

## THE LARGEST PAID SUBSCRIPTION OF ANY PAPER PUBLISHED IN EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

### MILLIONAIRE ACCUSED OF CHOKING GIRL

#### The Woman Held For Shooting the Millionaire Claims That He Assaulted Her

### SHE MAKES STATEMENT

STOKES DENIES WRITING ANY LETTER TO WOMAN—SAYS THE DOOR WAS LOCKED WHEN HE ENTERED AND HE WAS SHOT AFTER REFUSING TO ACCORD TO DEMANDS.—PHYSICIANS SAY HE WILL RECOVER.

New York, June 9.—The condition of W. E. D. Stokes, the millionaire proprietor of the Hotel Ansonia, and widely known horseman, who was shot Wednesday night by two young women in their apartment, was such this morning that his physicians say that he will likely recover. The women, Lillian Graham, an actress, and Ethel Conrad, an entertainer, formally charged with the shooting, were taken to the police headquarters yesterday morning on the verge of collapse.

Three Japanese servants in the apartment house in West Eightieth street, where Stokes was shot, are held as witnesses.

Held For Examination.  
Miss Graham and Miss Conrad will be arraigned in court and held to await the results of Mr. Stokes' injuries. A further examination will be made to ascertain whether the two bullets still remain in the millionaire's neck and thigh.

Demanding \$25,000.  
Torrence J. McManus, Mr. Stokes' attorney, says that his client went to the girl's apartment on receiving a message from Miss Conrad to obtain some letters. Stokes denies that he had ever written any letters and "had never reached the apartment, his counsel says, the door was locked behind him and Miss Graham immediately drew a revolver and pointing it to a pad on the desk at one side, she said: 'Give me \$25,000 and sign this agreement.'

Combined Assault.  
Mr. McManus says that Stokes refused and that "thereupon Miss Graham fired two shots at him." Stokes got the revolver away from Miss Graham, who when, according to Mr. McManus, called upon Miss Conrad to fire.

Miss Conrad, Stokes' lawyer says, also fired, and as the millionaire backed into the hallway three Japanese servants set upon him.

Woman's Statement.  
Mr. Graham in a statement, says that Stokes came to her apartment and demanded letters which she admitted writing. When told that she had no letters, Miss Graham alleges that Stokes "turned on me in a perfect fury and caught me by the throat and began to choke me."

Miss Graham then alleges that, fearing violence at his hands she shot at him, whereupon Stokes wrenched the pistol from her and shot at her. Miss Graham says nothing about the charge made by Stokes' counsel that Miss Conrad fired a shot.

Stokes says he met Miss Graham and her sister, Mrs. John Singleton, of Los Angeles, some time ago here. He only knew Miss Conrad slightly.

Potato Market.  
The following prices prevail for Irish potatoes in this market today:  
Primes \$4.45.  
Seconds, \$3.75.

### TEACHERS SHOULD FLIRT

Veterans in the School Room Says It Is a Beneficial Recreational.  
Boston, Mass., June 10.—"A little harmless flirting with nice people with whom you are not acquainted will do much to rest a tired mind after the arduous duties of the schoolroom. This is one of the suggestions to young women school teachers made by Miss Ann Newell, on relinquishing the position as teacher in the Boston public schools, after forty—also year's service. Be a live every minute and don't get too much. Is another bit of advice."

### THE LOCALS WERE GAIN VICTORIOUS

#### SNAPPY GAME OF BALL PLAYED YESTERDAY AT FLEMING PARK

Washington and Plymouth crossed bats at Fleming Park yesterday afternoon. From start to finish the contest was noted for brilliant plays and snappy athletics. The score was 7 to 6 in favor of the locals.

Washington made ten hits, and three errors. The visitors had eight hits to their credit, five errors. The batteries were Washington: Wallace and Chadwick; Plymouth: Brown and Boyd. Umpire, Mr. L. C. Warren.

The work of Litchfield in center field for the locals was one of the features throughout the game. Plymouth played a good game and every member of the team so conducted themselves while in the city as to be praiseworthy. Washington plays Wilson next Wednesday on the local grounds. A great game is expected.

### CITY ALDERMEN MET LAST NIGHT

#### Board Decides to Erect Handsome Fence at Oakdale Cemetery

#### E. W. AYERS GIVEN CONTRACT

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN HELD ANOTHER MEETING LAST EVENING—TO ERECT CONCRETE FENCE IN FRONT OF OAKDALE CEMETERY

There was a recess meeting of the City Board of Aldermen held at the City Hall last evening. The following business was transacted:

It was moved that the mayor be authorized to sell or make the best bargain possible he can in disposing of all manner of the property of the city.

