

**TWENTY YEARS FOR
CLARENCE DOUGLAS**

Jury Finds Him Guilty of Second Degree Murder and Fixes His Punishment.

PORTER CASE BEGINS TODAY

Columbus Man Will Be Placed on Trial for the Alleged Murder of Charles Davison, Town Marshal of Columbus on the Night of July 28.

"We, the jury, find the defendant guilty of murder in the second degree and fix his punishment at 20 years' imprisonment in the state penitentiary," was the verdict returned by the district court jury yesterday afternoon in the case of the state versus Clarence Douglas, who was accused of killing Lottie Turner in the Kentucky restaurant on South Twenty-sixth street, May 16.

The arguments of the respective counsel occupied the entire morning yesterday and the case was given to the jury when court adjourned for the noon hour, the verdict being decided upon about three hours later.

The crime for which Douglas was convicted was committed when the woman was eating a meal in the restaurant where the defendant was employed as a waiter, he stabbing her with a butcher knife. The woman died almost immediately and Douglas made his escape into the country where he was captured a few hours later.

Douglas was represented by Attorneys Grimstad and Brown and he set up the plea of self-defense, alleging that the woman threatened to kill him a number of different times and was reaching for her razor at the time he stabbed her with the knife.

Judge Pierson, named Saturday as the date for sentencing Douglas. Counsel for the defendant asked for time in which to file a bill of exceptions and to move for a new trial and 90 days was granted by the court. But it is not likely that the defendant will follow up the proceedings for a new trial as it is understood that he expressed himself as being pleased in that he did not receive heavier punishment.

Murder Case Lost is A Win For The Defendant

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