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JUDGE SIBLEY CONVICTED.

A Mississippi County Jury Gives the ex-Judge Two Years.

APPEALED TO THE SUPREME COURT.

The Court of Last Resort Must Settle the Matter.

L. D. Sibley, ex-county judge of this county, who was indicted by a Scott county grand jury in 1889, charged with the seduction of his step-daughter, Miss Lula Hawkins, was tried by jury in the circuit court of Mississippi county last Friday and Saturday, and given two years in the penitentiary.

This case was tried in the circuit court of Scott county about two years ago and resulted in a hung jury. A change of venue was taken to Mississippi county and the case continued from term to term until last week. A Charleston correspondent to the St. Louis *Republic* reports the case as follows:

Charleston, Mo., Oct. 6.—L. D. Sibley, an ex-county Judge of Scott county, and who had held the office of Justice of the Peace in that county near Commerce, was on trial in the Circuit court to-day on a change of venue from Scott county, where the case was tried about three years ago, resulting in a hung jury.

The charge against Mr. Sibley and the circumstances surrounding his alleged conduct are said to be the most remarkable ever recorded. Mr. Sibley is charged by his step-daughter, Lula Hawkins, aged 19, with having defiled her person in the presence and with the consent of her mother, when she was a little girl of less than 13 and of having continued his illicit relations for a time extending over three years.

The girl, who now lives at 2109 Walnut street, St. Louis, gave her evidence last evening and this morning. It was almost wholly unsupported, but her manner of telling the horrible story carried conviction with it.

The jury was out but an hour before returning a verdict of guilty and assessing Sibley's punishment at two years in the penitentiary. It is a light sentence for the crime alleged, but this in explained by the remarkable nature of the girl's testimony, which is of a character to test the credulity of most persons, owing to the prominence of the parties involved. Very great interest was excited in this section of the State.

J. J. Russell represented the State with our prosecuting attorney thrown in as a sort of matter of form, while Attorneys Elliott and Hunter represented the defense. The defense appealed to the Supreme court and, in the meantime, Mr. Sibley is out on $800 bond.

Miss Lula Hawkins was on the north bound train Sunday on her way to St. Louis. A NEWSBOY reporter approached her with: "How do you feel?"

"Oh, I'm sick. I have a headache."

"I understand Mr. Sibley got two years?"

"That is what they told me."

"Was the jury long in reaching a verdict?"

"I do not know. They decided last night sometime."

"You have considerable witness fees due you in the case, haven't you?"

"Yes, sir; I had $127.30 due me, but I sold it to a man in Charleston for $65."

"Why did you sell it so cheap?"

"Well, they were trying for a new trial, and I didn't know when I would get it, and I needed the money."

"Where are you living now?"

"At 2109, Walnut street, just one block west of the new Union station."

"For several terms of court Prosecuting Attorney Moore has had this case postponed, claiming that he did not know your whereabouts. Did he not know?"

"They all knew where I was at. He didn't try to find me."

Miss Hawkins did not seem in a talkative mood, and the reporter bid her good day. She is quite attractive in appearance and is above the average in intelligence. Her demeanor is quiet and unassuming.

Republican Speaking.

Hon. N. A. Mozley, Republican candidate for Congress in this District, accompanied by Major G. C. Rose, candidate for Representative, and other Republican candidates, will speak at Commerce on the 18th at 7 p. m.; at Benton on the 19th at 1 p. m.; at Kelso, same date at 7 p. m.; at Morley on the 20th at 10 a. m.; at Blodgett, same date at 1 p. m. and at Sikeston, same date, at 7 p. m.

☞When tired of sitting around the courthouse, slip over to Ristig's place and enjoy a good lunch. He has laid in a stock of specialties for court week, and you will find something palatable.

—Martin L. Clardy has been appointed General Attorney for the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain railroads. The salary is $8,000.

FROM BLODGETT.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stubbs returned Saturday from St. Louis, and the great Fair. Joe carries a bone felon as a pleasant reminder of the trip.