It was moved and adopted that all pop stands license be made \$2.00, where there was no other drinks sold, but where is lemonade, milkshakes and ice cream sold in addition the license shall be \$5.00.

Mr. Frank G. Kuller was unanimously elected a member of the board of school trustees for the Washington Public Schools.

On motion the board allowed Joseph Brown the keeper of Cedar Hill cemetery, a lot in said cemetery in appreciation of his faithful services. He has been keeper of the colored cemetery for a long number of years.

In the matter of erecting a concrete fence at Oakdale Cemetery, the following action was taken by the board.

Whereas E. W. Ayers has submitted a bid to the board of City Aldermen to build a concrete fence on the front of Oakdale cemetery, the southern to the northern end of said cemetery being about 950 feet including a panel at each end with four columns two of which are to be at least 3 feet high and two, at least 6 feet high, the said fence to be in six blocks high on a concrete base 42 1/2 inches wide to be finished in all respects in a similar manner as the fence constructed around Episcopal church, this city, excepting the color. The total cost of the proposed fence is to be \$1,490. The consideration is to be \$1.05 per running foot to be paid with two city notes Ten first note to mature after 12 months and the second note within two years from that date, the difference to be paid upon the acceptance of the fence. The work is to commence immediately after the execution of the contract and pushed to completion within a reasonable time. It was ordered that the City Attorney be and is hereby authorized to draft a contract to be executed by E. W. Ayers and the proper authorities of the city.

At request of Alderman Swindell, vote taken by the board was ordered placed on the minutes on the above matter.

The following voted aye: Swindell, Buckman, Morris, Berry, Noes, Oden, Jones, Daniel.

It was moved that the city clerk be authorized to notify the improvement committee that they will be expected to meet with the board on Tuesday night June 13 to make a report on the proposition. The board of Aldermen please the matter in the hands of the City Improvement committee for action.

### TOWN WAS WIPE OUT COMPLETELY

#### Mexican Earthquake Appalling as Detailed Reports Come In

### CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE DONE

#### FEARLESS DISASTER IS GREATER THAN FIRST SUPPOSED—MANY REMOTE PLACES NOT HEARD FROM—DETAILS COMING IN.

Mexico City, June 9.—Rolling from coast to coast through Mexico Wednesday's earthquake brought death to at least 150 persons according to the latest accounts received last night. The area of the quake's destruction is rectangular with its northern boundary, less than 50 miles from the capital, and a southern line cutting across the lower part of Guerrero.

The death toll grows as related reports come in. The number of casualties in Mexico City, as compiled by the police, remains 55. Fifty-nine corpses have been taken from ruins in Ocotlan Jalisco.

It will never be known how many perished in villages in remote parts of the seismic zone. Catastrophes in those parts are taken as a matter of course. For instance, Tonala, Jalisco, was wiped out to all outward appearances, but the deaths there cannot be accurately numbered.

Not many persons were killed in the city of Colima, but a considerable amount of damage was done.

Guadalajara, Mex., June 9.—The volcano Colima became active yesterday when the earthquake shocks were felt and today is emitting smoke and lava.

The towns of Tonala and San Andres are badly damaged by the disturbances, portions of them being destroyed. A relief train has been sent to the scene from here.

Thousands are homeless.  
Mexico City, June 9.—Dispatches from Tuxpan, a few miles east of the volcano Colima, in the southern part of the state of Jalisco, say that Zapotlan, suffered severely from yesterday's earthquake. The number of victims is said to be large. A church and a number of houses were thrown down and other dwelling places rendered unsafe. Thousands of persons are homeless.

The dispatches state that the center of the disturbance was the volcano Colima which has become active.

The towns of Tonala and Platanar, situated near the volcano, have been damaged.

Earthquake in Caspan.  
Potsdam, June 9.—The seismograph at the observatory here registered a catastrophic earthquake in the neighborhood of the Caspan Sea at 1:04 o'clock yesterday morning.

### 30-POUND WOMAN WHIPS THREE POLICEMEN

Pittsburg, June 9.—Using a solar plexus with great effect, Mary Young aged 22 years, who weighs only 30 pounds, licked three big, tusked policemen this morning in the courtroom of the Pennsylvania avenue police station.

