John Steele, Negro, Who is Now Serv-ing a Ten Year Term in the Pentien-tiary for Housebreaking Done in Guilford County, Receives Twenty-Pive Years More For the Murder of John Muchell Just Five Years Ago at Ramsey's Brickyard Near the City—Jury Finds Him Guilty of Murder in the second Degree-Jury Had Case Several Hours.

If thirty-five years is time sufficient, John Steele, colored, ought to be fairly familiar with the general system of just served about five years of a tenford county and last night at 7:20 able. o'clock Judge Councill added twentyfive years more for the murder of John Mitchell, colored. With this fected without difficulty.

ell and D. B. Paul.

ploye of the Ramsey brickyards, four miles south of the city on that 6th day rary insanity will be assigned by the of June. 1904 He stated that he was a defense as excuse for the killing of close eye-witness of the killing, being J. Green Hood, in February. principals in the somewhat dramatic legitimately arise.

bearer of witness. Steel was a boarder were in her home, which was not far disicide occurred. He rushed into the day, way elsewhere bound HAD HOT QUARREL

whose word the fate of the defendant largely hung. Wilkins told of the quarin which the bad feeling between the two men evidently had its origin A workman on the brick kiln asked Steele to come and turn an arch into the situation butted Mitchell with the remark that Steele's intellectual calibre was not of sufficient capacity to enable him to perform the act efficlently, or something to that effect. At any rate, the remark would appear to have been unflattering to its target. Both men then proceeded to say things to one another-things not recorded in either Sunday school libraries, "Universal Polite Letter Writor "Compendiums of Etiquette." Steele then left the ward. In a few

minutes he returned, accompanied by his trusty pistol. Addressing Mitchell as the latter was rolling a wheelbarrow across the yards, he interrogated him as to his design to reflect on his family tree. Whether a reply was made is not recorded, but at any rate the insulted one blazed away. The ball entered the top of Mitchell's left shoulder, ranging downward, at an McLaughlin, the county physician, extracted it just below the left shoulder blade.

The self-defense story was that of the defendant, not differing in any marked detail from such narratives. On the night preceding the affair, he said, he had had trouble with Mitchell, having been accused falsely by the other in regard to some family affair. Mitchell drew a stick of wood on him and threatened to kill him if he did not cease to deport himself after the fashion charged. After the first quarrel on the brickyard he waxed afraid of Mitchell and secured his pistol as a means of protection

Mitchell loosed his hold on the wheelbarrow and after the Biblical fashion had armed himself with a brickbat. Just as he was rising to his feet thus equipped, came the bullet Peter's Hospital yesterday afternoon

The examination of witnesses ocdupied but little time and was completed before the noon recess. Speeches were made by all the attorneys. was instructed that on the evidence it could find the prisoner guilty of murder in the first degree, or in the second degree or could render a verdict of acquittal.
VERDICT AT DUSK.

The twelve men received the case about 3 o'clock and did not agree on a verdict until a little after 7 o'clock. In order not to keep the prisoner in suspense as to his sentence, the judge was sent for, the jury filed in and delivered itself. Judge Councill stated that the offense was a serious one, and Southern Bell Telephone Company there was little to mitigate its seriousness. He commented on the characteristic of the negro race which makes its members often vicious toward one another- more vicious even than toward members of the other race. He was informed that the prisoner was 28 years old. He then imposed sentence of twenty-five years, stating that if he saw fit to reduce this later he would do so. The sentence, of course, is to begin at the expiration of the term now in process of being

murder and it inclined to leniency. Had Steele given himself up and stood trial immediately after the killing instead of running away and later committing the other crime he would have five years of his murder sentence behind him and would be free from the incubus the other ten year assign-

BOARD OF REGENTS MEETS.

All the Officers of Barium Springs Orphanage Re-Elected—Past Year Was One of Marked Prosperity.

The board of regents of Barium tects, of Charlotte. Springs Orphanage held two sessions in the parlors of the First Presbyterian church yesterday. There were present Rev. Dr. H. G. Hill, of Max-There were ton, president; Rev. D. I. Craig, of Reidsville, secretary; Mr. P. M. Brown, of Charlotte, treasurer, and Rev. Dr. C. M. Richards, of Davidson: Mr. A. M. Scales, of Greensboro, and Mr. W. H. Belk, of Charlotte. Rev. John Wakefield, superintendent of the institution, was also present. The most important business transnoted was the election of officers, the old board being chosen to serve for the coming year. Mr. William Laurie Bill. editor of The Fatherless Ones, the organ of the institution, and field agent, was also re-elected. The refort of those in charge showed that the institution has enjoyed a year of marked prosperity.

