

**ROOSEVELT CANNOT COME.**

Because of an injury sustained in Recent Accident.

Because of an injury sustained in a trolley car collision, while en route from Pittsfield to Lenox, during his visit to Massachusetts, President Roosevelt will, not visit Elizabeth City and the Albemarle section this winter. This was ascertained in an interview with Ex-Congressman Jno. E. Reyburn.

It will be remembered that weeks ago the Tar Heel gave an exclusive account of Mr. Reyburn having invited the president to visit this section as his guest. Mr. Reyburns yacht Gretchen was in harbor Monday morning and the writer went aboard to ascertain why Mr. Roosevelt failed to show up. Mr. Reyburn stated that the president's physicians had prescribed absolute quiet for their patient and that while this had not been observed Mr. Roosevelt, himself, deemed it unwise to attempt a trip to this section just at this time. Mr. Reyburn said: "Mr. Roosevelt is much disappointed at not being able to accept my invitation; As he is much interested in Eastern North Carolina because of the proposed Inland Waterway. The President wants very much to go over the proposed routes of this waterway and then he is naturally anxious to try his hand at duck hunting; say nothing of getting a whack at one of those Dismal Swamp bears of which he has heard many tales. I am sorry that I couldn't get him to come down with me this time; but it is not too late yet."

Mr. Reyburn has spent the past two weeks at Durants Island with a number of distinguished guests, among whom were: Geo. W. Boyd, assistant General Passenger Agt., of the Penns. R. R.; S. H. Kauffman, of the Washington Evening Star; D. M. Ransdell, Sergeant at Arms of the U. S. Senate; Col. W. J. Morehead, of Phila.; and Hon. Chas. E. Coffin, of Maryland.

Mr. Reyburn will return to this section in about ten days and will bring as his guest A. M. Thackara, the American Counsel to Havre France.

**The Result of Whiskey.**

In the prelude to his sermon Sunday morning Rev. D. H. Tuttle exhibited a copy of the News and Observer and called attention to a list of seven murders chronicled therein and laid emphasis on the fact that all were the result of whiskey. The murder committed here last week was prompted by drunkenness and Mayor Wilson tells us that rum figures prominently in nearly every case tried by him. The above speaks volumes in denunciation of promiscuous selling of liquor.

**INDIAN RELICS.**

An Interesting Collection to be Exhibited by Hathaway.

Mr. J. D. Hathaway, Elizabeth City's popular optician and jeweller, is negotiating with Capt. R. D. Wainwright for a loan of his collection of Indian relics for a display in the windows of the formers establishment on Poindexter street. The collection to which we refer is a valuable one and contains many interesting specimens of the red man's handiwork. If Mr. Hathaway succeeds in securing it for exhibition the reader will find it to advantage to pay a visit to the store if for no other reason than to examine the curios.

Hathaway is among the foremost of our progressive business men and is practically the only optician in Eastern Carolina; his knowledge of his work being supplemented with the most complete testing and fitting apparatus this side of Norfolk.

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the matter be immediately remedied. It is needless to advise that a business conducted on this principle is worthy of patronage.

**PUSS IN BOOTS.**

Two Hundred People in One Big Play.

Prof. M. J. Lee, owner and manager of the beautiful fairy extravaganza "Puss in Boots," is here and is busily engaged in rehearsing amateurs for its production here on the night of Nov. 15th 1902. The play is an extravagant production; replete with spectacular and scenic effects that for beauty are uneclipsed by any other amateur attempt.

The scenery is the prettiest ever used here and the costumes will be the most dazzling creations of histrionic conception. One hundred and fifty or two hundred boys and girls will participate while our best local talent and leaders of society will figure in the prominent parts.

Of Prof. Lee's entertainment the Atlanta (Ga.) Journal has to say:

"An enthusiastic applause and a packed house greeted the play, 'Puss in the Boot,' at the Grand Opera House last evening. It was the finest amateur performance ever presented at the Grand. The horses and animals were unique while the music and costumes were gorgeous. The electric snow storm was wierd and grand. It is to be hoped Mr. Lee will return in the fall and repeat the beautiful play."

**Amusements.**

The Vaudeville show that is appearing nightly at the Academy of Music this week is well worth the price of admission. Benny Meyer is exceptionally good and is frequently encoered. The blackface and other characters are taking well.

A. Q. Seamon's "Side Tracked" is billed for Dec. 16th. This spectacular comedy production is a laugh producer that should not fail to extract the price of admission from a mirth loving public. The piece has many new features this year.

**T. H. Simpson runs a whiskey distillery in Anson county.**

A year ago Rev. C. H. Martin, ex-Congressman from that district, and Rev. James Little held revival services within a few yards of the still with the avowed purpose of breaking it up. They predicted that it would not run a year. Last week they held another meeting there and Rev. Little referred to the still as "Simpson's Hell Kettle." A few nights afterwards some one put two sticks of dynamite under the still and blew it up. Simpson has written to the collector of internal revenues charging that the evangelists did it, and concludes his letter by saying: "God being my helper I am going to keep on making corn whiskey down here."

