

# GOV. BICKETT TO SPEAK TONIGHT

### Democratic Campaign Opens With Address in Academy of Music.

Hon. T. W. Bickett, of Louisiana, next Governor of North Carolina, will tonight open the Democratic campaign in New Hanover county, when he speaks in the Academy of Music at 8 o'clock. The exercises will begin promptly on schedule time and the main address of the evening will be preceded by several local speakers who will address the crowds for but a few minutes at a time, as these in charge wish to give Mr. Bickett ample time to deliver his message before the big audience it is expected will be present.

Mr. Thomas E. Cooper, chairman of the New Hanover County Democratic Executive Committee, will have charge of the exercises and in a short address will outline the plans the committee has devised for carrying New Hanover county by the greatest majority in the history of the county.

Mr. C. C. Cashwell, secretary of the committee, will also make a short address.

The introduction of the speaker of the occasion will be made by L. Clayton Grant, Esq., nominee of the Democratic party as representative in the next State Legislature. The Whitlock-West band will assemble at the Postoffice at 7:30 o'clock and will give an open-air concert, after which it will march to the Academy, where the speaking will take place.

As a speaker Mr. Bickett has few equals. He is an orator of great force but always mingles in his speeches the witticisms that are so delightful for the crowds that are present and those that keep them on the verge of expectancy at all times.

### EMPLOYS COTTON GRADER.

#### Cumberland County Commissioners Arrange to Engage Expert.

The following from yesterday's Fayetteville Observer will be of interest in this section:

"The Board of Cumberland County Commissioners, at their regular monthly meeting held September 4, appointed an expert cotton grader, with headquarters in Fayetteville. This action was taken under authority of an act ratified March 9, 1915, and entitled 'An act to provide for employment of expert cotton graders and to make the grades of cotton so graded by them as the basis of all cotton transactions in North Carolina.'"

"Any board of county commissioners in the State has authority to appoint a grader under this act. The grader thus appointed shall have full authority to grade any cotton in North Carolina on request of owner. Said grader shall grade in accord with the standard established by the Secretary of Agriculture. The grade pronounced by said grader shall be prime face proof of true grade of said cotton sales."

"The Cumberland county board, in taking the action to employ an expert grader, appropriated \$300, annually, for current expenses—office rent, cotton tags, etc. The Federal Government, which appoints the grader, pays the salary of same."

"In the opinion of many who are in a position to know the employment by the commissioners of an expert grader is a god thing, and will give satisfaction to the farmers. Among the advantages to be mentioned is the certainty of high and correct grading of every bale of cotton. It is claimed also that cotton graded by a government expert will bring one-eighth of a cent a pound more than that graded by the buyers, as the government grade is higher and the cotton must be bought on the basis of that grading."

### WHITE SLAVE CASE.

#### M. C. White Bound Over to Laurinburg Term Federal Court.

M. C. White, a white man arrested here some weeks ago on a charge of violating the Mann white slave act, was given hearing a few days ago before a United States Commissioner in Maxton and bound over to the next term of Federal Court at Laurinburg. The Fayetteville Observer of yesterday has the following relative to the case:

"Deputy United States Marshall J. W. Tomlinson returned yesterday from Maxton, where he presented a white man by the name of M. C. White, alias M. L. White, to U. S. Commissioner E. L. Wooten for a preliminary hearing on a charge of violating the white slave law. White was bound over to the next term of the Federal Court in Laurinburg, in the sum of one thousand dollars. The arrest was made in Laurinburg on a warrant sworn out by J. B. Pittman, of Scotland county."

"White enticed, it is alleged, a girl about fifteen years old away with him into South Carolina for immoral purposes. The girl admitted that they lived as man and wife. White is from a northern State and a machinist by trade."

Marshal Tomlinson further said that this is the third white slave case up for trial in the United States Court in his district."

