

RHETT NOT GUILTY.

The Member of a Leading South Carolina Family

ACQUITTED OF A GRAVE CHARGE.

He was Accused of Assaulting Little Girls, Who Acknowledged they Perjured Themselves to Convict Him. He is a Son of General Rhett.

New York, June 25.—January 20 William R. Rhett, a member of a prominent South Carolina family, employed as clerk in the New York offices of the Savannah line of steamships, was arrested at the Jersey City ferry by Officer Vail on the charge of criminally assaulting little girls. It was alleged that on December 12 Rhett had induced these girls to accompany him to New York, and had taken them in a hack to Seventeenth street and back to the ferry; that he had drawn the curtains to the hack and assaulted them during the ride. He was soon released on \$7,000 bail.

The trial began before Judge Martine in Part III of General Sessions, June 12, and two days were occupied in getting a jury, and since Monday, June 15, the jury listened to the voluminous evidence. Col. John R. Fellows and ex-Senator Thomas W. Grady were engaged to defend young Rhett, while the prosecution was conducted by Deputy Assistant District Attorney John F. McIntyre. It was Col. Fellows' first appearance at a trial since he left the office of District Attorney, and also the first important trial conducted by Mr. McIntyre since his appointment.

The fact that Colonel Fellows was to make the final argument for the defense yesterday, was enough to fill the court room with auditors. The prisoner arrived at 10:15 o'clock, accompanied by his father, brother and uncle, and while he tried hard to look cheerful, it was evident that the strain upon his nerves was telling on him. After receiving the greetings of his friends he took a seat near his counsel, resting his head upon his hand, a position which has become to him a habit during this trial. Colonel Fellows opened his address by contrasting the positions, habits and appearance of the prosecuting witnesses with those of the prisoner. No possible motive, he said, could be found for the commission of the crime by the prisoner. Polly Morris, Katie Flynn, and Lally and McHugh, the hack drivers, were born and raised in an atmosphere of crime and depravity. Their stories differed widely now from the testimony given at the time of the arrest, and were therefore not entitled to credence. Referring to the prisoner's family honor, Colonel Fellows said: "His is the name of a family that has been stainless for two hundred years. At the police station he gave his right name, and made no attempt to conceal it. If he had been guilty he would not have done this."

Colonel Fellows said he received no fee in the case, but acted purely from sympathy. If he would accept a penny for his services, for it was a pleasure to use his efforts in protecting this young man from persecution. He pictured the young man's past record, and asked the jury to treat him in making their decision, as they would desire a jury to treat their sons under similar circumstances.

Deputy Assistant District Attorney McIntyre, in beginning his address, said the fact of the prisoner being the son of a good family would not influence him. He presented the evidence clearly and concisely and closed with the scriptural quotation: "Whoever shall receive one of such children in My name receiveth Me, and whoever shall offend one of these little ones, it is better that a millstone were hanged about his neck and he were cast into the sea." After a recess Judge Martine charged the jury, consulting about an hour and a half in fairly and impartially stating the law. The jury not having arrived at a verdict at 7:20 o'clock, were taken out to dinner, returning at 8:20. At 8:35 they filed into the jury box, and Rhett was brought before them. His face showed plainly that he realized his situation, and he scanned the faces of the jurymen almost eagerly, but seemed to gain no hope, for not a muscle of his face moved. The clerk asked the foreman the statutory question: "Do you find the prisoner at the bar guilty or not guilty?" "Not guilty," answered the foreman, and not until then did Rhett show emotion. The muscles about the mouth moved nervously, and he pulled at his mustache for a moment in an excited manner, then turned toward his father with a slight smile and a nod to the jury. He is still under indictment on two other charges arising out of the same facts, and will be admitted to bail on each. Mr. McIntyre said: "I cannot yet say whether these other indictments will be tried or not. The same facts are involved as in this case, and the evidence would be the same."

