

MANY COMPLAIN OF THE WASTE IN SMALL OYSTERS

CITIZENS ARE STIRRED OVER WAY OYSTERMEN ARE SELLING BIVALVES HERE.

ARE NOT "CULLING"

Make No Attempt to Preserve the Small Oysters. Entire Loads Are Being Sold Here for Ten or Fifteen Cents a Bushel.

Claiming that the oyster business being done in Washington at the present time is a disgrace to the city, that oysters not much larger than a quarter are being sold by the bushel and that the entire oyster supply of this section is being endangered, many local residents are becoming more and more insistent that some action be taken to remedy the evil.

Last Saturday there were a number of boats in port. Oysters were being sold for ten and fifteen cents a bushel. Judging from the appearance of the cargoes on the boats, absolutely no attempt had been made at culling them. The waste incurred was great.

"It's a positive shame," said a citizen this morning, "and some steps ought to be taken to stop it. If the present waste continues we're going to be up against it for oysters after the next season or two. The oystermen should be made to take the little ones back and throw them overboard again. Instead of that, they gather in everything and then sell their load for ten or fifteen cents a bushel."

FEATURE COMEDY AT THE BELMO TODAY

The Belmo is offering today another of those mirth-provoking side-splitting L-KO comedies, and this one is in two huge reels. Harry Gibbons, nick-named "The man with the funny face," has the leading role and he is a "bird." It is a screaming burlesque travesty on the rich society people and their way of living, entitled "The Idle Rich." If you want to laugh away your troubles and worries, now is your chance. Another novelty that the progressive Universal program is releasing are screen adaptations of famous vaudeville acts. The Powers Co. is presenting Madam DuPre's world famous bird act, entitled "The Thinking Cockatoos." Adele Lane in a strong drama, "The Markswoman" completes this all-star bill.

DOG IS IN AGAIN: OWNER IS "OUT"

Mr. Gray Has Paid Out Small Fortune in Bailing Out Animal Which Enjoys Atmosphere of City Jail.

Owing to the fondness of his dog for the aristocratic atmosphere of the city jail, Alton Gray, manager of the local tobacco stemmery, is out the amount of another fine. The dog got pinched again yesterday.

The animal, which answers to the name of Nimrod, and is one of the finest specimens of hunting dogs in the city, is evidently also a hunter of trouble. In the past it has been highly successful. Mr. Gray has paid out a small fortune in fines in getting the animal out of the pound where it joyfully gallops every time it can break loose.

H. MAKELY DIED ON SATURDAY

Prominent Resident of Edenton, Well Known in Beaufort County and Washington.

M. Makely, a prominent resident of Edenton, and well known locally, died at his home in that city Saturday. He was 85 years of age. Death was due to pneumonia.

Mr. Makely lived for many years in Hyde county. He was interested in several business enterprises in that and Beaufort county and was well known in Washington. He is survived by two sons, George and Metrah, both of whom reside in Hyde county and three daughters, Mrs. Hogan and Mrs. H. M. S. Cason, of Edenton, and Mrs. Olive of Durham.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY FLOOD SITUATION IS VERY SERIOUS

Washington, Feb. 7.—Official war department reports today on the Mississippi valley flood situation indicate that serious trouble may result in the region south of the Arkansas river unless the residents there assist in strengthening the levees. One of the most serious difficulties, it was said, was the scarcity of labor and there were intimations that the federal officers would be authorized to provide rations only for those who showed a disposition to assist them.

A report from the chief engineer of the Mississippi river, said the levees were being subjected to a severe test, but that there was an excellent prospect that they would hold if the white population put up a proper fight.

FEW CHILDREN WORK IN MILLS

Only 93 Out of 3,000 in Mr. Britt's District Are Below the Age of Fourteen Years.

Asheville, Feb. 7.—With the arrival here of Congressman Britt to address the Child Labor congress, this city devoted much time to a discussion of both political and sociological topics. Some said union labor would in the future oppose the Republican member who stood with the Democratic colleagues from this state in opposing the Keating bill. Some of Mr. Britt's friends got very busy with their astert, pleasing effect.

The managers of the cotton mill in the district were called up over long distance telephone and questioned about labor conditions. The French Broad Manufacturing Co. at Owenby, the Green River mills at Tuxedo, the Marion mills, the Froese Bacon mills at Hendersonville, the Asheville mills, the Caroleen and Henrietta mills were all appealed to for light and by night Mr. Britt had all his facts and figures in hand, either for offensive or defensive purposes. It was ascertained that about 3,000 persons are employed by this group of mills, and of this number only 95 were under 14 years of age, while in most of these cases the children were employed for only a few hours, and were not regarded as regular employees.

