

# TWELVE TALES MEN ALREADY SECURED

(Continued From First Page.)

T. D. Shupe, farmer, T. K. Phillip, farmer, R. L. Dudley, farmer, Frank P. Chaffin, farmer, Claude S. Allen, lumber dealer.

Having in mind the development of all the facts in the case through the trial of Floyd Allen, the Commonwealth elected, at the opening of court today to try him first on indictment No. 2, which charges Floyd Allen, Sidney Allen, Claude S. Allen, Wesley Edwards, Friel Allen, Sidney Edwards, Ictor M. Allen and Bird Marion with the wilful murder of William M. Foster, and with conspiring also to murder Lewis E. Naylor and Dexter Goad. It seems improbable that Floyd Allen actually shot Judge Naylor, so it was deemed best to select this indictment.

The prisoner sat behind his counsel all day. He was conveyed between the courthouse and jail in an automobile. On the return to the prison after adjournment this evening Mrs. Alberta Edwards Mundy, sister of Floyd Allen, was taken in the machine to the jail, where she visited her son, Sidney Edwards, for a few minutes. Never before had either the brother or sister been in an automobile.

None of the other prisoners left the jail today. Detectives guard the jail and courthouse constantly. All the male members of the Allen connection, including Jack Allen, were searched for deadly weapons when they entered the courthouse today. None was found. Jack was in the courtroom and conversed once with his brother, Floyd, but was closely watched.

Dexter Goad, the wounded clerk of Carroll county, sat behind counsel for the prosecution, conferring with the attorneys.

**Courtroom Packed.**  
The courtroom was packed at all times, and scores of witnesses and the curious stood and sat in the spacious hall. No persons save attorneys, court officers and newspaper men were permitted within the bar.

Some time was spent during the morning session in discussing the presence of witnesses. The Commonwealth was ready for trial, but it was found, after repeated roll calls and argument, that four witnesses for the defense regarded as material, were absent. It was asked that they be sent for. The lawyers indulged in much cross-fire over the situation, until Judge Staples served notice that he would have no more of it. He referred with the defense lawyers to his private office, where he heard statements as to what was expected to be proved by the absentees.

Returning, he directed that the trial proceed, evidently ruling that the evidence of these witnesses could be brought out by others. They will, however, be sent for.

The calling of the venire was begun, and the first talesmen were secured with surprising rapidity. George B. Rogers, E. B. Umberger, Frank E. Nelms and William Buchanan first appearing. All stated, in reply to questions by the court, that they were citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia and of the county of Wythe, that they were not related to any of the prisoners, nor to any of the killed or injured persons in the courthouse tragedy of March 14; that they had no scruples against the infliction of capital punishment.

The prosecution asked but few questions at any time save in the case of Mr. Boyd.

Addressing each witness separately, Mr. Willis, for the defense, asked if

# SCENES AT WYTHEVILLE AND PRINCIPALS IN THE ALLEN TRIAL



Top, Left to Right—Courthouse at Wytheville; Main Street, Wytheville. Bottom—Claude Allen, Sidney Edwards, Floyd Allen, Victor Allen, and Friel Allen.

he knew Dexter Goad; if he had ever lived in Carroll county; if he was a client of any of the counsel for the prosecution; if he had read newspaper accounts of the killing, and if he would go into the jury box prepared to give a fair and impartial trial. The answers in these cases were satisfactory, and all four took their seats.

**Opposes Death Penalty.**  
J. Davis Phillip had conscientious scruples against the infliction of the death penalty. J. Stanger Brown, Gree K. James and Chas. P. Buck were accepted. Their opinions, if any, were only tentative. Mr. Brown had an impression as to who was to blame, and he was asked other questions at different times, but was at last qualified.

Ernest G. Robinson had such an opinion as that clear and forcible evidence would be necessary to remove H. Frank S. Ogilvie had a rather strong conviction, so had Walter S. Humphries. They were excused.

