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So Testifies Coroner in Cropsy Case.

Injury To Temple Probably Rendered Girl Un-conscious. No Other Signs of Violence.

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., March 14.—Taking of testimony began today in the trial of James E. Wilcox, accused of murdering Miss Ella Cropsy.

Dr. I. Fearing, coroner of the county was the first witness. He said:

"I am a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Baltimore. My post-mortem examination of the body of Miss Cropsy was made December 27 last. I found the body in the Pasquotank river, 50 yards from the Cropsy residence, about 25 yards to the right of the house. The body had been tied down by Mr. Stillman, the fisherman who found it. It was carried to a little out-house near the river.

"Dr. J. E. Wood, O. McMullen and myself held the autopsy. It was begun after the body had been out of the water an hour. The other two doctors myself and six jurors were present.

"We first examined the clothing to see if there were any marks of violence. The shirt was of dark goods and the waist red. Miss Cropsy wore a slipper on one foot, the right, and nothing but a stocking on the other. I found the clothing in fair condition. There were no torn places. The fingers were partially drawn and the limbs were limp. While in the water the legs hung loosely, not being stiff.

"A piece of the right lung on being squeezed emitted a small amount of frothy mucus. There was no water in the lungs. The organs were normal. The neck was all right, except for a mark or depression caused by the collar.

"We examined the head and noticed that it was a little more swollen on the left than on the right side. We ended the examination there, but after going uptown and seeing the collector we went back and made a minute examination of the head. We made an incision around the head, beginning on the right side, and removed the scalp. The skull was left bare. As we cut through the left temple we saw a swelling or contusion. We found in the swollen piece, which was about two by two inches in size, a tabescent piece of clotted blood. The membrane over the brain was colored dark blue. The condition there was brought about by a blow."

"The blow was given by some round, padded instrument. Such a blow would produce unconsciousness which would likely last half an hour. The absence of water in the stomach, lungs and in the pleural cavity would indicate that death was not caused by drowning. If Miss Cropsy had gotten into the water alive and conscious and been drowned water would have been in her stomach, lungs and pleural cavities. Along with the water would have been digested or undigested food in the stomach and blood and froth in the lungs. If I had found these conditions I would have said that she went into the water conscious."

"The coverings of the brain were intact." Dr. Fearing went on. "The decomposition was so bad that we could not tell about the blood vessels of the brain. I did say in my report that the blood vessels of the brain were sound that the base of the brain was unharmed. I had not noticed any signs of violence until I ran the knife around to cut off the scalp. Then I found the discoloration of part of the frontal bone. No other part of the head, except the temple, had this discoloration.

"There was no blood on the right side of the heart. Sometimes the left side of a person who drowns has blood in it. In the majority of cases the right side has none. One could not decide that a person was drowned from the sole fact that blood had clotted in the right side of the heart. In the case of Miss Cropsy the blood stopped and clotted.

"We did not make any examination of the bronchial tubes and windpipes. That was not essential."

GUM BRANCH.

March 15.—We are having some of the prettiest weather this week anyone could wish for, and farm work is progressing finely.

There was a musical entertainment at Mr. J. H. Cox's last Monday night. J. T. King led on the violin, Mr. B. B. Barry played second violin while Miss Rachel Cox played the guitar. Mr. S. P. Venters and wife, Miss Mildred Venters, Miss Annie Franks, Miss Bellamy, Mr. William Venters, B. B. Nowbold and Ye Scribe were present, besides those who board with the family. It was quite an enjoyable time.

Miss Bellamy of Southport is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. P. Venters.

A large water mill is to be erected on upper Cowhorn creek. The owner aims to prepare for grinding flour as well as meal.

Mr. D. J. Sandlin, has some new tenants this year, one Mr. Melton from South West and Mr. Lee Taylor.

Farm work is progressing finely at present, the farmers are preparing to plant corn.

Some persons in our burg took our advice and have planted more, Irish potato tubers than usual. Ye Scribe has a bushel planted.

