

W. H. CROPSEY, JR. TAKES HIS LIFE

Was Brother of Nellie Cropsey For Whose Death Jim Wilcox Is Serving Sentence.

WAS IN FINANCIAL TROUBLE
Drank Carboic Acid in Presence of Wife and Their Five Year Old Daughter.

Norfolk, Jan. 30.—William H. Cropsey, Jr., 28 years old, son of William H. Cropsey, and brother of the late Nellie Cropsey of Elizabeth City for whose death Jim Wilcox is serving a thirty year sentence in the penitentiary of North Carolina, took his life at his home in Berkley last night at 10 o'clock by drinking carboic acid. He committed the act in the presence of his young wife and their 5-year-old daughter at their home at 119 Berkley avenue.

Adversities because of being thrown out of employment, because of strong drink and being pressed by his creditors, was the reason assigned by the wife when she told her story to the coroner with tears streaming down her cheeks.

"Will come home under the influence of liquor," she said, "after I had told the saloon keeper not to trust him for any more of the stuff. He took a seat in a chair in the bed room upstairs and rested his head in his hands, as though he was in trouble. I said to him, 'Will, what is the matter?' I detected that he had in his hands the bottle which we had kept carboic acid. At this instant he placed the bottle to his mouth and drank its contents or nearly all of it. I snatched the bottle from him and emptied the remainder of the contents out of the window. There was but little left. He had drunk nearly all of it. I screamed and ran for Dr. Sleet, living three doors away."

Dr. Sleet said when he arrived that Cropsey had fallen from the chair on which he was sitting and was stretched out on the floor in the room. The body was limp and life was extinct.

Coroner Knight decided death was due to carboic poisoning, self-administered, and that an inquest was unnecessary.

The only paper that threw any light on his troubles was a note filled out for fifty dollars on a blank of one of the local banks, which his wife said that he tried to get discounted.

Mrs. Cropsey said, between her sobs, that her husband remarked last night, a short while before he took the deadly drink, that there was a way out of it. She asked what way and he replied he could shoot both her and himself.

Cropsey was employed with the Norfolk Southern Railroad as billing clerk until two months ago when he lost out. A few days ago he got another job with the Seaboard Air-Line Railway.

His wife is a daughter of A. C. Stokes, a liveryman, of Elizabeth City, and is 24 years old. They had been married seven years and lived in Richmond until three years ago when they moved to this city.

In addition to his parents in Elizabeth City, the deceased man is survived by five sisters and two brothers.

They are Mrs. William Brooks, South Park avenue, Beaufort; Miss Mamie Cropsey, this city, and Miss Lula Olive and Carrie Cropsey and Duke Cropsey, Elizabeth City.

Mrs. Cropsey has a brother, J. T. Stokes, 275 York street, this city.

The body was turned over to Funeral Director E. Lee Cox for preparation for burial.

OFFERS TO BUY A. & N. C. RAILWAY

MR. DUNCAN WOULD TAKE STATE STOCK AT 75 CENTS ON DOLLAR

Much interest was yesterday manifested locally in the offer of E. C. Duncan to purchase the stock owned by the State of North Carolina in the Atlantic and North Carolina Railway Company. The total stock of this Company is seventeen thousand nine hundred and seventy-two shares and the State owns twelve thousand six hundred and sixty-six shares, the remainder is scattered around over the State and owned by corporations and individuals. Quite a block of it is owned by citizens of New Bern.

Mr. Duncan offers \$949,950 for the portion of the stock owned by the State, that amount being 75 per cent. of the par value of the stock. The road is mortgaged for \$325,000 and leased to the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company until January 1, 1920, at an annual rental of \$53,916, equivalent to 3 per cent. on the stock at par. The State's part of this annual rental is \$37,998, with gradual increase of rate until it reaches before expiration of the lease, 6 per cent.

DIDN'T MATERIALIZE

Strike of Trainmen Not Called—Conductors See Officials.

A strike of railroad trainmen on the entire Norfolk Southern system set to begin last night at six o'clock in the event certain concessions in wages and working conditions were not given failed to materialize last night, although the trainmen, it is believed, did not get the concessions which they were seeking.

D. L. Johnson of Goldsboro, chairman of the committee on grievances, spent yesterday in the city and yesterday afternoon received a wire suspending the arrangement for the strike. The message did not state the reason for suspension of strike preparations.

