

SAM DOSS ACQUITTED

The jury, in the case of the State of Missouri against Sam Doss, charged by information of the Prosecuting Attorney of murder in the first degree, for the killing of Otto Huitt, returned their verdict at 12:45 p. m. Saturday, of not guilty, after having considered the case from ten o'clock Friday night.

It will be remembered by the readers of The Times that there was a discussion by the "wets" and the "drys" at a picnic at Desloge, July 3, 1915, and Congressman Meeker represented the "wets" and Judge G. O. Nations the "drys" in this discussion. The speaking took place on the grounds and between the hours of two and four o'clock p. m. of said day. The picnic was given by the Yeomen, and there was a large number of people, some estimating that there were about three thousand people on the grounds at the time the difficulty began.

The theory of the State, as shown by its evidence, was that soon after Judge Nations began his second or reply speech and during that time Sam Doss, who was a deputy sheriff, was standing in front of the speaker, and Otto Huitt came up to within a few feet of Doss and made a rather uncomplimentary remark about Judge Nations; that Doss made some remark in reply and directed his remarks to Huitt; that the two then clinched and were immediately separated; that several men assisted in pulling Huitt from and several yards away from Doss; that several other men caught hold of Doss and assisted in pulling him away, and pushed and led him some thirty five feet away and into the throng of people; that Doss then pulled his pistol, returned through the crowd and advanced toward Huitt, who at that time was being held by Deputy Sheriff John Hibbitts and one or two other men and fired 5 shots at him, either one of four which would have proven fatal; that as Doss was being led away by Deputy Sheriff John Hibbitts and R. C. Pigg, he said of Huitt, "I'll shoot the ———, he can't cut my throat," or words to that effect; that Huitt fell dead across some benches and within three or four feet of two small oak trees and within a few feet of where the fight first started.

The theory of the defendant, as shown by its evidence, was that for several years prior to the killing, Otto Huitt had made numerous very grave threats against Doss, wherein he stated that he would cut Doss' throat; that the night before Huitt told a cousin of his to be certain to be at the picnic, for he was going to cut Doss' throat; that the morning of July 3d Huitt told a barkeeper at Elvins that he was going up to the Desloge picnic and cut Doss' throat; that he did go to the picnic between 3 and 4 o'clock p. m. and took a position behind and to the right of Doss and made a very ugly remark about Judge Nations; that Doss turned his head and told him to leave the grounds if he (Huitt) did not like the speech; that Huitt said, "What?" and struck Doss with a knife in the right eye, and then clinched and throwing his right arm under Doss' right arm, his left arm around Doss' neck, cut Doss' face and throat; that they were separated and as Doss was pulled away, he staggered backward

Ruth Jane Harris, Contralto Miss May Cover, Reader —WITH— Laurence Smith AND HIS ORCHESTRA

At the MONARCH TO-NIGHT

8:15 P. M.

Account of motor to our type machine breaking down just at an inopportune time, much matter prepared for this issue had to be left out, and put us behind with the paper.

what her boy had said. Mr. Moran then went over to the plant, where he found all the doors locked, so he returned home and called up James Miller, who with his wife proceeded to the plant with Mr. Moran. On entering and searching the plant they found the dead boy in the telephone booth.

Constable Bullock was notified, found young Dixon and arrested him. Dixon claimed that young Miller had called him and his brother into the plant, locked the door and started to beat him up, when he drew his jack knife in self-defense and stabbed Miller. As a substantiation of this statement young Dixon showed a cut on the side of his head which he claimed was made by Miller striking him with the telephone receiver. Evidences of a hard struggle were found at the plant, and the window in both doors was broken.

After the verdict of the coroner's jury young Dixon was held on a charge of murder in the first degree, of which he was duly acquitted on trial this week in the Circuit Court.

Young Miller, who was killed, is said to have been a boy of excellent parts and one of the most popular in Bonne Terre.

A SOCIAL FAVORITE

Miss Lavinia Rozier is in St. Louis, the guests of several of her class-mates of the Sacred Heart Convent. In addition to the receptions mentioned below, she assisted at the reception for Miss Marie Grove Wednesday afternoon and at Miss Alice Giralde's dance Wednesday evening.

Debutantes are still holding the center of attraction and last week Mrs. Emil Clauss gave a brilliant reception at her home on South Grand Avenue in honor of the debut of her niece, Miss Dorothy Ferneding, who is heralded as one of the beauties of the winter. She is of a wonderful pure blond type with a skin of milk and roses, golden hair and blue eyes. She is tall and finely formed, and a devotee of the out-of-doors, as well as being a fine musician. She received her education at the Sacred Heart Convent in Maryville.