Rev. D. J. Leake, late pastor of Blodgett-Diehlstadt station, at the recent conference at Fredericktown gave up his license as a minister of the M. E. church south and united himself with the sect known as the Church of God, which claims no organization and believes that each member shall be a law unto himself. Rev. Leake has many friends here—both Christian and sinner—who regret that he has seen fit to take this step.

Misses Laura Pigg and Minnie Baker returned Sunday from visiting relatives and friends at East Cape Girardeau.

The loaves are all right, provided, the fish don't sign a declaration of war on the abstruse scientist who attacks them unmercifully. Catch on?

Some folks are "so used to being disappointed" that they circulate reports which are not creditable to themselves.

J. D. Peal left Sunday for a trip to Osceola, Ark., on special business.

C. W. Hawkins, stalwart as ever, returned from his late journey Thursday. Traveling or something causes Charley to mightily favor an alderman, not, however, of Chicago.

H. C. Watkins, of Oran, and Frank Martin, of Morley, visited relatives at the big Commercial Hotel Sunday.

The acrobatic portion of Reed's Circus revisited our town last Tuesday. The main show had gone to pieces and the acrobates were working their way back to Chicago. Their performances were remarkably good considering the disadvantages under which they labored.

Banister Bros. and their show also entertained the folks some last Thursday. During the performance the wrestling b'ar bit his sparring partner in the back of the head and also on the hand.

It has come time to put up the stoves for winter and the usual motley and disconnected concatenation of varied lurid and smoke-consuming cuss-words fills the air and reminds one of the elder days of old Blodgett.

A. W. Wright, of the Blodgett Drug Co., A. L. Crafton, Lewis Crafton and several more went on a hunt to Little River Wednesday last in search of fin, feather and fur.

The NEWSBOY staff may be likened unto John, the son of Nimshi, who drove so fast that the spindle of his chariot became welded to the hub.

The Ananias Club met at quartering time. After things had simmered down a little, Bro. Triumphant Songs Dees was fined $3,750,000 for sitting on the perch of a hen roost and trying to show how easy it was for him to excel the feats performed by the lady acrobat last Tuesday. In imposing the fine the M. W. L. said that he did it as a gentle hint that with this club the ladies are first and any man who attempts to make a show of himself, dressed up in an old second hand suit of base ball clothes, must be made a horrible example of. Bro. Dees scratched his baldhead and looked confused, but said that he had been temporarily disarranged in his ideas and if the fine could be remitted he would go on calmly as heretofore, making a living by whitewashing, etc. The fine was cut down to six cigars and a package of finecut and things resumed their normal color. In closing the meeting the Traveling Liar said that he understood enough Chinese to pronounce the word Yuen as though spelled one, or won, so that when he reads of so many Chinese ships such as Chen Yuen, Ching-Yuen Wan-Yuen he wonders which Yuen (one) it is, whereupon the Fat Liar who detests a punster knocked him down. Upon the matter being left to a vote the gang sustained the Fat Liar, and the Traveling Liar apologized.

HARDBAKE.

—J. S. Goodin, a young farmer near Charleston and cousin to Prof. Goodin of the Benton school, had his amunition, including a pound of gunpowder, standing between his feet last Sunday morning, and was lighting his pipe, when a spark exploded the powder. The hair was burned from his face and head, which were very badly blistered, an he is in danger of losing the sight of one or both of his eyes.

☞Buy your Jewelry and have your watch repaired by AL. CHENUE, the Jeweler, next to Postoffice, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

—A meeting of the Young Men's Republican League, of Moreland Township, is billed for this (Saturday) afternoon.

☞Want an 8-day Clock for $3.50? Guaranteed by AL. CHENUE, the Jeweler, next to Postoffice, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Our New Fall and Winter Stock

Which has been Selected with Special Reference to Trade of this Locality, will probably surprise all who see it, by the extensive variety it affords in every line of goods We carry. If in **Cloaks**, the pick of the Market in Fresh **Fall** and **Winter** Styles, and no less astonishing will be the

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Fine Shoes a Specialty!

Cor. Independence and Spanish Sts.,

Cape Girardeau, Mo.

