

was 3 a. m. Sunday. Romaine poked a gun in his face and called him a s— of a b— three or four times and wanted to have a gun fight. Hughes also told me he asked Romaine what he had against him and the reply was, "Oh you ———— of a b—, I don't like you anyway." He also said that Romaine threatened, if he saw him Sunday, to kill him. We then walked down to the *Tribune* office. We did not expect to see Romaine there, for it was an unusual thing to be about so early. I did not know Hughes had a pistol. When he saw Romaine the trouble began, as told by Mr. Pinneo. Hughes had told me he was afraid he would be killed if he said anything in Romaine's presence. After the shooting Hughes gave himself up.

R. J. Jessop testified that he was in the *Tribune* office and heard four or five shots; hurried to the window and saw Romaine with a gun in his hand. I thought he had been firing for fun. Then he staggered, and I thought it was a case of suicide. I went to the street, and he was carried into the bindery. Next Hughes was brought around the corner by Officer Cummock, and I learned that Hughes had done the shooting. I saw Hughes afterward, and his story was substantially the same as Daniels told it. He told me that Romaine followed him out of the building and wanted to fight him with pistols. Romaine pulled his gun and snapped it twice, but it did not go off. Hughes ran and got out of the way. This is his statement. He said that when he met Romaine on Sunday afternoon he put his hand in his hip pocket, and Hughes drew his pistol, and the shooting went on as detailed. He told me he thought Romaine was going to kill him; he fired in self-defense.

Joseph Arthur corroborated Mr. Pinneo's statement.

C. D. Crouch's attention was attracted by the first shot, and he saw the remainder of the affray. This morning he found a bullet in the bindery, on the floor, and also a piece of a ball in the window frame. His account of the portion he saw was the same as Mr. Pinneo's.

Mr. Pinneo said that he had a leaf from Hughes' note book, saying that he believed Romaine and Lannon were in a conspiracy to kill him, and asking me, if anything happened, to attend to some affairs. P. H. Lannan, manager of the *Tribune*, has that note. Hughes requested Lannan to send a dispatch to Judge Hughes, at Independence, Missouri.

Deputy Franks said that when he came up, Hughes was in Cummock's custody. He handed Franks the gun. The deputy also found a gun on Romaine. Hughes' pistol was 38-calibre, and was empty. Romaine's pistol had two loads in it. Franks heard five shots.

Policeman J. B. Cummock testified—I was near the post-office and heard shooting. I ran to the *Tribune* office, where someone said to me that the man who did the shooting was around the corner. Franks

was right behind me. I went around the corner and seized Hughes, who said he did the shooting. Franks came up and Hughes handed him the pistol. Franks got the pistol from the dying man. Hughes' pistol had three empty chambers and two empty shells; Romaine's pistol had three empty chambers and two loaded chambers, but no empty shells. Romaine's pistol had no appearance of being recently fired, but Hughes' did; I counted but four shots. There may have been five. I started to run at the first shot. I took Hughes to the City Hall. He said he was sorry it had happened, but he acted in self-defense; he believed his life was in danger as Romaine threatened him. P. H. Lannan took a note from Hughes' book. He tore the leaf out and would not let me have it. There was not time for Hughes to write the note after the shooting. He was turning back to the crowd when I came up to him. I could not stop and hunt for the shells missing from Hughes' pistol when I had a prisoner in custody. He must have opened his pistol and thrown out three empty shells.

E. D. Burlingame testified—I went to the corner while the shooting was going on. Hughes followed me, and as he passed me took his pistol in both hands, and I thought he was looking for more loads. He may have taken out three shells and probably did. I thought he was looking for a load to shoot himself.

Joseph Arthur said he saw a person in the crowd with three empty shells, and did not know who it was.

Mr. Pinneo said Mr. Daniels' statement about the first row was correct.

The jury returned a verdict of death from a shot from a pistol fired by T. M. Hughes and that the shooting was done without sufficient provocation.

#### CONFERENCE IN THE SOUTH.

The South Carolina and Georgia annual conferences were held in joint session at Brother Henry Saratt's, near Hickety Mountain, Spartanburg County, S.C., Oct. 19th and 20th, Elder Henry Fairbanks, president of the South Carolina conference, presiding. President Spry was present; also the following Elders:

Of the South Carolina conference President Henry Fairbanks and Traveling Elders Joseph H. Johnson, O. P. Jensen, N. H. Barker, G. E. Burgess, W. A. Reeve, J. F. Clidester, William Collard, and D. T. LeBaron.

Of the Georgia conference: President D. F. Fawns and Traveling Elders R. C. Van Leuven, I. R. Vance, H. S. Stephenson and Geo. H. Jex.

Visiting Elders from the North Carolina conference: President Oliver Belnap and Traveling Elders Willard Halliday and Thomas Rees.

There were many important principles dwelt upon by the speakers, such as faith, repentance, baptism

and the gift of the Holy Ghost being essential to salvation; the necessity of all people laying aside prejudice and becoming acquainted with the Gospel of Christ; revelation is indispensable to progressive truth; carnal nature is antagonistic to the Holy Spirit; present manifestation of signs, gifts and miracles promised the believer by the Savior; absurdity of professing faith without works; what the ordinances of the Gospel are for, and how to receive them; Divine authority and condemnation of false teachers; the will of the Father must be supreme in all things; diversity of creeds; the Kingdom of God in the last days, etc.

The Spirit and power of God were plainly discerned during our meetings. The Elders in council received much valuable instruction and encouragement.

We were thankful for the association of President Spry and Elders from abroad, our only regret being its briefness.

President D. F. Fawns of the Georgia conference was released to return home on account of illness.

The Saints in Georgia were not privileged to hold conference there this fall; most of the Elders are called out of the State and it is now attached to the South Carolina Conference.

The Elders have been assigned to their fields of labor as follows: South Carolina—President Henry Fairbanks; traveling Elders—Burgess, Reeve, Clidester and Collard.

George—Van Leuven and LeBaron; North Carolina, Stephenson and Jex. Elder Vance will preside over the East Tennessee conference.

Elders Johnson, Jensen and Barker are honorably released to return home.

Our meetings were well attended; the weather was beautiful and the singing excellent. The kindness manifested by the local Saints cannot be surpassed. Excepting the illness of Elder Fawns, there was nothing to mar the calm, peaceful influences of one of the most enjoyable gatherings your correspondent ever attended, for which may our Heavenly Father receive all thanks.

D. F. LEBARON,  
Clerk of Conference.

#### ADMITTING CITIZENS.

Judge Anderson was busy Nov. 7 in examining applicants for citizenship, some of whom were subjected to very close questioning. After the usual inquiries as to age, residence, intention to become a citizen, good character, etc., the general form of questions by the court is:

Do you believe in polygamy?

Do you believe it right for a man to cohabit with more than one woman—as a wife?

Will you obey all the laws now in force or that may be passed against polygamy?

Are you a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints?

If each of these questions is answered satisfactorily to the court, and the reply to the last one is "No," then but few more are asked.