

NEWS OF NEW JERSEY

TRIED TO SNATCH LAMBERT'S CORPSE

GHOULS DISCOVERED AS THEY
WERE ABOUT TO OPEN THE
MURDERER'S GRAVE.

CHASED BY A WATCHMAN

He Says He Found Four Men With
a Wagon In the Cemetery Before
Daylight—Offers Were Made for
the Body Before Lambert Was
Hanged—Other Jersey Matters.

"Dory" Lambert, it seems, is not to find rest even in the grave. Graveyard ghouls tried to snatch the colored murderer's body from its resting place in the Johnson Colored Cemetery before daylight yesterday morning. The burial ground lies between Merchantville and Camden. Joseph Loper, the watchman and gravedigger, says he was aroused from his slumbers by a noise which seemed to come from the rear of the cemetery.

He peeped out of the rear window of his house, which commands a view of the grounds, and saw the glimmer of a light which seemed to be set back of a tree, near the spot where Lambert was buried immediately after the execution last Thursday. He cautiously proceeded to the spot and found four colored men with a wagon standing near the murderer's grave. They had shovels and a pick ax.

Watchman Loper demanded of the men that they tell him their business in the graveyard at that unseemly hour. They said they had been sent by Lambert's friends to watch the grave as there were rumors that an attempt would be made to rob it. The watchman thought this was a lame excuse, and when he threatened them with arrest the men jumped into the wagon, whipped up the horse, and escaped.

Efforts were made before the execution to get an option on Lambert's body so it could be put on exhibition, but the New Jersey law forbids the public exposure of a murderer's corpse. The corpse was not mutilated by the doctors and it is presumed that the attempt to secure it was instigated by unscrupulous speculators.