# W. C. T. U.'S PLAN FOR STATE MEET

### Meeting Called to Complete Program for State Convention Here Next Month.

At a meeting to be held tomorrow afternoon by the Wilmington W. C. T. U. the program of the thirty-fourth annual convention of the North Carolina Women's Christian Temperance Union, which is to be held in this city October 4, 5, 6 and 7, will be arranged. The meeting has been called for 4 o'clock by Mrs. E. R. Clarke, president of the local union, and it will be held in the parlors of the First Baptist church.

One of the big features of the convention, which is the first W. C. T. U. annual meeting that has ever been held in this city, will be an address by Miss Anna Gordon, president of the National W. C. T. U. Her's will be the principal address of the meeting.

Arrangements are being made by the local W. C. T. U. committees to take care of about one hundred delegates who will come from the unions from all parts of the State. The local members are planning to make the convention one of the best ever held.

### NEW BANK ORGANIZED.

#### Officers and Directors Elected For Community Savings & Loan Co.

At the organization meeting of the stockholders, held Tuesday afternoon, at 4 o'clock in the offices of James & James, Inc., the officers and directors for the Community Savings & Loan Company were elected. The firm is a new kind of bank for Wilmington and does not intend to compete with the other banks of the city in any way at all, but is organized for the purpose of loaning small sums to the working man and allowing him to pay back the principle in small weekly or monthly payments.

Mr. A. M. Hall, president of the Merchants' Association, and also of the Bureau of Credits, was elected president. Other officers elected are Messrs. C. W. Polvogt and W. I. Baxter, vice-presidents; W. G. James, secretary and treasurer; Cyrus D. Hogue, Esq., attorney. The directors elected are Messrs. A. M. Hall, C. W. Polvogt, W. I. Baxter, C. D. Hogue, C. C. Chadbourn, J. Haughton James, Thos. F. Woods, C. W. Woodward, Thos. E. Cooper, W. A. Woods, Edwin Bancroft, Edw. P. Bailey, J. W. H. Fuchs and Horace Pearsall.

The company is being organized under the authority of the Universal Savings Corporation, of Norfolk, Va., but is purely a local enterprise, being owned by local capitalists and operated by local men.

Before adjournment the directors adopted a resolution calling on all the stockholders to pay in their stock by Saturday so that the new institution could begin work at once.

The system under which the bank will be operated is known as the Stein universal plan for savings and loans and has worked with splendid results in the numerous cities that it has been tried. The slogan of the plan is that it "capitalizes a man's honesty."

### RETURNED FROM NEW YORK.

#### Mr. W. A. McGirt Attended Notification of President at Shadow Lawn.

Mr. W. A. McGirt, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, has returned from a visit to New York. While away Mr. McGirt attended the formal notification of the renomination of President Wilson, which took place at Shadow Lawn Saturday.

Mr. McGirt states that the Democrats in the Northern States are confident of a victory in the coming campaign and that the leaders are working industriously to that end.

### FUNERAL OF MR. REESE.

#### Services Will Be Held at Residence—Interment Bellevue.

The funeral services of Mr. J. M. Reese, who died Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock at his home, No. 916 South Fifth street, will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from his late residence. Interment will be in Bellevue cemetery.

**Prices Lower**—According to local gasoline dealers buzz fluid is scheduled to take another drop of a few cents within the near future. Within the past few weeks the price has already dropped from 25 cents to 23 cents and the gasoline dealers state that if it had not been for the threatened strike that the price would have declined before now. They give as a reason of the decline in price that is expected in the near future is that output is now more than the demand since so many new wells were sunk when the price advanced.

**Postpones Meeting**—The Board of Navigation and Pilotage that was to have met in regular monthly meeting Wednesday morning did not meet on account of so many of the members of the board being out of the city. No special meeting has been arranged for and if nothing unforeseen comes up the board will not meet until their regular monthly meeting next month.