Representatives of the conductors of the system held a conference yesterday in Norfolk with President Hix and other general officers of the road in connection with their demands for a raise in salary and more favorable working conditions. It was not known at the local offices of the company here last night what was the outcome of the conference or if the conference resulted in any definite outcome at all. Nevertheless the impression prevailed here that the officials and the conductors would eventually reach a mutually satisfactory agreement if they had not already done so.

KILLS A FOX.

While on a hunting trip several miles up Trent river yesterday afternoon J. H. Zeigler, who has charge of the watch repairing and engraving department at S. H. Eaton's jewelry store, killed an unusually large fox. Mr. Zeigler brought his trophy to the city and it was admired last night by a number of persons. The fox is one of the finest specimens killed in this section this season.

WANT MATCH GAME OF TENNIS.

One of the members of the Vanceboro Tennis Club who was in the city yesterday stated that the members of the club are getting in shape for games with similar clubs in nearby towns and that they want to come to New Bern for a game. There are a number of crack tennis players here who will probably be very glad to arrange a game with Vanceboro.

THE INSTITUTE MUCH ENJOYED

Farmers Left Beech Grove Meeting Feeling Day Had Been One Well Spent.

ATTENDANCE SATISFACTORY
Lady Member of The Institute Party Was Favorite With The Audience.

Daniel Lane of Bellair sends the Journal the following account of the Farmers' Institute held Wednesday at Bellair:

When the chairman of the Institute Committee, Mr. W. H. Bray, proposed the farmers institute to be held at Beech Grove, we around here, at once concluded to try to have a good day; and we were not disappointed.

The Institute party consisted of three—Prof. G. Garden, Mr. Hill and Mrs. Hutt.

Our community turned out generally it was a fine day and about 100 men women and children met at Beech Grove School House. Meeting called to order by Mr. Bray and after a song and prayer the meeting was thrown open for discussion. The women led by Mrs. Hutt repaired to the church nearby, where they were entertained and instructed by her in the general problems that come up in the women's department of home making.

Prof. Garden lectured chiefly on corn culture, the progress our State is making and how it may make greater progress by the ready means of deeper plowing and fixing more humus in the soil by legumes. At the conclusion of his address, a recess of one hour was taken, at which time the physical man was specially cared for.

A beautiful dinner was spread in the grove which was enjoyed by all and there was plenty left for many more. After dinner Mr. Hill talked on Horticulture giving specific instruction as to buying, setting and general care of the orchard. At the close of his talk Mrs. Hutt came over from the church, joined the men's party and made a talk to all which for real instruction, sound economics and fruitful hints was perhaps the very best of the feast.

Mrs. Hutt urged the teaching of domestic economy in our country schools, showing how much better it is to teach the important things of life rather than to pass the time in studying those things that perish with their passing from the school room.

So far as we could see and hear all were pleased with the services of the day and left the grounds wiser and better.

PLAN GREAT OCCASION.

The committee composed of J. R. Rice, J. S. West, E. M. Rice, Welby Pickles, Vauce Dawson and C. L. Daniels, all of Bayboro, who have charge of the big tournament to be held at that place on February 7, are making extensive preparations for the event. A brass band has been engaged to furnish music for the occasion and just previous to the opening of the tournament there will be a big parade. At night there will be a dance in one of the town halls. Several hundred invitations have been sent out and a large number of visitors are expected to attend.

REMAINS ARE CARRIED TO BEAUFORT.

The remains of Mrs. Jane Lowenberg, who died suddenly Tuesday night at her home No. 30 South Front street, were yesterday morning taken to Beaufort for interment. The body was accompanied from this city by Mrs. George Taylor of Goldsboro, a step-daughter of the deceased, Mrs. Jane Meadows and Rev. J. B. Hurley. The funeral at Beaufort was conducted at the cemetery immediately after the arrival of the train.

GOOD SIZED DELEGATION COMING FROM TRENTON.

Dr. H. M. Bonner returned yesterday from a visit at Trenton. At the request of the Chairman of the Deputation Committee of the Laymen's Movement Dr. Bonner on Thursday night addressed a meeting of the laymen at that place. The meeting was well attended and much enthusiasm was exhibited in the approaching convention. Dr. Bonner was assured that a large delegation would attend the meeting from Trenton. He says that from his observation in deputation work the convention to be held in this city on February 6 and 7 bids fair to be a largely attended and thoroughly successful event.

