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STEAMER GUIDE HATTERAS NOTES WAS LIBELED

Action Brough Against the LeRoy Steamboat Co.

GUIDE REPOSSESSED

Steamboat Company, was libeled last Monday. The papers in the case served on Mr. J. H. LeRoy by Deputy Marshal Clem Newberry.

This action was the outcome of a suit brought by Capt. H. M. Balance, who was employed by the LeRoy Steamboat Co., as second officer during the fall and early winter.

About two months after leaving the employ of this company, Capt. Balance charges that the steamer Guide

on two or three occasions carried more passengers than she was allowed. These alleged offenses occurred while Mr. Balance was in the employ of the company. Under the law the party who reports offenses of this kind is entitled to one-half of the fine. It is understood that the action of Capt. Balance is prompted by gain and that he is suing for \$2,700, which he claims is one-half. In his suit he is said to be supported by an engineer by the name of Bateman, who was also in the employ of the Steamboat Company and also by Capt. McHarney, of Norfolk who ran an opposition line.

Under these circumstances the suit of Capt. Balance appears to be of an unsavory kind, and as such should be frowned upon.

Certainly the owners of any Steamboat line have to depend on the officers of the boats to conform to the law and it certainly is in bad form for officers to violate the law and then sue the company for violations which they themselves committed.

We believe in protecting the traveling public, but we like to see fair play. Capt. Balance had wanted to do the right thing he should have protested when the alleged violations were committed or reported them immediately. Then the public would have held up his hands, but in this case as we understand it, it appears to be spite work and for the purpose of putting some easy dollars in his pockets.

Mr. LeRoy in his steamboat lines has done a great deal for this section and is entitled to fair play and consideration.

If there have been any violations we do not believe they were done with his knowledge or consent and we would regret to see him suffer for the acts of those whose duty it was to protect their employer.

Mr. LeRoy gave bond and repossessed the Guide Thursday, notwithstanding the opposition to the course.

CHURCH WORK.

In this week's issue we are printing a sermon delivered by Rev. E. W. Stone, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city. We intended to print it last week and regret that it was crowded out.

In this connection we desire to say that we always take pleasure in printing matters of interest about our churches, and we would be glad to have the members of the various churches to furnish us items of interest.

Elizabeth City has never had a stronger force in the pulpit than it now has. There is no dead timber in the lot. We are glad that all are working in harmony, for thus united they can exercise a powerful influence on this community in bringing our people together, making us truly one people, having a friendly regard and interest one for the other and with an eye for the uplift and progress of our city.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BEGINS. MRS. STYRON VERY SICK IN BALTIMORE. MANY INTERESTING VISITORS TO MAKE LIFE GAY DOWN BY THE SEA.

Hatteras, N. C., March 15, 1909.—The Hatteras public school started up on last Wednesday for the regular four-months term. Mr. H. N. Roper, of Beaufort County, is principal of the school, and Miss Annie Jones, of Manteo is the assistant. Mr. Roper is a teacher of wide experience and a very courteous and clever gentleman, and comes to us with the most excellent recommendations from other schools he has taught. Miss Jones is a most capable teacher, and a young lady of high culture and many accomplishments. Our school has started out with a full attendance, and bids fair to be one of the most successful terms we have had in many years.

Lieutenant Cade of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey service, who has been at Buxton and Hatteras for the past two weeks doing survey work, left yesterday for his ship, the steamer Endeavor, lying in the Cape Channel. Lieutenant Cade made many friends during his stay in our section, and we hope to see him with us again.

Mr. Joe Dixon, of Portsmouth, came up this week and spent several days with friends at Hatteras. Mr. Dixon is one of the most prominent business men of Portsmouth and has large interest in that section.

Mr. William Bolton Superintendent of the telephone lines of the life saving service, came down on business connected with the telephone service and left again this week, going up along the line on an inspection trip. Mr. Bolton found the telephone system here in splendid condition.

The many friends of Mr. E. L. Styron, engineer of the diamond shoals lightship, learn with regret of the serious illness of his wife in Baltimore. It is learned that Mrs. Styron's condition is so serious that she had to be taken to the hospital for treatment. Mr. Styron's many friends at Hatteras deeply sympathize with him in his trouble and wish for his wife a speedy recovery.

Mr. E. D. Burrus, of the schooner Freddie Hamilton, came home this week and spent several days with his family here, leaving again the last of the week for work on his regular run.

Miss Sophie Williams, of Englehard, Hyde County is spending some weeks at Hatteras visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter Gaskins.

Mr. Albert Kopplin and Mr. W. H. Gaskins took a merry party of young folks over to Hatteras Inlet life saving station on Sunday morning, and after spending a pleasant day visiting friends and relatives there, returned home on Sunday evening.

Mrs. D. B. Fulcher and Miss Annie Babb, of Frisco, came down on Sunday and spent the day at Hatteras visiting friends, returning home in the evening.

THEIR SIXTH ANNIVERSARY The 6th Anniversary of Lucker and Sheeley will take place Thursday morning. These events in the history of this firm are the ones upon which they lay special stress and at which time they make great efforts for the buying public. This year will be no exception, unless it is that the display will be larger.

