

Hon. W. D. Pruden, of Edenton, was here this week.

Mr. W. M. Davis and sister Cora spent Sunday at South Mills.

Mr. W. L. Cohoon is out of town this week.

Mr. J. C. Bell, of Shiloh, was here Monday.

Mr. M. R. White, of Canaan, was here this week.

Mr. G. R. Miller, of Chapanoke, was here Tuesday.

Prof. W. G. Gaither, of Hertford, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. John Foster, of South Mills, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. C. T. Hodges, of South Mills was among yesterdays visitors.

Jno. L. Roper, of Norfolk, was here yesterday.

Mr. T. D. Diggs, of South Mills, was here this week.

Mr. Owens, of the Owens Shoe Co., was in Norfolk Monday.

Mrs. W. A. Foster of South Mills was here Monday.

Mr. P. N. Bray, of Currituck, was at the Arlington Tuesday.

Dr. L. Caravan, of Columbia, was in town Wednesday.

Dr. Thomas Riddick and wife, of Woodville, were here this week.

Hon. W. M. Bond, of Edenton, was here this week.

Mr. John P. Zigler is in Baltimore.

Mr. L. W. Norman, cashier of the Hertford Banking Co., was here Monday.

Mr. M. H. White, of Hertford, was here this week. We heard him laugh.

Mr. W. A. Jackson, of the firm of Fleetwood and Jackson; lumber manufacturers, was here Monday.

Mrs. C. V. Williford and sister, Miss Outlaw; of Hertford were here Saturday.

Hon. T. G. Skinner was the guest of the family of Mr. Wm. Pailin one day this week.

Mr. St. Clair Lewark, of Corolla, was here this week. He is a brother of Lewis the "big boy."

Mr. E. G. Sawyer, of South Mills, was among the visitors of the week.

Mr. S. N. Shephard, the foreman of the Carolinian, was in Norfolk this week.

A very small audience greeted the attraction at the Y. M. C. A. Monday night.

Mr. W. C. Brooks, formerly of this city, but now of Courtland, Va., was here this week.

Miss Maud Davis has as her guest, this week, Miss Lessie Meads, of Weeksville.

Mr. G. E. Richardson and wife, of greater Norfolk, were in the city Tuesday.

Mr. R. A. Wainwright, of Norfolk, was the guest of his father Capt. R. D. Wainwright, this week.

Basket ball teams at the Y. M. C. A. will contest for trophy cups in the near future.

The express office is handling many strawberry plants addressed to truckers of this section.

Several hogsheads of tobacco were seen at the depots here this week.

The oyster is becoming a more familiar article on the market now.

Sheriff R. W. Smith, of Manteo, was among the visitors here Monday.

The inclemency of the weather has been disastrous to the mercantile business this week.

We are pleased to report the recovery of Miss Emma Cobb who has been ill for several weeks.

The finishing touches are being added to the residence being erected, on Main street, for Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Bell.

Mr. W. W. Casey, of Hertford has accepted a position with W. J. Woodley. Mr. Casey will bring his family here soon.

Mr. W. C. Glover received 250 barrels of apples Wednesday and is daily expecting another shipment of the same size.

James Hill and Guy Brockett are fitting up a first class cafe in the old Central Hotel building. It will be open next week.

Capt. Martin Johnston, of the schooner Mamie Carliss, reports many Roanoke Island people here this week.

Mrs. Helen Simonds, Misses Edna Lamb and Maggie Hughes have returned from a visit to Camden.

Miss Josephine Seymour has returned to her home in Camden after a visit to Miss Annie Anderson.

Mr. C. J. Ward tells us that he is burning the largest kiln of brick ever burned in Eastern Carolina.

Constant Bland has been appointed to the position of Superintendent of the local telephone plant; upon the resignation of Mr. Gobel.

Mr. W. B. Webb, of Norfolk, is in the city in interest of the Stieff Piano Co. He is stopping at Mrs. Morrisettes boarding house.

A new sidewalk has been laid in front of the Arlington hotel and Toxey and Gallops place on Water street.

The four stores erected by Mr. C. W. Stevens, on north Poindexter street are ready for occupancy.

Mr. J. G. Nash has named that part of Poindexter street, just north of the bridge, Berkley. Very appropriate.

Rev. W. A. Ayers, of Hertford, was here Monday. The Road street Baptist church has received notice of his having declined the pastorate of the church.

Walter Mobrai leaves this morning for South Mills where he will probably accept a position with J. F. Foster, the printer and rubber stamp maker.

Mr. P. L. E. Luke is visiting Edenton, Plymouth, Ahoskie, Windsor, Harrellville and other places; in interest of the Elizabeth City Marble Works.

Hon. Edmund Alexander accompanied several northern capitalists to Hatteras this week. They seemed impressed with the place and its people and may locate some labor employing industry there. Probably a saw mill.

