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## NEWS AND GOSSIP FROM ALL OVER THE OLD NORTH STATE.

### ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

#### Tri-County Fair for Charlotte, Greensboro and Winston Abandoned.

Burglars Loot the Postoffice at Rural Hall—Negro Burglar Gets a Dose of Cold Lead—Two Little Brothers Break Their Arm in the Same Way—Variety of Short State Stories.

The postoffice at Rural Hall, 12 miles north of Winston-Salem, was broken into and robbed Saturday night. Investigation showed that the robbers had drilled a hole in the safe near the lock and by the use of powder broke the lock. All of the postoffice stamps in the safe, besides private papers, including several deeds to land, were stolen. The robbers failed to find any money. Before leaving his office about 8 o'clock at night Postmaster Vest decided to carry all of the funds, amounting to about \$160, to his residence. There is no clue to the guilty parties.

Phik Guthrie, a negro who attempted to enter the residence of Mr. Robert Skeets at Greensboro, was shot and wounded after he had refused to leave the premises. The negro was drunk at the time and attempted to break into the house through the front door. He was carried to a drug store for treatment, after which he was locked up.

Foster Barnes, son of Mr. W. A. Barnes, of Clayton, broke his arm while swinging one day last week. While the physician was dressing and splinting it, Wilber, a younger son, came in with one of his arms broken in the same way.

Laborers engaged in digging away a hill at Old Brunswick, near Wilmington, to make way for a building of the Cape Fear Fisheries company, uncovered a skeleton which is believed to be that of a British soldier killed during or before the Revolutionary war. In the white sand about the skeleton were found a number of brass military buttons of English manufacture during the seventeenth century. Interest attaches to the find at Old Brunswick from the fact that it was there that the first armed resistance to the British stamp act was made by the Ashe and Waddell, an historical fact which just now is beginning to be appreciated by the world.

A plan has been started to erect a monument in Durham to the memory of the members of the Durham Light Infantry who lost their lives in the Spanish-American war. This will be the first monument of the kind in the State. General Julian S. Carr has given \$100 for the fund and there are several other contributors.

The secretaries of the associations interested met at Greensboro Saturday night and arranged the following dates for the Winston, Greensboro and Burlington fairs this year: Winston, October 7-11; Burlington, October 14-24. The date for the Charlotte fair was left open. It may be held either from September 30 to October 4 or after the other fairs. It was decided that it would not be practicable to unite the Greensboro, Winston and Burlington fairs this year, as had been proposed.

The ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Sanderlin was killed in a most distressing manner at their home in Sampson county. She was climbing out of a window when the sash fell, breaking her neck. The body swung from the window, held by her head being caught under the sash. When the parents returned they found the lifeless body of their oldest child dangling from the window, while a little boy of three was pulling at his sister's feet, since he of course did not realize what had happened.

Mr. Ed. Crane in Durham county was riding the fire when he failed and in falling knocked over a lamp which exploded. He was found on the floor with his head in the burning oil. He may recover.

The store of Mr. John T. Cole at Four Oaks was broken into and robbed of \$600.

Chief Justice Nichols, of the supreme court of Louisiana, has accepted an invitation to deliver the address at the meeting of the North Carolina Bar association in Asheville.

R. E. Williamson, a brakeman on the Southern railroad, has brought suit to recover \$1000 for injuries received.

Burglary is no longer necessary to cure the DeWitt's Fish Head Cough Cure. The remedy is so powerful that it cures the most stubborn coughs, colds and croupy operations. For a full list of agents, write to the DeWitt's Fish Head Cough Cure Co., 711 N. 3rd St., New York, N. Y.

Greensboro against the company for \$30,000 damages received in a wreck last April. His skull was fractured.

Greensboro is discussing building a hospital there.

The Philadelphia American League team has arrived in Charlotte for their spring practice.

Already \$700 has been raised for the proposed monument to the Confederate dead at Wadesboro.

The burglars have visited Sanford, and the residence of Mr. D. E. Melver was entered and \$25 secured.

Judge Spencer B. Adams has returned from Washington, and the matter of his appointment to a judgeship in Alaska is now in the hands of the president.

Governor Aycock will deliver the address at the closing of the public schools in High Point. Rev. Dr. Blackwell, of Wilmington, will preach the sermon.

