

Probably Fair Tonight and Tomorrow

CHESTER S. JORDAN IN SHADOW NOW OF THE ELECTRIC CHAIR

Killed His Wife Four Years Ago. He Will be Put to Death Early Next Week Massachusetts State Prison.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 12.—Chester S. Jordan, who killed his wife four years ago, has been taken from the jail in East Cambridge to the State prison in Charlestown, there to await death in the electric chair in accordance with the sentence of the court. According to this sentence the noted prisoner, whose case has attracted country-wide attention, will be put to death early in the coming week.

Jordan is a brother-in-law of Jesse Livermore, the young Wall street plunger, who is reputed to have made several million dollars in cotton speculation some years ago. For four years Livermore has spent freely of his immense fortune in a vain effort to save his relative from the death chair. The best lawyers in Massachusetts were retained as counsel and the case was carried to the Supreme Court of the United States. The only result was to obtain for the prisoner a short respite while his case was awaiting argument before the highest tribunal in the land.

Officials of the East Cambridge jail, where Jordan has been confined for four years, declare him to be one of the most remarkable prisoners with which they have ever met. From the hour that he was arrested, while seated on a trunk in which was hidden the body of his slain wife, he has maintained perfect composure. The long trial, the sentence of death, even the news that the governor had declined to interfere and by so doing had wiped away his last lingering hope for life, have failed to produce the slightest ruffle in the steady calmness of his appearance and demeanor. During the years of his confinement in jail the prisoner spent his days largely in studying the market reports, in which he displayed the same quiet interest as might a broker in his office.

Jordan's crime was of an unusual and gruesome nature. Of giant build and handsome face, the young man had sought and found employment as an actor, after leaving his boyhood home in Indianapolis. Early in his stage career he met and married Mrs. Honor Edley. The married life of the couple proved tempestuous. Mrs. Jordan, according to her husband, took to drinking and associating with other men. This led to jealous quarrels between the two and it was

one of these quarrels that ended in the death of the wife.

The murder was committed in the home of the couple in Somerville. In the heat of a quarrel, according to Jordan's own statements, he struck his wife and the blow caused her death. The husband went out and bought a butcher's knife and a hack saw, with which he dismembered the body. He severed his wife's head, also the legs. Then he tried to destroy all trace of them by burning them in the furnace of his home. He put the rest of the body in a trunk and came to Boston with the ghastly burden, stopping at a boarding house preliminary to taking a steamer for New York. It has his intention to get rid of what remained of his wife by throwing the headless torso into the water while the boat was en route for New York.

Up to this point all had gone well with the young murderer. But when he arrived at the wharf he found that the New York steamer had gone. He then hired a cabman to drive him back to the boarding house. His nervousness aroused the suspicions of the cab driver and after the latter had carried the trunk to Jordan's room he mentioned the matter to an officer. The officer suspected that the trunk might contain stolen goods, as up to this time there was no suspicion that a murder had been committed. When the officer entered the room and examined the trunk against Jordan's protests they were dumbfounded by their ghastly discovery. When taken to the station the young man calmly told the entire story and an examination of the apartment in Somerville bore out the horror of the crime to which he confessed.

During the trial Jordan listened to the revolting details of the murder with the utmost nonchalance. After he had been convicted and sentence of death had been passed upon him, one of the jurors went insane. This was four days later. Counsel for Jordan appealed the case on the ground that the juror had been insane during the trial. The Massachusetts board denied the contention and the appeal was taken to the Supreme Court of the United States. The latter tribunal upheld the decision of the Massachusetts court and Jordan was sentenced for the second time to die in the electric chair.

SERVICES PAYNE MEMORIAL CHURCH TONIGHT

There will be services again this evening at the Payne Memorial Church, Nicholsonville, this evening at the usual hour. The pastor, Rev. Percy Pemberton, has decided to continue the meeting which has been in progress for the past ten days, through and including tomorrow night. All are most cordially invited to attend the services tonight and the concluding services on Friday night. Much interest has been manifested in the series of meetings and much good has been accomplished. A bright future awaits the Payne Memorial.

