ORDER CARS

Coast Line Awards Contract for 200 Flat Cars

COST \$140,000

Contract Awarded to Ensign Car Works, of Huntington, W. Va.-Cars to be Built of Structural Steel -Five Bidders-Representatives of Different Car Works Here Last Week.

The Atlantic Coast Line has just awarded a contrast for 200 coal cars to the American Car and Foundry Company, better known as the Ensign Works, of Huntington, W. Va. The cars are to be flat bottom, drop gondolas, and are to be built of strucural steel. They will cost something over \$140,000, a little over \$700 each. The cars are to be of 80,000 pounds capacity, but capable of carrying 10,000 pounds excess.

The Coast Line builds a large number of cars each year at their own shops but they do not build a car of this design. Those cars are to be used specially for handling coal. The matter of awarding this contract has been under consideration for some time and representatives of several of the large car works from different sections of the country were here about one month ago as well as last week.

The bidders for the contract were the American Car and Foundry Com- R. R. Bellamy's, druggist. pany, Standard Steel Car Company, Pressed Steel Car Company, United States Steel Company and the Baltimore Car Works. Representatives of the above named car works were here | Forty persons were killed today by an last week in regard to securing explosion of ten tons of gun powder at contract. They left for their homes on Saturday. The cars are to built as quickly as possible.

The Coast Line is making many improvements and a large sum will be spent during the present year on equipment and improvements of other kinds The officials have only recently decided to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 per year for pensions for their employes who have reached a certain

The Coast Line officials endeavou in every way to keep their road supplied with the very best equipment and the awarding of a contract for steel cars, instead of the ordinary wooden car is in line with the other improvements of the system.

HAVE ARRANGED CONFERENCE.

North Carolina Delegration in Congress to Meet Congressman Burton in Regard to Cape Fear Improve-

Mr. H. W. Malloy, chairman of the harbor, shipping and commerce committee of the chamber of commerce, received a telegram from Congressman G. B. Patterson last night saying | Bitters are just splendid for female that the North Carolina delegation had arranged to have a conference Wednesday with Congressman Burton in regard to the appropriation to continue the improvements of the Cape

The harbor committee of the Chan:ber of Commerce met several days ago in regard to the apropriation for the continuance of the improvements of the Cape Fear and it was decided at that meeting to invite Congressman Burton to come here and see the necessity of the appropriation. The result of the conference will be

be watched with considerable interest by all of the citizens of Wilmington for the matter under consideration means much to this city

Congressman Patterson stated that he would wire the result of the con-

ference.

DIED AT SCHOOL.

Remains of J. Willard Maultsby Carried From Durham to Whiteville Yesterday.

Mr. J. Willard Maultsby, the 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D Maultsby, of Whiteville, died at Durham on Sunday last, from pneumonia The remians were carried from Durham to Whiteville yesterday. Prof. J. F. Bivins, principal of the Trinity High School, and two of the schoolmates of the deceased young man, accompanied the remains to Whiteville.

Young Maultsby was a student of Trinity High School, Durham. It was just one month yesterday since hel returned to school from his home. where he spent the Christmas holidays. He was taken with pneumonia last Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Maultsby were notified of their son's illness AN OLD ADACE and went at once to his bedside and were with him when the end came. The funeral will take place in Whiteville today.

INEVITABLE RESULT.

Alex Williams, Colored, Seriously Stabbed at Negro Entertainment,

There was a negro entertainment at Ruth Hall last night and as usual it ended in a fight. Elixon Conner stabbed Alex Williams in the lower part of the abdomen, inflicting a dangerous wound. The physician who was called in to dress the wound said it was an exceedingly dangerous one and might prove fatal.

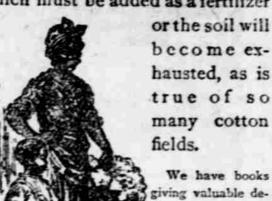
Constable Savage arrested Conner last night and put him in jail. Both of the negroes were boys.

Mr. Neill D. Emerson is at home from the Boston Tech. to spend a few days.

