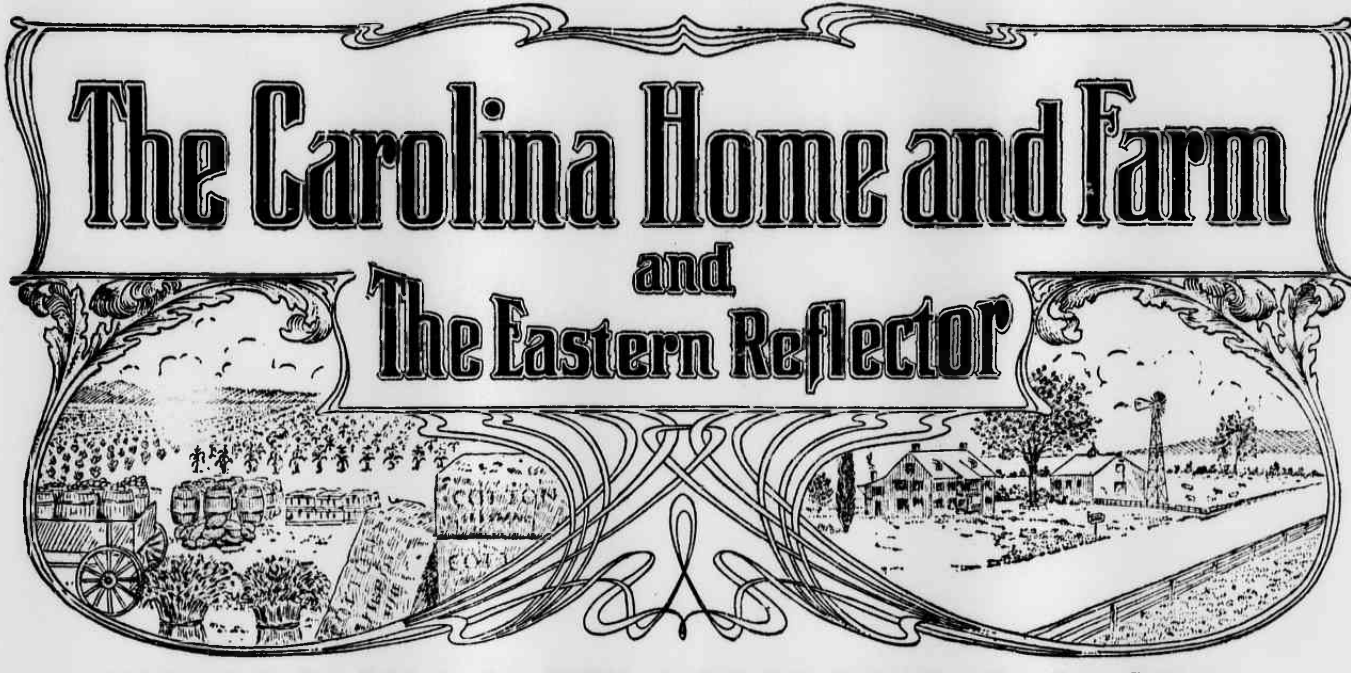


GREENVILLE IS THE HEART OF EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA. IT HAS A POPULATION OF FOUR THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED AND ONE, AND IS SURROUNDED BY THE BEST FARMING COUNTRY. INDUSTRIES OF ALL KINDS ARE INVITED TO LOCATE HERE FOR WE HAVE EVERYTHING TO OFFER IN THE WAY OF LABOR, CAPITAL AND FAVORABLE FACILITIES. WE HAVE AN UP-TO-DATE JOB AND NEWSPAPER PLANT.



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WE HAVE A CIRCULATION OF TWELVE HUNDRED AMONG THE BEST PEOPLE IN THE EASTERN PART OF NORTH CAROLINA AND INVITE THOSE WHO WISH TO GET BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH THESE GOOD PEOPLE IN A BUSINESS WAY TO TAKE A FEW INCHES SPACE AND TELL THEM WHAT YOU HAVE TO BRING TO THEIR ATTENTION. OUR ADVERTISING RATES ARE LOW AND CAN BE HAD UPON APPLICATION.

C. M. COX FOUND DEAD IN ROOM IN FARMVILLE

Death Was Due To Excessive Drinking And Drugs.

Was a Native of Richland. Body Passed Through Here Today For His Home.

Mr. E. M. Cox, about thirty-five, prominent lawyer of Farmville, was found dead in his room yesterday about twelve o'clock by friends who instituted a search for him following his failure to make his appearance at the noonday meal.

Coroner J. C. Greene, of this place, went to Farmville last night where he held an inquest over the body and returned a verdict of death caused by excessive drinking and the use of drugs.

Mr. Cox had been known to have been drinking heavily of late following some domestic troubles. Monday he was seen drunk and was taken to his room about seven-thirty Monday night. He asked friends to give him a dose of medicine from a bottle which he had in his room. His request was complied with.

Later in the night a dull sound was heard which resembled that of a falling body, but no notice was taken of it as his friends thought him to be drunk and had fallen down in his room.

