

MANY SUBMISSIONS.

**New Hanover Superior Court
Began a One-Week Term
Yesterday Morning.**

A SENTENCE OF FOUR YEARS.

**Early Peterson, All Round Thief, Plead
Guilty to Four Charges—Mr. D. L.
Gore, Foreman of Grand Jury.
Small Negro on Trial.**

New Hanover Superior Court, for the trial of both civil and criminal cases, convened yesterday morning, Judge Peebles presiding and all other court officers being in attendance. The term will last only one week.

The opening day's session was principally taken up with the hearing of submissions, the most notable perhaps being three charges of larceny and one of carrying a concealed weapon against Early Peterson, the negro arrested by Mr. Joe H. Hanby at his store at Eighth and Dock streets about a month ago. Peterson had just stolen some pet chickens from Mrs. Bucher at Seventh and Dock, and Mr. Hanby held him for the police when he attempted to sell the fowls at the store. When taken to the police station a deadly weapon was found on his person and he was recognized as the same negro who had broken open a trunk stolen from a transfer wagon at the railroad station about a year ago. He was also found in possession of goods stolen more recently from the store of a colored man at Tenth and Walnut streets. Upon the submission to all the charges by the negro, Judge Peebles sentenced him to four years hard labor on the public roads, prefacing the sentence with the remark that his first inclination was to send him for ten years to the penitentiary. Judgment in the other cases against Peterson was suspended.

Ed. Smith, the negro charged with resisting Officer Frank George, at Barton's restaurant, on Dock street, a few months ago, was found not guilty of resisting upon a technicality and by instruction of His Honor. Judge Peebles, however, asked Solicitor Duffy to draw indictments against Smith for carrying concealed weapons and assault upon the officer with a deadly weapon. Until the bills can be returned the negro was ordered to remain in jail.

The murder case of Robert and Walter Thomas, colored, will probably be tried Thursday afternoon and a special venire of 100 will be summoned for that purpose. Marsden Bellamy and Herbert McClammy, Esqs., appear for the defendants.

Louis Taylor, the negro who broke into Mr. G. C. Simmons' store a few weeks ago, pleaded guilty to the charge. His mother appeared in court with him and asked for mercy. Judge Peebles said he would leave the case open for further consideration.

Upon the convening of court yesterday morning, the sheriff returned the jurors summoned for the week except J. O. Biggs and H. C. Porter, who were not found, and the following were excused: J. W. Cressy, L. B. Rogers, T. M. Turentine, B. S. Montford, James Millan, Walter G. MacRae, G. A. Warren, Thos. McMullan, B. O. Stone, J. O. Gore, Owen Martindale and John Frank.