

THIRTY YEARS FOR WILCOX

MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE
A COMPROMISE
VERDICT.

Jim Wilcox Will Have to Spend
Thirty Years in the State
Prison—Appeal Will Be
Taken—Satisfaction
Expressed By
the Public.

Hertford, N. C., Jan. 21.—James E. Wilcox was to-day sentenced to thirty years at hard labor in the state prison for the killing of Ella Maude Cropsey. The jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree. At 2 p. m., with unswerving step, Jim Wilcox forged his way through a jostling crowd in the aisle of the court room, to the bar. There, with unflinching eyes, he stood, and unblanchingly heard his fate pronounced. Some people admired his nerve; others denounced it as the qualities of a criminal. An eager, breathless crowd craned necks to catch the verdict. Jim Wilcox betrayed no symptoms of the strain under which he no doubt labored. His only look was a look of scorn. In sentencing the defendant the judge said:

"I do not take pleasure in sentencing any one convicted of crime, but do so from a profound sense of duty. The jury has seen fit to return a verdict of murder in the second degree. By what process of reasoning they arrived at this verdict is not for me to say. I express no opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the defendant; but will give effect to the verdict as becomes my duty. If the defendant is guilty—and the jury has said so—he deserves in my judgment the full limit of the law. The judgment of the court is that defendant be sentenced to a term of thirty years at hard labor in the state's prison."

The defense was not satisfied with the verdict and asked for a new trial. This was not granted. They will appeal to the Supreme court. The time in which to do so was placed at thirty days. Solicitor Ward says there is no ground for a new trial, and his opinion is sustained by that of Judge Council. Mr. Ward, in commenting upon the case, said:

"I believe that the defendant is guilty and think that our case was a strong one. Am I satisfied with the verdict? Well, I'll have to be."

Judge Council says that the jury displayed an act of charity in allowing the defendant the benefit of the doubt and making their verdict in the second degree. He says that a fair and impartial trial has been given Jim Wilcox, and he comments on the good conduct of the people throughout the interesting proceedings.

One of the jurors talked to-night. He said that the jury had stood nine for guilty in the first degree while the others disavored conviction in any form. Said he: "As a compromise we decided upon the second degree."

The verdict meets with almost universal approval. There are two parties with whom it is unsatisfactory. These are the Cropseys and the Wilcoxs. The Cropseys say that nothing short of a hanging will satisfy them. "If Wilcox is guilty at all—and he is guilty—he should receive the severest penalty." The Wilcox family are not all pleased, though they talk little. Wilcox, Sr., remarked in significant tones that Jim wasn't in the penitentiary yet. James Wilcox himself is quoted as saying that death is preferable to the sentence imposed. He once said "Give me liberty or give me death," and evidently he wasn't jesting.

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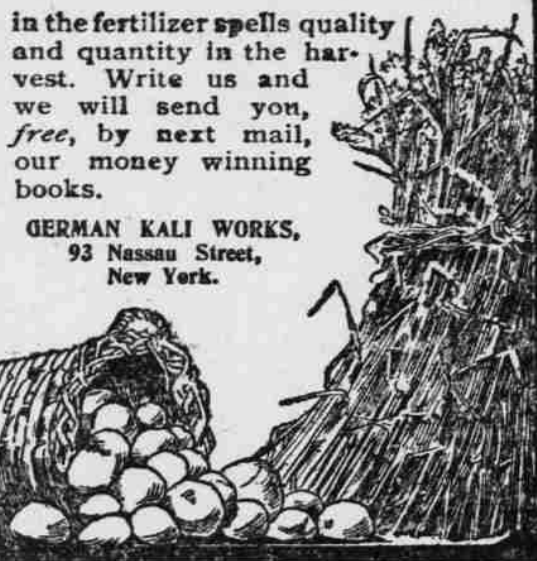
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Concord, N. H., Jan. 14.—In view of the circulation of certain criticisms from the pen of Mark Twain, I submit the following statement:

It is a fact, well understood, that I begged the students who first gave me the endearing appellation "mother" not to name me thus. But without my consent that word spread like wildfire. I still must think the name is not applicable to me; I stand in relation to this century, as a Christian discoverer, founder and leader. I regard self-deification as blasphemous; I may be more loved, but I am less lauded, pampered provided for, and cheered, than others before me—and wherefore? Because Christian Science is not yet popular, and I refuse adulation.

My first visit to the Mother Church after it was built and dedicated pleased me and the situation was satisfactory. The dear members wanted to greet me with escort and the ringing of bells, but I declined, and went alone in my carriage to the church, entered it, and knelt in thanks upon the steps of its altar. There the forepleader of the beginnings of truth fell mysteriously upon my spirit. I believe in one Christ, teach one Christ, know of but one Christ. I believe in but one incarnation, one Mother Mary and know I am not that one, and never claimed to be. It suffices me to learn the Science of the Scriptures relative to this subject.