WILL GET JURY TO-DAY.

Superior Court on the Eve of Legal
Battle This Morning When the
Drawing of Jury in the Biggers
Murder Case Will Be Begun.

These be anxious hours for two hundred men summoned to appear at Superior Court this morning as a from whom are to come the members of the jury to try W. S. Biggers. in the summoning of quite a number whose names do not usually figure in the State penitentiary at Raieigh such connections and who would re-when liberation finally comes. He has pard the performance of such duly as gard the performance of such duty as year term for housebreaking in Guil- about the most disagreeable imagin-

The empaneling of a jury will be begun this morning as soon as court pleasant prospect facing him the ne- convenes. This is the day set nearly gro will go back to the prison from two weeeks ago for this hearing, whence he came to be tried. The court which is one in which the whole comlessen the sentence, this could be ef-The people of this section have read Steele's trial was begun vesterday in the daily press during the past few morning when court convened. A jury years interesting accounts of trials was secured from the venire of 25 without much difficulty and the State somewhat similar to this, in which the began the introduction of its evidence, opinions of alienists were arrayed Solicitor (Clarkson prosecuted, while against each other in determining the the fight for the defense was conduct-ed by Messre J. W. Barry, J. F. Newmental states and this of medical The first witness placed on the stand jurisprudence has become a topic of was Ell Kirk, colored, who together the day. This comment is pertinent with the other two men, was an em- by reason of the fact that empo-

but fifteen feet away from the two. That is the only question which can scene He saw Steele walk up directly done in broad daylight near the inin front of Mitchell, draw his pistol, tersection of streets thronged with level it at him and fire. The injured people. The fact of the killing will, man died in about five minutes. Mitch- of course, be admitted. And in such ell was stooping to set down his wheel a case there can be no other ground barrow when the other discharged the for acquittal than that of self-defense or insanity. The unwritten law, it is Eli Kirk's wife was an important true, can be pled on the sly, as it

Considerable difficulty wil probably tant from the place where the hom- be experienced in drawing a jury to-The eleven lawyers on both house, seized his pistol and as hurried- sides have had ample opportunity to ly rushed off. A few minutes later he scan the names of the veniremen and returned This time it was his valise make investigations as to their views he seized and, quickly tossing some on religion, politics, sociology, law, clothing into it, he departed straight- personal difficulties, the use of firearms and financial affairs. And any other subject by which human nature Abe Wilkins was a third witness on may be judged. Practically all have been summoned As soon as the jury is drawn the taking of evidence will

NOBLE MAN'S NOBLE RECORD.

H. G. Hill, of Maxton-One of the the South.

renerable pastor of the Maxton and name of Mr. B. C. Osborne was sign Centre Presbyterian churches, who ed was presented to Mr. L. Rosenspent yesterday and last night in the baum Saturday night and cashed Mr. of the board of regents of Barium abee himself and carried him to Springs Orpharage, is one of the most headquarters in a buggy. The accuseminent ministers in the Southern ed has spent considerable time arofind General Assembly. He was asked a the Osborne stables. Mr. Osborne few days ago the number of sermons stated that the signature was a good he had preached. After thinking a imitation of his own, but it looked short time he responded that his though it had been slowly traced, recollection as to figures did not go while his habitual signature is writfarther back than 1871, but that since ten at top speed. that time he had preached, approximately, 4,900 sermons and had de-livered something like 3,200 ad- "Do you know what it takes to you dresses. Dr. Hill is about 77 years of stitute legal forgery?" g age and is a splendid type of that asked him stating that he did not berobust. He has held almost days. henor in the gift of his Church, having served as moderator of he Synod the General Assembly. For the part to hire one if he could get into com 36 years he has been a member of the board of trustees of Union Theologic al Seminary, Richmond, Va., and for 36 years he has been chairman of the home missions committee of Favetteville Presbytery. Dr. Hill, while in the city, was the guest of his friend Rev. Dr. P. R. Law, at the Central.

DEATH OF MISS ANNIE BROWN. Estimable Young Lady Passes Away

After Two-Weeks' Illuess-Funeral This Morning.