NOTICE.

The Errol branch of the Farmers' Union will meet Saturday afternoon, March 8, at 2:30 o'clock. All members urged to attend.

FORM FOUR-CITY BASEBALL LEAGUE

Other Cities To Make Six In All Confidently Expected To Come In Later.

FANS GATHER IN GOLDSBORO
Places In League Are New Bern, Goldsboro, Washington and Fayetteville.

(Special to the Journal)

Goldsboro, Jan. 31.—A meeting of representatives of the athletic associations of New-Bern, Rocky Mount, Fayetteville and Goldsboro, was held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms in this city tonight for the purpose of organizing an Eastern Carolina Baseball Association. The following representatives were present:

New Bern: Harry Marks, Clyde Eby, Charles Ellison and H. K. Land. Rocky Mount: J. W. Mason, and W. S. Moyer. Fayetteville: T. A. Lyon, R. M. Jackson and Hubert Ramsey. Goldsboro: Jos. Robinson, S. F. Teague, A. M. Allen, W. D. Creech. In addition to these there were a number of local citizens present and participating in the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Col. Robinson of this city. Clyde Eby of New Bern was elected chairman and S. F. Teague of this city was elected secretary. Upon roll call New Bern, Rocky Mount, Fayetteville and Goldsboro answered. Mr. Eby made a short talk in which he stated the object of the meeting and added that the time for action had arrived. Mr. J. W. Mason of Rocky Mount stated that that town was all ready to enter the proposed league, that they had the money ready and were only waiting for developments but that they would enter the league only upon three conditions, viz: limit on salary, a three year contract and a thousand dollar forfeit.

These conditions did not strike the representatives of the other towns favorably and Mr. Robinson said that he thought that it would be wise to let Rocky Mount out as none of the other towns were agreeable to their terms. The representatives from Fayetteville agreed with Col. Robinson and Mr. Eby stated that he was in favor of this action.

Just at this juncture a telegram was received from Lindsay Warner, representing the Washington baseball people. He stated that it was impossible for him to be present owing to urgent business. He said that the committee there had received pledges amounting to fifteen hundred dollars and if the league was formed they would go into the league if the playing schedule was only sixty days and a low salary limit. Upon motion of T. A. Eyon of Fayetteville seconded by Joe Robinson of Goldsboro, it was decided that the various towns represented would stand for a salary limit of one thousand dollars a month, a forfeit of three hundred dollars and a three year contract. The motion was carried and the representatives from Rocky Mount announced that that place would withdraw, thus leaving only four teams, New Bern, Washington, Fayetteville and Goldsboro in the league.

A six team league had been desired and the secretary was instructed to write to other towns in Eastern North Carolina and to get two other places to join and as soon as these had been heard from to hold another meeting, probably within the next two weeks and at that time to make definite arrangements for a schedule and the securing of the players.

Neither Wilmington nor Wilson was heard from. This was quite a surprise to all present. It was generally understood that the Wilson baseball men were not particularly interested in the formation of the league but it was supposed that they would have a representative on hand. The Wilmington fans have been very enthusiastic over the matter during the past three weeks and when representatives from that place failed to make their appearance there was, of course some astonishment. However, the latter place may yet come into the league and it is understood that the Rocky Mount people may change their minds and be on hand at the next meeting with a request for admittance. As the situation now stands, the league has been formed with four towns and as soon as two other teams can be secured the ball playing will begin.

DIDN'T SEE FLEEING NEGRO.

D. P. Whitford of Askin says the Journal was mistaken in reporting him as having seen some one who might have been the negro who way-laid and robbed W. D. Stapleford of Truitt's. He states that he didn't see any such person and of course didn't say that he had seen him. Sheriff Lane says that the information he gave the Journal was that A. R. Whitford was the man who was said to have seen the negro.

William Robinson of Maribel was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

TELLS DOVER OF THE CONVENTION

S. M. Brinson Made Address In Behalf of Big Meeting Here Next Week.

URGES MEN OF TOWN TO COME
T. L. West Celebrates Seventy Third Birthday With Family Reunion.

