

# STATE NEWS

Raleigh, N. C. July 30.—

Strange to say nothing whatever has yet been learned of the whereabouts of the beautiful Miss Jessie Wall, who disappeared from her home in Randolph county about six weeks ago. It will be remembered that she went out to the cow lots to look at the stock and nothing has been seen of her since.

Her people offered a reward and a diligent search has been made but in vain. Not the least reason has been conjectured for her strange conduct. She left a note saying that she had not disgraced herself or her people. She was bright, well educated and beautiful.

At Nazareth, the Catholic Orphanage just west of this city's limits, the most extensive improvements are now going on. Three fine buildings are being erected and they are situated on a hill so that they can be seen for miles away. Near the orphanage a school for colored children will soon be built. This is probably the first effort of the Catholic Church in this State towards educating the negroes. A site has been bought in Johnstone county near Selma for a Catholic Church and this is the first property ever owned by that church in Johnston.

Five churches have now been built in the country in this county.

J. W. Hoyt has been arrested at Wilmington for working a swindling game. He visited Kinston and pretended to represent the publishing house of Barrie & Son., of Philadelphia. He took some orders for books with a cash payment and left. A letter from the house said that he was not their agent and he was caught in Wilmington. He is a man 60 years old, well educated and with pleasant address.

R. J. Coles, of Danville, Va., broke the world's record fishing at Morehead yesterday. With rod and reel he caught a shark weighing about 1200 pounds and measuring 12 1-2 feet. The shark was shot twenty times before he could be landed. Dr. Milligan, of the Government Fish Commission, was present and says that he believes this the largest fish ever caught on rod and reel.

Major-General Julian S. Carr has issued a call for the annual re-union of the North Carolina Division of Confederate Veterans to be in Greensboro Wednesday, August 20th. A splendid location has been provided for the veterans and the State will lend the tents needed. There will be a number of prominent speakers.

H. T. Hall, of Danville, Va., is in this State looking for his wife, who disappeared from his home. He is trying to find her to take her sister who is greatly horrified at her conduct. Mr. Hall was on a business trip when his wife left and he says that had no reason to believe her unfaithful before.

James D. Mullace, a prisoner in jail at Taylorsville, committed suicide by hanging himself. His mind was deranged and he was being detained in the jail waiting admission into a hospital for the insane.

A deal has been closed by which C. H. and W. A. Rexford, of Galeson, Penn., become owners of 20,000 acres of valuable timber land in Swayne county, in the western part of this State. The price paid was \$75,000.

Deputy Collector J. A. Sims in Rowan county yesterday seized a two horse wagon containing 145 gallons of whiskey. The moonshine goods was covered over with straw.

During the storm Thursday lightning struck a tree on the farm of Mr. Martin C. Davis, near Charlotte, and killed twenty-four sheep that had taken shelter under the tree.

Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner is improving from his recent illness and he expects to return to Raleigh next Monday and resume his duties here.

The Wake Forest College trustees meet here next week to select a faculty for the medical department at the college.

Dr. Charles McIver was here today on his way to Dabney, in Vance county, where he will deliver an educational address.

The A. and M. College is expecting 300 freshmen this Fall. The question will likely again be where to put them.

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### MR. J. W. KIGHT.

A Few Words Relative To The Secretary of The Y. M. C. A. of This City.

As previously announced in these columns, Mr. J. W. Kight of Harrisonburg, Va., had been called, by the board of directors, to the secretary's chair of the Y. M. C. A. in this city. He comes highly recommended to the people of this city but probably the best recommendation is the following clipping from the The Evening News of Harrisonburg.

"The many friends of J. W. Kight and those who have the best interests of the Young Men's Christian Association at heart, will learn with deep regret that his resignation as General Secretary was tendered to the Board of Directors of that Institution, at a called meeting yesterday evening, and was accepted by them to take effect on August 15th next.

This action on the part of Mr. Kight was prompted by his acceptance of the offer to fill a similar position presented him by the directors of the Y. M. C. A. of Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Elizabeth City contains a population of about ten thousand, and Mr. Kight's call to fill so responsible a position is realized by those who know him, as in the line of well merited promotion. During the three years that Mr. Kight has been in charge of the Y. M. C. A. here he has not only endeared himself to all classes and ages of our people by his kindness of heart and courtesy of manner, but these qualities, together with an untiring zeal for the success of his work, have made him of great value to the young men and boys of our community. We hope the vacancy thus occasioned will be promptly filled by the Board.

The very gratifying and healthful condition of our local Association, due in a large measure to Mr. Kight's personal efforts, gives full assurance that in his new and more extensive field of labor, for which he is so well qualified, all of the obligations there demanded of him will be fully and ably discharged.

In order that the work of the Association may suffer as little as possible through Mr. Kight's resignation, we understand the Board of Directors have communicated with Mr. L. A. Coulter, State Secretary, with a view of securing a successor at the earliest practicable moment."

### Wilcox Still Living.

Even at this late day the question is often asked us; what has become of James Wilcox, the alleged murderer of Ella Cropsey? For the benefit of those who are

desirous of knowing of his whereabouts, we will say that he is still confined in the jail in this city. As already stated, his attorneys took an appeal to the Supreme court, which meets sometime next month. The Supreme court will either sustain the verdict of the lower court or grant the prisoner a new trial. Excitement having subsided people are now viewing the matter in a more conservative light and it is the general opinion that Wilcox will have a new trial and eventually be acquitted.

Wilcox himself, doesn't seem to care much either way. He rather tries to make it appear that he enjoys life behind the bars. He recently remarked, in the presence of the reporter, "I am now in good killing order."

### Unfavorable Reports.

It is learned at the post office that unfavorable reports have been made concerning two of the four rural free delivery routes laid out by special agent Veazey, recently. Congressman Small, who was here last week, expressed his regret at this but stated that he thought it possible to soon obtain more favorable reports and that in his opinion the four routes would be in operation by the first of September 1902.

### SANITARY CONDITIONS.

Are Deplorable In the Extreme. Report of Committee.

The Sanitary Committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce at a recent meeting of that body made its report this week and we publish same in full. The sanitary condition of the town is deplorable and there is no more harsh criticism of the authorities for their lack of attention to sanitary matters than the following.

To the President and members of the Chamber of Commerce, Elizabeth City, N. C.

GENTLEMEN:—We, your committee to report on the sanitary condition of the town, beg leave to call your attention to the following:

1. The establishment for running of private sewers we consider a public nuisance and a menace to the health of the people at least along the line of the sewerage if no further, from the fact that the joints or connections of such sewers are imperfectly made, in all cases there being more or less leakage, and there being no way to flush or wash them out.

2. The location of cess pools in the back yard, and the draining or emptying of swill, slop water from bath tubs or other sources into the street or back yard are other sources of infection from which disease may spread.

3. Another problem, and by far the most serious with which our people have to contend, is the disposition of the night soil. Our Commissioners say that it shall not be buried (and we agree with them that it should not be); neither shall it be thrown into the river or any of the creeks. The latter appears to us to be, under the existing conditions, the best way to dispose of it.

Under the present unsanitary condition, we feel that we should be thankful, and congratulate ourselves upon having escaped an epidemic of fevers, bowel troubles and other germ bred diseases for so long a time.

You ask us to suggest a plan by which the present unsanitary condition of the town may be remedied; and we unhesitatingly say that water works with a thorough system of sewerage and drainage offers, in our opinion, the only solution to the problem. There must be water and sewerage, for one without the other would amount to nothing.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dr. W. J. LUMSDEN,  
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