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DOPE FIEND'S AWFUL DEED.

Mrs. J. P. Matthews, Wife of Well-Known Greensboro Doctor, Dies From Injection of Strychnine Administered to her by Husband.

Greensboro, Dec. 1.—Mrs. J. P. Matthews, wife of one of Greensboro's prominent physicians, died at 7:30 o'clock tonight from the effects of a hypodermic injection of strychnine administered by her husband, who was placed under arrest shortly after midnight and committed to jail, charged with murder.

A young railroad man who boards at the Matthews home heard heavy breathing in Mrs. Matthews' room this morning as he was preparing to leave the house. Starting into the room he was confronted by the husband who told him his wife was ill and would be alright in a few minutes. The young man, however, was suspicious and brushed past the physician. He found Mrs. Matthews in an unconscious and apparently dying condition. He at once summoned Dr. J. P. Turner, who is the county coroner. Dr. Turner called in Drs. M. R. Farrar and Z. T. Moore and the three, finding Mrs. Matthews suffering from morphine poisoning, applied heroic treatments. The three physicians remained at the bedside throughout the day and the patient responded to the treatment and hope was entertained that she would regain consciousness and recover.

About 5 o'clock this afternoon Dr. Matthews requested the physicians to leave the room, saying that he wished to pray with his wife. This they refused to do. The husband went to his wife's bedside for the ostensible purpose of feeling her pulse. Dr. Turner, who had grown suspicious, detected that he had in his hand a syringe and immediately took it, not, however, until the husband had succeeded in giving his wife a hypodermic injection. An examination of the syringe revealed enough strychnine left in it to kill three persons. Two hours later Mrs. Matthews died with convulsions.

To-night Mayor Murphy issued a warrant for Mr. Matthews and he was arrested at his home and placed in jail, charged with murder. When questioned as to the affair he said that his wife had taken morphine and he had administered strychnine to counteract the drug. Dr. Matthews has been in poor health for some time and this, together with the fact that he is a dope fiend, is believed to be responsible for the terrible deed.

Mrs. Matthews was about 25 years old and Dr. Matthews is about 30. They moved to Greensboro four years ago from Durham and had built up a lucrative practice. Both belong to prominent Durham families. A little six-year-old boy is the only child. Mrs. Matthews' brother, and Dr. Matthews' father and brother arrived tonight from Durham, to which place the body will be taken for burial.

Dr. Matthews will probably be given a preliminary trial within the next day or two.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as executor of the last will and testament of W. W. Greenleaf, deceased, the undersigned hereby notifies all creditors of the said decedent to present their claims for payment on or before the date of

December 1st, 1905.

or this notice will be placed in bar of recovery thereon. C. H. Greenleaf, Executor. This Nov. 29, 1905. Dallas, N. C.

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OLD NICK WILLIAMS CO. GUILTY

But N. Glenn Williams and D. E. Kennedy, Individuals, Were Acquitted—The Corporation Fined \$5,000.

Stateville Landmark. In the Williams trial at Greensboro the indictment charged certain offenses against the Old Nick Williams Company, incorporated, and also certain offenses against N. Glenn Williams and D. E. Kennedy. After being out for nearly 24 hours the jury returned a verdict of guilty as to the old Nick Williams Co., which was charged with carrying on a rectifying business with intent to defraud the government; and a verdict of not guilty was returned on each of the four counts against N. Glenn Williams and D. E. Kennedy as individuals.

Counsel for the defense offered a motion in arrest of judgment on the ground that "corporation is an inanimate legal entity, having no mind and hence being incapable of thought or action." Therefore a corporation cannot be convicted of evil intent and cannot be fined or imprisoned. The prosecution contended that a fine could be imposed.

After hearing argument Judge Boyd imposed a fine of \$5,000 on the Old Nick Williams Co. and taxed it with the costs of the trial, execution therefor to issue against the property and effects of the company.

Counsel for the defense excepted and were allowed 90 days in which to prepare the bill of exceptions and assignments of error, the district attorney being allowed thirty days thereafter in which to prepare his exceptions thereto, his honor to settle the bill of exceptions after that time upon ten days' notice to the attorneys for the parties.

These Three Million Bales.

Wilmington Messenger. The News and Observer quotes Senator Joseph A. Brown of Columbus as saying that the farmers of his county will hold one thousand bales of cotton for ninety days for fifteen cents. That paper says if the farmers get that price for three million bales it will make the entire crop cost the spinners an average of twelve and a half cents a pound and that nearly all mill products are now being marketed at a price that leaves a profit on a basis of thirteen cents for the raw material. If the News and Observer is right in its figures then the mill owners have no great cause for complaint against the farmers for holding enough of their cotton off the market in order to run the price up to fifteen cents a pound. But we must say that we cannot see the fairness in such proceeding. One of our state exchanges a day or so ago commented on this phase of the case. It was pretty

severe in its criticism of the papers which did not advocate this movement on the part of the farmers. It said there were all kinds of trusts, but that when the farmers attempted to form a combination for their own protection they were cried out against by these papers.

Two wrongs never make a right. If it is wrong for the beef men, the oil men, the iron men, the coal men, and the like to make a combination why is it not wrong for the cotton producers to do the same in order to establish a fictitious price? This paper did all in its power to aid the farmers of the south to maintain their hold on the market and to keep the price at legitimate figures. We urged them time and again to market their cotton slowly so as not to give the bears opportunity to run the price down on them. This we consider a legitimate and fair transaction. We did all we could in their behalf and will do the same whenever similar occasion arises, but we repeat what we said a few days ago that we cannot endorse the holding off the market three million bales of a crop which is not large enough to supply the world's demand in order that an abnormally high price may be secured.