Cotton Must Have

Potash

Potash is an essential plant food which must be added as a fertilizer or the soil will



We have books tails about fertiliz-

GERMAN KALI WORKS,

New York -93 Nassau Street, or Atlanta, Ga .- 22% So. Broad St

Gorman used to play on the Balti more champion base hall nine, but it remains to be seen if he still knows how to slide to the home plate,-Atlanta Journal.

Nearly Forfeits His Life.

A runaway almost ending fatally started a horrible picer on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally good for Burns, Bruises, Skin Eruptions and Piles. 25 cts. at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

The war between Russia and Japan may revive the Balkan insurrection For competitions the life of war as well as of other things.—Atlanta Journal.

Mysterious Circumstance.

One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25 cts. at

Forty Killed in Explosion.

Lahore, Briish India, February 1.-Fort Bhatinda in the Pungab.

Escaped an Awful Fate.

Mr. H. Haggins of the Melbourne Fla., writes, "My doctor told me had Consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved by life." This great cure is guaranteed for al throat and lung diseases by R. R. Bellamy, druggist Price 50 cts and \$1.00. Trial bottles

All good Filipinos are dead and all the bad ones soon will be if our troops continue to exterminate them at the rate of twenty a day.—Atlanta Journal.

Better Than Gold.

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicines I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric troubles; that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50 cts. Satisfaction guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy.

The president wants the Republicans to contest every congressional district in the south, Linney, ou, "Bull of the Brushes," is with him on

Ancient and Modern Advice About How to Acquire Wealth.

The ancient stages' " sure road to wealth" was "be temperate in all things, be economical always." Modern life, with its "rush methods" in business requires that "keep healthy' be added to the old adage.

Every body knows how to be temperate and most people how to be economical, but few know how to keep perfectly healthy. Over-eating, livegular habits, neglect, etc., derange ine stomch, liver, and bowels, causing all the clothes into it. In a dim way be indigestion, torpid liver constipation,

Rydales Tablets are natures bes ally when such conditions exist. The Stomach Tablets will digest your food, strengthen your digestive organs and cure you indigestion.

The Liver Tablets will arouse your liver, stimulate your bowels and estabish a regular, healthy, habit. Rydales Tablets insure good health. R. R. Bellamy.

President Roosevelt doubtless devoutly wishes that Senator Hanna would follow the patriotic example set by Mr. Bryan, and fling away proffered greatness.-Atlanta Journal.

SAYS___

"A light purse is a heavy curse" Sickness makes a light purse. The LIVER is the seat of nine tenths of all disease.

and restore the action of the LIVER to normal condition.

ve tone to the system and aid flesh to the body.

take No Substitute.

Bowser vs. Washing CITY FATHERS

He Takes Hold of Matters at Home For a Day and Shows Mrs. B. That He Knows a Thing or Two About Housework

[Copyright, 1902, by C. B. Lewis.] S the Bowsers finished breakfast the other morning the cook asked Mrs. Bowser for a private word and was granted a dozen of them. The result was that as Mr. Bowser was ready to start for the office he was asked if he couldn't stop somewhere and send a washerwoman up.

"For what reason?" he bluntly queried.

"For the reason that the cook is now packing up her things and will be gone in half an hour. If I can get some one to do the washing I'll manage the other work till we get a new girl."

"And the cook is going to quit without an hour's notice? This is another specimen of your way of managing things.' Your cold hearted, autocratic ways have chilled the poor girl's heart and driven her to desperation. The chances are nine out of ten that she's going off to jump into the river."

"The chances are that her mother is very ill and she has been sent for," said Mrs. Bowser. "There is no specimen about it, and neither has she complained of my ways. You have heard her singing every evening and spoken of her contentment and good spirits. Will you send up a woman to wash?"

"Mrs. Bowser, there is something wrong about this house-something radically wrong. When a poor, hardworking girl leaves us at a moment's notice and probably carries a piece of clothesline with her with which to hang herself it is my duty as the responsible head to look into things."

At that moment "the poor, hardworking girl" came down with her bundle and said to Mrs. Bowser:

"I'm sorry, ma'am, as you are one of the best women I ever worked for, but I you know Low it is. If mother gets better I'll come back to you."

Mrs. Bowser couldn't repress a smile of triumph as she looked at Mr. Bowser, but he was not the man to take a back seat.

