

# Goldsboro Weekly Argus

This ARGUS is for the people's rights  
Doth an eternal vigil keep

No soothing strains of Main's song  
Can lull its hundred eyes to sleep

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## GAVE AWAY HER EAR.

LAME FRENCH GIRL PERFORMS DEED OF UNSELFISH HEROISM.

She Has a Young and Pretty Sister, Who, Through a Fall, Had One Ear So Fearfully Lacerated That Its Amputation Was Necessary.

Paris, January 31.—A French girl has just performed an act of heroism which, I think, ought to be trumpeted to the four corners of the world as an act of heroism worthy of antiquity and only equaled by those of some women during the reign of terror in the revolution of 1793.

This young girl is called Marie Mallard.

She has a young and very pretty sister, who, through a fall, had one ear so fearfully lacerated that its amputation was declared immediately necessary, and the pretty girl was inconsolable at the idea of being thus fearfully disfigured for life.

Then it was that Marie, our heroine, intervened.

Her ears were absolutely of the small size and shape as those of her sister.

She was lame and infirm, with a face not prepossessing, and she immediately took the resolution to make a present of one of her own ears to her sister.

And as she knew her sister would not accept from her such an act of self-abnegation, she bade the surgeons to put them both to sleep under ether and to perform the two operations at the same time.

Both were absolutely successful. The heads of the two sisters are still bandaged, and it is only in a few days that one will realize the sacrifice that has been made by the other.

Now, I believe that a man would sacrifice his life to save a wife or a child, maybe, a father, a mother, a brother, or a sister; but I do not believe that man exists who would perform such an act of heroism to prevent the disfigurement of a fellow-creature.

This is a woman's idea, a thorough woman's sacrifice; although I ought to add, in order to do justice to my sex, that I know a young doctor who cut a piece of flesh off his arm with which to mend the face of a pretty girl, but then he loved her and she became his wife, which gave almost a touch of selfishness to his act of heroism.

## LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in Postoffice, Goldsboro, Wayne County, N. C., Jan. 31, 1903.

### MEN'S LIST.

B—Lonnie Braswell, Jesse Burris.  
C—John Cox.  
E—J R Eagerta.  
F—R F Faison, R P Fain.  
J—Jackson Jones.  
K—J Kavick.  
L—Joseph D Lepton.  
S—John Smith.  
W—D B Walker.

### LADIES' LIST.

C—Mary E Cannon.  
H—Harriet Harris.  
O—Annie Oden.  
P—Sallie Philipps.  
S—Ellen Smith.  
W—N L Ward, Jemima Whitley.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. Rules and regulations require that one cent be paid on advertised letters.

J. F. DOBSON,  
Postmaster.

\$100—Dr. E. Detchon's Anti-Diarrhetic may be worth to you more than \$100 if you have a child who soils bedding from incontinence of water during sleep. Cures old and young alike. It arrests the trouble at once. \$1. Sold by M. E. Robinson & Bro. druggists, Goldsboro.

## MYSTERIOUS LETTER.

WILCOX, TWICE CONVICTED AS GIRL SLAYER, IS CALLED INNOCENT BY A NEW WITNESS.

A Mysterious Letter to the Prisoner's Father Accuses Another Man of the Death of Pretty Miss Nellie Cropsey. Gives Name.

Cor. New York Journal.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Jan. 31.—Ex-Sheriff Wilcox believes he will be able to establish the innocence of his son, James E. Wilcox, who has twice been convicted of the murder of Miss Nellie Maude Cropsey.

A new and important witness has been discovered in a mysterious person in Utica, N. Y.

Sheriff Wilcox has received a letter from this person which declares that young Wilcox is innocent of the crime for which he has once been sentenced to death and now to thirty years in the North Carolina State prison.

The letter gives a detailed account of how the murder was committed and names and describes the person who committed the crime. It is in substance as follows:

"Jim Wilcox left Miss Cropsey on the front steps crying, as they had engaged in a quarrel and Jim returned her photograph and parasol and had said something which hurt her feelings. She remained on the steps some time crying, as she did not want to return to the parlor and let her sisters and cousins know she had been crying.

