

To Judge a Man's Character, First Find the Food Upon Which His Brain Feeds—Good Reading Makes Good Men

RANDOM SQUIBS FROM OLD NEW YORK BRIEFLY CHRONICLED HERE

Increased valuation in Assessed Realty. Sullivan Gun Law an Absurdity. Honest North Carolinian a Victim of its Fallacies. Workman Falls Head First Through Elevator Shaft.

New York, Feb. 24.—The president of the New York tax department has submitted his preliminary report to the Mayor. Upon this report the assessment rolls for the year 1912 will be based. The report deals in approximate figures only. It shows the increase in the assessed value of real estate, exclusive of special franchises and the decrease on account of exemptions and reductions in the following: Manhattan, increase of \$41,500,000; Bronx, increase of \$12,300,000; Brooklyn, increase of \$450,000; Queens, increase of \$11,300,000; a total of \$75,900,000.

To show this there is a special franchise reduction of \$17,899,301, bringing the total net increase of the city's assessment on buildings and real estate to \$58,000,700, which means an increase in the carrying capacity of the city of about 2400,000. Considering the enormous increase in the value of real estate in this city and the gigantic debt already carried by the city this increase seems rather paltry.

The absurdity of the Sullivan gun law, which has caused so much discussion and criticism already, are clearly illustrated by two cases which were reported here within a few days.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW COMING AND GOING

Miss Mabelle Oden was the guest of friends in Greenville, Thursday. Judge Gulon of New Bern, was a visitor here this week. Mr. A. C. Hathaway is in Raleigh on business. IN SUPERIOR COURT. In the case of W. D. Hitley vs the Washington & Vandalia railroad, the plaintiff was awarded verdict of \$1,000 damages for the years 1907, 1908, 1909 and 1910. Action of divorce of Daniel Williams against Emma Williams, docketed for trial.

plank and shot head first down the shaft, followed by several boards and a big pane of plate glass. Fortunately for him he became entangled in the cables suspended in the shaft which broke his fall and saved him from being dashed to pieces when he reached the top of one of the elevator shafts on the ground floor. A few minutes later he was the center of his family.

With the work of the Panama Canal nearing completion the general interest in the great undertaking is rapidly increasing. Among the weather doctors a contest exists as to when the canal will be opened and that by the time the canal is opened when the policy is adopted.

A few days ago a woman had her husband, who conducts an employment agency, arrested on the charge of ill-treating and neglecting her. When the case came up before a magistrate the woman testified that her husband not only beat her frequently, but also remained away from his home over night on frequent occasions and that he was in the habit of going to theaters with girls, without ever taking his lawful wife. The prisoner denied the truth of his wife's charges and stated that she was a drunk and that she was the cause of his going to the workhouse for a year or so to submit to the conditions of being placed on probation for the same length of time. The wife said that the magistrate had asked her to come home and report to his wife every evening at 9 o'clock and that he had to take his wife along when he goes to the theatre or some other place of amusement. He took the prisoner some time to decide which sentence he would accept. He finally, however, accepted the probation in spite of his irksome conditions.

A GOOD RIDDANCE

It is reported, and the report is easy of confirmation, that W. D. Floyd has folded his tent at the camp of the county road force, and has stoutly stolen (?) away. Since his sentence to the roads he hasn't worked there, but has been allowed to lounge in the "hospital camp." Whether he was ill to work or not, Benford county cares little now, and as long as he takes the pains to remain away, it is a safe conjecture that his citizenship is not needed badly enough to apprehend him.

The Colored Associated Charities will meet Thursday night next, 25th, at the Colored Disciples church. As there was some misunderstanding as to the meeting at the First Baptist church this week.

PRINCESS WHO ADVOCATES DIVORCE



The Infanta Duquesa of Spain has refused to suppress her book on divorce at the command of her brother the King, and declared she would sell her property and abandon Spain forever rather than suppress her writings.

THE CHURCHES ARE HERE; WHERE WILL YOU WORSHIP?

