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## THE NORTH CAROLINA MERCHANTS IN THEIR SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

### NANTICOKE IS BOTTLED UP

GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ALLOW HER TO LEAVE THESE WATERS UNTIL IT IS SATISFIED THAT THERE IS NOTHING WRONG ABOUT HER TRIP.

Deputy Collector D. O. Newberry received instructions from the Department last Monday night to take charge of the steamer Nanticoke and detain her from departing on a reported trip to Venezuela.

Mr. Newberry went to Edenton Tuesday to investigate as to the movement of the steamer that is alleged to be engaged in a filibustering expedition to Venezuela.

Mr. Newberry learned that the steamer was lying at her dock at Franklin, Va., that there was a government officer aboard of her watching the loading of the freight and the revenue cutter Pamlico was at the mouth of the Chowan river ready to intercept the steamer, should she make an attempt to leave these waters without the permission of the United States Government.

After she has loaded her freight if there is nothing suspicious about her to confirm the report of the filibustering idea, she will likely be permitted to depart but an U. S. Officer will accompany her on the trip until she is beyond the jurisdiction of the United States.

The steamer has been owned and operated by the Albemarle Steam Navigation Company for many years and has been operated on the Chowan river. She was recently sold to a Venezuelan, through the agency of a New York Steamship company. The steamer was sent here to be repaired for her ocean voyage. It was while on the ways here that certain remarks of the members of the crew created the suspicion that she was about to engage in taking arms and ammunitions of war to the rebel forces in that country. The report has created a great deal of excitement and has caused the United States Government a great deal of trouble.

### NANTICOKE NOT A FILIBUSTER

D. O. Newberry collector of Customs at this port received instructions Wednesday to release the steamer Nanticoke if she was in his possession and to permit her to sail for Venezuela.

Instructions from the Venezuelan government to the U. S. Department of Commerce and Labor stated that the Nanticoke was not a filibuster and was not bought by any of Castro's sympathizers.

This puts an end to all the interest and excitement created during the past two weeks in regard to the filibustering idea of that steamer.

Try our Muresco or Kur-Fresco for your walls; makes the room look like new. SHARBER AND WHITE, Hardware Co., Elizabeth City.

### MUCH IMPORTANT BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED IN THIS SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION

#### OLD TRAP NOTES

Old Trap, June 15.—The farmers of this section are being delayed very much in their work by the heavy rains. If fair weather opens up this week most of them will have their corn "laid by."

Mr. Walter Burgess of Philadelphia is the guest of his parents in this place.

Miss Isabel Burgess has returned home from Harbinger, N. C., for a permanent stay. She has held a position there for several months.

Clifton Hughes has returned from the Trinity Park School at Durham, to spend his vacation.

Master Everett Harrison of Elizabeth City is spending this week at the home of Mr. M. L. Burfoot.

There were many who went to Elizabeth City from here Saturday. The Old Trappers say that the steamers get more passengers from here than from any other point on this line.

#### SUTTON'S CREEK NOTES

Sutton Creek, June 15.—Owing to the bad weather of the past week the farmers of our vicinity are very much discouraged with the crops.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jackson made a business trip to Elizabeth City Friday.

Mr. R. T. Layden made a business trip to Elizabeth City Friday.

Miss Mollie White and mother were the guests of G. W. Jackson Saturday.

Mr. W. O. Hunter and wife were the guests of his parents Saturday.

Children's Day will be observed on the fourth Sunday morning June 27th at the Hall.

#### EXPERT ELECTRICIAN.

We have secured an expert electrician and we are now prepared to install all kinds of ELECTRICAL apparatus, do wiring and repair motors and fans. Contract taken and prompt attention given to your work.

CITY HAY AND GRAIN CO.

Water St., Elizabeth City, N. C.

Make Your Limeades at Home.

We carry the Monserrat Lime Fruit Juice, guaranteed pure and full strength, imported direct from the Olveston Plantations on the island of Montserrat. It makes a most wholesome and refreshing beverage. Cost half as much; made in your home as it does at the fountains. We also have the orange fruit juice for desserts; Ice Cream and water ices. SCOTT & TWIDDY. Phone 72.

#### POTATO MARKET.

Irish potatoes were quoted as selling on the Northern market yesterday (Thursday) at \$2.50 and \$3.00 per barrel.