T. D. Shupe knew Dexter Goad many years ago, but the acquaintance seemed not to have been so recent as to make him objectionable in the eyes of the defense, and he went on the panel. An excuse from service was drawn by J. K. Hollandsworth, while T. K. Phillip was held. With nine men in the box, this exhausted the first panel, and court adjourned until 4 P. M. to give time to summon another.

The first four in the new list were all excused. They were George C. Atkins, F. B. Greenawalt, John H.

Crockett and George A. Lambert. Of the next four, A. G. Cecil, E. A. Hager and W. F. Gammon escaped service, while R. L. Dudley was accepted. Frank P. Chaffin qualified after some questioning, while S. R. Crockett, T. J. B. Sharitz, and M. L. Umberger were excused. This ended all of the second panel who had been summoned. Some on each were too ill to be present.

The questioning had now veered around a good deal toward newspaper publications and their effect on the minds of talesmen. Attorneys inquired if the impressions formed would be changed materially if it could be shown that the real happenings in the Carroll courthouse were different from the pictures drawn of them. Judge Hairston, who took up the queries, proved a more formidable force toward disqualification than did Mr. Willis. Mr. Weyer sought occasionally to impress the point regarding reasonable doubt, evidently to hold ventremen he deemed desirable.

Men were next summoned from among the bystanders in the courtroom. M. H. Davidson, T. F. Kidd, J. M. Sudduth, W. H. Slater, and C. F. Sanders were disposed of, some more quickly than others, as they had opinions which evidence would be required to remove. C. R. Boyd was held for a time, while Frank Higley was accepted. Mr. Weyer, in the case of Mr. Davidson, asked if any sane man would not form impressions if he read newspapers.

J. M. Graham, Lee Baker and David Sullins Blair were successively called and excused.

This ended the day's proceedings. A new venire was immediately called. The talesmen are substantial citizens of the town and county. They are regarded as forming a sane and intelligent body of men, and both sides appear well satisfied.

## REUNION OF ALLEN FAMILY.

Wytheville Jail in Scene of Gatherings—Rapid Progress in Trial  
Wytheville, Va., April 30.—Progress was rapid to-day toward securing a jury to try Floyd Allen, indicted for five murders in the Carroll county courthouse on March 14 last. The first day's session of court adjourned with twelve talesmen satisfactory as to cause obtained out of a venire of forty. Four more talesmen are needed to fill the box, and it is expected they will be selected early to-morrow, when the defense will exercise the four peremptory challenges allotted to it by Virginia law, and the remaining twelve talesmen will be sworn as jurors.

Floyd Allen was placed on trial specifically for the murder of Commonwealth's Attorney W. M. Foster. Many ventremen had formed fixed opinions as to the guilt of the prisoner and were disqualified.

The course of questioning adopted by the defense indicated that it would try to disprove newspaper accounts concerning the alleged beginning of the shooting in the courthouse.

The defense will seek to place the blame for the trouble on the court officers, who, it will be claimed, were long time personal enemies of the Allens.

The courtroom was crowded throughout the day. Jasper Allen, a brother of late prisoner, as well as three other Allen relatives, were searched for concealed weapons as they entered. Three armed detectives were stationed on guard among the spectators.

Judge A. A. Campbell, who was appointed to succeed the late Judge Thornton L. Massie, sat beside Judge Waller R. Staples, who was especially selected by Governor Mann to try the Allens.

Floyd Allen and the other five prisoners are quartered in a brick jail, a few yards from which a circus has pitched its camp. Through the cell bars they can watch the performances.

More than 200 witnesses will be called in the Allen cases. Not a few of

them set out on foot from the mountains, and should reach here to-morrow. It is a forty-mile walk from their homes, but those who arrived tonight appeared none the worse for the jaunt.

The jail was the scene to-night of a reunion of the Allen family. Mrs. Floyd Allen broke down as she saw her husband and two sons, Victor and Claude, behind the bars. With her came Mrs. Alberta Edwards, a sister of Floyd Allen and mother of Sidney Edwards. Mrs. Victor Allen, wife of one of the accused men, brought her three small children. Jack Allen, a brother of Floyd and father of Friel Allen, was in the party.