Miss Young, a handsome brunette, with a winning smile, was arrested, following an argument with a policeman, to whom she had complained that someone had stolen her pocket book.

The policeman told Magistrate Noble Matthews that Miss Young had struck him.

"Twenty-five dollars or thirty days to the workhouse," said the magistrate.

"What!" shouted Miss Young. Then she made a swing at the judge. Three policemen tried to grab her.

She swung on them with the punch that made Bob Fitzsimmons famous. Her swings were coming so rapidly that they were forced to beat a hasty retreat.

Four other big cops grabbed her, pinioned her arms to her side, and she was hustled to the workhouse.

Townsmen Honored.  
Prof. N. C. Newbold of this city has been elected a member of the State Book Commission which met in Raleigh on Thursday last. This is a honor worthily bestowed. We congratulate the commission.

### GUN SHOT ON LAST THURSDAY

#### WASHINGTON GUN CLUB GIVES A TEST OF MARKSMANSHIP

On last Thursday afternoon the Washington Gun Club gave another of their shoots at their grounds on Bonner street. Quite a number of visitors were present and enjoyed the occasion immensely.

Our readers will see by the following score that Miss Elizabeth Hill, one of the city's popular young ladies took part and succeeded in breaking two clay pigeons out of 5. If the gun she handled had been a little lighter in weight she would have no doubt made a higher average.

The following score was made by the members:

Name	Shot	Brk.	P.C.
Bland	50	26	52
LaFarge	50	21	42
Perch	50	19	38
Clark	50	26	52
Jones, Frank	50	33	66
Worthy	50	50	100
Maxwell	35	12	48
McGowan	35	6	24
Hodges	25	8	32
Miss Lizzie Hill	5	2	40

### AMERICAN PUGLIST ENGLISH BRUISER

#### Billy Papke, Middleweight Whips English Fighter in 9 Rounds

### THE FIGHT A GRUPELLING ONE

#### IN NINE ROUNDS OF FAST AND FURIOUS FIGHTING BILLY PAPKE LICKS JIM SULLIVAN, THE MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPION OF ENGLAND IN LONDON LAST NIGHT.

London, June 8.—Billy Papke the American middleweight tonight took the measure of Jim Sullivan, the middleweight champion of England, in nine rounds, of fast and furious fighting.

The contest was for the middleweight championship of the world, a purse of \$10,000 and a title belt. It was pulled off under the management of Hugh D. McIntosh, the Australian promoter, in Palladium, one of London's noted music halls, before a large crowd.

Throughout the fight was a grueling one, Sullivan proved the cleverer at long range work, but Papke excelled at in-fighting.

There was much clinching and hitting. The clinches and the referee, Eugene Corri, was compelled to remain in the ring, having difficulty at times in separating the men.

The meeting had been the sole topic of discussion in sporting circles for days, and large sums were paid for ringside seats. Notwithstanding that the fight had been advertised as "America vs England" Papke ruled a strong favorite at odds of 3 to 2 and 2 to 1.

Sullivan showed nervousness when he climbed into the ring, but after a few rounds seemed to recover confidence.

For a time he was able to stand off Papke, who roughed it from the beginning, cleverly dodging slashing swings of the American which, had they landed, would have ended the fight.

Sullivan used his left and right with good judgment, but without affecting the stamina of Papke, who was able to take unlimited punishment.

Towards the close of the ninth round Papke landed a savage uppercut which put Sullivan to the floor. He took a count of five and when the bell rang, staggered blindly to his corner.

When the call for the tenth round sounded Sullivan was unable to stand up and Corri awarded the fight to the American amid great applause.

OBJECT TO NEGRO.  
Appointed Assistant Superintendent of Indian Schools.  
Oklahoma City, June 10.—Oklahoma state officials are opposing the appointment of W. T. Vernon, a Kansas City negro, an assistant superintendent of Indian schools for the five civilized tribes. State Senator Landrum, a Cherokee Indian, prepared a protest, signed by state officials which will be forwarded to Secretary of the Interior Fisher.

### THE SCHEDULE NOW ARRANGED

#### How Selection of State Text-Books Will Be Governed

### THE REQUIREMENTS ARE RIGID

#### SCHEDULE COMMITTEE OF BOTH BOOK COMMISSIONERS MAKE RECOMMENDATION—NO PERSONAL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES ON SUBJECT IN HAND.

