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## HYDE COUNTY RAIL ROAD

WASHINGTON PUTTING FORTH EFFORT TO GET THIS CONNECTION.

Washington, N. C.,—A large and representative gathering of members of the Chamber of Commerce, merchants and business men of the city was held in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of devising ways and means to induce the Hyde County and Mattamuskeet Railroad now in process of construction and extending from Fairfield, Hyde County, to Belhaven, Beaufort county, to continue its road on to this city. Captain G. J. Studdert having just returned from Hyde County addressed the meeting in regard to the matter of extending the road on to this city. He also stated that the citizens of Belhaven and Bath N. C. had made offers to the railroad to pay for the grading and rights of way, but the railroad company did not think it advisable to take the road to Bath unless it could be extended on to this city, also Captain Studdert stated that the road was already completed to within three miles of Belhaven and this work would be finished in six weeks. He also stated that this was our chance to get this road, and unless we gave the State officials in Raleigh an answer by next Tuesday morning the convicts would be taken back to the Penitentiary, and the road terminated at Belhaven. Captain Studdert then stated that it would only require \$3,000 and the securing of rights of way to grade this road on to this city from Bath, and that it meant a great deal to the commercial and business interests of Washington as it would put this city in close touch with one of the richest and most fertile counties in the State. A delegation of business men from Bath were also present at this meeting and a number of short talks were made by J. F. Tayloe, J. W. Oden, E. H. Jefferson and T. M. Tayloe then made motion that the Chamber of Commerce accept the proposition to raise the required amount and bring the railroad on to this city. This motion was seconded and unanimously carried by the meeting. The chair then appointed Messrs. George A. Phillips, George T. Leah and J. F. Tayloe to solicit subscription for the required amount of stock in the road necessary to complete it to this city, and about one-third of the required amount was subscribed before the meeting adjourned.—News and Observer.

### A CORRECTION.

In our last issue we made a very serious error in stating that the medal recently won by Miss Amy Pinner for writing the best essay on North Carolina History, was awarded by the Daughters of the Confederacy. The medal was presented by the State Society of the Daughter of the Revolution. The local chapter in this town is called the Sir Walter Raleigh Chapter. The State Society of the Daughters of the Revolution gave a medal to the schools in every town, where one of the Chapters is located.

### ANNOUNCEMENT.

We have recovered from the recent fire and are now located on WATER STREET, next to Fowler & Co., where we are giving a sweeping reduction on high grade household goods, saving the purchaser from 20 to 50 per cent on Fire Sale Goods. We are daily receiving large invoices of standard and fancy groceries at reasonable prices. EAGLE GROCERY, Phone 145.

## DIGGING MANY IRISH POTATOES

SHIPPED ABOUT 5,000 BARRELS THIS WEEK. BIGGER SHIPMENTS NEXT WEEK. LOTS OF UNION MEETINGS IN TYRELL LAST SUNDAY.

(Staff Correspondence.)

A hurried trip into Tyrrell county the later part of last week and the first of this gave our correspondent some information as to crops in this County as well as considerable knowledge as to the movements of the people. The truck farmers of the Sound side section this week have done a considerable part of Irish potato digging. On last Monday the farmers of the upper Sound side section shipped over the LeRoy Line about five hundred barrels and this shipping has been kept up during the entire week almost to that number of barrels.

The potato crop in this section is fairly good, and the yield does fairly well, when the broken condition of the crops is considered. A few of the farmers made a yield in digging this week of 20 to 25 barrels to the barrel of planting, but the greater number of farmers made a yield average of ten to fifteen barrels. The potatoes are good stock, the short age being caused by the broken crops.

The Columbia and Creek sections will begin to dig in earnest next week if the prices hold up anything like fair.

At least 5,000 barrels of potatoes have been shipped from Tyrrell County this week. The general conditions in Tyrrell County are good. Corn is doing well and the farmers next week will "hill" some corn. The farmers have suffered much this year from the depredation of bugs and other insect.

The cotton crop is fairly good and the acreage is on an average. Considerable early Sweet potatoes have been planted this year from which the farmers expect good prices.

As to the movements of the people over in Tyrrell, last Sunday was especially "Union Meeting Day". There were then in progress in a radius of five miles three union meetings.

The Scuppernon Baptist Union meeting convened with the Baptist church at Sound Side last Saturday morning and was in session Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Mr. Dalley of South Mills preached the introductory sermon to a large congregation. The sermon was a splendid one, and was greatly enjoyed. Mr. Dalley has recently accepted the pastorate of the Sound Side Baptist church and will immediately enter upon the duties of his pastorate.

The business of the Union was transacted during the sessions of Saturday and early Sunday morning. Rev. J. W. Rose preached the Missionary sermon Sunday at eleven o'clock and Rev. Dalley preached again Sunday night.

The Christian Denomination held its regular union meeting last Saturday and Sunday with the Christian church in Columbia. Large crowds were in attendance.

