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OLD NORTH STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

Jim Wilcox is Becoming Vicious and Dangerous.

Returns a Favor from his Jailer by Slashing Him With a Knife—Epidemic of Typhoid in Northampton—Ex-Confederates Disappointed—Crop and General News Told in Short State Stories.

Elizabeth City Tar Heel: "Jim" Wilcox, the alleged murderer of Ella Maud Cropper, has made an enemy of one of his once best friends. Since Wilcox's imprisonment, Mr. B. A. Newbern, the jailer, has spared no effort to make prison life comfortable for the doomed man. He has never refused to grant the slightest request of the prisoner and many times a day the kind hearted jailer has walked to and fro on errands for the hated men.

Saturday afternoon Wilcox expressed a wish for some matches. Mr. Newbern, or "Bonney," as he is better known, went over to his house and procuring a box of matches returned to the jail. Wilcox is in an upper cell. "Bonney" drew himself up by the bars and extended the matches to the prisoner. Instead of expressing a word of thanks, Jim Wilcox reached for a knife and aimed a vicious blow at the upstretched hand, inflicting an ugly wound upon one of the jailer's fingers.

Mr. Newbern dropped to the floor and demanded an explanation.

The prisoner assumed a murderous attitude and threatened worse were the opportunity presented. He also expressed a regret that he did not succeed in inflicting a more serious wound.

Inside the prison walls an angry argument between the keeper and his charge. Mr. Newbern's reply was in part: "Jim Wilcox, I have treated you as a friend. I have never once refused to grant you anything within my power, while the hand of every man in the country has been turned against you. Now that you have acted as you have, I shall treat you just as I do the other prisoners, and when you hang, I want to be the man to pull the rope." Wilcox's reply was a sneer.

Typhoid Epidemic.
Roanoke News: In the upper section of Northampton county we are told that there is an epidemic of typhoid fever and that the mortality among the people living in that section is alarming. In one family, that of Mr. T. S. Ingram, a well known citizen, the greatest affliction has come. About ten days ago he lost his wife with fever, and last week he buried two daughters in the same grave. He now has two more daughters sick with the same disease, and they were not expected to live, and Mr. Ingram is down with fever himself. A greater affliction could hardly come upon one family and much sympathy is felt for him.

Delated Ex-Confederates.
Washington, Aug. 11.—The commissioner of pensions today gave out the statement that an erroneous impression seems to exist among some pensioners in his past upon the pension law. The idea seems to prevail that under the pension law a man is supposed to be a pensioner because he was a Confederate soldier, and the result is that the pension office is being deluged with applications from the former wearers of the gray.

SHORT STATE STORIES.

Concord Times: There have been about fifty people struck dead by lightning in North Carolina in the past month.

Windsor Ledger: Crops suffered much from the drought, but the recent rains have given new life to farmers and the shortage will not be so short as at first thought.

Mount Airy News: The late rains came in time to do a great deal of good. Tobacco was suffering considerably and late corn was "drying up." We stick to old Sunny will gather a big crop of corn.

Fayetteville, Aug. 11.—Henry Higgins, colored, arrested here today for house breaking and larceny in Ogem, broke away from the officer and was shot by Constable Goddard. The bullet entered the back under his right shoulder. Higgins is now in jail paralyzed and expected to die.

Wilmington, Aug. 11.—Captain J. William Lamotte, yard conductor for the Atlantic Coast Line, at Sumner, S. C., and for many years a resident of Wilmington, was run over by a train of freight cars at Sumner this morning and instantly killed. The body was horribly mangled, nine cars passing over him.

FRESH BUDGET OF LOCAL NEWS

STREET TALK IN BUSY KINSTON

Things Seen and Heard and Written Up by Industrious Reporters.

The Firemen's Meeting.
At the regular monthly meeting of the Kinston Fire company last night the attendance was small and no important action was taken in regard to any business of importance, but the committee on organizing a hook and reel team reported that they were making favorable progress and that Kinston may expect to have a well-equipped reel team at an early day. The committee on a fire alarm system reported that they were in correspondence with several firms and hoped to be able to install a complete fire alarm system in Kinston before a great while.

The following resolutions were adopted and given to The Free Press for publication:
Whereas, God in his wisdom has taken from this earth our beloved brother, Capt. J. D. Taylor; therefore, be it Resolved, That by his death this company has lost a most faithful and efficient member and chief engineer, and one ever ready to respond to every call of duty.

1. That we extend our sincere sympathies to the bereaved family.
2. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy placed upon the minutes of this company and a copy sent to the Kinston Free Press and Morning News for publication.
J. F. STRICKLEN,
J. B. TEMPLE,
J. T. MOYETTE,
Committee.

The Dread Not Hook and Ladder company held their regular monthly meeting also, in their building on the court house square, and a committee reported that they were in correspondence with the State Firemen's association in regard to application for membership in that body. This company, composed of colored men, has done Kinston a great service in the past at fires and is always ready and willing to respond to the call of duty, and should be encouraged by the people of Kinston in their laudable work.

Why it Was Stopped.
Newspaper reports have made it appear that the colored excursion from New Bern Tuesday was stopped without reason. When Mayor Webb was told of the excursion and that there was smallpox among the colored population of New Bern he telegraphed Mayor Patterson asking if there was smallpox there, and he received the following reply:

New Bern N. C. August 11.
Mayor of Kinston:
No new cases or suspects. Four cases discovered other day, sent out of city.
F. T. PATTERSON, Mayor.
Mayor Webb not knowing what legacy the four cases left among the colored people before being sent away concluded not to take chances and notified the mayor and the railroad officials that the train would not be allowed to stop here.

