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Twice Crosses the Ocean to Escape a Watery Grave in the Atlantic—a Journey of Ten Thousand Miles.

THRILLING RESCUE

Which the Captain and Crew Barely Escaped With Their Lives When Apparently Every Hope Was Gone. The Schooner Fired Before Abandoned

We on land securely shelter ourselves by day from the storms and at night snugly sleep, while the roaring winds howl about our eaves, wholly unconscious of the fierce battles that our brother, the sailor, fights with the winds and the waves out on the ocean. We read thrilling accounts of the narrow escape from death of the toilers of the deep, and exclaim, "how dangerous is the life and how brave are the sailors" who ply their vocation in storm and sunshine, and never without an element of danger mixed with their daily life.

We often read reports of sailing crafts long overdue and never think of the great battle the craft has fought with the angry waters for survival, nor of the heart aches of the



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loved ones at home waiting for the brave and heroic crew of that craft to battle it out and arrive safely home. While we sleep, the wife and children, of the brave sailor spends nights sleepless ones, praying that the God who cares for them on land will also watch over father and husband on the dangerous, treacherous deep. But few of us can feel the emotions that thrill the very hearts of those family when the lost loved one comes home again.

For nearly two months a family in this city mourned as lost a father and husband who thus spends his life on the ocean. Friends would inquire of friends, as they met, "Have you heard anything of Captain Gaskins, and when the last hope of ever hearing of him again, was gone, the Associated Press at noon on the 23rd day of February flashed by cable and over the wires from Lizard Head, England to Elizabeth City in less than four hours that captain Gaskins and his crew had been

saved and were then approaching land. The short telegram that bore a world of information to friends and loved ones told that a Spanish tramp steamer, enroute from Brunswick, Ga., to Hamburg, Germany had discovered the dangerous plight of the crew of the Phillips, rescued them and were taking them to Hamburg. Friends joyfully bore the news to other friends and soon the news was circulated in the city and community. It was then a long and anxious wait for the family and friends for Captain Gaskins to retrace his journey across the ocean, arriving in New York on the Amerika several days ago and home last Thursday.

That people admire the man who faces danger, goes down into the jaws of death and emerges unharmed is demonstrated in the case of Captain Zora Gaskins, who has just arrived home from a ten thousand mile journey to escape death in the storms of the Atlantic ocean. His host of friends are gladly giving him the hand shake as one who has returned from the dead, for they had given him up as lost long before they learned of his rescue. The curious are eagerly seeking him to hear him recount his story of marvelous escape. It is thrilling in the extreme and it is doubtful if a more desperate situation ever beset a sailor than the one from which he was finally rescued.

Captain Gaskins and his crew, after they had passed out to sea enroute to Wilmington, N. C., encountered a severe gale and their conflict with wind and wave for ten or twelve days was heroic in the extreme. The schooner George F. Phillips became disabled in the gale and waterlogged on account of leaks while the crew were unable to work the pumps.

On the evening of the rescue the captain and crew had completely abandoned all hope of being saved, and weary and worn out with days and nights of toil, they had sought their berth fully expecting to go down into a watery grave before the sun arose again over a stormy ocean. The cook agreed to stand by the wheel a little longer, and in the darkness of the night a light beamed across the ocean. Despair was turned into hope and the captain and crew rushed out to make a signal light of distress. This was answered by a Spanish steamer, which came to their rescue. The yawl which was also badly damaged from the incessant beating of the waves for many days was pressed into service to make the short trip from the sinking schooner to the steamer, and just as the yawl containing the crew reached the side of the steamer and the last man was being taken aboard it sank and was lost. The captain and the crew lost everything, not being able to save even a piece of clothing.

Captain Gaskins says that from the time he went up the side of the Spanish steamer until he arrived in New York he was well cared for. The Spanish captain and his crew did everything they could do for the comfort of the ship wrecked sailors. When they arrived in Hamburg the American Consul took charge of them, provided them with clothes and sent them home.

Captain Gaskins contemplates for the time being, staying on land for several months, that he may be with his family and friends and he is now seeking an other means of livelihood. His many friends are anxious that he shall secure a means of making a living without being forced to return to the sea until instinct shall call him again to listen to roar of the waves and to feel the roll of the set.

