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### FOR USE IN WAR.

Wireless Telegraphy For Saving Life.

ITS VALUE TO SHIPS AT SEA.

Same Things said about Wireless Telegraphy by a man who has studied the subject. A failure on land.

While over at Manteo, last week, the writer visited the wireless telegraph station and was given a cordial reception by the assistant in charge: Prof. Saint Marie. The Professor escorted me over the grounds and explained many features of the system. Prof. Saint Marie has been engaged in assisting Fessenden for some time and is thoroughly familiar with the work. During the interview he made many statements that may be of interest to our readers. And while he impressed me with the value of this invention he showed conclusively that wireless telegraphy was not all its inventors pretended.

Saint Marie is one of those fellows who never venture an opinion until they are first sure they are right and then again he doesn't believe in coloring up a matter. He does not reach that enthusiastic point and he views the bright and dark side of things. He said:

"All inventors are more or less enthusiastic. They imagine they will accomplish a things often they themselves believe success achieved long before it is reached. Fessenden, Marconi and the others are all afflicted with too much imagination. I don't believe Marconi ever got a message across the Atlantic. He said that he distinctly heard the letter S ticked out on his instrument from across the ocean. Now Marconi is a conscientious man. He is a man that would never wilfully tell a falsehood. Electricity in the atmosphere probably caused that signal and as it was the cipher decided upon he was firm in his belief that success was his. We have had just such signals here and its all due to the causes I have just named—the air is always charged with electricity."

"I don't believe that Marconi got a signal from across the Atlantic because I have worked under many inventors and am acquainted with the why's and wherefores of the subject. I know that at present a message cannot be sent successfully only over salt water and then for only a distance of one hundred miles except in rare instances."

"Wireless telegraphy can never be used successfully on land. In the first place you can't send a message but a short distance and then the message you send goes to every other station within its radius. This is conflicting and will occasion much trouble. Thus in order to use it successfully you must have a code for every station—something almost impossible."

Yes; wireless telegraphy will be invaluable to water home commerce. Ships at sea may keep constantly in touch with each

other and life saving stations will find it indispensable in warning ships at sea. Wireless telegraphy is destined to figure conspicuously in naval wars in the future."

#### Railroad For Carteret.

Some of the residents of Carteret and Pamlico counties are agitating the building of a new railroad from Beaufort to a point where connections may be made to the New Bern and Pamlico Railroad now in process of construction. The road will be about forty miles and will traverse a part of Carteret that will be a good feeder to the Bayboro road. The scheme is excellent and should prevail.—New Bern Journal.

#### TYRRELL DEMOCRACY.

A List of Those Named For The County Ticket.

(Special to Tar Heel.)

Columbia, N. C. Oct 1.—The democrats of Tyrrell county have nominated the following ticket: For the House of Representatives, C. Bateman; for Register of Deeds, T. L. Jones; for Sheriff, W. B. Cooper; for Clerk, J. L. Liverman; for Treasurer, W. P. LeRoy; for Coroner, Dr. J. L. Spruill; for Surveyor, Wm. Melson; for County Commissioners, Dr. B. W. Cohen, H. H. Phelps and L. P. Combs. All are candidates for reelection except Mr. Bateman who is a new man for legislative honors.

It was a high and well merited tribute to Mr. W. P. LeRoy that he should have been renominated by acclamation. He is an ideal treasurer and will perhaps continue in this office as long as he will accept it. Tyrrell democracy is alright and will roll up her accustomed majority.

#### DIRECTORS MEET.

And Merge The Elizabeth City and Western with The S. & C. R. R.

Messrs C. W. and F. M. Grice, Chas. H. Robinson, W. T. Old, M. N. Sawyer, Geo. M. Scott and C. E. Kramer, comprising the board of directors and stockholders of the Elizabeth City and Western, R. R., met in the office of Culpeper, Griffin, Old and Grice and merged the interests of the new road with those of the Suffolk and Carolina. This is a decided step towards getting the construction of the road underway. General Manager Barton of the Suffolk and Carolina writes that now construction will begin in a reasonable time.