George Esdler, colored, has been arrested in Charlotte for swindling a colored aid society of \$7.50. He pretended that he spent the money to incorporate the company.

It is not often that a man's words while drunk convict him of a serious crime, but such a case came to light in Salisbury, Tuesday night robbers sawed a hole in the floor of the store of Holshour and Company at Gold Hill and secured \$100 worth of goods. A white man named Charles Johnson was arrested in Salisbury for being drunk and he muttered something about trouble at Gold Hill. From this the officers led him to make a confession that he was implicated in the crime and he went further and gave the names of his three pals, all white men.

General William Paul Roberts, of Gatesville, has announced his candidacy for the First North Carolina District, now represented by Hon. John H. Small.

Asheville Citizens: It is reported that another well which gives indications of oil has been located on Valley street. This makes the third well of this kind which has been found in this immediate vicinity.

New Hanover county has just sold \$50,000 of bonds, the proceeds to be used in macadamizing the public highways. Orange county will in the near future vote on a proposition to issue \$100,000 of bonds for road improvement, and citizens of Guilford are aiding the road fund of that county by subscription. The movement is slow but good roads are coming along.

The Atlantic Coast Line will build a fine new depot at Rocky Mount.

Congressman Klutts has secured seventeen new rural free delivery routes which go in operation April 1. There are three

at Salisbury, four at Concord, three at Statesville, two at Newton, one at China Grove and two at Rockwell. He has thirty-two applications now and is promised an inspector in April.

Fayetteville Observer: Sunday night, 10th, Mr. W. H. Smith's store near Cumberland was broken open and a considerable quantity of goods taken, consisting of shoes, canned goods, etc. The thief is still at large. It seems that there is a regular band of these desperados in and around Cumberland and the Bluff Mill. A short time ago the company store at the Bluff was entered and a small amount of goods taken, and the same night Smith & Bro.'s store at Cumberland was entered and a good amount of dry goods taken.

### THE WALLER COURT MARTIAL.

Accused is Being Justified by the Evidence for Shooting Natives.

Manila, March 24.—The prosecution in the trial by court martial of Major Littleton W. T. Waller, of the marine corps, on the charge of executing natives of the island of Samar without trial closed Saturday. Capt. Arthur T. Marix, of the marine corps, representing Major Waller, then opened the defense by promising to show five things—the work of the firing party, the nature of Major Waller's services in Samar, the treacherous character of the natives, the conditions at the base and Major Waller's status there, and that the executions were necessary, lawful and justifiable.

Capt. David D. Porter, of the marine corps, testified that he was present when Gen. Smith gave Major Waller his orders, which Waller never executed. At the outset Major Waller warned his command that they were opposed by a treacherous, brave and savage foe, and that all treachery should be punished with death, and closed with an appeal to the command to remember the fate of their old China comrades of the Ninth Infantry and avenge them.

### Committees Appointed.

The Daughters of the Confederacy will please notice that the following committees have been appointed:

Committee on music—Mrs. J. M. Hostetter, chairman; Miss Claypoole.

Committee on refreshments—Mrs. W. C. Flide, chairman; Mrs. M. E. Harrell, Mrs. S. H. Abbott, Mrs. J. T. Midyette, Mrs. M. Stanley, Mrs. A. L. Rounsee, Mrs. Laura Miller, Mrs. J. B. Cummings, Mrs. R. W. Wooten, Mrs. N. J. Rouse.

Committee on arrangements—Mrs. John Mosley Dixon, chairman; Mrs. A. S. Wooten, Mrs. E. B. Marston, Mrs. W. A. Bobbitt, Mrs. Hugh Parham, Mrs. J. F. Taylor, Mrs. Dan Quinsry, Miss Bettie Harvey, Miss Lula Harrell, Mrs. G. P. Fleming, Mrs. J. A. Long.

These ladies are requested to meet in the library room Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

## JAMES WILCOX FOUND GUILTY FIRST DEGREE.

SENTENCED TO BE HANGED APRIL 20.

Free Press Misinformed Saturday by a News (?) Association.

The Verdict Rendered at 10:10 Saturday Night—Wilcox Heard It With His Usual Calm—Others Were Nervous and Many Moved to Tears—Wilcox's Lawyer Appeals.