The house, which was a large double mansion at 3670 Flora boulevard, was decorated with masses of pink roses and chrysanthemums. Several hundred guests were present. Mrs. Clauss received with the debutantes, and assisting were Mesdames H. H. Wernse, G. A. Finkeluber, Benjamin Schnurmacher, H. C. Weber, Walter Yollman, Josephine Erker, Theodore Rassauer, and W. A. Giralde. Among the girls who served were Miss Lavinia Rozier of Farmington, Mo., who is Miss Ferneding's guest and class mate, having been graduated from the Sacred Heart Convent in June with highest honors, and Miss Marie Grove, who will be formally presented on Wednesday next at a large reception given by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gronc, of West Pine boulevard; Misses Ursula Griesedeiek, Virginia Robyn, Florence Curren, Elsa Syssel, Lilda Schleicher, Alice Gessler, Beatrice McBride and Alice Giralde. In the evening the young people remained for a buffet supper and dance.

and drew his pistol; that Huitt was pulled away and one man tried to take the knife from his hand but could not; that a deputy sheriff had hold of him, but he cut at the officer and made two or three strides towards Doss, whereupon Doss began shooting, and fired five shots, either four of which would have killed.

There were forty witnesses introduced at the trial and two days were occupied in taking the evidence. The following witnesses testified for the State: Chas. Whitener, J. F. Freeman, John Ball, Linn Totten, L. H. Cortor, John Arenz, Alfred Johnson, Chelsea Inman, Kennett Rickard, Wm. McIntyre, and Sam Smart.

And the following witnesses testified on behalf of the defendant: D. H. Cameron, R. C. Pigg, John Hibbitts, Rev. S. P. Mothershead, Mrs. John L. Bradley, Fred Kurnert, Rev. M. H. Markley, Dallas McAllister, L. D. Radford, Dr. G. B. Williams, Lawrence Laws, J. R. Kelley, J. D. Piermont, Dr. J. G. Turley, John Layne, David Robinson, John Nurry, James Webb, Wm. Buxton, S. Ditch, Grover Hood, Mrs. George Whaley, Mrs. A. J. Clay, John Wallace, Thos. McCroy, James Son, Mrs. Sam Doss and Sam Doss.

The case was vigorously tried, but with more than usual courteousness on the part of the attorneys for each other and the court. The State was represented by Henry Davis, Prosecuting Attorney, assisted by S. P. Nipper of Potosi, and B. H. Boyer. The defendant was represented by B. H. Marbury, William E. Coffey and F. A. Benham.

Following are the names of the jurors: Herbert Rubottom, John Bowling, L. E. Feezor, C. F. Dedright, William Kinkead, W. A. Simpson, Lee Moran, Lewis Yeates, John Elser, J. D. Huff, John Williams and Jack Nash. The jurors are all citizens of high standing and reputation.

The instructions of the court were given so as to warrant a conviction for murder in the first and second degrees, for manslaughter in the fourth degree, or for acquittal on the grounds of self-defense.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Young Master William Morrison Harlan celebrated his 4th birthday anniversary on Tuesday afternoon by inviting the neighborhood children in to enjoy his party with him. The little guests were Janet Weber, Eugenia Morris, Dupuy Cayce, Dorothy Laramoth, Emily McKinney, James Watson, Leona Miller, Louise and Warner Dabose. It is needless to say they had the very best time in every way. His sister, Martha Chenuault Harlan, assisted in doing the honors.

MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS

Only four weeks until Christmas. The Municipal Christmas Tree of last year was such a success that one for this year is being considered, and it is hoped that the same success will be repeated.

HARVEY ELMER BARTON HAS FATAL ACCIDENT WHILE HUNTING

Monday morning about 8:15 o'clock, while Harvey Elmer Barton and Carl Davis were rabbit hunting near Leadwood, their dog jumped up a rabbit, and Barton in the effort to see the rabbit during the chase jumped upon a big stump, where he stood with the breech of his single-barrelled shot gun resting on the edge of the stump and leaning considerable weight against the barrel. Instantly the breech scooted off the stump and in some way was caused to fire, the entire charge taking effect in his left side just below the heart. He died in a few seconds. It was developed that Carl Davis witnessed the accident and that the coroner's jury found that the death ensued by reason of an accidental gunshot.

Mr. Barton was about 30 years old, leaves a wife and 4 children. They lived in New Town near Leadwood. Interment was had from the undertaking parlors of Mr. Boyer at Leadwood.

The Times extends sympathy to the stricken relatives of the deceased.

Suggestion

You need glasses
You want a watch
You want a diamond ring
You want a wedding ring
You want an Xmas gift
You want a watch repaired
You want your jewelry repaired

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ENTERTAINED BY COL. PHELPS

Judge E. E. Swink attended a meeting of the State Board of Agriculture, of which he is a member, at Carthage the latter part of last week. The Board was entertained during their stay by Col. Wm. Phelps, and they inspected his fine dairy farm, on which there are over one hundred Jersey cows. Judge Swink says it is one of the finest dairy farms in the State. They also visited the stock farm of Mr. Hill, who has more high-grade thoroughbred cattle than any stock farm in the State.