Yesterday morning he did not appear for breakfast and was absent at dinner. Then his room was visited and he was found dead on the floor.

Coroner Greene stated that he found a black bottle of medicine supposed to contain a drug, which had had about one and a half ounces taken from it.

Mr. Cox was from Richland, N. C. and had been in the practice of law at Farmville for several years. His wife had recently left him.

The body passed through here today enroute to Richland where it will be interred.

FORCE OF HANDS CLEAN OUT RIVER

Channel From Here To Washington Is Being Cleared.

A government force has been busy for the past few days cleaning out the channel in Tar river in order to make it navigable. It is said that a large number of logs and a good deal of other rubbish has been collected in the channel and making it impossible for a boat of more than two or three feet to navigate from here to Washington without running the risk of being grounded.

The work was started several days ago and is progressing rapidly, the men stating that the channel will be cleared and open for more extensive navigation within a few days.

The channel from here to Washington is on an average about six feet deep.

MR. J. SHELBURN DIED YESTERDAY IN MISSISSIPPI

Was Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Shelburn of Greenville.

Died of Grippe—Was Held In High Esteem By Many Friend In Greenville.

A terrible shock came to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Shelburn in a telegram received about 9 o'clock, Tuesday night, announcing the death of their eldest son, Mr. John W. Shelburn, in West Point, Miss., where he was a post office inspector. The first intimation of the young man's illness came in a telegram to his mother about 5 o'clock stating that he was seriously ill with grip. In response to a wire asking his exact condition, another message came two hours later advising that he was growing worse. Mr. and Mrs. Shelburn at once began preparation for leaving on the night train for Mississippi and a little later received the sad tidings that their son had passed away. This was a severe shock not only to the parents and family, but to the young man's host of friends. As the sad news spread through the town there were many who called at the home on Fifth street to extend sympathy. The body will be brought home for interment, but the exact time of its arrival cannot yet be determined.

Mr. John W. Shelburn was 27 years of age, a most popular, lovable young man, and numbered among his friends everyone who knew him. Besides the parents he is survived by one brother, Mr. Lee Shelburn, and two sisters, Misses Mary and Ivor Shelburn.

For several years he was assistant postmaster here under former Postmaster Flanagan and continued in the same position which he filled most efficiently, under Postmaster Whichard until the middle of October, 1914, when he was promoted to post office inspector and assigned to the Chattanooga district and made his headquarters at West Point, Miss. He was held in high esteem by those associated with him in the government service.

WELLS BROWN NEEDS A WIFE TO SEW UP HOLES IN POCKET

Lost—A bunch of keys. Finder return to Wells Brown. Mr. Brown has lost a bunch of keys as the advertisement above denotes. The cause of Mr. Brown's losing the keys may be attributed to the fact that he had a hole in the pocket of his trousers. Now if Mr. Brown had a wife, there wouldn't have been any hole in his pocket, which is, in itself, a moral. Mr. Brown says he hopes that the want ad will bring him results. He says he hopes though that it won't bring him a wife. So if there are any maidens who have thought about proposing to Mr. Brown after Saturday, they may wait awhile. But if Mr. Brown had had a wife, he wouldn't have had a hole in his pocket, lost his keys and had to advertise for them. Young men should take a hint from the moral in this.



"LIBERTY BELL" TO PROCLAIM WOMAN SUFFRAGE VICTORY
 TOP ROW: Left to Right—Mrs. Gertrude Hunter, Minn.; Mrs. Helena H. Weed, Conn., and Miss Elsie Lancaster, Washington, D. C.
 BOTTOM ROW: Left to Right—Miss Margaret F. Whittemore, Mich.; Miss Doris Stevens, Ohio; Miss Lucy Burns, New York; Mrs. Jesse H. Mackaye, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Edna S. Latimer, Md., and Miss Virginia Arnold, North Carolina.
 This picture shows nine suffrage leaders with the replica of the Liberty Bell that was used in the Pennsylvania suffrage campaign. The bell was taken to Washington for use in the demonstration of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage. The union plans to place the bell in the headquarters of the organization where it will remain unring until woman is victorious in her fight for the vote. Then it will be rung, as was its famous original.

SMALL FIRE AT COTTON MILL

Blaze Started In The Picking Room But Was Extinguished.

A fire which started in the picking room of the Greenville Cotton Mills company this morning about eight o'clock threatened to wipe out the plant if it had not been for the timely work of the mill's fire fighters and its fire fighting equipment.

Superintendent Norris was at the plant when the fire started and at once had two streams of water and three sprinklers playing on the fire.

The damage to the stock and machinery was slight while the building did not suffer at all.

BEGIN TO TALK OF THE COMING SPEECH

Folks are beginning to talk about the coming of Col. Fred A. Olds next Tuesday night. They are getting interested in it, and it is becoming certain that there will be a large crowd out to hear him when he addresses the Carolina Club.

It is still being urged that if there is anyone in the country who has any kind of relic of historic value, that he communicate with the club.

