

CHAPMAN IS FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

Negro Extradited From Edmonton Court in Oklahoma Case. Sentenced to Twenty-Five Years in the State Penitentiary—Again Declared Former Confession Untrue.

James Chapman, the Oklahoma negro, whose confession of the murder of Lawrence Mathews, of Stillwater, Oklahoma, and subsequent denial and trial for extradition in the District Court created a great sensation in Edmonton last spring, has been found guilty of murder and sentenced to 25 years imprisonment by the Stillwater court.

Chapman, suspected by the murder of Lawrence Mathews, who died under peculiar circumstances in Stillwater, December 5, 1908, fled from Oklahoma to Canada. He came to Edmonton, where he lived for a time on Nainoa avenue. On April 12th, last he came to Inspector Cuthbert, R.N.W.M.P., and made a confession of the murder. He was tried for extradition in the District Court.

The judge refused to believe of the Negro's story and the prisoner was sentenced to be re-arrested on a charge of perjury. On his second trial he denied completely the story he had told at first, asserting that he had been prompted to concoct the whole thing in order to be revenged on a certain white woman. He was committed for extradition on April 22nd. While being taken south to Stillwater by the sheriff of Payne County, he jumped from the train and effected his escape. He was recaptured attempting to return to Canada. A second time he leaped from a moving train, this time to break up his legs and otherwise badly injure himself. He was treated in the hospital for several months and then came up for trial in Stillwater, where last week the sentence of 25 years imprisonment was passed upon him.

The following paragraphs relating to the trial are from "The People's Press," of Stillwater: "The People's Press," of Stillwater, Oklahoma, recounts the final chapter in the Mathews murder case, which ended in the conviction of Chapman, the negro extradited from Edmonton some months ago, and his sentence to twenty-five years in the state penitentiary. The article from the "Press" follows in part: "The trial of James Chapman, given one of the persons charged with the most atrocious murder in the history of Payne County, the penalty of twenty-five years in the state penitentiary. Webster, in his great plea before the jury in the white murder case, many years ago, said 'murder will out,' and so it has. Without the confession made by James Chapman the state's case would have fallen flat. But when the link which bound two such persons together was a secret such as this, everyone must know that sooner or later it would come out. A negro and a white woman could not be kept together by any such tie, and to speak of love between the two is a travesty on the word.

The confession was the conclusive evidence of guilt to the jury and all the little intrigues and circumstances which appeared to be of little importance before were now made by the confession to dovetail in with the truth as shown by the verdict words. Chapman may feel lucky that he was not sentenced to death, but the verdict as it was better for the people than the accused that will make it.

Twenty-five years, if he serves them all, means practically a life sentence to Jim Chapman. The culmination of this most sensational occurrence, which in the juvenile court of this county occupied the time of the court and drew the largest crowd ever seen in the court house at Stillwater for two weeks during the hottest weather of last year and caused bitter feeling among neighbors and friends, in the verdict of a fair and impartial and unprejudiced jury of Logan County, which says to Jim Chapman, you shall serve twenty-five years in the state penitentiary for this murder.

The argument of the attorneys took place during the afternoon and evening of Saturday and the case went to the jury Saturday night. Just before the sentence was passed upon him, Chapman arose and thanked the judge and the jury for the fairness in the trial, saying that he had brought all the trouble on himself.

The Testimony. R. L. Sten was called upon to testify to the condition of the body of Lawrence Mathews as he saw it soon after his death. Bill Sepp was called to show a conversation which took place in the county jail between J. M. Springer and James Chapman, in which he told of his intention to plead guilty. This ended the case for the state, who have been watching the case closely. They have woven a chain of evidence about the accused that will result in his conviction of murder. The confession of Chapman has been of great assistance to the state since they could from what he said and the parties who could make the links of the chain fit together so closely as to show that it was true. Little circumstances that appeared to be of no particular moment before are now become important since they fit in with what he has said and show a plan and plot to kill.

Chapman's Evidence. The defence placed James Chapman on the witness stand last night and made direct examination by his counsel he went over the facts told by the witnesses of the state, and either testified or in part admitted the substance of them all. Chapman makes What your feet are wet and cold, and your body chilled through and through from exposure, take a big dose of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, bathe your feet in hot water, keep going to bed, and you are almost certain to ward off a severe cold. For sale by druggists everywhere.

