

NEGRO TRIED TO KILL HIM!

Fiend Strikes Down Mr. Samuel S. Barnes, Near King's Creek. Captured At Pocomoke City.

Ned Watson, a South Carolina negro who attacked and fatally injured Samuel S. Barnes, a farmer, at Kings Creek, on the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad, Tuesday was captured near Pocomoke City the same night and nearly killed by a mob.

Watson had been in the employ of Mr. Barnes about a year. Mr. Barnes was not satisfied with the way the negro has been working of late and told him about noon that he did not need him longer. They had some words about wages, Watson contending that he should be paid for a full month's work, and Mr. Barnes only paid him for the number of days he worked during the month. After receiving his pay Watson seemed to be satisfied, but followed Mr. Barnes into the barn and when his back was turned Watson picked up a piece of scantling, six by four inches, and struck the farmer on the head rendering him unconscious. The negro then jumped upon his body and tramped in his face.

The only witness to the assault was Mr. Barnes' little son, who gave the alarm and the negro made his escape to a swamp.

Mr. Barnes' skull was fractured and he was taken to the Salisbury Hospital on the afternoon train.

THE NEGRO CAPTURED.

Guards were placed at every entrance to Pocomoke from the Somerset-county side of the river to watch for the negro, and shortly before 8 o'clock Edward Ford and Edward Gray, who were at the railroad bridge saw a negro approaching. Suspecting he was the man wanted they took him to the station of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad and placed him under guard until the officers of the town could be notified.

Mayor Tull and Deputy Sheriff Dale, with Officers Stroud and McCready, soon arrived and closely questioned the negro. He acknowledged that he was the man that had been working for Mr. Barnes and had had a fight with him.

CLAMORED FOR HIS LIFE.

Meantime a crowd of angry men gathered outside the station doors, clamoring for his life. It was the Mayor's intention to send the prisoner to Princess Anne to be placed in jail, but the minute the officers opened the station door and started for the train with the negro the infuriated crowd surged around them, and one man unknown to the officers reached over Officer McCready and fired a shot into the negro's back.

Failing to quiet the mob, the officers concluded to bring him to the town lock-up, which they did, with the violent crowd following, beating the prisoner at every step, the officers being powerless to prevent them. When they reached the lock-up the man was nearly dead.

Late at night it was seen that the negro would be lynched if he was kept in Pocomoke, so preparations were made to get him out of the lock-up by stealth and convey him to Princess Anne jail before morning. This was accomplished.