Mercantile Bank, Elizabeth City, N. C., now open for business No. 4 N. Poinexter Street This bank invites the business of customers with the assurance of satisfactory service and agreeable relationship

EASTLAKE NOTES

TIMBER INDUSTRY HUMING IN THAT SECTION. MUCH MONEY FOR PAY ROLLS.

Eastlake, N. C., March 15, 1909.—As I have not seen anything in your valuable paper from this place for some time I will write to let you and your readers know that we are still in the land of the living and are very much alive.

The Dare Lumber Company is operating its mammoth logging industry here. This scribe can sit on his porch at home and hear a thousand blasts of its steam whistles a day. At about six o'clock, and six mornings to the week, cheery calls of the one hundred and eighty men as they begin to meet in the log woods where they find the faithful night watchman, Mr. D. H. Hassell, smutty but smiling with the six powerful steam skidders sizzling and ready for a turn of the valve and a touch of the lever, when 7 o'clock comes. Then the fun begins. If some of the readers of this paper could be present to see the smiling and happy faces of these 180 men that are geying and jesting with each other it would cure the worst chronic growler in the State.

At 7 o'clock up goes the foreman's hand three blast of the whistle and every man is at his post and the days work is begun. The machines begin to puff and groan and the blocks creak as they pull the giants of the forest to the rail where they are sawed in proper lengths and loaded on the cars and taken to the landing, where they have machines that takes them a car load at a time and loads them on a barge to be taken to their mill at Elizabeth City. When the 10th of the month comes around they place in the 180 pay envelopes between four and five thousand dollars which is distributed among the men.

The Buffalo City Mill Inc. employ about 150 men with a four thousand dollar pay roll, which is distributed the 15th of each month.

Miss Essie Sanderlin on the 20th inst. will give an entertainment for the enjoyment of her many friends, at her home. It will consist of recitation, dialogues, vocal music and refreshments. Miss Essie now has the little lads and lassies in training for the occasion. Everybody is invited to come, laugh and grow fat.

Mrs. Lonnie C. Basnight is getting her program ready for the Easter Sunday school exercises. We will have something rich as Mrs. Basnight never does thing by halves. So much for the social part.

Now with all this prosperity in business and amusements, there is one thing that mars the whole community that is the public school. A few years ago we were one of the first districts that voted a special school tax and our school and school house was the pride of every citizen and was admired by all visitors. Now with these two lumber companies and John E. Reyburn, paying their taxes and our own people paying very large taxes also, with all this we have no school. Like the great oak that has been broken by the storm, our school house stands a silent witness of past grandeur and greatness, its doors are closed, its blinds are off the hinges, its windows broken and its play ground as silent as the tomb. This scribe has recently passed through some of our sister counties and has seen the school houses and play grounds filled with happy children. This makes it sad, when we think of the bright children at home who are debared from this blessing.

A few years ago we had eight months school with two good teachers and now we have none and we pay more school taxes now than we did then.

HOOPER CONVICTED OF HOUSEBURNING

Sentenced to the Roads for Three Years at hard Labor

CASE APPEALED

J. L. Hooper was found guilty of house-burning and was sentenced by Judge Peebles to three years on the roads at hard labor.

The trial in which Hooper was convicted of the crime was one of the most sensational ever held here.

The trial was begun Tuesday afternoon and the jury reached a verdict Saturday afternoon, after having had the case for two days and nights. Before Hooper was sentenced Saturday, Attorney E. F. Aydlett, leading counsel for the defendant made a motion to set aside the verdict. This was denied by the Judge.

After Hooper was sentenced Attorney Aydlett gave notice of an appeal to the Supreme Court.

Hooper was released on bail in the sum of \$2,000, pending the disposition of the case by the Supreme Court.

"Montauk" is the most delicious of all creams. It is served at Brown's Pharmacy.

Men's and Boys Clothing, Furnishings and Shoes in great variety and quantity at McCabe and Grice's Spring Opening next Tuesday and Wednesday.

OLD TRAP NOTES

Old Trap March 9.—The farmers of this section are busily engaged in preparing the land for the crops in general. They believe in having their crops as forward as possible, because they recognize the truth of the old adage that "The early bird gets the worm."

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Burgess of E. City are the guest of their friends in this vicinity this week.

Miss Isabel Burgess came home Sunday for a short stay with her friends and relatives. She returned Monday to Harbinger, N. C. where she holds a position in the postoffice.

While Mrs. Heath was out dining Sunday afternoon her horse took flight and in the endeavor to get out of the buggy Mrs. Heath became entangled with the lines and was dragged some distance. She was painfully bruised and lacerated. Meanwhile the frightened horse sped down the road at a terrific rate.

Capt. T. Crosby has just disposed of a load of oyster shells of several thousand bushels among many of our farmers, who will use them as a fertilizer.

LASTS FOR TEN DAYS. The E. S. Chesson Co. Spring Opening will take place next Wednesday and last for ten days. Great preparations have been made by this enterprising firm for this great occasion, as will be seen from their page ad in this issue. Special prices will prevail in every department.

