

ADmits COUNTY CON- DITIONS NOT GOOD BUT NO REASON FOR ALARM

H. S. Ward Nominates Charles P. Aycock, of Pantego, for County Commissioner and Also Suggests Other Citizens for Same Office.

REGISTER G. RUMLEY ENTERS CONTROVERSY

Daily News Demands of Register Rumly Facts and Figures. It Charges That he has Suppressed Information and Challenges Him to Come Forward and Deny it.

Mr. Editor:—You have certainly succeeded lately in turning attention to county affairs and causing much talking and writing and I think misguided apprehension and undue alarm over county fiscal affairs. I do not say conditions are good. I do not say the people ought to be satisfied with them, but they are not sufficiently bad to cause insinuations of graft and gross incompetency calculated to humiliate gentlemen who have borne the responsibility, to be indulged in. Few men appreciate the difficulty of judiciously administering the fiscal affairs of a county at this day, and the mental and moral and judicial equipment necessary to it. I know of very few public officers that so intricate in the duties as County Commissioners, and yet people seem to expect the performance by inexperienced and untrained men of small affairs. I do not doubt that there is no office in the state administration outside of the judiciary that makes a stronger demand of mental requirements than does the office of County Commissioner of Beaufort County at this time. And yet our conditions are not half so bad as your brilliant headlines indicate \$87,000.00 you say in debt! Your readers ought to be advised that this is a bonded indebtedness represented by permanent improvements in the way of iron or permanent bridges and other permanent holdings necessary to the county and while the county has the debt it also has the property. The Register of Deeds will show you that every dollar of the \$87,000.00 has its equivalent that you can put your hands on. When you think of the fact that the generation of men who have borne the burden of taxation during the period that \$87,000 bonded indebtedness accumulated, come out of a destructive war or were reared in the years of wretched poverty that followed it for 36 years, do you think they ought to have been made pay cash for permanent improvements to be enjoyed by us of better days and those to come after us of still better?

Besides what is \$87,000 to be owed for permanent improvements against a property valuation of eight and a half millions increasing 500 per cent every ten years? If I owned eight millions of property paying only \$72,000 per year gross income, although I was making no yearly profits but possibly falling behind \$5,000 per year, and that property was increasing in value from one and a half million dollars in 1800 to eight and a half in 1912, would I be in danger of bankruptcy? There are towns in the state of one third Beaufort county's property owing \$400,000.

In so far as the current expenses are falling behind the income, it is unfortunate, and calls on the people to be careful to put good men at the helm; but it by no means proves bad management as the cause of the current deficit.

First indicate a claim paid that ought not to have been paid. Is Beaufort county the only institution increasing its expenditures and lavishing money? Every government in the world from them to the leading governments of Europe is given over to reckless extravagance.

Ten years ago the United States spent six hundred million dollars a year. Now one billion is shovelled out without scruple and the folks that go wild at Beaufort county's increasing

He enjoys universal public confidence.
H. S. WARD.

Mr. Ward in referring to the county affairs no doubt wrote his article from hearsay evidence and did not take the time to confirm by record evidence what he had heard.

Now the News has no quarrel with Mr. Ward nor does it desire to deal in personalities or specific items, how ever since the statements made by the News have been challenged a defense is in order and it becomes necessary that some statements be made which are not at all complimentary to some of the county officials.

The News takes issue with Mr. Ward in his statement that the county has permanent improvements representing the \$87,500.00 bonded debt.

Mr. Rumley can not show to the people of Beaufort County that they have permanent improvements with an actual value of even \$50,000.00, and the Register of Deeds should have given facts and figures not merely assertions that certain facts exist when there is record evidence to substantiate their statements if correct.

No well informed citizen is alarmed at the amount of money Beaufort County owes, but it's the all shod management which we have had and the annual deficit which stares us in the face. Mr. Ward is too good a lawyer to deny that a deficit each year does not mean bankruptcy at some time.

The Register of Deeds, Mr. Rumley, knows that the records (and if we are not to believe the records our whole county government is a myth) will not bear out his statement that there was an excess in receipts over expenditures for 1911, why did not he give the figures to prove this statement, the News now demands of him facts and figures and it does so without fear of having them produced.

It has been the policy of the Register to give out to the public just as little information concerning county conditions as possible. We make this statement advisedly, he (the Register) has persistently and successfully suppressed information which he knew at the time should have been given to the taxpayers of Beaufort county in order that they could have corrected these conditions before this late day. The News is ready and prepared to prove this statement in the courts if necessary.

The News hesitates to name specific claims which should not have been paid because it would necessitate calling names and itemizing of accounts which can not be of benefit to anyone and as it was for an improvement in general conditions that the News was fighting it does not feel that the demand for publication of these facts is sufficient to justify the act.

J. L. WARREN PURCHASES THE SHORT BUNGALOW

Mr. Jesse L. Warren has purchased the attractive Bungalow belonging to Mr. Frank H. Short on Pearce Street and will move his family from West Second Street to his new home on or about August 1. As was stated in the Daily News sometime back Mr. Short and family will move from Washington to Hagerstown, Md., where Mr. Short will travel the States of Virginia and Maryland for a large coffee concern of New Orleans. Their many friends in Washington wish them every success.

