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## SHEPARD RELEASED.

### Verdict of "Not Guilty" Rendered by Jury in Murder Case Against Thomas Shepard.

The case of the state against James Thomas Shepard, charged with murder in 2nd degree, came up for trial this week, the jury returning a verdict of "not guilty" upon Thursday afternoon. Duggins and Rainey were the attorneys for the defense, while Rector & Lyons represented the state.

Shepard was on trial for the murder of Oscar Young, a neighbor, and his plea was self defense, the jury by its verdict finding his action a justified homicide necessary for the preservation of his own life.

On March 1st last, during the big snow storm which visited this section, horses belonging to Oscar Young, broke in upon the premises of the defendant and were locked up by said Shepard. When Young found this out, he went after and demanded the release of his stock, which Shepard refused to consider until he had been paid not only for the damage done, but cost of feeding them while held.

A dispute followed, and Young left to secure a gun, first going to the house of Wm. Shepard, but not being able to borrow one there, betook himself to Simuel Washington's, where he was loaned a shotgun. He then returned to Shepard's and, carrying his gun in a position to shoot, was drawing near the barn at which Shepard was working, when two shots were fired almost simultaneously. Oscar Young fell dead as a result of one, the shell from his own gun, passing through the barn door near which Shepard was standing.

## CRIMINAL COURT.

### Other Proceedings of the Week—Miami Cases Tried—Judgments in Numerous Petty Cases.

State vs. A. W. H. Sullivan et al.; defendants plead not guilty; cause submitted to the court for trial; court finds defendants not guilty.

State vs. A. W. H. Sullivan et al.; same entry as above.

State vs. Minnie Latham, grand larceny; defendant withdraws plea of not guilty and enters plea of guilty.

State vs. Geo. Prather, burglary and larceny; state dismisses as to larceny; defendant pleads guilty as to burglary in 2nd degree and is remanded for sentence.

State vs. Sam Robinson, assault with intent to kill; defendant pleads not guilty; fined \$50 and costs.

State vs. Emma Henderson, arson; defendant arraigned; pleads not guilty and cause set for trial July 27th.

## CHARLES MAYSE CONVICTED.

The jury in the case of Charles Mayse, charged with attempting to ravish Tina Green, returned a verdict of guilty and assessed his punishment at three years in the penitentiary. Both parties lived near Sweet Springs and the trial attracted a large number of the curious. The attorneys for the defense will endeavor to have their client paroled on account of his youthfulness.

## KING WILL SUSTAINED.

On a change of venue, the case of James H. King et al. vs. W. R. King et al. to set aside the will of, Will R. King, deceased, came up for trial Friday at Fayette in the Howard County Circuit Court.

By verdict of the jury, the will was sustained. Judge John A. Hockaday of that judicial district presided at the trial. A large number of witnesses were present from this county.

The attorneys for the plaintiffs filed an affidavit for appeal and took leave to file bond. D. D. Duggins was counsel for the defense.

Should an appeal be taken, the case will go before the Supreme Court of the state, where, should the defendants again win, the judgment of the court will be final and a long legal controversy over a will ended.

The suit for dower brought by Mrs. Mary King against Will R. King was settled by consent and agreement of the parties interested.

## RAIN FOR THE CORN.

The farmers of Saline County, and everybody else for that matter, are rejoicing over the arrival of much needed rains of the first of the week. Some parts of the county had not received any rain for five weeks and longer continuance of the drouth would have very seriously damaged the corn crop.

The rains began Monday evening, continuing until Tuesday evening, and though general in the end, in that nearly every section was visited, the showers were all distinctly local.

The rain fall varied in different localities from perhaps 1 to 3 inches, and while these showers were by no means soakers, a vast amount of good has been accomplished. The corn crop, judging from the various responses that have been offered to inquiries along this line, has probably been cut short a fourth by the damaging drouth and hot winds which attended it.

The acreage of this cereal in Saline is unusually large this year however, and the fact that it is selling eleven cents per bushel higher than this time last year, makes the prospect for the Saline farmer a good one.

## LIVE STOCK NOTES.

T. S. McCutcheon, of Saline county, marketed 1,053-pound steers at 5 cents a pound in St. Louis Wednesday.

W. O. Sellers, of Saline county, had on the St. Louis market Wednesday a load of 1,246-pound steers, sold at \$5.10.

Sphar & Gilpin, of Marshall, had on Tuesday's market in Chicago 80 head of 1,400-pound steers of their own feeding, which sold at \$5.35.

C. F. Grau was in St. Louis last Thursday with a load of 1,369-pound steers from Saline county that were sold at \$5.20 to Swift & Company.

C. F. Grau, of Saline county, was at the St. Louis yards Wednesday with several loads of stock, including 114 steers, 1,251 pounds average, that sold at \$5.15.

Smith & Arnold, prominent Saline county cattlemen, marketed four loads of handy 1,215-pound steers in St. Louis Tuesday, bought by the St. Louis Dressed Beef Co. at \$5.12½.

R. N. Lower, a prominent farmer and cattle feeder of Pettis county, had in St. Louis Wednesday 116 head of 1,253-pound steers of his personal feeding good enough to bring \$5.20.

R. M. Woodruff, the popular young stockman of Cooper county, Mo., had two car-loads of 1,358-pound steers at the yards that displayed sufficient grade and finish to top the market at \$5.60, Nelson Morris & Co. being the purchaser. Upon Dennis Bros. of Saline county, Mo., is conferred the honor of having fed these animals, and to their credit it must be said that the superb manner in which they had been handled and prepared for beef had more to do with their superiority over all other offerings than any remarkable quality they possessed, there being several very plain graded cattle included among them.—Wednesday's St. Louis Reporter.

## PLANS FOR THE BUILDINGS.

Plans for the construction of the buildings of the Feeble-Minded Institution are now in the hands of the board of managers and bids on same will be received at a meeting to be held August 6th. The figures are to be made on three buildings at a cost of about \$25,000, to be completed by December 1st.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Chester C. Allen and Rebecca E. Finley of Nelson; C. E. Skinner and Mary C. Preisler of New Frankfort; L. A. Wilson and Loama Reavis of Nelson.