FROM ORAN.

B. F. Finley, a well known and highly esteemed gentleman, died at his residence Monday evening last of congestion. Mr. Finley will be sadly missed by our people. His life was a useful one, and death had no terror for him and his place will be hard to fill. He had been Sunday School superintendant for several years past at the Oran Baptist church. He leaves a wife, two daughters and two sons besides a host of friends to mourn his loss. He was a member of the A. O. U. W. and G. A. R., and his remains were laid to rest Wednesday under the auspices of these orders.

"Kid" Shields is among us again and as musical as ever.

Mrs. M. G. Howle, of Kentucky mother of your scribe, is visiting relatives and friends here and at Morley this week.

School opened here again Monday, the epidemic of diphtheria having subsided.

Mrs. Mary Smith closed her bakery here Monday and moved to the country.

Frank Zundel and wife, Lelia Dyer, Miss Alsie Dyer, Sam Allison, Elwood and Miss Odie Alley, Miss Lucy Taylor and Harry Miller took in the show at the Cape Monday night.

Mr. Stehr, of New Hamburg, is having a large and commodious dwelling erected on his lot near the Catholic church. Mr. S. is a partner of Judge Hess in the wagon and blacksmith business here.

Mr. John Metz is having a new addition put to his residence.

Will Gassoway, of Cairo, came in Tuesday to attend the burial of his uncle, B. F. Finley, Wednesday.

Your scribe and his wife visited relatives at Morley Sunday.

The low water in the Mississippi caused a delay in Matthews, Stubblefield & Co's., large stock of goods, reaching this place this week. Most of the firm's goods are shipped by boat to Commerce and hauled from that place in wagons.

Harry Watkins visited friends at Blodgett last Sunday.

The editor is right in "holding up" for his own town, but anybody can see that Oran is the coming town of Scott county.

The frost knocked "garden truck" silly in this village last Tuesday morning.

The meeting of the Oran Literary Club was well attended last Monday night, but on account of sickness and death in the neighborhood the organization was postponed until next Monday night. UNO.

☞Timothy hay for sale by Miller & Proffit, Benton.

—Wes Perdue, who was out on bond on charges of burglary, was given up by his bondsmen Tuesday and consigned to Benton jail. Tomlinson's saloon, Tom Riggin's restaurant and another place were entered last Saturday night and some goods stolen. Suspicion fell upon Perdue, and hence his incarceration.

Melon Growers' Union.

In a conversation with A. J. Abshier, of Diehlstadt, regarding his plans for handling next season's melon crop, the following was elicited:

Mr. Abshier proposes a union of the growers and shippers, to be called the "Melon Growers and Shippers' Union", the object of which will be to bind the farmers and shippers to some concerted plan of action and usage as to putting melons on the market in a profitable way. Mr. Abshier, being a grower himself, has, like his neighbors, suffered from the present system of shipping on consignment, and the robbery it entails to the grower. His plan is to do a strictly cash business, in which there can be no risk. He is sure that as soon as the buyers realize that they must pay spot cash they will do so, and assume the risk, and he has found, through correspondence with reliable houses all over the country, that a very large number of cars can be handled on direct orders and at good prices. He does not expect that the entire crop can be disposed of in this way, but believes that the best of it can. The balance can be fed to stock, in which shape it certainly pays better than when turned over to irresponsible consignees, who don't even pay for the loading.

By the opening of next season Mr. Abshier hopes to have quite a number of cash orders, and he wishes the growers to get together and form a Union in self defense. His idea is a good one and well worthy of consideration by all who are interested in the melon industry.

Drop in and Look at Us.

When you come to Benton drop into the NEWSBOY office and take a look at the greatest printing establishment south of St. Louis. Many of you will be here during circuit court, next week, and we want you to come in and make our place your headquarters. We will treat you kindly and entertain yot to the best of our ability. The people of Scott county have made the NEWSBOY what it is, and we are more than willing to have them come in and make themselves at home. Come right in, spit on the floor and put your feet upon the desk.

