

THE COTTON CROP DAMAGED

Heavy Rains Did More Injury Than Recent Frost.

Work to be Resumed on Plant at Buckhorn Falls—Weather Record in the State for September—Raleigh's New Street Railway Company to Make Extensive Improvements. Ticket Speculators Bitten—Charters Granted—Fight Among Fakirs.

Messenger Bureau, Raleigh, N. C., October 22. Charters are granted the Bank of Ramseur, commercial and savings, capital stock \$50,000; the Bank of Bladen, \$15,000, commercial and savings, and the Bank of Tarboro, \$5,000, commercial; the Watauga Lumber Company, Granite Falls, \$100,000, D. H. Warlick and others.

There is to be an election here on the question of the issue of \$30,000 of county road bonds. It is feared this important measure will fail. The retiring county commissioners leaves to the incoming ones the appointment of a road commission in case the vote is favorable.

There began here today a civil term of superior court, Judge Peebles presiding. There are 12 divorce cases on the docket.

In a few days it is expected, work will be resumed on the great power plant at Buckhorn Falls. The estimate of cost has gone on to New York. It is \$100,000 to develop 1,500 horse power, and \$150,000 to develop 4,000 horse power 9 months in the year. The cost is greater than expected, as part of the dam must be rebuilt. It was not properly built. The dam is 1200 feet long and 9 feet high.

Judge Purnell, Marshal Dockery and others left for New Bern to hold a term of federal court, next going to Wilmington. There are two pension fraud cases at New Bern. One man, convicted at Wilmington last week of this offense is here on his way to the Atlanta penitentiary, and will be held here until the other courts are held.

The report on the weather in North Carolina for September was issued today by Section Director Thissen at this station. It says the month was considerably warmer than usual, the amount of sunshine above normal except in the west where the weather was generally cloudy and rainy and the rainfall was about normal. The excessive rain in the west did considerable damage. The mean temperature for the month was 74 degrees, which is 3 1-2 degrees above normal. The highest absolute temperature was 99 and the lowest 35 degrees, the latter at Buck Springs. The average rain fall was 4.38 inches, or not quite half an inch above the normal. The average for the western district was 8.12 which is 3.22 inches above normal. The heaviest rainfall during the month was 22.46 inches at Horse Cove, the least was fifty nine hundredths of an inch at Kinston. The greatest amount in 24 hours was 8 inches at Horse Cove. The average number of rainy days was 9. The highest wind velocity was 50 miles an hour at Wilmington. The monthly per centage of possible sunshine was 47 at Asheville, 68 at Raleigh and 61 at Elizabeth City.

A letter from Mr. T. K. Bruner who with Mr. Herbert Brimley is in charge of North Carolina's splendid exhibit at the Boston Food Fair says the Fair closes on the 27th. The days now are very busy ones, the attendance increasing as they pass. In every way the exhibit has been a success for North Carolina. A great amount of literature regarding this state has been distributed and with judgment, to people all over New England and will reach the very class of people with whom North Carolina desires to get in touch.

Chairman James R. Young of the democratic committee of this congressional district has made up his list of appointments for Congressman Pou who spoke at Louisville today, his other appointments being at Sandy Cross, Benson, Poplar Springs, Cum-nock, Pittsboro, Johnson's Bridge, Buckhorn Ford, Kittrell, Middleburg, Dabney, Henderson and Auburn.

The new company which has taken over the street railway here is considering plans for extensive improvements along various lines. It is expected that by next fair it will have the line to the fair grounds double-tracked. This year long switches were put in.

History came near repeating itself at the Union passenger station here this morning. A train load of fakirs was almost ready to go out, headed for Columbia, S. C., when two of the gang got into a fight in the very room where one of them murdered another on Saturday of fair week last year. One was knocked down and got a black eye and the other was hit several times in the face. The police simply loaded the outfit on the train and let them go. The toughest fakirs were not here this week, having gone on towards Columbia last Monday, upon getting notice that only the good kind could stop over in this city.

The rain of this week, particularly the very heavy rains Thursday and Friday is declared by observant people to have done as much damage to the cotton as the frost did. The weather has been unusually warm and some cotton growers said that if it continued there would be danger of the seed sprouting in the bolls. Farmers who a month ago were looking forward to 10 cents cotton are now talking about 12 cents as the figure, the price having for some days been around 11 cents. Everything militates against cotton this year.