# 31ST COMPANY ARRIVES TONIGHT

### Artillerymen Will Welcome Barracks at Fort Caswell After Patrolling Border

After having spent nearly five months on the Mexican border doing patrol duty the 31st Coast Artillery Company will arrive in the city late tonight and proceed to its station at Fort Caswell early tomorrow morning. The company is in command of Capt. Francis N. Cooke and Lieutenants Prentice and Welschner.

The 31st Company left Fort Sam Houston, Texas, several days ago and is due to arrive in Florence, S. C., tonight at 9 o'clock and will get to Wilmington some time after midnight. The company of about a hundred men are making the trip in two Pullmans and an express coach. It is expected that they will make the trip from Wilmington to Fort Caswell by boat.

It is expected that the men will welcome the comforts of the barracks at the cool spot at the mouth of the Cape Fear river after spending the summer near the Mexican border where the thermometer hovers around 100 degrees.

### WANT TOURIST BOOK.

#### Good Roads Association Wants Wilmington's Support in Publishing Guide

Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, of the North Carolina Good Roads Association, is making a strong effort to secure enough support in Eastern North Carolina to justify association in issuing a tour book showing all the important roads and routes connecting the larger towns and cities similar to the one that has recently been issued for Western North Carolina.

A letter has been received at the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce asking if support from Wilmington could be expected and to what extent. It was suggested in the letter by Dr. Pratt that the Chamber of Commerce reserve space in the booklet which will get into the hands of tourists who are bankers and capitalists and the prospective investors.

In the tourist book of Western North Carolina is shown all of the important connecting roads, including the highways running across the State. Each route is in color and it shows just how to enter and leave a city of any size along the route. Distances are shown to the tenth of a mile. One of the best features contained in the book is the description of every mile of the roads shown. It tells if the road is sand-clay, macadam, sand or whatever it is constructed of. It also tells the conditions of the roads in all kinds of weather.

The book is highly important to persons making automobile tours and to those who use the automobile to travel through parts of the country with which they are not familiar.

# LIGHT INFANTRY'S ANNUAL BANQUET

### Feature Ocasion will be Held in Market Street Armory Very Shortly.

Following an established custom the members of the Wilmington Light Infantry last night at their regular weekly meeting decided to hold their annual fall banquet within the next short while and to this end a committee was appointed to make all necessary arrangements, for the event which promises to be one of the best in the history of the company.

This year the banquet is to be given in honor of the new commanding officer, Captain James B. Lynch and the former commander, Captain Edward P. Bailey, who recently resigned and went on the list of reserve officers. Several of the former officers of this old organization are expected to be present.

The annual banquet is always looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure by the members of the Co as by the occasion has always been one of the feature yearly events. The occasion is marked by many happy reminiscences.

The committee appointed to prepare for the banquet is composed of the following members: Messrs. Jack Rutland, Adrain B. Rhodes, W. Kenneth Gaylor, J. S. LeMoyné, and J. Harry Hayden.

**Store Improvements**—The Little Cash Shoe Store of George S. Nevens & Son is undergoing repairs preparatory to the fall and winter season. Additional shelving is being installed and a general repairing of the interior is being made.

"The ploughman homeward plods his weary way." The reader put aside his volume of poems.

"Times change," he commented. "I see in Kansas they are taking hired hands to the harvest fields in taxicabs."—Kansas City Journal.

# ROAD EXTENSION TO SEA BEACHES

### County Commissioners Want Soil Highway to Resorts. Monthly Meeting.

While the matter of extending the Carolina Beach road a distance of about three miles to Fort Fisher Sea Beach did not come up at the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners Tuesday afternoon it is understood that the Commissioners will act upon it shortly.

It was stipulated in the agreement between the county and the beach interests, each of whom paid half of the cost of the Carolina Beach road, that the beach companies should extend the road to Fort Fisher Sea Beach and work was to begin not later than October 1. The beach companies have asked to be allowed to construct a plank road for the distance but the Commissioners seem to favor the soil.

