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JIM WILCOX TO BE TRIED IN HERTFORD

Says An Attorney For The Defense.

THE TRIAL HAS BEEN MOVED.

The Famous Prisoner Will Face a Foreign Jury. Defames the Land That Cave Him Birth.

Jim Wilcox will not be tried in Elizabeth City at his second trial. This was the decision of Judge Moore on Tuesday afternoon after hearing the arguments of the attorneys for both sides. The decision of the judge is merely a sustaining of the plea and affidavits of the defendants attorneys to the effect that Wilcox cannot get a fair trial in his home town.

W. M. Bond, for the defence read the first affidavit at the hearing, which was the statement of Jim Wilcox. In substance it said that the prisoner could not get a fair show here and people had threatened to lynch him and had made demonstrations during his first trial. In fact from that affidavit it is strange that the attorneys did not allege that Wilcox could not get a fair trial at any place in North Carolina. Then followed an affidavit from T. P. Wilcox saying practically the same thing as in the one presented by the son.

Hon. George W. Ward read affidavits from seventy two of our towns best citizens and also one from himself saying that the prisoner would get a fair trial here and that the allegation that such was impossible was a slap at Elizabeth City. Ward said that he knew probably more people than anyone else in the district and that he had been asked thousands of questions about the case and strongly affirmed that Wilcox would be fairly treated. An affidavit presented by the defense signed by the citizens was attacked by the prosecution and it was further alleged by the defense that Cropsey instigated the demonstrations at the first trial and further that he was a leader of the mob that was outside of the courthouse during the speaking of the defense lawyers.

The courthouse was well filled during the hearing and Wilcox sat at the newspaper mens desk with the same unmoved features that have marked his outward bearing from the day of Miss Cropseys disappearance. Judge Moore sustained the defense and narrowed the field of trial down to three counties: Gates, Perquimans and Chowan.

Governor Aycock has intimated that he will call a special term of court before the fifteenth of January, with a special trial judge, to try the case as the expense accruing is very large. A petition from this county will probably ask for this also as the county wants to stop all unnecessary expense.

The Judge will not, until Saturday, announce where trial will be carried, at a late hour last night the Tar Heel man endeavored to ascertain from prosecuting attorneys. They could not say positively, but it is the opinion that Hertford, Perquimans county, will be selected. One Attorney gives this as unquestionably correct.

has been the most prosperous in its history. The public has become enlightened as to the great good this institution is doing and many have shown their appreciation of Mrs. Bradford's efforts by presentation of books to the school. The school has been the recipient of many other gifts, and requests the Tar Heel to extend their thanks to the givers. Especially pleased are the teachers and pupils with the handsome flag presented the school on opening day by the Junior Order United American Mechanics. To that body are their heartfelt thanks extended.

A MUSIC HALL.

More Work For The Local Pulpit. A Norfolk newspaper man, who met the reporter a few days ago, is authority for the statement that J. M. Barton, the proprietor of one of Norfolk's ill-famed theatres is coming to this city to open a similar joint, provided he can procure necessary licence. Barton is the proprietor of the two cheap theatres in Norfolk and one at Newport News and runs continuous vaudeville shows in each. He caters to lower classes and the show is what the "Christian Worker" terms a leg show. The Tar Heel nipped this piece of news in its embryonic state that the pulpit may be alive to the situation.

Wireless Telegraphy on Hatteras.

Daniel L. Kelly representing the Marconi Telegraph Company in the South looking after the establishment of wireless telegraph stations. A chain of these stations will extend along the entire Atlantic and Gulf Coasts from New York to Galveston. Mr. Kelly left Pensacola Florida yesterday and is en route to Savannah Georgia. Upon leaving there he will visit other points and among them will be the storm fanned Hatteras. He will endeavor to have the government place an instrument there.

A Use For Shells.

We have long noted that vessels bringing oysters to the canning factories in this city return to their sections loaded with shells. Desirous of knowing the true disposition of these shells, Mr. C. R. Bell, of the Gibbs preserving company was interviewed. He said that they were sold to farmers in the Albemarle section, who used them for fertilizer. Hundreds of tons of this commodity are sold in the sound section annually and we are told that it is very profitable as a fertilizer. The farmers in this vicinity would do well to look into this. It seems to the Tar Heel man that if people elsewhere can afford to pay the high prices entailed by shipping etc, that local farmers could realize a bonanza in this.

Drops of Ink.

In advertising, one way to waste money is to spend too little of it for advertising space. Advertising at the present time is as much a part of business as buying and selling. To think that anything is good enough to fill advertising space is equivalent to thinking that anything is bad enough. A column of advertising space is like a block of marble in the rough and there is no known limit to the things that may be carved out of it. — Printers' Ink.

FOR DISPENSARY.

Tuttle Favors The Half Loaf.

WILL PETITION LEGISLATURE.