A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

A Young Girl Witness in a Murder Case Killed by Unknown Persons. PIERCE CITY, Mo., June 24.—A daughter, fourteen years of age, of Terry Campbell, who lives north of Rite, was found Sunday evening dead. Two young men named Harly and Armstrong saw the girl and a man about a mile from town. This was the last time the girl was seen alive. Search parties have been scouring the neighborhood since Saturday evening. Her head was crushed, her throat cut from ear to ear and there were several gashes on the breast and abdomen. There were evidences of a hard struggle on the road to the scene of the murder. Rumor says the girl was an important witness in a murder case now pending in Newton county, and that interested parties are suspected of knowing about the murder.

Great Frauds Unearthed.

MADISON, Wis., June 25.—The State land commissioners have during the last three months been investigating the subject of trespass on timber lands and have unearthed great frauds. Millions upon millions of feet of pine timber have been cut by various individuals off public lands with no authority whatever, 2,000,000 feet having been stolen from a single township in the north-western part of the State within the past two years, and the extent of the loss to the State is enormous.

Blinded by the Moon's Rays.

KANSAS CITY, Kas., June 25.—Jefferson A. Harlow, a letter carrier, slept near an open window with the moon shining full upon his face. When he awoke he was totally blind.

THE HAT TRIMMING CASES

Compromised by the Government Paying \$5,000,000 Overt. CHICAGO, June 25.—THE GUILT BETWEEN the government and the importers of hat trimmings over the excessive duties imposed on such goods, according to a recent Supreme Court decision, is likely to be compromised by the payment of \$5,000,000 by the government to the importers. Percy L. Shuman, one of the attorneys for the importers has returned from Washington, where he has been for some time engaged in negotiations with Secretary Foster to that end. When he left there the papers had all been drawn compromising the claims for \$5,000,000, and all that is necessary to close negotiations is the signature of the Secretary. The suits number over 1,500 and to settle them all an court would take years. Hence both sides believe they are doing the best thing for all concerned in making this settlement.

YOUNG TRAIN WRECKERS.

Boys Scarcely in the Teens Arrested for a Fiendish Crime. URBANA, Ohio, June 25.—Detectives George W. Caldwell, of the Erie railroad, and M. H. Ford, of the Big Four, have been working several days on the attempted wrecking of the night express train on the Erie road several days ago. They succeeded yesterday in arresting Edward Evlizer, aged 15, Charles Perice, 15, and Charles Steinberger, 15, as the guilty parties. Young Evlizer confessed after his arrest, and stated that three attempts had been made to wreck the night express train. After pulling the obstruction on the track they hid in the woods near by to see the train run into it. Fortunately no damage was done. The boys were arraigned before Mayor Ganson and entered a plea of guilty. They will probably be sent to the reform farm.

Another Cronin Case.

CINCINNATI, O., June 25.—A Gorman paper proposes the theory that William Kendall, of Newport, Ky., whose body was found in the Ohio river a week ago, was killed in a manner similar to that by which Dr. Cronin met his fate, only that Kendall was mistaken for the real victim, Mr. J. Green, an artist. Mr. Kendall, who had several close friends, said his brother's house in this city and said he was going to his home in Newport. This was at night. The theory is that, as he resembles Green, he was followed and murdered and his dead body thrown into the Ohio river. A story was recently printed in Chicago of Green's experiences, which shows that he was a marked man, and that he was followed from place to place.

Pennsylvania Railroad Business.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 25.—Statement of the business of all lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company: All lines east of Pittsburgh and Erie for May, 1891, as compared with the same month in 1890, show a decrease in net earnings of \$317,781; a decrease in expenses of \$153,216; a decrease in net earnings of \$164,565. All lines west of Pittsburgh and Erie for May, 1891, as compared with the same month in 1890, show: A decrease in gross earnings of \$811,854; a decrease in expenses of \$320,316; an increase in net earnings of \$491,538.

Imports and Exports.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—The chief of bureau of statistics in his statement of imports and exports of the United States, reports that the total value of the exports of merchandise from the United States during the twelve months ended May 31, 1891, was \$879,894,894. The value of the imports of merchandise was for the twelve months ended May 31, \$840,877,082.