#### RAPIST BURNED ALIVE.

Goes to His Death After Confessing His Crime.

Corinth, Miss., Sept. 29.—Tcm Clark, alias Will Gibson, was burned at the stake in the public street here yesterday afternoon for the murder and assault of Mrs. Carrie Whitfield. The crime was committed on August 19 last and the negro escaped arrest until Saturday, when his wife, with whom he had trouble, exposed him. The negro confessed to the murder and also to other crimes. A stake was driven into the ground. The negro was chained firmly to it and faggots of wood piled around him and lighted. The flames were fed until the negro was burned to a crisp. Before the torch was applied he made a statement in which he declared that he deserved his fate.

### PRIMARIES MEET.

The result of the Democratic primaries Monday.

#### HINTOT FOR THE LEGISLATURE

Mr. Morgan a close second for Mr. Hinton. Dr. Pendleton with drew. J. C. Spence leads the ticket.

The democratic primaries which were held Monday were attended with much interest and altogether harmonious. In the country precincts the primaries were held in the afternoon while in town they were held at night.

The race for the legislative ticket was attended with more interest than any other. The candidates are good men and it was battle royal. Prof. W. M. Hinton received a majority of all votes cast and is therefore the nominee of the democratic hosts. Mr. Morgan led a close second and made a race altogether creditable to himself. Dr. Pendleton in the face of a strong protest from his friends, withdrew his candidacy early Monday, but too late for every one to learn of it and hence he obtained a fair vote.

Mr. J. C. Spence has the honor of leading his ticket, having received the largest number of votes of any candidate in the race. The convention meets tomorrow to ratify the action of the primaries. Below is a list of the candidates with the vote they received in each precinct:

#### FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

HINTON—Salem 28, Nixonton 23, Pool's School House 45, Mt. Hermon 21, Cartwright's School House 9, Providence 15, Newland 70, E. City 1st ward 78, 2nd ward 21, 3rd ward 70, 4th ward 61, 5th ward 32, 6th ward 28, 7th ward 22. Total 523.

MORGAN—Salem 52, Nixonton 6, Pool's School House 24, Mt. Hermon 46, Cartwright's School House 19, Providence 68, Newland 8, E. City 1st ward 42, 2nd ward 4, 3rd ward 66, 4th ward 58, 5th ward 41, 6th ward 28, 7th ward 33. Total 495.

PENDLETON—Salem 9, Nixonton 1, Pool's School House 4, Cartwright's School House 2, E. City 1st ward 3, 4th ward 2, 6th ward 2, 7th ward 4. Total 27.

#### FOR SHERIFF

GRANDY—Salem 22, Nixonton 6, Pool's School House 8, Cartwright, School House 8, Providence 13, Newland 36, Mt. Hermon 4, E. City 1st ward 20, 2nd ward 3, 3rd ward 37, 4th ward 41, 5th ward 22, 6th ward 5, 7th ward 19, total 244.

REID—Salem 66, Nixonton 19, Pool's School House 59, Cartwright's School House 26, Providence 70, Newland 41, Mt. Hermon 68, E. City 1st ward 101, 2nd ward 23, 3rd ward 97, 4th ward 78, 5th ward 51, 6th ward 46, 7th ward 39. Total 784.

#### FOR CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

JENNINGS—Salem 83, Nixonton 30, Pool's School House 73, Cartwright's School House 33, Providence 76, Newland 74, Mt. Hermon 70, E. City 1st ward 105, 2nd ward

26, 3rd ward 126, 4th ward 115, 5th ward 70, 6th ward 50, 7th ward 56. Total 987.

DAVIS—Salem 1, Providence 9, Newland 3, E. City 1st ward 16, 3rd ward 12, 4th ward 3, 5th ward 4. Total 45.

#### FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS.

SPENCE—Salem 89, Nixonton 30, Pool's School House 67, Cartwright's School House 35, Providence 83, Newland 78, Mt. Hermon 70, E. City 1st ward 122, 2nd ward 26, 3rd ward 137, 4th ward 119, 5th ward 74, 6th ward 47, 7th ward 55. Total 1032.

#### FOR TREASURER.

FOSTER—Salem 7, Nixonton 2, Pools School House 6, Providence 2, Newland 75, Mt. Hermon 3, E. City 1st ward 0, 2nd ward 1, 3rd ward 26, 4th ward 19, 5th ward 6, 6th ward 7, 7th ward 2. Total 166.

PARKER—Salem 18, Nixonton 3, Pools School House 5, Cartwrights School House 15, Providence 6, Newland 1, Mt. Hermon 14, E. City 1st ward 33 3rd ward 30, 4th ward 22, 5th ward 17, 6th ward 26, 7th ward 23. Total 213.

WHITNEY—Nixonton 2, Pools School house 5, Cartwrights School, House 2, Providence 53, Mt. Hermon 2, E. City 1st ward 28, 2nd ward 5, 3rd ward 16, 4th ward 6, 5th ward 4, 6th ward 1, 7th ward 2. Total 126.

GARCE—Salem 2, Pools School House 2, Cartwrights School House 1, E. City 1st ward 4, 2nd ward 12, 3rd ward 9, 4th ward 25, 5th ward 18, 6th ward 4, 7th ward 1. Total 78.

THOMPSON—Salem 52, Nixonton 6, Pool's School House 31, Cartwright's School House 17, Providence I, Mt. Hermon 43, E. City 1st ward 37, 2nd 6, 3rd 54, 4th 42, 5th 27, 6th 15, 7th 29. Total 405.

HOLMES—Salem 3, Nixonton 7, Pool's School House 5, Elizabeth City 1st ward 15, 4th 3, 5th 1, 6th 1, 7th 1. Total 36.

SMITHSON—Pool's School House 14, Mt. Hermon 1, Providence 21 Eliz. City 1st ward 1, 2nd 1, 3rd 3, 4th 1, 5th 1, 6th 2. Total 45.

#### FOR CORONER:

FEARING—Mt. Hermon 13, Providence 27, Pool's School House 4, Nixonton 30, E. City 1st ward 101, 2nd 18, 3rd 79, 4th 56, 5th 31, 6th 34, 7th 35. Total 428.

GRIEGS—E. City 1st ward 18, 2nd 4th, 3rd 35, 4th 48, 5th 37, 6th 7, 7th 19. Total 168.

#### FOR SURVEYOR:

PERRY—Pool's School House 11, E. City, 1st ward 87, 2nd ward 14, 3rd 106, 4th 90, 5th 40, 6th 38, 7th 52. Total 428.

#### GREENLEAF.

E. City, 1st ward 14, 3rd 8, 4th 12, 5th 22. Total 56.

#### Wages Raised.

Wages at the Southern Railway at Spencer for carpenters and copper-smiths have been raised ten cents per day and blacksmiths and machinists twenty cents per day. Four hundred men are affected by this raise.

#### For Sale.

I will sell for cash at the court house in Elizabeth City, Monday, Oct 6 at 12 M. my farm of 60 acres known as the old brick house place, situated on the banks of the Pasquantank, two miles from town desirable for trucking, poultry or stock raising.

T. L. SPENCE.

### GETS NEW TRIAL.

Jas. Wilcox. The Alleged Murderer to be Tried Again.

#### SUPREME COURT'S DECISION.

The Demonstrations in Court Room the Cause of New Trial. Wilcox Hears the Result Calmly.

The first intimation that the Supreme Court had arrived at a decision, in the hearing of the famous Wilcox case, reached here Tuesday morning in a telegram from Governor Aycock to Sheriff N. G. Grandy. It read:

"If the Supreme Court grants Wilcox new trial and there is danger of violence all the military assistance you may desire is at your disposal. Preserve order at any cost."

