

REPUBLICAN WEEKLY NEWS-PAPER - THE CENTRAL ORGAN OF THE STATE... W. M. BROWN, Manager... OFFICE on Newbern Avenue, some six or seven hundred yards east of the Capitol... RATES OF SUBSCRIPTION: One year, \$1.00; Six months, \$0.65; Three months, \$0.35... Official. United States Mail. NORTH CAROLINA. POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT. WASHINGTON, May 20, 1876. PROPOSALS will be received at the Central Office of this Department until 5 o'clock p. m. of 15th July, 1876, (to be decided by the 1st of July), for carrying the mail from the United States from October 1st, 1876, to June 30, 1881, on the following route in the State of North Carolina, and by the secondary departures and arrivals herein specified, viz: 13365. From Patterson, by Buffalo Cove and Middle Cape, to Boone, 30 miles and back, once a week. Arrive at Patterson Saturday at 6:30 a. m.; Bond required with bid, \$300.

13414 From Jonesville, by Laurel Falls and Booneville, to Mount Nebo, 13 miles and back, once a week. Arrive at Jonesville Saturday at 8 a. m.; Bond required with bid, \$200. 13415 From Clark's Mills, by Beisalem, to Jonesville, 25 miles and back, once a week. Leave Clark's Mills Monday at 8 a. m.; Arrive at Jonesville at 5 p. m.; Bond required with bid, \$200. 13416 From Clark's Mills, by Beisalem, to Jonesville, 25 miles and back, once a week. Leave Clark's Mills Monday at 8 a. m.; Arrive at Jonesville at 5 p. m.; Bond required with bid, \$200.

13417 From Grantsborough to Aurora, 15 miles and back, once a week. Arrive at Grantsborough Saturday at 1 p. m.; Bond required with bid, \$200. 13418 From Weldon to Aurelian Springs, 15 miles and back, once a week. Arrive at Weldon Wednesday at 11 a. m.; Arrive at Aurelian Springs by 3 p. m.; Bond required with bid, \$200. 13419 From Weldon to Goose Creek Island, 17 miles and back once a week. Leave Weldon Thursday at 7 a. m.; Arrive at Goose Creek Island by 12 m.; Bond required with bid, \$200.

13420 From Smithfield, by Bentonsville, Harper's Peacock's, Cross Creek, to Smithfield, 63 miles and back, once a week. Leave Smithfield Thursday at 9 a. m.; Arrive at Smithfield Friday by 3 p. m.; Bond required with bid, \$600. 13421 From Sandy Mush to Crab Tree, 14 miles and back, once a week. Leave Sandy Mush Friday at 7 a. m.; Arrive at Crab Tree by 1 p. m.; Bond required with bid, \$200. 13422 From Crab Tree to Mount Airy, 21 miles and back, once a week. Leave Crab Tree Friday at 2 p. m.; Arrive at Mount Airy Friday at 8 a. m.; Bond required with bid, \$200. 13423 From Manteo, by Crostons to Smithfield, 49 miles and back, once a week. Leave Manteo Monday at 7 a. m.; Arrive at Smithfield next day by 1 p. m.; Bond required with bid, \$200.

13424 From Rockford to Mount Airy, 21 miles and back, once a week. Leave Rockford Saturday at 8 a. m.; Arrive at Mount Airy by 4 p. m.; Bond required with bid, \$200. 13425 From Jefferson, by Beaver Creek, to Gap Creek, 13 miles and back, once a week. Leave Jefferson Saturday at 7 a. m.; Arrive at Gap Creek by 12 m.; Bond required with bid, \$200. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS AND POSTMASTERS: Containing also conditions to be incorporated in the contracts to be let under the Department may deem proper.

1. The Postmaster General warns bidders to be fully acquainted with themselves fully with the laws of Congress relating to contracts for the carrying of the mails, (the important provisions of which are hereinafter set forth) and to familiarize themselves with the instruction and forms herein furnished, before they shall assume any liabilities as sureties for their bidders, and also to avoid any misapprehension or cause of complaint thereafter. 2. Postmasters are required to make themselves familiar with the laws and these instructions, for repeating the same to bidders and direct others. 3. Seven minutes are allowed to each intermediate office, when not otherwise specified, for ascertaining the mode of conveyance admits of it, the special agents of the Post Office Department, also post office blanks, maps, bags, locks and keys, are to be conveyed without extra charge.