**INLAND WATERWAY.**

The Dismal Swamp Route Most Feasible.

Our friend Jno. F. Foster of South Mill than whom there is not a more progressive man in his county, writes the following able defense anent the feasibility of the proposed inland waterway through the old Dismal Swamp canal.

My Dear Sir—I notice a communication in Friday's paper, written by a Mr. Stout, of Great Bridge, Va., commenting at length on the feasibility of the government engineers recommending the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal as the best route for the proposed inland waterway from Beaufort Inlet, N. C., to tidewater Virginia. In his article he assumes the distance shorter through the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal, which of course is not, as we find it by reference to the actual survey, and that the Dismal Swamp canal would have to be dredged to a depth of twenty-five feet to maintain the desired depth of sixteen. This, of course, can be better answered by a civil

engineer; but by my actual observation and experience of the same kind of work in Turner's Cut, N. C., this is absurd to think the least of it. It is a fact without contradiction, that since the completion of the Dismal Swamp canal the regular trade that had so long used the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal (with all of its great advantages) has come this way.

Now there must be some reason for this not seen by you or myself and only the captains who have had to travel these two canals are able to explain. It is just as probable and feasible that the Dismal Swamp canal could be utilized without locks as the Albemarle and Chesapeake could. If any fair-minded man will study the disadvantages that are now and would arise in Currituck sound or the North Carolina portion of the Albemarle and Chesapeake, canal and that shiftless bottom of the North river, they will readily see the great expense that is now and would continually have to be kept up by the government in keeping open the channel, As to those mammoth pumps and reservoirs Mr. Stout refers to in order to furnish the Dismal Swamp canal with water, they could be operated at a great deal less expense than it would be to keep the sand shoals out of North river alone. Now about the water supply for the Dismal Swamp canal. Accordingly to statistics there has been less rainfall in our section of the state to September 15, since 1892; but the Dismal Swamp canal has still gone on without drawing very much on her reserve water supply (Lake Drummond), but suppose there was no Lake Drummond to feed this canal, we are prepared to prove that there would be plenty of water from the springs in the earth since the deepening of the canal it takes no more water from the lake than it did before, and should it be dug to a depth of sixteen feet or more I venture to say there would be no use for any water from Lake Drummond. Looking at it from another standpoint, why should any one prophesy that Lake Drummond should ever go dry. It has silently lingered there in the bosom of an almost endless forest for many moons, and no mortal man knoweth from whence it came or whither it will go.

There are several other reasons why the Dismal Swamp canal route should be recommended, that is if the United States government really wants to benefit the greatest number of people. On this route is one city alone of 10,000 inhabitants and two villages of 400 to 500 inhabitants each, and many other smaller places, while there is virtually no one but a few who might be employed on the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal to derive any special benefit by its going that way. While it is left to the government engineers we feel no uneasiness about the route these fair-minded gentleman will recommend. Years of experience in this class of work has taught them that the very things the enemies of the Dismal Swamp canal are trying to "ram down the public's throat" about the water supply, will not stand the test of past experience or future research. J. F. FOSTER South Mills, N. C., Oct. 11, 1902.

**Oysters are Here.**

Gibb's Preserving house is working full time with a force of nearly two hundred hands and the nature of the work is canning oysters. Up to this writing several boat loads have been received and it is not thought that the supply will slacken: in fact the outlook is much better than was first expected. The oysters are of prime quality: much salt water in the sounds this summer having much to do with fattening them.

Carrie Nation, who is in Asheville, is now said to be heading towards Greensboro and Raleigh. She missed the State fair, but may their he later.



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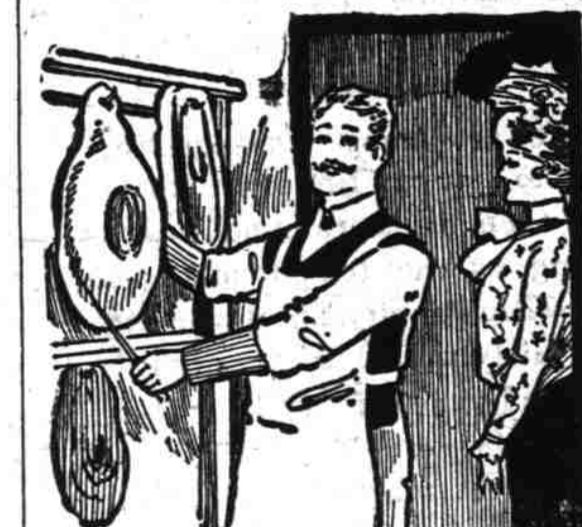
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