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Citizens of Beaufort if you are sincere in wanting to see your town grow you have a fine opportunity at hand to demonstrate that fact. The new series of building and loan stock is now on sale. Invest in a few shares and let your works show your faith in your town. Buying this stock is not charity either; it is a safe investment that will not only help build up the town but will be the means of your saving some money.

The resignation of Secretary of State Charles E. Hughes from the President's cabinet removes one of the ablest men from that body. Mr. Hughes will go out of office on the fourth of March and retire to private life. He has served the people as Governor of New York, as a member of the Supreme court and as Secretary of State. In every one of these positions he has discharged his duties with distinguished success. He will go down in history as one of the ablest of American statesmen.

As we have said before Beaufort's charter needs amending and we hope that somebody will undertake to have this done very soon. The present session of the General Assembly is now half gone and if any thing is done it will have to be done soon or remain undone for another two years. There may be several changes needed but in our opinion there are two of especial importance. One of these is a provision for holding elections biennially instead of annually and the other is to empower the board of commissioners to employ a city manager. A competent man giving his whole time to the city's affairs could save enough to pay his salary and give us a more efficient government as well.

### FEDERAL BUILDING WANTED

There seems to be some possibility that a public buildings bill may be passed at this session of Congress. If so we hope that Congressman Abernethy will be able to get an appropriation for Beaufort. It may not be possible to get enough this time for site and building but the former should certainly be secured. Goldsboro and New Bern are the only towns in the third district that have Federal buildings. Beaufort is the third town in the district in population and business ought to come next. We understand that Mount Olive, also in Wayne county as well as Goldsboro, already has a site for a Federal building and may get an appropriation at this term. Beaufort has decidedly better claims for a Federal building than Mount Olive and if she gets one we certainly ought to do likewise.

### THE FERRY.

We suppose every one, no matter whether he is a bridge or a roadster, will admit the necessity for better means of communication between Beaufort and Morehead City. As it is now the two places are about as widely separated as Beaufort and New Bern are. By land the distance is almost the same. By water it costs considerably more to go to Morehead City from Beaufort than it does to go to New Bern by rail. There are only two trains a day between the two towns and this method of travel is inconvenient and wasteful of time. A bridge between the two towns of course would be very

convenient and next to a bridge a ferry would be the best thing. Eight years ago this newspaper tried to arouse some interest in a ferry and has suggested that this be done several times since then. We are heartily in favor of a ferry now and hope that one can be established at an early date. We understand that some of the bridge advocates are opposed to the ferry on the ground that it might interfere with getting a bridge. We do not see it that way. If the ferry is well patronized, as it probably will be, that fact would be an argument for the bridge.

### PUBLICITY FOR WHEELER.

Senator Wheeler of Montana, who sprang into fame some months ago by acting as chairman of the committee that investigated Attorney-General Dougherty and then took another leap by running on the Socialist ticket with La Follette is about to get some more publicity. The kind the Senator is going to get this time will not give him much pleasure though it appears. He has been indicted in the Federal court in his own state and is now being investigated by the grand jury in Washington City. Not much is known as yet of the Government's charge against Wheeler but it seems to have grown out of an action against an oil company concerning some western lands. Wheeler was attorney for this concern and the report is that he was guilty of some improper conduct. At any rate a Federal grand jury is going to look into the matter and Mr. Wheeler may have to face some very unpleasant charges in a Federal court. However he will at least have an opportunity for a fair trial which is more than can be said for the hearing which he presided over last Spring.

### HARD ON GOVERNORS.

It looks like the fates, or something or other, have been rather unkind to Governors in recent years. Several of them have fallen by the wayside and it may be that one or two more may join them before much longer. Two Democratic Governors, Ferguson of Texas and Walton of Oklahoma were impeached and removed from office. McCray, a Republican Governor of Indiana, is now in the Federal penitentiary in Atlanta where he was sent for using the mails to defraud. Jonathan M. Davis who was the third Democrat ever elected Governor of Kansas, is under indictment for selling pardons to prisoners. Small, a Republican Governor of Illinois, was indicted on a criminal charge concerning State funds. He was acquitted but is now being sued. Right here in North Carolina former Lieutenant-Governor Cooper is now awaiting trial in both Federal and State courts. Last but not least our late Governor the Honorable Cameron Morrison is in a peck of trouble because they say his administration went out of office leaving a deficit of some six or eight million dollars is charged against Morrison but deficits are not very pleasant things to have around whether they are made intentionally or unintentionally.