The stock are all getting better and the measles have disappeared altogether.

Herrings will soon be up and those who live on or near the river will fare well.

Some of our Mormon friends went to the Mormon convention this past week, they report a good time, there will be a branch conference here shortly, they expect two elders here Sunday.

The people here have their tobacco wood about cut, hope they will have enough.

We think that when a county comes to a pass that it can't pay off its paper checks, it is time for the old party to get out and give place for a new one.

Every article of food the people have to buy seems to be on the go up here, don't know how it is elsewhere.

GALILEE.

March 15.—Fine weather, and farmers are hustling, making preparations for planting.

We had a nice time at the close of Miss Bertha Gaskins' school. There were some excellent recitations and dialogues recited by the scholars, after which we had a game of base ball.

Mr. John H. Everington and Mr. T. A. Stapleford left last Sunday on a trip to Newport River. They returned Wednesday and said they enjoyed their trip.

Miss Minnie Caton returned home Wednesday from visiting relatives at Wasp, N. C.

Chicken pox is quite plentiful around here. It has been in two families, but all are improving.

Rev. Henry Jones, pastor of the Christian church at Kitt Swamp passed here yesterday on his way to his regular appointment at Kitt Swamp.

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RALEIGH.

Extension of Raleigh and Cape Fear Railway.

Gorham's Imprisonment Sentence Commuted. Arranging State Ball Schedule. Fence Cutters in Bladen. Reward For Murderer.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 15.—Governor Aycock today commuted the sentence of J. A. Gorham, an ex-law agent of the Southern Railway, and R. A. Ramsey, who was convicted at Statesville for tampering with a juror in a suit against the railway for damages. They were sentenced each to pay a fine of \$50, and serve 30 days in jail. The Governor commutes the imprisonment leaving only the fines. Gorham is from Asheville. He arrived here this morning. He and Ramsey had made strenuous efforts to secure the remission of the jail sentence.

Governor Aycock this afternoon gave his reasons for the commutation of sentence.

He says: "Since Gorham was found guilty of contempt by the court a jury has acquitted him of the crime of Embracery, and this verdict amounts to a finding that there was no corrupt purpose on his part. The judge him guilty of a corrupt purpose. In the conflict of finding between the judge and jury I believe I ought to follow the finding of the jury which acquitted him of any corrupt intent." The commutation was recommended by citizens of Georgia, Charlotte and Asheville.

Experts here are at work on the schedule of games to be played during the coming season by the North Carolina League. It is very difficult to arrange a schedule for a six-club league. Reports come in from the Durham and Greensboro clubs that these were enthusiastic at the outlook. Greensboro has already signed ten players and good ones too.

Dr. Tait Butler, State Veterinarian, returned today from the North-eastern part of the State. Says the glanders in horses which made its appearance at Scotland Neck, appears to have been effectively stamped out. He does not believe it will reappear.

A really remarkable amount of farm work has been done during the week ended today. It is doubtful if more was ever done in the same time.

There is some excitement in Bladen caused by reason of the unlawful acts of fence cutters. A stock law boundary fence some 40 miles was built last year between that county and Columbus. Certain people, living in what is known as the "Neck" and who are graphically described as "half savages," got wire cutters and cut 10 miles of the fence. The latter is built of wire to prevent its being burned. The fence cutters are again at work. They have posted notice that "any persons who attempt to repair the fence will find their home in hell."

One of the interesting coming events here is to be the annual meeting of the State Musical Association and its attendant music festival. It occurs in May. Some performers of high talent will be present and take part.

A test for tuberculosis has been made this week on a large herd of cattle at Tarboro. It was found to be free from the disease.

A cotton seed oil mill company, with \$50,000 capital, is being organized in Wilson county.

Gov. Aycock offers \$50 reward for the capture of Edgar Hicks, alias Smith, who in his own house in this county killed John Holloway, while the latter, his guest, was sitting in front of a fire, asleep. Hicks killed him with two blows of an axe and then fled.