WILSON REPUBLICANS ACTIVE

Wilson, Feb. 7.—Wilson county Republicans are getting ready for the campaign. Chairman George W. Stanton, of the county executive committee, has called a meeting for February 19 for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention which will convene in Raleigh March 1 and also to the congressional convention. Pledget conventions will be held over the county February 12.

MUNITION PLANT IN ONTARIO DESTROYED

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 7.—A fire today in the Jardine munitions factory at Hespeler, Waterloo county, Ontario, so alarmed the management and the village authorities that they applied to Ottawa to have ordered out an overseas regiment stationed in the neighborhood. The blaze, however, was got under control after it had destroyed the shell manufacturing building.

Ohleams and Offices. An Ohio circuit judge said in State versus Gebert: "It may almost be said to be a part of the common law that an Ohio man may occupy as many offices as he can be elected or appointed to."

BIDS RECEIVED FOR ROAD BONDS ARE ABOVE PAR

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OPENED BIDS FOR BONDS AT SESSION THIS MORNING.

WERE 10 IN ALL

Highest Was for \$51,000. Certain Points in Bids Not Quite Clear. Will Not Be Formally Accepted Until Tomorrow.

Bids for the \$50,000 twenty-five-year Washington township road bonds were received and opened by the board of county commissioners at the regular session of that body this morning.

Ten bids were received and out of this number seven were above par. One bid was for \$51,000, another for \$50,375 and another for \$50,271. Due to the fact that there were one or two matters which were not made perfectly clear in one or two of these bids, the board did not take any steps in accepting any of them. Telegrams have been sent to the bidders, asking them to explain those points which are in dispute. It is expected that the bids will be formally accepted tomorrow.

CENTRAL SOLD 1,059,029 POUNDS

Was Total Amount of Tobacco Sold during Last Season. Other Warehouses Not Known.

A report of the sales at the Central warehouse during the season just closed shows that 1,059,029 pounds were disposed of. The sale months was as follows: Aug., Sept., Oct. 618,375; November, 24,135; D. c. and Jan., 156,469. The report from the other warehouses has not yet been received but will probably be made public within the next few days. It is expected that the total sales on the local market will fall a little short of three million pounds.

DISMISSED NURSE WALKS INTO RIVER

Pittsburgh, Feb. 7.—The body of Miss Hazel Schoenfeld, age 20, of Altoona, was found floating in the Allegheny river here today. Miss Schoenfeld, who was a student in the school for nurses at the Allegheny general hospital, was dismissed yesterday for giving a certain medicine to the wrong patient. She at once put on a heavy coat, and hurrying to the river, three blocks away, walked into the water until it covered her head.

ADVERTISED THROUGH ERROR

J. W. Bowen bought 15 acres of land listed in Broad Creek D. Dist. in the name of L. H. Wiley, and paid the tax on the land. When the tax list was revised showing the present owners, we failed to show that the tax on said land had been paid by Mr. Bowen and hence advertised through error. The same statement applies as to N. T. or J. H. Harris, W. B. WINDLEY, Sheriff, 2-7-16.

Seemed Like More.

Mrs. Flatbush—I understand that the English language has approximately 600,000 words.

Mr. Flatbush—Where in the world, then, do you get the others you use, dear?—Yonkers Staatsman.

CURE FOR THAT FIGHTING FEELING.



—Blackman in Birmingham Age-Herald.

BIG MEETING HELD YESTERDAY

Close to 400 Persons Were Present at Union Meeting of Bible Classes at Presbyterian Church.

With an attendance of almost four hundred persons, including over 70 members of the M. E. Baraca class and good sized delegations from the Baptist and Episcopal Bible classes, the Vanguard class of the Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon conducted a most interesting and entertaining program, consisting of musical selections and addresses.

R. B. Fowie, president of the Vanguard class, Mr. Percival, president of the Baraca class, H. S. Ward, teacher of the Episcopal Bible class, E. L. Stewart, J. B. Sparrow, teacher of the Vanguard class and Mason Smith of the Baptist Bible class, made interesting talks on the Sunday School work of their respective churches, the benefits of the work and the achievements which the future should bring about. The Vanguard orchestra rendered several selections and the quartette, consisting of Messrs. E. L. Stewart, E. Y. Shaw, R. L. Stewart and Jack Smith sang in a highly pleasing manner. Mr. Smith also sang a solo selection as did also R. L. Stewart, Miss Mary Elizabeth Thomas and Mrs. E. W. Brown. The Presbyterian choir also added greatly to the success of the afternoon's exercises by rendering several selections.

The meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present and will undoubtedly be followed by others of a similar nature in the future.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Oden request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their sister Laura Charlotte to Mr. Thomas Harvey Davis on the afternoon of Thursday, the tenth of February nineteen hundred and sixteen at four-thirty o'clock 305 West Seventeenth Street Norfolk, Virginia. At home after February 15th Washington, N. C.

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OVER 6,000 PUPILS AT NIGHT SCHOOLS

Oldest is 75; Youngest 18. Fifty Counties Were Organized During Last Year.

Raleigh, Feb. 7.—More than 6000 pupils have attended the night schools of North Carolina, enlisted under the moonlight school movement and Stokes, the county of the highest percentage of illiterate whites, is making as creditable a showing as any of them.

Superintendent J. T. Smith has written Prof. W. C. Crosby, educational secretary of the State Farmers' union, that 341 students have enrolled under his teachers. These have been taught to read and their ages take wide range. The oldest is 75, the youngest is 18. Mr. Smith says that 50 communities are asking for the schools next year and that many of them will run this year until the day school closes. There are 200 men and 141 women enrolled.

In the state at large 50 counties organized the past year. There were 638 schools with an average of 10 pupils to the school. The modest undertaking of the forces of light next year is 1,000 schools. From these will come from 10,000 to 15,000 illiterates trained to read and write.

"THE BROKEN COIN" AT NEW THEATRE TONIGHT

The New Theatre offers their patrons tonight the third episode of the "Broken Coin," that splendid serial with Grace Cunard and Francis Ford, also there will be five other reels of strong dramas and comedies mixed. As a great many of the New Theatre's patrons have requested of the management to secure some splendid features, this house has made arrangement with "The Big Four," which is the Vitagraph, Lubin, Selig and Essanay companies, which are now putting out what is conceded by every one to be the best feature photoplays on the market to supply them with the pick of their features every Tuesday of each week starting Tuesday of next week, and it is needless to say that the patrons of this house will from now on see the best photoplays that Washington has ever witnessed. For next week the New Theatre will present the great Vitagraph feature "The Juggernaut," a splendid picture featuring those well known actors, Anita Stewart and Barie Williams. Starting next week the price of admission will be five and ten cents every night with the exception of Tuesday, when the price will be ten and fifteen cents, as these splendid feature plays are too expensive to offer for five and ten cents.

CONDITION OF A. W. McLEAN IS REGARDED AS CRITICAL

Lumberton, Feb. 7.—The condition of A. W. McLean, who has been sick with pneumonia for the past few days, is regarded today as critical. His condition was improved yesterday but has grown worse today, his temperature being 104 and he is delirious. Four physicians are in attendance.

CHOCOWINITY DELEGATION BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS

ALARM SYSTEM BE INSTALLED

Citizens Are Asked to Send in Messages Over the Phone. Boxes Are Not to be Meddled With.

During the installation of the new city fire alarm system, residents are requested to send in all alarms of fire over the telephone and not to meddle with any of the boxes. All alarms over the phone will be responded to but no attention will be paid to any alarms that are turned in at any of the boxes.

For the last few days, the gong at the city hall has been ringing at frequent intervals and many citizens who were not acquainted with the cause, probably thought that there was a fire somewhere. All of the strokes, however, have been for testing purposes. In the event of fire, the bell will ring 9.9. Disregard may be paid to all other signals. It will only be a few days before the system is completed. As soon as available, the complete list of bell signals and the location of the various boxes will be published.

GOES BAREFOOTED FOR THIRTY FIVE YEARS

And Now at 75 Oklahoma Farmer is as Frankish as a Boy of 17.

Tulsa, Okla., Feb. 6.—For 35 years J. M. Haigler, of Carlton, Okla., has gone unshod the year round, and now at 75 he is devoid of aches or pains of any sort. He is a man of extraordinary physique, standing six feet tall and weighing 225 pounds, and is as frankish as a boy of 17.

"I don't remember of ever being ill," he says, "and I have always eaten with the relish of a hungry man what has been set before me. I have lived outdoors as much as possible and have always been active, both mentally and physically. Maybe that has helped to keep me young." There is nothing eccentric about Haigler. He is the father of five sons, all husky men, owners of large herds of cattle, horses and dogs and thousands of acres of land.

