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No. 1.

## NELL CROPSEY'S BODY FOUND The Innocence of the Young Girl Now Established Before the World.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 27.—After five weeks of mystery and speculation the body of the missing Nellie Cropsey suddenly appeared this morning in the river, one hundred and fifty yards in front of the Cropsey home, floating in four feet of water and about forty feet to the right of a direct line with the house.

It was discovered by J. D. Stillman, who, in his boat started out fishing. He will get one hundred dollars reward. He notified the committee, and as soon as Coroner Dr. I. Fearing came the body was brought ashore.

The body was floating face downward and was dressed in a red waist and black skirt as when last seen. On one foot was a shoe, but the rubber slipper worn on the other foot when last seen was gone. The hair had fallen down and was matted over the face. The face had turned very dark, but was easily identified by those who knew her.

The spot where she was found had been dragged and redragged many times in vain.

Within thirty minutes the coroner summoned a jury of good men out of the crowds that thronged to the spot.

Three of the best physicians in town were summoned and a thorough autopsy of the body was conducted.

The wording of the jury's verdict will almost surely seal the fate of Wilcox. Great crowds block the street in front of the building where the jury is in session. Every one is discussing the affair, but no one will express an opinion. All are waiting the finding of the jury.

I saw her uncle, who said: "I knew Nell as soon as I saw her, her body was as plump and natural as in life, only a little dark and the face slightly swollen. I will not say how I think she came to her death, but I never heard of a drowned woman floating face downward."

This same statement was made by several old tars in the crowd.

The Cropsey family are prostrated, especially Mrs. Cropsey, who has swooned, completely away. Strange to say, this morning as she sat looking out in a dazed way across the river, where her sad eyes had been straining for weeks before, she saw the object and cried out hysterically:

"There—there is Nell."  
They comforted her by saying: "No, no, it is only a stump."

But sure enough it was Nell, for in an hour afterward the fisherman found her.

Wilcox, the man last seen with her, has been in the country for several days on his father's farm. When the body was found, the sheriff went and arrested him. When arrested he was out duck hunting. He seemed indifferent, and as he came into town even smiled at the crowd of sympathizing friends surrounding the Cropsey home.

The Elizabeth City naval Reserves were placed at the disposal of Sheriff Grandy, of Pasquotank county, by Governor Aycock yesterday afternoon for the protection

of J. A. Wilcox, who is suspected of having been connected with the death of Nellie Cropsey.

## DIED FROM BLOW ON THE TEMPLE

Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 17.—The report made by the physicians who preformed the autopsy on Miss Cropsey says;

The garments show no marks of violence. There were no external marks of violence on the body, head or face. There was a discoloration of a tinkish tinge on the front of the head and face with a slight bluish discoloration over the back of her neck and occiput. There were no marks upon the front of her neck, except as made by construction of her dress collar. An examination of the internal organs showed she was a pure girl.

The stomach upon being opened emitted gas and was found to contain about two ounces of dark fluid and solid substance, the solid substance presumed to be undigested food. The appearance of stomach and other abdominal organs was normal.

The lungs, were collapsed, and free from water. The heart was normal.

Upon action of the scalp all around the head, one inch above the brow, there was found a dark discoloration of the muscular substance about two by two inches in extent visibly thickening the muscular substance.

The verdict of the coroner's jury: "We the coroner's jury, having been duly summoned and sworn by Dr. I. Fearing to inquire what caused the death of Ella M. Cropsey, do hereby report that from the investigation made by three physicians of Elizabeth City, and from their opinion and also from our personal observation, that said Ella M. Cropsey came to her death by being stricken a blow on the temple and by being drowned in the Pasquotank River.

The preliminary hearing of the trial of Wilcox will be heard today. Feeling is very strong against him and there have been fears of lynching, but he is guarded by the Naval Reserves.

## Negro Burned to Ashes.

Jerome, N. C., Dec. 27.—A negro, named Henry Davis, who had stolen a pint of beer from a bar room, met his death in a horrible manner. He was arrested for stealing, put in the guard house, and sometime during the night he set fire to the door thinking to burn a hole through which he could escape. The fire burned rapidly and the negro was completely buried, except his heart and liver.

## Burns Caused Death.

The reports of the death of Mr. John Morgan Green, formerly of Durham, now at Mt. Airy are most distressing. Mr. Green is reported as suffering from a chill, and on Thursday night got out of bed. While up he stumbled against the stove, which fell on him, burning him so bad that on Friday morning he died. Mr. Green was prominent in the tobacco business. His mother is Mrs. Francis Green and he is a nephew of Mr. C. B. Green, Clerk of the Court of Durham.

## Increase is Less Than Was Expected.

The new Revenue Act has not yielded the increase in revenues that the Legislature expected and there is a strong probability that the State Treasurer may not be able to meet some of the \$250,000 increased appropriations.

"I do not know what will be the result," said State Treasurer Lacy yesterday, "until it is finally ascertained how great is the increase valuation. It is a subject that the Council of State will have to consider."

The official figures received by the State Auditor indicate that the increased valuation be little over twenty million dollars. The largest estimates are twenty-five millions. The Legislature expected that the new revenue machinery would result in an increase valuation of between thirty and forty million.

With a twenty million increase in valuations the State will only realize \$86,000 revenue. Of course the special licenses and taxes imposed by the Legislature will augment this sum, but it is a long distance from the \$150,000 in additional appropriations made by the last General Assembly.

