

## WIRICK FOUND GUILTY.

Albert Mansker Yow on Trial for Murder at Newport, Ark.

Special to The Republic

Newport, Ark., Jan. 20—At half past 10 o'clock this morning the presiding Judge gave final instructions to the jury in the trial of James L. Wyrick. At half past 2 the jury returned a verdict against Wyrick of murder in the first degree. This conclusion was arrived at sooner by 18 hours than was that in the case of Thomas Brady. When the jury retired in the Wyrick case Albert Mansker, another of the Olyphant gang, was placed on trial. Several hours were consumed in empaneling a jury. The porter of the robbed train was the first witness. He repeated the same account that he gave of the robbery in the Brady and Wyrick trials. Mansker is a tall, round-shouldered man with a large frame, on which is a rather light garment of flesh. His hair is parted almost in the middle and combed down in two fat bangs on his forehead. His eyes are sunken and clear. He sits with his chair tilted back against the bar railing, and, while intensely eyeing the witnesses and jury, cultivates his long mustache with a comb.

Albert Mansker has made history for himself in the annals of lawlessness. In 1884 he was proprietor of a saloon at Wichita Falls, Tex., at which time he was also a member of the notorious Williams gang of bank and train robbers, then in the zenith of its depredations in the Lone Star State. He and a man named Jordan are all that is left of this notorious gang this side of the grave or penitentiary. Mansker fled from Texas and turned up next in the well-known Bentonville bank robbery last April under the alias of Albert Adams, and Alf Chaney, the boss of that gang, is now serving a term of 25 years in the penitentiary at Detroit, sent there by the inexorable hand of Arkansas justice.

About the beginning of last year Mansker appeared at the head of Frog Bayou in Crawford County, where he met, made love to and married a young girl. He embarked on the enterprise of organizing a robber band of the young men of that neighborhood and did succeed in getting into his band Youngblood, Hulsey, Richardson and Francis, all wild young fellows. From their headquarters at Locus Grove, I. T., they made several robbing expeditions into the surrounding country. The scheme to rob the Iron Mountain passenger train had its inception in Mansker's fertile brain, and but for the weakening of one of the gang would have been executed at a much earlier date than the Olyphant robbery and at a point north of Newport. Two of his Locus Grove gang, Youngblood and Hulsey, are now in jail in Boone County, and his prospects for a unanimous nomination for the gallows are very good.