Van Duzen carried a number of delegates and visitors from Kitty Hawk and Currituck.

The Free Will Baptist church held its union meeting with the church on lower Sound Side last Saturday and Sunday.

At the Cristal Ice and Coal Company's yards this week business has been on a rush. Mr. Dunstan has worked a double force receiving his first supply of this seasons coal. The demand for ice these hot days has taxed the plant to its utmost.

## HEARD ARGUMENT FOR THE BRIDGE

A meeting was held in the Court House in this city last Monday afternoon by Major Kuhn of the War Department to give the citizens of Elizabeth City an opportunity to express themselves in regard to the granting of a permit to the Camden Ferry Company to build a bridge across the Pasquotank river.

Mr. H. T. Greenleaf Sr., appeared at the meeting and represented the Ferry Company who desire to build the bridge.

He spoke at length on the proposition and urged that the building of the bridge be no obstruction to navigation. He was supported in this position by Mr. J. H. LeRoy, president of the LeRoy Steamboat Company and other members of the Company who stated that the bridge will not interfere with the navigation of their boats and that they had no objection to the bridge being built.

Attorney E. F. Aydtlett representing the Dismal Swamp Canal Company and the Dare Lumber Company and attorney W. A. Worth representing the Buffalo Lumber Company and

the National Box Co., appeared before Major Kuhn opposing the building of the bridge. They spoke at length, and gave elaborate statistics as to the disadvantages that will arise from the building of the bridge. They cited the fact that their clients expended large sums of money in pay rolls in this city and that their wishes ought to be granted.

Mr. Geo. W. P. Overman secretary of the Masters, Water and Pilots Association spoke in opposition to the building of the bridge. Dr. Blades spoke for the Foreman-Blades Lumber Company and he too opposed the building of the bridge.

Mr. C. H. Robinson addressed the meeting in the interest of the Ferry Company. Then the meeting adjourned and Major Kuhn took the matter under advisement. He will report his decision from Norfolk some time in the near future.

The bridge is to be built to take the place of the old ferry operated by the Camden Ferry Company, between this city and Camden County. The bridge is to cost about \$12,000 when completed.

## THE HEN BEATS JENNING'S GOOSE

It makes no difference to what point of perfection you may arrive, more than likely somebody else is just a little ahead. Mr. Jennings informed us last week that he had a goose that had "laid" forty eggs, in about two months. Of course we put it down as forty dozen and it caused considerable interest.

Now Mr. J. W. Johnson, a resident of this city has trotted out his old hen in the race for the banner for eggs.

He says that his hen began laying eggs the first of the year, and has not missed a day in all this time. He further states that some time ago she gave evidence of a disposition to set and that he put her in a coop to break it up. But Mr. Johnson was mistaken about the setting business and the old hen proved it by laying an egg before breakfast.

Mr. Johnson wants to know if his hen doesn't take the cake. She does, if somebody does not trot out another of greater egg laying ability. Brethern, let's hear from you while we are on the subject.

## TOOK THE OATH LAST TUESDAY

JUDGE CONNOR WILL OPEN FEDERAL COURT AT TEN O'CLOCK.

Raleigh N. C., June 1.—Judge H. G. Connor the newly appointed United States Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, will this morning take the oath of office and will immediately open court.

The oath of office will be administered at ten o'clock by United States Commissioner John Nichols in the Federal court room. Immediately after this Judge Connor will ascend the bench and court being convened, will deliver his charge to the grand jury and then proceed with the business of the term.

### NEXT SUNDAY EXCURSION PRO. GAME.

Mrs. Highflyer will chaperone a select party, who will visit all the principal places of amusement in and around Norfolk. The Misses Highflyer will go along to assist their mother to do the entertaining. This will be the swellest entertaining excursion of the season. Mrs. Highflyer says she has made all arrangements and that the select party will send in their names not later than Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Mrs. Highflyer's carriage will call at the homes of all those that will go under her leadership.

It is not to be understood that other classes will not be allowed on this Sunday excursion. As usual the cattle coaches will be ample to accommodate all that wish to go. The pleasure and comfort of the ex-chain gang nigger will be looked after with as much consideration as the of the highfelin Mrs. Highflyer.

Get ready and join the procession that will be seen next Sunday morning on our principal streets. Do all you can to swell the crowd, And let it be a day of great rejoicing with the devil.

## POTATO MARKET

Irish potatoes were quoted selling on the Philadelphia and New York markets, yesterday, (Thursday) at \$3.50 to \$4.50. About 5,000 barrels were shipped from Tyrrell county this week. The LeRoy Steamboat company has transported about 3500 barrels and the Norfolk and Southern very probably has handled 1500 barrels. The LeRoy steamboat company has transported about 2000 barrels from points in Currituck this week, and very likely the Merchants and Farmers Line has handled a like quantity. The local commission merchants have handled at this point potatoes shipped from this community about 600 barrels and from other points in the County a like number of barrels.