"After she had been out some time and was starting into the house the dog began to bark and she walked out into the front yard to see what the dog was barking at. The dog led her to a poplar tree or high shrubbery, and there she found a man whom she recognized.

"He was disguised and she threatened to inform her father of his presence there at that hour of the night. This angered him and he struck her with a stick which he held in his hand.

"He did not intend to kill her and thought that he only stunned her, but, thinking his punishment would only be the more severe when she recovered, he carried her to the river and put her in a boat. He rowed near a mill not far away and placed her in a deep hole. When the search began for her she was removed to a swamp, and then, after the big reward was offered, she was put in the river just where she would be found.

"The man you want is— (The name follows.)

"This may not be exactly the way his name is spelled, but is the way it would sound if spoken. If there is more than one of this name notify me and I will send his first name.

"There is another person who has a guilty knowledge after the act, and he will expect the reward."

The name of the writer of the letter is withheld for reasons, but the "American" correspondent has the original letter. The letter is postmarked at Utica, N. Y., January 27, at 7 p. m.

After this letter came into the possession of the correspondent he went to the scene of the crime and found that all the directions given were correct.

Mr. Cropsey, the father of the murdered girl, said to-day that on December 24, 1901, three days before his daughter's body was found in the river, he received a letter from this same person in Utica, N. Y., accompanied by a diagram which showed just how the body was disposed of and informing him that his daughter's body would be found at a certain place in the river. On the 27th of December, three days after receiving

ing this letter, the body of Miss Cropsey was found at the exact place mentioned in the letter from Utica.

There is a man in this town whose name is almost exactly the same as that mentioned in the letter received by Sheriff Wilcox. He left the Cropsey residence on the fatal night twenty minutes after Wilcox, and before Miss Nellie was missed. Some time after he went out the dog was heard to bark, and it was then that Miss Nellie was missed and a search begun.

When they failed to find her parties were sent to the Wilcox home. "Jim" was found asleep. He said he had left Nell on the porch crying.

## CAPT. T. W. SLOCUMB PROMOTED.

Thirty-one years is a long time in the life of man.

Thirty-one years is a long time for a man to devote his very life to the service of a corporation.

Yet this is just what Capt. Thomas W. Slocumb has done as agent of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company.

For two years he was agent at Wilson, when he was transferred to Goldsboro, and for twenty-nine years he has been the agent in this city.

And in all of those years he has been as faithful to the interest and as loyal to the Railroad Company as ever any man was faithful and loyal to any cause or any man.

Under his able management, the business has grown to large proportions, and by his courteous treatment of the public he has made hosts of friends who ship by the Coast Line.

A few days ago, Capt. Slocumb was notified to go to Wilmington, the head office of the Railroad Company. When he arrived there he was informed that he would be relieved of his old position as agent, and that a new office had been created, and that in future he would be Commercial Agent at Goldsboro.

We congratulate Captain Slocumb and the Coast Line too. He fully deserves his promotion, and in his new field will render most valuable service to the Coast Line.

Capt. Slocumb is succeeded by Mr. Price, recently the Coast Line Agent at Bennettsville, South Carolina.

Such faithfulness and loyalty on the part of Capt. Slocumb, and such generous appreciation on the part of the management of the Atlantic Coast Line, are indeed pleasant episodes to chronicle.

## GOLDSBORO NEEDS A SANITARIUM.

Goldsboro needs a Sanitarium, as hospitals have now come to be called.

We have skillful physicians in Goldsboro, but in these days of modern surgery, it is only the hospital that has all of the necessary equipments for the treatment of cases.

Only on Saturday night our esteemed young friend, George Pritchard returned from the Hospital at Richmond, where he has been for weeks for the treatment of his arm which was accidentally shot last fall, and hardly had he gotten home, when one of Goldsboro's best young men, Edward Denmark, was carried to the same hospital for the treatment of his arm, which was injured at the Oil Mill a few days ago.

These are only two cases—numbers of others could be named who have been away for treatment within the last few months.