A barge loaded with logs became lost in the rain Wednesday night and strayed on a stump in the harbor. Up to a late hour yesterday all efforts to remove it had proved futile.

The first snow of the season fell throughout western North Carolina last Thursday.

State Labor Commissioner Verner will in his annual report specially recommend that the Legislature enact a strict law regulating labor of children in factories and will urge that employment of children under twelve years be forbidden.

State Auditor Dixon favors increasing the whiskey license tax in this State as one of the means of raising revenue. At the same time there is strong talk now of a dispensary election being held in Raleigh next month.

A lively racket occurred on Poindexter street Monday afternoon, in which nearly every Hebrew merchant on the block became involved. It was only a war of words and occurred, over a negro, from Perquimans who was looking for a suit of cloths.

The Martha E. Dickerman, a steamer plying between this city and Norfolk, is almost totally submerged in water at her moorings at the Norfolk and Southern Wharfs in this city. The Steamer mysteriously sprang a leak and sank, at about six o'clock Tuesday morning. No one was drowned, though a cargo of diversified merchandise is almost a total loss. 375 barrels of flour consigned to Toxey and Gallop and Leroy and Co. are in her submerged deck.

Side Tracked again
The spectacular Comedy production, Side tracked, will appear here on Tuesday night Dec. 16, and a full house is assured it because of the praise bestowed upon its last appearance in this city. This is really the first performance of the season and is looked forward to with pleasant anticipations by all theatre going people. The piece is replete with side splitting incidents and a continual roar of laughter is extracted from the most critical audience. Seats will be on sale at Seligs.

Thrown From Horse.
Little Emma, the ten year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fearing, received very painful injuries, Saturday Morning, by being thrown from the back of her pony.

As is her custom; she was out for a ride on her pony. On Riverside avenue the little animal took fright at a dog; its youthful rider was violently thrown to the ground in the mad flight which followed.

WILCOX AN ATTRACTION.
Hertford Preparing to Make an event of His Trial.
Hertford, Dec. 1.—Now that the stage of action of the Wilcox Cropsey murder mystery has been shifted from Elizabeth City to Hertford, a few words apropos of coming second trial of this famous case, by order of Judge Moore, to this town at a special term of court early in January, may be of interest to your readers. As is well known, James E. Wilcox stands convicted of the murder of Nellie Cropsey at Elizabeth City, on the night of November the 20th, 1902, and the Supreme Court having granted him a new trial the case has been removed to Hertford, where Wilcox's friends hope the former decision will be reversed.

And so to this pretty town of 1,500 people with its flowers and shrubbery and beautiful homes, this mysterious tragedy of the murder of a young and beautiful girl by some vile assassin, whether the prisoner at the bar or not, is to be reviewed to its populace in all its hideous and despicable villainess. It will be a very famous trial in this section of the country because of the prominence of the families involved, and because of the very mysterious feature of the tragedy. It has spread far and wide throughout the United States, and the reading public are watching its course, and thus Hertford will become famous as the stage of action on which the actors in this bloody tragedy will enact the closing scenes in the greatest trial in its history. The first trial was very exciting, vast crowds attending its sessions. So it will be here. Like the Molineux case, interest has not subsided in this case and will not until it is finally disposed of. The case will probably consume most of the week when it is tried in January, and the town will be thronged with visitors from far and near, braving the cold, icy winds that sweep the streets, anxious to hear the details of this sensational murder mystery.

The town has only one hotel of any pretensions and that is a long old fashioned out-of-date affair, built a hundred years ago or more but it's a hospitable old place and the bill of fare is good and there are other accommodations in the town and all visitors will be taken care of.

Hertford is noted for its wealth, culture and morality and is situated on the beautiful Perquimans river and the Norfolk and Southern railroad, 17 miles south of Elizabeth City and 62 miles south of Norfolk.

If we have been told right there was a resident of Beaufort county who is fifty nine years of age and claims to have never received a letter or newspaper through the post-office in his life, we would have charged our informant with seeking to slander his county. Yet this was the statement made to us by a citizen when we asked him to subscribe to our paper, and he seems to be proud of his record. And this man has a wife and three children.—Ex.

GOOD ROADS.
Railroads And Civil Authorities Should Co-operate

There may be a mountain in the path or cataract in the stream, a chasm in the plain, or it may be that rain has converted an earthen road into a slough, that a cyclone has drifted sand across a railway or a blizzard has filled a cut with snow.

"Such are a few of the contingencies which obstruct the highways of commerce and which it is the work of the engineer and roadmaker to remove where practicable.

"What better and more condensed instructions can be found for this than those which came from the prophet Isaiah as the voice of him that crieth from the wilderness of Asia, 'Prepare ye the way; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.'