- First Methodist Church, West Second street. Rev. E. H. Brown, pastor. Services at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Strangers and visitors welcome. Sunday school at 9:00 p. m. E. H. Brown, Supt.
First Presbyterian Church, Gladden street (near Coast Line Station). Rev. H. B. Beaght pastor. Services at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Good music. Strangers and visitors cordially invited to worship with us. Sunday school 1 p. m. C. M. Brown, Jr., Supt.
Christ Lutheran Church, East Second street. Rev. Robert V. Hope, minister. Services at 11:00 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Strangers and visitors cordially welcomed.
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Corner Main and Bonner Sts., Rev. Nathaniel Harding, rector. Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock; evening prayer at 7:30; Sunday school, E. K. Willis, Jr., Supt., and Men's Bible class, H. S. Ward leader, at 3 p. m.
First Baptist Church, Rev. H. T. Dalton, Pastor. Services will be held at the usual hours.
Colored Churches. Disciple.—Rev. J. R. Spencer, pastor. Preaching every first and fourth Sundays. Morning worship at 11 o'clock; evening service at 7:30. Lord's Day school at 3 p. m. Thomas Spencer, Supt. Visitors are invited and cordially welcomed.
C. M. E. church, F. M. Mahay, pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m., each Sunday. Class meeting at 3 p. m.; H. H. at 2 p. m. G. W. Edward superintendent. Preaching Sunday night at 7:40.
Women's Exhibition in Berlin. Berlin, Feb. 24.—Under the title of "Women in Home and Business," there was opened in Berlin today the first large exhibition of women's work ever held in Germany. The exhibition is held in the great saloon at the Zoological gardens, where hundreds of attractive exhibits have been installed to illustrate the fact that women have invaded permanently and successfully the fields of commerce, manufactures, law, medicine, banking, journalism, the church, politics and theatrical management. In addition to the many beautiful exhibits women's work and girls have long competed with men. The exhibition is under the patronage of the Kaiserin and the active leadership of Frau Hedwig Heyl, the well-known society leader and philanthropist.

FAR NEEL ANTLERS WILL HOLD CONVENTION IN NEW BERN IN MARCH

State Organization of F. P. O. Elks to Meet in New Bern, March 18.—Tenth Anniversary of New Bern Lodge No. 764. The North Carolina Association of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will hold its convention at New Bern, North Carolina, March 13, 14 and 15. Every arrangement has been made to give the boys a big time and every Elk in the State is extended a cordial invitation to be the guest of New Bern Lodge No. 764 on this occasion. The occasion marks the tenth anniversary of the New Bern lodge and the event will be celebrated in a manner that will live long in the memory of those who attend. No state shall be left untreated to make this the greatest event in the history of North Carolina Elksdom. The active co-operation of every individual member is needed in order to insure the success of this reunion. Every Elk in the State of North Carolina, who can possibly do so, is asked to grace the occasion with his presence. The program will be as follows: Wednesday evening, March 13, at 8 p. m.—Opening session by association. Address of welcome by Mayor C. J. McCarthy, and Exalted Ruler William Dunn, Jr. of the New Bern Lodge. Responses by District Deputy Witherspoon, President Abraham of the State Association, and Exalted Ruler of visiting lodges. Ex-Lieut. Gov. Francis D. Winston has been invited to be the orator of the evening. Luncheon will follow. Thursday morning, March 14, at 10 a. m.—Business meeting of the State Association. Thursday afternoon, March 14, at 3 p. m.—Parade in which all the Elks lodges are invited to participate. A silver loving cup will be presented to the lodge having the largest number in line and making the best showing. The cup is to be known as the New Bern Tenth Anniversary Cup, and is to be held by the lodge winning it for a period of one year, and also become the property of the lodge winning it three consecutive times. Thursday evening, March 14, at 8 p. m.—There will be a meeting of the New Bern Lodge at which there will be a choir initiation of about twenty candidates. Senator F. M. Simmons will be the orator of the evening. A luncheon will follow. Friday morning, March 15, at 8 a. m.—The association will leave New Bern on the U. S. E. Elfreda, U. S. T. E. Poole, and the House Boat Comfort, for a trip down the river through the new canal recently constructed by the government. There will be an oyster roast on the banks of the canal. The Grand Exalted Ruler and the other lodge officers have been invited.

BURKE LOOMS UP IN WESTERN SKY AS POSSIBILITY

NORTH DAKOTA WILL PRESS HIS NAME AS VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE—NORTHWEST STRONG FOR HIM.