Large barred Plymouth Rock spring chickens. Eagle Grocery, Phone 145.

Let us fill your order for early vegetables. Prices correct. Eagle Grocery, Phone 145.

### RETURNED FROM SCHOOL.

The following college students returned this week from their schools to spend the summer vacation at home. Edwin Aydtlett Jr. of the Bingham school; James Newbold of Wake Forest; Miss Bessie Weatherly of the Salem Female College; Miss Mattie and Venie Perry of the Baptist. Miss Eloise Robinson of Gunston Hall, Mr. Chas. O. Robinson of the State University.

## OLD TRAP NOTES

Old Trap, June 1 09 This week is a busy one in Old Trap for the farmers are eager to get their potatoes to market. Some report a splendid crop, but as a whole the yield is only medium.

Capt. J. W. Burfoot, of Mann's Harbor Light house was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Burfoot, Sunday and Monday.

Miss Mattie Bright has returned from Hatteras, where she has been visiting for several days.

Mrs. Thomas Sawyer, of Sligo, N. C., is the guest of her brother, Mr. M. H. Hubbard.

Miss Nellie Leary has returned from Elizabeth City.

Two of our school boys have come home to spend their vacation. Mr. S. G. Burgess of Whitsett Institute returned Wednesday and Mr. C. K. Burgess of the State University arrived Thursday.

The friends of Mrs. Bervil Mercer will regret to hear that she is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Leary and Mrs. Boima Quidly, of Hatteras, are the guests of Mrs. George Bright.

A social was given by Miss Effie Burgess Saturday night in honor of her guest Miss Lucy Burgess, of Elizabeth City.

Mr. and Mrs. Aydtlett, Miss Isabel Burgess, Mr. Sawyer and Mr. John Guard of Harbinger, N. C., were with us Sunday.

Miss M. Bell Pugh visited Elizabeth City today.

After an extended visit among her friends here, Miss Lucy Burgess has returned to her home in E. City.

Mrs. M. L. Burfoot and her daughter, Miss Hilda, were in Elizabeth City shopping today.

Mrs. Spencer Chaplen Jr. and children are spending some time in Tyrrell County, visiting friends and relatives.

## COLINGTON NOTES

Colington, June 3.—T. E. Midgett and Miss Lucretia Green, both of this place were married at Manteo May 28th.

The bride and groom are both well known here where they are held in the highest esteem.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Melson who were married in Elizabeth City on the 25th of May spent some time visiting Mr. P. C. Gilford in Edenton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Melson returned to their home at this place last Tuesday. They were warmly received by a host of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Tolar were here last Friday visiting Mr. John W. Melson.

Captain Stephen Beasley of this place is spending some time in Edenton.

## RIVERSIDE NOTES

Riverside, June 2.—The farmers of this community are getting back their right color. Last week when it was raining so much they looked pretty blue. It rained for about ten days.

Some of the farmers are digging Irish potatoes this week.

Mr. William Parker's horse ran away last Friday and threw Mr. Parker out of the cart. His head struck against a post and he was knocked senseless for a few hours. He recovered from the injury and no further trouble is anticipated.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jackson spent last Saturday visiting their daughter, Mrs. Gertie Jennings.

Miss Mattie Davenport is spending some time visiting friends in Columbia.

Messrs. B. L. Banks Jr. and Roy Banks have returned from Chapel Hill where they have been attending the University of North Carolina.

## SUTTON'S CREEK NOTES

Sutton Creek, June 1 1909.—Mr. G. W. Jackson made a business trip to Elizabeth City Tuesday.

Mr. B. B. Barcliff returned home from Norfolk, Va., Monday after a visit of about four days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hunter were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Keaton at Woodville Sunday.

Mr. W. D. Weeks and daughter were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hunter Monday and Tuesday.

Messrs. Charlie Weeks and G. W. Butler are engaged in the logging business this week at Harvey's Neck.

Mr. W. C. Scaff's little child is very ill.

Mr. J. W. Bann returned home from Hertford Tuesday.

## GUM NECK NOTES

Gum Neck, N. C., May 31.—Our crops are looking good now. If this fine weather continues we will probably be in a better condition next year, we certainly have had some trying experiences for the past few years.

Mr. Davis Basnight went to Columbia Friday on business.

Miss Della Patrick and Miss Dora Sample spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Lena Combs.

Mr. J. F. Everton is preparing to move his family to Norfolk, Va., We are very sorry to see them leave our community.

Mrs. Bessie Spencer of Frying Pan spent last week with her parents at this place.

The young people enjoyed a very delightful entertainment at the home of Mr. J. B. Armstrong last Friday night. Quite a large crowd was present.

We wish to announce to the people that Mr. Armstrong will exhibit the same on Friday June 11. Will commence at five o'clock p. m., and continue until 12 m. seven hours of real enjoyment.

Clover Hill Butter 32 cents per pound, Good creamery butter 25 cents per pound. Eagle Grocery, Phone 145.