

**Rev. E.S. Pierce:
Pastored Greens Cross Baptist Church, Jackson Memorial Baptist
Church, later murdered. Information below:**

Greens Cross Baptist Church

*On January 17, 1874 twenty-five members from Cashie and Capehart and Ross Baptist Churches met for the purpose of organizing Greens Cross Roads Baptist Church. Elder Edward Pierce, B. F. Barber, and Joseph W. White composed the Presbytery, with G. W. Cobb as secretary. **The sermon was preached by Rev. Edward Pierce.** At this meeting the church rules and covenant were read and adopted. On the next day, Sunday, January 18, the same presbytery met to ordain Joseph W. White, to the full work of gospel ministry. The ordination sermon was preached by Elder B. F. Barber, the Bible was presented by Elder Edward Pierce, and benediction by the new candidate, Joseph W. White.*

The church then called Rev. E. S. Pierce of Gates county and he began the work in January, 1899 and served until December 1901 and resigned the work to pursue studies at Louisville Seminary.

Eleven former pastors have passed on to their reward as follow: Reverends J. W. White, Jessie R. Matthews, Bytha Leggett, S. F. Bristoe, Geo. W. White, W. P. Jordon, E. S. Pierce, T. T. Speight, S. B. Barnes, M. A. Adams, N. J. Todd. We will never forget to cherish their memory.



GREEN'S CROSS BAPTIST CHURCH
(Bertie)

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Rev. Pierce was one of the earliest pastors of Jackson Memorial Baptist Church, Chesapeake; before coming to South Norfolk Baptist Church:

Celebrating the Past...Cultivating the Future!

Jackson Memorial Baptist Church

4316 Bruce Road, Chesapeake, VA 23321

One hundred years have passed since the church now known as Jackson Memorial Baptist Church first opened its doors. The location, the building and the people have all changed since that time. But one thing has remained constant since the beginning. The one thing that hasn't changed in the last century is God's faithfulness.

We remember with reverence the men and women who have served as active members of the JMBC community over the years. But all glory, honor and praise belong to Jesus Christ. He has worked in and through the members of this church to touch countless lives in Portsmouth and Chesapeake, VA and many others around the world through JMBC's mission efforts. The hand of God has been guiding and protecting and empowering this body since its inception.

As we celebrate this anniversary, our church is going through a time of great transition. We are prayerfully searching for a new pastor to lead our congregation. We are paying off phase one of our building plan and anticipating the new worship center that will be the featured element of phase two of that building plan. Having experienced God's faithfulness throughout our history, we can only believe that greater days are ahead.

That future begins now. As we meditate on God's faithfulness to us through the last century, may we be inspired to show that same faithfulness to God and His family at Jackson Memorial. May we continue this faith journey in such a way that we prove worthy of our great heritage. And may all who come behind us find us faithful.

Quotes

"JMBC is a wonderful church family where God's word has always been preached. The church is a praying, loving, caring, friendly, mission-minded church. It has always been there for me through sickness, death of family members and Clyde's death."

-Della Hobday, JMBC member for more than 52 years. The Hobday family has been a part of JMBC for 99 of the church's 100 years.

Beginnings

In the latter part of 1904, at the suggestion of Rev. W.F. Fisher, then pastor of the Fourth Street Baptist Church, the trustees of that church and South Street Baptist Church, feeling a need for a Southern Baptist mission in Prentis Place, purchased two lots on the southeast corner of Elm Avenue and Lincoln Street for the purpose of erecting a building for such a mission. There being some discussion over the large number of trustees, the South Street members turned over their portion of the purchase to the Fourth Street Church.

In 1905, the Fourth Street trustees purchased the one room Presbyterian Chapel on the southeast corner of Prentis Avenue and Randolph Street for the sum of \$1000 and sold the property first bought for a mission.