"As I said," he observed, "there is something radically wrong here, and it plied, "but it was an experiment and will turn out all right. Get along, now, and don't bother me. I want to make

a record with this washing." He had been left alone five minutes and had rubbed out another sheet and begun on a towel when he happened to think about starch. He knew that starch came in somewhere, but whether in the beginning or the end he could not remember. The only way was to take chances, and he got down the pound paper and poured half its contents into the tub.

There was a pasty but not unpleasant feeling to the water as he continued to souse and rub and flop, and, according to his best belief, he had bit the nail on the head. If Mrs. Bowser had let him alone he would have finished the wash in an hour, as he had discovered that about four rubs and a flop were enough for even a sheet or tablecloth, but ten minutes after her first call she was back again to say:

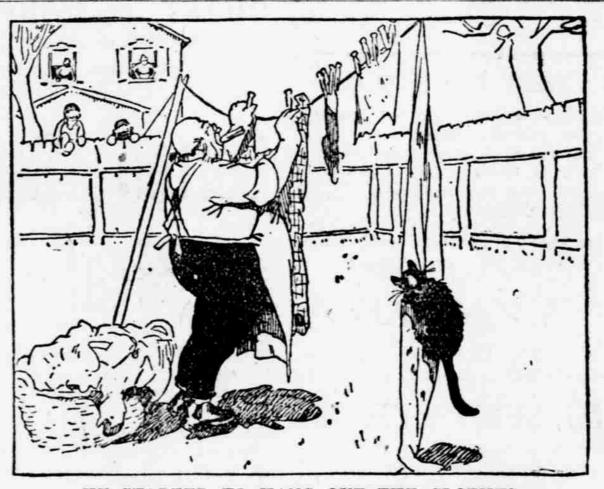
"You must have been putting eatmeal in the water. Everything there will be ruined before you get through. My stars, but you have used bluing enough for forty washings!"

"Woman, will you let me alone?" he shouted in reply as he held up a pillowcase by one end. "When I don't know how to do a family washing you can apply to the courts to have a guardian appointed for me. Of course I put starch in the water. You don't suppose I am fool enough to sprinkle

it over the back yard, do you?" "But you are washing flannels with the other things!"

"Of course I am, and I know what I'm about. Don't you dare to disturb me again or I'll chuck the whole washing down the celiar stairs!"

At the end of another half hour Mr. Bowser had finished. He hadn't been quite an hour and a half doing what a washerwoman would want at least six hours to do. He rinsed the clothes through the second tub and then swished them around in the third and put them through the wringer. All at once he noticed the stove boiler, and for a



HE STARTED TO HANG OUT THE CLOTHES.

is my duty to investigate. I shall not | moment his heart beat tumultuously. send up a washerwoman." "Then there will be no washing

"On the contrary, there will be. I

shall do it myself." "You-you will wash?"

"I will wash. Sooner than let an frozen pipes in the winter. Mr. Bowser outsider know that you have driven a heartbroken girl to her grave I will do the washing, and do it well. I can take | the clothes. Bareheaded and with his a day from the office as well as not, shirt sleeves rolled up, he had hung and I want to get an insight into this | his first sheet on the line when the cirhousework."

Ten minutes later Mr. Bowser had changed his clothes and was ready for business. He ordered Mrs. Bowser to It was blue and white, blue and gray, remain away from the kitchen, and his | blue and several other colors, and evfirst move was to draw one of the laundry tubs full of hot water and cram had heard of washing compounds, and after a brief hunt he got hold of a box. It was labeled "Baking Powder" plain enough, but it looked like washing soda to him, and in it went to make the | hand for five minutes, and then the clothes wash easier.

bluing. He had no doubt that it ought | into the kitchen just as Mrs. Bowser to go in on top of the baking powder and that it ought to be used in liberal quantities, and he went ahead. When flannels and cottons and soap and bluing and baking powder had been well stirred up together Mr. Bowser got out the washboard, and his rub-a-dub-dub was heard in the sitting room above.

"Nothing hard about this," he mused as he gave a sheet three or four rubs and then flopped it over into another tub to be rinsed later on. "Any woman who would be all day doing this wash would simply loaf half her time away."