H. M. TUCKER AND FAMILY TO LEAVE WASHINGTON

Mr. H. M. Tucker and family, who have been residing at 410 West Second street for the past year and half, are to leave Washington for Maury, Greene County, where they expect to make that town their future home. Mr. Tucker takes this course due to weakened condition of Mrs. Tucker's mother, Mrs. Lou Hardy. They expect to leave on Saturday next. Mr. Tucker is a traveling man and notwithstanding that his family will be located elsewhere he proposes to make Washington his headquarters as heretofore. His many friends wish him and his family every success.

SOME BRIGHTER TODAY

The friends of Mrs. E. L. Brooks will be pleased to learn that her condition is some better today.

WARM WELCOME AWAITS NOTED DIVINE TO CITY

The entire city is looking with pleasure to the coming of Bishop Theodore Henderson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who is to preach in the First Methodist church on next Tuesday evening. The bishop is to visit Washington in the interest of the college to be established here by the M. E. church. As he is in charge of this episcopal district according to the plan of visitation by the M. E. church, he is in direct charge of this work. Bishop Henderson's residence is Chittanooga, Tenn. He is one of the church's strongest men and no doubt will be heard by a large attentive audience. Special music is being provided for the occasion. A warm welcome awaits him to Washington by all classes of citizens. Bishop Henderson represents one of the strongest religious bodies in the world and occupies a high place in the episcopacy of his church.

DANCE TOMORROW NIGHT

The Country Club will give a dance at the Country Club pavilion tomorrow night. Quite a number of young people will attend.

MR. WALLING BETTER

The condition of Mr. W. R. Walling is reported to be more favorable today. In yesterday's Daily News it was stated that his condition was critical. His friends are now more hopeful as to his recovery.

Messrs. J. H. Reesman and N. W. Paul, of Pungo, N. C., are visitors to the city.

LIFE'S DISAPPOINTMENTS



BENEFIT FOR WEST END REEL TEAM AT LYRIC THEATRE THIS EVENING.

A benefit is to be given at the Lyric Theatre tonight that is worthy of a most generous patronage from all classes of citizens. Irrespective of age or worth, the West End Reel Team is anxious to purchase a first class and up-to-date hose wagon and the company has made arrangements with the management of the Lyric Theatre for a benefit tonight, the proceeds of which go for this worthy purpose. Every member of the company is laying aside business duties and working among their friends for the purpose of securing a large attendance at the benefit tonight. In addition to the first class moving pictures, which the management will produce on canvas, the program will be enhanced by several other attractions pulled off by local talent. Some of Washington's best artists are on the bill, Mr. B. W. Taylor, who needs no introduction to a Washington audience, is to open the performance with a rich dialer, Miss Ada Rhodes, who is considered the

city's best contralto soloist, is to sing. Last, but not least, the old-timer, E. M. Potts, after much persuasion, has consented to appear before the footlights. In addition to these well-known artists others are to be engaged for the evening attraction. A great night is expected and no citizen should absent himself, but if he can't go give someone else the price of admission and thus aid a cause that needs no commendation from the Daily News. Whenever the fire bell sounds this company always responds willingly, no matter how warm nor how cold, they are always on "their job," ready to aid in saving property. The citizenship of the city should show their appreciation by attending and aiding them in securing a hose wagon in keeping with their energy and push. Tonight is the time. The place is the Lyric Theatre. Go—if you can't send someone else with the price not able to pay the admission fee. The prices will be 10 and 20c.

MR. GRIMES REPLIES TO MR. WINDLEY

Mr. Editor: Replying to the card of Mr. W. B. Windley in your paper of Sept. 16, 1912, I wish first to re-iterate all of the statements made by me in my card of Sept. 13, published in your paper. They are the facts in the matter. Mr. Windley's statement to the contrary notwithstanding. As to the voting of Mr. Weldon in the Fourth Ward, I will state that his name is on the Fourth Ward registration books and he stated to me he had voted in Washington for about sixteen years with the exception of one election, and Mr. Weldon's reputation is good. Mr. J. F. Flynn, one of the pollholders, has made an affidavit in this matter, which is hereto attached. As to Mr. Windley's statement that I called him aside and said: "I thought we had an agreement," I say this is absolutely false. I did call him aside and asked him if the Syrians had a right to vote, that I had been informed that they had not perfected their naturalization. I also append hereto an affidavit of Mr. B. G. Moss, who is a disinterested party, and I will leave it to the public to judge which is to be believed in these matters—men who have conducted themselves with sobriety, probity and virtue in the community, or a person who has conducted himself as Mr. Windley has done in his personal and moral relations. I also ask the public to inquire as to Mr. Windley's condition on the public streets of Washington on Wednesday Sept. 18, 1912. Respectfully, W. D. GRIMES.