(Special to the Journal)

Dover, Jan. 31.—Thursday night S. M. Brinson of New Bern made an address here for the purpose of awakening interest in the Laymen's Movement convention to be held in New Bern on February 6 and 7. Dr. Raymond Pollock was to have accompanied Mr. Brinson and to have assisted him in this work and our people were greatly disappointed when it was learned that he had been detained on account of professional business. Dr. Pollock has many friends here and they are always glad to have him visit the town. Mr. Brinson made an interesting talk on the movement and extended a cordial invitation to all to attend the convention.

T. L. West celebrated his 73rd birthday last Sunday. All of his children grand children and great grand children were present numbering about fifty. Mr. West has been a member of Dover for about 25 years. We wish for him many more anniversaries.

There came very near being a serious accident here Wednesday when a pair of young horses owned by Dr. A. L. Hyatt of Kinston, who had a man hauling out lime from Dover to his farm near here, became frightened as the driver jumped out of the wagon, and dashed off in a run. They ran completely over a horse and buggy hitched in front of W. A. Wilson's store knocking the horse down and demolishing the buggy. The horse was cut in several places but fortunately not seriously injured.

G. I. Taylor of Jones county, has accepted a position with Dr. A. L. Hyatt as overseer of his farm near here. We are very glad to have Mr. Taylor and his estimable family to move back near us.

We were very glad to have Bros. Ed Avery and J. L. Roberson of Cove City in attendance at our Jr. O. U. A. M. meeting Tuesday night. And especially are we glad to note the rapid recovery of Mr. Roberson from the accident that he happened to several weeks ago by getting his leg broken and ankle sprained.

The Kinston basket ball team is scheduled to come down and play the Dover High School team Thursday afternoon.

Eli Nachanson is making preparations to have one of the greatest sales pulled off that has ever been in the history of Dover.

There is something going to happen in Dover very soon.

We are glad to see Mr. Roberts representing S. G. Roberts of New Bern in our town today. The first visit he has paid us in several years.

The stork visited the home of Mr. John E. White near Dover Wednesday night and presented him with a fine little girl.

J. P. Sawyer, representing the Armstrong Grocery Company of New Bern, was in our town today.

EXCHANGE BRICK KILN FOR FARM

The plant of the Enterprise Brick and Tile Company at Clark's has been sold by J. W. Stewart and H. M. Wetherington, the former owners, to C. P. Eubank of Cove City. Under the terms of the transaction Messrs. Stewart and Wetherington came into possession of Mr. Eubank's farm, Oak Forest, located about four miles from Cove City. Messrs. Stewart and Wetherington will be sales agents in New Bern for the brick-making plant which they traded to Mr. Eubank.

INSPECTS WORK ON TRAM ROAD
NINE MILES OF E. C. LUMBER COMPANY'S LINE HAS BEEN GRADED.

Charles Hall, General Manager of the East Carolina Lumber Company, spent yesterday in Pamlico county inspecting the work on a tram road which the company is constructing in that county. Mr. Hall says that about nine miles of the road have been graded and that ties and rails have been placed on about seven miles of this. At that rate the track will cover a distance of twelve miles and the construction of this will be concluded in about four weeks. Recently the company has had a number of additions and improvements made to the plant at James City which they will use and will be ready for operation within a week or two.

WOODROW WILSON DEMOCRACY'S HOPE

BYRD SEES NECESSITY FOR NEW PRESIDENT TO ASSUME LEADERSHIP.

New York, Jan. 31.—Speaking on 'party leadership' at the annual dinner of the Virginians of New York City, Richard Evelyn Byrd, speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates, declared that the hope of Democracy and of the country depends upon Governor Wilson's assumption of supreme party leadership.

"We must reflect," he said, "that opposition parties are bound together by negative as well as affirmative purposes and that the negotiations cease to be a source of strength when the party in opposition becomes the party in power."

The speaker cited the determination of the question of competition to be vital to the welfare of the country, whether it is, "a permanent law applicable in all times to all conditions of society."

"If competition requires statutes to keep it alive, it may seriously considered," he added, "whether some natural law born of a new relation of industrial forces does not threaten its continued existence as an economic force."

Thomas Nelson Page, author, spoke of religious social, economic and political problems of the day, making an especial plea for what he termed the sacredness of the judiciary."