A Baptist Sunday School was started in the fall of 1905 with Mr. Luther Brunson of the Fourth Street Baptist Church having charge of the work. Sunday School was held every Sunday afternoon and a prayer service was held every Thursday night. Some months later in the early part of 1906, the Prentis Place Baptist Church (later JMBC) was organized. The first Sunday worship service as a congregation was held on January 11, 1906. With financial aid from the State Mission Board, Rev. Kelly Hobbs was called as the church's first pastor. There were 18 charter members. Most of them coming from the Fourth Street Baptist Church.

Charter Members

- Ashby, Mrs. M. J.
- Bassett, Mr. W. H.
- Bassett, Mrs. W. H.
- Berryman, Mr. H. L.
- Berryman, Mrs. Ella
- Brinkley, Fred L.
- Brinkley, Mrs. Sarah L.
- Buckwalter, Mrs. C. W.
- Bunting, Mrs. G. T.
- Carr, Mr. John H.
- Coleman, Mr. H. M.
- Coleman, Mrs. H. M.
- Dozier, Mrs. May
- Etheridge, Mr. John J.
- Etheridge, Mrs. John J.
- Hannace, Mr. Jesse
- Hannace, Mrs. Jesse
- White, Mrs. Nannie Etheridge

(The last surviving charter member, she passed away on January 11, 1978)

Naturally the progress of this small church in a new community was slow. But under Rev. Hobbs' leadership, the membership grew to about 60 members by the time he resigned as pastor in November 1907.

(The above information was taken from a historical document that was published in celebration of the church's 75th anniversary in 1981)

Pastors

Jackson Memorial is indebted to its pastors for their hard work and leadership throughout our first 100 years. These men were faithful shepherds answering God's call to minister to His flock in our congregation. We have been blessed by their dedicated service.

List of Pastors:

Rev. Kelly Hobbs (1906-1907)
Rev. E.S. Pierce (1907-1911)
Rev. T.Y. Seymour (1911-1914)
Rev. J. B. Jackson (1914-1919)
Rev. B.F. Robinson (1920-1922)
Rev. R. G. Kendrick (1923-1926)
Rev. I.S. Harrell (1927-1928)
Rev. E.G. McGehee (1929-1935)
Dr. J. L. Carrick (1935-1937)
Rev. D.S. Dempsey (1937-1943)
Rev. J.W. Wood (1943-1972)
Rev. C.A. Wiseman (1973-1976)
Rev. Lloyd H. Atkinson (1977-1980)
Dr. O. Eugene Mims (1981-1983)
Dr. R. Scott Good (1984-1986)
Rev. Herman H. Mauch (1986-1989)
Dr. Albert A. Peverall, Jr. (1989-2004)

Robert Garrett On Trial for Murder of Rev. E.S. Pierce

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but as it was 12:30 when the panel was completed, Judge White recessed court for dinner. During the dinner hour counsel were directed to decide as to which names would be stricken from the list.

The first actual evidence brought before the court concerning the fund reported to have been raised throughout the State to aid in the prosecution of the Garretts was developed during the examination of venireman M. H. Moore, who said he had contributed \$1 through a collection in his church. He said his contribution did not indicate he could not give the accused a fair and impartial trial. Mr. Moore was accepted over protest by the defense.

After both the state and defense had stricken off four names each the following 112 men were left as the trial jury.

L. T. Jones, manufacturer

Mr. Vick, farmer, Courtland, R. F. D.

C. W. Williams, Farmer and garage man, Courtland, R. F. D.

R. F. Rawls, merchant, Ivor.

F. H. Stephenson, manufacturer, Ivor

W. S. Bell, manufacturer, Capron.

E. W. Crichton, farmer, Capron

J. R. Kello, farmer, .Courtland

T. W. Story, Farmer, Capron

S. P. Johnson, farmer, Drewryville.

C. B. Parker, Capron.

H. L. Duke, farmer, Newsome.

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There was no change today in the former array of counsel, four for the prosecution and three for the defense, comprising some of the best known criminal lawyers in the state. Assisting Acting Commonwealth's Attorney Milton P. Bonifant are Richard E. Byrd, Richard H. Mann and E. Byrd. Richard H. Mann and George B. White. For the defense there are L. O. Wendenburg, H. M. Smith, Jr., and William M. Justis.

