

The Daily Nut Shell.

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Arrival and Departure of Mails.

Post Office,
New-Bern, N. C., July 31, 1880
MAIL CLOSES

For North, West and South, via A. & N. C. R. R. at 6:19 A. M.
For Beaufort and the East, 9:30 P. M.
For Washington, Swift Creek, Hyde and Beaufort Counties Tuesdays and Fridays at 6 A. M.
For Trenton, Pollockville and Swansboro, daily at 7 A. M.
For Grantsboro, Hay River and Vandermete, daily at 7 A. M.
Office hours in Money Order and Registered Letter Department, from 8:30 A. M. to 5 P. M.
in Mailing Department, from 8 A. M. to 6:30 P. M. Office open constantly between these hours except when mails are being distributed.
SUNDAYS—No. Mails received or sent. Office open from 9:30 to 10:30 A. M.
ETHELBERT HUBBS, P. M.

Divine services to-morrow as usual Go to church.

Fine French Bunting, for Dresses, at A. M. Baker's.

That prince of farmers Mr. Jos. L. Rhem, laid on our table yesterday the first cotton bowl of the season. The bowl is fully open, the soft white cotton hanging in long, luxurious tags from the boll. It was plucked from that portion of Mr. Rhem's farm under the supervision of Mr. Richard Civils. It will be remembered we reported the first cotton bloom in the State, plucked from this piece of ground.

We have some fat men in our town and we have some notoriously lean ones. One of the latter kind was in a wagon a few days ago, and passing a lean friend who was standing in a crowd, he called to him to jump in, at the same time remarking to the crowd that he was going to take John to Warden's and sell him so that Warden could fill an order for bones. It was a question with the crowd which one of the twain would be left to bring the wagon back after Mr. Warden made his selection. By George! and it was not such a close question.

Killed on the Track.

Thursday night while the down train was passing through this city, Maj. A. R. Dennison's horse was killed on the track.

The animal heard the train coming and at once took to the track, in front of the engine. The engineer "slowed down," probably thinking the horse would soon go on one or the other sides of the road. But not so, with a persistency seeming to be born of a determination for self-destruction the horse held his position and was run down and killed between South Front street and Trent river bridge before the engine could be stopped.

List of Letters

Remaining in the Post Office at Newbern, Craven county, N. C., July 31st, 1880, and not called for:

- A—James Arnold.
- C—Mrs Louisa Credle.
- D—Miss Mitty Daniels.
- F—Georgetown Fisher.
- G—Martin A. Goldin, Miss Susie Goleg, Frederick Green, Shadrack Glatlin, care Jane Day.
- H—J. Hake, Thomas W. Hooker, Mrs. Ellen Hill, Mrs. H. Hymand.
- J—Lucy Jones, Edward P. Jones.
- M—Margaret A. Mosley.
- N—G. W. Newell.
- S—Mrs Lydia Smith.
- W—Winfield S. White, Miss Annie Webster, James T. Wallurs, Rebecca Williams.

Persons calling for the above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in 30 days they will be sent to the Dead Letter Office.
ETHELBERT HUBBS, P. M.

Dog Badges have Arrived.

Come up and get one for your dog. Owing to delay in procuring them, the time has been extended to Aug. 5th, 1880, before the ordinance will be enforced.
R. D. HANCOCK,
City Tax Collector.

Notice.

The newly-finished apartments, on Pollock street, over the store occupied by J. F. Ives, are offered for rent.
F. DUFFY.

For Sale.

Valuable houses and lots on East side Craven street. For particulars apply to
C. C. CLARK,

A. M. Baker has moved his large and elegant stock of Dry Goods, &c., to the store formerly occupied by F. M. Agostine, on Pollock street.

Ice Cream.

Sarah Oxley is now prepared to supply Ice Cream by the plate or measure, at her saloon on Broad street.

You can have a cheap scrap book by buying a bottle of macilage for five cents at "The Be. Hive."

A full assortment of Ladies' and Misses' Shoes at J. F. Ives'.

Ladies' Hose, Ties, Ribbon, Edging, &c., at A. M. Baker's.

Ladies' Kid Gloves at J. F. Ives', only 50 cents per pair.

Childrens' Hose in large quantities at A. M. Baker's.

A full line of Gents' Calf Skin Shoes, at J. F. Ives'.

Claims Against Craven County.

The attention of parties holding claims against the County of Craven is called to the following order passed by the Board of Commissioners, July 6, 1880.

ORDERED BY THE BOARD, That the Chairman of this Board give notice in one or more papers of the State, to the holders of claims against the county of Craven, who may desire to fund the same, in the new bonds of said county, to present the same to the clerk, Mr. Joseph Nelson, for Registration, without delay.