The State Treasury funds are at a low ebb just now, and it is all the Treasurer can do to meet the pension warrants which are pouring in. With the present prospect it does not seem possible that the Treasurer can meet all of the new appropriations. One hundred thousands of the \$150,000 additional appropriations is included in the pension warrants. Of course the appropriation is being met, but there is \$100,000 for the public schools and \$50,000 for State institutions. Without help from some quarters it does not seem possible that the State Treasurer will be able to meet all of the increased appropriations.

## Fighting is now Imminent in Venezuela.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—It is believed here that an ultimatum will be issued within three days and an attack on Venezuela will immediately follow.

In addition to two training ships, the Falk and the cruiser Geier have been ordered to Laguayra, unless an agreement is reached between Germany and the United States regarding the German cause of action.

Norfolk, Dec. 30.—The cruiser San Francisco is being hurriedly prepared for sea. Work is being prosecuted at night owing to the Venezuelan situation.

Carcas, Dec. 30. The Venezuelan government sent a request to Berlin that Herr Noop, manager of the German railway, be discharged. It is believed the request will be granted.

## Negro Lynched.

Weldon, N. C., Dec. 28.—Jeter Mitchell, colored, who assaulted Mrs. Lucinda Hill, an esteemed lady of Northampton county, Wednesday was taken from the county jail at Jackson at 2 o'clock this morning and swung up to a limb in the jail yard.

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There will be a meeting of the North Carolina Farmers State Association at the Agricultural Building in Raleigh, at 7:30 P. M., Jan. 14th next. This will be an important meeting and representatives from every county should be present. The cotton seed situation, the fertilizer question, and other topics of interest to the farmers will be discussed.

It is evident that farmers can profit by organization as well as other classes. Times have changed and people of every class should adapt themselves to the new conditions, farmers as well as other classes.

The few who have started this farmers organization can not hope to succeed in accomplishing the results aimed at without the co-operation of their fellow farmers. Let the enterprising and progressive farmers show their interest in the movement by being represented at this meeting. That the farmers of each county may be represented they are requested to meet at their respective Court Houses Saturday, Jan. 11, at 12 o'clock, to select representatives or delegates to attend the meeting in Raleigh. Let every person who feels interested in the welfare of the farmers attend the county meetings. This will be a leisure time with the farmers and should insure a large attendance.

## Tired of Doweism.

The Atlanta Constitution says that Rev. Mr. Royal, formerly Baptist pastor at Reidsville, is sick and tired of Doweism which he embraced last May and has asked the Chicago Baptist preachers to receive him again into their association. His request in a speech denouncing Dowie was warmly applauded.

## Mr. Long Goes to Elizabeth City

Mr. Jacob A. Long, of Graham one of the ablest lawyers of Central North Carolina, will, on the first of the new year, move to Elizabeth City. He has formed a partnership for the practice of the law with Col. E. F. Lamb, of Elizabeth City.

## Col. Cowles is Dead.

Wilkes, N. C., Dec. 30.—Col. William H. Cowles, ex-Congressman, died at his home here to-day. Colonel Cowles was a distinguished officer of the Confederate army and served four terms in Congress.

## A Christmas Hunt.

Thirty-five rabbits and a nice lot of birds. With only twenty-five men, sixteen guns and three horses. Led by Rev. D. N. Caviness. Out of twenty-five men only one had Xmas enough to fall in the gullies. H. W. FOSHER.

## Hopes for Release Soon.

Constantinople, Dec. 27.—Dispatches from Saloniac report that Treasurer Peet, of the Missionary Society, at Constantinople, has established communication with the brigands who hold Miss Stone captive and hopes a release will be accomplished within a fortnight.

## Merchants Tax Levy.

From January 1 to 10 it will be in order for merchants all over the State to comply with section 77 of the Revenue Act which requires all dealers in goods, wares and merchandise doing business in North Carolina to return under oath, the full amount of their gross sales from October 1, 1901, to January 1, 1902, to the Registers of Deeds in the respective counties.

## Notice.

For the purpose of better preparing myself for the practice of my profession I will spend a few months in the medical Colleges and Hospitals of Europe, hoping when I return to be more capable of serving you. Thanking you for the liberal favors shown me, and wishing you the compliments of the season.

Yours truly,  
R. J. TEAGUE, M. D.

## Stockholders Meeting.

The stockholders of the Peoples Bank will meet in the office of the bank on the 1st day of Feb. 1902, at 12 o'clock, m. It is hoped a full attendance will be present.

J. S. BRADSHAW, Cash.

## Notice.

All County Bonds issued by authority of Act General Assembly of 1891 Chap. 238 are hereby called for payment by authority given Board County Commissioners in said Act. No interest will be paid on said bonds on and after Dec. 4th 1901.

JNO. B. DAY  
Treasurer of Person Co

## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I will make application to the Board of County Commissioners for Person County, N. C., on first Monday in January 1902 for license to sell whiskey at my distillery in Allensville Township. Notice by verdict of Acts 1901, Sec. 76, Machinery Act. DANIEL D. DUNCAN.

## We Extend

to all of our friends our very best wishes for a most prosperous new year.

We do indeed feel grateful for your patronage during 1901, and hope that during the coming year we will receive even a larger share of your appreciated trade. We will endeavor to do our very best to deserve it.

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Always ready and anxious to accommodate you in every possible way, we are

Your friends,

# A. R. FOSHEE & SON