Dr. Carter Weiseger, who testified at the first trial but was ill when the R. O. Garrett case was tried, and Judge W. M. Smith, regular commonwealth's attorney who was one of the principal witnesses at previous trials but who has since been in a Richmond hospital suffering from a nervous breakdown, both were in Cumberland. It was expected both would be called to testify. So far as could be learned no new witnesses have been summoned.

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The sky was murky and a microscopic drizzle was sifting through the trees.

Obedient instructions, the veniremen confined their conversation to generalities, no one mentioning the case.

The courtroom was arranged in the same way as in the two previous hearings but there was a hot coal fire in the aged stove and the few remaining wooden ink holes were glued to tables to prevent curio hunters from stealing them. They installed in the wooden wells a generation ago after some excited lawyers used the old iron ones for hand grenades.

There were sixty veniremen in the Southampton party and several busses were required to bring them to Cumberland from Farmville. The prospective jurors were accompanied by Sheriff C. A. Bell of

Southampton and Sergeant Talbot and came from Franklin and Suffolk to Farmville in a private railroad car. Every effort, it was said, was made to prevent any outsiders talking to the veniremen. At ten o'clock the last of the veniremen had not arrived and opening of court was delayed.

The accused Garrett brothers Robert, the present defendant and his brother Larkin, remained at home until the last minute.

Acting Commonwealth's Attorney Milton P. Bonifant and George B. While of the commonwealth staff, were the first lawyers to arrive. Attorneys L.O. Wendenburg, H. M. Smith, Jr., and W. M. Justice came in shortly afterward. The streets of the village remained deserted until nearly ten o'clock.

(From the Danville Bee newspaper):

EYEWITNESSES OF MURDER Saw L. C. Garrett eating Minister on Ground Was Pounding Him in Face While Brother, R. O. Garrett Stood by With Pistol in Hand, After Shooting Him Several Times, Says S. R. Wilson. (By The Associated Press) C U M B E R L A N D COURTHOUSE, Va., Aug. 1.--Shad B. Wilson, an eyewitness, testified at the trial of L. C. Garrett today that when, he -was attracted to the Pierce farm by the scream- ing of women on the day Rev. E. S. Pierce was shot to death, he round Larkin C. Garrett, sitting on the minister and beating him in the face, while R. O. Garrett stood by with a pistol in his hand. The witness also testified he saw Robert O. Garrett fire several shots into the minister's body both before and after he fell to the ground. He saw no other shots fired. The witness is a carpenter and was working on a building near the Pierce home -when the trouble started. 3. T. Godsey, another eye-witness, testified the only shots fired were by R. O. Garrett. He testified that after the minister had been beaten by Larkin Garrett he entered his home and returned -with a shotgun and pistol; that it was Robert Garrett -who cornered him as he emerged and who -wring the shotgun from his left hand and fired pistol shots into the preacher's body, both before and after he fell. The witness said he -would not swear that Pierce did not fire but that he did not see him fire and so far as he knew. R. O. Garrett fired first- In reply to a question -from the bench he made the first statement that R. O. Garrett fired the first shot. There were many objections by the state attorneys to the line of questioning by the defense and in most of these they were sustained. The most vivid story of the tragedy was given by Mrs B F Hendricks, the first woman witness to appear on the stand. She told an uninterrupted story of the fight and shooting, and made the unqualified statement that R. O. Garrett fired the first shot and that Pierce did not raise his hand after he obtained the shotgun. Miss Louise Hendricks, daughter of the previous witness, told another vivid story of events at the Pierce home on the eventful day. She witnessed the fight and subsequent shooting from the second-story window of her home next door. She saw R. O. Garrett three times throw Mrs Pierce aside as she tried to aid her R. O. Garrett husband and heard curse both Mrs P* "thing you've got in your hand for ferring to Mrs. Pierce's baby.