U. S. SENATOR PEPPER.

OF KANSAS, Will Speak at the Moundsville Prohibition Assembly, Saturday, July 11. The Farmers' Alliance of West Virginia and the Ohio Valley have been given a day at the great Ohio Valley Prohibition Assembly at Moundsville, and Saturday, July 11, has been set apart for this purpose. The exercises of the day will be in charge of Hon. T. R. Carskaddon, one of the State lecturers of the Alliance, and the exercises will be of intense interest to every farmer.

In the morning Hon. M. V. B. Bennett, of Kansas, will speak at 2:30 p. m. United States Senator Pepper, of Kansas, the greatest leader the Farmers' Alliance has produced, will speak. Senator Pepper, as our readers know, succeeded John J. Ingalls in the United States Senate, and was chairman of the Alliance and Hon. J. Bird Beverly, of Virginia, will also speak, as well as Mrs. Mary T. Lathrop, of Michigan, the "Daniel Webster of the W. C. T. U.," in the evening.

Every farmer should now make his arrangements to be present on that day, and 10,000 people are expected to stay all day. The Assembly begins July 3 and lasts ten days.—Advt.

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Written by Mrs. M. J. Fellows, Burr Oak, St. Joseph Co., Mich. daw

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HOT TO COLD.

A Hint to Those Saying Fool Things About Hot Weather.

Chicago Herald. Marcus Daly, the rich miner and crafty politician of Montana, stood in front of the Auditorium yesterday when the sun's rays were hottest. He was waiting for a carriage and wishing for winter. It seemed as if every acquaintance that said something to him said something about the warm day, and this was becoming tiresome. Presently a fresh young man with a salmon-colored suit and silver-headed cane came out of the hotel. Noticing the famous Montanian trying to cool himself with a handkerchief, he said: "Good morning, Mr. Daly."

"Morning." "Hot, isn't it?" "What say?" asked the politician as he almost looked through the young man. "I say it's quite hot." "Didn't quite get you," and he put his hand to his ear. "I said," and the fellow yelled, "it's hot; quite hot!" "Step into the hotel a moment." The two men walked inside the hotel and Mr. Daly said: "You have known me for three or four years." "Yes, sir." "Never doubted my sanity?" "Never." "Never saw me otherwise than sober?" "Never." "Well, you see my collar has faded?" "Yes." "You can see that I am perspiring?" "Certainly." "Feel a trifle warm yourself?" "Yes, indeed." "Then you know it is hot. Everybody knows it is hot. People are alive. Now what reason have you for running up to me and telling me it is hot? We are a little slow in Montana, but there are some things we know. I bid you good day."

CHANGED HIS BILL.

Clever Ruse of a Lawyer Which Secured an Acquittal.

Omaha Bee. In a trial in the United States court, where a young man had been indicted for passing a counterfeit \$10 bill, the counsel of the latter, C. A. Baldwin, objected to Gen. Strickland's course in endeavoring to prove by business men the fact that the bill in question was a counterfeit, but to no purpose. Finally, improving a favorable chance, Mr. Baldwin substituted a good bill for the counterfeit, which genuine money Gen. Strickland then proved by three business men to be the rankest kind of counterfeit. Thereupon Mr. Baldwin vehemently demanded that attention be given to his objections, and Judge Dunly insisted that the district attorney send out for a bank cashier and an expert.

With great confidence General Strickland handed to the expert the bill after establishing his business and his experience in handling money—and said: "State to the jury whether in your opinion that bill is good or bad?" "This is a good bill, sir," returned the witness.

"What!" shouted the attorney, "do you mean to say the bill is not a counterfeit?" "Yes, sir; if you will bring it down to the Omaha National bank we will give you the gold for it." Then there was a scene, in the midst of which Mr. Baldwin managed to explain to the court that he had changed bills without the knowledge of the district attorney, and that in view of the fact that three good business men had testified that a genuine bill was a counterfeit he thought considerable allowance should be made for his client—an ignorant country boy—in mistaking a counterfeit for a good bill. The jury was evidently impressed with the idea, for it returned a verdict of acquittal.

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