

## AN ATTEMPT AT MURDER AND CRIMINAL ASSAULT

**Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Tolar the Victims, at Their Home Near McDonald--Midnight Assassin Enters Home, Crushes Mr. Tolar's Head With an Iron Bar and Lays Hands Upon Mrs. Tolar but is Frightened Away by Her Screams--Mrs. Tolar Goes Half a Mile Through the Darkness With Her Babies to Summon Aid--Two Negroes Arrested--Mr. Tolar's Condition Serious.**

Wakened by the hand of a man upon her at midnight Saturday night in her home near McDonald, Mrs. J. G. Tolar called her husband, received no response save a gruff "Hush" from the strange man, screamed, heard in the darkness the intruder jump through a window, hastily rose and lighted a lamp--and found her husband, who was on another bed in the same room with his 3-year-old daughter, lying unconscious in a pool of his own blood. Mr. Tolar was lying with his head to the foot of the bed, which was near the window through which the would-be murderer made his entrance, and his head had been crushed in by a blow with an iron plow-bar. The intruder then deposited the piece of iron at the foot of the bed, where it was left when he made his flight, and made his way to the bed occupied by Mrs. Tolar and her 18-month-old baby. That robbery was not the purpose seems to be evidenced by the fact that in a pocket of Mr. Tolar's overalls, upon which the deadly piece of iron was deposited, was found more than \$100.

Mrs. Tolar at first thought that her husband had been cut to pieces. She screamed for help while ministering to her husband as best she could. Tolar, in a semi-conscious condition, staggered to his feet and to the fireplace, where he fell with his head upon the hearth; and there he lay. After doing all she could and being unable to summon aid by her screams, Mrs. Tolar took her baby upon one arm, a pistol in her hand, and with her 3-year-old tot in front went half a mile to the home of a neighbor, Mr. Kelly Bass, where she implored aid for her husband. Mr. Bass and Messrs. Jno. Lamb and Val Faulk went at once to the Tolar home and found Mr. Tolar as Mrs. Tolar had left him. They did not know what to do and each was afraid to either go for other help or stay alone, so the three of them left the wounded man alone and went to the home of Mr. J. Edgar Price, about half a mile away. Mr. Colon Price returned with them and they found that Mr. Tolar had crawled into the hall. Mr. Tolar tried to get up and it took the four men to hold him for a while. Mr. Price went to Fairmont and returned about 4 o'clock with Dr. J. P. Brown. About 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon Mr. Tolar was brought to the Thompson hospital here and the pressure on his brain was relieved by taking out some pieces of bone on the left side of his head, just above the left ear, but he did not regain consciousness until this morning, when he recognized his brother, Mr. T. R. Tolar, and showed other signs of being conscious. His condition is considered much more hopeful today, but his recovery is still very doubtful.

The attempt at murder and criminal assault seems to have been minutely planned. The piece of iron with which Mr. Tolar was struck had been lying on the porch of a barn across the road from the house for months. The window through which entrance was effected is about 5 feet from the ground and was open. Mrs. Tolar suggested to Mr. Tolar to close the window before he lay down about 11 o'clock but he thought it was too hot, and he lay with his head to the window and the foot of the bed. There are signs of fingernail scratches on the window ledge and there are several tracks beneath the window, some of them made by a man in stocking feet or barefooted. This seems to indicate that more than one person was involved in the crime. Mr. and Mrs. Tolar were up pretty much all night the night before on account of sickness and slept soundly. When the murderer entered the window he was within three feet of Mr. Tolar's head. He stood directly

over his victim and delivered a terrific blow on the left side of his head. When Mrs. Tolar was wakened she felt a slick cap on the man's head but could not see whether he was white or black, though she is sure from his odor that he was a negro. He told her to hush when she called her husband, but when she began to scream he became frightened and fled through the window. Yesterday large crowds gathered at the Tolar home and feeling ran high. Two negroes, T. Lyon and Jim Suggs, were arrested yesterday afternoon and brought to jail. There is no evidence as yet directly connecting either of them with the crime, but Suggs had blood on his pants. Another negro who is wanted, Jno. Douglas, alias Wesley, escaped.

Mr. Tolar has been operating a saw-mill for his brother, Mr. T. R. Tolar of Lumberton, near his home, which is the old Edgar Price place. The nearest neighbors are negroes, less than a quarter of a mile away.

Another negro, Ed Martin, was arrested this morning and search is being made for Jim Crawford and Wesley, members of a party that was together Saturday night. Mr. N. S. Tolar of Lumber Bridge, a brother of Mr. J. G. Tolar, has offered a reward of \$100 for the capture of the criminal, and the county has offered \$200.