For a few minutes the strong defiance of the prisoners wavered, and tears streamed down the faces of all. The women left the jail sobbing. So long have the Allens resided in their mountain homes that with one exception the women members of the family, before their trip here, had never seen a railroad train or automobile. Floyd Allen himself, in being conveyed back and forth from the jail to the courthouse, experienced his first ride in an automobile.

**Sidna Seen Near Mount Airy.**  
Mount Airy, N. C., April 30.—Sidna Allen, one of the two uncaptured Hillsville outlaws, was seen yesterday afternoon in the mountains near Fancy Gap by Dr. Thomas B. Ashby, of this place, who was at the home of Charles Webb there. Both Ashby and Webb, who know Sidna Allen well, say there is no doubt as to the identity of the outlaw. He emerged from the woods near Webb's home, but when he spied the men he disappeared. Investigation failed to disclose where he went. A posse of detectives is now on the trail.

**FLOYD DELEGATES NOT INSTRUCTED**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Floyd, Va., April 30.—The Democrats of this county held a mass-meeting on Friday to elect delegates to the State Democratic convention at Norfolk on May 23. Dr. M. I. Dalton was elected temporary chairman and W. A. Sowers secretary.

The following resolutions were adopted by the meeting:  
"We, the Democrats of Floyd county, in mass-meeting assembled, declared that: A  
"We believe in the great fundamental prin-

ciples of democracy, 'Equal rights to all, with special privileges to none.'  
"We believe in a tariff for revenue only, and condemn and oppose the extreme protection policy now in vogue, which has built up colossal fortunes under false pretenses of protection to American labor, when in truth the great bulk of laborers employed by the protected industries are foreigners, imported from abroad and employed in the mills, factories and mines to the detriment of honest, many American labor; also enabling the protected manufacturer to arbitrarily fix the cost of his product at an exorbitant price, often much higher than he sells the same article in foreign markets."  
"We believe in an economical conduct of government, both State and national, and deprecate the lavish expenditure of vast sums under pretext of national defense, or in any other manner, in order that a pretext

may be had to raise large revenues by high tariff taxes or otherwise.  
"We endorse the course of our wise and able Senators, Thomas B. Martin and Claude A. Swanson, in the United States Senate, and are proud of the prominent positions taken by them in that august body, the one as floor leader of his party and the other as its representative in Congress. Hon. Carter Glass, knowing that he is able, grave and ready to lend a helping hand to his people.  
"We also approve of the course of our Representative in Congress, Hon. Carter Glass, knowing that he is able, grave and ready to lend a helping hand to his people.  
"We commend the able administration of our wise, conscientious and painstaking chief magistrate, Governor William Hodges Mann, and his honest efforts to administer the laws of the Commonwealth faithfully, honestly and well.  
"We believe the best interest of the Democratic party demands that our State convention at Norfolk, to which we to-day appoint delegates, should send delegates to the Baltimore convention un instructed, and we urge upon our State convention to select good men, tried and true, to the Baltimore convention, with directions to labor in season and out of season for the best and most available men for the positions of candidates for President and Vice-President, regardless of individual, factional, State or sectional preferences, every delegate to be subordinated to the common good."  
As this county is entitled to four delegates to the State convention, it was agreed to send eight delegates with one-half vote each, and the delegates and alternates elected are as follows: W. M. Smith, J. E. Burwell, W. L. Reed, R. H. Hendrix, S. P. Willis, H. P. Hill, A. G. Blackwell and D. W. Brantley. Alternates—L. E. Epperly, S. R. Francis, John H. Schaefer, W. E. Cannaday, P. A. Willis, C. B. Hall, R. O. Harvey and Z. D. Lester.  
B. J. Toward was elected county chairman in place of J. E. Burwell, resigned.