Raleigh, June 9.—Representatives of the various text-book publishing companies were before the text-book commission in the capitol today presenting the merits of their respective books. Drawing was the subject under consideration. There are thirty or more representatives here.

The schedule committee this afternoon made the following recommendations to the state text-book commission and the sub-commission with reference to a schedule:

We your committee appointed to arrange a schedule, beg leave to report and to make the following recommendations:

1. That the state text-book commission and the sub-commission sit in joint session from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. each week day, Saturday excepted, to hear the representatives of the publishers offering books for adoption.

2. That the order in which the subjects shall be taken up, beginning at 11 a. m. today, June 9, and the maximum time allotted the representative of each publisher for presenting each subject be as follows: Drawing, 45 minutes; writing, 20 minutes; primers (not in a series), 15 minutes; reading, 45 minutes; arithmetic, 45 minutes; geography, 45 minutes; history, 45 minutes; grammar and language, 45 minutes; history, 45 minutes; physiology and hygiene, 30 minutes; agriculture, 30 minutes; spelling, 15 minutes.

3. That the representatives of publishers offering books for adoption decide by lot the order in which they shall appear before the commission.

4. We further recommend the following rules and regulations:

1. That there shall be no personal communications upon the subject of text-books between any bidders as his representative or any other person interested in the adoption of any textbook and any member of the book commission or sub-commission.

2. That each bidder shall file on and before June 15 with the secretary of state an affidavit setting forth the names of all persons representing him or his company, directly or indirectly, in the state of North Carolina.

3. That briefs and testimonials relating thereto shall be submitted through the secretary of the sub-commission on or before July 1st and at least thirteen copies of each brief or other communication shall be submitted.

4. That each member of the commission and the sub-commission obligates himself not to express any opinion or adoption of any text-book offered for adoption to any one else other than to the members of the commission and the sub-commission until after the adoption has been made.

That all representations of publishers offering books for adoption will meet with the sub-commission and the secretary of the commission at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning in the senate chamber to decide by lot the order in which they shall appear.

### SAYS HOUSEKEEPER HAS THE EVIL EYE

York Pa., June 9.—When Mary J. Brown was arraigned before an Alderman on the charge of larceny of house furnishings, her prosecutor, James Hart, a medicine peddler, declared that the defendant, who was formerly his housekeeper, had an "evil eye," which she used to hypnotize him with and drive all the rats out of the place.

### SHALL WE HAVE CLUB OR NOT?

#### THE CITY SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE BOYS IN THEIR EFFORTS

Shall Washington have two games of baseball a week for the coming two months? It is up to the citizens of Washington.

The boys have organized a good local team. It costs money to play ball—at least thirty dollars per game. The attendance seems not to justify the expense. Unless the people in the city go out to see the games outside aid will have to be catered to. There is now being a paper circulated asking donations for this purpose.

If a citizen does not have an opportunity to make a contribution by the committee inadvertently skipping them they should seek the committee to do so. Mr. P. P. Maxwell will be glad to receive any contribution for this purpose.

The towns of Plymouth, Aurora, Greenville, Wilson, Ayden, Vanceboro, Williamston and Grifton are more than anxious to have games with us. We will have no trouble in securing games provided the citizens of Washington show a disposition to help the local team. Already two games have been played here this season, one with Greenville and one with Plymouth. The gate receipts for both games amounted to \$46.40 and the expense attached aggregated \$55. Washington should encourage its ball club and aid them in every way possible.

### OFFER TO BUILD MATTAMUSKEET

#### The Railroad is Sought by New York Parties

### WILL GRANT IT ON CONDITIONS

#### INTERESTS WITH STRONG FINANCIAL RESOURCES MAKE A PROPOSITION THAT IS ACCEPTED TO GIVE EASTERN CAROLINA A RAILROAD THAT WILL BE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR OF A SPLENDID AND FERTILE SECTION OF THE STATE.

The Mattamuskeet Railroad, of Eastern North Carolina, in an extension from Lake Mattamuskeet, in Hyde county, on to Belhaven and thence to Washington, N. C., is now made a certainty if the people of Washington and of Beaufort and Hyde counties get busy and meet the requirements made, a company with ample capital, ready to put up a cash bond of \$50,000, having made a definite proposition to equip the road and put it in operation.