## Two Houses Struck by Lightning Thursday Night--Mrs. J. S. Thompson Shocked.

During the electric storm Thursday night, about 10 o'clock, the residence of Mr. J. S. Thompson, east Fifth street, was struck by lightning and Mrs. Thompson received a severe shock from which she did not fully recover within four hours. On the bed with Mrs. Thompson was her 8-months-old baby which was not shocked at all, apparently, and her 3-year-old daughter, on another bed in the same room, also escaped without a shock. Mr. Thompson had left this room only a few minutes before. The chimney to this room was wrecked, the plastering in this room and in the parlor across the hall was knocked down to some extent, and plastering in the hall was cracked. The lightning seemed to leap from the bedroom to the back porch, where the screen door was torn up. The damage amounts to \$50 or \$60. About the same time lightning struck Mr. Graves' house, in the same part of town, doing considerable damage to a chimney and the kitchen.

## A Rainbow Turnout at Piney Grove.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

The Piney Grove Rainbow League No. 2 will have a "Rainbow" turnout September 16 for the purpose of celebrating the first secret order that was ever granted the Indian race. We want to make the day a great one to be enjoyed by everybody. We invite everybody. The opening speech will be delivered at 10 a. m. by A. A. Locklear, preaching at 11 by Rev. J. E. Hunt. A free dinner will be given and a parade by the brethren. There will be speeches by visiting brethren and friends.

Stephen Hunt.  
Hamer, S. C., R. F. D. 1.

—Revs. F. Weiss and F. R. Cardwell started last evening a series of meetings in the school auditorium at the Lumberton Cotton Mills. It is expected that the meetings will continue ten days or two weeks.

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## THE OLD ORDER CHANGETH

**Robeson County Officers Now On Salary Basis--No More the Festive Fee Makes Glad the Heart of the County Official--And "Charge it, Please" Goes no More--All Transactions Strictly Cash--County Will Save Some Seven Thousand Plunks.**

It hath been advertised plentifully aforesaid that when the solons were in session at the city of Raleigh during the first months of this present year of grace they did enact that, come the first of September, also this present year of grace, the high officials of the county of Robeson should feast no more upon the festive fee but should receive as compensation for the arduous labors pertaining to their respective offices certain specified amounts, namely, as follows, to wit: sheriff, \$4,800; clerk of the court, \$4,100; register of deeds, \$4,300; treasurer, \$2,400. By which it is estimated that some \$7,000 will be saved.

So. And it came to pass that on Friday of last week, the same being the first day of the ninth month of the year of grace 1911, the officers of the aforesaid county of Robeson bade a sad farewell, a long farewell, to the aforementioned festive fee that hath had so goodly an aspect in their eyes and in the eyes of their predecessors, and henceforth they shall take down their so much per--so much and no more--so far and no farther. It is written.

Not without some confusion at first, and some inconvenience withal, is the change made--as per usual when an old order giveth place to new. Those who have papers to be doctored at the court house must not fail to accompany their papers with the proper amount of cash. No more charging can be done. Remember that. So shall time and trouble be saved. All cash basis now. The clerk of the court must collect in advance both the clerk's and the register's fees on all papers offered for registration. Heretofore "courtesies" have been extended when asked for. Now the clerk can't do it. That is also written. So it is useless to ask.

At the first of each month all officers must report to the auditor and turn over all fees to the treasurer, and all these fees are to be kept separately in a "salary fund." At the first of each year the treasurer is to report the amount of this fund to the commissioners, together with amounts paid out in salaries, and all that is left over will go into the general county fund. It is estimated that there will be a saving to the county of some \$7,000; maybe more. The difference between fees and salaries will be, roughly, about: register, \$2,000; clerk of court, \$2,000; sheriff \$2,000; treasurer, \$600. The saving to the county will not be quite as much as this estimate, for there is the new office of auditor, with a salary of \$2,600; but it is of course estimated that this new office will save money in other ways.

The high sheriff is the man who is hardest hit. It would really seem that his salary was placed too low. The expense of his office, not counting his own time and expenses, has been running around \$4,000, so it would seem that a salary of \$4,800, out of which he has had to bear all the expenses he has had to bear heretofore--except making bond; the county pays for making bonds of all officers under the new law--places him in evil case.

If the working of the new law proves that any officer's allowance for assistants is too low the commissioners have the power to increase the amounts specified as much as, but no more than, \$300. If the commissioners are friendly they may ease the burden of any officers who may have been touched too nigh; and the other way about.

The old order changeth, the joyous fee departeth the accustomed pocket. It is to rejoice.