**NO PEARSONS WILL FOUND.**  
Nephews Guarantee Expenses of Dead Philanthropist's Funeral.  
Chicago, April 30.—Search among the effects of the late Dr. D. K. Pearsons, the aged Hinsdale philanthropist, has thus far failed to reveal any will. It was announced by H. A. Pearsons and D. K. Pearsons, nephews of the late Dr. D. K. Pearsons, that they had agreed to abide by any specified distribution of property that the philanthropist might have left.  
"The family wishes to say that so far as it appears there will be no sufficient funds left to cover the expenses of Dr. Pearsons' burial and into sickness," said H. A. Pearsons last night.  
The two nephews have guaranteed the expense of the funeral of their uncle, who gave away about \$6,000,000 to missions and small colleges.

**Foot Badly Crushed.**  
R. G. Tyler, while unloading some steers at the American Locomotive Works yesterday morning let one of them fall on his foot, crushing it badly. The ambulance in charge of Dr. Watts responded to the call and hurried Tyler to Grace Hospital, where he was operated on by Dr. H. Stuart MacLean. He is expected to recover without the loss of his foot.

**Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA**

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## SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR'S OFFICE FROM JANUARY 1 TO APRIL 30, 1912.

Number of permits issued in April for new work	66
Number of permits issued in April for alterations and repairs	48
Total number of permits issued in April	114
Estimated cost of new improvements in April	\$11,039 15
Estimated cost of alterations and repairs in April	\$8,971 00
Total cost of work authorized in April	\$20,010 15
Average value of permit for new work in April	\$766,684 00
Average value of permit for alterations and repairs in April	\$11,039 15
Average value of total permits issued in April	6,725 12

  

NEW STRUCTURES.			
April.		January 1 to April 30.	
No. of Bldgs.	Amount.	No. of Bldgs.	Amount.
Brick dwellings	55 \$230,424 00	198	\$ 823,774 00
Frame dwellings	9 15,721 00	10	161,850 00
Warehouses and manufactories	11 61,836 00	11	157,980 00
Brick stores	1 900 00	13	3,788 00
Frame sheds	3 5,485 00	17	7,655 00
Private stables	8 5,330 00	2	8,100 00
Private garages	1 1,350 00	1	2,000 00
Public stables	1 2,000 00	1	2,000 00
Churches	1 10,204 00	1	10,204 00
Market buildings	1 2,691 00	1	2,691 00
Freight depots	1 385,000 00	2	385,000 00
Office buildings	2 385,000 00	2	385,000 00
	99 \$728,593 00	338	\$1,635,628 00

  

ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS.			
April.		January 1 to April 30.	
No. of Bldgs.	Amount.	No. of Bldgs.	Amount.
Brick dwellings	13 \$15,115 00	46	\$ 31,757 00
Frame dwellings	19 6,531 00	70	20,617 00
Warehouses and manufactories	4 8,316 00	23	34,565 00
Brick stores	9 5,400 00	56	30,229 00
Private stables	1 250 00	2	2,500 00
Private garages	1 150 00	2	340 00
Frame sheds	1 150 00	3	600 00
Power houses	1 200 00	1	200 00
Freight depots	1 179 00	1	179 00
Public stables	1 230 00	1	230 00
Office buildings	1 8,425 00	1	8,425 00
Churches	1 2,000 00	1	2,000 00
	52 \$88,071 00	211	\$138,083 00

Total amount of new work authorized from Jan. 1 to April 30, \$1,635,628 00  
Total amount of repair work authorized from Jan. 1 to April 30, 138,083 00  
Total amount of all work authorized to date, \$1,773,711 00  
Total number of examinations and reports, 86  
Increase in new work in April, 1912, as compared to April, 1911, amounts to \$471,985.00; decrease in alteration and repair work in April, 1912, as compared to April, 1911, amounts to \$7,508.00, making a net increase of all work authorized in April, 1912, as compared with April, 1911, of \$464,477.00.