

### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HOLD INTERESTING SESSION THE USUAL ROUTINE ORDERS

#### Petition Read from G. B. Bonner and Others Requesting Board to Establish Public Land- ing on Durham's Creek, Which Was Con- tested by L. D. Bonner, Reputed Owner.

### Board Postpones Its Decision.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular monthly session at the courthouse last Monday and Tuesday, transacting the following business:

**Orders.**

Ordered Mac Rowe, of Chocowinity township, be relieved of poll tax for the year 1910-11 (physical disability).

Ordered that J. N. Yeates, of Chocowinity township, be relieved of poll tax for the years 1910-11 (physical disability).

Ordered that Ben. Latham's poor allowance be increased from \$1 to \$2 per month regularly (old age).

Ordered that Joe Lewis be allowed \$2.50 per month for two months (physical disability).

Ordered that Banister Midyette's poor allowance be increased from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per month regularly.

Ordered that J. S. Hassell be allowed \$3 for three months (physical disability).

Ordered that John Baynor be allowed \$1.50 for three months (lost leg).

Ordered that J. W. Sadler be allowed to list two lots in Belhaven valued at \$75. Amount of tax \$4.

J. H. Bright, of Chocowinity township was allowed to list 101 acres valued at \$200. Amount of tax \$1.60.

Ordered that the Moss Planting Mill Company be relieved of the tax on \$15,000 excess which was certified against it by the Corporation Commission. Amount of relief, \$82.50. By order of the Corporation Commission.

For satisfactory reasons the board allows the C. E. Tankard estate to list the following property in Bath township: 125 acres Windley land, value \$1,900; 144 acres Gaylord land, value \$1,700; 128 acres Gaylord land, value \$500. Total, \$4,100. Amount of tax, \$32.88.

C. A. Smith was allowed to list three lots on Washington Heights valued at \$100. Tax, 80c.

G. O. Gurganus, of Washington, was allowed to list his poll. Amount, \$2.00.

S. E. Funderhill, of Washington, allowed to list poll. Amount, \$2.

Jim Smith, of Bath School district, was relieved of poll tax, being over age.

L. B. Suskins was allowed to list 200 acres in Richland township. Value, \$500. Tax, \$4.

There being an error in F. G. Allgood's tax list in the city of Washington of \$800, he was relieved. Amount, \$6.40.

H. J. Bright, of Chocowinity, was allowed to list 77 acres, valued at \$200. Amount, \$2.40.

It was ordered that J. A. Leigh, Judge of the Probate court of Belhaven, be and is hereby instructed to send his bill, together with all papers connected therewith, to W. C. Rodman, county attorney, by December 25 for his approval.

In the matter of furnishing a pump for the bridge keeper at Belhaven coming up before the board, it is ordered that said bridge keeper shall provide means for getting his own water.

**Petitions.**

**North Carolina, Beaufort county.** In the matter of a Public Landing on Durham's Creek.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners: Your petitioners whose names are hereto subscribed, respectfully represent that they are citizens and residents of Beaufort county, living on or near Durham's creek, which is a navigable waterway for boats carrying passengers and freight and distributing same at Edwards, Bonneron and other places upon or adjacent to said creek; that the lands on both sides of the navigable and accessible portion thereof is owned or claimed by L. D. Bonner, who denies their right of access thereto upon or near his lands, and further denies that there is any public wharf or landing upon or along the same, and thereby prevents your petitioners or seeks to do so, from deriving that use and benefit of the said creek to which by law and natural right they are entitled; that there is now a public road leading to the said creek and that a public landing thereon is desirable and neces-

### TAFT FAVORS BOND ISSUE FOR WATERWAYS

#### How to Accomplish It First Get the Declaration and Then Ask for Bonds Says Chief Executive—Opposition Can Be Overcome.

### ENDORSES THEIR ATTITUDE

Washington, Dec. 9.—Speaking in strong endorsement of the policy of waterways improvement, President Taft stirred up much enthusiasm during the opening hours of the sixth convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress here yesterday. Hundreds of delegates, representing every section of the United States were in attendance. Men and women delegates gave the President a noisy reception.

Upon being presented to the assembly by Jos. E. Randall, president of the congress, President Taft dwelt upon his interest in the policy of waterway improvement and offered advice to the delegates upon methods for attaining the ends they seek.

"I congratulate this congress," said Mr. Taft, "on having brought the subject of waterways to such a point that the representatives of Congress from one end of the country to the other recognize it as a subject that calls for action. They have not come to a definite conclusion as to the policy that ought to be adopted with reference to the development of these instrumentalities which nature has furnished for the transportation of goods and for the controlling of railroad rates.

