

# AROUND THE SOUND.

## Hapennigs in the Counties of the Albemarle Section.

### PORTSMOUTH.

Portsmouth, March 24, 1902.—  
Correspondence of the TAR HEEL.

Portsmouth is a small island about four miles south of Ocracoke, is a very healthy place, only nine deaths in five years. It's noted for fishing and oystering and has daily mail from Morehead City, one Life Saving Station, two churches, one Methodist, one Primitive Baptist we have a very good school.

On March, 9th, the death Angel visited the home of Mr. W. Gilgo and took from his side his loving wife Mrs. Emeline Gilgo. She had reached the ripe age of 54 years and witnessed the development into manhood and womanhood of nine children who survive her. Though she has left the home of love, we must remember that she has joined the home above, and may the one that felt it His duty to take her from her family, comfort the loved ones in their sad bereavement.

Mr. A. B. Willis, assistant keeper of Cape Lookout Light House, and his wife were here a few days ago on their way to Hatteras to visit friends and relatives.

Mrs. W. H. Gashing and sister Miss Geity Midgett, of Hatteras are the guests of Mrs. H. Dixon.

Rev. B. H. Black, preached a very interesting sermon Sunday morning at the M. E. Church south and returned to his home this p. m., on the mail steamer Violet.

### PROVIDENCE.

Providence March 25, 1902.—  
Correspondence of the TAR HEEL.

The gentlemen who have been surveying the track for the new railroad from Suffolk Va., to Elizabeth City, have returned to headquarters in Suffolk for instructions. They were the guests of Mr. S. N. Morgan. They are very pleasant gentlemen and gave us full assurance that ere long we would be hearing the noise of the passing locomotive. The farmers in this neighborhood are very much interested in the proposed road, and will welcome it. Many of them will give a right-of-way. This is the progressive and right spirit. A farmer could well afford to give a right of way in order to obtain the transportation facilities for his produce. Providence is a good and thrifty section and with a new railroad we will forge to the front.

The weather being clear the farmers are making rapid progress farming.

The Sunday schools at Fork and Berea are flourishing with the opening Spring.

### AVON.

Avon, N. C., March 20,—  
Correspondence of the TAR HEEL.

We are informed that there has been another oyster inspector at Manteo to guard the fishing industry to new inlet and have driven the oystermen from all the natural oyster rocks south of the Gull Shoal, some of which have quit work, and the factories are closing up in Elizabeth City. At this season of the year oystering should be at its best. Officers have driven the oystermen from their work which causes the factories to close and this means no revenue for the State. This should be very discouraging to the officers as well as the oystermen.

The shad fishermen are making the smallest catch ever known up to this time. No wonder. They have blocked all the inlets and slaws through which the shad pass from the ocean to the sounds.

C. H. Gray, of this place, has been appointed U. S. Commission for the eastern district of North Carolina.

Messrs L. N. Gray and C. H. Gray, of this place, left today for

the market to buy their usual spring stock.

Mr. David Miller, a member of the Virginia Dave Brotherhood has recently died, all the members are hereby notified to pay up their dues. There will be near \$100.00 left to the widow and 4 children. All our sympathy are extended to the grief stricken family.

### Church Bazaar a Success.

Belhaven, N. C., March 24.—  
To the TAR HEEL.

The Ladies Dime Society of Belhaven Baptist church, ask a small space in your valuable paper, to thank the public for their liberal patronage at a Bazaar held on the 12th and 13th inst., for the benefit of the church building. We are very grateful for the valuable service rendered by our pastor Rev. D. M. Leod, and Mrs. Albert Guard of Elizabeth City, who never ceased to work and advise for the best. We can't see now how we ever could have done without her. Sister Sawyer of Edenton, and sister Nelson of Morehead City, rendered good service. The young ladies' services are highly appreciated, also the kindness and interest taken by sisters of other denominations. All seemed to enjoy themselves and all helped to make it one grand success.

Yours truly,  
L. D. SOCIETY.

### MANN'S HARBOR.

Mann's Harbor, N. C., March 26.  
EDITOR TAR HEEL:—In your issue of March 14th, appears an article under the headline of "Mail Facilities in Dare." Your correspondent spoke of the proposed steamboat line from Elizabeth City to Hatteras and the increased facilities for freight and handling the mail, and of the complaint made by the patrons along the mail routes. I want to say that while your correspondent and his friends are deprived of their mail they are not behind the patrons of this office who are not only deprived of their mail but are damaged on the account of a bad mail carrier.