See Jennings' Plow and you will have a desire to try it. If you try it, you will buy one.

The Independent Would Have the Public to Believe That it Licked the Court,

SUPPRESSES TRUTH

Like Uncle Remus' Tar Baby, Keeps On Saying Nothing About the Conviction for Publishing Vile and Indecent Language. Would Not Take Chances on Judge Ferguson.

The Independent is given to much blowing, which it would style crowing, but it is doing something that the noble bird which it tries to imitate never does; that is, crow when it gets licked. We have a hankering notion that the Independent is trying to mislead the public in regard to the final outcome of the cases in court last week. It is trying to make the public believe it was the victor, when the facts in the case show that it came out of the little end of the horn.

The Independent doesn't say a word about the fines of \$50 in one case and one cent in another and the cost in both cases that were paid for it upon conviction for printing and circulating vile and indecent language. Not a word.

Let the public hear that, and then see if it can crow. About six months ago, the Independent was indicted upon the charge of printing language too vile to go into a nigger kitchen. The Independent was convicted and sentenced as above. A bluff was worked in an appeal, but when it came to a show-down last week the Independent or somebody trotted across and paid the fine and cost, amounting to about \$60.00. The Independent thought it was advisable to take what it had rather than to risk Judge Ferguson. The Independent must be crowing about that although it did not say so, and the scathing denunciation at the hands of Judge Ferguson. "A man, who would print such language was not fit etc." Just ask anybody what the Judge said. This is something to crow about. Well, its about the biggest thing that the Independent got.

The Independent makes a big racket about the bond business. Well, that is not settled by a jug full. Just wait and see.

The Judge took the position that since the Independent had not been convicted in open court of libel by a jury, he did not have the power to declare the bond forfeited. So the case went up to the Supreme Court on appeal and Solicitor Ward says that he has no fears of the outcome of the case. And it does not matter to us which way it goes, but we do not like to see the public befuddled in such a manner.

FOR YOU TO JUDGE

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Officers Are Secured and the Active Week of the Organization Will Begin at Once!

MEET AGAIN TO NIGHT

The Business Men of the City are Taking the Liveliest Interest in the Chamber. Organization Now Well Established Will Accomplish Much

The Chamber of Commerce held an enthusiastic session last Monday night. A large number of the members of the Chamber were present and they took the liveliest interest in the proceedings of the meeting.

The executive committee reported that it had secured the services of President E. F. Lamb, as secretary. The committee further reported that it recommended that permanent quarters be secured by leasing a suite of rooms in the new Krauer building. M. C. Crowson was appointed by the Chamber recording secretary.

President Lamb made his report to the Chamber in regard to his trip to Norfolk Monday in the matter of the location of the proposed new railway station, such action being taken on account of the reports that the company proposed to build a new passenger depot here and that it would be located at the head of Main street. Mr. Lamb learned in the interview with the officials that no immediate action on the part of the officials was contemplated as the railway company was in the midst of its reorganization. Mr. Lamb was assured that before the matter of a location was decided upon the people of this city will be consulted as to their preference.

There will be another business meeting of the Chamber tonight, in which business of importance will be transacted. A large attendance is desired at this meeting.

SOCIETY CIRCUS

A Society Circus composed of about twenty of Norfolk's most talented society people will be presented in the auditorium of the High School on the evening of March the 29th, under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. The program is a very interesting one and it will greatly please the audience. Those who take the characters in the circus are the best talent in Norfolk society and are very proficient in intaining.

The ladies of the Y. M. C. A. Auxiliary deserve the patronage of the entire public and it is hoped that a packed house will greet the performers on this occasion.

Tickets are now on sale at Selig's.

It's plow, plow, all the summer long with an old fashioned plow, but not so when you use a Jennings' plow. You do your plowing in half the time and can rest the other half. See Miles Jennings' Elizabeth City, N. C.

GREAT CROWDS ATTEND SALE
Rucker and Sheeley's 7th Anniversary Sale began Wednesday morning and it began with a rush too. The people came before they had time to brush out the store and get ready for the day's work. There was a great crowd of shoppers. You could hardly get into the store, and this great

crowd continued during the day.