Miss Annie Brown at 3 o'clock after an illness of two weeks with typhoid-pneumonia. deceased was a daughter of Mrs. Texana Brown and was 16 years of age. She is survived by her mother, Eloquent pleas were made. The jury two sisters, Mrs. R. N. Forbis and Brown, three brothers Miss Lena Messrs. Will, Lathan and Warren Brown; four half-sisters, Mesdames M. Sammonds, J. S. Crenshaw, R. M. Ross and J. M. Ross, and two halfbrothers, Messra. J. A. and C. C.

The funeral will take place this morning at Carmel Presbyterian hurch in Sharon township by Rev. Dr. A. R. Shaw, pastor of Tenth Avenue Presbyterian church.

Miss Brown was connected with the and was a young lady of rare dis position and unusual charm. was a devoted member of the Tenth Avenue Presbyterian church and had many friends in Charlotte and in the

Small Fire Yesterday.

A small fire occurred at the home of Capt. Thomas H. Gaither, at No. 315 West Fifth street, yesterday mornng at 11:30. The alarm was turned in from box 38. A considerable The only question with the jury was amount of smoke was issuing from the whether it was first or second degree attic when the firemen arrived. The small blaze was extinguished by the use of chemicals exclusively. No water was thrown.

Sealed bids for the erection of the Graded School building at Laurinburg. N. C., will be received until Monday, June 21st at 10 a. m. Plans may be secured from T. J. Secretary, Laurinburg Wheeler, Galliber & Stern, Archi-

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CHOOSES THE PEN.

Choosing the Lesser of Two Evils, George Lamont Prefers to Sleep Indoors—County Officers Shed No Tears at the Change.

It's the penitentiary and not the oads for George Lamont. This is the substance of an order made yesterday morning in Superior Court by Judge member of the special venire of 200 W. B. Councill. The action was taken at the request through counsel for the defense. The 'ruthers" of the local authorities coin-The nrawing of the names resulted cided perfectly with those of him who is most concerned. The prospect of bearing the responsibility for his retention, considering his probable skill at escape and the possibility that friends may come to his rescue and by some means procure his liberty, was not in the least inviting to the managers of the county chaingang.

Lamont was given a five years' sen tence a little over a week ago on the harge of larceny from the person, being accused of pickpocketing in three cases, convicted in one and acquitted in two, through lack of convincing evidence. The judge, in assigning him to the county roads, seemed actuated by regard for his health as well as for the county's need of active workers.

But the prospect was not pleasing to the prisoner, who perhaps hopes to land some more congenial and was as follows:

"The defendant, George Lamont, being at the bar of the court and through his counsel, Shannonhouse and Redd, moves the court to change the place of detention during his term of confinement from his sentence to the chaingang of Mecklenburg county. N. C., to the State prison at Raleigh, N. C., and it appearing to the court that the county authorities consent to such change and the solicitor for the State concurring in this request to make such change, it is now ordered by the court that the sheriff of Mecklenburg county deliver the defendant to the State prison authorities at Raleigh to be received by them and to be held and detained to serve out the said term of five years' imprisonment heretofore pronounced by this court at the term at which the defendant was tried

CHANGES PLEA TO NOT GUILTY.

Recorder Will Not Accept Submission of Young White Man Charged With Forgery Who Does Not Scem to Comprehend the Import of the Ac-

Declining to accept the man's own plea of guilt on the charge of forgery because the defendant was evidently ignorant of the seriousness of Something of the History of Rev. Dr. the offense and had not had the ad-Recorder D. vice of coupsel. Leading Presbyterian Ministers in Smith yesterday postponed until this morning the case against L. C. Huck-Rev. Dr. H. G. Hill, of Maxton, the abee. A check for \$30 to which the "I am guilty," said the prisoner

"Do you know what it takes to conmilitant clergy of by-gone lieve he appreciated the seriousness every of his crime.

He replied that he did not, neither had he consulted a lawyer, but he North Carolina and moderator of thought he might get money enough munication with his mother "I don't like to force a man into

trial on a serious charge like this undefense," said Mr. Smith and the caswas docketed for to-day Huckabee is said to have come here about six months ago and to have

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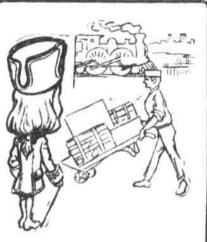
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