Rev. D. H. Tuttle Expresses Himself as Favoring the Dispensary For Which the Tar Heel is Fighting. Interviewed.

Rev. D. H. Tuttle, the staunchest advocate of prohibition and the most scathing denouncer of rum, ever loosed in this community, is in favor of a dispensary, notwithstanding the fact that his sermons and lectures are favorable to absolute prohibition alone. This fact was made known yesterday afternoon when the noted divine was interviewed by the Tar Heel reporter. In the interview Mr. Tuttle was asked if he opposed the stand the Tar Heel was taking in the matter. He said: "I am not" and continued by saying "I favor a dispensary because we can obtain it with out the friction of a canvass that would result should we make a fight for prohibition alone." Mr. J. B. Lee is now preparing a petition which will be sent to the next session of the legislature. The petition will ask for a dispensary. We prefer a half loaf to no loaf at all. We can get a dispensary easily and then we will fight for prohibition later on."

During the interview Mr. Tuttle let slip the real reason of his assuming a new stand. There are number of his members who will not give their support to any movement other than for a dispensary. He, then named, leading business and professional men of the city, men who contribute most liberally to the support of his church.

He Will Not Hang. The case of State vs Williams was tried in superior court here Monday. Williams stood charged with the murder of his wife; the full particulars of which appeared in recent issues of the Tar Heel. Williams submitted the case and was sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary. The prisoner was a pitiful object. He looked more like a cowering brute than a frightened human. He expected a death sentence and showed great signs of joy when sentenced to the penitentiary.

Our Pilfering Contemporary.

The Tar Heel, in its issue of Oct. 31st 1902, gave its readers an interview with Superintendent Lemone of the Old Dominion Steamship Co. The interview was pertaining to the probable location of a summer and winter resort at Cape Hatteras. It proved a valuable piece of news and a Washington (N. C.) correspondent made a few changes in the article and dating it Washington, N. C., wired it to every daily in Virginia and North Carolina. Our friend the Economist clipped it from one of these dailies and last week pretended to give its readers a brand new story. If the Economist would pilfer it seems to us that they would confine their operations to elsewhere than home.

The Automobile.

Mr. J. B. Blades was yesterday interviewed upon the probability of the automobile replacing the horse. Mr. Blades said that it would at a late date become the most popular conveyance. Says he: "I have constantly used my machine since the first of July. It cost me only \$700. The expense of running it has been but a few cents per day and I have just reached that point where money has to be spent in repairs. This, however, will be but a small matter. There is nothing very complicated about the machine and a child can control it easily. I do not fear an explosion or any serious accident as with proper attention and average speed this barely possible with

the ordinary machine. It is well pleased with the purchase and would not be without it. It is worth a dozen horses and carrying for a man of business and pleasure the novelty is not eclipsed. After delivering himself of the above Mr. Blades mounted his horseless carriage and sped swiftly away.

ON DURANTS ISLAND.

American Consul There With Hon. J. E. Reyburn, the millionaire ex-Congressman of Philadelphia, is again in these parts and is at this writing bagging duck on Durants Island about thirty five miles below here. He is accompanied by Hon. A. M. Thackara the American Consul to Havre France who arrived in the United States only a few days since. Mr. Thackara is here in quest of health and Mr. Reyburn assures him that Eastern North Carolina is the place where any can find it. Mr. Reyburn believes the climate of the Sound section of North Carolina a panacea for all ills.

Coffin Builders Coming.

It is rumored that Elizabeth City is to secure another industry. Mr. W. H. Ward the proprietor of the Hertford Coffin Co., was here last week and aside from expressing himself well pleased with the city said that if his plant was located in this city he could command a respectable increase in patronage and work under less expense. The Hertford coffin Co. is the largest manufactory of coffins in North Carolina and one of the largest in the South. Its monthly output is from two hundred to three hundred of these "wooden overcoats." They are shipped to many points in North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina. Quite a number of skilled workmen are employed and while the product of this concern is not desirable to the individual, the addition of this plant to our already large catalogue of industries would prove valuable. The Chamber of Commerce should investigate this matter.

Stole a Diamond.

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To the question of our correspondent.

"Do you think that William Randolph Hearst of the N. Y. American, or the paper better known as the Journal, will be a presidential possibility?" asked of Cleveland with a laugh. "I do not think that there is a more progressive or live man in the entire country than Hearst. And he holds such a wonderful influence over labor. Hearst is a strong man." It is a well known fact that Cleveland is a warm admirer of the editor and this talk in regard to him is thought to be at least a mild sanction of the man by the Democratic party at the next national convention. The Norfolk Dispatch a few days ago endorsed Hearst unreservedly for president and the Typographical Journal published in Virginia joins the former paper. There is little doubt but that Hearst is a strong factor with many in the next presidential contest.

A TIME TO BE REMEMBERED

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