

Local Showers Tonight and Tomorrow. Light to Moderate Southeast Winds.

COUNTY'S BONDED DEBT IS \$87,500.00; ADDITIONAL \$21,000.00 FLOATING DEBT

DEFICIT OF \$3500 TO \$7000 A YEAR BANKRUPTCY AND RUIN

The Credit of the County Has Been Struck a Vital Blow as Shown by Facts and Figures. Investors Refuse to Purchase Bonds.

The financial condition of Beaufort County is shocking and it is such that drastic measures must be adopted to save the County from bankruptcy, "this statement is made after careful consideration and the county records will bear out whatever propositions are stated in this article."

That the County Government has been administered extravagantly and without any regard for income is the inference one would draw.

In 1910 and 11 the expenditures were greater than receipts by more than \$7,000.00. For 1911 and 12 the expenses have been greater by \$8,505.48, add to this the amount saved in fees from County offices and there would have been a deficit of \$5,827.97.

The total receipts from all sources for the year ending May 31st, 1912 were \$41,717.52, this includes fees from offices. Total expenditures for the same period were \$45,223.00.

Below are some of the items appearing in the expense account of the county:

- Interest on borrowed money and bonds for the year \$5,848.49 or about \$500 per month.
- County bridges have cost for the year \$2,529.56 with an additional \$1,047.63 spent on roads and bridges making a total cost to the county for roads and bridges \$3,627.09 and this does not include any cost of chain gang.
- The county jail has cost \$1,478.21. The County Home has \$2,327.83 charged for its maintenance (with a proper system it would and should be self sustaining). The Court House has cost \$62.74 to keep it in such EXCELLENT condition. Outside poor has cost the county \$2,632.83 (and there are people on the pay roll who are well able to earn a living in some way).
- For the listing and assessing of taxes for the year 1911 the county paid a total of \$2,095.03.
- For pauper tolls \$250.17 was added to the list.
- For the convict force \$4,910.98. (Here's the cause for the deficit each year).
- For Superintendent of Health \$867.17.
- For Pantego Drainage district \$150.00.
- For establishing the dividing line between Beaufort and Washington Counties \$637.45.

In addition to the items above named the county owes \$87,500.00 bonded debt and \$21,000.00 borrowed money or floating debt with the floating debt increasing from \$3,500.00 to \$7,000.00 per year. It's an easy matter to figure where the end will be.

Twelve years ago the county owed \$1,250.00 bonded debt with no floating debt. It had money to pay all its obligations and in a short time had the management been continued it would have retired the \$12,500.00 in bonds.

What have we or the additional \$75,000.00 now saddled on the people.

The building of the new bridges showed incompetency of the Board of the rank kind. Somebody had a pull.

The Legislature of 1911 authorized the sale of an issue of \$35,000 to pay off the floating debt, they have not been sold yet. Ask the County Commissioners Why.

CONTRACT IS MADE FOR THE LYCEUM COURSE

Washington Music Lovers Are to Enjoy Another Series of Musical Attractions

NUMBERS SELECTED ARE THE VERY BEST

Proceeds of the Course Will Be for the Benefit of the City Public Schools.

Following the custom established several years ago, the members of the board of directors of the public schools, and Prof. Newbold are completing arrangements for a five-number course of musical and entertainment numbers for the coming fall and winter. The attractions will be heard in the auditorium of the school building.

The contract has been made with the Radcliffe Attractions, Incorporated, of Washington, D. C., the Lyceum Bureau that, for several seasons, prior to last year, has furnished the talent for the Lyceum numbers enjoyed by the people of Washington and vicinity.

Many already have expressed their desire to procure the season tickets for the course, and Mr. H. E. Neibling representing the Radcliffe Attractions, and a member of the local committee within a few days will call upon the music and entertainment loving public of Washington for the purpose of listing the tickets for the season.

The gentlemen of the school-board are being congratulated today upon the quality of the attractions secured for Washington. They have followed the policy of securing fewer numbers, but of making them of the best quality.

The course includes the Bostona Sextette Club, and a noted soprano soloist; the Ernest Gamble party of musicians; the Fellow Grand Opera Company; the Commonwealth Male Quartette, and the Neil Litchfield Company, whose rare humor made them a decidedly popular number on the course two years ago.

The proceeds of the course go for the benefit of the Public Schools.