On the 10th, of January 1890 I received an appointment as postmaster at this place and on the 20th of October 1897 I was succeeded by Mr. Willis Tillet. During the time I was postmaster the mail was carried from Manteo to Mann's Harbor and Stumpy Point by negroes in common boats. I wrote the Department at Washington that the mail carrier had failed to supply this office with the mail as often as ten times in one month. I was ordered to report to that office at the end of each quarter the number and date of each failure to supply the office with the mail during the quarter. At that time the contractor or subcontractor lived in Manteo and the postmaster in Manteo said he made his report as the carrier give his trip in to him, and the carrier lost but little time if any and my reports amounted to nothing in 1902.

The contractor of this route lives in Manteo and the mail is carried from Manteo to Mann's Harbor and Mashoes by a negro and not in a first class boat but in a very common one, and many times the patrons of this office get their mail once and twice a week when they are due six mails each week. I think as much as half the time the carrier doesn't stop at this office when coming from Manteo, but only stops on his return from Mashoes. Thus the patrons of this office have no time to reply to their letters until the next mail. Most of the patrons of this office are fishermen, and as their is no telegraph office at this place nor a straight line to a telegraph office, and by the delay in mails, shipments are made to a broken market and they receive but very little for fish. The man who bids off the mail route should carry the mail, and not hire

a woreout negro and give him a run-down boat to do the work that requires an expert sailor and a first class boat. Our fishing interests demand regular and frequent mails and I hope this matter will be looked into and speedily remedied.

Very truly,  
J. P. MIDGETT.

### Communicated.

Manteo, N. C., March 18.—  
EDITOR TAR HEEL:—The article in your issue of the 14th, demonstrates that what "G" of Rodanthe don't know about the conditions affecting the carrying mail on the route between Wanchese and Rodanthe, "would make a book."

The carrier is not "some old darkey that, like the boat can fish no more" but is a white man, who is the sub-contractor and is not a merchant. There is no merchant on Roanoke Island who is connected with the contract except as bondman for the sub-contractor and when we consider that every failure to make a trip subjects the contractor to a penalty for which his bond is responsible, it is readily seen that the store keeper who is on the bond is as much interested in the regular carrying of the mail as even Mr. "G."

The facts are as follows: The carrier has been seriously sick for some weeks and it being in the fishing season when every man and boy who is capable of managing a boat is engaged in shad fishing, it has so far been impossible to get a substitute. The regulations of the post office department require that in such cases the postmaster at the dispatching office (in this case Wanchese) shall employ a substitute and shall make a report of the same to the proper authority, but it is beyond the power of even this great government to "regulate" a sick man well, or to draft men from their other occupations into its service, whether they are willing or not.

The writer and a merchant of Roanoke Island are bondmen for the sub-contractor on the route in question and we beg to assure "G" and all others interested that strenuous efforts have been made both by us and the postmaster at Wanchese to procure a substitute for the sub-contractor during his sickness, and the job is still open. The route pays the carrier every cent allowed by the department. It requires three trips per week between terminals of the route. The distance is about 18 miles and ordinarily the round trip is made in one day. I do not know the amount paid but if G's estimate of dear four dollars per trip is correct it seems that this, with the freight and passengers carried, is fair compensation for one engaged but half his time.

We are all anxious to have regular communication with our neighbors on the "banks" and will be under obligations to "G" or any one else who will assist us in getting it. There will be no difficulty in getting a carrier after fishing is over, but until then it is doubtful if we can do so. Any one interested can get employment by addressing W. J. Griffin or B. G. Crisp, Manteo, N. C. This is written to exonerate our merchants from the imputations in G's letter and for the information of all interested.