"You in your declaration say that you are in favor of a policy and not in favor of any particular project, and yet when it comes to the practical enforcement and accomplishment of something you have got to get into projects.

"Now, I don't think I betray a secret when I say that the gentleman who has most to do with the initiation of projects in Congress is fully charged with the necessity of doing something in the next Congress to foreshadow, or rather, to begin, a policy with respect to these waterways.

After referring to various waterways projects in detail the President continued:

"But I want to suggest a word of caution. You're going to encounter in Congress great opposition to the policy of issuing bonds right out of hand. You are much more likely to get from Congress a declaration of policy in the shape of a declaration that a certain improvement ought to be carried out and spread upon the minutes of Congress in the form of a resolution or a declaration in a statute. What I advise you to do is to get that declaration. Then when the time comes that political expediency shall prevent the appropriation of sufficient funds from the current revenues to put the proper part of the project through the coming year or the coming two years as economy requires, then the question of issuing bonds will arise. I would not get the declaration first and not have the bonds first, for the reason that you will encounter the objection of Congress that the issuing of bonds and the receipt of the money will develop a desire to be extravagant.

**POSTMASTER'S  
ACT APPRECIATED**

The News Will Now Reach South Side More Regularly.

Through the kindness of Mr. Hugh Paul, postmaster of this city, the News office is enabled to dispatch its regular mail for the South side of the river at least one-half hour later. This affords the management more time to get the latest issue to the patrons residing along the Washington and Vandemere road. In the future if nothing unforeseen happens in the way of breakage to the press, etc., the citizens in that section of the county will receive their paper promptly and without interruption. The courtesy of the postmaster is one that the paper more than appreciates and will also be to the readers of the paper when the fact by them is ascertained.

**SPECIAL SERMON SUNDAY.**

Phalanx Lodge No. 10, I. O. O. F., is invited to attend the First Presbyterian Church Sunday night by the pastor, Rev. H. B. Knight, who will preach a special sermon for the Odd Fellows.

### VICIOUS RAT BITES THE FACE OF AN INFANT

#### Awakened By Cries Child of Mr. and Mrs. Hampton of Asheville, Was the Victim— Animal Also Attacked Mother When Thrown to Floor.

### HE WAS FINALLY KILLED

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 10.—Attacked by a rat which bit its face severely in several places the six-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hampton narrowly escaped permanent disfigurement and even death sometime after midnight Monday.

The child was bitten on the bridge of the nose, one ear was pierced by its long teeth and an artery a hairbreadth from the eye was severed. Mrs. Hampton, rushing to her child's rescue, was in turn attacked by the rodent and was bitten on the foot. The rodent fought viciously until it was killed by members of the household who rushed into the room.

Mrs. Hampton was awakened by the cries of the child and hastening to it was horrified to see a large rat biting the child in the face, blood flowing plentifully from the wounds. Mrs. Hampton threw the rat to the floor but instead of making its escape the rodent, doubtless enraged by the taste of blood, attacked her and bit her foot.

Dr. Paquin, who was summoned, found that an artery had been severed near the eye and that it had narrowly escaped the loss of the eye. Fortunately the prompt response of the mother enabled to stop the rat's attack before it had done permanent injury.

**TEMPERANCE ADDRESSES.**

Miss Moore, secretary of the W. C. T. U. of this State will arrive in the city Monday and will give a talk to the children at the graded school sometime during the morning. In the afternoon at 3:30 Miss Moore will address the women of the town, who are cordially invited to be present at this lecture given in the school auditorium Monday night at 8 o'clock another address will be given by this noted temperance worker at some place to be decided upon and announced later.

**RETURNS FROM HUNTING TRIP.**

Mr. W. P. Check and party returned from Pamlico sound yesterday, where they have been spending a few days hunting. They report a fine trip.

**Painted Her Red and Gave Her Ice Bath**

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### WOMAN ADMITS SHE IS WHITE SLAVE AGENT

#### Confesses to Police Asks the Chief of Police of At- lanta to Head Off Two Young Girls She Was Sending from Georgia to Ohio.

### SHE FEIGNS REPENTANCE

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 10.—Cleo Evans, a strikingly handsome Atlanta woman, confessed to the police this afternoon that she was an agent in the white slave trade, and asked the officers to detain two young women who were to leave for Columbus, O., this evening.