### BETTER THAN OIL STOCK.

Without claiming any expert knowledge as to matters of finance, the News ventures the opinion that a fine opportunity awaits some one to establish a potato curing and storage warehouse in Beaufort. Cured sweet potatoes bring a considerable higher price than the uncured ones. A firm that would buy potatoes in the Fall, cure and store them, could make big money selling them a few months later on. Potatoes that could have been bought several months ago for fifty cents a bushel are now fetching over a dollar and the cured ones are still higher.

A firm that had the capital to buy the potatoes from the growers, then cure them, grade and pack them nicely, would never have any difficulty in finding a ready sale for them at good prices. Right now the demand is greater than the supply. Carteret county lands are splendidly adapted to potato growing. With proper marketing facilities the production of the crop would be much

larger than it is now. By grading the potatoes and selling them under brands a trade could be established that would be immensely valuable to both growers and dealers. The quality of Carteret county potatoes is superb and this fact ought to be impressed upon the public. To do this it is necessary that the crop shall be carefully cured, graded, packed and advertised. Some day this is all going to be done and whoever puts the scheme through is going to make a lot of money. It will beat oil stock investments all hollow.

### PRESS GLEANINGS

#### TAXING BOTH ENDS.

Now they want to tag both ends of an automobile—and charge for both tags, we suppose. Why not put one on each side, too, and charge for that. As yet there is no tax on breathing but we are looking for some person to introduce a law providing a license tax to hang over one's nose, showing he had paid his breathing tax.—(Greensboro Patriot.)

#### A SORE SPOT.

The Governor is placing his finger on one sore spot—the source of much of the unnecessary expense of State government. By his count, there are as many as 75 "departments, commissions bureaus and other agencies" at the governmental bellows. What's more, some of these overlap others, this indicating two pays for one work. This is an antiquated feature in our system of State and county governments which might be revised to a lessening of the tax burden.—(Charlotte Observer.)

#### HOTEL STOCK

The Rockingham Post Dispatch tells of the sale of The Rockingham Hotel last week, the purchase price having been approximately ninety thousand. "This," says the Post Dispatch, "would make the original shares of stock net \$145 per share—and is a striking contrast to the worth of this stock about ten years ago when they could scarcely be given away." That paper then goes on to say that ten years ago some of the shares sold for \$10 and the owners were glad to get that.

Here's a sample of the growth of the hotel business during the past decade. Ten years ago few hotels in the smaller towns were paying. Today the hotel business is good in almost any town large or small. The man who holds shares of stock in a hotel in a growing town, while he may not realize large annual dividends, has a good thing in the way of an investment. Every day as the town in which a hotel is located grows, the value of the stock in that hotel grows with it.—(Stanly News-Herald.)

#### A MILLSTONE ABOUT HIS NECK

George H. Whitehurst, of Straits, has been offered the appointment as County Commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Commissioner J. Wesley Smith, according to Clerk of Court L. W. Hassell, by whom the power of appointing is held. Whitehurst, who was the regular Democratic nominee in the November election, was defeated by a Republican, T. B. Hall, when it became known shortly before the election that he was opposed to referring the road-bridge controversy to a vote of the people in order to ascertain the will of the majority.

In spite of the fact that Whitehurst was defeated by over a thousand votes and further, that the people generally feel that a successor to Smith should come from the west end of the county, Clerk Hassell excuses himself in tending the appointment to Mr. Whitehurst by saying that he was the regular nominee of the Democratic party.

It would take a person of very little vision to realize what the defeat of the will of a majority of the people may mean to the political future of Clerk of Court Hassell. Right thinking men everywhere know that Whitehurst, as a member of the Board of County Commissioners cannot change or undo anything that has been done about the road-bridge matter. That is settled. But the fact remains that a majority of the voters selected three commissioners from the west end of the county. In the appointment of a successor to one of these three no other section should be considered. We wonder whether he, the Clerk, would have been so "gracious" in the appointment of a successor to either of the two Commissioners from the east end of the county?

The Coaster has no word of criticism to offer for Mr. Whitehurst. He is a gentleman of the first water, worthy and well qualified to hold any position he might accept. However,

should he accept the appointment tendered him it will prove a millstone about the neck of the present Clerk.—(Morehead City Coaster.)

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded by Register of Deeds Jno. W. Hamilton since last Thursday:

Brodie Willis and wife to Russell W. Piner 30 acres in Smyrna Township, consideration \$600.

Jordan Gillikin et al to J. M. Chadwick 81 acres in Smyrna Township, consideration \$650.

W. T. Riggan to Marion Chadwick 1 1-2 acres in Smyrna Township, consideration \$110.

W. Haskett to Iowa Haskett 3 lots Newport consideration \$1000.

H. W. Small and wife to W. E. Gainswood, tract in White Oak Township, consideration \$250.

T. C. Holland and wife to C. W. Foy 40 acres White Oak Township, consideration \$1000.

Sheriff T. M. Thomas to Mannie Davis part lot 140 old town Beaufort consideration not shown.