Diarrhoea is always more or less prevalent during September. Be prepared for it. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is prompt and effectual. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant to take. For sale by all dealers.

## THE LATTER RAINS.

**Rain, and Then Some. Thursday night--Washouts Delay Seaboard Trains from 12 to 24 Hours--Surprising Lack of Information on Part of the Railroad People Causes Passengers Great Inconvenience and Hardship--Cotton Damaged.**

The rain Thursday night was a record-breaker, and the lightning and thunder were fierce. During the 24 hours ending 7 a. m. Friday 3.1 inches of rain fell here, and most of it fell Thursday night. Exactly 26 years ago that night was the Charleston earthquake. Lumber river is almost as high now as it was 3 years ago last month, when it broke all previous records.

No mail was received here from the west Friday, Seaboard passenger No. 40, due here at 9:55 a. m., running about 24 hours late and not passing here until Saturday morning. Trains from Wilmington passed here about on time Friday, but the morning train was held up at Maxton on account of a washout between that place and Hamlet, and passengers could not get through until Friday night. Friday morning part of the track between Pembroke and Maxton became submerged in water and was rendered unsafe and west-bound Seaboard passenger No. 39, which passed Lumberton at 6 o'clock Friday evening, did not leave Pembroke until about 8:30 Saturday morning. Strange to say, although it was known in Maxton as early as noon Friday that the condition of the tracks between Pembroke and Maxton would not permit of the passage of trains under 12 hours at least, nothing was known of it in Lumberton until Friday night, after the evening west-bound train had passed. The Seaboard agent here was under the impression that No. 39 would go through to Hamlet practically on time, while as a matter of fact even when that train passed here the railroad authorities up the road knew it could not go through. All passengers on this train had to spend the night at Pembroke, and the delay worked great hardship and inconvenience on some of the passengers, all which might have been avoided if the agent here had been informed so that he could have told purchasers of tickets the true state of affairs.

There was also a bad washout on the Virginia & Carolina Southern near Hope Mills and trains could not pass under about 12 hours, but passengers, mail and express were transferred and reached Lumberton only about 4 hours late. The recent heavy rains have undoubtedly damaged cotton in Robeson, to what extent is hard to determine.

## Trace of People Drowned During the Flood.

Mr. A. G. Edwards, who runs a saw mill on the old Sinclair place in Howellsville township, was among the visitors in town Thursday and he told a Robesonian reporter about coming across something a little out of the ordinary a few days ago while digging a well at his mill. He said that he found about a double handful of what looked to be human hair and it was 22 feet under the ground. He said some of it was straight and some curly. Mr. Edwards thinks that is was hair of people that were drowned during the flood.

## Public School Closing.

The public school in district No. 3, Pembroke township, 1 mile east of Pembroke, will close with appropriate exercises, such as drills, pantomimes, dialogues, etc., Friday night, September 9. An invitation is heartily extended to patrons and friends in general. Prominent speakers will deliver addresses. Exercises will begin at 8 p. m. Good order will be kept. Supt. J. R. Poole is hereby invited.

D. F. Lowrey, Principal.

"I suffered habitually from constipation. Doan's Regulax relieved me. I have used it with perfect success." Strengthened the bowels, so that they have been regular ever since. W. A. E. Davis, Grover, Sulphur Springs, Texas

## CROP CONDITIONS.

**Cotton and Corn Off Considerably From First Estimates--Unfavorable Conditions Since August 1st.**

To the Editor of The Robesonian: I never like to have my name in print, but as I report to the government in Washington crop conditions, I see so much said in regard to crops, I will say right here where it seemed July 15th the old cotton was the most promising that I ever saw in my life, the best of my judgment would have been 3 of the acreage, and the other 2-3 came up from the 1st of June, when the rains came. All experienced farmers know that it would not make more than 2-3 of a crop, if frost should come before the 15th of November. Take old crop with 10 days of extreme hot, dry winds, it blasted all blooms, and caused the worst shedding that I ever saw in my life. On Sunday morning of the 20th the most destructive hail and wind storm that ever visited this community left devastation in its wake. My report of the 25th to the government was 50 per cent of a crop, late cotton 1 made 30 per cent. I think that I have given you a correct statement in regard to cotton.

As for the corn crop, up until the 10th of July or the 1st of August it looked like the best corn crop that had ever been made; as stated, the hot sun and dry winds have cut the corn crop considerably. Hail and wind blew the corn down, and it is sprouting in the ear, caused from the last 2 weeks rain, which will cut the corn crop considerably short.