The police found the young girls at the station, waiting for Miss Evans. The latter had two tickets to Columbus, which she said had been sent to her for the girls' use by the keeper of a disorderly house there. The Evans woman was formerly a bookkeeper in this city, but said she had been in Columbus and was sent here to recruit young women. The girls she had selected were but fifteen years of age. They sat in court and laughed and giggled as though the whole affair were a joke.

The Evans woman said:

"I strayed away myself, but at the last moment I had not the courage to lead those two children into that life. I want you to know what I have done and I want you to have those children saved."

Police Judge Broyles believes that the woman thought she was under suspicion and took this means of escaping punishment, but was forced to dismiss her. His suspicions were strengthened by the fact that the brother of one of the girls was following the trio. The younger girls will be sent to the House of the Good Shepherd.

In dismissing the Evans woman, the magistrate said:

"If I ever hear of your doing this again, I will do what I can to send you to the penitentiary."

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### ALLEGED LEPER IS ALLOWED HIS FREEDOM

#### Proceedings Against the Suspect for Violating Local Health Reg- ulations in Washington City Are to Be Dropped.

### A VICTORY FOR EARLY

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Every point demanded by John D. Early, now held in this city as a leper, was conceded by the District after a two-hour conference between Early's attorney, Egbert C. Everest, Corporation Counsel Thomas and Health Officer Woodward, held in the Hibbs building last night.

Early will leave Washington today a free man, to be examined by Dr. Simon Flexner, director of the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research, in New York, whose decision will be accepted in the city as final. All proceedings against him for violating the local health regulations will be dropped by the District in court today, and if Early is afterward found to be a leper by Dr. Flexner he will merely consider himself warned in advance not to come to Washington.

Prior to the conference, Mr. Everest has forwarded a telegram to Dr. Flexner asking him to serve. His answer, which, it is generally believed, will be in the affirmative, will be read in court when the action now being brought against Early is dropped.

**No Box Car Trip.**

While the point has not been touched upon yet by the District health officer, it is not believed that Early will be sent from Washington this time in a box car. He will go to New York alone, his attorney returning to Plattsburg, Va., tonight.

If Early is found not to be a leper, Dr. Woodward agreed to sign papers equivalent to the issuance of a clean bill of health. This will permit the supposed leper to visit Washington in the future without interference. Also it will serve as a precedent which will obviate official molestation in other cities visited by him. The District's only stipulation is that if Early is found to be suffering from leprosy, he be sent out of this city in the future.

"We regard the content of the District to our plan," said Mr. Everest last night, "as a great victory for Mr. Early. Everything for which he has contended he has won. He is no more a leper than any other man in Washington today. Learning as I have that Dr. Flexner is thoroughly disinterested and eminently qualified as an umpire in the matter, I feel sure that our client will be absolutely freed of the ban which the Washington authorities have placed upon him."

**Chocowinity Joins the Procession**

Last night at Chocowinity a Betterment Association was organized. Much enthusiasm was shown, and 21 men and 14 women joined the association. Every man, woman and child in school district No. 2 seemed to be there and splendid addresses were made by County Superintendent W. L. Vaughan and Treasurer Jos. F. Taylor to the crowd. Miss Lillian Buck was elected president, Miss Claudia Hollowell, secretary and treasurer.

A great work has been done in this district and the parents have as a rule lent their cooperation to the efforts of the clever teacher, Miss Claudia Y. Hollowell, whose work deserves much praise. It will be interesting to watch this good work go on, as it is gaining by leaps and bounds. Education everywhere is gaining the mastery over ignorance and the lack of appreciation of knowledge, and every day adds victories to the education workers.

**TWO LIVELY BOYS.**

Mr. Joseph F. Taylor visited the Daily News office this morning and on entering exclaimed, "I want to show you all the prettiest pictures boys in Beaufort county." Of course this announcement caused all from the editor down to give attention. Standing before us were Masters Baby and Rae, the 4-year-old twins of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bowen, of Small, visiting in the city today. The entire force without argument agreed fully with Mr. Taylor in his statement. Both are so much alike that the mother has trouble very often in telling which is Rae and which is Baby. They are certainly two fine specimens of childhood. They were taken to Baker's studio for a picture.

### SWEAR THEY MADE COOK'S POLAR RECORD

#### Submitted to Denmark The New York Times Prints Re- markable Narrative of Two Men Who Say They Fabricated Ob- servations of the Explorer.