Remember the date of the speaking: Next Tuesday night. Place: The Carolina Club rooms.

Discuss Control of College Athletics

NEW YORK, DEC. 29.—Dean Le Baron Briggs of Harvard presided during the first session of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's annual convention here today. Complete control of college athletics by college faculties was the keynote of the speeches made.

PART OF ROADS IN GOOD SHAPE

Some Reports Say Some of The Roads Fare Bad Now.

Reports received here from different sections of the county state that the roads in some places are holding up well during the wet weather, but that in other places they are in worse shape.

The fact that some of the roads are in bad shape is said to be caused on account of the work recently done on them and that they have not had time to become settled. It is expected, however, that those which are now in poor shape will soon be in better condition.

SAYS CENTRAL POWERS WILL CONSIDER PEACE PROPOSALS

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, DEC. 29.—Via Paris.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Vienna says:

"Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg is expected in Vienna shortly with the full conditions under which the central powers will accept peace. After discussing the terms with Baron von Burian, the Austrian foreign minister, the conditions will be officially communicated to the allies, Germany suggesting that the first conference be held at The Hague."

AUSTRIA WILL NOT MEET OUR DEMANDS, IS REPORT

WASHINGTON, DEC. 29.—Austria, according to unofficial information received in authoritative quarters here today, will not meet the demands of the United States in her forthcoming reply to the Ancona note and the Teutonic diplomatic circles are represented as being prepared for a severance of diplomatic relations.

TEUTONS ARE IN FEAR OF BREAK

The Advices Though Are Still Unofficial And Unreliable.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Unofficial advices received here today conformed with intimations from abroad that Austria's forthcoming reply to the Ancona note will fail to meet the demands of the United States, and Teutonic circles here were authoritatively represented as being prepared for a break in diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Various developments, it was agreed might avoid such an eventuality, but none of the counter proposals which it has been intimated the Vienna foreign office might advance have been regarded so far as coming within Secretary Lansing's renewal of the demands for disavowal, reparation and punishment of the submarine commander who sunk the Ancona with the loss of more than a dozen American lives.

Now that the situation after being dormant nearly two weeks, is again beginning to take on the aspects of a crisis, the status of the negotiations of the United States over submarine warfare, against merchantmen, not with Austria alone, but with the Teutonic powers as allies, is commanding attention.

ITALIAN PASSENGER SHIP IS REPORTED LOST; EIGHT LOST

WASHINGTON, DEC. 29.—An unconfirmed report from Rome that an unidentified Italian passenger steamship was torpedoed while on her way to Catania, Sicily, with a loss of eight lives, reached the state department late today. It was not reported whether any Americans were aboard. The American embassy at Rome, is

JAILED, CHARGED WITH PASSING WORTHLESS CHECK

Young New Yorker Gets In Bad At New Bern.

His Story As Interesting As a Jesse James Dime Novel—Young Wife Without Funds.

NEW BERN, DEC. 29.—When Frank De Laney, a well-groomed young white man, left his home at Scheectady, N. Y., and came south with the idea in his head that southerners were "easy marks and that Barnum's old saying that a "sucker is born every minute" applied strictly to the section below the Mason and Dixon line, he doubtless did not think that he would meet his Waterloo and landed in jail in New Bern, N. C., but this is just what happened to Frank and while his newly-wedded wife sits in her room at the Gaston Hotel and wonders what the end will be, young De Laney is sitting in a cell in the county jail and revolving over in his mind the old saying that "the way of the transgressor is indeed hard."

The story of De Laney's career for the past few weeks reads like a chapter from some fairy-tale. After leaving dear old New York State he came to North Carolina. The first time he passed a worthless check for ten dollars on the Eland hotel at Raleigh. He managed to get away from that place before being arrested and came down to Kinston where he passed another ten dollar check, this time "sticking" the Tull hotel.

At Kinston De Laney became acquainted with Miss Doris Sheridan, of Philadelphia, Pa., who was doing stunts in the chorus of a musical comedy playing a theatre there while Frank was in the city. De Laney, fairly good looking and well dressed, captivated the heart of Miss Sheridan and they were married, a local magistrate performing the ceremony.

On December 23 Mr. and Mrs. De Laney came to New Bern and sought food and shelter at the Gaston hotel. A day or so later De Laney presented Manager Cherry with a check for twenty-five dollars, which bore the endorsement of L. W. Mott, who is a well known senator in New York State.

Manager Cherry thought that the check was "good" and handed out twenty-five dollars for the same. Later the check, which was drawn on a Raleigh bank, came back, there being no such person as Mr. Mott known there.

In the meantime, Mr. and Mrs. De Laney, who are Catholics, had been re-married, a local Catholic priest performing the ceremony and they were, apparently as happy as two turtle doves. However, when the check came back, all happiness for De Laney disappeared.

Manager Cherry told De Laney that he must make good the money given him on the check. De Laney got in telegraphic communication with relatives in New York and tried to get the money to make good but failed to do this, his relatives refus-