

## Durham Has Third Murder

THREE INSIDE OF ONE WEEK.

Two Negroes Fight Over a Bet and One is Fatally Stabbed—Another Principle in Roberson Murder Discovered.

Durham, Sept. 20.—Three homicides in one week may result from the Tilley-Roberson murders Wednesday and Friday nights, coupled with a fatal fight this afternoon between Tom Green and Emmett West, negroes. One doctor attending the wounded man says he is good as dead though he appears to be living at this hour. The fellows fought over a dollar bet, and Green says West made a motion to shoot when he stabbed West. The carving was a perfect job, the knife blade being broken off in the wounded man.

The most important circumstances connected with the fatal stabbing is that the officers are certain they have the second man implicated in the murder yesterday morning of Jack Roberson. The working up of the case promises sensational developments. It is believed there is no doubt he was the principal in the murder. The negro caught is in jail.

### An Early Runaway.

Early this morning the Statesville Grocery Co. sent their negro, Jay Will Falls, around to Mr. Patterson's blacksmith shop to get their traveling man's buggy, which had been sent to the shop for repairs.

Jay Will hitched the old gray horse to the buggy and started to the store. As he was coming out of the alley, just at the corner by Fox's bicycle shop, a motor cycle came up. This was too much for the horse, and he immediately began some stunts. When he started to run Jay pulled heavily on the lines. The bit broke and all control of the horse was lost.

Out over the curbing around the court house lawn he went, straight down the walk to Center street, aiming to go through the alley by Pifer's store, he turned, causing the buggy to turn up side down.

Not being able to go through the alley, he continued up the pavement and went into the street in front of the Statesville Drug Co's store.

At this point he was stopped by some gentleman. The buggy was damaged badly. The negro was not injured to amount to anything. The buggy was taken back to the shop, where it had just come from.

## COTTON MARKET.

### Local Market.

Prices at wagon:

Strict good middling.....10 1/4  
Good middling.....10 1/8  
Middling.....10  
Stains and Tinges.....7 @ 9

The market was steady.

### New York Market.

The New York showed a decline of 10 points in spots.  
Spots closed at 9.40.

Futures closed as follows:

October.....8.87  
December.....8.71  
January.....8.57  
March.....8.58

### Base Ball Saturday.

The Statesville Juniors and a team from Elmwood played a fast game at the Athletic park. The score was 12 to 9 in favor of Statesville.

The features of the game was the pitching of Frank Culbreth and fielding of Morris, and batting of the whole Statesville team. The Statesville team were expecting boys from 12 to 16 years of age and results were from 20 to 30.

### Minstrel Good.

The Coburn Minstrels, who played at the opera house Saturday night, were good in all respects. It was a laughing, rollicking, hustling show. No long waits between acts.

They had clean comedy and fun, beautiful costumes, good novelty vaudeville features, the best of dancing and fine singing. Every one who stayed away missed a treat.

## Forest Fires Still Raging

SEVERAL LIVES SAID TO BE LOST

Millions of Dollars Worth of Property Destroyed—Unless Rain Comes Will be Enormous—People are Worn Out—Help Asked From Other Towns.

New York, Sept. 19.—Dispatches from points in the northern part of this state, from Maine cities and Utica and near-by towns and from Michigan bring news of forest fires raging unchecked, owing to the long drought. Property worth millions of dollars and several lives have already been lost and unless rain comes soon it is feared that the loss will be enormous. Smoke palls cover a half-dozen states, reaching even to this city. Inhabitants of the devastated sections are worn out fighting the continuous blazes and help is being asked from towns and cities many miles from the scenes.

Utica, N. Y., Sept. 19.—Reports from many sections indicate that the area over which flames are sweeping in the Adirondacks is being rapidly extended and in the continued absence of rain the outlook for the subduing of the fire is distressing. In the vicinity of the upper lake two fires have assumed alarming proportions and the fire warden cannot secure enough men to work at them.

More than 1,000 acres have been burned over the last three days.