DANVILLE, VA. - THURSDAY OCTOBER 18, 1923 - Defense in Garrett Case Being Heard Prosecution Rested Last Night After 22 Witnesses Had Been Heard--Jury Will Get Case Friday Night. (By The Associated Press) CUMBERLAND COURTHOUSE, Va., Oct. 18.--Continuing the speed that marked both yesterday and the preceding day, rapid progress was made by the defense this morning in the second trial of County Clerk R. O. Garrett, charged with the murder of Rev. S. S. Pierce. Most of the less important witnesses had been heard when Judge White recessed court for dinner, and this afternoon both the defendant and his brother, Larkin C. Garrett, indicted jointly with him for the Pierce killing, were expected to take the stand. Indications were that all evidence would be in

before adjournment tonight and tomorrow will be given over to completion of instructions and final arguments before the jury which is expected to get the case by tomorrow night. The defense centered its efforts this morning toward building the theory that Rev. Pierce knew something of the A. M. Chandler shooting last May 3 which it is claimed led directly to the Pierce tragedy. Chandler was shot from ambush at night and it is the claim of the defense he was shot by mistake for L. C. Garrett. Several witnesses were put on the stand as to the threats made by Mr. Pierce. (By The Associated Press) CUMBERLAND COURTHOUSE. Va., Oct. 18.--The prosecution having completed its evidence and rested last night, Robert O. Garrett began his defense in the Cumberland County Circuit court today against the charge of murder resulting from the fatal shooting last June 5 of Rev. E. S. Pierce by himself and brother, Larkin C. Garrett. Both Garretts were expected to take the stand and indications were that all defense testimony will be in before adjournment. In that event Friday will be given over to final arguments and the jury likely will get the case that night. All told the prosecution placed on the stand, 22 witnesses, including the widow and children of the slain minister. Mrs. Pierce, was the last witness before the state rested. In addition, Judge B. D. White called to the stand Commonwealth's Attorney W. M. Smith, of Cumberland county, a witness to the Pierce tragedy, and who was discarded as a state witness after he had been put on by the prosecution at the trial of Larkin Garrett last July. Judge Smith was on the stand about two hours and was subjected to a severe cross examination by R. E. Byrd for the commonwealth, who tried to make the witness admit he did not know just what had happened and that he had told several different versions of the shooting. Particularly as to who fired the first shot. Dr. John Shelton Horsley, prominent Richmond surgeon, was the first witness when court opened at 9:05 o'clock. He described the wound in the body of R. O. Garrett as a revolver bullet wound with a point of interest two inches to the left of the spine about six inches above the waist line, ranging around a rib to the right under the skin and ending at the tenth rib,