HE IS OF IRISH DECENT

WARGO, N. D., Feb. 24.—John Burke, Governor of North Dakota, and the man whom a majority of the Democrats of the Northwest would like to see nominated for second place on the presidential ticket this year, will celebrate his fifty-third birthday anniversary tomorrow. The friends and political supporters of Governor Burke believe that as a political possibility he is worth more extended study than is implied in the mere mention of his candidacy for the Democratic vice presidential nomination. His career in the field of politics is so peculiar as to be unique, in evidence of which statement it is but necessary to cite the fact he is now serving his third term as executive of a State which never before has elected a Democratic governor since its admission to the Union. As his name indicates, Governor Burke is of Irish descent. His father was born in Ireland, arrived in America when twenty-two years of age. He emigrated to the west and settled on a farm near the town of Sigourney, Iowa, where John Burke was born February 18, 1859. The son spent his boyhood and youth on the farm and the only education he received was by attendance at the district school during the short winter terms. At the age of twenty-five he entered the University of Iowa and two years later left the institution as a graduate in law. The young lawyer practiced for a time in Des Moines, but in 1888 removed to northern Minnesota and a short time later crossed the border line into North Dakota. He located first in the town of St. John and later in Polka. In the last-named place the young lawyer was soon prospering in his profession and two years after his arrival in North Dakota found him a member of the State legislature. He was a strong Republican Democrat, but he ran on the Democratic ticket and was elected and was re-elected for a second and third term. In 1894 Mr. Burke was an unsuccessful candidate for Congress and a short time later he was defeated as a nominee for district judge. In 1898 he moved to Devils Lake, which city has since been his home. He served as city attorney of Devils Lake and after his retirement from that office built up a lucrative law practice. He accepted his first nomination for governor in 1905 with great reluctance and only after the party leaders had declared to him that he was the only man they could hope to elect. He won the race by a comfortable majority and has been twice re-elected by gains which gave unmistakable evidence of his growing popularity with the people. Tall, angular and a little rough in appearance, Governor Burke cannot be regarded as handsome, but he has a pleasing personality and is very popular among his acquaintances. Because of his appearance and characteristics, he has been likened to Abraham Lincoln and the designation of "Honest John" has been applied to him by his admirers. Governor Burke is a Democrat of the old school. Like Governor Harmon of Ohio, he is one of the conservative type and has never been on very intimate terms with the more radical leaders of the Democratic party. At the same time he has carefully kept himself within the fold of the Democratic party and it is believed that no member of that party would have any sound reason for voting against him. His friends are of the opinion that his nomination for second place on the presidential ticket would be a shrewd political move that might result in wresting the vote of North Dakota and other states of strong Progressive Republican leaning from the Republican party in the election of next November.

REDDITT TO FLORIDA TO FACE THE MUSIC

Young Insurance Solicitor Arrested by Sheriff Ricks, is Taken to Home State. C. A. Redditt, the young man arrested by Sheriff Geo. Ricks, a few days ago, and who is wanted by the authorities in Sumpter county, Fla., charged with embezzlement, has been turned over to the authorities of that state, and is, ere this, in the warmer clime, where, if reports are true they will make it still warmer for him. The sheriff coming after Redditt stated that he is the third state to which he has journeyed to capture the man, who has managed to elude arrest up to this time. It is learned that he also fleeced a number of colored people in this county, collecting from some of them as high as \$75 on insurance, to whom no policies were ever delivered. His operations along that line seem to have been quite extensive, as a number of unsuspecting victims report having paid him sums ranging from \$2.00 to \$75.00, without anything tangible to show for it.

BRIEF NOTES OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

Millicent Evison as Puck seemed to weave a spell of real enchantment around the players and spectators until all were thoroughly enraptured with the performance. The elfish dancers of Puck were marvelous of impish audacity in touch and feeling. Miss Evison distinguished herself in this character, her agile movements, characteristic laugh and clear enunciation making her work a pleasure to see and hear.—Pittsburg Press. Miss Evison will be seen at the Auditorium on Monday afternoon and evening in two of Shakespeare's plays. Frank McIntee played the part of the Danish prince with sympathetic effort. He brought out the pathos of the character and lost none of its dramatic possibilities. His enunciation was good, and his delivery had charm and grace. His elocution was considerably enhanced by a pleasing voice and a good figure. Millicent Evison as Ophelia shared the honors of the performance.—Birmingham Age-Herald. From present indications there will be a lively meeting at the organization of the Simmons Club in the city hall Monday night. Music, speeches and enthusiasm is promised. Let the band play—On with the dance. NEWS FROM SEEN. The young people of this place have been having a grand old time for the last two months, but have now settled down to a quiet life, as Lent came in last Wednesday. Crawford Little and sister, Miss Ada, of Buxton, also Miss Ellen Vincent of Washington, were the guests of Miss Helen Harvey last Sunday. Miss Olive Cutler was the guest of Miss Nannie Cutler last Sunday. Misses Ethel and Ruth Braddy will leave next week for New York. All regret to see them leave. Miss Margaret Harvey was the guest of Miss Cora Cutler last Sunday. We have a very nice Sunday school at Zion now. Everybody seems to be interested in it. On last Tuesday night there gathered at the home of Mr. T. H. Harvey a jolly crowd of young people. They were invited there to a "Tacky Party," and tackey it was, too. Miss Cora Cutler took the prize for being the tackiest one there. Mr. Abbie Cutler was there with a pair of oxen to take the girls home, which caused a great deal of amusement. Refreshments were served about 10 o'clock, and soon after the guests departed, thanking Mr. Harvey and his daughter for a pleasant evening. We are glad to have Mr. Gaylord in our midst a few days ago. He is a charming young man. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. N. Cutler gave a dance last Friday night to the young people of Zion and Jessama. I think everybody there enjoyed themselves. Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Cutler visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Sunday afternoon. Well, it is Lent now, and I guess it will be very quiet around here for the next forty days. Miss Ethel Braddy spent Friday night with Mrs. M. H. Cutler. Miss Nellie Latham spent Saturday night and Sunday at Zion.