To the north and west of the city of Rome there are a number of forest fires of extensive proportions.

Railroads Fighting Flames.

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 19.—The railroads in the Adirondacks are using their fire trains continually and are setting fire going at the same time. Hunters are also charged with setting many fires through carelessness in extinguishing their camp fires.

Two calls have come from Westport for assistance. G. B. Richards, town clerk, telegraphed that many fires had been started there by the Delaware & Hudson locomotives.

Mrs. Lizzie Norman is Victim of Strong Suspicion That She is Responsible for the Death of Her Daughter.

It is learned that several members of the coroner's jury which investigated the death of Cynthia Norman, the white woman who was found a week ago last Saturday with her throat cut, held strong suspicion that Mrs. Lizzie Norman, the mother of the dead woman, was responsible for the death. There was nothing in the way of evidence, however, to be found and the jury was forced to give up its work of investigation without holding anybody for trial.

It is not a new discovery that many persons acquainted with the situation and some who were on the scene of the tragedy that day felt that the mother knew more about the deed than she was telling. Her story that she found her daughter sitting in a path between the house and the barn with her throat cut nearly from ear to ear was regarded by all as improbable, in view of the fact that there was no trace of blood about the spot she pointed out. It was generally agreed that the deed was committed in the house and not outside, and it is held as an almost positive fact that the traces of blood must have been covered up by somebody.

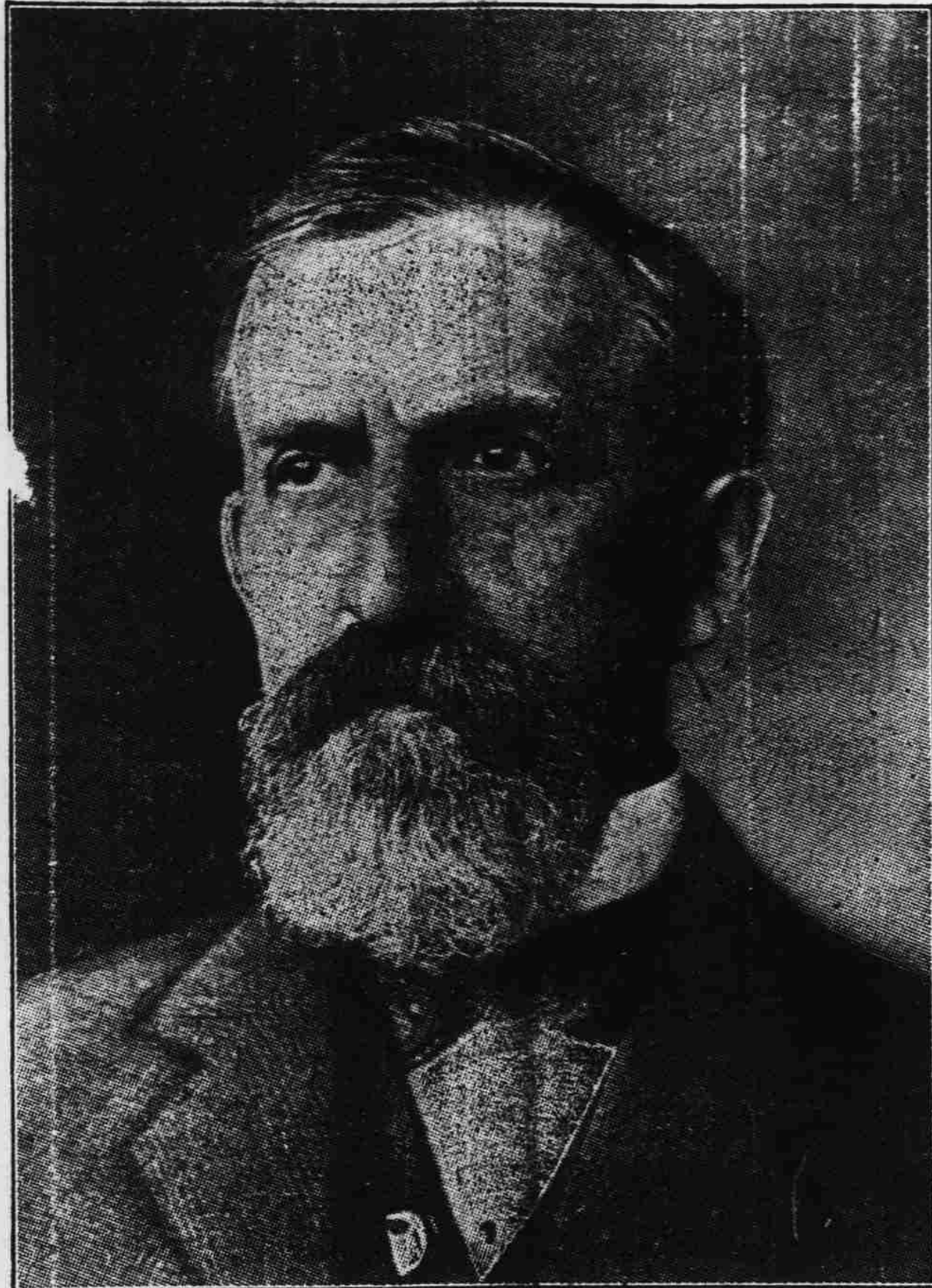
The jury has given up its task for good and it is very likely that nothing will ever turn up by which guilt can be fastened upon the proper party. It is due Jim Ayres, however, to say that the jury held very little even of suspicion against him.