B. G. CRISP.

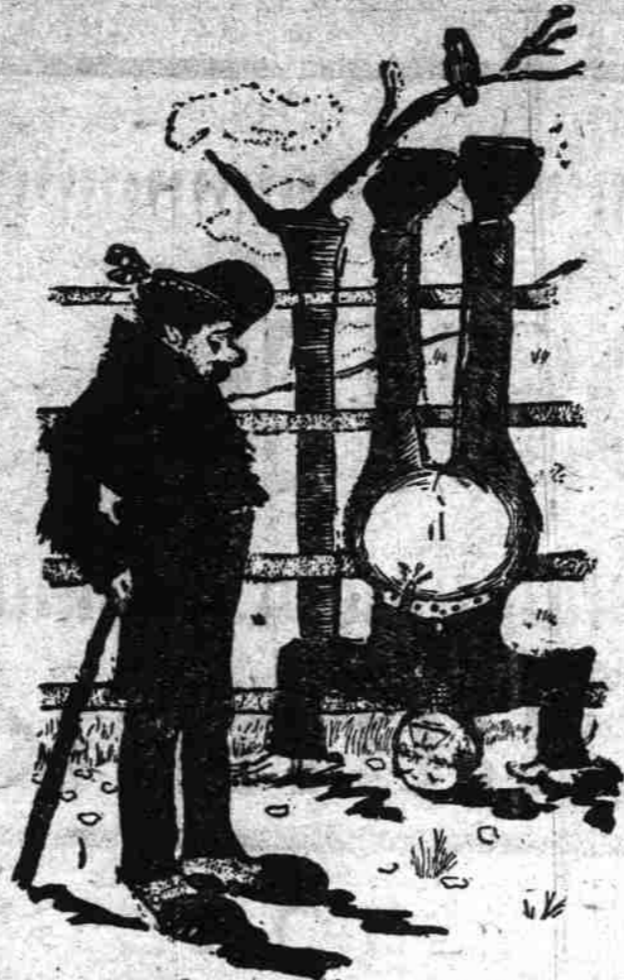
### HARBINGER.

Harbinger, N. C., March 26.—  
Correspondence of the TAR HEEL.

Although summer is not here, still we hear the merry laughter of our young gentlemen and young ladies echoed over the waters of our "Grand Old Currituck Sound," out on those pleasure trips, moonlight trips and trips across the sound to the grand Atlantic.

Misses Mary and Ella Wilson and Sadei Fisher of Jarvisburg and the same number of young men from Powels Point were in our midst last Sunday. We were glad to have them with us, hope they will come oftener.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Evans and Mrs. N. E. Dulin were the welcome



### McGregor.

Say Mike, what's the matter, goin crazy ain't you?

### Mike.

Not on yer life. Say nothing to disturb me now, grub is so high and hard to git, an I gest had all I cord eat, an ise gest tryin to kape it down long as possible.—Yer see de pint?

### McGregor.

Oh! had you gest done your trading at dat big store of Love, Evans & Co., you'd have no need standing on your head to hold grub down. They hold the PRICE down, thought ebery-body knows dats.

### Mike.

Wel den, dat be true, dats subficiant. I'll git right up and be about my business and when I need grub agin, I'll go dare startine.

guest of Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Aydlett last Sunday.

Mr. C. C. Aydlett and son Mr. Luther Deney Aydlett is spending a few days with friends in Coinjock.

The wedding bells will blend harmoniously with the Easter bells in our midst this season.

### SOUTH MILLS.

South Mills, N. C., March 25.—  
Correspondence of the TAR HEEL.

There was a quiet marriage at the residence of Mr. J. B. Williams on the 19, of this month, the contracting parties was Mr. G. W. Vernon, of this place and Miss Elizabeth Weeks, of the western part of this state, Rev. W. E. Howcutt officiated.

There was an early marriage at the residence of Mr. W. E. McCoy's last Sturday morning at half past three o'clock. Dr. Thos. C. Bingley and Miss Elizabeth Carson were married by W. H. Abbott J. P.

The store that is being built for Mr. Geo. Bevridge, is nearing completion.

Mr. Chas. Norris is building a work shop at this place.

Brick masons are laying the foundation for the Jacob Hines new store.

Mr. S. E. Spence and C. J. Spence left for Norfolk to work on the pile driver for the C. Walker & Co.

Mr. W. C. Sawyer broke his leg one day last week while driving a new horse.

Mr. John W. Whitehurst and Mrs. Joanna McPherson were united in marriage a few days ago by Rev. Joe Ferebee of Elizabeth City, N. C.,

Mrs. J. A. Spence is quite sick at her home.

Mr. G. F. Spence is having his home painted.

Rev. Joe. Ferebee preached a very able sermon at Ebenezer Baptist church Sunday morning.

Rev. W. E. Hocutt preached a good sermon at Trinity M. E. church last Sunday night.

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