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This motion was denied by the court and Mr. Justice followed with a motion that the Southampton venire list be quashed on the ground that the court, in sending out of the county for a venire acted contrary to law. Judge White likewise denied this motion, saying he had not changed his previously announced opinion that a fair and impartial trial jury could not be obtained in Cumberland county. The witnesses then were called and the work of selecting a Jury was begun. Judge White and counsel for both sides retired to the jury-room for a conference after the venire was called. The Garrett brothers accompanied them. In the conference the defense asked Judge White to quash the Southampton venire on the grounds that Judge McLemore, of Southampton had named one venire and then changed it. Judge White overruled the point, saying that he couldn't entertain a motion impeaching Judge McLemore's certificate. The jurors then returned to the court room and the questioning of the veniremen began. In less than forty-eight hours after he had been pardoned from the penitentiary where he was serving a two year term for dealing with liquor. Charlie Gray, colored, again landed in the toils of the law on the charge of selling whiskey together with his wife, Cora. Marshall Poplin, a white man, was arrested for transporting a half gallon of whiskey, which he was seen to come from the Gray house on Union Street. All three were arraigned in the police court this morning on whiskey charges. Cora Gray, who brought a young baby with her into court, was found guilty of the sale and sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$101 and costs. The charge of selling against Charlie Gray was dropped and the charge against Poplin for transporting was also dismissed. Poplin was arrested last night by Officer Foster Harris, who caught him coming out of Charlie Gray's home, with half a gallon of whiskey, which he said he bought from Cora Gray, Charlie's wife. He also made statements later saying that he had purchased booze from Charlie yesterday. Poplin made his escape from police headquarters while Officer Harris went for a warrant but was later arrested by Sergeant Haraway and Officers Harris and Talley on Monroe street, where he was preparing to leave the city. He was again taken in custody and placed in jail. Gray was also arrested last night and placed in jail. Cora pleaded that she had a young baby to care for and was allowed to remain there, being summoned to court this morning. It is learned that she had just "adopted," the baby. It was characterized by the police as a scheme to keep out of jail. A. C. Wells, after a lengthy hearing, drew a fine of \$50.00 and costs for driving an automobile while drunk. A fine of ten dollars and costs was imposed on J. R. Gibbs for passing a street car with his auto while it was discharging passengers. He was dismissed on a charge of operating without a permit. William Cunningham was made to pay \$1.00 and costs for not having a permit to drive. John Dinkens was not present to answer charges of speeding and operating without a permit. MAGNUS TRIES OUT HIS CHAIR Hero's Magnus Johnson, Minnibota's dirt farmer choice to the nation's highest ruling body. The new senator is shown seated before his office building. Great things are expected of him when he gets into action. TURN SAN FRANCISCO OVER TO LEGION MEN Methodists Ready For Conference At State Capital. SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16 --The Southampton veniremen who arrived in Cumberland this morning for the Robert Garrett trial appeared a little disappointed and bored, as they

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Norfolk Seeks Pres. Harding As a Visitor (By The Associated Press) NORFOLK, Va, Oct 16--Every possible effort is being made to induce President Coolidge and Mrs. Coolidge to pay Norfolk a visit, for one day at least, during the annual convention of the Atlantic Deep Waterways Association, November 13 to 16. A formal invitation has been extended and the convention committees are hopeful that the convention will be marked by the first official visit of President Coolidge. The president has expressed the desire to accept the invitation, if possible, but has given no definite answer as yet. In the meantime plans are being made for the entertainment of 1,500 delegates and visitors during the three days of the convention. The conference this year, being held at one of the most important waterways centers in the country, is expected to be one of the most important "waterways centers in the country, is expected to be one of the most important (By The Associated Press) RICHMOND, Oct. 16.--Preliminary meetings in connection with the annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Virginia began today Dr E H. Rollins, secretary of the board of foreign missions and chairman of the executive committee of the conference mission board, called a meeting of his committee today and two meetings of the Ladies' Missionary Society of Virginia, of which Mrs. Lee Burt, of Suffolk, is president, were held. All general meetings of the conference will be held in the Broad Street Methodist Church. Bishop W. A. Candler, senior active bishop of the Methodist Church, South, who will preside at the conference, is expected to arrive with his cabinet this afternoon and will open the conference at 9 o'clock tomorrow with communion, administered by the bishop and the ten presiding elders of Virginia, is a general assembly of delegates and visitors in the church. The presiding elders of the district represented are. W. Archer Wright, Charlottesville district. S J Battm, Danville; H. P. Clarke, Eastern Shore, C. O. Tuttle, Farmville; T. M. Simpson, Lynchburg, J J Bradford, Norfolk, J K. Jolliff, Petersburg; H. C. Pfeiffer, Newport News and Portsmouth district; B. E. Hudson, Rappahannock, and Geortje Wesley Jones, Richmond. Dr. E. L Bane of Norfolk, will preach the conference sermon tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