This matter, of the greatest importance to Eastern North Carolina, was heard yesterday by the Governor and Council of State and the Board of Internal Improvements. It was presented by Mr. Gilbert H. Gilbert, of New York, and his attorney, Mr. Charles L. Abernethy, of Beaufort, and Mr. E. L. Travis, of Halifax. Present at the conference were also Mr. S. S. Mann, of Swan Quarter; Capt. George G. Studdert, of Washington, Mr. Joseph F. Tayloe, of Washington, president of the road; Mr. Surry Parker, of Pinetown; Mr. R. S. Neal, Mr. A. M. Dumay, Mr. Dempsey Grimes of Washington.

The proposition made was to construct the Mattamuskeet railroad, this to be built from Washington around Lake Mattamuskeet and from Fairfield to Burgess' Mill and Rosebay; the length in all to be 105 miles. The proposition was submitted and it was continued for the people in Washington and along the proposed route to secure the necessary rights of way, terminals and dock facilities.

Subject to these conditions, which puts the matter squarely up to the people of Washington and of Beaufort and Hyde counties, the proposition was accepted by the Governor and Council of State and the Board of Internal Improvements, and by Mr. Joseph F. Tayloe, president of the Mattamuskeet Railroad, on behalf of the railroad company. The conditions made are those which appertain to the rights of way, the terminals and the dock facilities.

Mr. Gilbert, from whom the proposition for the construction of the railroad come, represents New York parties and the absolute statement has been made that he has no connection with the proposition.

### WIFE IS JUST ABOUT ONE-FOURTH HIS AGE

Muldrow, Okla., June 9.—A. D. Dutton, nine-two years old, who attributes his longevity to his habit of eating beans, is married to Miss Rebecca Jane Galloway, twenty-four years old.

Despite his advanced years, Dutton farms every working day of the week. He is apparently as hale as a man half his age.

### BOLT OF LIGHTNING STRIPPED A MAN.

Louisville, Ky., June 9.—Lightning during an electrical storm which swept Jefferson county last night stripped James Moore, aged 45, of his clothing. As he was standing nude at the gate of his home in Middletown he was drenched by the rain. Later large hailstones fell, damaging crops throughout the county. Considerable damage was done by lightning falling outhouses and killing live stock. The damage stretching over an area of six square miles will amount to \$150,000.

### THE CHURCH NOTICES FOR TOMORROW

#### Interesting Occasion Scheduled in Different Churches Both Morning and Evening

### ALL CORDIALLY INVITED

First Presbyterian Church  
Rev. H. B. Seagriff, pastor. The pastor will preach at both the morning and evening services tomorrow at the usual hour. Sunday school will meet at the usual hour, Mr. C. M. Brown, Jr., superintendent. Praying meeting Wednesday evening. The music at this church on tomorrow promises to be enjoyable. Polite and attentive ushers. All have a cordial and warm welcome to any and all services.

Christian Church.  
Robt V. Hope, pastor. Services Sunday morning and evening at the usual hour, conducted by the pastor. Bible school meets at the regular hour, Mr. A. F. Gurganus, superintendent. The Christian Endeavor Society meets at 10 a. m. Praying meeting Wednesday evening. Good music and all strangers in the city have a warm welcome.

First Methodist Church  
Rev. R. H. Broom, pastor. The Sunday school will meet at 9:45 o'clock tomorrow morning. The hour having been changed last Sunday from afternoon to morning, Mr. E. R. Mixon, the superintendent will preside. At 11 o'clock and 8 o'clock the pastor will preach. The subject of the morning discourse will be: "Call to the Ministry." The pastor especially desires to see a large number of young men present. The service at night is designed to benefit the young.

On Tuesday night at 8 o'clock the members of the church will hold their monthly meeting. Wednesday night at 8 o'clock there will be the regular prayer meeting. A hearty welcome is assured all strangers and visitors to any and all services.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
Rev. Nathaniel Harding, rector. Morning and evening prayer with sermon at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Bible sermon at 11 and 8 o'clock Sunday school meets at 5 o'clock Mr. E. K. Willis, Jr., superintendent. Good music and seats free. All strangers are cordially invited to attend.

First Baptist Church.  
Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a. m., Mr. S. P. Willis, superintendent. Morning worship, 8 p. m. Sermon subject: "A Lawyer's Question About Eternal Life." The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the close of the evening service. Sunbeams will meet Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Praying meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Mission Study Class Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. A hearty welcome is extended to all services.

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