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SELF-DEFENSE IS VERDICT OF JURY

End of Sensational Trial of Alex VanHooser For Murder of P. S. Harris

Jasper, Oct. 14.—The verdict of the jury in the case of Alex Vanhooser, of Whitwell, charged with the murder of P. S. Harris, of Whitwell, a deputy sheriff, on the night of Sept. 18, 1918, was that the defendant killed Harris in self defense. The pistol of the dead man was found clutched tightly in his hand, with two cartridges nicked by the hammer in an attempt to fire, and on this evidence, plea of self defense was entered. The jury drawn from a panel of over six hundred names was as follows: Sam Lee, Hugh Braden, Arthur Belk, J. B. Coburn, W. W. Clepper, L. N. Duncan, W. E. Hargis, O. H. Francis, Joe Dietzen, J. B. Conner, N. L. Burkhalter and C. B. Flowers.

The prosecution on behalf of the state was conducted by Attorney-general B. G. McKenzie, of Dayton and W. E. McCurry, of Whitwell, and the defense was conducted by Foster V. Brown, of Chattanooga, and J. W. Morrison, of Jasper.

The evidence was sensational, the clothing of the dead man, covered with big splashes of blood, being exhibited. Evidence was introduced that the men had had a former affray, when VanHooser received knife wounds from Harris. Evidence showed that Harris had a considerable sum of money on day of killing, which was never found. The state introduced evidence arguing that Harris was shot after falling on ground by a bullet which passed thru his right knee into the left, as he was lying on the ground on left side with right knee drawn up. Evidence was introduced to show that both men were drinking.

The trial commenced Thursday morning and went over until Saturday, the verdict of the jury being given late Saturday afternoon. Vanhooser has killed three men, it is said, and the attorney-general in his argument, dwelt upon this point strongly, asking for conviction. The defense argued solely that killing was done in self defense.

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RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY

Mammoth Shows Are Now Combined and Announce Exhibitions at Early Date.

The world's biggest amusement institution, Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Shows Combined, is to exhibit afternoon and night at Chattanooga, Thursday, Oct. 23.

The consolidation of the "World's Greatest Shows" and the "Greatest Show on Earth" in one circus of colossal size, constitutes the amusement surprise of the country. Nothing to approach this gigantic, new circus has ever before toured America. It has been formed by merging the pick and the cream of all that was biggest and best in the two famous shows. It would be folly to attempt to enumerate its many wonders. Some idea of the enormous scale upon which features are presented may be had when it is stated that a quarter of a million pounds of elephants take part in a single act; in other words—six times as many of the big-eared giants than have ever before been seen in one main-tent exhibition. All else to be seen in proportion. The arenic stars embrace all the world's foremost circus performers. There are three hours of novelties and big sensational acts. The menagerie is far and away the most colossal ever traveled. For instance—a herd of eight giraffes are exhibited in place of the two or three shown in the past. The great tournament which opens the main tent program, is the most magnificent thing in pageantry yet produced in America. Hundreds upon hundreds of gorgeously costumed characters and beautiful horses take part in it. The morning street parade is the longest and most brilliant ever given anywhere. It is a stupendous super-circus that baffles description.

Quits Movies.

So, Pittsburg, Oct. 14.—Frank I. Stewart, for seven years manager of the South Pittsburg theatre, has disposed of his interest in the business to Ross, Ellis & Ross, new managers, who propose to continue the operation of the theatre as a motion picture house, assuming control Monday. Mr. Stewart will devote his attention to his bakery business.

Thinking

If you think you are beaten, you are;
If you think you dare not, you don't;
If you'd like to win but you think you can't,
It's almost a cinch you won't.
If you think you'll lose, you're lost,
For out of the world we find
Success begins with a fellow's will,
It's all in the state of mind.
If you think you're outclassed, you are;
You've got to think to rise,
You've got to be sure of yourself before
You can ever win a prize.
Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster man,
But soon or late the man who wins,
Is the man who thinks he can.

Exchange.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT PREVENTION DRIVE

National Effort To Decrease Number of Deaths and Injuries Each Year.

Plans are rounding into shape for the greatest "safety" movement ever undertaken—the National Railroad Accident Prevention Drive—to be staged during the last two weeks of October by all railroads throughout the country under government control. C. M. Anderson, Regional Supervisor of Safety, announced today that the roads of the South were well advanced in their preparations for participating in the drive, with full determination to stand at the top of the list of safe railroads when the record is made up.

Experience has proved that the majority of railroad accidents are avoidable; that a large part of the enormous toll of killed and injured reported every year is due, not to the unavoidable catastrophes which attract public attention, but to little lapses from caution which cause deaths or injuries here and there every day in the year. Education and constant training reduces the number of lapses, big and little, and the preaching of "safety" during the past few years has saved many a life and limb. It was to demonstrate practically what can be done that the Director General of Railroads approved the country-wide campaign about to be launched. Similar drives have been conducted previously in different regions, resulting in convincing and gratifying demonstrations.

