

HOLBROOK IS ACQUITTED.

THE END OF HIS TRIAL FOR MURDER.

THE JURY AGREED ON THE FIRST BALLOT.

The Verdict Returned Shortly After Six O'clock Last Night.

It Was Not a Surprise to Those Who Had Watched the Trial—The Arguments in the Case.

Parks Holbrook was last night acquitted of the murder of George Wallraven at Buckhead in October.

The case was given to the jury at 6 o'clock and six minutes later Holbrook was a free man, and a happier one than he has been since the night of the tragedy.

The jury held that the shooting was justifiable inasmuch as it was done purely in self-defense.

After a few witnesses had been called by the prosecution in rebuttal, Solicitor Hill changed the charge voluntarily from murder to voluntary manslaughter.

Colonel Dorsey, one of the attorneys for the defense, said that they were willing to submit the case without argument, but Solicitor Hill declared that he wished to argue the case on account of the change in the charge. He claimed that the fight had been agreed upon by the two men, and that Holbrook was in consequence guilty of voluntary manslaughter.

Mr. Hill argued briefly on this line, and was followed by Colonel Dorsey for the defense. His argument was a very brilliant one. He asserted that Holbrook had killed Wallraven purely in self-defense. Holbrook, he said, had gone to Buckhead on a peaceable errand, and had endeavored to get away from Wallraven after the quarrel, but had been pursued by the latter and finally shot at by him. It was then, when it became necessary for him to protect his own life, that Holbrook drew his pistol and fired the fatal shot. When Holbrook went into the store at Buckhead he was not even armed, while Wallraven, to the contrary, had two pistols on his person. Wallraven had been the aggressor from first to last, and if Holbrook had been the victim of the shooting, Wallraven would have been guilty of cold, deliberate murder.

After the arguments Judge Clark charged the jury and they then retired. The first ballot resulted in the acquittal of the accused. The relatives and friends of Holbrook crowded about him, and he became the recipient of hearty congratulations.

The verdict was not a surprise to those who heard the evidence.

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