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ible persons, for failing to arrive in contract time; for neglecting to take the mail on or deliver it into, a post office; for suffering it to be wet, injured, destroyed, robbed, or lost; and for refusing, after demand, to convey the mail, or frequently as the contractor fails to be concerned in running a coach, car, or steambot on a route. 7. The Postmaster General may suspend or discontinue any route, or require a contractor to make an agreement to discharge a carrier when required by the Department to do so; or for running an express as aforesaid; or for transferring or persons or packages conveying objectionable matter out of the mail. 8. The Postmaster General may order an increase of service on a route, allowing therefor a pro rata increase on the contract pay. He may change schedules of departures and arrivals in all cases, and may also discontinue routes, without increase of pay, provided the running time is not affected. The Postmaster General may also discontinue or curtail the service, in whole or in part, in order to place on the route superior service; or whenever the public interests, in the judgment of the Postmaster General, require the discontinuance or curtailment for any other cause; he allowing, as full indemnity to contractor, one month's extra pay on the amount of compensation or the amount of service retained and continued. 9. Payments will be made by collection from, or by postmasters or otherwise, after the expiration of each quarter—say in November, February, May, and August; provided that required evidence of service has been received. 10. The distances given are believed to be substantially correct; but no route crossed pay, or otherwise, should be greater than advertised, if the points to be supplied are correctly stated. Bidders must inform themselves on this point, and also in relation to the condition of the mail, the condition of hills, roads, streams, &c., and all toll-bridges, turnpikes, plank-roads, ferries, or obstructions of any kind with which the contractor may be required to contend. No claim for additional pay, based on such ground, can be considered; nor for alleged mistakes or misapprehensions on the part of contractor; nor for bridges destroyed, ferries discontinued, or other obstructions causing or increasing distance or expense occurring during the term of contract. Other notices relative to this advertisement is issued, and also during the contract term, are to be visited without extra pay if the distance be not increased. 11. Bidders are cautioned to mail their proposals in time to reach the Department by the day and hour named in the advertisement, and to be considered in competition with bids of reasonable amount received in time. Neither can bids be considered when they are late, and their time, and the certificate required by section 245, act of June 23, 1874. 12. Bidders should first propose for service strictly according to any post office, and then, if they desire, separately for different service; and if the regular bid be the lowest offered for the advertised service, the other positions may be considered. 13. There should be but one route bid in a proposal. Consolidated or combination bids ("proposing one sum for two or more routes") cannot be considered. 14. The route, the service, the yearly pay, the name and residence of the bidder, (that is his name and residence in the contract), and the name of each member of a firm where a company offers, should be distinctly stated. 15. Bidders are requested to use, as far as practicable, the forms of proposals furnished by the Department, to write out in full the sum of their bids, and to retain copies of them. Bids entered in the route, the service, the yearly pay, or the name of the bidder, by erasures or interlineations, should not be submitted; and if so submitted will not be considered. No withdrawal of a bid will be allowed unless the withdrawal is received twenty-four hours previous to the time fixed for opening the proposals. 16. In case of failure of the accepted bidder to execute a contract, or of the amount of service during the term of the contract term, the service will be re-advertised and re-let at the expense of the failing bidder or contractor, and any accepted bidder who shall wrongfully refuse or fail to enter into contract in due time, and to perform the service described in his proposal, may be deemed guilty thereof, be fined and imprisoned therefor. 17. The Postmaster General reserves the right to refuse to accept any other bids not entered in the order of the contractor or bidder; and also to disregard the bids of failing contractors and bidders. No contract for carrying the mail shall be made with an individual, or a partnership, or a corporation, or any combination to prevent the making of any bid for carrying the mail, and no contract shall be made with any person who has performed, or promised to give or perform, any consideration whatever to induce any other person not to bid for any service on the route. No bidder for carrying the mails shall be released from his obligation under his bid or proposal, notwithstanding an award made to a lower bidder, until a contract for the designated service shall have been duly executed by such lower bidder and his sureties, and accepted, and the service entered upon by the contractor to the satisfaction of the Postmaster General. By regulation of the Department, no carrier can be employed who is under sixteen years of age; and no bidder will be accepted who is under twenty-one years of age, or who is a married woman. 18. The bid should be sealed, superscribed "Mail Proposals, State of N. C.," and addressed to the Postmaster General, Post Office Department. 19. Every proposal must be accompanied by a bond with two or more sureties approved by a postmaster, and in cases where the amount of the bond exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000), by a postmaster of the first, second, or third class. Bids for service, the pay for which is at the time of advertisement exceeds five thousand dollars, (\$5,000), must be accompanied by a certified check, or draft, payable to the order of the Postmaster General, on some solvent national bank, of not less than five per centum on the amount of the annual pay on such route, and in case of new or modified service, not less than five per centum of the amount of the bond accompanying the bid, if said bond exceeds \$5,000. The proposal must be signed by the bidder or bidders, and the date of signing affixed. Direct to the Second Assistant Postmaster General, Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., marked "Proposals, State of N. C."

certificates on the inside should be signed by a justice of the peace, adding his official title, or, if signed by a Notary Public, he should affix his seal. Know all men by these presents, that I, _____, of _____, in the State of _____, principal, and _____, as sureties, have held and firmly bound unto the United States of America in the just and full sum of _____ dollars, lawful money of the United States, to be paid to the said United States of America or its duly appointed or authorized officer or officers; to the payment of which, well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this _____ day of _____, 187-.