Death of Miss Louise Swift.
The hand of fate was laid heavily upon the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. C. Swift, of this town, when it snatched from their loving arms the eldest daughter and accomplished musician, Miss Louise, who was

Miss Wille Parratt of Providence, Va., is visiting Miss Wille Pearce. Mr. Louis Kilpatrick, who is in the government service at Washington, came home Saturday to see his mother and some other relatives. Mr. Tib West had a valuable dog poisoned Saturday. Strangely how it touches some hearts to lose their favorite dog. Our farmers are smiling—good prices for tobacco. Cotton in some places is opening. We have a heavy July crop of cotton. Miss Daley West is practicing the tiny children at Bathany for an entertainment Sunday night, "Children's Day."

Disentery Cured Without the Aid of a Doctor.
"I am just up from a hard spell of the flux" (dysentery), says Mr. T. A. Pinner, a well known merchant of Drummond, Tenn. "I used one bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and was cured without having a doctor. I consider it the best cholera medicine in the world." There is no need of employing a doctor when this remedy is used.

A decided innovation in the mercantile world of Kinston, and one that should meet with the keenest appreciation of all who do to pose as well dressed people, is the new gentlemen's furnishing store opened by Mr. S. A. Quinlan, at 102 south Queen-street under the management of Mr. Arthur Harrell, who has had twelve years experience in this line, and with a natural talent for the business, is certainly qualified to cater to the wants of the most fastidious. A look into their store, at the splendid array of mobby things displayed, is a sight worth a pilgrimage by young men in search of something dresy and durable. These gentlemen will adhere strictly to the one price rule, and will offer only goods of established reputation and value, such as the celebrated Guiton shoe, which has a national reputation, and the well known Crockett shoes, and anyone purchasing shoes of them are entitled to the privilege of having their shoes polished free of charge. This is quite an item in the well

TIMELY TOPICS

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Short Local Stories, Editorial Notes.

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There is one way, and only one, to settle the school site matter so it will not continue to disturb us. There was much bad feeling between us while the bond vote was pending. Some on one side ridiculed and abused good people on the other side without cause, things were done on the day of election that should not have been done, and yet, when the result was declared, every one, however much they felt the disappointment, submitted, and not a murmur was heard. A like result will follow now if the taxpayers who voted on the bond question are allowed in a primary to say where they want the building located. If the trustees, or the trustees acting with a committee of citizens, had put these bonds upon the people without giving them a vote, our indignation and bitterness would have been fearful. The people will submit to the result and be friends again if they are allowed to express their preference for the site. Can't we be wise enough to stop this bickering while it is possible to do so? Towns have languished and died as the result of just such feuds as we have among us now. The trustees are powerless to quell the riot. We take it for granted that they would be glad to escape the responsibility and turn it over to the people, who should have the right to settle it. No other way is possible, for if the trustees persist in locating the site the trouble will continue indefinitely, to the serious injury of our town, and they will be disliked by many and cordially hated by some. KING STANLEY.

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Just budding into sweet womanhood and who had the broad expanse of a useful and happy life before her. Miss Lucie was just 19 years old and had won for herself a warm place in the hearts of her many friends by her genial disposition and lovable manners. She was born in Fremont and came with her family to Kinston a few years ago. Miss Lucie had been suffering with continued fever for some time and had been attended by Dr. J. M. Parrott, who did everything possible to stay the hand of fate, but God in his wisdom saw fit to cut down the flower as it reached the full ripeness of a useful career. The sad funeral rites will be conducted this afternoon at 5 o'clock and the remains will be interred at the cemetery at this place. The pall bearers are Messrs. B. E. Cox, Dan Quintero, C. F. Dunn, Platter Collins, R. L. Stover and Elise Ottinger.

Knights of Gideon.

Tuesday, August 12th was the day set for the opening of the 5th annual session of the Supreme Grand Lodge of Knights of Gideon of America. The first session was called to order by the Supreme Commander, Sir J. J. Mainor of Norfolk, Va. Quite a large delegation is in the city hailing from various towns and cities in North Carolina and Virginia. The welcome address was appropriately delivered by Sir Star Hicks, a leading merchant of this city. Responses by Sir F. W. Phillips of Roanoke, Va. The delegation is a quiet and peaceful body of women and men. The business proceedings have been peaceful and progressive. A large street parade, taking place at 4 o'clock, with speeches at the court house, and the payment of a death assessment to the mother of W. H. Coghill of this city, in keeping with their obligation, being a beneficial and commendable organization. This body will adjourn Friday.

Another School Site.

It was rumored on the streets this afternoon that Mr. G. P. Cox's lot on Fayetteville had been purchased for the graded school site. Mr. L. Harvey says that no option has been given but that the trustees are negotiating with Mr. Cox and the heirs.

A. & M. College.

The A. & M. College will take all North Carolina boys that are prepared to enter in September. If necessary President Winston will borrow tents from the estate and use them for dormitories. The report that these will not be room enough is an error. Three houses have been rented, two new college buildings added and a hundred tents ready for use at least a half mile on the north and east within five years. This ought to be taken into consideration, and the gentleman suggested as a mean between his original opinion and that of Timely Topics that one fine school should be built now as far south as possible, so that later on the second school, which is bound to become necessary, can be located still farther north and east than the present one.

Mr. Charles Bell has been secured by Mr. M. E. Moore to manage the lot house which he bought from Mr. J. Dail.

A Liberal Offer.

The undersigned will give a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Pills to any one wanting a reliable remedy for disorders of the stomach, biliousness or constipation. This is a new remedy and a godsend. J. E. Hood's drug store.

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THE WEELITTLES AT FONTAINEBLEAU.

They are irritated to find that their little keeper at Fontainebleau France has not given them a room to compare with the Chamber of Napoleon, which they inspect.

FIND THE CARETAKER.