Goldsboro is the eye of Eastern North Carolina. It is the best location in North Carolina for a sanitarium. It would not only be a paying institution to the stock-holders, but it would prove a blessing to the people.

Let Goldsboro have a sanitarium—a first class one in every particular, one that will attract the attention of the people of the State.

## IT IS LEE S. OVERMAN.

HE WILL SUCCEED PRITCHARD IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

Won Senatorship on the Sixty-First Ballot After a Three Weeks Contest—Great Enthusiasm Greeted the Appearance of the Senator.

Raleigh Post.

Hon. Lee S. Overman will succeed Hon. Jeter C. Pritchard in the United States Senate.

The nomination was given him on the 61st ballot last night after a fight extending over a period of three weeks, in which three of North Carolina's ablest and brightest men have contested for the high honor.

When the result of the 61st ballot was announced the wildest enthusiasm broke loose.

As soon as order could be restored sufficiently, Senator Webb of Buncombe was recognized. He moved to make the nomination of Mr. Overman unanimous. Governor Doughton seconded the motion, and the caucus again went wild.

The motion to make the nomination unanimous was adopted with a whoop and pandemonium broke loose again.

## THE SIXTY-FIRST BALLOT.

Overman..... 73  
Watson..... 58  
Craig..... 11

## COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

The Board met in regular session, present, C. F. Herring chairman, Wm. Holmes and M. T. Johnson. Messrs. J. M. Wood and Geo. M. Warrick having been duly qualified by the Clerk of the Superior Court, took seats as additional members of the Board.

T. S. Hinnant & Co. were granted retail license in Goldsboro.

Mike M. Keel was appointed fence supervisor in place of Willis Holland.

All persons within the stock law territory of Wayne county are hereby notified to shut in their stock before March 1st, under the penalty prescribed by law.

A new road was granted in Fork township, from near Pearson's bridge to Ebenezer Church.

A new road was received in Nahunta township, from J. J. Jones' house to Bull Head road.

A new road was asked for from Stony Creek Church to Mt. Carmel Church, and a hearing was ordered for March meeting.

Accounts were audited and allowed for \$910.21.

The Board then adjourned.

## Letter to K. J. Davis & Co.

Goldsboro, N. C.  
Dear Sirs: Everybody considers painting a necessary nuisance, and you are probably no exception. You can't abolish it altogether; but you can make it come half as often, and cost only two-thirds as much each time, and have your house look better all the time.

Everybody knows that the seashore is hard on paint. The Farrington residence at Rockland, Maine, a sea-coast town, was painted with Devco seventeen years ago. The house has never been repainted, and seems to be well painted yet.

If you want to take the trouble to be convinced, we can send you a hundred other instances; but none so striking as this.

This is not all. Devco Lead and Zinc not only wears longer, but it paints more square feet to the gallon than any other paint—especially mixed paints. It is the "Fewer gallons; wears longer" paint.

Yours truly,  
F. W. DEVOE & Co.  
New York.

P. S.—Smith & Yelverton sell our paint.

## RAIL TELEPHONES.

FRENCH LINES TO BE EQUIPPED AT GREAT COST.

It Is Believed That the "Rail Phone" Will Reduce Chances of Horrors to a Minimum. Inventor Contant Talks of the System.

Paris, Jan. 31.—At a cost of 8,000,000 francs (\$1,544,000) the French railway administration is about to establish throughout its entire system what is known as the "rail telephone." It is believed the new invention will reduce to a minimum, if not render impossible, the chances of railway accidents, which have lately occurred with frightful frequency in France.