TWO CASES BEFORE RECORDER W. D. GRIMES

There were only two cases before Recorder W. D. Grimes at the City Hall this morning for trial. There were other cases but on agreement they were postponed until Tuesday morning. Those disposed of were:

William Padgett was charged with being drunk and the judgment of the court was that he pay a fine of \$1 and cost.

Spence Rodditt and wife, both colored, were indicted for disorderly conduct. They were found guilty and each fined \$1 and the cost.



Criminal Court Trying Mrs. Daisy Opie Grace

Special to the Daily News.

ATLANTA, Ga., July 29.—The criminal division of the Superior Court, Judge L. S. Roan presiding, met here today and the opening of the session has been waited with unusual and State-wide interest, for the first case to be taken is that of Mrs. Daisy Opie Grace, who is charged with having attempted to murder her husband, Eugene Hamilton Grace. This intense interest in the case is due not so much to the social prominence of the defendant and her alleged victim, but the peculiar circumstances surrounding the case and the mystifying features which promise to make the trial one long to be remembered.

Mr. and Mrs. Grace came to this city from Philadelphia, their former home, about eight or ten months ago. According to statements made by Mr. Grace since the shooting his wife, who is an unusually handsome and attractive woman, used to be one of the numerous sirens of the Great White Way, of New York, when he became acquainted with her a few years ago. She fascinated him and, after a brief courtship, he married her and took her to Philadelphia, where he held a responsible position. Less than a year ago Mr. Grace, who is well to do and has property interests in the South, decided to remove to Atlanta, where he owns some valuable real estate.

Grace and his wife made a good impression and freely mingled in local social circles. They seemed to be devoted to one another and nobody suspected that bloody tragedy lurked behind the all-deceiving mask of happiness. The catastrophe came the night of March 5. What really occurred within the secrecy of the Graces' beautiful home on West 11th Street, is still a mystery, the solution of which at the coming trial is awaited with intense interest. Beyond a general denial of the charges made by her husband Mrs. Grace has volunteered no statement that would throw any light upon the events of that night. Mr. Grace, however, has not been so reticent.

According to his statement, made on the day after the shooting, when the doctors expected that his death would be merely a question of a few hours, Mr. Grace was in his bed, asleep, when his wife shot him. Awakened by the shot, he found himself powerless to move and begged his wife to call a doctor. She left

LARGE CROWD HEAR EVANGELIST BRIDGES

Quite a large number of Washington people went to Bunyon, N. C., yesterday to attend the revival services in progress at the Ansbury M. E. Church, conducted by Evangelist L. B. Bridges. At the services both morning and evening yesterday the church was totally inadequate to accommodate the crowd and in consequence the laws surrounding the church had to be utilized. Mr. Bridges preached sermons of power at both services. Considerable in-

the house, according to Mr. Grace's story, but instead of calling a doctor, she took the next train for Newnan, the home of Mr. Grace's mother. There she was arrested upon the charge of attempted murder, and brought back to Atlanta. Later she was released under \$5,000 bail.

Mr. Grace was desperately wounded and at first the physicians entertained no hope that he would live more than a few hours. But his splendid constitution helped him to fight off death. He was taken to a sanatorium where he gradually got his strength, although his lower limbs remained completely paralyzed. After a month or more he was taken to his mother's house at Newnan, in this State, where he continued to improve. Although the physicians have no hope of his complete recovery from the injury caused by the bullet, he is able to get about with the help of crutches.

The victim of the tragedy has displayed great bitterness against his wife since her arrest and has supplied practically all the evidence in the hands of the prosecution which is to be used at the trial. He openly declared that his wife was an adventuress and had duped him into marrying her, although she did not love him and cared only for what she could get out of him. He stated that some time ago he had insured his life for \$27,000 upon her suggestion and made the charge that she had tried to murder him to get possession of the money, which would have enabled her to return to her former friends.

Mr. Grace, who has come to Atlanta from Newnan to attend the trial, although under the law he is barred from testifying against his wife, charged that his wife had drugged him on the evening before the shooting and had induced him to write a letter, addressed to her at Newnan, in which he was made to say that he would not go to Philadelphia as planned but would remain another day, because a friend would stay at his house Tuesday night—the night of the shooting. This letter was mailed by Mrs. Grace, but did not reach her and forms now an important item in the evidence in the hands of the prosecution. The case has aroused a great deal of feeling as evidenced by the fact that a short time ago a bill was introduced in the legislature by Representative Harrel, which would allow either husband or wife to testify against the other.

ILL WITH FEVER

Two of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Campbell's children are now confined to the Fowle Memorial hospital suffering with fever. Their many playmates and friends wish for them a speedy recovery to health.

GOVERNMENT BOAT HERE

The government survey boat arrived in port Saturday and is moored at Fowle's dock.

Forest is being manifested in the meeting and untold good is anticipated as a result of the meeting. Evangelist Bridges' father is pastor of the church.