—Monday was a very quiet day in Benton, the Ringling show at Cape Girardeau attracting all who could find means of going. The crowd at the Cape was one of the largest in the history of the city, people coming from Illinois, Kentucky, and Arkansas, and it was next to impossible for late comers to have a horse put up or fed.

☞Want to buy a watch? Call on AL. CHENUE, the Jeweler, next to Postoffice, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

—Heavy white frosts now greet the early riser in this latitude and the sick list is dwindling.

☞Bananas, Oranges, Lemons and Nuts—a fresh stock just arrived at Will Ristig's. Give him a call.

FROM KELSO.

Mrs. G. G. Wright, who has been sight-seeing in St. Louis, returned home Tuesday.

Fred Schlaegel, living five miles west of Kelso, died of appoplexy on the night of the 4th inst., aged 72.

Jim Allen was here last week, assessing our citizens.

Our town has another butcher shop now, where Mike Enderlee wields the cleaver.

Anton Baudendistel, from Curryville, Cape county, is getting ready to open a general store in the Donenmueller building.

Our town did not turn out a very big crowd to the Cape Fair this year.

We are having light frosts these nights, but nothing to hurt.

Dan Welch and wife, of Advance, visited relatives here last week.

Our county turned out a big crowd to the Ringling circus. They went by every conceivable means of locomotion, down to Shanks' mare.

Dr. and Mrs. P. R. Williams went to St. Louis Tuesday. SCHOOLBOY.

—L. P. Clymer and niece, Miss Lizzie, Ben F. and Albert Ellis and Dr. Frazer, all of Commerce, were in St. Louis the first of the week.

☞In seasons of extreme heat or cold there is nothing better than the "OLD LYNCH RYE" to fortify the system.

—W. B. Anderson came down from St. Louis on Tuesday's train. He says business is picking up in the city.

—Will Heisserer concluded that he could get along without any typhoid fever in his'n, and is convalescent.

☞Fresh mince Meat, Fresh Oysters, Wienerwurst, Fresh Bologna Sausage, Sauer Kraut and crisp Kalamazoo Celery at Will Ristig's.

—Frank Miller went to St. Louis Tuesday to buy fall goods for Heisserer & Miller.

—Joe Compas is papering and decorating his saloon in preparation for Circuit court business.

—Ashley & Bonnefon's saloon will be ready for business next Monday.

☞During Circuit court you will find a good lunch at any time by calling at Ristig's grocery.

—Albert De Reign addressed the citizens at Bugg's schoolhouse last Saturday night.

☞Ristig has fine Cabbage for sale and excellent Sauer Kraut.

—Miss Frances Steck returned from a three week's visit to Cape Girardeau.

—Mrs. Jas McPheeters and children returned from St. Louis and De Soto Friday of last week.

—Frank Moore, of Sikeston, was in Benton Tuesday.

☞Persons who use OLD LYNCH RYE are its most efficient advertisers.

—Thos G. Belk, of Kelso, was in to see us Saturday. He reported the death of one Mr. Schlaegel in his neighborhood.

Another County Heard From.

Gov. Stone issued a proclamation recently offering a reward of $200 for the arrest and conviction of C. W. White, formerly circuit clerk and recorder of Texas county. White got away with $4,000 or $5,000 of fees that should have gone into the treasury and is now a fugitive from justice.—Greenville Sun.

Pshaw! The Texas county circuit clerk is not up to date. He should have remained right at home, hired a good lawyer, fixed the prosecuting attorney, hoodooed the county court, and then dictated his terms. In this way he might have been permitted to act and receive pay as his own deputy, and then if that failed to cover the case, he could have had an order entered on record, discharging him from any further liability. No, sir; the Texas county official must be a back number.

How He Does Dodge!

