

JIM BURGESS

TRIAL BEGUN

**Major Jarvis' Son-in-law Ac-
cused of Murder**

**CALIMS HE SHOT
IN SELF-DEFENSE**

**Was Engaged in Dispute With
Donald Miller—Special
Counsel Engaged**

The trial of Jim Burgess, charged with the killing of Donald Miller in this county near Roanoke in March last, was commenced in the Sixty-seventh district court Monday, the entire morning being devoted to the selection of a jury from a special venire.

The defendant, who is a son-in-law of Major J. J. Jarvis and highly connected in this county, is charged with having killed Donald Miller, the shooting being a result of an altercation over the possession of a wagon which belonged to Burgess.

The defendant will endeavor to show that he went to Miller and demanded the wagon and that while he was in the act of unhooking a team of horses attached to the wagon the deceased made a threatening move as if to draw a weapon. Burgess firing at him after being warned by a companion who was with him that Miller was about to attack him.

During the examination of prospective jurors Monday morning Judge W. P. McLean, senior counsel for the defendant, stated in open court that he had been told that relatives of the dead man had, or were making arrangements to secure the services of special counsel to assist the county attorney in the prosecution of the case. Judge McLean demanded that the names of the lawyers who were to assist in the case be made public before the choosing of a jury progressed any further.

Mr. Roy then stated that it was his understanding that private counsel has been retained, but that he was not certain what arrangements had been perfected in this regard.

Judge Simmons ordered the selection of the jury to proceed, to which defendant's counsel took exception.