The supreme court devotes next week to the Ninth district. None of the dockets are heavy this term. The marshals' ball at the capital club last night was the crowning social

event of fair week. The ball room is beautiful but far too small for such crowds as have assembled there this week, and dancing was more like going through motions than anything else.

From now until election day Chairman Simmons is going to drive the democratic campaign with all his power. The republicans are putting forth every effort in the state and are declaring that they intend to carry the Eighth and Tenth districts positively.

Next Sunday afternoon, October 28th there will be a mass meeting at the city hall at 4 o'clock at which the Y. M. C. A. movement will be launched. Among the speakers will be Governor Glenn, Associate Justice Hoke of the supreme court, Hon. Richard H. Battle, Dr. Hubert A. Royster, Editor Josephus Daniels of the News and Observer, President Joseph G. Brown of the Raleigh chamber of commerce, President Winston of the Agricultural and Mechanical college, Rev. Dr. A. H. Moment, the pastor of the First Presbyterian church, who is the chairman of the meeting and who is directing the preliminary work, several other clergymen and Colonel F. A. Olds who is to look after the financial side of the business. A great deal of valuable matter has been secured, which shows conclusively how great an influence these associations are exerting all over the country.

Charters are granted the Belmont Cotton Mills at Shelby, capital stock \$50,000, to spin and weave, J. C. Smith and others of that place being the stockholders and to the City Land Company of Raleigh \$50,000, Albert L. Murray, William J. Andrews and William J. Andrews, Jr., being the stockholders.

It turns out that about 30% of the seats which were sold to the Nordica concert last night were bought by people who wanted to speculate in them, some being purchased at the instance of speculators, in blocks of six, this being the limit for any one person. The speculators thought there would only be one appearance of the great singer and that they would reap a harvest and some tickets were sold at a fancy figure, but the Thursday night concert knocked the bottom out of the plan and a number of the seats bought on speculation at \$3 were sold for \$2. There is general satisfaction at this blow at the speculators, who have played some pretty sharp tricks on people here during the fair in previous years.

Rain commenced falling about noon and there were showers during the afternoon, making the 6th day of rain, this being along the line of the record made last June, July and August.

AS A MARKET GRAPE

The United States Department of Agriculture Making Efforts to Improve the Cultivation of the Scuppernong.

United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry, Washington, D. C., Oct. 11, 1906. The Progressive Farmer, Clarence H. Poe, Editor, Raleigh, N. C.:

Dear Sir: Yours of the 28th ultimo is just at hand. Our investigation is an effort to get at the facts in relation to all rotundifolia grape varieties and their culture. An effort is being made to locate all the promising species that have thus far been brought into cultivation and to ascertain their record for productiveness, size, color, quality, time of ripening, etc., with a view to ascertaining at an early date as possible the relative value of these varieties for cultivation in different portions of the south Atlantic and gulf states.

At the same time, we are endeavoring to ascertain the soil and climatic conditions most favorable to the culture of this species, the methods of cultivation, training, pruning, etc., and the uses for which varieties are likely to be found best adapted.

It is quite apparent that a considerable number of promising varieties have been brought under cultivation in different localities, from North Carolina southward, many of which are practically unknown outside of the localities of their origin. One of the first efforts will, therefore, be to assemble these promising varieties into a vineyard where they can be grown under identical conditions for accurate comparison of their important characteristics. The vigor, productiveness and excellent quality of the Scuppernong and the few other varieties of the species that have been planted to considerable extent in commercial vineyards, indicate that this is the most promising species for commercial viticulture in the Southeastern United States. At the same time, we would not advise promiscuous or ill-considered planting in large areas nor heavy plantings anywhere until the species has been tested and found adapted to the particular section.

This investigation is being made under the direction of Mr. Geo. C. Huxman, poloanalyst in charge of viticultural investigations, who is at present in California, assisted by Mr. E. F. Cole, special agent, who is spending the vintage season in the south Atlantic states.

I may say, in this connection, that the department is especially interested at the present time in locating promising varieties that have not been generally disseminated and will appreciate information regarding such from any source.

Yours very truly,
WM. A. TAYLOR,
Pomologist in Charge of Field Investigations.

Governor Terrell and Party Safe. Savannah, Ga., October 22.—The steam yacht Josie on which Governor Terrell, Mrs. Terrell and Major Williams, the owner, were cruising and for the safety of which some fears were entertained put into St. Catharines island during the recent tropical storm. She has now gone to St. Simons. All the party are safe and well.