They were taken through the Gill quarry, from which the stone for the new State Capitol building is being quarried, and the Judge says the manner in which the great blocks of stone taken from the quarry is handled is one of the most wonderful sights he has ever seen.

On his way home Judge Swink stopped over at Steelville and bought fifty head of fine mules, part of which was sent to his mule barns at Ste. Genevieve and the balance to his barns here.

THE BIG EVENT OF THE SEASON

To-night, at the Monarch, Farmington will be given one big treat. As this paper has stated before, Laurence Smith and his Orchestra will put on a lively concert program, with the personnel of the orchestra being composed of veteran and some professional players, this organization is able to deliver an entertainment which can be thoroughly enjoyed by anyone. The tempo at which Mr. Smith leads his orchestra is marvelous, his interpretation most delightful. And the best feature of the concert is that the orchestra will furnish plenty of lovely music. When this orchestra rendered a concert before the S. E. Mo. Medical Association, many said that it was equal to the work of many of the professional orchestras of the larger cities, and that the selections were of the most entertaining type. The Mothers Club of Flat River closed an engagement with this orchestra for their annual entertainment, as they have a wide reputation for securing the very best, it is conclusive that Mr. Smith has an A1 concert prepared.

Besides all this, he has decidedly the best reader that has appeared with any orchestra in Farmington. She needs no introduction, as Miss Cover will be most heartily welcomed.

Miss Harris, the popular contralto of St. Louis, will also be with the orchestra. Her rendition of "A Perfect Day" is so exquisite that many have requested her to sing it to-night. Besides a selected number she will sing "Sympathy" from the "Firefly" and the Barcarolle from the Tales of Hoffman, both accompanied by the orchestra.

In all the concert is exceptionally splendid and anyone failing to hear this will certainly regret it.

CUTTING SCRAPE AT DESLOGE

Last Friday evening about five o'clock Charles Wheeler, in an affray with Fred Chalenburg, slashed the latter twice with a knife, one across the abdomen, and once in the shoulder. The cuts were pronounced not serious. Wheeler was held in \$500 bond by Esquire Arnold, pending the outcome of Chalenburg's wounds.

Both men were employed in the crusher at No. 4 Desloge shaft, and reside at Desloge. Wheeler was shift foreman and Chalenburg straw-boss at the crusher. The shift foreman (Wheeler) had orders from Desloge and Fischer, two chief company officials, to discharge Chalenburg, and when presented his time check by the former, Shalenburg resented and the fight began with the results stated.

Miss Virgilia Conway of Chicago is the guest of Mrs. Paul Cayce.

Miss Blanche Bilharz of St. Louis visited Mrs. J. B. Smith Thanksgiving.

SILVER JUBILEE AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Thanksgiving day was made a special service day at the Catholic Church, in celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary as a parish church. It was a mission church for many years before that. Several former priests in charge of the church took part in the celebration, Rev. Joseph Collins of St. Louis being the celebrant, and Rev. B. S. Stolte, deacon. Both were former priests here, but are now in St. Louis. Father Morgan acted as sub-deacon, and Father Casey of Desloge as master of ceremonies. Father Coffrey of St. Louis preached the sermon from Colossians, chapter 3, verse 17: "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus; giving thanks to God, and the Father by Him." It was a plain practical sermon full of love and charity for the world, regardless of denominations, and with malice toward none. One hearing Father Coffrey can understand the great hold he always has on his congregation in the city.

The choir rendered some fine music. The members are: Miss Hattie Smith, organist; Professor Hugh Porter, Edward Barrol, Miss Barbara Caroline Tullock, violins; sopranos, Misses Irene Lang, Anna Putmann, Mrs. R. P. Lang, Chas. Reinhardt; alto, Edward Effrein, tenor, Fred Isenman; basso, R. P. Lang.

The collections was for the poor, starving Mexicans.

UNION THANKSGIVING

All the Protestant churches in town united in a service at the Presbyterian Church at 10 o'clock, Rev. O. H. Duggins of the M. E. Church, South, preaching the sermon. The choir rendered special music. The collection taken up will be used by the Charity Board this winter.

YOUNG DIXON ACQUITTED

The trial of Norval Dixon, a thirteen-year old boy of Bonne Terre, for the killing of another boy, John Miller, on the night of July 7th, last, has called in the Circuit Court last Monday, and the process of selecting a jury was gone through with. The trial closed Wednesday morning, resulting in a verdict of not guilty and the young defendant was discharged.

The body of young Miller, whom he had killed, was found in the telephone booth of the ice plant with a knife wound through his heart. He and his father, James Miller, were employed at the ice plant, which had been entered through a window Monday night previous, and some money left there had been stolen. The night of the tragedy John told his father he would stay there and lay a trap for the thieves. Shortly after the tragedy young Dixon, in talking to a boy of Mrs. Webb Skaggs, said he had cut Miller, but not to say anything about it. The boy, however, told his mother, who immediately went to the plant ETAOIN ETAOIA to Robert Moran and told him