"Today Russia is literally carrying out these specifications in extending her area of steel from the Baltic to the Japan sea that civilization may advance by the peaceful revolutions of the wheel and not by the arbitrament of the sword. * * * Roman roads subjugated and controlled the empire. Truly the wheel is mightier than the sword as a civilizing agent."

Following this preamble Mr. Hays showed the relation of the rate of transportation to the profit to the producer and the influence severally of the highway, the railway and the artificial and national waterways in limiting or extending the market range. In conclusion he said:

"Very little of the 800,000,000 of tons of freight carried annually on the railroads of the United States has its origin on the line of the road, but must first be moved from farm, mine or forest over earth roads at an average cost of 25 cents per ton mile. If the average distance be but four miles the expense of transportation before delivery to the railroad would be \$800,000,000, while the charge for distribution may swell this to over \$1,000,000,000 annually, most of which goes to cover wear and tear.

"The cost of transportation on our common roads may be greatly diminished by reducing the resistances and improving the grades, alignment, surface and drainage. If reduced to even one-half the effect would be to double the area of the territory tributary to the railroads and so increase their tonnage as well as the margin available for transportation.

"As it costs much less to improve roads than to open branch railroads as feeders, it would be good policy on the part of railroads to unite with counties, townships and boroughs in developing systems of improved trunk roads with laterals as feeders to their own systems. Numerous precedents for such a policy exist in foreign countries, where the results have proved its wisdom and economy."

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I AM always ready to sell the right kind of a time-piece at the right kind of price. There is nothing better than the best and no honest man can sell an honest article lower than the low water mark. There is a limit both ways, and we come up to those limits and offer you a good as you can get and as cheap as it can be sold. If you want an honest, reliable watch at the lowest possible price, call and see my holiday line, which includes a special variety of latest in Ladies' and Gents' Watches.

Louis Selig,
The Leading Jeweler,
Corner Main and Water Streets.

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Opposite E. F. Lamb's farm, and adjoining S. B. Bartlett's, about one and a half miles from city limits **Sixty-two Acres at Fifty Dollars Per Acre.** Fine location for suburban home. This will be sold at once. Being the last for sale near the city and on one of the best roads from town.

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REAL ESTATE MANAGER.

Imperial Dry Goods Co.,
J. W. MILLEN, MGR.
198-202 Main Street, Norfolk, Va.

A Great Money Saving Event!

During the week of December 8th to 13th we shall prove that you can buy cheaper from the Imperial Dry Goods Co. than any other store North or South, East or West. We have already demonstrated to every customer of ours that we have saved them money.

First, we buy nothing but absolutely the best merchandise, never allowing anything imperfect in any way to be placed in stock. This creates a feeling of perfect sincerity and confidence in the fact that you will never be disappointed with the wear or service in any article you may buy from us as positive guarantee is given on all our goods and with the exception of holiday goods we will cheerfully take back and refund the money on anything which does not give satisfaction.

Second, we have an enormous purchasing capacity through the joint co-operation of our different stores this enables us to buy enormous quantities of merchandise and so in many cases practically get them at our own price.

Third, we sell for cash, and that alone should be sufficient argument in our favor as no merchant can do a double business of cash and charge sales on the same margin of profit without a loss to some one and the merchant who does this double business will take good care that he does lose by it, therefore the cash customer must lose as in many cases she pays the same price as the charge customer and the charge customer loses by paying interest to the merchant.

Fourth, we only add a very small percentage of profit on our goods preferring quick and large returns with small profit to slow sales with larger profits, and no matter how cheap we may buy an article we never add more than our regular profit, preferring rather to give our customers the benefit of the saving.

Fifth, with all this to your advantage and a still further **INDUCEMENT OF 10 PER CENT ON ALL PURCHASES OF \$1.00, AND UP DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8TH TO 13TH TO ANY ONE PRODUCING THIS ADVERTISEMENT (POSITIVELY NO DISCOUNT UNLESS YOU HAVE THIS ADVERTISEMENT).**

We would suggest that you **DO ALL YOUR SHOPPING** first then produce the advertisement **WITH THE SALE CHECKS** and get your 10 per cent discount off your entire purchases as we shall collect the advertisement upon giving the discount.

We are taking this phenomenal step at a big expense in order to get you acquainted with our store, our goods and our money saving methods feeling sure it will make you a customer at all times.

Everything in high class Dress Goods, Silks, Linens, Blankets, Comforts, Figured Flannelettes, Coats, Suits, Skirts, Silk and Flannel Waists, Underwear, Hosiery, Ribbons, Trimmings, Laces, Corsets, Upholstering Goods, Lace Curtains, Porters, Gloves, Neckwear, Handkerchiefs, Mens' Wear and Holiday Goods, Toys, Dolls and Games.

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