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DAVIS' MEMORIAL MEETING

Resolutions and Speeches of Condolence.—The Cumberland Fair—Street Railway—New Savings Bank—News and Personal Notes.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Fayetteville, October 22.—Yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock an impressive meeting was held in Pythian Hall, commemorative of the death of Mrs. Davis, under the auspices of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Mrs. E. J. Hale, president, and attended also by Camp 552, United Confederate Veterans, G. M. Rose, commander, and many prominent citizens. A committee, with Col. C. W. Broadfoot as chairman, was appointed by the Veterans, to draft resolutions, with a like committee on the part of the Daughters of the Confederacy. These resolutions were forcible, earnest and graceful.

With good weather this week, there is bright promise that the Cumberland fair will be one of the most successful in its long history. The exhibits will be extensive, the racing very fine, and the attendance will embrace people from all this section of the state and upper South Carolina. There are already here 20 or 25 foreign horses of high speed, and more are expected. The fair has been well worked up, and Messrs. L. A. Williamson and J. B. Tallinghaugh, president and secretary, deserve great credit for their management. Mr. Arthur Armfield, the chief marshal, has published his staff of assistant marshals, made up of prominent young men here and in the country. The many novel side shows will be a feature of the fair.

A new savings bank has been organized here with a capital of \$30,000, and Mr. Leighton Huske as president, which will begin business next week.

Contractors of the Pittsburg Bridge Company are here to secure quarters for a large force of workmen in building the new iron bridge for the Atlantic Coast Line R. R. over the Cape Fear river in the northern outskirts of the city. It is understood that it will be a very handsome structure equal to the other bridge over the river placed there by the old Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway, at a cost of \$90,000.

The Fayetteville Street Railway Co. will at an early date begin laying a trolley line to run from the boat landings on the river to the passenger station on Upper Hay street, taking in the Holt-Morgan village, and embracing a circuit of the city of about three miles. The line will have accommodations for freight as well as passengers.

The democratic county ticket is reasonably safe from top to bottom, although the majority may be reduced from first anticipations. Registration is slow, and the meetings on the canvass have not been well attended, on account of the hard work on the farms. But Cumberland may be counted on for at least 500 majority.

Mrs. Fiers, of Sunbeam, Va., will visit friends in the city during the fair.

The correspondent has been informed that a strong movement is making here to organize a fire insurance company, and that Mr. C. J. Cooper is one of the principal promoters of the enterprise. He is a business organizer of remarkable ability and breadth of view, and has been chiefly instrumental in achieving the great success of the Fayetteville Life Insurance Company, of which he is general manager. He was former cashier of the national bank of Fayetteville, which he organized and placed on a splendid financial footing.

FOR GREAT ROWING RACE

British Champions and Winners of Yale-Harvard Race, May Meet in Contest.

New York, October 22.—H. P. Burchell will leave for England tomorrow on the Cunard Line steamer Carmania as the special commissioner of the Jamestown Exposition, to invite the winner of the coming British inter-varsity rowing contest to meet the winners of the next Yale-Harvard race, together with the winners of the inter-collegiate eight oared event at Poughkeepsie. The English collegians will be offered the opportunity of a duel with the winners of the New London contest or participation in a three cornered race to include the winner of the Varsity race at Poughkeepsie.

Should Oxford and Cambridge decline, Mr. Burchell will endeavor to arrange for a combination crew from the Oxford and Cambridge crews and another combination from the Leander and London Rowing Clubs to meet the American oarsmen.

SUITS FOR COMMISSIONS

Aggregating \$23,500 Instituted in the Federal Court in Norfolk.

Norfolk, Va., October 22.—Suits aggregating \$23,500 for commissions whereby the Virginia-Carolina Lumber Co., of Spring Hope, N. C., sold to the Montgomery Lumber Company for \$135,000 all of its timber land holdings in the counties of Nash and Franklin, North Carolina, were instituted in the federal court here this afternoon.

The plaintiff in the first instance is A. R. Smith who claims \$7,500 including damages on an agreement to pay him \$5,000 if the sales of the Virginia-Carolina Lumber company's property was brought about on an option given to G. Fred Johnston for a sale of the property at not less than \$450,000.

The plaintiff in the second instance is G. Fred Johnston who sues for commissions on the sale at ten per cent, and damages, claiming to have brought about the sale to the Montgomery company through M. B. Tremaine, whom he introduced, and to whom he first offered the property at \$175,000, Tremaine refusing it at this figure, because, it is alleged, he did not find the class and quantity of timber the owning company first claimed was on its land.

