

### WADSWORTH MAN STARTS SUIT AGAINST RAILWAY

#### MR. B. F. BIGGS ASKS FOR \$5,000 FOR DAMAGE TO CHARACTER

Complaint Alleges That Seaboard Air Line Charged Him With Shortage While Agent Which is Alleged to be Untrue.

(Special to News and Observer.) Wadesboro, June 26.—A novel suit, the first of the kind in this State, was filed in the Superior Court yesterday afternoon. Attorney Walter E. Brock, representing B. F. Biggs, filed a complaint asking damages in the sum of \$5,000 from the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company for damages to his character. In addition Mr. Biggs also asks as damages the difference in the amount which he had been receiving as salary as agent and that which he is now receiving as an operator.

The complaint alleges that in the fall of 1907 Mr. Biggs was the agent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company at Wadesboro and that he was asked to check out as he had accepted a position as the agent of the Atlantic Coast Line at Orangeburg, S. C. The traveling auditor of the company came to Wadesboro and checked out Mr. Biggs and he went to his new position. Some time later the Seaboard Air Line wrote Mr. Biggs and charged him with a shortage of \$437. In reply Mr. Biggs asked for a re-checking and an examination of the books. This the company refused and notified him that unless he settled the alleged shortage that they would report him to the bonding company and demand settlement from them. This was done by the railway company and the bonding company began their efforts to secure the amount from Mr. Biggs. Attorney Brock was employed, and after he had made an examination of the books he demanded that the railway company accede to Mr. Biggs' request and re-check him. Finally, after threats of prosecution, the company sent a representative to Wadesboro and the investigation brought out the fact that there was only a shortage of \$4 and that this was the result of a clerical error and had been made by the auditor in the first examination of the books.

In the meantime Mr. Biggs had been appointed by the Atlantic Coast Line as their agent at Wadesboro and in this position applied to the bonding company for a bond. This was refused on the ground of the accusation brought by the Seaboard Air Line. Mr. Biggs was forced to give up his position and accept work as an operator at Columbia, which position he now holds. After some time had elapsed and the second examination was made the bonding company notified Mr. Biggs that they would issue him a bond acknowledging the error



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made in the beginning of the controversy. Mr. Biggs has many friends here, and this has been his home throughout his life, who appreciate the trouble which was brought to him through the mistake, and who are happy at his complete vindication. Because of the damage to his character and the loss of wages the suit was brought, and it will be for trial at the next term of the court.

### FIRST AT BETHEL

Survivors of the Battle of Bethel Celebrate the 48th Anniversary. Wakula, N. C., June 26.—For several years it has been the custom of Mr. W. J. McDonald, of this place, to invite the survivors of the 1st North

### THE CONFERENCE TARIFF COMMITTEE

(Continued from Page Nine.) have to be considered seriously. As the big work of the conference draw nigh; with the Senate rates soaring with the thermometer, new waves of trouble threaten. Nearly every Republican in the House has had an opportunity to go home and learn the views of his constituents, and what they have heard has on the whole been in condemnation of the tariff bill as it promises to emerge from the Senate.

#### Good Road Movement.

At the Capital to Capital route good roads meeting in this city this week there were a number of very interesting talks. The most prominent of the nation which were of exceeding interest. One of the best observations came from President Finley of the Southern Railway, who in discussing the economic importance of good roads to the farmer, said: "If the farmer is to be prosperous all the products of his farm not needed for home consumption must be carried to market. Whatever their final destination, they must be moved primarily over the country highway to the shipping point or to a nearby consuming center. The condition of this highway controls the size of the load that can be carried on it and affects materially the profits of the farmer and the value of his farm. This was strikingly illustrated by an account which I read recently of a farmer in North Carolina who was hauling wood to a neighboring town. He had splendidly improved macadam road for several miles out of his town, while the rest of the way was an ordinary dirt road. The farmer would haul the largest load possible on the dirt road until he came to the macadam road. There he would throw the wood off by the side of the road and go back for another load. Returning with the second load, he would pile the first on top of the second and drive on to town, hauling just twice as much on the macadam road as he could haul with the same wagon and the same team, on the dirt road."

#### Sale of Real Estate.

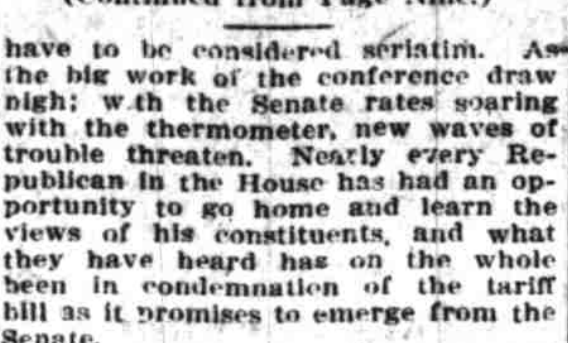
(Special to News and Observer.) Asheboro, N. C., June 25.—Mr. E. H. Morris has just sold his residence on the Fisher place in Asheboro to John M. Hammer. It is understood that Mr. C. W. Jennings, of Greensboro, is in the deal with Mr. Hammer. This is a large and valuable location. The consideration is something over ten thousand dollars.

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### CONFERENCE LEAGUE WILL END WITH TODAY

(Continued from Page Nine.) Shepard Reads Bible. Solomon Shepard has spent the day in full reading the Bible and does not discuss the situation in which he finds himself. He is a man of God and does not verify a story that the negro has given the name of the white man who was in the crime with him. The item is mainly a rumormongering. He called the man out and that Monday of this week the accused fled. He is taking things easy today.

### GASOLINE TANK EXPLODES

Half a Dozen Men Seriously Burned and Negro Perhaps Drowned. (By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., June 26.—Half a dozen men, all white, were seriously burned and a negro jumped overboard and probably drowned as a result of an explosion of the tank on a grand line launch in the river here today. The white men, all of whom suffered severely, are John B. Metzger, Chas. A. Metzger, Chas. Leake, David W. Johnson, L. A. Walker and Wm. Wright. The launch caught fire and was sunk.

### MARRIED WOMAN FINED FOR SERIOUS OFFENCE

(Continued from Page Nine.) he was killed in a direct violation of rule of the company which states that cars shall be uncoupled only while standing. Friends in the city will be glad to learn of an improvement in the condition of Mr. Bruce B. Snuggs, the Wilmington young man who was been quite sick in the Atlantic Coast Line hospital at South Rocky Mount. It is expected that he will be able to leave the hospital within the next several days if there is no relapse.

### SUDDEN DEATH JAS. MULLIGAN.

Expired Suddenly at Seven Springs—Remains Taken to Altamont, Ill., for Interment. (Special to News and Observer.) Wilson, June 26.—Last Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. James Mulligan left Wilson for Seven Springs where it was their purpose to remain a week or more. Judge of the surprise of his many friends here when a telegram was received stating that he died very suddenly about 11 o'clock last night. The deceased was seventy-seven years old and leaves a widow to mourn his untimely death. The remains will pass through Wilson on the midnight train to-night on the way to Altamont, Ill., for interment.

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