One of the first steps toward preparing railroad employees of the south for the part they are to play, will be the posting of an October calendar with the dates 18th to 31st in red in all stations, offices, etc., where they will attract attention. Industries along railroad lines will be asked to cooperate, especially in the way of removing unnecessary hazards and warning their own employees of the danger ever present on railroad tracks. Owners and drivers of automobiles also are to be called upon to help. Cards will be distributed among all who can be reached, urging them to be particularly careful in ap-

proaching grade crossings. In fact, the aid of the public generally is wanted, because, while the record will be made as to railroad employees only, the plan involves an intensified drive to stop accidents of any character on or about railroad property.

CASHED BAD CHECK

Slick Stranger Fools Carl Burrow, of Sequatchie Co.

Dunlap, Tenn., Oct. 15.—A bad check artist claiming the cognomen of the unusual name of Smith, worked Carl Burrow, fivver driver of Dunlap, for the cash on a \$25 check on a Chattanooga bank, which proved to be worthless. To add to his agony there was a \$2.50 protest fee on top of the bad check. Burrow thinks it is sorrow enough to drive a fivver, much less cough up \$25 and \$2.50 protest fee extra.

MARION JAIL IN RUINOUS CONDITION

Jasper, Oct. 14.—That the Marion county jail is both insecure and unsanitary is the opinion of the grand jury in session last week, according to a report made to Judge Raulston by R. F. McReynolds, the foreman, Thursday. He said that it needed overhauling and new plumbing and that the bedding and the prisoners were infected with body lice. He said, furthermore, that the jail was so insecure that the prisoners could escape anytime they wanted to. Judge Raulston was so disgusted with the conditions of affairs at the county bastille that he said it would not be right to confine prisoners there, and ordered that until the jail is put in better condition, prisoners be confined elsewhere, possibly in Chattanooga.

Some people believe the Bible story of the loaves and fishes so strongly that they do nothing but loaf and fish.—Dunlap Tribune.

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Paris, Texas.

Special to the News.

I am able to sit up the greater part of the time, though when I feel tired from sitting up I lie down and take a rest. I have not been out anywhere yet. I have not been any further than to the sidewalk in front of the house, about twenty feet. I feel like I could go down town, but I am afraid to venture yet. I am doing very well and do not intend to overdo myself. I know if I get the best results I must take care of myself. The doctor let me come home a week or ten days sooner than he would have done, but I promised to be careful and not get out until he said I could go.

There was a cyclone passed over north Texas at about seven p. m. Wednesday, and struck Arthur City, wrecking the town considerably. One lady was killed. Arthur City is sixteen miles north of Paris, on the Red River. I sat on our front gallery and watched the cloud. I knew someone would suffer. I have seen several cyclone clouds. I can always tell one when I see it. I was near enough to one to see its funnel shape and see the houses falling.

The big State Fair opened its gates to a very large attendance Monday morning, Oct. 6, and will continue to the 19th. Gov. W. P. Hobby made the address of welcome and formally opened the big exhibition to the multitude that was anxiously waiting. They say they have the largest and best fair they have ever had.

Next Monday, the 13th, the big circus is coming to Paris. I have not heard what one is coming. That doesn't matter as to who it is, just so it is a show. With the elephant and the monkey and the rest of the animals, and sweet water and popcorn, etc., the children will all have a time.

I had a letter Wednesday from my daughter, Mrs. J. G. Payne, who lives four miles south of Dallas. They are having a good deal of sickness this fall. Mr. Payne has been sick two or three

weeks and the little ones have been sick. It comes on just in cotton-picking time. Mr. Payne has sold four bales of cotton and will have about ten or twelve more, Cotton and the seed brings about \$235.00 per bale. Cotton is cut very short by so much rain, and the worms that go with a wet season. Corn crop is good, Sweet potatoes are fine. Some of them are large enough to sit on one end of the potato while the other is in the fire roasting. There is a large acreage in sweet potatoes, and they always bring a good price. They will help to cut the H. C. of L. as most people like them.

Texas has a large supply of hogs, the finest ones I ever saw. We have two that my son bought about the 15th of June, one could almost have put them in their pocket. Now they are not pigs any more, they are large enough to call hogs. By Christmas they will weigh 300 each. They have plenty to eat. I want to be able to go to Arlington Christmas. I have an invitation to three weddings there Christmas, all at one home and at the same time. I would love to go to Dallas the 16th to attend the wedding of my soldier boy, the youngest one of my boys, but I know I will not be able to go that far so soon, just one week more.

We are having some cold rain the last two days. It makes one realize that winter is approaching and one had better prepare for it.

As I am getting tired I will ring off. Hope to see several good letters when my paper arrives this afternoon. Lone Star.

"Mrs. Keach Tells How She Got to Know Rat Snap."

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