The Hon. Thomas Watson, sometime of Georgia, who has posed as an authority on the subject of counting 'em out can now speak as an expert on the subject since Colonel Mann, of Town Topics fame, showed him the door.—Salsbury Post.

BOYNTON PLEADED GUILTY

Tried on Charge of Being Party to a Plan to Counterfeit Venezuelan Money.

New York, October 22.—Captain George Boynton pleaded guilty today in the United States circuit court to the charge of being a party to a plan for counterfeiting silver coins of Venezuela for the purpose of financing a revolution in that country. He was sentenced to six months in the Kings county penitentiary.

Lewis M. Thompson and T. B. Wilcox, who were associated with Boynton in their possession dies for the duplication of a foreign country and were fined \$250 and \$100 respectively.

When arrested Captain Boynton produced papers to show that he was in New York as the special commissioner of a Venezuelan revolutionary party and that it was his purpose to finance a revolution by making duplicate silver dollars of the same fineness and intrinsic value as those issued by the government, which would be legalized by act of the junta when the present government of Venezuela was overthrown.

Captain Boynton said: "I guess I was technically guilty although we never intended to make any money in this country. I did not know that having dies alone was a crime."

A WEEK OF PRAYER

Episcopal Mission Opened in Goldsboro—Services Conducted by Bishop Coleman, of Delaware, Assisted by Rev. F. T. H. Horsfield.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Goldsboro, N. C., October 22.—A mission has been opened in St. Stephen's Episcopal church which will continue throughout this week. No less a personage than the Rt. Rev. Leighton Coleman, Bishop of Delaware, will conduct the mission assisted by the rector of the parish Rev. F. H. T. Horsfield. The mission in the Episcopal church is a call to extra devotion and spiritual renaissance; a season of prayer, meditation and preaching, whereby the faithful may be strengthened, the lukewarm made fervent and those of no religious belief have the truths of Christianity laid before them with apostolic authority. Bishop Coleman is a man of patriarchal years and appearance, being forty years in the ministry, of profound learning not only as to the scriptures and theology, but as to humanity with all its foibles and frailties. It is a benediction to sit in his presence and his preaching leaves nothing to be supplied to his hearers but the quickening spirit. He opened the mission yesterday morning very appropriately with an able, eloquent and persuasive sermon on the words of St. Paul, when he of the Damascus incident recognized the hand of the Lord and yielded to the sovereignty of Christ—"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" His text in an appealing application of the text to each and every one of his hearers, and with such force that none could get away from the personal responsibility of the answer. Services will be held daily morning and evening for the week and will conclude next Sunday.

VESSELS SUFFERED BADLY

Two Schooners Arrived at Norfolk in a Crippled Condition.

Norfolk, Va., October 22.—The three masted schooner Edna A. Pogue, of Philadelphia, Captain Bell, arrived here today after having suffered badly in Saturday's gale on the outside. Her sails were torn and her masts broken so that it is said they will fall out when the rigging is removed. The schooner John A. Curtis of Baltimore, Captain Simmons, reports having had a severe experience in Chesapeake bay Saturday night when her main sail burst in the gale and she came very near being destroyed.

The tug Fearless, with a weekling outfit, is preparing to sail from Norfolk to make an effort to float the schooner Charles Butler from Mystic, Conn., which was driven ashore in the gale at Little Bay, near Windmill Point, Chesapeake Bay.

BRYAN IN INDIANA

In Speech at Evansville Discussed the Government Ownership Question and Prosperity of the Country.

Indianapolis, October 22.—William Jennings Bryan wound up the first day of his Indiana tour speaking before large crowd at Evansville tonight. He will arrive in Indianapolis tomorrow and will leave almost immediately on a special inter-urban car, visiting a dozen cities in central Indiana. The principal address will be made at Indianapolis tomorrow night.

Today's tour was through the southern part of the state, a special train under the direction of the democratic state committee being utilized.

Thomas Taggart, chairman of the democratic national committee met the train at Mitchell and he was cordially greeted by Mr. Bryan. The two retired to Mr. Bryan's state room and consulted for thirty minutes.

At Terre Haute, Mr. Bryan addressed a large crowd, saying: "I am here in Indiana, not as a candidate for office, for I have insisted that it is too early to know who ought to be nominated by either party. But I am here in the interest of those who are candidates. This year we hope to lay the foundation for success two years hence."

Mr. Bryan discussed the government ownership question and the prosperous condition of the country. If the railroads continue to refuse to do the things that they should do they may expect to find later on that they will have to do many things that they do not want to do.—Durham Herald.