MR. DAVENPORT A CURIO COLLECTOR
NOW SHOWING SANDALS TAKEN FROM FEET OF SLAIN CHIEF

B. B. Davenport, who conducts a general merchandise store on lower Middle street, is becoming quite a connoisseur in the collection of curios from various parts of the world. Yesterday he had on display at his place of business a pair of sandals presented him by a friend who has spent much time in Africa, and which are said to have been taken from the feet of an African chief who was slain during a fight between his tribe and a settlement of whites.

In shape the sandals are very unusual, being very wide and long and in fact more resemble a large pair of gloves than anything else. They are made entirely of skins, the soles containing about eight thicknesses and these are put together with heavy threads made of some variety of skins.

That the sandals have seen active service is plainly evident to those who have inspected them but despite this fact they are in an almost perfect state of preservation.

SUFFERING FROM EFFECTS OF FALL

George H. Scott, a mechanical engineer from the home office of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company in Richmond, is at the Stewart Sanitarium recovering from a bad fall which he sustained at the local plant of the company last Tuesday. He was on top of a bagging machine and fell to the floor, a distance of about nine feet. No bones were broken but Mr. Scott was badly bruised. It is expected, however, that he will be able to leave the hospital in the course of a day or two.

BUYS SHOE STORE.

J. E. Smith yesterday purchased from H. S. Owens the Sample Shoe Store located on lower Middle street. Mr. Smith has conducted a dry goods store and also a clothing store in this city in years past and is well known all over this section. He will continue to operate the store at the present stand.

TEACHING MOTHER TONGUE IS THEME

Craven County Teachers Association Holds Regular Monthly Meeting.

TAKEN FOR STREET CAR RIDE
County Treasurer B. B. Hurst Is Host to Teachers Who Vote Him Thanks.

About forty teachers attended the meeting of the Craven County Teachers' Association which was held in this city yesterday at Griffin Auditorium. At the conclusion of the meeting, which was one of the most interesting and instructive held this term, the teachers accepted an invitation extended by B. B. Hurst, the County Treasurer, for a ride over the entire system of the New Bern Ghent Street Railway Company. This was thoroughly enjoyed and Mr. Hurst was extended a vote of thanks for his kindness.

The meeting was largely devoted to a discussion on the teaching of English. One of the most interesting talks was made by Mrs. L. T. Konegay of the Dover High School who illustrated her suggestions and ideas with the assistance of a model class of six pupils. She explained every detail of the suggestions she made in such a clear, concise manner that her talk proved of great worth to those present.

She was followed by E. A. Stapleford of the Bridgeton school who spoke at length on "The Importance of English and Its Neglect." Mr. Stapleford was thoroughly familiar with his subject and advanced many new ideas and suggestions for teaching English in a more satisfactory manner.

Miss Virginia Ives of North Harlowe read an excellent paper in which she suggested a number of improvements which could be made in the method of teaching English.

"How to Utilize to Advantage the Recess Period" was discussed by several teachers. This is a subject with which every teacher, especially those in the public schools, is confronted and many of the teachers present yesterday took notes of the suggestions offered and will put some of the ideas advanced into practice at once.

Harper Wetherington of Jasper rendered several piano selections which were enjoyed by all.

In order that the teachers might have an opportunity of enjoying the car ride Mr. Brinson did not deliver an address which he had prepared for the occasion. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 1.

CHARGED WITH VIOLATING INTERNAL REVENUE LAWS.

United States Deputy Marshal Samuel Lilly returned yesterday from Jacksonville where on the previous day he arraigned Lennie Costen, of Hubert, before Commissioner F. W. Hargett on a warrant charging him with retailing spirituous liquors without a government license. After hearing the evidence the Commissioner found probable cause and bound the defendant over to the next term of Federal Court under a bond of one hundred and fifty dollars. The defendant secured bail in this amount and was released from custody.

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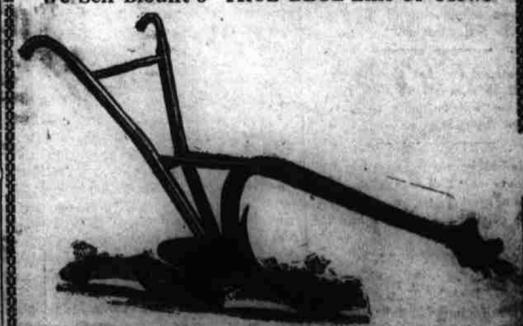
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