At that moment Mrs. Bowser looked in on him, and after one sight of the clothes in the tub she exclaimed: "Good gracious, but you are going to

dye everything blue! I knew the clothes would be spoiled if you fooled with them, and now"-"And now, Madam Bowser," he in-

terrupted, "you retire and leave me ter, thoroughly, quickly safely alone. I am doing this washing, and I am financially responsible for all damages. When I am through I will ask for your criticism."

"But you're put in baking pawder instead of wasning soda!" she said as she caught sight of the empty box. "Tes, I guess I did," he slowly re-

The idea flashed across him that it was somehow connected with washing, but after a bit his face cleared and he got his breath again. What the boiler was used for, as he suddenly remembered, was to heat water to thaw out was no halfway man. Having done the washing, he started to hang out cus started up.

That sheet was the most wonderful sight ever seen pinned to a clothesline. ery woman on the block had her herd out of a back window to look at it and cheer and clap her hands. Boys yelled and climbed up on the fence, and dogs howled and cats fled as from a pestilence. Mr. Bowser held a clothespin between his teeth and a towel in his applause was too much for him. He In a dim way he had also heard of | seized the basket of clothes and walked

"Madam, perhaps you can tell me what this means?" he hotly demanded. "Hurrah for the red, white and blue!" yelled three or four boys in chorus from the alley fence.

"It means," said Mrs. Bowser as she struggled with her emotion, "it means that you've-you've"-

"I've what?" "You've made a laughingstock of yourself. I told you not to wash and that you knew nothing about it, but you would"-

"I would persist. Yes, madam, I persisted, and I washed, and we have never had such a washing done since we were married, and-and"-

And Mr. Bowser lifted up the basket of damp clothes-baking powder clothes-and emptied the contents on the floor with a "ha!" and then stalked off upstairs with the feelings of a man who hadn't been given a fair show to see what he would do in the laundry line, and as he sat and chewed the bitter cud he could not stop his ears to the song from the back yard, the song that kept saying:

If he only knew how very blue, He never would wash no more.

M. QUAD.

Aldermen Met in Regular Monthly Session Last Night

LONG SESSION

The Board Remained in Session Until a Late Hour-Few Matters of Importance Were Disposed of-Mr. Hugh MacRae Made Statement in Regard to City Lights-Matter of Heating Opera House by Steam Discussed — Several Ordinances Amended - Other Matters Disposed Of.

The board of aldermen met in regular monthly session last night with all members present except Alderman W. P. Gafford.

After reading the minutes of the last meeting the standing committees made their reports in their regular order.

Finance Committee-Chairman W. H. Yopp, stated that in accordance with bids advertised for to transcribe the back taxes into one book, the contract had been awarded to Mr. John Gafford. the lowest bidder, and the contract to furnish the book to the Jackson & Bell

It was reported that progress was being made in the Armour Packing

Company case. Alderman Yopp said the finance committee had met since the last meeting of the board and discussed Mr. Hugh MacRae's liability for city taxes. ne stated that Mr. MacRae was present the meeting and made an explanation to them in regrad to his residency. After hearing Mr. MacRae's state ment and already having looked into the matter, Mr. Yopp said they decided as the county commissioners had done, that Mr. MacRae was a non-resident. Mr. MacRae appeared before the board last night and made a statement in regard to the matter.

Market Committee-Chairman Tienken said all the report that he had to make was that the shad benches at the

market had been rented. Light Committee-Chairman Hashagen said his report was about the same as last month, that the city lights were