Experiments conducted with the apparatus for some months have proved its entire practicability. The trains on the same section of road have been able to communicate with each other with the greatest ease, have been warned of each other's approach and rate of speed while miles apart, notified of obstructions on the track ahead through the breaking of the continuous current, and kept in almost constant communication with the stations.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The sundry civil bill was completed to-day, making appropriations for the civil expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904. It includes a number of appropriations for North Carolina, including allowances for the new public buildings authorized at the last session of Congress. The allowance for the Durham building is \$17,500. Already \$15,000 has been appropriated. Goldsboro is given \$8,750 in addition to the \$10,000 appropriated last year. The limit of cost for the Goldsboro building is \$95,000, but Representative Thomas is endeavoring to have it increased to at least \$50,000.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Senator Simmons decided to-day to place no further obstruction in the way of the confirmation of D. W. Patrick as collector at Newbern. He held up the appointment and prevented confirmation at the request of Mayor Hahn, who wished to have the president reconsider the case. Hahn's letter to the president, in which he made a number of charges, had never been acted upon. Senator Simmons thinks he has given the president sufficient time to consider the case and take action, so this morning he sent word to the committee that he would not oppose Patrick's confirmation.

London, Feb. 2.—Lieutenant General Miles, who returned here from Windsor said: "The king received me most cordially, recalled pleasantly memories of our visit here at the time of the jubilee and spoke as friendly as ever of America. He showed keen interest in the far east, on which subject I was able to give him some information. Altogether it was a most pleasant visit. The king said he hoped the prince and princess of Wales would be able to visit America. Nothing, however, is definitely settled." General Miles declined to discuss either the Venezuelan or the Philippine questions. By what the general terms "a mistake on the part of somebody here," Mrs. Miles was not invited to Windsor castle.

An Englishman has invented a brick laying machine which lays and mortars the bricks.

Itch on human cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. This never fails. Sold by M. E. Robinson & Bro. druggists.

## Hair Splits

"I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor for thirty years. It is elegant for a hair dressing and for keeping the hair from splitting at the ends."  
J. A. Gruenfelder, Grandfort, Ill.

Hair-splitting splits friendships. If the hair-splitting is done on your own head, it loses friends for you, for every hair of your head is a friend.

Ayer's Hair Vigor in advance will prevent the splitting. If the splitting has begun, it will stop it.  
\$1.00 a bottle. All druggists.

If your druggist cannot supply you, send us one dollar and we will express you a bottle. Be sure and give the name of your nearest express office. Address, J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

## A Marvelous Invention.

Wonders never cease. A machine has been invented that will cut, paste and hang wall paper. The field of inventions and discoveries seems to be unlimited. Notable among great discoveries is Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. It has done a world of good for weak lungs and saved many a life. Thousands have used it and conquered Grip, Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Consumption. Their general verdict is: "It's the best and most reliable medicine for throat and lung troubles. Every 50c and \$1.00 bottle is guaranteed by J. H. Hill & Son druggists. Trial bottles free.

Leave your worries all behind.

## Tried To Conceal It.

It's the old story of "murder will out" only in this case there's no crime. A woman feels rundown, has backache or dyspepsia and thinks it's nothing and tries to hide it until she finally breaks down. Don't deceive yourself. Take Electric Bitters at once. It has a reputation for curing Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles and will revivify your whole system. The worst forms of those maladies will quickly yield to the curative power of Electric Bitters. Only 50c, and guaranteed by J. H. Hill & Son, druggists.

It's a ground hog case.

## Domestic Troubles.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in Stomach and Liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. 25c, at J. H. Hill & Son's Drug Store.

The silence of Carrie Nation is ominous.

## Wonderful Nerve.

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental Cuts, Wounds, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Sore Feet or stiff joints. But there's no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best Salve on earth for Piles, too. 25c, at J. H. Hill & Son, druggist.

Col. Lynch is a historic figure in jail.

The crowned heads of every nation! The rich men, poor men and misers! All join in paying tribute to DeWitt's Little Early Bitters. E. Williams San Antonio, Tex., writes: Little Early Bitter Pills are the best I ever used in my family. I unhesitatingly recommend them to everybody. They cure a constipation, Biliousness, Sick Headache, Torpid Liver, Jaundice, Malaria and all other liver troubles.—J. H. Hill & Son.

Cholera is officially declared to have disappeared from Egypt.

## Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder Disease relieved in six hours by "NEW GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE." It is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in bladder, kidneys and back, in male or female. Relieves retention of water almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is the remedy. Sold by M. E. Robinson & Bro. druggists, Goldsboro, N. C.

## CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of  
The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Warranted Pure  
Solely for Children  
J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.