To appraise the damage done to his property in constructing the new road from Winter Park to East Wilmington Cr. W. B. McClellan, of East Wilmington, appeared before the Commissioners and asked that a committee be appointed. The matter was referred to the permanent road committee.

An appropriation of \$147.38 was made to cover New Hanover county's share of the cost of the survey of the Wilmington-Fayetteville Highway. The total cost will be about \$1,500 and each county pays according to the mileage. New Hanover county has only ten miles of the road. A bill of about \$150 for repairs to the car used by Deputy Sheriff A. L. Kelly, was ordered paid.

Present at the meeting were Chairman W. H. McGirt, Commissioners Willard, MacMillan and Kerr. The regular monthly reports were read.

# LEADING PART TO MISS MEARES

### Miss Brooks Voluntarily Surrenders First Place in Movie Production.

While the rain of the past two days has seriously interfered with work on the Dispatch Motion Picture production, Mr. Bird has been able to film some interior scenes and hopes to get started early tomorrow morning with clearing weather, on the exteriors at the different locations.

The full cast will be announced within the next few days. Miss Thelma Brooks, the attractive and charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brooks, Carolina Heights, who won first honors in the contest, has withdrawn from the leading part in favor of Miss Jane Iredell Meares, who finished second. This action on the part of Miss Brooks was taken on account of the fact that she does not aspire to become a moving picture star and Miss Meares does have ambition in that direction, and the leading part in the local production will enable her to display whatever talent she may have to the best advantage. Miss Brooks at her own request, for the reason stated, will play second part and act as Miss Meares' best friend in the production.

Some very good interior scenes were obtained early this afternoon, consisting of office scenes called for in the story. Tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock it is desired to take a school scene, both exterior and interior, and for that purpose it is desired that a large bunch of small children—primary grades—assemble at the Hemenway School at that hour if they desire to get into this scene of the photograph. This will give a large number of the smaller children who wish to appear in the movies to get into this scene and it is hoped that a large crowd will be present at the hour named.

Permission for the use of the school building for this purpose was given this morning by Mr. J. A. Taylor, chairman of the school committee.

# "DOUBLE" ZEPPELIN TO BRING MAIL


(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Sept. 5.—Two "double" Zeppelins unarmed and each with a carrying capacity of 60 tons have been built in Germany to carry mail between Berlin and the United States, according to a statement here by Morris Epstein agent of the German American Alliance who returned from Europe yesterday.

Epstein was permitted to view them, he declares. Their engines are powerfully equipped and they can make the voyage between Berlin and New York in 72 hours.

# STORM PASSES TO INTERIOR OF STATE

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 6.—Weather Bureau reports indicate that the central part of the South Atlantic storm has passed inland to North Carolina, whence it will continue to move northward.

It has been attended by moderate gales off the North Carolina Coast, and rains in Eastern North Carolina and Southeastern Virginia.



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### ANOTHER SLIGHT ADVANCE FOR PLAGUE

(By Associated Press.) New York, Sept. 6.—Further slight increase in the infantile paralysis epidemic was shown in department of health reports for the 24 hours ending at 10 a. m. today. Fifty-three new cases were discovered against 42 yesterday, and there were 22 deaths, an increase of one.

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### PREPARING TO TAKE WOMEN STUDENTS

(By Associated Press.) Athens, Sept. 6.—The American and British schools of Archaeology in Greece are making preparations for the accommodation of women students of the respective schools. Two new buildings are to be built, one by each school for the housing of the women students. The building for the male students of the American school has only just been completed. There is nothing like it for comfort, cleanliness and modern conveniences in all Greece. Though at present there are almost no students of either school, it is hoped that when the war ends both the American and British schools will again be flourishing.

The present buildings of the schools are situated in a very beautiful wooded park where shade (a rarity in Athens) is plentiful and excellent tennis courts are had.

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