REV. W. L. GRISSOM DIES SUDDENLY IN GREENSBORO

Mr. E. W. Ayers received a telegram early this morning from Greensboro, N. C., announcing the sudden death in that city today of Rev. W. L. Grissom, D. D. The wire gave no particulars only stating that Mr. Grissom died this morning. Mr. Ayers will probably leave today to attend the funeral. The news of Mr. Grissom's death will be received with regret in this city, where he was well and favorably known. Dr. Grissom was a native of Guilford county and at the time of his passing away was an honored member of the Western North Carolina Conference. He is best known as being the author of the history of North Carolina Methodism, the first volume of which was already in circulation. This work was highly commended in all sources. Mr. Grissom was engaged in completing his valuable work when called away. At one time he was Missionary Secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference. Mr. Grissom married Miss Olivia Hyatt, daughter of the late Lockwood Hyatt, an honored citizen of Washington, years ago, and for the past fifteen years or more has been a resident of Greensboro, where he accumulated considerable property. He leaves a widow and three children to mourn their loss. The cause of his death is not known at this writing, nor when the funeral will take place. Mr. Grissom owned some property in Washington. His death is a keen loss to his church, to his home town and to the entire State.

EVERY ROOM IN HOTEL OCCUPIED LAST NIGHT

Mr. J. A. Tucker, the new manager of the Hotel Louise, in talking to a Daily News man today, says that since his coming to Washington he has been more than encouraged at the outlook. Only last evening every room in this well known hotel was occupied and the manager had to utilize the parlor in order to accommodate the guests. Mr. Tucker is using every endeavor to please and satisfy his patrons and judging from the number of guests last evening he seems to be succeeding beyond his expectations. This speaks well for Washington and its hotel.

HENRY JACKSON'S CONDITION NOW FAVORABLE

Mr. Henry Jackson, one of the clever and efficient salesmen at the J. K. Hoyt stores, who has been confined in the Fowle Memorial hospital suffering from fever, has so far recovered as to be able to return to his old home for a few days for recuperation. He expects to resume his duties at the Hoyt store within the next few days, unless something unforeseen happens. This will be welcome news to his many friends.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

Toronto (Ont., Sept. 13).—Several hundred delegates, including many leading men both in the Anglican church and also the Protestant Episcopal church of the United States, gathered in this city today for the opening of the annual convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in Canada. The meeting will continue until Sunday. In addition to the many Canadians of note who will address the convention, there will be several from Great Britain, including the Right Rev. Dr. Talbot, Lord Bishop of Winchester.

ANNIE WAHAB HERE

The schooner Annie Wahab, Capt. Caswell Williams in command, has arrived in port from Ocracoke. She is moored at the Fowle dock.

Much Safer To Use LABORER From Public Supply Says Dr. Rankin

This is Opinion of State Expert in Response to Enquiry Made by Hon. John H. Small, Chairman of The Board of School Trustees.

Through the thoughtfulness of Superintendent N. C. Newbold of the Washington Public Schools the Daily News today is enabled to give below some correspondence between Hon. John H. Small, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the City Public Schools and Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary and treasurer of the North Carolina State Board of Health, with reference to the water problem in Washington. The letters explain themselves. Superintendent Newbold states that he trusts the correspondence will serve to strengthen the confidence of the people in the city water supply.

At Washington, N. C., Sept. 14, 1912.
Dr. W. S. Rankin, Sec'y,
State Board of Health,
Raleigh, N. C.

action before the latter part of 1913 or early in 1914. In the meantime it becomes an exceedingly important matter that we shall have safer water for domestic use. The query I propose is whether certain modifications and changes in the present water plant owned by a private corporation may not be made and within reasonable cost, so that during this interval we may have good water and also in the meantime that constant and frequent analysis may be continued.