Splendid stock of Smoked meats, consisting of F F V Hams; Shafer's Mild Cured Hams; Breakfast Bacon etc. Get our prices.—Eagle Grocery, Phone 145.

### Pleasure as Well as Business

Officers Elected While on a Trip Down the Pasquotank, Salisbury the Next Meeting Place. Visting Merchants Delighted With Our Beautiful City.

The Seventh Annual session of the North Carolina Retail Merchants Association convened in this city last Tuesday afternoon at five o'clock in the Elks' Hall with a large number of delegates. The Association was called to order by the president, Archibold Nichols.

The following addresses of welcome were delivered: Mayor Zenas Fearing spoke in behalf of the city extending to the delegates and visitors a hearty welcome to the city. Hon. J.B. Leigh delivered the address for the Chamber of Commerce and J. W. Kight president of the local retail merchants association spoke for the local association.

Mr. A. B. Justice made the response to the addresses. The remainder of the first session of the association was consumed in appointing committees on credential and questionbox. The president then made his report which was of considerable volume. He spoke at length on the conditions of the retail trade. His appeal to the merchants was "Get together."

The following recommendations were made at this point, that the merchants take up the fight against the freight discrimination in North Carolina; that a tax of \$500 be placed on itinerant merchants and peddlers in this State and that the law forbidding garnishee by sending bills out of the State be repealed.

Norman H. Johnson, attorney of the North Carolina Retail Merchants Association delivered address at the Tuesday night session. The subject of his address was "Southern Merchants Opportunity."

The sessions of Wednesday were devoted principally to the hearing of reports of local associations. These reports indicated that the Retail Merchants Association is in a prosperous condition. These reports also indicated that the merchants propose to take up the fight on unjust freight discriminations and wage an active campaign to secure better rates. A lengthy report was submitted to the association dealing with this proposition in which the injustice of the present conditions in freight rates was set forth. The report set forth the fact that the cities and towns in North Carolina are discriminated against by the foreign shipper to the extent that the North Carolina Merchants have to pay about twice as much freight as the Virginia cities do.

Numerous complaints have already been filed with the North Carolina Corporation Commission in regard to this injustice.

Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock a game of base ball was played on the New park, complimentary to the Association. The game was played between Hertford and Elizabeth City and resulted in a score of 4 to 3 in favor of Elizabeth City.

Wednesday night the local retail merchants association gave a banquet to the visitors and delegates at the Southern Hotel. The banquet was an elaborate one and was largely attended. J. W. Kight was the toast master. The toasts were as follows: The Relations of the Wholesale and the Retailer; Collection of Debts by law upon motion of attorney J. K. Wilson of this city. The following toast was delivered: "How the Retail Merchants Gets There"—by Rev. C. F. Smith.

Thursday morning an excursion was tendered to the visitors and delegates down the Pasquotank river. A large number of people went on this excursion.

While on this trip down the Pasquotank river the Association held its final session for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. The following officers were elected. E. E. Broughton of Raleigh, president; J. F. Morris of Winston-Salem. Vice-president; E. S. Harris of Raleigh, Secretary; J. R. Hoffman of Burlington, treasurer and A. B. Justice of Charlotte attorney. Attorney Norman H. Johnson had previously been elected counsel to the National Association of Retail Merchants. Mr. J. W. Kight, president of the Elizabeth City Retail Merchants' Association was elected Vice-President for the first district.

Salisbury, N. C., was selected as the place for the meeting of the Association next year.

With the election of officers the Seventh Annual Session adjourned and the delegates began to leave the city for their homes in the various parts of the State upon their return from the excursion.

The visting merchants were greatly pleased with Elizabeth City, her people and their hospitality.

#### BIG CROWD AT LAVENSTINE'S

One of the biggest rushes ever witnessed in this city occurred at Lavenstine's Department store on Poindecker street last Saturday, afternoon and Saturday night. This store has been visited by great crowds of shoppers every day since Lavenstine's great fire sale started, but last Saturday was a record breaker. Thousands of dollars worth of seasonable merchandise has been sold at this store since the sale began at great bargain prices. These prices is what has carried the crowds there and is

what keeps the crowd going there, and will keep the crowd going until the last bargain is gone.

In spite of the enormous sales that has already been made at this store there still remains a large quantity of merchandise which goes at these bargain prices.

Miss Annie Dean who has spent some time in the city visting her sister Mrs. Spencer Chaplin in Hunter street left today for home in Franklin County.

