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Tomorrow is Thanksgiving and the good people of the land, especially of North Carolina, have much to be thankful for. As a general thing crops have been good, investments have not been hazarded by declining values, about all commercial and industrial enterprises have been successful, no man who needed work and was willing to work has suffered for bread and withal substantial improvements have taken place in about every county, city and town in the State, while present and contemplated developments beckon us on with assurances of success and alluring promises. Though probably deserved, we have been spared the destruction of life and property, such as has visited the Gulf States by hurricanes, the Western States by tornadoes, floods and earthquakes, and other portions of the world by famine. An all-wise, merciful and kind Providence has blessed us on every side, has fed, clothed and given us even luxuries with a beautiful hand; many of us have reaped where we did not sow, and joy, good will and friendly relations have existed, with few exceptions, among all classes, high and low, employer and employe, through the width and breadth of the good old North State; the churches and Christian institutions have been among the leaders in good works and progress; the State government has been conducted in a fair and impartial manner, and the courts have done much in behalf of justice; our institutions for the care of the deaf, blind and insane have done a noble work; our institutions of learning have flourished and increased, and out of our bounty the old soldier and his widow have been comforted; and last, though not least, we have had no session of the legislature during the past twelve months. This last item alone is sufficient for general thanksgiving, and, it is something more than we need to expect during the coming year. Thanks are better than no return where a return is so justly due, and, as we cannot do more, let us be truly thankful. May the year to come be no worse.

**THE HEDRICK CASE.**

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to push Hedrick off the train and make it appear that he fell off. Attorney Price asked the witness, "were you and this young man engaged in a conspiracy against the life of this man on trial?" Witness refused to answer. J. N. Williams knew both men, had heard Whitaker say he intended to get Hedrick out of the way. Whitaker told him the week of the killing that he would kill Hedrick before Saturday night. Witness warned Hedrick, and it worried him, did not seem the same man afterward. Two days before the killing I heard Whitaker say he was going to shoot him. Thought Hedrick's mind had been impaired by his domestic troubles. Hedrick was seen the morning of the homicide and was acting almost like a maniac. Miss Ida Myers, of Thomasville, said Whitaker came to visit Mrs. Hedrick three times while she was there, came through the back door. She told Hedrick that Mrs. Hedrick ought not to receive gentleman's company in his absence. Once the little girl tried to get in the room where Mrs. Hedrick and Whitaker were, but the door was locked. Witness did not see Mrs. Hedrick and the deceased in the room together. Dave Leonard testified in substance about as Williams did. He said also that Whitaker showed him some letters that Mrs.

Hedrick had written him while he was away from Spencer. The defense demanded these letters, and the State objected. After some warm tilting between counsel on both sides, Leonard was allowed to state the contents of the letters. The Solicitor declared no such letters were in his possession. After further discussion the court told counsel for the defense to file affidavit as to what was in the letters. Witness then stated that Whitaker offered him \$500 to kill Hedrick, and he declined the job. I heard Whitaker make threats a number of times. The Solicitor subjected the witness to a number of hard questions, among them, if he had not hired Nat Crump to kill H. Clay Grubb.

Witness said he never had money enough to hire one man to kill another. Conductor Will White corroborated the story told by Leonard, as to the threats made by Whitaker. Witness said he did not take the matter seriously at first, but later did tell Hedrick. Witness then went to Whitaker and told him he had taken Hedrick's wife from him, had threatened to kill him, and asked why he did not stop it. To this Whitaker answered that he was capable of taking care of himself and for the other to attend to his own business. Rev. L. M. Kerschner had known the defendant for a long time and had noticed his changed

manner and unaccountable attitude. Knew nothing of the relations of any of the three persons figuring in the trial, but had observed the melancholia of Hedrick fully two months prior to the homicide. Witness stated he would have been afraid to ride on a train with Hedrick.

Conductor R. B. Moore testified that Whitaker had told him he would kill Hedrick if the latter ever crossed his path. Witness advised Whitaker to stay away from Hedrick's home and be a man. Whitaker had a habit of coming down late, and witness asked him what was the matter.

He said his father had found out about his relations with Mrs. Hedrick and he did not know what to do. He was told to straighten up, be a man and stay away from there or Hedrick would kill him as sure as fire burns powder. He went down (Concluded next week.)

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