Christian Scientists have no quarrel with Protestants, Catholics, or any other sect. They need to be understood as following the divine Principle—God, Love—and not imagined to be unscientific worshippers of a human being.

In the aforesaid article, of which I have seen only extracts, Mark Twain's wit was not wasted in certain directions Christian Science eschews divine rights in human being. If the individuals governed human consciousness, my statement of Christian Science would be disproved, but to understand the spiritual idea is essential to demonstrate Science and its pure monotheism—one God, one Christ, no idolatry, no human propaganda. Jesus taught and proved that what feeds a few feeds all. His life-work subordinated the material to the spiritual, and he left this legacy of truth to mankind. His metaphysics is not the sport of philosophy, religion, or Science, rather is it the pith and finale of them all.

I have not the inspiration or aspiration to be a first or second Virgin. I have no duplications, antecedent, or subsequent. What I am remains to be proved by the good I do. We need much humility, wisdom, and love to perform the functions of foreshadowing and forestating Heaven within us. This glory is molten in the furnace of affliction.



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The entire country seems to have dropped David Bennett Hill like a hot potato.

Yonkers, N. Y., Jan. 22.—Physicians attending Clara Morris said today that the condition of the actress is critical. It is doubtful if she will last through the day.

London, Jan. 23.—Col. Arthur Lynch, a member of Parliament, from Galway, was found guilty of high treason to-day and sentenced to death. When asked if he had anything to say as to why he should not be sentenced to death, he replied: "Thank you. I will say nothing."

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 23.—A decided earthquake shock was felt in this city and suburbs at 6 o'clock to-night. The shock did no damage, and caused no serious alarm. Reports indicate that the shock was felt throughout lower South Carolina.

Fayetteville, Jan. 23.—Twenty years at hard labor in the State's prison. Such was the sentence pronounced by Judge C. M. Cooke upon E. L. Utley for the killing of Clerk Hollingsworth in a hotel here some months ago. The jury was out twelve hours.

San Juan, P. R., Jan. 23.—Alexander Newton Dossett, of Durham, N. C., and James Garfield Patterson, of Pittsburg, Pa., landmen of the battleship Massachusetts, who were injured in the explosion, January 16, of the powder charge of an 8-inch gun, died in the military hospital here last night.

Charlotte, Jan. 22.—The third case of blood poisoning at the North Carolina Medical College was reported this afternoon. The victim is William Strong, brother of Dr. C. M. Strong, of Charlotte. Strange to say, the dread affliction was communicated to the third victim through one of the two students now hovering between life and death.

Hamburg, Jan. 22.—Four negroes called at the American Consulate today and demanded money for return to the United States. When their demands were refused they smashed office furniture, cut pictures with pocket knives and threatened to kill the Consulate staff. The police was called and the four negroes were landed in jail.

New York, Jan. 23.—Marconi arrived here on the steamer Pilgrim of the Fall River Line this morning and went to the Holland House. He will remain until next Wednesday when he sails for England. He says it is possible now for an operator carrying apparatus in his pocket to get a message thirty miles away, but more powerful wireless possibilities are about to be developed.

Maracaibo, Jan. 23.—At 2 o'clock this afternoon Fort San Carlos was in the possession of the government forces and the bombardment of the German warships was still going on. There has been no material change in the situation. The gunboat Panther was the only vessel to come inside the bar. Communication with the fort is very difficult. Great excitement prevails in Maracaibo.

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Washington, Jan. 22.—Ex-Congressman Henry P. Cheatham and two negro women, supposed to be members of his family, attended the president's reception in honor of the supreme court and the local judiciary to-night. The appearance of negroes at the White House on terms of social equality created a sensation among the several thousand guests and many of the Southern congressmen hurriedly took their departure.

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Spring Weather

It has been said that the only way to be safe during the sudden changes of the spring season is to go prepared for any-thing; to carry fan and fur coat, umbrella and mackintosh. But all these would be but a poor protection against the effects of the sudden and extreme changes of spring weather, which seems to delight in beliving every attribute which poets have given to the vernal season. It is undoubtedly true that these sudden changes cause many a serious sickness. The soft wind suddenly veers and becomes a biting blast. The clear sky quickly becomes overcast and down comes a deluge. If the mackintosh protects the skin the feet are apt to be wet, and even winter garments do not seem a sufficient protection against the peculiarly penetrating winds of spring.

The best preparation for the changes of spring is to be made in the body and not on it. Build the body up, strengthen it, make the blood pure and the capricious spring weather, while lessening none of its unpleasantness, will be robbed of its chief power to harm, a power which depends not so much on the strength of the weather but upon the physical weakness opposed to it.