There were great piles of great bargains in various parts of the store, but if you were a late comer on Wednesday, you had great difficulty in getting anywhere about them, so great was the crowd that rushed to the bargain counters.

The rush has continued during the week and thousands of dollars of merchandise has been sold.

This great sale will be continued until the evening of March 29th. Great bargains still await the shopping public at this store, and Mr. Rucker invites the public to come in and see what they have got in the way of bargains.

NOTES FOR SHOPPERS

Why buy four 100 yd. spools of black silk at 10 cents per spool, when Fowler and Co., sell 400 yds. for 25 cents.

You have probably heard about those beautiful ribbons at Fowler & Co's., at remarkably low prices, but have you SEEN them? Seeing is believing.

Have you been hesitating to replenish your supply of household linens on account of the recent advance in prices? Fowler and Co., are fortunate to own these goods at former prices and can offer you table linens, napkins, towels, sheetings, etc., at manufacturers prices.

You have probably purchased your laces and embroideries at Fowler & Co's for years, but have you seen this seasons' offerings? They represent the three v's: **VOLUME, VARIETY AND VALUE.**

FOR SALE—
Five good second-hand organs All in good repair and condition, \$10.00, \$15.00, \$20.00, \$30.00, \$40.00 at \$1 per week.

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BECOMES PASTOR OF CANN MEMORIAL CHURCH

At a congregational meeting of Cann Memorial Presbyterian church, a call was extended to Rev. F. M. Hawley to become pastor of the church and Mr. Hawley has accepted.

Rev. Hawley has resided here for several months, and has served the membership of Cann Memorial church as minister in charge. He is an excellent young man and has made many friends here; is universally popular. During his residence here, he has identified himself with a number of movements to better the religious conditions in the town. He is the founder of the movement to organize a United Charities here, which will be formally organized at some opportune moment.

The many friends of Rev. Hawley are delighted that he will make his home here permanently.

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The progressive farmer has improved farming implements. The Jennings' plow is the most improved farming implement on the market. Get one and be in the front rank. Made by Miles Jennings, Elizabeth City, N. C.

The Ladies' Home Mission Society of the Methodist Conference Held Here This Week.

IMPORTANT MEETING

Meeting, Largely Attended and Was Greatly Enjoyed By Both the Hostesses and the Guests. The Work of the Societies Reviewed and Larger Work Planned.

The Annual Meeting of the Ladies' Home Mission Society of the Methodist Conference of North Carolina, began here last Tuesday evening in the First Methodist church. A large number of delegates were present, from the various parts of the State.

The meeting was formally opened by Mrs. W. C. Glover, president of the Home Mission Society of the First Methodist church, with an address of welcome in behalf of that society. She was followed by Mrs. James G. Fearing, who represented the Young Woman's Home Mission Society of this city. Mrs. Mollie Fearing spoke in behalf of the society of the City Road Methodist church and Miss Ruth Hall spoke in behalf of the Brigade.

Mrs. J. A. Turner of Louisburg made the response. The addresses were excellent ones and were greatly enjoyed by the large congregation; which was in attendance upon the opening session.

Mrs. R. B. Johns made the annual address. This address dealt with the work of the societies of the Methodist church in this State. It was greatly enjoyed.

The exercises for Wednesday were divided into two business sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. These sessions were devoted to the reports of the vice-presidents and other officers of the organization.

The reports were very gratifying to the members of the societies. On Wednesday evening a public session was held, in which Rev. J. D. Bundy pastor of the First Methodist church preached the annual sermon. The sermon was a strong one, and was greatly enjoyed by the large congregation in attendance upon the services.

At the conclusion of the public session, the members of the societies of the Methodist churches in this city tendered a reception to the visiting delegates. A pleasing program of music was rendered and refreshments were served. The event was greatly enjoyed.

Two important business sessions were held yesterday in which much business pertaining to the work of the societies was disposed of.

Last night the visitors were most enjoyable entertained by the Brigade. A business session will be held this morning in which the officers of the society will be elected for another year. Then the 20th annual meeting will adjourn.