There is a considerable scare here on account of mad dogs. Several of the latter have been killed, but not until they had bitten not only a number of other dogs but also horses and cattle. None of the dogs bitten have been killed.

One of two Philadelphia syndicates will by the middle of next week buy the Raleigh and Cape Fear railway and extend it via Fayetteville to Lumberton and there it will connect with the Carolina and Northern and go via Marion S. C. to Charleston, S. C.

REELSBORO.

March 17.—We have been having bad weather for the past few days but the farmers are hustling.

Mr. P. A. Brinson of this place, had the misfortune to lose part of the fence around his place by fire last week.

Mr. Bennie Willis and sister, Miss Ella of Balds Creek spent last Sunday with Miss Della Pipkin of this place.

Mr. J. E. Bennett, brother Jap and sister, Miss Mollie, of New Bern, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Rice last Sunday.

Mr. Beth Hughes of Reelsboro visited Oliver, Jones county, last Friday and Saturday.

Miss Mittle Dixon of your city, visited relatives at Reelsboro last week.

The Disciples of this place organized a Sabbath school last Lord's Day with Mr. C. P. Pipkin as superintendent. The school has the best wishes of the writer and it is our earnest desire that the school should grow and prosper. May God bless every teacher and scholar of that school and may every one who attends feel a deep interest in the school.

BAYBORO.

March 17.—The weather for the past few weeks has been very good, and the farmers have been making good use of it, farming operations have been advancing to about the usual point for the season of the year.

Several timber men have been in the county this week prospecting and examining timber lands. Mr. A. B. Campen, our sheriff, has given an option on his saw mill plant and timber lands, and those holding the option have been examining the property. We learn that they have been favorably impressed with what they saw. We hope he may be successful in selling. It may help us in getting a railroad here, we are bound to have a railroad and that in a short time.

Superior Court is just four weeks off. It commences on Monday April 14th. Judge Francis D. Winston will preside. There will be a fairly good court for this county from the present outlook. All but the money side of the docket.

Mr. W. H. Miskell formerly foreman of the Evening News of New Bern, and W. T. Cabo of this place, are fitting up a printing office for job work here, they also contemplate establishing a newspaper.

The Confederate Veterans are advertised to hold a business meeting here on the 29th instant to transact business of importance concerning the reunion at Dallas Texas, which is only five weeks off. The railroad fare from New Bern to Dallas Texas and return is only \$38.85, it will take three days and two nights to make the trip, without change of cars, this will be a cheap and interesting trip for all who can go.

Politics has not made its appearance here as yet, once and awhile we hear some venture to express their preference for Judge Brown for the Supreme Court bench, and Thomas for Congress, beyond this but little is heard, guess it will warm up in due season.

The Best Prescription for Malaria. Chills and Fever is a bottle of GNOVY'S TARTAROUS CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price 50c.

ARAPAHOE.

March 17.—For the last week our people have been busily engaged, finishing planting their potato crop and side dressing their cabbage, besides preparing for the planting of other crops. The good weather has greatly improved the progress in farm work.

The mercantile business in Arapahoe is moving on nicely, our merchants are somewhat buoyed up by the hope of a good crop season.

The Sunday Schools of Arapahoe have been re-arranged. Formerly the Baptist School had been held in the forenoon, and the Christian and the Methodist in the afternoon, this made it very nice for the young people to visit each others school, but some spirit of division seemed to prompt starting all the schools at the same hour of the day, this takes all the union from the Arapahoe Sunday Schools.

Professor R. G. Maxwell from Outlaw Bridge, N. C., visited Arapahoe last Thursday night to begin a series of lectures on Phrenology. He made the lectures and did much work around our little town. He seems to well understand his business.

Mr. Mills who has been looking after the interest of the Bladen timber business returned back last week to his work.

Mr. Rumley the pastor of the M. E. M. Church of this district filled his appointment here yesterday and preached a very good sermon. J. B. R.

Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup for Teething Babies. Price, 75 cts. Cures Wind-Colic, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Griping Pains, Sour Stomach, Fever, Cholera Infantum. Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup promotes the digestion and soothes the baby.

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The authorities of the State Normal and Industrial College desiring to render every possible service to the educational interests of the State have decided to offer women teachers an institute of one month.

This is intended especially for those teachers who desire to better equip them selves for their work, but who, for various reasons, are unable to pursue the full course.

A matriculation fee of \$5 will be charged which will entitle the person paying the same to all lectures, library privileges, use of text books, etc. The only additional expense will be for board and laundry, both of which will not cost more than \$3 a week.

In the department of Pedagogy, lectures on the best methods of teaching all the common school studies will be given, and the students will have an opportunity to spend some time in the Practice and Observation School.

In addition, lectures and laboratory work will be offered in the different departments of science.

Besides the regular faculty of the State Normal and Industrial College, we shall have with us several city superintendents and other prominent educators to deliver special lectures.

The Institute will begin April 29th and close May 24th.

If it is your intention to avail your self of this opportunity, or if you desire further information, please write to:

CHARLES D. McLEOD, President.

RALEIGH.

Death of Two Well Known Confederate Veterans.

Christian Endeavor Services New Lodge Odd Fellows. Prisoners Sent to Penitentiary. Service For Boulevard. Personals.

RALEIGH, March 17.—Two Confederate Veterans well known locally died here yesterday, J. T. Watts and P. O. Hardie. The former had for 20 years been a magistrate in this city. During the Civil war he was in the Confederate service in the "Crescent Regiment," from New Orleans. He was almost 70 years old. He was a member of L. O. B. Branch, Camp, U. C. V. and of his special request was buried in its uniform. Mr. Hardie was a native of Raleigh. A few days after his birth the home of his parents, which stood where the city hall now is, was burned in a fire which swept that part of the city. He was rescued by State Senator Pickney Caldwell, and in memory of this the latter's name was given him. Before the Civil war he was in the express service and left it to join Company K. of the 14th North Carolina regiment, of this city. He became a lieutenant in that company. After the war he was again an express messenger between Raleigh and Norfolk. For the past 10 years he had been on the police force. His age was 70. He also was a member of L. O. B. Branch camp. His death was very sudden and was due to heart disease. Two of his sons are locomotive engineers, one living in Richmond.

A survey is in progress for a boulevard from the Capitol to the National Cemetery, out New Bern Avenue and by the Soldiers' Home, thence southward to the cemetery. Part of the work has been done by the city. The government is expected to do the remainder.

The Christian Endeavorers now hold services at the penitentiary every Sunday morning. The convicts particularly like these services because they are permitted to make talks.

At the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction it was said today that in all probability the warrants for the public school money would this week be sent to the needy counties.

State Treasurer Lacy will attend the Sunday School convention at Fayetteville this week.

A new lodge of Odd Fellows will this week be formed at Salisbury. It will take the name "North State, No. 36," that of a lodge which ceased to exist 15 years ago.

Col. A. B. Andrews of the Southern railway has been indisposed at his home here for several days. Acute indigestion is given as the trouble.

Two negroes, John Knotts and his wife, were brought to the penitentiary today from Union county. They submitted to murder in the second degree. The woman was a cook in the family of Dr. Love and was charged with putting arsenic in food and coffee. By this a number of persons were poisoned, but all save Dr. Love recovered. This occurred in the summer of 1900. The case has attracted much attention. The charge was that Knotts incited his wife to use the poison. She gets 10 years and he gets 5. The sentence is really a compromise, as both sides were in some doubt about proving their case.

The international secretary of the Sunday Schools made two addresses here, one Saturday evening and one yesterday afternoon. He left today for Fayetteville.

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Important to Farmers.

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Parties interested, who wish to avail themselves of this offer, can communicate with us and we will take pleasure in giving full particulars.

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