GREAT ATTRACTION IS BILLED FOR LYRIC

The manager of the Lyric announces, the booking of Graustark or a love behind a throne to be presented by Edward Lumley Graustark Co., of eight people Tuesday night.

This attraction was booked on short notice through the management and no doubt it will prove to be of interest to the theater goers.

Graustark will not appear in moving pictures but will be presented in five big acts dramatized from the greatest novel of Geo. Barr McCutcheon, author of Brewsters Millions, the cast are made up of some of the best players that are now on the road with elaborate costumes and magnificent scenery.

Seats went on sale this morning at the Hardy Drug Store and those desiring to secure seats in advance should apply at once in order to avoid the rush sale.

The management desires to give notice that there will only be one performance that night, pictures first opening at eight o'clock and the performance starts promptly at nine o'clock.

The price of admission for that night only will be children 35 cents adults 50 cents.

SERMON OF REV. F. H. HARDING ENJOYED

A large congregation heard with pleasure and delight the admirable sermon delivered by Rev. F. H. Harding, of Charleston, S. C., at St. Peter's Episcopal Church Sunday morning. Mr. Harding is here visiting his father, Rev. Nathaniel Harding and the news in the Daily News Saturday that he was to preach at St. Peter's yesterday morning naturally brought forth a large number of his friends eager and anxious to hear the words of eternal life. Those present were charmed and today the highest praise is heard upon all sides for this gifted and promising young ambassador of Christ.

SPEED OF AUTOS

Special to the Daily News.
CHARLOTTE, N. C., July 29.—One of the interesting addresses that will be made at the Annual Convention of the North Carolina Good Roads Association at Charlotte, August 1 and 2, will be by Mr. A. G. Batchelder, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Organization of Automobiles. Mr. Batchelder will speak on "Speed of Automobiles on Public Roads, and its Regulation." He thoroughly recognizes that the speeding of automobiles on country roads is not only dangerous to the automobilists and other users of the roads, but also that it is very detrimental to the roads. He is working for a hearty and close co-operation of the automobilists and the horsemen, realizing that both have a right to the use of the road, but that neither has the right to use the road at the expense of the other.

Mr. C. C. Mayo, of South Creek, N. C., is in the city today on business.

PASTOR TAKES GRAVEL TRAIN SUNDAY NIGHT

Rev. Mashaw of Colored M. E. Church Wanted For F. and A.

Things were more than lively at the Colored Episcopal Church, more familiarly known as the "Christian Temple," situated at the corner of Reppam and Fifth Streets, Sunday night and in consequence of the confusion occasioned by the attempted arrest of the pastor, Rev. F. M. J. Mashaw by the city police the church today is minus of a shepherd for he has vanished for parts unknown to the police as well as his parishioners.

Mashaw has been pastor of the colored church here since the last session of the colored annual conference and seemingly has been performing his pastoral duties in a way to commend him to the members of his church until a few weeks ago a skeleton appeared in his closet and he bowed to the winsome charms of a lady member. Being a married woman and her husband discovered enough to convince him that his wife was untrue to him and went to the city authorities for a warrant for the apprehension of the elder.

The writ was placed in the hands of Policemen Roberts and Proctor to serve and last night an attempt was made to take the pastor into custody to answer the charge of fornication and adultery. The police went to the church and as the service was not ended decided to wait their time for their man. When the close came they sent word to the colored divine that they desired to see him. He answered the request of the police and started out of the church door with the police to talk the matters over. When the main entrance of the church was reached and there being quite a number of parishioners in the doorway the pastor scenting something a little wide decided that the best thing for him to do was to "pack sand" and he did to the speed of a race horse. The police, both fleet of foot tried to chase him for sometime with the hope of persuading him to stop and consider but the more they ran the greater the distance between the pursued and the pursuers. The erring pastor is still at large.

J. O. PROCTOR AND BRO. ENTERTAINED YESTERDAY

Quite a number of Washington citizens were the guests of Messrs J. O. Proctor and Bro., on yesterday at their home in Grimesland, N. C. Not only were guests present from Washington but Greenville as well, and the entire day was thoroughly enjoyed. The entire party occupied twelve automobiles; six from Washington and six from Greenville. The hosts proved to be par excellence and no occasion to occur in this section of the state in sometime exceeded it. The hospitality of the hosts was unbounded and they were more than gracious and thoughtful. After leaving the hospitable home of Messrs Proctor the guests from Greenville came to this city on their way to their home and during their stop were the guests of Mr. Jonathan Havens at his hospitable home corner of Main and Van-Norden Streets. Here too old-time Southern hospitality reigned supreme and merriment had full sway until the time for farewells to be said. The entire day will ever linger in the hearts of every one present.

IS IMPROVING

The friends of Mrs. Charles F. Warren will be pleased to learn that her condition now is more favorable. She has been confined to her home on West Main Street with fever.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS IN TODAY'S NEWS

- Wm. Bragaw & Co.
- Lyric.
- J. P. Jackson.
- Atlantic Hotel.
- Doan's.
- Bank of Washington.
- Chickster Film.
- Trinity College.
- A. C. Hathaway.
- Washington Horse Exchange.