PLAY AGAIN TODAY (By The Associated Press) CHICAGO, Oct. 16.--Leading the race for the city series title, three games to two, the Chicago Americans play on their own field today against the titleholding National Club The White Sox annexed the majority of games yesterday, 7 to 4 in a contest featured by five home runs. / o - BRINGS GOOD PRICE One load of wrappers sold for \$65 per hundred at Central warehouse this morning, this being said to be the highest price paid on the market floor this season. MUSK WRAPS Mink wraps this year show an interesting cut and arrangement of stripes so that they conform to the popular circular ruffle plan. (By The Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO. Oct. 16 --Another city, larger perhaps than any captured by the American forces during the world war, has fallen before the American Legion and the Legionnaires plan to celebrate their latest triumph today with a big victory parade. By last night the legion members, who began to arrive in San Francisco last week for their national convention, were admittedly masters of the city. They had been told so by Mayor James Rolph, Jr. United States Senator Hiram Johnson. Harvey H. Toy, representing Governor Friend W Richardson, of California, and others at the opening session of the convention yesterday. They paraded through the downtown district, small groups on the sidewalks, larger ones in the streets, making many and varied noises. All intended to inform fellow legionnaires, residents of the city and visiting tourists, that the American Legion of this city or that city or state, was well represented at the convention. One group, dressed in Scotch kilts and playing pipes, concluded their marching by escorting Sir Harry Lander from the St. Francis Hotel, where he was staying, to the Palace Hotel - where he was one of the guests of honor. Then one of the kilted escorts climbed onto a window sill of the hotel and delivered an impromptu oration to a crowd that blocked the street. The only thing on this morning's program was the parade. Admiral R E Coontz, U. S. N., General Josef Haller, of Poland, and National Commander Alvin Owsley, of the Legion were the reviewing officers. The Knights of

Columbus invited the national officers of the Legion and distinguished visitors to be their guests at a reception and luncheon at the Palace Hotel at noon. Frank T. Hmes, of the United League on the program for this afternoon's business session. Then the program called for greetings from other organizations of veterans, both of the world war and earlier conflicts. The delegates are invited to an entertainment, including vaudeville, boxing, wrestling and music, in the Municipal Auditorium tonight, when the ladies will attend a "stag-ess" party in the Palace Hotel as guests of the Bay counties hostess committee.

Every Game of Series Sparkled; Saw Great Feats (By The Associated Press) NEW YORK, Oct. 16.--All six games of the world's series that came to a close yesterday sparkled with brilliant fielding and spectacular feats. "Jumping- Joe" Dugan, crack third sacker of the Yankees, and Frisch, the "Fordham flash" were the most scintillating on the defense, taking the series as a whole, although Rosa Young, Heinie Groh, George Kelly, of the Giants and Aaron Ward and Babe Ruth of the Yanks also contributed some fine plays. Probably the greatest bit of the defensive work in the entire series was that by Frisch in the first game when he caught Meusel's fly, running at full speed, in centerfield and then, with an uttering throw, caught Ruth, who made a daring attempt to score, the plate. 1 at States Veterans' Bureau, was the first heart trouble kept.

HUMPHREYS DROPS DEAD (By The Associated Press.) GREENVILLE, Miss., Oct. 16.^* Benjamin Grubb Humphreys, for more than 20 years a member of Congress from the third- Mississippi district, died suddenly at his home here early today after an attack of Rheumatism Vanished And Scott Gains 10 Lbs. "I gained ten pounds in two weeks able, taking Tanlac, and consider it the very best constipation and indigestion medicine on the market," was the precise statement of J. E Scott, a carpenter, 902 N 27th street, Richmond, Va., recently. "For five years stomach trouble and indigestion gradually undermined my strength, and caused me to lose lots of time from my work. Constipation, gas, bloating, dizzy spells in the mornings, and on top of all, painful rheumatism in my leg and shoulders, made my condition almost unbearable- I could eat very little, and lost a great deal of weight. "Before I had taken half a bottle of Tanlac I began to improve, and after taking only two bottles was a well man Now, I haven't a sign of stomach trouble, constipation or, Rheumatism, and feel one hundred per cent strong clean through." Tanlac is for sale by all good druggists. Accept no substitute. Over 37 million bottles sold. Take Tanlac Vegetable Pills.--a#r.