Whence, by an act of Congress approved June 23, 1874, entitled "An Act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and for other purposes," in the State of _____, _____, as sureties, have held and firmly bound unto the United States of America in the just and full sum of _____ dollars, lawful money of the United States, to be paid to the said United States of America or its duly appointed or authorized officer or officers; to the payment of which, well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this _____ day of _____, 187-.

Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this _____ day of _____, 187-.

STATE OF _____, COUNTY OF _____ ss. On this _____ day of _____, 187-, personally appeared before me _____, and _____, being duly sworn, and being known to me to be the persons named in said bond as sureties, and who have executed the same as such, who being by me duly sworn, deposited and say, that each of himself deposes and says, he has executed the within bond, that his place of residence is correctly stated therein, that he is the owner of real estate worth the sum hereinafter set against his name over and above all debts due and owing by him, and all against him, and allowing and consents to judgments, mortgages, and executions of every character whatever, the total sum thus assured amounting to _____ dollars, being double the amount of the foregoing bond.

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PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY,
(SEE RATE OF SUBSCRIPTION
ON THIS PAGE.)
JOB WORK executed at short notice and in a style unsurpassed by any similar establishment in the State.
RATES OF ADVERTISING.
One square, one time, \$1.00
" " two times, " 1.50
" " three times, " 2.00
Contract advertisements taken at proportionately low rates.
APPOINTMENTS.—Hon. Wm. A. Smith, Hon. R. C. Badger and Col. I. J. Young will speak at the following places:
Clayton, August 1
Pleasant Grove, " 2
Elevation, " 3
Meadow, " 4
Ingram's, " 5
APPOINTMENT.—Hon. Jno. Pool has been appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction, by Gov. Brogden, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of S. D. Pool, and he will be here in a few days to take charge of the office. We believe this appointment will be satisfactory to all, and are confident that no more "irregularities" hereafter will occur in this important office.
ISSUE OF MARRIAGE LICENSES.—The Register of Deeds for this county has issued licenses to only ten couples during the month of July—five white and five colored. Below is the names of the happy parties:
WHITE.
Julius Bridgers and Lydia Rowland.
Alex. Barker and Martha Sears.
James Brown and Octavia Wilkins.
Hilman O'Neal and Metty Ann O'Neal.
R. H. Rawles and Fannie T. Bailey.
COLORED.
Henry Fort and Jennie Dunston, John Freeman and Margara Brasfield.
Furney Hall and Ann Eliza Hubbard.
Jeff Johnson and Melly Jones.
James McKenny and Gottha Houghton.
No DULL TIMES!—When you see reasonable goods arriving daily and departing, too, you say this is no sign of dull times. Go look at No. 7 Hargett street, and see if it is not so. Those new Mackrel have arrived, and a fresh lot of Herring with them. The new Mallets still come, and go in a hurry; and besides, the Family Flour sold for \$3.75 per sack, very easily takes the place of that high-priced article called "Pataspco." Meal at 20 cts. a peck, and every other good thing at hard time prices. The old shop at No. 7 is a "great institution." Carry your money there.
JUDGE LOGAN.—The Bourbon press, with their usual system of lying, have put forth the rumor that Hon. Geo. W. Logan, of Rutherford, would not support the Republican State ticket. This, we are enabled to state, is untrue. Judge Logan is a true and tried Republican, and a patriotic citizen. Should the case, he could not affiliate with the so-called Democratic party. He will support, with his usual ability, both the Republican National and State tickets.
LOTTERIES.—The following is the amendment to the post law regarding lottery circulars, which have recently been passed, and is now a law:
"That it shall not be lawful to convey by mail, nor to deposit in a post office to be sent by mail, any letters or circulars concerning lotteries, so called gift concerns, or other similar enterprises offering prizes, or concerning schemes devised and intended to deceive and defraud the public for the purpose of obtaining money under false pretenses, and a penalty of not more than \$500, nor less than \$100, with cost of prosecution, is hereby imposed upon conviction in any Federal Court, of the violation of this section."
It will be observed that this amendment letters and circulars relating to all lotteries, without regard to the character of such lotteries, are declared unmailable and that the depositing of such letters or circulars in a post-office to be sent by mail is an offense to be punished, upon conviction, by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, and the cost of the prosecution.
Last week a colored man by the name of John Clark, was engaged in cleaning out a well on the place of Mr. Abel Rhyne, in Gaston county, when he felt himself being overcome by the foul air. He got in the bucket and called to persons at the top of the well to draw him up. They began drawing, but as the bucket ascended, the negro became so much overcome that he lost his balance, and fell out. He was taken out of the well, dead.
We learn that some time since Dr. Isaac Jackson, of Whitville, cut a ball out of a young man of Columbus county, by the name of Joshua Gore, which he had carried in his body for eleven years. It was a minnie ball, and when taken out, the Doctor, noticing some particles of powder adhering to it, struck a match and applied it to the ball, when the powder flashed the same as if it had been fresh from the cartridge.—[Wilmington Star.]

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