M. A. Hill to Minnie Davis part lot 140 Beaufort, consideration not shown.

M. M. Davis et al to Jas. H. Davis et al lot 77 Beaufort, consideration not shown.

Jacob T. Piner to Derwood B. Willis lot 16 block in Morehead City consideration \$100.

James Davis et al to Earl Davis 1-2 acre Marshallberg, consideration \$10.

James Davis et al to Leonard Davis 1-4 acre Marshallberg, consideration \$10.

#### FOOT CUT BY CHISEL.

Mr. Henry Norcom Jr. sustained a right bad accident last Saturday while working at the Davis House. A chisel which accidentally fell on his left foot cut clean through his shoe and into his foot. He is now able to get around on crutches but does not expect to be able to get back to work for a week or so.

#### A CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks for the many acts of kindness shown us during the illness and death of our deceased father, M. C. Parker. To those who furnished flowers we are especially grateful.

Miss Rebecca Parker & Brothers.

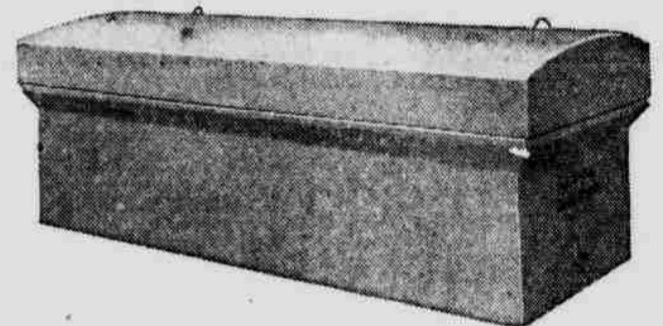
Have you lost something or found something, do you wish to buy something or sell something try a want ad in the News. They are cheap and will bring results. The proper culture and proper marketing of the sweet potato crop would make Carteret county people rich. Here is an opportunity that should not be overlooked.

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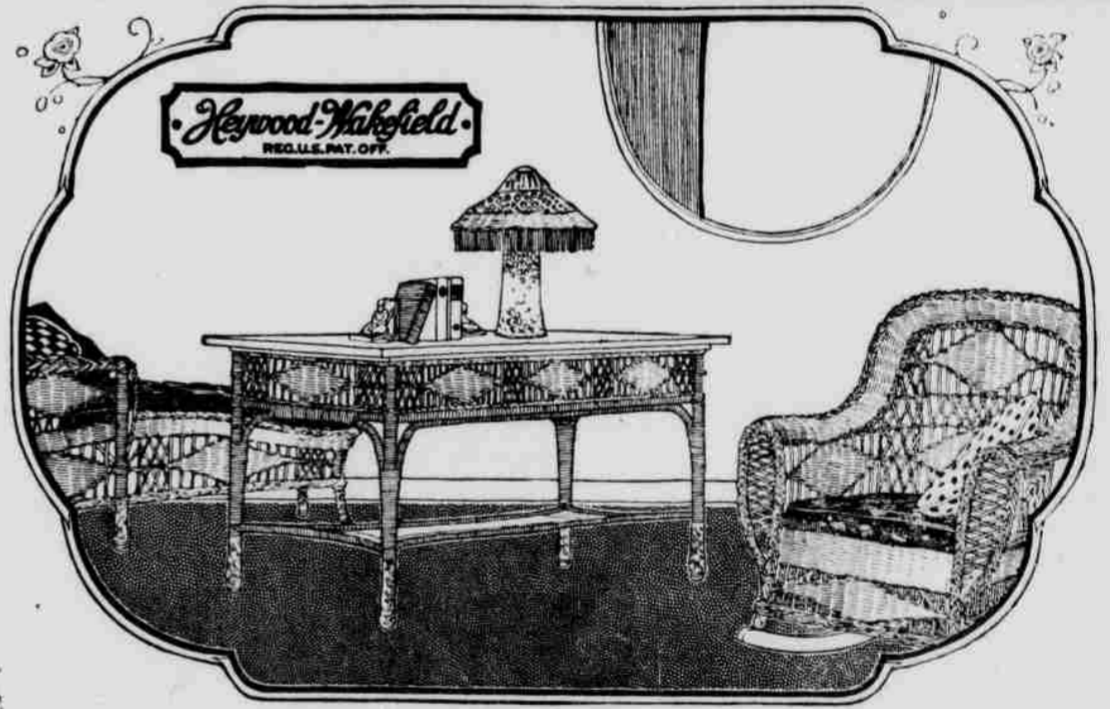
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