very poor. Mr. Hugh MacRae, president of th Consolidated Company, the company that furnishes the cit- lights, was pres ent and made a statement in regard to the lights. He said he thought Alderman Hashagen under a misapprenen sion as to the lights being very bad for the past month. At the first glance at the reports he said it would appear that the lights had been bad, but after analyzing them he thought it appeared quite the reverse, that the city was being supplied with remarkably good lights. Mr. MacRae said in fact the lights in Wilmington were better than in any town he knew of. It was shown that out of 19,740 lamp hours during the month of December, only 14 lights were reported out, making a loss during the month of about 4-10 of 1 per cent. Dur ing the month of December Mr. 'Mac-Rae said 3,475 extra lamps hours, 17 per cent in excess of the contract was furnished, for which the electric company got nothing. It was admitted that for about ten days during the month of December the gas lights were very bad, owing as Mr. MacRae explained. to an accident at the gas plant, H said the report of Alderman Hashagen for the month of January as to the gas lights was incorrect. The electric I got he thought about the same as during December, very good. It was shown that during January there were 23,440 lamp hours, and that the number of lights reported out was 11, being about 2-10 of 1 per cent. During the past month Mr. McRae said 2,581 extra hours were furnished, 11 per cent in exces of contract. Mr. MacRae stated that he thought Alderman Hashagen's re port was due to a thorough misund rstanding of the facts. If there was no more than 1 per cent of the lights out Mr. MacRae thought the company should be regarded as giving good ser-

Alderman Hashagen replied to Mr. MacRae and said that he had no other means of telling about the lights than the reports as made by the policemen. He stated that he did not think the Electric Company was allowed as little as 1 per cent of the lights being out and he thought the company had to forfeit a certain amount for each light that was out. He stated further that he thought part of the complaint in regard to the gas lights being bad was not due to the gas pressure, but that many of the mantels were in bad condition. After Alderman Hashagen had concluded his remarks Mr. MacRae again addressed the board stating that he was willing to pay for \$616; market rents, \$205 57; mayor's any shortage in the number of Mghts that were out and that he would stick to the agreement between the Electric

Company and the city. He said his object in appearing be fore the board and making a statemen was to remove the impression that had been caused by former statements i

Weak Hearts

Are due to Indigestion. Ninety-nine of every one hundred people who have heart trouble can remember when it was simple indigestion. It is a scientific fact that all cases of heart disease, not organic, are not only traceable to, but are the direct result of indigestion. All food taken into the stomach which fails of perfect digestion ferments and swells the stomach, puffing it up against the heart. This interferes with the action of the heart, and in the course of time that delicate but vital organ becomes diseased. Mr. D. Kauble, of Nevada, O., says: I had stomach trouble and was in a bad state as I had heart trouble with it. I took Kodol Dyspepsia Cure for about four months and it cured me.

Kodol Digests What You Eat and relieves the stomach of all nervous strain and the heart of all pressure. Bottles only. \$1.00 Size holding 2½ times the tris size, which sells for 50c. Prepared by E. O. DeWITT & CO., CHICAGO. Sold by R. R. Bellamy.

age pipe had been placed on Market street from Second to within 104 feet of Fourth street. That all the brick was on Market street ready for paving and that two-thirds of the grading had been finished.. Work on Second street reported finished as for as Orange, from Orange to Ann streets ready for rock, and that are now grading between Ann and Nun. The bad weather Mr. Sweeney said had delayed the work on the streets. Quarry is furnishing 50 to 60 tons of rock

The road roller was reported to be doing good work when the weather was

Alderman W. H. Yopp said he wished to call the board's attention to the fact that one of the city's mules was injured several days ago. He said the Coast Line authorities said they would pay any damage that was caused by the injury to the mule.

Police Committee-Chairman Moore reported that Policeman J. D. McClammy and N. M. King had been dismissed from the force for breaking rule 36 of the police regulations. It was recommended that Messrs. M. E. Guy and N. M. Hunt substitutes, be appointed as regular policement. The recommenda-

tion was adopted. Water Works-Chairman Behrends stated that he desired to make motion to have a hydrant at present located near cotton compress removed to a point near Chadbourn's mill. motion was second by Alderman Moore and car-

Alderman Behrends made another motion to extend the water main up Nixon street from Fourth to Seventh streets. This he said would entail a cost of about \$1,200, but he thought at due to the people who lived in that locality to provide a means to give them protection against fire. There was some discussion in regard to this matter on account of the water pipe going to the Clarendon Water Works Com the end of their contract, eight years hence. After discussing the matter it was decided to appropriate \$1,200 for

extending the water main Fire Committee-Chairman Moore reported that firemen O. J. Burrows and R. A. Cromwell had resigned and that the committee recommended that Messrs, C. Brewer and J. C. Bowden be appointed to succeed them. Mesars, Brewer and Bowden were appointed. It was further reported that a contract had been awarded to the Fabric Fire Hose Company for 1,000 feet fire hose at 68 per foot. Alderman Moore said that there had been some tack in regard to the fire wagons driving rapidly in going to fires, he said the drivers of the wagons were given orders to go to the fires as rapidly as possible, but to use precaution in turning cor-