I am necessarily at home very little, and I am furnishing a copy of this letter to Dr. E. M. Brown, County Superintendent of Health; Mayor C. H. Harding, and Prof. N. C. Newbold, Superintendent of City Schools.

Begging your early attention, I am,
Very sincerely,
JNO. H. SMALL.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 16, 1912.
Hon. John H. Small,
Washington, N. C.

My dear Sir:—

I am writing to you as Chairman of the Board of School Trustees of our public schools in this town. Our schools will open on Monday 16th inst., both white and colored. In the former these will be enrolled probably seven hundred or eight hundred pupils. You will agree with me that it is of vital importance that the pupils in our schools should be supplied with potable water. I have just consulted with Dr. E. M. Brown, County Superintendent of Health, who makes substantially the following statement. In view of the report on the last analysis of water from our public supply, he has advised our Board and the Superintendents of our Schools to use the city water in preference to any water obtained from either open wells or bored wells in the vicinity of the school building. While not intending in the slightest to disparage the opinion of Dr. Brown, yet the problem is of such urgent importance, that I am constrained to ask your opinion.

I may further quote Dr. Brown as stating that he has recently had the State Chemist make an examination of a sample of water from a bored well about seventy feet deep, located about a square from the white school building. This well was bored about twenty years ago, but has been used very little in the meantime. It was one of the wells which was put down by the town years ago to obtain a supply of water for fire purposes. A quantity of water was pumped from this well by means of the fire engine, continuing for about half an hour, after which a sample was taken. This sample was received by Dr. Shore on Sept. 9th and report made by him on Sept. 12th. Based on this report Dr. Brown has advised against the use of this water.

May we ask in addition that the State Board of Health in co-operation with our County Superintendent will maintain a critical and constant supervision of our water supply, making frequent analysis and reporting the result of same both to our Mayor and also our City Superintendent of Schools, Prof. N. C. Newbold.

I am of the opinion that an awakened spirit has taken possession of the citizens of our community, and that a movement has been initiated which will result in the municipality constructing a sanitary system of drainage, and a municipally owned water supply, but even if this movement shall continue toward ultimate success, we cannot expect the several works to be constructed and in operation.

Very truly yours,
W. S. RANKIN,
Secretary.

Both your letters under date of September fourteenth are received. I am deeply gratified at the interest the people in Washington are taking in their community health, and it is a pleasure to note that your active interest is with them.

My opinion as to the relative purity of the public water supply of Washington as it is being handled at present, and water supply from wells that are under no public supervision, is that it is much safer to use the water from the public supply. I am sending a copy of your letter to the State Laboratory of Hygiene and requesting Doctor Shore, in case of the slightest pollution, to notify me so that I may in turn notify the Washington authorities and advise the boiling of the water. We have advised that careful sanitary regulations be enforced, particularly on the block in which the wells are driven from which the public supply is taken; and it may be that, if this advice is taken and the poise kept in thoroughly sanitary condition, the present pollution of the water may disappear within a year or eighteen months. This will permit the people of Washington, if they prefer, to continue to use the present source of supply. In the meantime, a very small amount, about one-seventh of a grain to the gallon of water, of calcium hypochlorite, which is harmless and without taste or odor, is being used to destroy any disease producing germs that might get into the water. The probabilities, however, are that the present source of your water supply will not be satisfactory, and that as soon as the chemical disinfectant is discontinued the pollution will again appear in the water. If this should prove to be the case, then there remains nothing for the city to do except to procure another source of public water supply.

In closing, I beg to assure you of my interest and cordial co-operation in all matters looking to the improvement of your public health, and more especially that we will give particular attention to the analysis of the Washington water and if necessary require an analysis twice a month or every week.

ACCEPTS POSITION.
Mr. Leopold Grantham, of New Bern, N. C., has accepted a position with the Taylor Drug Store. Mr. Grantham is a son of Mrs. Rosa A. Grantham, proprietress of the Latham House, on East Second street.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS IN TODAY'S NEWS

- A. S. Hathaway.
- Wilson Freshie Cream.
- E. G. Training School.
- J. L. O'Quinn.
- H. Starke and Sons.
- Chichester Pills.

BEVERLY G. MOSS

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 12th day of Sept., 1912.
GEO. A. PAUL,
Clerk of the Superior Court of Beaufort County.