SOUTHERN RAIL SYSTEM wooden ink holes were glued to justify the association has ever held. twelve men brought here from Amherst county under a change of venire granted at the state's request, being unable to agree on a verdict That jury was said to have stood on the final ballot, nine for conviction for manslaughter and three for absolute acquittal. There was no change today in the former array of counsel, four for the prosecution and three for the defense, comprising some of the best known criminal lawyers in the state. Assisting: Acting Commonwealth's Attorney Milton P. Bonifant are Richard E. Byrd. Richard H. Mann and George B. White. For the defense there are L. O. Wendenburg. H. M. Smith. Jr.. and William M. Justis. Dr. Carter Weiseger. who testified at the first trial but was ill when the R. O. Garrett case was tried, and Judge "W". M. Smith, regular commonwealth's attorney who was one of the principal witnesses at previous trials but who has since been in a Richmond hospital suffering from a nervous breakdown, both were from Cumberland. It was expected both would be called to testify. So far RAYMOND O'CONNOR V. CUMBERLAND RHEUMATISM? If Sniffcr, Heed This Advice. Ncshsco. Va, -- "I had rheumatism for more than ten years and I tried lots of different remedies, but none of them did me any good. Then I sent and got a package of Dr. Pierco's Anuric Tablets, that gave me so much relief that I sent and got a large size bottle, and before I had taken two bottles I had no sign of rheumatism. Advise any sufferers of rheumatism to prevent curio hunters from stealing them. They installed the wooden ink wells a generation ago after some excited lawyers used the Iron ones for hand grenades There were sixty veniremen in the Southampton party and several busses were required to bring them to Cumberland from Farmville. The prospective jurors were accompanied by Sheriff C. A. Belk of Southampton and Sergeant Talbot and came from Franklin and Suffolk to Farmville in a private railroad car. Every effort, it was said, was made to prevent any outsiders talking to the veniremen. At ten o'clock the last of the veniremen had not arrived and opening of court was delayed- The accused Garrett and others Robert, the present defendant, and his brother. Larkin. remained at home until the last minute. Acting Commonwealth's Attorney Milton P. Bonifant and George B. White of the commonwealth staff, were the first lawyers to arrive. Attorneys L. O. Wendenburg. H. M. Smith. Jr.. and W. M. Justis. came in shortly Afterward. The streets of the village remained deserted until nearly ten o'clock. Even if President Coolidge

should find it impossible, at the last minute, to attend, the attendance of several members of the cabinet, including Secretary of the Navy Denby. Secretary of War Weeks and other high government officials are assured. Coolidge Urges Reduced Freight Rate For Wheat This Week -- President Coolidge suggested today to Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania railroad, that a freight rate reduction be put into effect by the railroad on wheat designated for export and that railroads "institute the same rate on export coal as on coal for domestic use. The suggestions were made by the

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THE NIAGARA FALLS GAZETTE

(Even a newspaper in Niagara Falls, NY, picked up the story of the murder of Rev. Pierce. But note the misspelled word for "Pastor" as "Castor")!!!!

LARKIN GARRETT IS SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR KILLING CASTOR

Is Convicted of Voluntary Man-
slaughter—Brother Is Jailed
as Murderer.

By Associated Press

Cumberland Court House, Va., Dec. 15.—Larkin C. Garrett was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter and his punishment fixed at four years imprisonment by a jury today for his part in the killing last June 5, of the Rev. E. S. Pierce.

His brother, Robert O. Garrett, jointly indicted with him for the slaying, recently was convicted of second degree murder and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.