### NORFOLK MARKET

June 15,

COTTON—

	1909	1908
Good middling	11 3-16	12 3-16
Middling	10 7-8	11 7-8
Strict low middling	10 5-8	11 3-4

GRAIN, HAY, ETC.

Corn—White 90@92; cracked 85c; mixed 88@90c.

Hay—Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. No. 1 timothy, in ton lots from store. \$19.00@20.00; heavy mixed hay, per ton \$18.00@19.00.

COUNTRY PRODUCE—

Spring Chickens—Small 25@50c.

Poultry—Old hens 45@50c. Live turkeys 18@20c.

Butter—Country butter 15c.

GROCERIES—

Flour—Fancy patent spring wheat flour \$7.50 per barrel; fancy patent winter wheat, \$7.50 per barrel; one-half patent \$7.35; choice straight \$7.00.

month ago.

MRS. STEPHEN MASON DEAD

Miss Ruth Stranghn left last Monday for Snow Hill, Md., to attend the funeral and interment of her cousin Miss Stephen Mason who died Sunday at her home in that town.

Mrs. Mason was Miss Maimie Stranghn and she was married to Mr. Stephen Mason in this city about a

Plymouth Rock Spring chickens, weighing much as 2 1-2 pounds 45 cents. Eagle Grocery. Phone 145.

Prof. Sheep Gets the Same Salary

AN INCREASE WAS NEVER CONTEMPLATED BY ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD AND THE MATTER HAS NEVER BEEN DISCUSSED

Our reporter having heard considerable talk about the salary that Supt. Sheep was getting, called upon him as the man most likely to know what he was getting or to get for the coming school year and the following interview was given.

Mr. Sheep. What salary are you to get for the coming school year.

"I am to get the same as last year \$1800.

"Did you ask the Board for an increase this year?"

"I did not, either publicly or privately; and so far as I am informed no member of the Board ever mentioned giving me more as pleasant as it would have been to have had a voluntary increase from the Board."

The chairman of the Board of trustees was also seen and asked whether the subject of increasing the salary of Supt. Sheep had ever been mentioned at a meeting of the Board and his answer was that the matter had never been talked of or suggested at any meeting of the Board during the school year.

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### NEGRO DROWNS AT BARNETT'S CREEK

WENT AFTER A LANTERN, STEPPED OVERBOARD FROM WHARF AND SANK TO A WATERY GRAVE.

A negro named Robert Raison fell from the wharf at Barnett's Creek last Monday night and drowned, while engaged in loading freight on the steamer Virginia.

The negro had been sent for a lantern and he and the light disappeared simultaneously. Another negro ran to the spot where the light disappeared in time to see the negro's hands sticking up out of the water. The negro ran to the steamer boat to give the alarm of a "man overboard."

Captain Barrett, James Whitehurst of this city and Mate Hayman were in the saloon when the negro rushed on the board. They hurried to the scene of the drowning but could see no trace of the negro. They got the life boat and dragged for the body an finally recovered it.

The body was placed on the Virginia and was brought to this city Tuesday.

The negro came from Windsor and had been at work for the LeRoy Steam boat Company only a few days.

### BUSTER CHARMS THE CHILDREN

ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST ENTHUSIASTIC GATHERINGS OF CHILDREN EVER HELD IN THIS CITY ATTENDED BUSTER BROWN'S RECEPTIONS LAST WEDNESDAY

Buster Brown held two receptions at Rucker and Sheeley's store in this city last Wednesday.

The first reception was held in the morning at 10 o'clock.

Every available inch of floor space in this large store was prepared for standing room and every inch of it was needed too. For more than a half an hour before the appearance of Buster Brown this space was packed and jammed in with children. Buster held his reception to the intense delight of the children who listened with breathless attention and followed his every movement.

The afternoon reception was held at four o'clock, and an hour before that time Mr. Rucker knew that his store, large as it was, could not accommodate the crowd so he provided a stage at one of the entrance doors and had Buster to hold an open air reception. The street in front of the store was a solid mass of children, with their nurses and attendants.

Every Kid in town must have been there and a large number who have passed beyond the "Kid" stage.

The afternoon reception was a great success.

Buster's performance was especially fine and he charmed and delighted his audience.

At the close of the afternoon entertainment, Buster called for three cheers for Buster Brown Shoes and he got it too.