

**BILL BAILEY, THE PATIENT**

**THE GRATEFUL CONVALESCENT**

The Old Gray Mule That Was so Badly Burned in the Cochran Livery Stable Fire Has Recovered and is Almost Completely Healed. Dr. Fisher, who has labored for love—the story of Bill Bailey and his narrow escape—has written a book, "The Facts in the Case." Yesterday morning, as an Observer man showed open the front door of Fisher's Veterinary Hospital, at the corner of College and Second streets, he was greeted with a gentle whinny. This salute was that of a friend. On lifting his eyes the reporter saw a most interesting arrival. To the right, in a small lot, stood a large, badly scarred gray mule, the victim of the Cochran fire that consumed 30 or more horses in Cochran's stables, on North College street, the 25th day of last October. The saving of Bill Bailey's life has been a labor of love that he has repaid by his kind and humane treatment of the poor dumb brute at the final bar of judgment. The old gray mule is appreciative, and the love that he manifests for his friends in this terrible illness and misery is sweet to see. His fondness for those who doctored him shows that the lower animal has gratitude, one of the rarest qualities in man.

**MUCH INTEREST IN REPORT**

Charlotte Cotton Men speculate as to the figures of the Government Estimate—Supply Short. Charlotte cotton men were exceedingly interested in the report on cotton issued by the government yesterday. There was much speculation as to its figures, more so perhaps than at any recent estimate. The figures of the national figures, issued last week, were taken as a basis and there were many who held that the government would closely approximate them. Those who believed such, and backed their belief with their money reaped a harvest. There were many, however, who believed that yesterday's report would be in the neighborhood of 9,900,000 and these were very sadly disappointed. One cotton merchant was heard to declare that he was expecting something very close to the 10,000,000 mark. The census report places the figures at 9,721,773 bales ginned up to the first of the year. The total crop will probably be something more than 10,000,000 bales. Last year, the cotton mills of the North used 2,232,145; those in the South 2,163,006, while the European mills utilized 8,745,816, making a total of 13,139,956 bales. The recent estimates for the past season show that the mills have taken, in the North, 1,173,842 bales; in the South, 772,000, while the European mills have taken 2,841,966, making a total crop of 5,587,808 bales. Certainly the demand is as large, if not larger, than last year. The crop, as shown by all of the estimates and reports, is short. It is believed that there is to be a deficit of at least 2,000,000 bales. There are but two things that can be done, if the farmers hold their cotton for the higher figure. Either the mills will have to pay the price or shut down. The last they will not do except unless pushed to the wall.

**THAT NON-POLITICAL BODY**

A Meeting of the Police, Fire and Health Commission Likely to be Held This Week—Will There be Another Member to Resign? The police, fire and health commission is slated to meet the latter part of the week. In the course of a day or so, Mayor S. S. McNeill will likely issue the call. In addition to the formal induction of the new commissioner, Mr. J. H. Wearn, quite a number of items of interest are to be presented. It is believed that there are to be several changes in the personnel of the committee that make up the commission. Mr. J. P. Wilson's retirement necessitates the appointment of a new member of the health committee. It is believed that Mr. J. I. Blakely is to be named for this important position. It has been rumored that another member of the commission is to resign his position. If such report be true, then the formal request will likely be made at the meeting of the committee. He then be referred to the aldermen for action, and the usual steps will be taken to appoint a successor. Those who have been watching the trend of political events during the past month or more, especially pertaining to the police, fire and health commission, have been furnished with much that is of exceeding interest. And what is better, there is the promise of more to come.

**Miss Alice Pearson Critically Ill**

Miss Alice Pearson, a well-known woman of the State, is very ill at St. Peter's Hospital. She had a stroke of paralysis Monday night, at her room at the home of Miss Sallie Phillips, on East Sixth street, and continues very ill. She was removed to the hospital yesterday. Miss Pearson was once a teacher in St. Mary's College at Raleigh. She is a niece of former Governor John W. Ellis, her mother being his sister. She is about 60 years old, and has no close relation except a brother. She is distant related to Mrs. Sarah Virginia Young, Mr. T. H. Gaither and Capt. S. A. Kelly, of this city.

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**IN THE CITY POLICE COURT.**

**Cleve Donaldson the Star Performer**—His Offenses—Two Dusky Damsels Charged With Stealing Coal. Cleve Donaldson was the star performer in the city police court yesterday morning. Cleve is an old offender and the spectators in the court room were not surprised when Chief Irwin's sonorous voice called his name. There were two charges: assaulting Mary Armstrong and being drunk and disorderly. There was abundant evidence to substantiate both charges. Cleve had indulged too freely and the fire-water put him in a fighting mood. In this condition he went to the home of the Armstrong woman and proceeded to satisfy his mood upon her. After hearing the evidence the court fined Donaldson \$10 in the first case and \$5 and the costs in the second case.

**AN EX-CONVICT DEMANDS \$5,000.**

Sues P. H. Hartman et al, of Rowan County, for Alleged Brutal Treatment Received While One of the Convicts. Through her attorneys, Messrs. Clarkson & Dula, Mrs. Nancy H. Cathey, has entered suit against the Seaboard Air Line for damages to her land in Paw Creek township caused by the firing of 15 acres of timber on April 5th, 1904. The sparks are alleged to have come from one of the freight trains which was passing along the road bound for Charlotte on that date. Damages to the amount of \$150 are asked. The summons was issued yesterday in an action which promises to be of exceeding interest. Frank McDow, an ex-convict, through his attorney, Mr. Brevard Nixon, is suing Mr. P. H. Hartman et al, of Rowan county, for alleged cruel and inhuman treatment while serving a sentence under order of court. In the complaint McDow alleges that he was forced to toil with a shovel from the 8th of December to the 6th of January while his hands were lacerated and swollen in a terrible condition. He alleges further that he repeatedly complained and made protests which were passed by unheeded. He asks for \$5,000 damages. The case will be tried at the March term of Mecklenburg Superior Court.

**Matress Factory Occupies New Quarters.**

The Charlotte Matress Manufacturing Company, which has been in operation at the corner of Seventh and the railroad for the past several months, has moved into a new building near the corner of First and the railroad, where, in the future, the plant will be located. This is one of the prosperous small enterprises of which there are quite a number in the city. Mr. A. D. Williams, who has been traveling representative of the concern for some time, has resigned his position to take effect on the 1st of January. He will go to Norfolk, Va., and will there go into business on his own account.

**Jasper Miller & Son to Move.**

Jasper Miller & Son, dealers in cotton waste, who for the past several months have been occupying quarters over Durham & Kluppelberg's wholesale grocery store, at the corner of College and Fourth streets, have rented the vacant store at No. 204 South College street and will move in next week. This is done so as to secure additional floor space for the accommodation of their growing trade in cotton waste.

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**Money-Lenders in Court.**

Beck & Company, money-lenders, represented by Mr. F. M. Dobbs, the local agent and manager, were arraigned before Squire Hilton yesterday on two charges: failing to pay the State and county tax required of all money-lending concerns and with failing to pay the license tax also required. After hearing the evidence in the case the magistrate bound the defendants over to the Superior Court, requiring a bond of \$25. The case was brought to the attention of the court by George Jackson, colored, who claimed that the concern charged his mother, who died last week, excessive interest rates.

**Rubinstein to Play in Charlotte.**

Prof. Don Amal Richardson announces that he will have the great Russian pianist, Rubinstein, in Charlotte some time in February. Charlotte music-lovers will then have the opportunity of hearing one of the world's notables in the realm of music. Then, indeed, they can tell "how Rubby played" without citing someone else's opinion on the subject. The date and other details will be announced later.

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