### Among the Sick.

Miss Myrtle Thompson of Mooresville was brought to Long's sanatorium this morning. She will tomorrow, undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. C. R. Gaither continues to improve slowly.  
Mr. S. A. Plyler, who has been sick for some time is able to be out again.

Mr. R. F. Henry has just received five gross of the little gold safety pins for collar and waist. They are the latest fad and while they last you can get them at 25 cents per dozen.



## HON. JOHN WORTH KERN Democratic Candidate for V-President

He Will Speak in Winston-Salem Oct. 9th--Always Loyal to His Party--Brief Outline of His History.

The above cut is an exact likeness of Hon. John Worth Kern, Democratic nominee for vice president. Mr. Kern will speak in Winston on October 9, during the fair.

Mr. Kern is a serious man, one of the most logical and most formidable debaters, but like Abraham Lincoln is a great story teller.

The warmest friendship exists between Mr. Bryan and Mr. Kern. Mr. Kern has supported the Nebraskan vigorously in both his former contests for the presidency.

Mr. Kern has always been staunch to his party, and a great worker for Bryan.

The following is a brief outline of his history, arranged in a statistical form:  
John W. Kern was born in Howard county, Indiana, December 20, 1849. His father was a country physician, and it is said the precocious boy John, was so far advanced at the age of seven that he read his father's medical books with ease.

He graduated at the University of Michigan at the age of twenty—in 1869. After this he was reporter of the supreme court of Indiana from 1869 to 1885. In 1892 he was made state senator, and served in that position until 1896.

From 1897 to 1901 he was city attorney of Indianapolis. While holding this position he was nominated for governor in 1900, on the

Democratic ticket. He was again nominated for this position in 1904. While unsuccessful in both these elections, his personal vote ran ahead of his ticket.

In 1905 he received the complimentary vote of his party for U. S. Senator, but the legislature being Republican, he was of course, defeated.

Mr. Kern comes from one of the best Indiana families. While not rich, Mr. Kern lives modestly in one of the best neighborhoods in the city of Indianapolis.

He cares little for clubs, and his spare moments are spent with his wife and four children. The home, with its friends and entertainments, he declares to be a man's best diversion.

From his youth, Mr. Kern has fought his way up, and to know him is to trust him. All his contests for advancement and honor, have been characterized by the fact that he is too fair to his competitors.

This characteristic of fairness without compromise of principle has made Mr. Kern many friends among the Republicans, as was instanced by his presiding at the reception given by Republican Vice Presidential candidate, Fairbanks, in 1904 and the return of the courtesy, by Mr. Fairbanks, who presided at the reception given Mr. Kern in 1908 at Indianapolis.

### LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

Do not forget Polk Miller and his famous quartette at the Shearer music hall tomorrow night.

Mr. W. W. Gaither, proprietor of the Iredell Cafe, gave a possum dinner to his boarders yesterday at noon.

A large number of people went to Asheville on the excursion Saturday. Returning the train did not reach here until 11 o'clock Saturday night.

The special musical program rendered by the choir of the Methodist church last night was a perfection, and enjoyed by all.

Messrs. Richard Allison and A. F. McCall engaged in a little fistfight in front of the Statesville Drug Co's store this morning. It was over a little account McCall owed Allison. No damage of any consequence was done.

It is time for the men folks to commence a "digging down in their jeans" to get new fall hats for their wives. Mills & Poston's millinery opening takes place the 23 of this month.

### STATE NEWS.

A Taft, Cox and Smith Club has been organized at Newton.

A. A. Whitner, Republican candidate for elector at large, has challenged Gov. Glenn for a joint debate.

The Brushy mountains fruit growers held a meeting over near Wilkesboro last Friday. A large crowd was present.

The Greensboro Industrial News of yesterday had a huge write up of Greensboro and her different industries. In all it was very nice.

The family of James Clark, of Faith, Rowan county, has been in a serious condition from poison, resulting from eating sardines out of a tin box. So far there have been no deaths.

In Raleigh Saturday, E. C. Roley, a farmer living six miles in the country, tanked up on too much sawpaw. In consequence he fell off his wagon, and suffered a fractured skull. The doctors say he may recover.

### PERSONAL NOTES.

Some Happenings Among Those People You Know and Others You Don't Know.

Mr. J. F. Moore of Hiddenite is in the city.

Mr. R. V. Tharpe is in Hickory on business today.

Mr. J. F. Williamson, of Taylorsville is in the city today.

Mr. Henry Crowson returned from Taylorsville last night.

Mr. J. W. Watts, of Liledoun, is spending the day in the city.

Mr. J. W. Shaver, of Eufola, is visiting Mrs. Lee Plyler on the Boulevard.

Mr. E. S. Warlick and wife of Morganton are registered at the St. Charles.

Mrs. Jas. Hawn, who has been visiting relatives here, returned home today. She was accompanied by Mrs. F. C. Horton.

Mr. Will Nelson, of Taylorsville, passed through the city today, en route to Charlotte.

Mr. Newland Brown wife and child, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brown, have returned to their home in Illinois.

### CHOLERA INCREASING DAILY.

\$250,000 Donated for Hospital Space—349 Cases and 128 Deaths in Twenty-Four Hours—Situation Worse in Manila.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 20.—St. Petersburg is in the grasp of the Asiatic cholera, which already has exceeded in severity and numbers the visitation of 1895. The disease is increasing daily at an alarming rate and unless the authorities show in the future a much greater degree of ability to cope with the situation than they have in the past there is every reason to fear that it will get out of hand.

The government has threatened to apply the provisions of martial law and this threat has driven the municipal authorities to bend all their energies to the campaign of clearing the city of the scourge. The aldermanic council today voted a preliminary sum amounting to \$250,000 to enlarge the hospital space, to purchase and distribute disinfectants, the supply of which in St. Petersburg is well-nigh exhausted and to expediate the interment of bodies which has been notoriously slow. The dead houses are overcrowded and many corpses lie unburied.

Under his authority as prefect of St. Petersburg, General Dracheffsky, on Saturday prohibited the sale of liquor throughout the city, including the government vodka shops until September 22, and he has further ordered that after that date the sale of liquor shall be suspended at 2 p. m., on Sunday until 1 a. m. Monday. This action has been taken in order to diminish alcoholic excesses, which very materially increase the liability to cholera infection and the general spread of the disease.

The situation, which has always been serious since the very first case was reported, assumes a graver aspect from the appearance today of a very virulent type of the disease, in two cases of which death followed within 15 minutes of the first symptoms.