THE FREE PRESS, in common with other afternoon papers in this State, was outrageously faked and deceived by an alleged news association Saturday afternoon, in announcing that the Wilcox jury had hung, standing 8 for conviction to 4 for acquittal. As we have used this association's services for some time we had confidence in it and published the telegram as news, only to find that the only foundation for the "information" contained in it was an early morning rumor in Elizabeth City, for which there was no authority. As the jury was cloistered all day there was plenty of time to have discovered and corrected the error: but the telegram, which was filed after-noon, it was the most outrageous deception we ever experienced, being past all excuse or explanation. THE FREE PRESS will place no reliance upon that source of "news" and it is to be presumed that the other papers using that service will drop it. If they do not they can read more than we can.

In this connection we will now say that among the contemplated improvements of THE FREE PRESS we hope before long to establish a general news service which will be second to none.

After 30 hours of deliberation and twice calling for further instructions the jury filed into the court room at Elizabeth City at 10:10 o'clock Saturday night and rendered a verdict against James Wilcox of murder in the first degree, for the killing of his former sweetheart, Ella Cropper, on the night of November 27, 1901. Judge Jones immediately pronounced sentence that Wilcox should be hanged on April 25 and prisoner's counsel filed notice of appeal.

Notwithstanding the lateness of the hour when the court house bell announced the return of the jury the courtroom was quickly filled. The people had been nervously waiting all day, talking of nothing else, and had worked themselves up to a high pitch. When the verdict was pronounced there were many gasps and evidences of mental excitement, and some burst into tears. But Wilcox was the same Wilcox he has been throughout the awful ordeal. He heard the fatal announcement without the twitch of a muscle or the slightest change of expression. His nerve is the marvel of all.

There were some expressions of sympathy, but the great majority of public opinion approves of the verdict as just and proper.

Everybody praises the fairness of Judge Jones throughout and the tender consideration he has shown for the feelings of both bereaved families.

When Wilcox was led away to await his doom his step was firm and steady as if he were going out to shoot bullfrogs, as he expressed a wish to do on seeing one the other day.

### At His Old Post.

Mr. Mark Mewborn, who about a month ago, went to Washington to accept a position as manager of E. Peterson Wholesale Grocery Co., has returned to Kinston and again accepted his former position with Messrs. T. W. Mewborn & Co. The reason of Mr. Mewborn's return was as follows: The owner of the majority of stock in the company at Washington, Mr. Peterson, at his death left the property to his adopted daughter, Mrs. Ira Hardy. The minority owner of stock, a Mr. Randolph, and Dr. Ira Hardy, whose old home is in this vicinity, could not agree on terms for Mr. Randolph to buy out, so Dr. Hardy, acting for his wife, made a contract with Mr. Mewborn to manage the business. Mr. Mewborn went to Washington to look after the interest of his employer. Mr. Randolph then increased his first offer to Dr. Hardy and upon the advice of Mr. Mewborn, the offer was accepted, which left the business under the management of Mr. Randolph.



MAJOR LITTLETON W. T. WALLER, OF THE MARINE CORPS. Major Waller and Lieutenant John H. A. Day are being court-martialed on the charge of executing natives of the island of Samar without trial. Major Waller made a great record during the Chinese campaign. It is said he was starving and mentally unbalanced when the alleged killing occurred.

### No Clue to Murderer.

Not the slightest clue has yet been discovered to the murder of Pete Lawson in Duplin county last week. That he expected trouble is known, but from what source is not known. He always carried a pistol and said if he met his enemy face to face he was not afraid of the result. It is said there is an unsigned letter in a certain safe in this town in which Lawson was informed that he was to be "filled with buckshot." Lawson's death was instantaneous. His head fell forward and he never uttered a sound. He was smoking a cigarette at the time. His little girl had been standing by his side and the course of some of the shot showed that she would have been hit in the head had she not just run away.

Whatever else one may find in the New York papers, one can always depend upon finding the details of one or more sensational murder trials in which New Yorkers figure as the principals. There are now in various stages of prosecution five rather unique and interesting cases—the Molnue case, which now awaits a retrial; the Patrick case, in which it is alleged that a lawyer poisoned a rich client in order to get possession of his money; the McCallie case, wherein a policeman who had testified against other officers is alleged to have been killed to prevent his giving further testimony; the Voepel case, in which a seventeen-year-old boy is suspected of stabbing his mother to death, and the Burns case, in which a beautiful young woman is charged with shooting her recreant lover.

