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THE WILCOX TRIAL.

The Defense Will Claim Suicide—Diagnosis Unreliable—Prosecution to Spring Some Sensations. As Mr. Bryant Sees It.

The great trial at Elizabeth City is proceeding slowly.

The defense is working with desperate energy to leave the theory of suicide in doubt if it cannot be established.

Doctors Fearing and Wood have been examined and cross examined with the most searching questions. Their testimony tends to show that a heavy blow stunned her and that she was thrown into the river. The long period in the water, however, affords some doubt as to the condition of the lungs and the heart. It is claimed that these could have undergone much change and it is not stoutly claimed that the symptoms of drowning would remain with full force for the long period of thirty-seven days.

Dr. Lumsden, who was called as an expert promptly told the court that he could not give expert testimony in the case as the body had lain so long in the water. The force of his declaration was that the diagnosis is not reliable under the circumstances.

Mr. H. E. C. Bryant, who is attending the trial, writing to the Charlotte Observer says:

"The Wilcox trial grows more interesting each day. The State has not made as clear a case of murder as the majority of the people here would like, though Drs. Fearing and Wood both declared that the death of Miss Nellie Cropsey was caused by a lick on the left side of the head. The defense has succeeded in creating an impression that the evidence against drowning is not sufficient. Some people go so far as to say that Mr. Aydlott will ask the judge to dismiss the case on the ground that the State has failed to prove that the girl was killed.

"Dr. W. J. Lumsden, one of the leading physicians of this section of the State, gave the prosecution a hard blow yesterday when he refused to testify as an expert, giving as his reason that he did not consider himself qualified to give expert testimony in a case where a person had been dead in the water 37 days. He was not on the stand more than two minutes, but he as good as said that all symptoms are worthless in such cases.

"I believe that nine-tenths of the citizens of this town think that Wilcox is guilty. They can account for the death of the young woman in no other way, but while this is so, they realize that the prosecution is fighting in close quarters. The evidence is of a very uncertain character. The attorneys for the State claim

that they will introduce sensational and convicting evidence this week therefore the entire population of the county is eager for the trial to proceed. Everybody seems to be waiting for the eventful moment. What the nature of the evidence is no one is able to surmise. The case has been discussed here today in the hotels, the drug stores and on the streets. The fair thing is what the people want."

ITEMS FROM ALBEMARLE.

Concord Loses a Citizen—The Ross-Templeton, Case.

The Albemarle correspondent to the Sunday Charlotte Observer says:

Mr. Milas Hendley, of Concord, has secured the position of superintendent of dyeing at the Windemere Knitting Mills, succeeding H. W. Lightfoot, who has secured a position at Chattanooga.—Miss Belle Means and Mr. A. K. Patterson drove over to Concord this afternoon to spend Sunday with friends and relatives.

In the Superior Court here this week the case of R. J. Ross, Esq., and Mr. Templeton, for an affray at New London last fall was heard. Both men were found guilty and fined \$75 each and the cost. Ross, who is a justice of the peace and mayor of New London, was compelled by Judge Shaw to resign both offices as an additional punishment.

Dover Laid Off.

The dower of Mrs. Ardrey, formerly Mrs. Litaker, was laid off today (Monday) by a jury of 12 men.

Mrs. Ardrey gets the three upper store rooms, including Miss Mary Brachen's millinery store, the lines running back far enough to take in the two kitchens in the rear. This leaves the Concord drug store room and the large store room above it and the old livery stable property to the heirs.

To the dower Mrs. Ardrey is a life title of course. After her death it will become a part of the original estate, which is now owned by the heirs of Mrs. Hurlocker and Mr. John Bost, both deceased, who were half brother and sister of Mr. Litaker.

The heirs of Mrs. Hurlocker are Mr. M. F. Hurlocker, Mrs. George Teeter, Mrs. Pink Furr and Mrs. Phillip Sloop. The heirs of the latter, Mr. John Bost, who was killed at Saffrit's mill in 1894, we believe, are Messrs. Lee, Ran, Charles and George Bost and Mrs. W. F. Josey.

The following were registered at the St. Cloud Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Nace, Philadelphia; Messrs. F. M. Sherman, J. H. Harmond, B. J. Limson, J. A. B. Burn, G. W. Harxt, G. E. Wildon, J. H. Dickson, L. S. Walton, McGill, L. G. Northy, R. B. Elam, L. W. Cooper, Charlotte; F. Weisingham, Chicago.

THE KNOTTS GO TO THE PENITENTIARY.

Submit to Verdict of Murder in Second Degree and Trial Cut Off—Ella Gets 10 Years, John Gets Five.

John and Ella Knotts, who were on trial last week at Albemarle for poisoning Dr. S. J. Love, were sentenced to the penitentiary, on Saturday, Ella for ten years and John for five years. The trial began Thursday.

It was a peculiar trial. It had started and was going to be very knotty for and against the Knotts and the opposing counsels got together and agreed on a verdict of murder in the second degree.

It is unusual in its nature and indicates that there is little doubt as to their guilt, yet positive evidence was lacking.

It is maintained by many that if guilty they should hang and if innocent they should go free.

It is doubtless what the court thought best, taking all things into consideration.

GREAT SNOW IN THE WEST.

The Worst for Years—Traffic Paralyzed—Farmers Suffered.

The worst snow for many years is reported from St. Paul, Minn., on the 16th. Railroad traffic is paralyzed. The temperature was below zero and the snow was drifted in the cuts and trains were snow bound. Probably much suffering ensued. It is not an unmixed evil, however, for the farmers are glad for the snow.

Rev. Mr. Lingle Again Called.

A Rock Hill special of 16th to the Observer says:

"Rev. Walter L. Lingle was called unanimously, to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church, of this city, this morning. This is the second time the congregation has extended to Mr. Lingle such a call; and it is thought that he will accept. The church has been without a pastor for more than a year. Rev. Lingle made a very favorable impression on those who heard and met him when he visited this charge several months ago, and it is hoped by every one that he will accept the call. While the church has not had a regular pastor during the past year, the pulpit has been filled nearly every Sunday by some visiting minister."

Dr. Henry Louis Smith to Lecture Friday Night.

Dr. Henry Louis Smith will deliver his famous lecture "The Life and Death of a World," on Friday night, the 21st, in the Phifer Hall. The lecture will be under the auspices of the Concord High School. There will be an admission fee, probably of 50 cents, to defray the necessary expenses. Any surplus that may be realized will be appropriated to the library of the High School.

Filo Wash Silk!

Brainard and Armstrong "Asiatic" Filo Wash Silks are absolutely the best. We have just received a new line of colors in the Rope and Filo Silks, per skein only

4 cents.

WHITE MADRASS.

Today we place on sale the second case of White Madrass Mill ends running from 5 to 15 yards to the piece. This case is finer goods than the first case, which lasted only 10 days. It was merely a chance that we get this case and the commission people write us that they will have no more of these goods—that the great demand has exhausted all the accumulation. This splendid lot comes in fine mercerized satin stripes, lace stripes and dimity cords. Some 32 and some 36 inches wide. Would be considered good value 25c yard, our special price

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