It is hard to tell how everything may turn out. There are too many people that give mortgages on their crops, go to the town and state that they have such a fine crop, when there is not a word of it true. I believe it would pay every merchant that does a time business to employ an expert and report monthly as to the condition of their croppers.

John Bridgers.  
Elrod, N. C., Sept. 1, 1911.

—Miss Frankie Lennon, of Bellamy, who underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital last week, is getting on nicely. Mrs. John Barfield, of Ten Mile, underwent an operation at the hospital this morning.

—Miss Annie Neil Fuller will entertain this evening from 8:30 to 11 o'clock in honor of Misses Mary Helen Sheetz and Lillie Poe, of Fayetteville, who are expected to arrive this afternoon to spend a few days with Miss Fuller.

—Because of exceeding the speed limit for driving in town, Mr. Charley Kinlaw, a young fellow from Howellsville, was before the mayor Saturday afternoon. He was taxed with \$2.50 and costs. Lawrence Currie, also of Howellsville, was tried at the same time for being drunk. He was fined \$2.50 and costs.

—Dr. E. P. Wood, assistant State veterinarian, of Raleigh, arrived this morning and will go this afternoon to Mr. Joe A. Boone's dairy, about 3 miles from town on the Carthage road, to test cattle for tuberculosis. Dr. Wood will be in town Wednesday and will make tests for any who have cows they want examined. The tests are made free.

—Mr. Emory Prevatt received a letter Saturday to the effect that his father and two sisters, Mr. Thomas J. Prevatt and Misses Flora and Kattie, who left about two weeks ago for New Mexico, had settled at Alamogordo, Otero county, and began housekeeping last week. Mr. Prevatt and his daughters went to Mexico for their health, and they went first to Tucson, but not liking the place much remained there only two nights and a day, going from there to Alamogordo, which is 240 miles farther south. From the letter received they are well pleased with the country, and the climate is fine.

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## LOCAL BRIEFS

—Today is labor day, a legal holiday, and the banks of the town are closed.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Collins and their three children moved last week from Orrum to Lumberton and are living in the northern part of town.

—The organ recital and concert that was to have been given at the First Baptist church Friday night was postponed on account of the exceedingly wet weather.

—There will be a box supper Saturday night at the Beulah school house, near Bellamy. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school and the public is cordially invited.

—Mr. A. A. Pedneau returned Friday night from New York, where he spent two or three days purchasing some new machinery for the Lumberton Motor Co., of which he is manager.

—Robeson Messenger (St. Paul): Quite an industry has been worked up on this line of road in shipping lightwood to the spiritine plant in Fayetteville. A number of cars are being shipped from here this week.

—Mrs. Daisy W. Jenkins will give at her home tomorrow night the entertainment she announced for Tuesday night last week and postponed on account of the weather. The proceeds will be used for class No. 10 of Chestnut Street Methodist Sunday school.

—Mr. R. A. McLean, son of the late Col. N. A. McLean, has just completed a course in law at Chapel Hill and was one of the successful applicants for license before the Supreme Court last week. He returned home Thursday night. He has not definitely decided yet where he will locate.

—Messrs. E. J. Britt and T. A. McNeill, Jr., of Lumberton and Mr. J. P. Stansel of Wilmington returned Friday night from a trip of two weeks North and they had a most pleasant trip. They visited Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Atlantic City, New York, Boston, Nagra Falls and Toronto, Canada.

—The brick work on the new Chestnut Street Methodist church has been finished and it is thought that the church will be completed by the end of year. It is the present purpose to have hardwood floors beneath seats and aisles of tile. When completed this will be one of the prettiest churches in this part of the State.

—More than the usual first-Monday crowd is in town today. Besides the regular monthly meetings of the county and road commissioners and board of education which are being held, there is a meeting of the county Farmers' Union and the Robeson Rural Letter Carriers' Association. Accounts of all these meetings will be given in Thursday's paper.

—The Sunday school of the Gospel Tabernacle picnicked at Bee Gee, three and a half miles from Lumberton on the Fayetteville road, Friday. They were about 300 strong and a most pleasant day was spent. One of the bright young ladies of this Sunday school wrote for The Robesonian a most interesting account of this picnic, but on account of the crowded condition of the paper today it is necessary to hold it over for Thursday's paper.

—Mr. Ed. Tyson, listaker for Wishart's township, has the distinction of being the only listaker who has brought in an absolutely correct book in years. County Auditor A. T. Parmele has had personal knowledge of the returns for the past nine years and he says that during that time Mr. Tyson is the only man who has brought in a book that was free from mistakes. Mr. Tyson's book this year is absolutely correct to a t. y. He indexed his book, all entries are neatly made, and a search warrant would not bring to light a single slightest mistake in addition.

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