WOMEN TEAMSTERS APPEAR IN AUSTRIA

Vienna, Feb. 7.—Not a week passes in Austria without women appearing in some new occupation. Women teamsters are now to be seen on the streets, often performing laborious work. The big dairies are employing them to deliver milk to the retail branches, and they are also driving ice wagons. A chocolate factory is sending out neatly uniformed women wagon drivers. Business motor wagons are being driven by women chauffeurs.

In the big petroleum works women are doing all kinds of work, filling cans, loading them on the wagons, and then going with the drivers and delivering the cans at houses and collecting the bills.

ALDERMEN MEET

City Officials to Hold Regular Monthly Session Tonight. Bring Up Important Matters.

An important meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held tonight at eight o'clock. A delegation from the city will be present and request the Board to institute several civic improvements. It is understood that several other interesting matters will be brought up for action.

AN ARTIST AT RETIRING.

There are a lot of four-flushers, who go through life without learning that four-flushing is a fine art. Such are beneath contempt. But one has great admiration for those few who have mastered the game. "If a man calls me a liar," asserted one of such, "I'd sail in and lick him if he weighed 300 pounds." "Well, you big bluff," answered one who was tired of listening, "I call you right here and now. You're a liar." "Bluff yourself," came back the artist without a minute's hesitation. "You don't weigh more than 150, and you know what I said."

OVER FIFTY MEN APPEARED BEFORE BOARD TODAY TO PROTEST AGAINST A BOND ISSUE.

WERE INDIGNANT

Had Been Informed That Commissioners Intended to Run a \$50,000 Bond Issue Over Their Heads. Township Utterly Opposed to an Issue.

Under the impression that a bond issue of \$50,000 was to be forced upon them for the building of roads, a delegation of over fifty citizens from Chocowinity township appeared before the board of county commissioners this morning to voice their strenuous objection to any such steps being taken.

Their spokesmen, among whom were J. A. Buck and John T. Hill, declared that practically everyone in Chocowinity was utterly opposed to a bond issue, that the money had been wasted in the past, that no results had been obtained from any expenditure on the roads and that the various highways were in worse condition now than they were before any attempt was made in keeping them in shape. Considerable indignation was expressed over the fact that the county commissioners were attempting to force such a measure over the heads of the poor people of that township.

The board heard their complaint through and Chairman Swindell then informed them that there was absolutely no foundation to the report that the commissioners were behind any move to put through a bond issue for Chocowinity and that they (the board) had never considered such a thing.

When interviewed after the meeting, Mr. Buck stated that the opposition to a bond issue in Chocowinity was of a most strenuous kind.

"I don't believe that there are five persons over there who are in favor of a bond issue," he stated in answer to a question from a reporter. "And did the commissioners say they knew nothing about it?" he was asked.

"That's what they said," he replied, "but there must have been something to the report. I believe that we made such an impression on them this morning that they just had to deny any knowledge of being connected with the matter. They saw the way sentiment was going."

138 BARACAS WERE PRESENT YESTERDAY

New Record in Attendance Set. Army Is in the Lead in Securing New Members and Attendance.

That the spirit of interest and enthusiasm in the M. E. Baraca class is continuing to grow steadily, is shown by the increase at each succeeding meeting of the class. One hundred and thirty-eight members were present yesterday morning, setting another new attendance record. The Army is leading in the number of new members brought in and has also a shade the better in attendance. However, the Navy is not discouraged and expect to catch up within another Sunday or two.

Much credit for the success of the class is due to the teacher W. M. Kear, whose interesting explanations of the lessons are both instructive and interesting. The class is to be congratulated upon having him for its teacher.

BELMO TODAY HARRY GIBBONS in a 5 reel L-KO Comedy "THE IDLE RICH" Power's Photo-Vaudeville "The Thinking Cockatoos" ADELE LANE in a Rex Drama "THE MARKSDOMAN" MATINEE DAILY—4 P. M. SCHOOL CHILDREN 5c

The Initial Payment of Dues To the Washington Building and Loan Association was due last Saturday. Members are requested to see that their payments are made at once in order to avoid fines. Subscription of stock still open. Call at the First National Bank. B. F. Bowers, President John A. Mayo, Secretary

NEW THEATRE TO-NIGHT 3rd episode of "The Broken Coin" "A Sultana of the Desert" With Kathryn Williams "MIXING IT UP" Splendid one reel comedy 2-OTHER REELS-2 Next Tuesday "The Juggernaut" Prices 5&10