GADSBY, A NEW BUT THRIVING C.P.R. TOWN

Located on the Canadian Pacific Locomotive Branch 40 Miles East of Edmonton. White Dwellings—Coal Mines in the District.

Gadsby, Dec. 12.—The village of Gadsby was organized in June last when J. D. Skinner, chairman, J. A. Kruger and A. O. Bergeron were elected as village councillors. The single tax system adopted is being put into quite satisfactory. Considerable improvement has been made and Gadsby has no debt, nor municipal debt. The assessment is low and the tax rate only eight mills.

Among the first buildings at Gadsby were the office of the McLeod Lumber company and the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kruger. After steel arrived in this summer, of 1909 general building began. Gadsby has grown to its present size in a very short time. The school was opened six weeks after the first lumber arrived on the ground. There are now sixty pupils in the school and two teachers. A rented building has been secured and plans are being made to erect a brick school in the spring. A new school was opened six weeks after the first lumber arrived on the ground. There are now sixty pupils in the school and two teachers. A rented building has been secured and plans are being made to erect a brick school in the spring. A new school was opened six weeks after the first lumber arrived on the ground. There are now sixty pupils in the school and two teachers. A rented building has been secured and plans are being made to erect a brick school in the spring.

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It is a two days' drive from Edmonton to Paken, through Fort Saskatchewan, Lamont, and Bruderheim. Bruderheim is a strictly German settlement, is a place unto itself. At Bruderheim, which is on the C.N.R., the people use Edmonton coal and only pay \$4.00 per ton.

Beyond Bruderheim there is a large district entirely settled by Russians and Austrians who would not go back to the old lands for any inducement. They look happy and prosperous, and have quite a lot of stock, implements, horses and cattle. At Woodok, one of the towns in this settlement, Inducement sells at 20 cents compared with the 40 cents here, and eggs at 25c compared with 40c here.

These settlers have a peculiar way of building their homes. They are of logs, thatched eighteen inches thick with horse and cattle. At Woodok, one of the towns in this settlement, Inducement sells at 20 cents compared with the 40 cents here, and eggs at 25c compared with 40c here.

Spent the morning at Gadsby. The road is a good one, and the scenery is beautiful. The road is a good one, and the scenery is beautiful. The road is a good one, and the scenery is beautiful. The road is a good one, and the scenery is beautiful.

Some Good Grain Yields. As a sample of the good grain yields the following might be mentioned. The wheat yield was 20 bushels per acre, and the corn yield was 100 bushels per acre.

Deserting Old Trade Route. The settlers are all of a good class, mostly from eastern Canada and the United States. Up to recently most of the passengers and freight for the town and district has come in over the C.P.R. and around Fort William.

Former Banker Dead. Montreal, Dec. 13.—Hon. Philip Roy, ex-M.L.A. for St. John's, ex-speaker of the Quebec legislature and ex-president of the Banque de St. Jean, died Saturday afternoon at the Hotel Dieu, after many weeks of illness. He was born in 1847 and admitted to the bar in 1871. Though a resident of St. John's, he was mayor of Montreal in 1908, but was defeated. Shortly after he was elected to the penitentiary for five years, and your feet in hot water, keep going to bed, and you are almost certain to ward off a severe cold. For sale by druggists everywhere.

REVOOLUTIONISTS WIN BATTLE IN MEXICO

Revolutionists Attack Government Troops in Mountain Pass and Heavy Casualties Are Sustained by Forwarded Troops, Who Are Forced to Retire.

Chihuahua, Mex., Dec. 20.—Forty-two wounded Mexican soldiers were brought in today, thus confirming the reports that the troop train which left Gadsby was shot to pieces in the mountain pass known as Mal Paso, a few miles west of this place. The official report states that the Federal troops lost 21 killed and 40 missing among the revolutionists. The latter included Colonel Gutierrez, who was in command of the expedition. The insurance loss is not known.

They halted the first and second sections. Guzman disembarked his troops and for five hours defended himself from the desperate charges. He was killed and his men were scattered. He held his ground for five hours. Col. Guzman was shot through the leg, while the third officer in command was wounded. The train arrived at Mal Paso, where the revolutionists held their dead and wounded together with the remainder of his force, upon the mountain side. The train arrived at Mal Paso, where the revolutionists held their dead and wounded together with the remainder of his force, upon the mountain side.

Removal of Locomotive From Newspaper. The locomotive was removed from the newspaper office. The locomotive was removed from the newspaper office. The locomotive was removed from the newspaper office.

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