Parties interested will please govern themselves accordingly.
JAS. A. BRYAN,
Chm'n County Commissioners.

Notice.

The Justices of the Peace of Craven County, are hereby notified to meet at the Court House in Newbern, on Monday the second day of August next at 10 o'clock, A. M., with the Commissioners for the purpose of levying taxes for the year 1880.
W. G. BRINSON,
Chairman Board of Justices of the Peace of Craven County.

Notice—Justices of the Peace.

The Justices of the peace of Craven County are hereby notified to meet at the Court House in Newbern, on Monday the second day of August next at 12 o'clock M. for the purpose of electing a Board of Commissioners for the next two years:
W. G. BRINSON,
Chairman, Board of Justices of the Peace of Craven County.

Removed

J. F. Ives has removed to the Store recently occupied by N. B. Agostine opposite Episcopal Church, Pollock street, and will be glad to see his old friends and customers at his new stand. On hand, constantly a full and nice lot of Dry Goods, Notions, Boots and Shoes and will guarantee prices as low and quality of goods equal to any in the city. Call and examine.

To Lease.

A good chance for those who have to pay house rent: this is a fine opportunity to reduce expenses. The vacant lots on Middle street, belonging to the Newbern Academy, can be leased on very liberal terms. These are some of the best building lots in the city. Also to rent, the office on Pollock street, adjoining the Episcopal Church grounds.
Apply to H. C. WARTBURG,
Secretary and Treasurer,
At his office on Middle St., Newbern.

O'BULLS BABY SYRUP

Shingles! Shingles!

For sale in lots to suit: a full supply of 5 and 6 inch Cypress Shingles, Hearts and Saps, for building purposes. Will be sold low. Orders solicited.
ELIJAH ELLIS.

Call at Alex. Miller's and try some of the best Coshen Butter in the city, (at all times cool and firm. We keep our Butter in stone jars and packed in ice.) Also on hand, a choice article of North Carolina Vinegar, at 40 cents per gallon.

200 TONS SUMAC WANTED!

Highest market price in cash for a good quality Sumac, leaves free from stems, dirt and berries at all times and in any quantities. Parties who may have, during the coming season, sumac of the above description, will find it to their advantage to call on or address the subscriber. Bags furnished responsible parties. Call for circular, giving full directions. Also Rags, Bones, Scrap Iron, Metal, &c., bought in unlimited quantities.

JOHN H. WARDEN,
South Front street, near Middle Newbern, N. C.
Cut this out for future reference.

NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS!!

Another new, and cheap assortment of
DRY GOODS,
FANCY GOODS,
Plain and Figured
DRESS LAWNS AND PIQUES,
GRASS CLOTHS,
All colors;

TRIMMINGS,

Silk Handkerchiefs, all colors.
Ladies' Misses' and Childrens' Fancy Hose,

Silk and Cotton
PARASOLS.

FANS,
Linen Cotton and Plush
TOWELS,

MOSQUITO NETTING,
also good
Linen Handkerchiefs,
at 10 cents,

Good Towels,
at 10 cents per pair.

Together with a complete stock of
Gents' Furnishing Goods,
Just received at
W. SULTAN & CO'S,
WEINSTEIN BUILDING

Newbern, July 29th, 1880.

EDITOR NUT SHELL:
DEAR SIR:—My official acts as a Director of the A. & N. C. R. R. Co. and as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Craven county, having for the past few weeks been the subject of much comment by some of the many distinguished correspondents of the "Newbernian," I beg an opportunity, through the columns of your valuable little journal, to state to the people of Craven county certain facts in connection with my said official acts, which I am sure the correspondents above referred to, in the hurry of preparing their communications, must have inadvertently overlooked. I say overlooked, for I cannot believe that gentlemen occupying positions upon the staff of an influential journal, and manifesting such deep interest in the welfare of the county, would knowingly, be guilty of publishing ex parte statements of any kind. In order to make this statement intelligible to the public, you must permit me to quote such portions of the communications to the "Newbernian" as I may think necessary.

In its issue of June 12th, under the head of "The County Proxy," appears the following: "As I am informed, a motion was made that Mr. Bryan be appointed Proxy for the county; a member of the Board nominated Hon. C. C. Clark for the position; the Board is composed of five members, two of whom voted for Mr. Clark, two voting for Mr. Bryan, and with a shamelessness so utterly at variance with pure Democracy, the latter gentleman elected himself by his own vote."