Building Committee-Chairman Murrell reported the new heating plant to be finished and that it was giving entire satisfaction. The city half was heated by the plant last night for the first time and athough it was a very cold night the building was well heated. The plant will be given a test for 15

days before being accepted. Alderman Murrell said it was only a short time before the opera house was to be leased and that he thought the matter of having that steam heated should be considered. He said the committee thought that the lease should be for five instead of for two years and \$4,-000 should be expended in improvements on the opera house, and in installing a heating plant. Resolutions in accerdance with these suggestions were drawn up by City Attorney William J. Belia-

my and were adopted by the board. Ordinance Committee-Alderman Behrends withdrew his ordinance offered at the last meeting in regard to obstructing alleys. In the absence of Chairman Gafford, Alderman Y po made the report of the committee. He submitted an amendment to article 3 of the city ordinances relative to fire escapes. The amendment provides that fire escapes shall be provided on buildings over two stories high, that they shall also be provided on school buildings over one story in height. The amendment furthermore provides that sixty instead of thirty days will be allowed for the erection of the fire

escapes. The plumbing ordinance was left over until the next meeting. The ordinance relative to obstructing the hospital ambulance was amended making it a \$10 fine to obstruct the ambulance. No specified fine was men-

tioned in the former ordinance. J. E. Ennett & Co., was granted permission to sell spirituous liquors at 101 South Front street.

Chief Schnibben, of the fire depart. ment, reported 14 fire alarms during the past month, due to the following causes, incendiary 3; defective flue 5; unknown ; false 1; sparks from chimney 1; lamps exploding 1: heat from fire place 1. Total loss will not exceed \$800 S. L. Yopp, cattle weigher reported \$14.00 collected during month of Janu-

City attorney William J. Bellamy reported \$263.22 of back taxes collected. Dr. C. T. Harper, secretary of board of health submitted the following report, for month of January; 45 deaths, 20 white and 25 colored; 48 births, 16 white and 32 colored. Hea'th officers made 4.041 inspections and did 17 fmigations. Two cases of smallpox; one of diphtheria and one of typhold fever.

The following report was submitted by John J. Furlong, chief of police, for January, 111 arrests, 34 white, 77 blacks, 24 sent to county roads, aggregate number of days being 648, and 9 bound over to superior court, aggregated amount of bonds being \$525.

City Treasure King submitted the following report: Balance, \$28,797.92; merchants license, \$921.60; bar rooms, court, \$323.65; pound fees, \$19.15; weighing beef cattle, \$14; public buildings, \$212.87; miscellaneous and extraordinary, \$23.68; real and personal tax 1903, \$14,896,21; real and personal tax prior to 1903, \$373.77; dog badges, \$47.90; costs on tax prior to 1903, \$63 89, Total \$17,718.29; grand total, \$46 516.21. Disbursement, \$15,155.27. Balance, \$21,-

Deposited with Murchison National Bank, \$3,439.60; coupons, \$9,000.00; bond and coupon, \$5,250; Blatr & Co., New York, coupon \$4,950; U. S. Mortgage and Trust Company, New York, coupon, \$80; cancelled coupons paid \$2.880; cash and cost items, \$5,761.34. Total \$31,360.94.

SENT TO THE PEST HOUSE.

Bizzell and Seven Other Negroes Carried to the Pest House Sunday.

The colored woman by name of Bizzell, who worked at the Y. M. C. A., and who was found to have the smallpox on last Saturday, was carried to the pest house Sunday morning and so were seven other negroes who were inmates of the house where she lived. Dr. Harper says the woman has a full developed case of smallpox. None of the other negroes

show any signs of the disease yet. Dr. Harper expects to discharge Mr. Hilburn from the pest house the last of the week.