Cecil Rhodes' latest biographer contradicts the story that Rhodes ever used the phrase "I never met a man whom I could not buy." The germ of this statement is said to be found in the fact that one day when discussing his proposed telegraph wire across Africa somebody asked him how he expected to carry it across the Sudan. "Oh, leave it to me," Rhodes answered. "I never met the man yet that I could not come to an agreement with, and I shall fix things up with the khalfis when the time comes."

How to Clean Painted Doors. White painted doors, skirtings, etc., should not be washed with strong soap or, in fact, any soap at all, as it is likely to remove the gloss of the paint. The best treatment for such delicate woodwork is to dip a wet flannel in bran and rub it over the surface of the wood.

How to Clean Piano Keys. Cotton flannel cloths wet with a saturated solution of oxalic acid and water and laid upon piano keys will remove all stains. Care should always be taken in the use of such a bleacher as this that it does not touch anything from which the color is not to be removed, for it does its work with more certainty than discretion.

The Value of Experience. "Papa," said the small boy, looking up from his book, "what is a curio?" "A curio," replied the father thoughtfully, "is something that costs ten times what it's worth."—Chicago Post.

### Get What You Ask For!

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Pumps and Pump Pipe cheaper than ever. Pump put down for \$5. MOORE & PARROTT, Kinston, N. C.

## TIMELY TOPICS TERSELY TREATED.

Short Local Stories, Editorial Notes.

Hall—no reg'n gentle spring!

How would you like to be the a'der-man?

Saturday's Free Press made a decided hit.

The moon was full last night and was quite bare faced about it.

The Free Press is heartily in favor of Kinston having an illustrated page advertisement in the Charleston Edition of the Raleigh News-Observer. It will be a good advertisement and advertising pays for a town as well as for a firm. The four aldermen who volunteered a \$5 subscription each showed a commendable spirit, but the whole town should pay for it. The board will make no mistake in voting \$100 for such a purpose.

Two new features are introduced in THE FREE PRESS today, which we trust will prove popular. The first is special pictures, which from day to day will include portraits of people who are figuring prominently in the news, pictures of places of interest to which the day's news refers, and cartoons satirizing features of the news. The second is a daily series of opinions and ideas of men prominent and known in all the higher walks, men whose opinions count for something. Besides being interesting, these features will add much to the attractiveness of the paper.

Could not Breathe.

Coughs, colds, croup, grip, bronchitis sore throat and lung troubles are quickly cured by One Minute Cough Cure. One Minute Cough Cure is not a mere expectorant, which gives only temporary relief. It softens and liquefies the mucus, draws out the inflammation and removes the cause of the disease. Absolutely safe. Acts at once. "One Minute Cough Cure will do all that is claimed for it," says Justice of the Peace J. Q. Hood, Cecely, Miss. "My wife could not get her breath and was relieved by the first dose. It has been a benefit to all my family." J. E. Hood.

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### SETTINGERS.

### COME UP.

Yes, if you buy your Seed Oats from us they will beyond a doubt. We also have a large stock of Hay, Grain and Feed. We are headquarters for everything in our line.

Come to see us.

### NEUSE MILLING CO.

W. A. LaRoque's late stand.

### IF YOU ARE

once a customer of ours you will always be. We keep a full stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries and can fill any of your householding wants in that line. Give us a trial. We'll treat you right.

J. H. ALEXANDER, General Store, North Street.

### BIG CLEARING SALE

for the next few days to make room for our new stock of 1902 Bicycles. They would be sold for \$25.00 but we are selling them for \$15.00. We have a few more of the same model now in stock that list at \$25 for \$15 as long as they last. Come and see them.

KINSTON CYCLE CO.

### WE LIKE TO EAT.

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LaROQUE & BOUNTREE, The Up-to-Date Grocers, North Street.

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We mean, of course, our line of Bed Springs. You should inspect them. You will find them all bargains. We have a complete stock of Furniture and can supply any of your needs in that line. Give us a trial.

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