Had the writer of the above paragraph known all the circumstances in the case, I hardly think he would have regarded the casting of my own vote for myself, as an act of such great "shamelessness," or in any wise at variance with pure Democracy. It has for a long time been customary in this county, and very properly so, for the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to cast the vote of the county in all meetings of the stockholders of the A. & N. C. R. R. Co. Last year I was instructed to cast said vote, and this year was again nominated for the same purpose. Mr. Clark was also nominated; two of the Commissioners voted for him, two for me, which made a tie, with the casting vote in my hands. I felt satisfied then as I do now, that Mr. Clark did not represent the views of a very large majority of the people of the county, upon the very questions upon which the vote of the county was to be cast, and being further satisfied that the casting of the deciding vote had been forced upon me for a purpose, I, without hesitation, and so stated at the time to the Board, cast that vote for myself; or rather for the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and shall, ever do so, under similar circumstances. Is there a man among your readers of any spirit or self-respect who would not have done likewise? I have no objections to Mr. Clark, per se, occupying any position within the gift of the people to which he may aspire, and have more than once cast my vote for him; but believing that the people of the county, to whom I am responsible for my official acts, would and will be as well satisfied with their Proxy in my hands, as they would be if it was held by Mr. Clark, and believing that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, whoever he may be, was and is the proper person to represent the county on such occasions, I could not, although esteeming Mr. Clark very highly as a christian gentleman, vote for him for Proxy. To those familiar with such matters, it is well known that it is by no means an uncommon or an unusual thing for parties to elect themselves by their own votes. I have been in many meetings at which officers were elected, and I cannot now recall an instance, when the contest was at all doubtful, in which the aspirants did not vote for themselves; and I will warrant the assertion, that an examination of the records of the various corporations of the country,

those of this city included, will demonstrate the fact that 75 to 90 per cent. of the officers of the same were elected by their own votes. This whole matter, however, is of such small moment to me, personally, that but for the erroneous impression it has created among a "very small few," who are really not familiar with the general custom in such matters, I should have paid no attention to it, and I do so now, only that they may see, that I have not in reality, committed a crime.

In the "Newbernian" of July 17th the artless simplicity of the accomplished "K" is so, exceedingly charming, that with your permission I will give the public the treat of again reading his communication in full. It is as follows:

"EDITOR NEWBERNIAN:—Can it be possible that Mr. James A. Bryan, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Craven county, is in favor of shutting up our ports by leasing the A. & N. C. R. R. to the W. & W. Road, when it is a fact that a few weeks since he was expressing himself on our streets as being opposed to the Road being put into the hands of Mr. Best, or any other individual corporation? And was not his opposition to Best based chiefly upon the ground that he might hand it over to the W. & W. Railroad? What has wrought this great change in the mind of this county official? Will some one rise and explain? What say our people for such a Proxy? Did you not, Mr. Editor, state in a recent issue, that the County Commissioners approved of Mr. Bryan's course relative to the lease of the Road to Mr. Best? We simply wish to inquire whether the Board, of which Mr. Bryan is Chairman, will change with the wind, as we learn that its Chairman has? Will one of those public functionaries also rise and give us information on this point, and thereby be entitled to the thanks of the community? Come, gentlemen, speak out; not so much secrecy; for upon this lease question, the life of our dear old town depends."

If K. had been well informed upon the subjects of which he has essayed to write, it would not be necessary for me to tell him, that by the intelligent portion of the community, his questions and insinuations are regarded as both silly and pointless.

There is no man, K. included, who can truthfully say that he ever heard me express myself as opposed to having the A. & N. C. R. R. "put into the hands of an individual corporation," or that I opposed Mr. Best, chiefly upon the ground that he might hand it over to the W. & W. R. R. But to brush away the cobwebs of ignorance, or more properly of prejudice, which seem to have clouded K's usually enlarged and Catholic views of men and things, and in order that the people of Craven county may be CORRECTLY advised, I will state the reasons which governed my actions in that matter. Mr. Best offered to lease the A. & N. C. R. R. in his own NAME; not for any corporation, "individual" or otherwise, but in the name of and for the sole use and benefit of Wm. J. Best.

He demanded that the stockholders should bind themselves to him upon ALL points by instruments of writing, to bind himself by instruments of similar import, and stated, much after the manner of the dashing cavalier, that he is, that they must rely upon his word, his honor as a Railroad man. I said in the meeting, that such a proposition was ridiculous, preposterous, and should never be entertained; that I had heard the W. & W. R. R. had once offered \$40,000 for the A. & N. C. R. R. and that if we accepted Mr. Best's proposition we would have no guarantee, in the event of his failure in his Western N. C. R. R. "Scheme," that he would not sublet the A. & N. C. R. R. to the W. & W. for \$40,000, and as he was to pay us only \$30,000, make \$10,000 annually by the transaction; I thought if anything like that was to be done, this Road had better make that \$10,000 for itself.

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