MARK TWAIN'S WIFE

The Humorist Describes His Life Companion on Thirty-Sixth Anniversary.

(Mark Train in North American Review.) Tomorrow will be the thirty-sixth anniversary of our marriage. My wife passed from this life one year and eight months ago, in Florence, Italy, after an unbroken illness of 22 months' duration.

I saw her first in the form of an ivory miniature in her brother Charles's stateroom in the steamer Quaker City, in the Bay of Smyrna, in the summer of 1867, when she was in her 22nd year. I saw her in the flesh for the first time in New York in the following December. She was slender and beautiful and girlish—and she was both girl and woman. She retained both girl and woman to the last day of her life. Under a grave and gentle exterior burned inextinguishable fires of sympathy, energy, devotion, enthusiasm and absolutely limitless affection. She was always frail in body, and she lived upon her spirit, whose hopefulness and courage were indestructible. Perfect truth, perfect honesty, perfect candor, were qualities of her character which were born with her. Her judgments of people and things were sure and accurate. Her intuitions almost never deceived her. In her judgments of the characters and acts of both friends and strangers, there was always room for charity, and this charity never failed. I have compared and contrasted her with hundreds of persons, and my conviction remains that hers was the most perfect character I have ever met. And I may add that she was the most winningly dignified person I have ever known. Her character and disposition were of the sort that not only invites worship, but commands it. No servant ever left her service who deserved to remain in it. And, as she could choose with a glance of her eye, the servants she selected did in almost all cases deserve to remain, and they did remain. She was always cheerful; and she was always able to reason me out of my despair, and find a bright side to the clouds, and make me see it. In all that time, I never knew her to utter a word of regret concerning our altered circumstances, nor did I ever know her children to do the like. For she had taught them, and they drew their fortitude from her. The love which she bestowed upon those whom she loved took the form of worship, and in that form it was returned—returned by relatives, friends and the servants of her household. It was a strange combination which wrought into one individual, so to speak, a marriage—her disposition and character and mine.

She poured out her prodigal affections in kisses and caresses, and in a vocabulary of endearments whose profusion was always an astonishment to me. I was born reserved as to endearments of speech and caresses, and hers broke upon me as the summer waves break upon Gibraltar. I was reared in that atmosphere of reserve. As I have already said, in another chapter, I never knew a member of my father's family to kiss another member of it except once, and that at a deathbed. And our village was not a kissing community. The kissing and caressing ended with courtship—along with the deadly piano-playing of that day.

She had the heart free laugh of a girl. It came seldom, but when it broke upon the ear it was as inspiring as music. I heard it for the last time when she had been occupying her seclusion for more than a year, and I made a written note of it at the time—a note not to be repeated.

Dog on Operating Table.

"Bum," a black and yellow middle-sized mongrel dog, for fourteen years the pet of Flower hospital, having had an ear nearly torn off in a battle with a younger and more active canine, yesterday ran home, made for the emergency ward, and of his own intelligence and a wisdom born of many years' experience with wounded and injured persons, climbed onto an operating table and barked loudly for surgical assistance.

The truth of the story is vouched for by Dan, the orderly (less known as Daniel Falvey), and Dr. Day, of the hospital staff.

Dr. Day said: "None of us was surprised by the dog's running in, after having been hurt and jumping on the operating table of his own accord. 'Bum' has spent most of his time in the emergency ward with his friend Dan, who first discovered him and brought him to the hospital. The dog had seen so many people placed on the table, fixed up, and sent away comparatively happy, that when it came his turn he seemed to know just what to do. He got the lot a whole lot out of him as I was taking the stitches in his head and ear."

Orderly Dan is proud of his clever old dog. He said: "Why, 'Bum' could go into a dog hospital and be a trained nurse, he's that wise about doctoring."—New York Journal.

BIG LUMBER DEAL

A Number of Companies of This Section Combine With \$1,000,000 Capital.

One of the biggest lumber deals made in this country in some time was in the consolidation of the Williams and McKeithan company of Darlington county, the Apex Company of Hamlet, N. C., the Palmetto Company of McBee, S. C., and the Chat-ham Company of Durham, N. C., all under the control of Ernest Williams of Lynchburg. The united capital is \$1,000,000. Lynchburg will be the home office and a number of the best men from the offices at Lumber will be taken to Lynchburg which will be a distinct loss to Darlington county.—Florence Times.

VIRGINIA "FERTILIZER" TRUST

Case Set for a Hearing on December 3rd.