LARGE NUMBER GOING TO OCRACOE TONIGHT

Among those contemplating leaving for Ocracoe tonight are the following: Mr. and Mrs. Harry McMullen, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Walters, Mrs. E. S. Simmons, Misses Elizabeth Simmons, Elizabeth Warren, Mary Cowell, Jennie Cox, Messrs William Baugham, Samuel Etheredge, Charles Wright, Stephen Fowler, J. D. Caljals, Charles Sterling, Walter Beatty, William Ellsworth, W. F. Clark, Dr. R. T. Gallagher, Harry Williams, S. R. Clary, Walter Windley, W. B. Rodman, Jr., Nat Rodman, David Pickles, Ralph Weston, Mr. Parks, Baltimore; James Bowers, Richmond, William Patrick, Hardee Thompson, Aurora; Clayton Moore and R. D. Kear. The party expect to return sometime Monday morning.

MISS ALICE SPEAR AT HOME LAST NIGHT

Miss Alice Spear one of the city's bright and charming young ladies entertained her numerous friends and playmates at her residence No. 310 Market Street last evening from 9 to 11. The evening was much enjoyed by all present and those present were indebted to the hostess for an occasion appreciated and long to be remembered. Delicious refreshments were served.

WOMAN RAISES FINE TOBACCO



Mrs. Claude A. Swanson, wife of the senator from Virginia, is a very capable business woman and personally supervises the management of her farm in Virginia, where she raises tobacco that is pronounced the equal of any in the Lynchburg district.

Aurora Base Ball Club Wins Its Tenth Victory

Has Only Lost One Game This Season. Open for Any Challenge for Games

The Aurora Baseball team won its tenth straight victory Thursday when it defeated Greenville 9 to 6. Only one game has been lost this season, and that was to the fast Whitakers Club.

The team is composed entirely of home boys with two exceptions and it wishes to challenge any amateur in the state for a series of games to be played anywhere.

Below is their record for this year: Whitakers 6—Aurora 3. Whitakers 2—Aurora 3. Whitakers 2—Aurora 4. Williamston 0—Aurora 3. Williamston 0—Aurora 4. Hobgood 0—Aurora 2. Hobgood 5—Aurora 16. Belhaven 0—Aurora 20. Belhaven 2—Aurora 24. Greenville 1—Aurora 4. Greenville 0—Aurora 9.

Opponents 18—Aurora 97. Below is the batting average of the individual members: Stephens .333. Bland .346. C. Lanier .358. Wallace .323. R. S. Thompson .387. B. A. Thompson .297. J. Hooker .272. Bonner .382. H. L. Thompson .323. E. Hooker .300. Average .335.

The manager thinks that this is a record any club should be proud of and he will be glad to put his team against anyone who thinks he can make it interesting.

Any club wishing to arrange games can do so by addressing the Aurora Base Ball Team, Aurora, N. C.

THREE YOUNG MEN DROWNED IN TAR RIVER

Theodore and Elbert Tucker and Robert Hardy, All White, Lose Their Lives While on a Fishing Expedition Yesterday Near Farmer's Landing, in Pitt County.

RIVER DRAGGED FOR THE BODIES

A sad tragedy is reported from near Grimesland, Pitt County to day.

Yesterday afternoon while bathing in Tar River at Farmer's Landing, three young men, Theodore Tucker, Elbert Tucker and Robert Hardy were drowned. The river was dragged all night in an effort to find the bodies but so far all efforts have proved futile.

About two o'clock yesterday Theodore Tucker, aged eighteen; Elbert Tucker aged about thirteen, sons of S. B. Tucker, a prominent farmer, who resides about four and one half miles above Grimesland, N. C., and Robert Hardy aged twelve and a son of Mr. Coon Hardy, a merchant of Greenville, and a first cousin to the Tucker boys, concluded that they would go on a fishing expedition in Tar River. They left home with fishing tackle etc. Milton Tucker, another son of Mr. Tucker, aged sixteen, accompanied them for the purpose of going in bathing. Young Milton before leaving the Tucker home, which is located about one half mile from the river, told his father that he would not go fishing with the other boys but after taking a bath in the river he would return home and attend to the tobacco barns the rest of the afternoon.

Young Milton went to the river with his two brothers and cousin and after bathing returned home. What the other boys did during the afternoon will never be known.