### REASON FOR THEIR SQUEAL

New York, Dec. 10.—The New York Times presents today the remarkable narrative of two men, made under oath, declaring that they were employed by Dr. Frederick A. Cook to fabricate astronomical and other observations for submission to the University of Copenhagen, which is now about to pass upon Dr. Cook's assertion that he discovered the North Pole on April 21, 1908. These men are George H. Dinkle, an insurance broker of 31 Nassau street, New York, and Captain August W. Loone, a sea captain of No. 437 Thirteenth street, Brooklyn.

For their labor they were to have received jointly from Dr. Cook the sum of \$4,000, with the additional bonus of \$500 to Captain Loone upon the acceptance of the records by the University of Copenhagen. They say that Dr. Cook had paid them only \$200 when he disappeared on the eve of the dispatch of his "records" to Copenhagen, two weeks ago, and his failure to pay the sum remaining due them, they freely acknowledge, to be their motive for coming forward with the story.

**The Proofs Presented.**

Accompanying these narratives will appear copies of the affidavits of Captain Loone and Mr. Dinkle affirming their accuracy, a fac simile of Dr. Cook's handwriting, in possession of the Times and the affidavit of Capt. Loone swearing to the accuracy of the same. The translation of the memoranda by Dr. Cook is as follows:

"Svartevaag, start March 17-18; strong wind—haze."

"March 20—Observations latitude and longitude; daily observations to April 23."

**Supplies Bought for Cook.**

The Times also prints the following list under the heading, "What Captain Loone says he supplied to Dr. Cook":

1. Four hundred alutides for latitude shts.
2. One chart covering route from Starbuck to the Pole, with all of the Cape's assumed positions marked upon it.
3. Complete observations for time and astronomical rates, as they might have been taken by stars at Anorok and Svartevaag, probably thirty in all.
4. Diagrams for compass error and correction at different points.
5. Calculations for longitude, about twenty in all.
6. Sixteen observations as they could have been taken at the North Pole, in two sets, eight with depression of Pole considered and eight with depression ignored.
7. Bowditch's complete nautical tables.
8. Avinens tables for correction of altitudes of heavenly bodies.
9. American Nautical Almanac for several years.
10. Lord's Calendar of 1908.
11. Three admiralty charts covering Smith Sound and the Polar regions—Nos. 260, 274 and 275.
12. One Bliss Almanac of 1908.
13. One Negan Almanac of 1907.

**TURNER'S ALMANAC.**

We are reminded of the near approach of the new year by the arrival of the "Old Reliable" Turners' Almanac for 1910, published by the Ennis Publishing Company at Raleigh, with Mr. Pinck C. Ennis, manager. Although this is the seventy-third year of publication, yet like wine it grows better with age and contains much useful information.

**New Advertisements in Today's News**

- J. K. Hoyt—Ladies' Chiffon
- Sears.
- Home-Building & Loan Association.
- H. G. Sparrow—Quality.
- Oem Theater.
- Galexy Theater.
- Paul-Gale-Greenwood Co.—Jewelry.
- Parisian Sage.
- Goose Grease Liniment.
- Hotel Lorraine, Norfolk, Va.
- Hyomee.
- Chesapeake Steamship Co.
- Pain Ointment.
- J. L. O'Quinn, Florist—Bulbs.
- Gowen's Preparation.



Little Boy Blue, come blow your horn;  
If you don't it won't be blown.  
The people won't flock  
To buy your stock  
If you never make it known.

So, Little Boy Blue, come blow your horn;  
It's the proper business caper,  
And the very best way  
To make it pay  
Is to blow it through this paper.

### Lindwood Strange Falls on Sleep

Lindwood Strange, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Roper, of Belhaven, fell asleep Thursday at 7:20 o'clock. The hope and joy of father and mother heart was afflicted with that dread disease congestion. All that loving hearts and the skilled physician could do was of no avail. He was taken up to heaven to dwell in the mansions above. May the same hand that has wounded and crushed be the same one to comfort and solace those who have lost most and loved him best.

Little Lindwood was taken to Beth yesterday and there buried. Bishop Robert Strange of the East Carolina Diocese conducted the services.

"God's ways are past our understanding."

### Prepare Report of N. & S. Sale

Norfolk, Dec. 10.—The special commissioners appointed by the Federal court to conduct the recent sale at public auction of the properties of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad, in hands of receivers, are now preparing their report, which will probably be sent to Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., in Richmond within a day or so, and it is within the power of the court to either confirm or reject the price of \$8,500,000, bid by Rathbone Gardner, as the representative of the reorganization committee.

There is now a likelihood of no further steps being taken to stop the sale of the road.

E. T. Lamb in all probability will be made president of the railroad under the plan of reorganization.