This message was succeeded by another announcing that supreme court had granted Wilcox a new trial. In a few hours the decision was generally known. It was quietly received; though much surprise was manifested—not at the text. The new trial was granted upon the ground that Wilcox did not get a fair trial.

It is one of the most absurd things to come under our notice. There is no man woman or child in Elizabeth City, save Wilcox's relations and friends—who will not vouch for the untruth of the above. If any man, charged with such foul murder, ever received a fair and impartial trial at the hands of a North Carolina court; Jim Wilcox is the man.

#### THE YELLOW NOTICE ON THE WALL.

Some time during Wednesday night a mischievous, ignorant or malicious person tacked the following notice upon the outer walls of the county jail.

Get Jim Wilcox out of this jail by Saturday night if you don't want trouble.

#### VOX POPULI

Quite a number of people read the notice yesterday morning and the consensus of opinion was that it could have no import whatever. A reward is offered for the arrest, or detention, and punishment of the party. Various officials, when interviewed upon the matter, say they fear no violence; that if any one intended such they would never have advertised the matter. Many believe that some friend of Wilcox placed the notice to create the impression that Wilcox was being hounded.

#### CROPSY DESAPISFIED.

The decision in no way meets with the approval of the cropsy. They are dissatisfied. Nothing less than the execution of Wilcox will satisfy them; if statements made by various members of the families are to be accepted as evidence. Mr. W. H. Cropsey said: "They will let him get clear yet. If any body spits upon the floor, next time, he will get another hearing. They are after postponing. They now that procrastination will increase his chances."

#### THE WILCOX FAMILY HAPPY.

They say that tears of joy were shed in the Wilcox home when the news of the decision was heard. Mr. Tom Wilcox is in the best of of spirits. He looks that a great burden has been lifted from his shoulders. The family have the sympathy of the entire community. None, save the father of Jim have as yet visited the prisoner. When told of the decision, Jim Wilcox displayed no emotion. He simply said: "Thank you."

The full text of the opinion follows;

"No person ought to be taken or disseized of his freedom, liberties or privileges, or outlawed or exiled, or in any manner deprived of his life, liberty or property but by the law of the land. And that provision of our State Constitution applies as well to the procedure and manner of trial in our courts of justice as it does to the great principle of law which underlie our society. Under the law of the land, all persons charged with crime are as much entitled to a fair and unprejudiced trial as they are to the protection of their persons, their property and their reputation. They have the right under the constitution to have counsel for their defense, and any wilful interruption of such counsel while conducting such defense, intended to disconcert and embarrass, is not only unlawful as obstructing and preventing a fair trial, but is deserving of the condemnation of all good citizens.

In this case, the prisoner was arraigned on an indictment for murder and was convicted of that crime in the first degree. The evidence was entirely circumstantial; and while that character of evidence may, in its very nature, produce a high degree of moral certainty in its application, yet it is never to be forgotten that it requires the greatest degree of caution and vigilance in its application.

"In reading the record in the case, it hardly seems possible that the jury could have given that cautious and vigilant attention to the evidence which the law required of them, or to the presentation of the prisoner's case to them by his counsel that thought, which the importance of the case demanded. In their immediate presence, one hundred people in their deliberate purpose to prejudice the rights of the prisoner, committed a great wrong against the commonwealth and a contempt of the court. On the outside of the court house: greater improprieties took place for the purpose of prejudicing the prisoner with the jury. No such demonstrations were ever witnessed in our State before and for the honor of the commonwealth, such ought never to be repeated.

"In the statement of the case by His Honor, he said: 'After the evidence was all in, and while one of the counsel was making the closing argument for the prisoner, about one hundred people, being about a fourth of those present in the court room as if by concert, left the room. Soon thereafter while the same counsel was addressing the jury, a fire alarm was given near the court house which caused a number of other persons to leave the court room. The court is of opinion and so finds the fact these demonstrations were made for the purpose of breaking the force of the counsel's argument. But the court does not find that (Continued on fifth page.)"