When the hour for supper arrived and the boys had not put in their appearance Mr. Tucker, fearing something had happened, suggested to his son Milton that he go to the landing and ascertain what had become of the boys.

When Milton reached the river landing to his horror he saw lying on the bank the clothing of the three boys, the fishing tackle and row boat which they had used pulled up on the bank. He at once returned to his home in haste and gave the alarm. Immediately searching parties were organized and the news of their disappearance phoned in all directions.

All last night the river was dragged with the hope of finding the bodies, but so far nothing has been seen or heard of the unfortunate boys.

The occurrence has cast a gloom over the entire community in and around that section of Pitt County and universal sympathy is expressed for the heartbroken parents.

REV. NAT. HARDING SIGNALLY HONORED

Rev. Nathaniel Harding, returned from Morehead City yesterday morning accompanied by his son, Mr. Edmund Harding. Mr. Harding who is the rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, this city, is the oldest commissioned officer in the State Guard. He was present at the recent encampment and was the recipient of many honors. On Tuesday last the field and line officers called in a body at the Chaplain's tent to shake his hand and to assure him of their pleasure at his presence.

On Wednesday a review of the regiment was tendered him by the Lieutenant Colonel commanding, which was an unusual compliment and most highly appreciated by the Chaplain and which was greatly enjoyed both by the officers and enlisted men.

HAVE MOVED HERE

Mr. John B. Satterthwaite and family of Gatesville, N. C., have moved to this city and are residing on Charlotte Street between Main and Second Streets. Mr. Satterthwaite was formerly a resident of Leechville, N. C.

WE CAN GUARANTEE YOU A FIT in style right up-to-the-minute by letting our merchant tailor measure you for your Fall Suit. He will be here Monday, July 15th. J. K. Hoyt.

REV. THOS. GREEN AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Tomorrow morning and evening at the Christian Church, this city, Rev. Thomas Green, of Pantego, N. C., will fill the pulpit to the delight of that congregation. The pastor Rev. R. V. Hope is absent holding a series of meetings at Elizabeth Chapel at Blounts Creek. Rev. Mr. Green is a speaker of force and thought and all who hear him tomorrow will be repaid. Sunday School meets at 9:45 A. M. All strangers in the city are cordially invited to attend any and all services.

CONGRESSMAN SMALL HERE

Hon. John H. Small, congressman from the first district, is here from Washington City spending a day or two with his family. Mr. Small is very much elated over the nomination of Governor Wilson and sees victory for the Democratic party both in State and nation next November.

BATH YOUNG PEOPLE ENJOY CAMPING TRIP

On Tuesday, July 2nd, a party of young people left Bath, on the gas boat independent, for a ten days camp at Pamlico Beach.

For several days active preparations had been made, so they left loaded down with good things to eat, games, baseballs, hammocks, fishing tackle and everything necessary for a good time. They also carried a small motor launch. A sail boat and two row boats were added to the supplies.

Bathing, fishing and boat riding were the principal amusements. Promenading the long pier and singing by the moonlight was also greatly enjoyed.

The party was composed of Misses Beale Bridgers, Mary Nicholson, Isabelle Parker, Blanche Nicholson, Messrs Luther Bridgers, Fred Lewis, Sam Bridgers, Thorne Nicholson. Chaperones: Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Hunter.

PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS HAVE BEEN CHANGED

Patrons of the Washington Public Library will please take notice that from today and until further notice there will be a change of hours of opening. The hours are as follows:

5 to 7 P. M. Daily.
8 to 9 P. M. Tuesdays and Saturdays.
Saturday's only 12 to 1 P. M.
Patrons are requested to come early so library can be closed promptly.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The pastor, Rev. H. P. Dalton, will fill his regular pulpit at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning and evening at the usual hour and all strangers in the city have a cordial invitation to be present. Seats free and polite and attentive ushers. Sunday School promptly at 9:30 A. M. S. P. Willis, Superintendent. Good music.

- NEW ADVERTISEMENTS IN TODAY'S NEWS
- J. K. Hoyt.
- Lyric.
- J. L. O'Quinn.
- Worthy and Ethridge.
- H. Clarke and Sons.
- Wilson Freckle Cream.
- Chichester Pills.
- J. P. Jackson.
- Harris Hardware Company.
- E. C. Training School.
- Bank of Washington.