As announced by the official bulletins, the case numbered 349 and the deaths 128 during the twenty-four hours between Friday noon and Saturday noon. This was a considerable decrease from the preceding day, but there is doubt of the accuracy of the official statement. The record for the same twenty-four hours, ascertained from unofficial but reliable sources, shows the actual number to have been far in excess of that. Whether or not, however, there was an actual decrease, the disease resumed its march on Saturday, the statistics posted showing that from Saturday noon until Sunday noon there was 398 cases and 141 deaths, this being the largest number so far officially announced.

The Situation in Manila City.  
Rome, Sept. 21.—Fifty-eight new cases of cholera and 19 deaths are reported for the 24 hours at 8 o'clock Monday morning.

The infected areas in the city and suburbs are spreading somewhat, but the health officers are still confident that they will be able speedily to gain control of the situation.

Governor General Smith has summoned a special meeting of the members of the Philippine commission to discuss the plague situation and to lay plans for an extension of the campaign now waging against the disease.

## Durham Has Another Murder

THE SECOND WITHIN ONE WEEK.

Body of J. R. Roberson Found Dead at an Early Hour—Circumstantial Evidence Points to a Negro.

Durham, Sept. 19.—There was a terrible assassination in the eastern part of the city last night, when J. R. Roberson, night watchman for the Carrington Lumber Company, was waylaid while on his rounds and shot to death. The person who shot him was hiding behind a pile of lumber and fired upward at a close range, several shots being fired and two entering the body. Roberson, who was carrying a shotgun, fired at his murderer and fell dead. No one saw the killing, and it was several hours later—after 3 o'clock this morning—when the body was found.

Several citizens in the community heard the shots—two pistol shots then gun and other pistol shots. The murderer left a cap on the ground near the place the shooting occurred, and this may be a clue that will convict.

Westley Bates, a negro who was employed by the Carrington Lumber Company up to a week ago, and who has since worked for the Chatham Lumber Company, is under arrest. He was docked and discharged for stealing lumber, Roberson having reported him. He has several times threatened to kill Roberson and the paymaster who docked him. This caused his arrest, and the circumstantial evidence is strong. Coroner Maddry and a jury have been investigating the case all day.

Roberson was about 60 years of age and left a wife and three children.

### GLENN ENDORSES GOOD ROADS.

Issues Proclamation Calling on all Sections of the State to Send Representatives to Greensboro.

Gov. Glenn has just issued a proclamation, in which he urges that a full representation as possible be at the good roads congress in Greensboro on October 13 for the encouragement of a general building of roads in the state, and also to advance the educational and agricultural interests of the state.

He urges that the county commissioners and mayors of the different counties and cities appoint good men for this purpose.

The following is the proclamation issued:

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 19, 1908.

To the People of North Carolina:

Greetings: Whereas, the good roads congress has been called to be held in the city of Greensboro, N. C., October 13, 1908, for the purpose of encouraging a more general interest in the building of good roads in the southern states, and for the advancement of education and the upbuilding of the agricultural and industrial interests of the south; and whereas, I deem it of the greatest importance to our state that every county and every town in the state should be represented at this convention, I hereby issue this proclamation, urging county commissioners of every county, and the mayors of every city, to appoint some of the wisest and best men of their respective counties and cities as delegates to this convention. And do urge said delegates, when so appointed, to attend this convention, as in my judgment it will tend to advance the material interest of our state.

Respectfully,  
R. B. GLENN,  
Governor.

### Lycium Course Will be Given.

The representatives of the Radcliffe Lycium bureau, who were here some days ago, have perfected the subscription list and the attractions will be given, beginning in October, in the Shearer music hall.

Dr. Scott will have the tickets here the first of October, and they will be handed to the subscribers by him.

Dr. Scott requests us to say that this is an admirable attraction for Statesville, and that the subscribers be ready for their tickets when they are delivered by him.

The average yearly milk yield of each cow is 400 gallons.