Washington, October 22.—In the supreme court of the United States today the Virginia "Fertilizer Trust" cases were advanced in the docket and a hearing set for December 3rd next. The cases are in the nature of habeas corpus proceedings and the defendants who are connected with the alleged trusts are resisting removal from the eastern district of Virginia to the middle of Tennessee for trial.

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AMERICA HAS ITS SHARE

Deposits to Facilitate Gold Importation Discontinued.

SECRETARY SHAW'S STATEMENT

Does Not Want to Disturb Conditions in Europe—Will Accept Approved Securities Other Than Government Bonds for Deposits Already Made to Stimulate National Bank Circulation.

New York, October 22.—Secretary Shaw authorizes the announcement that from and after Tuesday the 23rd, deposits to facilitate gold importations will be discontinued. He said in connection with the announcement that importations had exceeded his expectations, and he believed for the present, America had quite its share and he had no disposition to disturb conditions in Europe by a continuation of that method of relief.

Secretary Shaw also announced that he would stimulate national bank circulation to the extent of eighteen million dollars by accepting approved securities other than government bonds for deposits already made. The bonds released to be used immediately as a basis of circulation without withdrawal from the treasury. He does not object to the assignment of the bonds to other banks than those now holding them, but to insure their use they must remain in the treasury, and in addition the bank taking out the circulation must agree to retire the same between the 15th day of March and the 15th day of August 1907. The banks will be required, when taking out their circulation, to make application for its release, and the order or per cent, of retirement from month to month will be determined by the treasury department.

In this way eighteen millions of additional circulation can be immediately issued and gradually retired during the spring and summer months. In this way, also, Secretary Shaw expects to demonstrate, in limited form, the benefits of an elastic currency.

VICTIMS OF THE STORM

Malory Liner Colorado Rescues Four Men at Sea—The Men Were on Raft of Logs and Had Suffered Terrible Hardship.

Mobile, Ala., October 22.—The Malory liner Colorado, which arrived in port today, had as passengers Joseph Melson, Charles Anderson and Otto Brink, who were picked up at sea Saturday morning 90 miles off Key West. Melson says he saw 79 men drowned from a house boat which was wrecked off Long Key, Florida, in last week's storm. The four men who were found on a raft made out of six logs and were in the water waist deep at the time. Melson said he and the other men were on a house boat at Long Key when the hurricane struck them and blew the boat out to sea. It soon went to pieces and out of the 125 people on board, 79 were drowned. The other 42 have since been taken into Jacksonville, Florida. The men suffered terrible hardships. The men say that the loss of life was heavier off Long Key than any other point. The men were employed by the Florida East Coast railway by their extension work through the Florida swamps from Miami to Key West.

DR. MATTHEWS' PLEA

Contents That North Carolina Law Has No Degree of Murder by Poisoning and That If Guilty of the Crime He Should Have Been Sentenced to Death.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., October 22.—Dr. J. B. Matthews, convicted at Greensboro of murder in the second degree in poisoning his wife with Morphine and sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary, is in a Baltimore sanitarium under five thousand dollar bond. He has able counsel, the chief defense being that the North Carolina law provides for no degrees of murder by poisoning that if guilty of the crime he should have been sentenced to death. It is contended that the use of morphine had made him crazy.

TO ESCAPE LYNCHING

Negro Rapist Carried to Penitentiary Disguised as a Coachman.

Montgomery, Ala., October 22.—Disguised as a coachman for a prominent citizen, Herman Thompson, a negro who on Friday attempted to assault Callie Belle Caine, a white child, escaped lynching by armed men who have been scouring Alabama for him, and he is now serving a twenty year sentence at Pratt Mines Penitentiary. This afternoon, the negro in the guise of a coachman, was slipped into the Montgomery city court room and pleaded guilty to the crime. He then drove a private carriage to the station where he was put on a special train for Pratt Mines. Since the crime was committed Thompson had been in hiding, carefully guarded by deputy sheriffs. In order to take him to the court in safety and thence to the train a prominent citizen consented to have him installed temporarily as coachman. The negro was glad to accept the job and made no attempt to escape.

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Frying Pan Shoals Lightship Damaged by Storm. Charleston, October 22.—Frying Pan Shoals lightship went adrift in the hurricane, lost mushroom anchor and ninety fathoms of cable. Set sails and was driven southward of Charleston. Beat backward to entrance to this port and was towed in by buoy tender Wisteria. Did not sustain any damage. Anchor and cable are being put on board at Castle Pinkney. Lightships will be towed back to station by