

POLICE FREED IN SHORT TRIAL

Self Defense Plea Accepted Regarding Negro's Death

Police Officers Sid Waller and Denny Lloyd, indicted on a charge of murder following the killing of a negro, Will Middleton, were tried jointly before a jury in the Seventeenth district court Tuesday afternoon and acquitted, the jury being out only long enough to take a vote and write the verdict.

The negro Middleton was killed in the southern part of the city on the night of January 26, while the two officers were endeavoring to arrest him. The officers say the negro resisted arrest and endeavored to use a pistol, when he was shot. Both officers fired upon him, one bullet striking his body and causing his death two days later. Self-defense was the plea in the case Tuesday.

Convicted of Bigamy

Charged with having married his second wife in Texas while his first wife was living, and without having secured a divorce, H. P. Prewitt of Madill, I. T., was convicted of bigamy in the Seventeenth district court Tuesday afternoon and his punishment assessed at two years in the penitentiary.

Complaint was made against Prewitt in Justice John L. Terrell's court two months ago by the father of Prewitt's first wife, charging that on Jan. 6, 1905, he had married in Tarrant county Miss Clifford Leslie of Medill, I. T., and at that time he had a wife living at Van Alstyne, Grayson county, from whom he had never been divorced. The first wife, before her marriage, was Miss Gertrude Jones. Prewitt afterwards left Van Alstyne and went to the Indian Territory, where he met Miss Leslie, whom he induced to come with him to Fort Worth, where they were married.

Mrs. Gertrude Prewitt, the first wife, was a witness in the case, and fully identified Prewitt as her husband, and the records of Tarrant county were given as proof of the second marriage.

Boy Bought Whisky

Five boys, whose ages ranged from 12 to 16 years, were brought before Justice John L. Terrell Wednesday morning, accompanied by the parents of two of them. The charge against the boys was having in their possession a bottle of whisky and engaging in a fight. Justice Terrell, not knowing just what was the best thing to do in the premises, took the five lads before Assistant County Attorney R. E. L. Roy, who interrogated the oldest one in the party, whose name is Cartwright.

The Cartwright boy, in answer to questions put to him, said that he had purchased the whisky from a certain saloon Saturday night, but that he did not know the name of the man from whom he purchased it. He said, however, that he would know him if he should see him again.

Justice Terrell was told to take charge of the oldest boy and put him in charge of an officer, who would go out and endeavor to locate the man who sold the whisky. The matter is now being investigated.

Forty-Eighth District Court

The jury in the case of Joseph D. Turner et al. vs. J. D. Kane, suit brought on a building contract, and in which there were a number of intervenors with claims against plaintiffs for materials furnished, which has been on trial in the Forty-eighth district court since Wednesday of last week, returned a verdict Wednesday morning.

The verdict of the jury was for the plaintiffs against the defendant Kane for the sum of \$1,549.11, with interest at 6 per cent from April, 1905, and for \$94.25, making the total \$1,643.35; also a verdict for the intervenors in the case against the plaintiffs, as follows: Brown & Vera, \$52.15; Agee Bros., \$24.80; John E. Quarles Lumber Company, \$856.62; Sam Brookshire, \$50; Bockley Planing Mill Company, \$193.17; Crouch Hardware Company, \$248.83; Burns & Hamilton, \$291.35.

The verdict also ordered the foreclosure of the lien on the property described in the petition against the defendant Kane in favor of plaintiffs and intervenors, the intervenors to have preference.

Assault Charged

Deputy Sheriff Ralph S. Purvis returned from Comanche Tuesday afternoon, having in charge Will Overstreet, who was indicted by the last grand jury for alleged criminal assault. The indictment charges that Overstreet assaulted a girl named Pope, who lives with her parents in a tent on the north side of the river.

Seventeenth District Court

The case of the state of Texas vs. Joseph Riley, charged with forgery, was heard before Judge Mike E. Smith Wednesday, the jury returning a verdict of not guilty.

Judge Smith then excused the jury until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

County Court

J. T. Crouch vs. Flores-Epps Loan and Trust Company, on trial.

Marriage Licenses

The following marriage licenses have been issued:

James E. Burgess 711 East Belknap, and Miss Floy Elizabeth King, Fort Worth.

John Morris, 618 College avenue, and Pearl Foster, city.

J. M. Booth, -Birdville, and Miss Florence Coen, Syracuse, N. Y.

Perry B. Stevens, Dallas, and Miss Ollie Davis, Cleburne.

Record of Deaths

Alice Mahen, age 1 year and 9 months, 614 West Weatherford street, April 20; intercolites.

Record of Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Jordan, Arlington, Texas, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Robinson, near Arlington, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Booth, near Arlington, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mose C. Britt, North Fort Worth, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Linn, 1202 Granger street, a boy.

Real Estate Transfers

Claude V. Brock and wife to Mrs. Estelle Armstrong, lot 15, block 5, J. W. Goldsmith addition, \$1,450.

George S. Sutherland to Sam McGee, 50 acres out of the Joel Walker survey, \$1,100.

A. H. Culver et al to Annie Hargrove, 1 acre out of the B. B. English survey, \$75.

B. R. Ramsey and wife to Joseph Edwards and A. H. Culver, part of the English survey, \$3,200.

Fort Worth Development Company to J. W. Bradley, lot 13, block 102, M. G. Ellis' North Fort Worth addition, \$200.

Fort Worth Development Company to J. W. Bradley, lot 30, block 100, M. G. Ellis' North Fort Worth addition, \$150.

J. W. Bradley and wife to W. R. Cole et al, lot 3, block 100, and lot 13, block 102, M. G. Ellis' North Fort Worth addition, \$150.

F. D. Thompson and wife to J. W. Draughon, lot No. 2 block 99, city of Fort Worth, corner of West Fifth and Taylor streets, \$8,400.

The following transfers of real estate have been filed for record:

Rosen Heights Land Company to Mrs. L. Gabbard, lot 16, block 37, Rosen Heights, \$120.

Rosen Heights Land Company to Mrs. C. A. Lyford, lots 22 to 24, block 80, Rosen Heights, \$600.

Arlington Heights Realty Company to Mrs. T. J. Sims, lots 11 and 12, block 23, Arlington Heights, \$250.

V. C. Martin et al to A. Standlee, lot 17, block 51, Rosen Heights addition, \$130.