AFTER 33 YEARS experience millions of users of L & M Paints, claim—First, it wears 10 to 15 years—Second, it only costs \$1.20 a gallon—Third, it's the best they have ever used—Fourth, sixteen thousand agents certify to these facts. D. M. JONES CO. L & M. Paint Agents.

CRESWELL NEWS

In Which the Movement of the People of that Progressive Town are Told in a Brief and Interesting Manner.

Creswell March 17.—The farmers are taking advantage of the glorious sunshine and are working with a view.

Mr. Cecil Spruill left this morning for Norfolk.

Miss Myra Hardison is home again after a few days stay with friends in Plymouth.

Miss Feeley Davis of Pasquotank is visiting her uncle Mr. A. C. Smithson, on the suburbs.

Mrs. Y. L. Hassell left on Monday's train for Baltimore, where she has gone to purchase goods for the coming season.

Mr. Tom Foley visited relatives at Skinnersville on Sunday.

Miss Hattie Small of Scuppernon, was the guest of Miss Myra Hardison this week.

Several of our Columbia friends made a flying trip to our town yesterday.

Newest things in Spring fabrics at McCabe and Grice's Spring Opening next Tuesday and Wednesday.

If you want the finest quality of cream order "Montauk." At Brown's Pharmacy.

Don't forget the great Spring Opening of McCabe and Grice next Tuesday and Wednesday. The stock is a magnificent one.

Get the newest and best goods at the lowest prices next Tuesday and Wednesday at the great Spring Opening of McCabe and Grice.

NEWLAND NOTES

Newland, March 16, Mrs. Sack Sawyer is in Elizabeth City, visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. Tom Eason, of Perquimans returned Monday. He has been the guest of Mr. W. J. Sawyer.

Newland School closed Friday. All are sorry to part from their teacher, Miss Wood of Elizabeth City.

Mrs. Susan Carver has been on the sick list, but we are glad to say she will soon be out again.

Rev. Bristow filled the place of Rev. J. B. Ferebee last Sunday at Raymouth Gilead. He preached an excellent sermon.

Handsome souvenirs will be given to the ladies who attend the great Spring Opening of McCabe and Grice next Tuesday and Wednesday, March 23 and 24th.

Take no chances. Get Montauk Cream. It's the best. Rich and delicious. At Brown's Pharmacy.

The Greatest of all Spring Opening at McCabe and Grice's next Tuesday and Wednesday.

At McCabe and Grice's Spring Opening will have on display the largest line of merchandise ever shown in this city.

Ask your friends where they get the best Ice Cream. We serve only "Montauk" at Brown's Pharmacy.

GUM NECK NOTES

Gum Neck, March 15.—Mr. C. T. Spruill of Creswell has been in our town for the last few days on business, looking after his farm interests. Mr. Spruill is now having some tenement houses built on the California Farm.

Miss Della Patrick was the guest of Miss Martha Jarvis Saturday and Sunday. Miss Della is one of our teachers in the public school.

Among those at the party at the home of Mr. C. H. Jarvis on Friday night, were: Mr. Sam. Everton, Miss Dora Sample, Mr. Dallas Sawyer, Miss Alice Sawyer.

Mr. James Armstrong has accepted a position with the King Weeder Co. of Richmond, V. Mr. Armstrong will act as agent to sell this great labor saving implement.

Mr. Charlie Armstrong made a trip to New Lake Saturday.

Mr. J. T. Swindell of Juitper, is visiting his parents at our place this week.

Mr. Fred Pinner of Monksamp, N. C. is having his house nicely papered. Mr. W. J. Richardson is doing the work.

Mr. C. F. Kemp is greatly improving his farm which he has purchased recently. We hope Mr. Kemp much success in his undertaking as he has discarded the fishing business and has gone in the farming business.

POPLAR BRANCH NOTES

Popular Branch, March 16.—We had a very heavy white frost last night.

Our Irish Potatoes are coming up. We expect a bad stand as there are so many rotten.

Our hot beds are a little behind time this season, but if we only get a half stand I think we will have enough for there are more slips bedded this year in Currituck than has ever been before.

Mr. J. C. Gallop has begun to build on his store. We hope Mr. Gallop much success.

The eel fishers are not doing anything at all.

The writer saw a fine race today. Somebody will think it was a horse race. No it was nothing of the kind.—Mr. Jones and a rabbit. Mr. Jones found the rabbit in a heap of corn stalks, the rabbit jumped so did Mr. Jones.

Mr. D. W. Woodhouse has returned home from Baltimore, where he purchased a large stock of spring goods. He is one of our leading merchants.

Mr. M. Morrisett and Miss Carrie Swain of Colncock were united in marriage Sunday night.

Rev. J. A. Willoughby filled his regular appointment Sunday.

Mr. J. C. Gallop is making aff. Mrs. Bessie Saunders and little son spent Monday evening with Mrs. J. C. Gallop.

SOUVENIRS TO LADIES. McCabe and Grice's Grand Opening will take place next Tuesday and Wednesday. This large firm have made the greatest preparation in their history and will make a showing worth the attention of the surrounding counties. Souvenirs will be given to the ladies who attend.