

<h3>MORE INDICTMENTS IN SHIREY CASE</h3> <p>W. P. Smith and W. T. Blackford, Mrs. Shirey's Lawyers in Divorce Case, Charged With Being Accessories.</p> <p>Special to the Gazette.</p> <p>Walnut Ridge, Aug. 18.—Following their indictment and arrest yesterday as accessories to the murder of A. W. Shirey, W. P. Smith and W. T. Blackford, attorneys, gave bond today in the sum of \$5,000 each for their appearance for trial. J. C. Langston, indicted for murder in the first degree, is awaiting trial in the jail at Newport, with James Hill, brother of Mrs. Fannie Belle Shirey, the widow of the murdered man. The noted case will be tried here, beginning on the second day of the October term of the Circuit Court.</p> <p>Attorney Smith, whose nickname of "Raggedy Bill" has become known throughout the state, was arrested late yesterday, immediately after his indictment was reported by the Grand Jury. Mr. Blackford, who was associated with Smith in litigation concerning the Shireys before the Minors merchant was murdered, was out of town when the Grand Jury reported, but he was arrested immediately upon his return.</p> <p>Although nothing has been made public as to the testimony which these two indictments were returned, the case against Blackford and Smith has become generally known. The prosecution will attempt to prove, it is understood, that they knew of the plot to murder Shirey, and that it was upon their report to Langston that the old merchant would soon procure a divorce that he was induced to commit the crime.</p> <p>Mrs. Shirey's Mother Important Witness</p> <p>It is understood that it was of the testimony of Mrs. Hill, mother of Mrs. Shirey and of James Hill, the young man accused of helping Langston, to whom the Grand Jury returned the indictments against Blackford and Smith. The old woman, it is said, was brought to the court room by physicians. She proved to be a valuable witness for the state, it is said.</p> <p>X. O. Pindall, chief counsel for Langston, wanted a trial immediately, and asked Judge Clifton to set the case for the western district of this circuit, which opens next week. This application was denied, however.</p> <p>For a year or more before A. W. Shirey was killed, he had been trying to get a divorce from the young wife. He alleged unfaithfulness, and had the divorce been granted it is said that she would have been cut off from any part of his fortune. Smith and Blackford represented Mrs. Shirey in her defense.</p> <p>It is said that Smith and Blackford felt that they had lost their case, and shortly before March 6, the date of the murder, that they notified Langston that Shirey would soon be granted his divorce petition. That would mean that Langston should be near Mrs. Shirey, as he had sworn to do, and would get some of the old man's money. It would also mean, the state will point out, that Smith and Blackford would get nothing for their services in behalf of Mrs. Shirey, because the young woman had no money in her own name.</p> <p>Thus the prosecution will attempt to show that the two lawyers had a personal interest in the death of Shirey. What proof they have to support this theory has not been divulged outside the Grand Jury room.</p> <p>"Raggedy" Smith is a character in and about Walnut Ridge. He is of somewhat appearance and more would take him for a lawyer. Many years ago he was practically adopted by the man with whose murder he is now alleged to have been concerned. Young</p>	<h3>Your Freckles</h3> <p>Need Attention in the Summer or Fall Will Run Correct.</p> <p>Now is the time to take special care of the complexion if you wish it to look well the rest of the year. The August sun brings out freckles that will stay the rest of the Summer unless removed now with alpha-double strength.</p> <p>This prescription for the cure of freckles is the discovery of an eminent skin specialist and is an uniform successful that is sold by Shodgrass & Boney under guarantee to refund the money if it fails. That an entire skin—double strength, and even the first night's application will show wonderful improvement, some of the number freckles even vanishing entirely.</p> <p>Smith worked for years in Shirey's store.</p> <p>Indictment Not Wholly a Surprise.</p> <p>Later he began the study of law. He spent much time in justice courts in Rose and Walnut Ridge and soon had a fair grasp of elementary law. He was naturally keen, and his creditable language and general habits were overcome by his abilities to grasp quickly any advantage that might present itself. He got himself admitted to the bar and soon picked up an extensive practice.</p> <p>During Langston's preliminary hearing "Raggedy Bill" was one of his counsel. Although there was nothing brought out in that hearing to connect his name with the case in a criminal way, his name lobbed up time and again in the testimony of witnesses. The indictment yesterday was not, therefore, entirely a surprise.</p> <p>ARKANSAS PEACHES POPULAR</p> <p>Van Buren Cannery Bids Entire Season's Output Before Labeling.</p> <p>Special to the Gazette.</p> <p>Van Buren, Aug. 18.—The casing company will label and ship out this week the last of their 1910 pack of 25 black peaches from their Van Buren cannery. They report that the season has been a most satisfactory one.</p> <p>The manager states that they packed 20,000 bushels of choice peaches, of 40 varieties, that when canned made 24 cars of canned goods. From 180 to 185 men, women and children were given employment for fully three weeks, their labor amounting from the various departments amounting to several thousands of dollars, that were distributed among the citizens of Van Buren most to good employment.</p> <p>The fact that the company had every case of their goods sold before they could label them, and could have sold twice the amount of this season's pack had they been able to put up the fruit, shows the growing popularity of the Arkansas peach when canned and placed in competition with California and other fruits. It is believed that many of the larger growers of Florida peaches in Crawford county will put up small quantities on their farms in the near future and can the bulk of their crop instead of putting it on an overcrowded market and being forced to take whatever the commission houses are willing to pay.</p> <p>"HOG SPECIAL" PICNIC</p> <p>Judge Ratterow, Guy B. Stewart, J. J. Moore and Prof. Tillman Speakers.</p> <p>Special to the Gazette.</p> <p>Stephens, Aug. 18.—Two thousand people attended the picnic here today given in honor of the "hog special," which is being operated through the section of the line by the Cotton Belt. Judge E. H. Ratterow of Little Rock spoke of the time and purposes of the Arkansas Land Congress and he ad-</p>
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