nicholson, and E. M. Ainsworth, went to Tekamah, Nebraska, and went into the butter, egg and poultry business with his brother, C. L. Nicholson. After five or six months he moved to Wakefield, Neb., and went into the same business alone. A year later he returned to Vail and ran the Observer for two years.

In 1896 he had an opportunity to purchase the New Sharon Star which he did buying from David Vail, a brother of H. J. Vail under whom he had learned the business.

In 1897 he was appointed postmaster of New Sharon. He not only made a first class postmaster, but he also made the New Sharon Star a good profitable paper and one whose influence was felt in the home circle and in a political way.

In December 1902 he resigned as postmaster, sold the Star to H. J. Vail, who now runs it and is also the postmaster. He then came to Newton and purchased the Courier, taking possession at once and the following March his family came and went into the home they now occupy on North Olive street.

March 1, 1904, he purchased a half interest in the Newton Daily News but his land interests have been growing and he has been actively engaged in that business a major portion of the time ever since. His business has taken him away from home most of the time.

All during his life he has been an energetic hustling business man. He thought the world of his home, his wife and daughter and was an indulgent, kind husband and father and his loss at this time cannot be expressed.

Last fall was the first serious trouble he had and last June his life was despaired of so that his death, which came suddenly and was a great shock to everyone, was not entirely unex-

pected by his family and broters, but it is almost beyond comprehension that he is gone from us forever.

He himself must have had some strong premonition as to his condition, for his affairs are left in a very methodical shape so that they can be easily gotten at. Only last week he made his final report in the guardianship of his niece, Myrtle Nicholson, and sent the report to his brothers.

During his life Mr. Nicholson has known responsibility. He was the one who was always sent for in time of trouble and the one whose advice was sought by the members of the family on both sides of the house. With all of these cares and responsibilities he found time for acts of kindness, which done in an unostentatious way, were known very often only to those whom he helped and the members of his family. His thought was that he would not do enough for those in whom he was interested.

The last sad funeral rites were held Saturday. There was a short service at the home at seven o'clock in the morning. The burial service of the Episcopal church was conducted by Rev. George Chambers.

Governor Johnson Dead

The nation sustain a distinct loss in the death of Governor Johnson of Minnesota, who died at an early hour on Tuesday morning, after he had been in a precarious condition for several days. He was a great and good man. His death will be mourned by people throughout the whole country. His reputation was in the political, rather than in the business world. His conduct was such as to attract people toward him. The people believed that he was an honest and clean-handed man and stood for upright principles. He had become so prominent a leader in the Democratic party, as to attract attention toward him, as a suitable candidate for the presidency. It is evident, if he had lived, that he had a great career before him. The country suffers in the death of great characters, like Governor Johnson.

Mrs. Arthur Green and Mrs. Holdman left last Friday for Okoboji, where they will visit at the Green cottage for a week or two.

REVIVAL MEETINGS BEGIN THURSDAY

DR. OSTROM THE LONG EXPECTED REVIVAL
LIST OPENS MEETINGS TO-MORROW

GREAT THINGS ARE EXPECTED

The Music to be a Most Pleasing Feature of
Meetings. Sunday Afternoons For
Men at the Opera House.

Dr. Henry Ostrom, the evangelist, who will conduct the big union evangelistic campaign in this city beginning Sept. 23 just returned to his home in Greencastle, Ind., after taking part in a very significant meeting in Philadelphia, known as the Lemon Hill summer campaign. God's spirit was manifested in these meetings. At Pittsburg Dr. Ostrom stopped a day to meet ministers and prominent laymen from various cities in the Ohio valley where he will work for several months this winter. A wealthy business man of Baltimore happened to be present at this meeting and he spoke with great fervor of Dr. Ostrom's work in his city at which time 75 churches of different denominations in Baltimore united in a great campaign.

The "Morning News" of Wilmington, Delaware, say of Dr. Ostrom's meetings: "A deep and serious work is being done. There is the absence of anything of a merely effervescent nature. The work is thorough and the feeling profound. It is not uncommon among evangelists for the emotional to be emphasized and to predominate. There is no attempt at anything of this sort by Mr. Ostrom. While he is earnest and tender and frequently moves his audience to tears, it never occurs to anyone to think that this is what he is trying to do. He expressed the idea which seems to have when in speaking of power he said, 'It is not something to make you shout or cry that you need, but power to make you live right.'"

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