The best and most beneficial tonic for spring use is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It is best because it is far reaching and radical in its cures. If people understood how blood was made and how it was used in the economy of the body, they would understand that there can be little value in so-called "blood medicines," such as are put forward in the spring. Blood is made out of the food which we put into the stomach. It is made by the stomach and its allied organs, and the purity and richness of the blood will depend upon the health of the stomach and its allied organs of digestion and nutrition. If the stomach is "weak" then some of the nutritive value of food will be lost and the blood lose in richness. If there is dyspepsia or some other form of stomach "trouble," the waste particles of undigested food passing constantly into the blood must continually add to the blood's impure condition.

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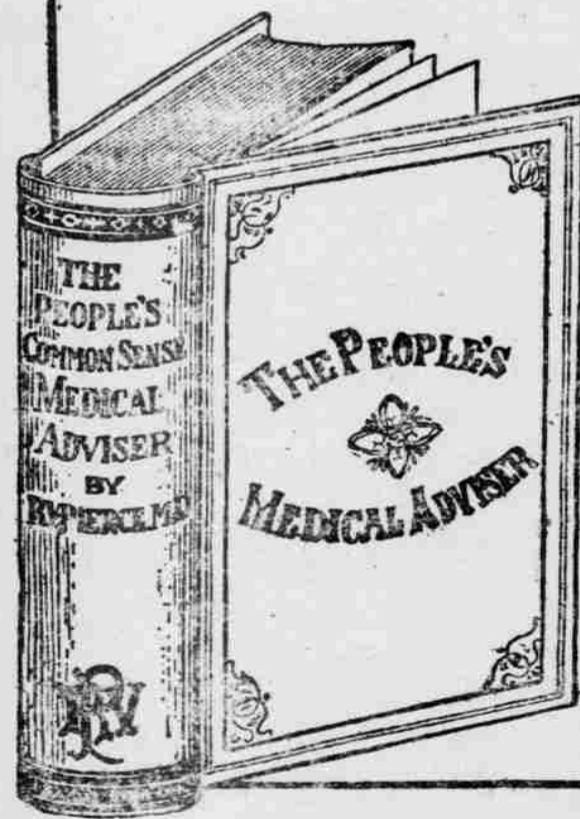
"I believe that your medicines are the best in the world, and honestly believe that I would have been in my grave to-day had it not been for your medicine, and the mercy of the good Lord," writes Mrs. James R. Moss, of New London, Stanley Co., N. C. "In the fall of 1892, I took a hard cold which seemed to settle in my head, terminating in catarrh of the head. It bothered me all of the time, but I did not think it was serious until the spring, when my health became so much impaired. My blood was all out of order, and I had to go to the doctor. He gave me medicine which helped me for a short time. In the winter I got worse than I had ever been. My tonsils were enlarged and my neck swollen all out of shape; my throat was sore and I could not cure it. My husband went for the doctor, but he gave me no encouragement. He helped me a little but it did not last long, and so he attended me for twelve months, when I heard of a lady who was taking your medicine and getting well. I told him of this lady and asked him if I could go to see her and see if she was like I was. He said we were just alike, and not to wait until I got able to go but let my husband go and see what kind of medicine she was taking. He went and she was happy indeed to tell him, and sent me some of your pamphlets. So I secured some of the medicine and began taking it. In one week I was able to do my cooking. When I began taking the medicine I could sit up only a few minutes at a time, and I could rest or sleep only a little while at a time. My throat was so sore at times I could not even swallow sweet milk, and my tonsils were full of little eating sores. My left side was swollen out of shape and so sore I could not bear my clothes fastened, as I could hardly get my breath. My food would sour on my stomach before I could leave the table. It seemed as though I was out of condition all over. My folks and friends had about given me up. The doctor said I would not get well. My father said I would not live a month; but three bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, three bottles of his 'Pellels,' and three bottles of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy did the work."

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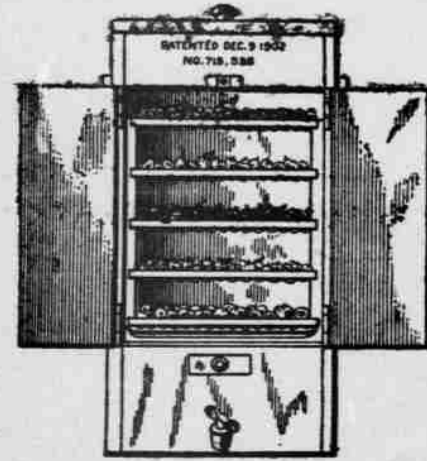
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