Two weeks ago we reminded the Sikeston *Star* man that if he could not produce any argument to uphold the theory that an official could act and receive pay as his own deputy, he should keep quiet and quit dodging the question. Last week he devoted a column and a half of his paper in an attempted reply, but he never once mentioned the real point at issue. Why don't he cite us to some authority, law or precedent sustaining the theory that a man can act and receive pay as his own deputy? Will he please explain why it is that Gov. Stone has offered $200 reward for the circuit clerk of Texas county, if that official was entitled to all the fees he collected? Say, Bro. Larey, the more you stir this matter, the more odorous it will become. The county court and prosecuting attorney have rewarded you and Bro. Smith for your noble fight in their behalf by giving you the printing of the tickets, etc., and you ought not to make them any more ridiculous than you can help. If you want to favor them, keep quiet. The general public is thoroughly satisfied as to the size of the bug under the chip, and you only make yourself and them ridiculous in trying to impose upon the public intelligence.

County Court Proceedings.

County Court met in call term on Wednesday and transacted the following business:

Dramshop license granted to Ashley & Bonnefon.

T. C. and Jas. O. Cooksey loaned $80.

W. H. Stubblefield, Jr., appointed judge of election vice B. F. Finley, deceased.

Thos. N. Myers appointed road overseer vice B. F. Finley, deceased.

$100 appropriated for use on the Howell road—T. N. Dickerson to superintend the same.

Printing of election tickets given to E. H. Smith and notices ordered to appear in Benton Record and Star of Sikeston. NEWSBOY snubbed!?!?

Are You Coming to Court?

To parties who will be in attendance at Circuit court, I wish to say that I am prepared to give the very best accommodations at reasonable rates. My rooms are first-class and my table will be supplied with all the market affords. Asking your patronage, I am, respectfully,

MRS. L. A. TOWNES.

Horse and Phæton for Sale.

I have a good, gentle mare, suitable for either children or ladies, and a good phæton for sale cheap. Must go at some price.

PHIL. A. HAFNER.

—L. Donnenmueller and Anton Baudendistel, of Kelso, were in to see us Wednesday. Mr. Baudendistel has opened up a general merchandise establishment at Kelso, and authorizes us to state that he is a bona fide citizen of Scott county, and has come to stay. He is a very pleasant gentleman, and comes here from Curryville, Mo. His advertisement appears elsewhere in this issue.

—Mrs. J. S. and Miss Pattie Freeling returned from a two week's visit to relatives in Franklin county. They also attended the Fair at St. Louis.

—Lee Leftwich, who is attending the Cape Girardeau Normal school, came home for a visit last Thursday, returning Sunday.

—V. O. Scofield, scratchetary of the Ananias club of Blodgett, was in Benton last Saturday.

—Mrs. W. H. Hutton, of Commerce, is visiting relatives and friends in Benton.

—B. F. Anderson and Judge Ballentine, of Commerce, were in Benton Tuesday.

—E. A. Johnson and R. B. Heuchan returned from Muncie, Ind., Tuesday.

—Miss Lillie Proffit, of Cape Girardeau, is visiting relatives here.

—Mike Heisserer spent Sunday and Monday at Cape Girardeau.

Captured by the "A. P. A."

From the Jefferson City Tribune.

The republican convention in Jackson county was composed of 277 delegates, and of this number the "A. P. A." had 141 delegates, or more than a majority. This element carried everything with a high hand and nominated a ticket to suit itself. The republican papers admit that this condition of politics exists in Jackson county. It is now as plain as broad daylight that the "A. P. A." has the republican party of this state by the throat and it dare not protest. Do the people of Missouri propose to endorse such cowardice? The issue is plain. Is this to remain a free country, or are we to have religious proscription and turn our backs upon civilization and the principles of government established by the American revolution? Let every democratic orator in this state join in forcing the issue upon the republican party.

We do not believe that a spirit of religious intolerance can predominate in this country. Missouri democracy has accepted the challenge of this organization and will fight it to death. On the other hand, the republican leaders have encouraged and abetted it, and if any of them are opposed to its principles they are too cowardly to come out and say so. All the venom of the "A. P. A." organization is now directed against the Democratic party and and its candidates. It hopes by misrepresentation to draw some of the votes of Protestant democrats under cover of religious predjudice. Let no one be deceived as to what this organization really is—it is now an open ally of the republican party, and in fact, a ruling factor in the republican party of this state.