ADDISCO BOOK CLUB MEET WITH MISS MOSS

The Addisco Book Club held its regular meeting Friday afternoon with Mrs. H. G. Moss always a charming hostess. The ladies were glad to have with them the president, Mrs. E. H. Fowle, who had been away for some time. After the usual discussion of business and the items which are always interesting, came the literary part of the afternoon. A paper on "English Drama," by Miss Marcia Myers. This was indeed a treat to those who were so fortunate as to hear it. With most delightful refreshments, the ladies were presented with the saga of "Mother and Daughter," England, (the club's subject of study) and our own fair land, the United States. In honor of the Father of our country, each guest, as she departed, was given a Washington hat as a souvenir of another delightful meeting.

MR. AND MRS. DUMAY ENTERTAINS FRIENDS

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Dumay entertained at their home in West Main street last night, complimentary to their northern friends, and several others who mingled with the pleasures of the evening. Several games were indulged in and refreshments were served in five courses. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Spruak of Scranton, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Ryan, Mr. Ned Ryman, Mr. N. A. Welles of New York, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Leach, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cox, Mr. and Mrs. John Gorham, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. MacLain, Mesdames John Morris of Fremont, N. C., E. W. Ayres, H. B. Mayo, Misses Jennie Cox, Annetta Cox, Ed. Merrill.

UNITED IN MARRIAGE

On Thursday evening at 6:50 in the parsonage of the First Baptist church at Greenville, Mr. O. C. Blackwood, of Raleigh, and Miss Abbie Oden, of this place, were united in marriage. Rev. Mr. Rook, pastor of the above church officiating. After the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the Taylor House where a wedding supper was served. Mr. Blackwood is a passenger flagman on the Norfolk Southern railroad and runs from Washington to Raleigh. The bride, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Oden, has been in the employ of Miss Hattie Henby as a milliner for some time, and is one of Washington's most popular young ladies. The young couple will make their future home with the parents of the bride in this city.

THE WEATHER

Clear tonight and Sunday warmer. Tonight east wind becoming variable.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY, FEB. 24

- 1116—The Earle of Derwentwater and Kennilreid beheaded in London, for treason in favoring the cause of the Pretender.
1774—Jose De San Martin, famous South American patriot, born. Died Aug. 17, 1850.
1792—Charles Bonaparte, father of Napoleon, died. Born March 29, 1748.
1846—Abdication and flight of Louis Philippe of France.
1862—Territory of Arizona formed from part of New Mexico.
1895—Governor Vance of North Carolina issued a war proclamation "that the struggle for freedom shall never be given up."
1874—Carl Schurz made his famous speech in the senate against the proposed currency inflation.
Date in History, Feb. 23.
1812—United States ship "Hornet" captured the British sloop-of-war "Pensacola."
1831—Poles defeated the Russians at Prague.
1841—Isa M. Lewis, called "the Grace Darling of America," born in Newport, R. I. Died there, Oct. 24, 1911.
1851—Milwaukee and Mississippi railroads opened from Milwaukee to Waukesha.
1852—Thomas Moore, author of "Lalla Rookh," died. Born May 28, 1779.
1857—Beginning of the Indian Mutiny at Berhampore.
1868—Disraeli became premier of England, succeeding the Earl of Derby.
1911—Charles D. Hille appointed secretary to President Taft.