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TRAIN KILLED NEGRO WOMAN

Ran Over Baby But Did Not Hurt It

Local freight train No. 71, of the Norfolk and Western killed a negro woman yesterday afternoon at Pick's Siding about four miles this side of Roxboro, and ran over a two months old baby without even scratching the infant. The woman killed was Rather Barneite.

The case is one of the most unusual within the memory of the railroad men; and so far as is known is without a parallel in this section. Engineer Cooper, who was running the train, which was composed of only one engine, three freight cars and the caboose says that both he and the fireman saw what looked like a bundle of clothes on the track as they approached the scene of the accident. It was later found out that this was the two months old negro baby.

The infant had on a long baby dress, which was tied below the feet and the head was covered with a shawl. Both the engineer and the fireman saw the bundle, and the engineer had put on the brakes, thinking it to be a small bundle of clothes, and that the engine would run over it without accident, if it were taken slowly. It was laying between the rails and while the men were watching to see if it was going to cause any trouble to the engine, the fireman shouted to the engineer that they were about to hit a woman.

Mr. Coper says that when he first saw the woman she was coming head-long down the track and before he could stop the train she had run headforemost into the engine. The force of the blow broke the woman's skull and she died almost instantly. The engine knocked her to the side and dragged her three car lengths. The train running this short distance before it could be stopped.

While some of the members of the crew were making an examination of the body of the woman, another went back to see what the bundle contained which first caused the trainmen concern. They found it under the caboose and when the shawl was pulled back it was found that wrapped in the bundle of clothes was a smiling negro baby and the trainmen are responsible for the statement that never did a little baby smile as did this one, which had been run over by the engine and three freight cars.

There wasn't a scratch on the infant, and this the most remarkable feature of the incident. It was certainly run over by the engine and three freight cars, for when first seen the bundle was on the track in front of the oncoming train. The next time it was still in the middle of the track under one of the cars. Just how the low hanging pilot of the engine ran over the baby and did not leave a scratch is a mystery that the crew have not been able to solve for themselves.

How the kid came to be lying on the railroad track so completely covered that the engineer and the fireman could not tell what it was and why the woman was doing the crazy act of running headlong into an oncoming freight train are two other puzzlers to the crew. However, some of the people in that section say that they believe the woman put the child on the track in order that it might be killed. Either fear that some one had seen her do this, or remorse of conscience caused her nerve to fail when she saw the train about to run over her to resolve to clutch the infant from what seemed to be the jaws of death. However, her promptings came too late, and the train was on the bundle before she could reach it. That is merely a theory of some of the negro people living near the siding, but it is about the only explanation that explains the strange conduct of the woman in running into the train.

The body of the dead woman was carried back to Roxboro and turned over to an undertaker, where it was prepared for burial. It will be turned over to her father, who lived near the scene of the killing. The backing of the train into Roxboro for the purpose of carrying the corpse caused it to be very much off schedule in getting into Durham. The negroes living near Pick's Siding say that the Barneite woman has been married but that recently she and her husband have had a falling out. At any rate they have not been living together recently. This possibly accounts for the story about the mother having put the baby on the railroad track. —Durham Herald.

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Clarence Bowen.

KITCHIN WOULD CHANGE PRISON.

Would Like to See Penitentiary Outfit At Farm.

Governor Kitchin in his message to the next General Assembly, is going to recommend the closing of the state prison in Raleigh as a prison and the removal of the penitentiary paraphernalia, the electrocution plant and the prisoners to another place, preferably the state farm.

In doing this Governor Kitchin is governed by a conviction that the present plant on the Seaboard and Southern is too expensive and valuable a piece of property to be used longer as it is now employed. When the penitentiary was built there, it was the purpose of the State to make shoes and bricks and do this indoors. The place was ideal for that. But there are but few prisoners confined in the state prison and the plant, worth from \$500,000, \$750,000 might be used for another state building.

The governor inclines to the belief that it could be well converted into a state hospital. There are many of the criminal insane treated there now, and a few of the long term prisoners are kept there. The building is a commodious one and of the best construction.

Governor Kitchin doesn't believe that the state farm should be sold, though he would personally be glad to see it. It is regarded by him as much too valuable a piece of property. He thinks that should be the place of execution and that it would be generally satisfactory. He takes the view also that the working of the convicts on the roads cannot be done with perfect satisfaction because there are many whose health will not allow them to go on the roads for hard labor, but he thinks all can do farm work. He has not completed his message, but has these things in mind.

As To The Innocent.

He believes that as the convicts are making the State money, they ought to have some of their wages sent to those innocent ones at home who suffer more than the guilty in prison. Where there has been a murder, he thinks the third of the wages of the workingman might be paid to the family of the deceased, a third to the family of the convict and the other to the State.

These recommendations, Governor Kitchin says he will make

at the next meeting of the General Assembly and he hopes to see them taken up and acted upon. He does not believe that the State should make money of its unfortunate class. He also doubts the wisdom of some of the plans for leasing the convicts, taking the view that the stock in which the State is paid for some of the convict labor is really not valuable and may never be.

There is a growing opposition to the old way of working the convicts and one of the biggest fights ahead of the lawmakers, it is believed, is the proper settlement of this question. —News and Observer.

Book Club

On last Friday evening Mrs. N. S. Thompson entertained the Book Club and a number of visitors at her attractive home on South Main Street. The home was bright and cheerful looking with its many Christmas decorations. Twenty six guests were present and spent the time pleasantly playing Rook. Mrs. Earl Bradsher won the prize; a beautiful picture. At the close of the game Mrs. Thompson served a three course lunch.

Off 'Agin.

'Off 'agin, on 'agin, Finigin' was the telegram a freight conductor sent in to headquarters after being admonished by his superior to make his telegrams short. And we are reminded of this by the home coming and returning of the young folks to and from college. They were all at home 'agin and now they are gone 'agin.

Misses Tucker and Compton Entertain.

Yesterday afternoon Misses Ada Tucker and Francis Compton entertained about forty ladies at the home of Mrs. A. R. Foushee, the home was beautiful with its Yuletide decorations. Mrs. G. W. Thomas was given a beautiful crochet center piece for her skill in winning so many games at Rook. Delightful refreshments were served at the close of the game.

Annual Meeting of Bank of Roxboro.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Roxboro will be held in office of the Bank on Saturday Jan. 25th, 1913, at 1 p. m.

E. B. Reade, President.

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W. F. M. S. Roxboro Methodist Church.

It has been requested that each Auxiliary Secretary secure space in their local paper and have some item concerning the work to appear each week. This space is kindly given the W. F. M. S. of the Roxboro Methodist Church and this part of the work will be conducted by Mrs. Mamie Bradsher.

Below is given a list of the officers for the year 1913.

President—Miss Anna Webb.
1st V. Pres—Mrs. T. H. Street.
2nd V. Pres—Mrs. Garland Winstead.

3rd V. Pres—Mrs. E. M. Snipes
4th V. Pres—Mrs. Mamie Merritt.

Treas.—Mrs. W. R. Hambrick.
Cor. Sec.—Mrs. E. P. Dunlap.
Rec. Sec.—Mrs. Z. V. Gwynn.
Supt. Press Work—Mrs. Mamie Bradsher.

This Society meets Tuesday after the 1st and Tuesday after the 3rd Sundays in each month.

Will Dedicate Church.

The Methodist church here will be dedicated on the first Sunday in February. Bishop Kilgo will preach the dedicatory sermon. The public is invited to attend these services.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

The annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Peoples Bank will be held in our office on Saturday, Jan. 18th, 1913, 12 o'clock noon.

J. A. Long, President.

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