In addition we believe such a course will hurt the farmers in the end by giving the bears the whip handle of them.

New Uses For "Old Clothes."

A movement is now on foot among Yale men to rid the university of the "old clothes" pests—in other words, men who hang around the campus for the purpose of buying the castoff garments of the students, says a New Haven dispatch to the New York Tribune. The majority of the men of the academic department have agreed to turn over their castoff clothes to the Rev. H. Roswell Bates of New York city, who is working in the slums of the metropolis, and the Sheffield Scientific school will follow suit or will follow with its suits in a few days.

In the construction of the Amabile-Butterworth railway in Cape Colony unusual difficulties had to be surmounted, according to the Mail Gazette, and the result is, from an engineering point of view, one of the most remarkable railways in existence. After passing through the Koi hills the line winds around another hill, and then, at a lower level, goes under its own track. This portion of the railway is known as the "spiral." At another point the line travels along the banks of the Managu river for two miles, and then doubles back for a mile and a half, so that, after covering three and a half miles, the train is really only half a mile to the good. This section is called the "zigzag" and, with the spiral, is unique in South Africa. All along the Koi heights the route is through cuttings or on embankments. Some idea of its extraordinary character may be formed from the statement that in eighteen miles the line falls or rises to the extent of 1,800 feet.

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SOME POLITICAL GOSSIP.

Webb and Clarkson to Have an Opposition for Re-election.

As a matter of political interest the Charlotte News has this to say: A news reporter today learned that Judge James L. Webb, who is now presiding over the Civil court in this city, will be a candidate for re-election and that so far no one has offered himself in opposition to Mr. Webb. It is generally understood that he will have no opposition, he having made a splendid judicial officer. Besides, he is very popular throughout this judicial district.

It is also understood that Solicitor Heriot Clarkson, who was named for this position by ex-Governor Aycock, at the time Judge Webb was appointed judge, will also have a clear field.

Some time ago, it was intimated that Mr. O. F. Mason, of Dallas, and Mr. L. T. Hartsell, of Concord, were possibly respective candidates. The information that the News can gather is that Mr. Mason will not be a candidate. Furthermore, that he is a strong supporter of Mr. Clarkson for the solicitorship.

What is true of Mr. Mason is also true of Mr. Hartsell. He has declined to make the race against Mr. Clarkson and will support the Charlotte gentleman in the coming race for the solicitorship.

The Horse Nightingale.

[An appreciation of football.] Ay has a good Norwegian sport—Ay lak dis football game. Of course Ay know some fallers gettin' smashed on purty lame and others getting between nose and ear come back to life. But still Ay lay dis football yest lak bridgroom luv his wife. Ay never need to bin dis way because the game has rough and every player catch it if he can't see and laugh. Ay never need to bin dis way to load sum Ay know how—Dis Teddy Roosevelt, Tumor, he has football faller now!

He has in game last Saturday and finish purty bad. But he has just so strenuous lak his Yankee Double dot. Sum occurs on the other side has smashin' him on back. And kick dis kid in stomach till he can't hardly open his eyes. But Teddy kept on playing ven day left his face from mud—let dis last young faller get sum Scandinavian blood! Ay lak dis football bimes yest lak cold han lovin' cow.

'Cause Teddy Roosevelt, Tumor, he has football faller now! Yu bet his dad has tickled, tu, and telegraph his me. To keep on dis har fighting till his college days has done. "Only be careful, Ted," he say, "ven yu run down stairs. And don't let any brulser go and blinckin' out yure teeth! Yu'll need dem teeth. Ay tai ya, as yu journey of life's way. Because yu got a chance to be a president some day." 'Tee cheers for dis old gridiron var dove college boys raise row. 'Cause Teddy Roosevelt, Tumor, he has football faller now! —William F. Kirk in New York American.

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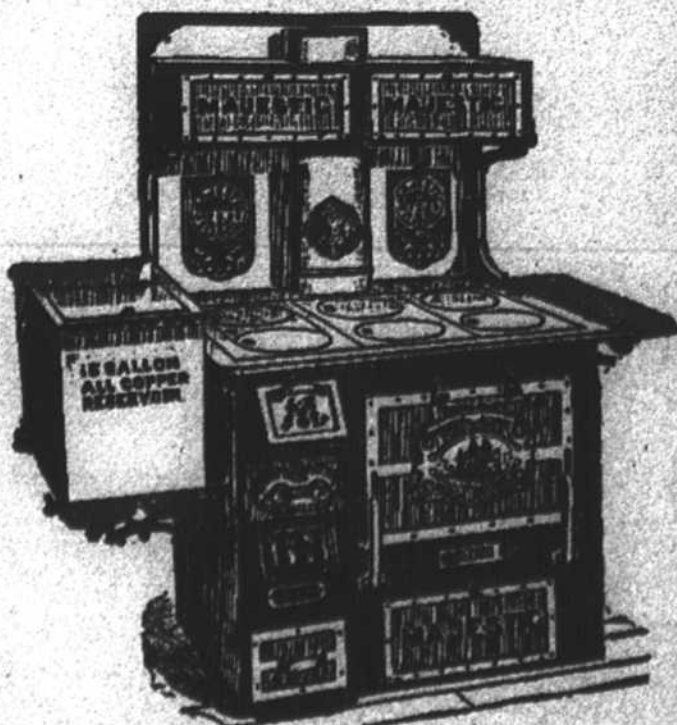
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