The democrats have nothing to gain by silence on this matter. The party has denounced the "A. P. A." in its state platform, and every democratic orator should make it a part of his business to thoroughly inform himself upon its intolerant features and then go at it with a meat-axe every time he makes a speech.

Democratic Speaking.

Democratic speakers will address the people of Scott county as follows:

GOV. STONE.

Benton, Oct. 30 at 2 p. m. Morley, Oct. 30 at 8 p. m.

HON. MARSH. ARNOLD.

Diehlstadt, Oct. 23 at 7 p. m.; Blodgett, Oct. 24 at 1 p. m.; Morley, Oct. 24 at 7 p. m.; Oran, Nov. 5.

ALBERT DE REIGN.

Blodgett and Morley, Oct. 24; Kelso, Oct. 27 at 2 p. m.

J. BARENKAMP,

Cape Girardeau, agent for Geisecke, Dittmann and Presmeyer Shoes

Fall and Winter Stock complete at Hard-times Prices.

JOHN L. MILLER,

4 Doors west of Planters' Mill,

Cape Girardeau, Mo.

A full line of the Best Liquors and Choice Cigars.

☞Scott County trade Solicited.☜

Probate Docket.

List of Executors, Administrators, Guardians and Curators who are required by law to exhibit their accounts for settlement on the day and date before named, at the November term, 1894, of said court, to be begun and held at the court house in the town of Benton, Scott County, Missouri, commencing on Monday, Nov. 12, 1894.

Monday—First day.

ESTATE.	Adm. Guard. Ex'r. Cur.
Auch Magdalena	Louis Hoefler
Allen Della	W. H. Myers
Bray Robt	Jas. McPheeters
Bray Sion	Jas. McPheeters
Banke Theresa	Jos. Miller
Coleman E. E. etal	Sam'l Tanner
Goeddert Wm. et al	M. Brucker
Gaither Bertie	Columbia Gaither
Gaither Bell and Edna	Columbia Gaither
Hunter Louis L.	Jas. McPheeters
Harnisse Phillip	L. Reigert
Hahn Chas.	John Hoffman
Hart M. P.	J. H. Moore

Tuesday—Second day.

James Maggie C.	Delia James
James Henry O.	" "
James Ula E.	" "
Kuehnert E.	Andrew Schoen
Metz F. J.	Louisa Oberle
Moore Bessie	M. J. Moore
Moore Seibert	"
Menz Nicholas	A. G. Essner
Miller John et al	J. S. Miller
Moore B. C.	J. H. Moore
Nichols John D. et al	Sam'l Tanner
Owens Aggie et al	J. W. Blocker
Potter Ida	B. F. Finley
Potter Flora	"

Wednesday—Third day.

Ristig Joana	F. Ristig
Scherer C. I. and G. W.	J. K. P. Chewning
Smith Jas A.	W. H. Heisserer
Shumate Jno. L.	W. H. Stubblefield, Jr
Shumate Walker	"
Shumate Grace	"
Schafer Jno. L.	Andrew Schoen
Winchester Luther	Jos. Winchester

A true copy from the Docket.

Attest: CHAS. A. LEEDY, Probate Judge.

FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given to creditors and all others interested in the estate of Jno. L. Shumate deceased., that I, the undersigned administrator, intend to make final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate court of Scott county, Missouri, to be begun and holden at the court house in the town of Benton in said county on the second Monday in November next, 1894.

W. H. STUBBLEFIELD, Jr., Adm'r.

FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given to creditors and all others interested in the estate of Magdalena Auch, deceased, that I the undersigned administrator, intend to make final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court of Scott county, Mo., to be begun and holden at the court house in the town of Benton on the second Monday of November next 1894.

LOUIS HOEFLER, Adm'r.

FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given to creditors and all othe s interested in the estate of Chas. Hahn, deceased, that I, the undersigned administrator, intend to make final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court of Scott county, Missouri, to be begun and holden at the court house, in the town of Benton, in said county, on the second Monday in November next 1894.

JOHN HOFFMAN, Adm'r. D. B.