

Fair Tonight and Friday.

## COUNTY BOARD REPLIES CHARGES DAILY NEWS; NO APOLOGY TO MAKE

### MEMBERS REFUTE THE STATEMENTS MADE ON SATURDAY, JULY 13

#### Are Anxious to Ascertain the Purpose of the Attack of this Paper. Give Account of Their Stewardship. This Paper to Accommodate the Board by Furnishing Some of the Information.

Mr. Editor:—The Board of Commissioners of Beaufort county do not care to enter into a newspaper controversy; yet, they feel it their duty, both to themselves and to the public to make a statement with reference to the article contained in your issue of Saturday, July 13, 1912; and, they ask that you give it the same publicity that you gave your own article.

The Board has nothing to apologize for and is willing to rest its case with the public, knowing that the public will always do the right thing if they know all the facts.

You start out, Mr. Editor, by saying "This statement is made after careful consideration and the county records will bear out whatever propositions are stated in this article."

Let us see if you have really given the matter careful consideration, if you have stated all the facts, and if the record will bear you out in what you have stated.

FIRST: With reference to the bonded debt of the County, this amounted to \$87,500.00, when the present Board began its term of office, and since then it has not been increased.

Therefore, you cannot charge this Board with any extravagance with regard to the bonded issues. The only dealing this Board has had with that being to pay the interest thereon amounting to \$4,275.00 a year.

SECOND: You charge, "The county government has been administered extravagantly and without any regard for income, is the inference one would draw." As you are aware of ought to be, when this Board went into office in December, 1910, there was to the credit of the County Fund in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of \$1299.17, and there was on that date a floating debt of \$15,000.00. It was found necessary for this Board immediately after it went into office to re-borrow \$3,000.00, which had been paid by the then County Treasurer just before his term of office expired. This was necessary to meet the current expenses of the county. Therefore we find this Board of Commissioners going into office with \$1299.17 on hand in the treasury and a floating debt handed down to them of \$18,000.00, in addition to the bonded debt of \$87,500.00.

At the present time, the floating debt of the county is \$21,000.00 with \$12,598.70 on hand with the Treasurer as per the Finance Committee's Report, and in addition to that the Board of Road Commissioners owes the County Commissioners the sum of \$1981.34 for maintenance of the convicts for the past five months.

We now have \$14,590.04 to pay on our debts as against \$1299.17 in 1910. Taking this condition of affairs into consideration, and considering the fact that this Board went into office with the "chain gang" organized under a law passed by the Legislature, and then in existence at an expense of from four to five thousand dollars a year, we respectfully submit that your statements as to extravagance upon the part of this Board are unjust and incorrect, especially when in the floating debt as above set out of \$6,350.91.

We all agree that the chain gang was a large expense to the county, yet we submit to the public that if the Editor had desired to do this Board full justice he would have stated in his article that the chain gang so called, was created prior to the time of the present Board, and that knowing the expense of maintaining it, this Board sought to abolish it,

but that the citizens and taxpayers from all over the county objected, and thereupon this Board as the servant of the people, did what it considered the next best thing.—That is it required each township using the chain gang to pay the expenses of its maintenance, and a Bill was passed by the last Legislature establishing a road tax for four of the townships in the county, and these townships have been using the convict force since that time presumably with profit and satisfaction to themselves and without cost to the county.

We submit, Mr. Editor, and ask the public, was this extravagance upon the part of the County Commissioners or was it a move in the right direction towards decreasing the expenses of the county?

You say, Mr. Editor, "We defy the Board to show the people of the county where they have built permanent roads to the value of \$5,000.00 and they have spent about \$25,000.00 on the convicts."

Our answer to this is, "the roads of the county" where the convicts have worked since we have been in office; and we leave it to the people as a jury to say whether the work done on the roads of the county has been necessary or not, and whether it has not been worth more than the cost of the convicts during the past two years. You certainly cannot mean Mr. Editor, that this Board spent \$40,000.00 on the convict force and if you wish to be fair and just to us, you would have stated the amount of work done and the cost of the same. We submit to the public, when a charge is made against an individual, the one making the charge should prove it?

You say "for the past two years the majority of this Board has been in favor of disbanding the chain gang but for political reasons they have been afraid to do the things which they will admit should have been done." This statement, Mr. Editor, is absolutely untrue. The action of this Board has not been controlled by Political Reasons in any way, shape, or form, and this Board has done its best to carry out the wishes of the people who elected them and who said they wanted the public roads of the county improved. We ask the public this question, if either a private corporation or another county could afford to pay this county profit of \$4,000 as alleged by Mr. Mayo, could not the county of Beaufort make the same profit for the public generally by the use of the convicts on its own roads?

Was this, then, Mr. Editor, any extravagance upon the part of this Board in keeping the convict force within our own borders?

You charge us, Mr. Editor, with extravagance in paying interest on the county debt.—Would you have us neglect obligations of the county by default and will you suggest an honorable way by which we could avoid the payment of this amount?

You charge us with extravagance in the expense of keeping up the county bridges, amounting to \$3,427.05. The bridges or most of them were built by our predecessors at great cost and expense to the county. We ask you and we ask the Public to be the judge, should we let them decay and become useless or should we keep them in repair?

You charge us with extravagance in the maintenance of the OUTSIDE POOR, and say that there are people on the pay roll that are well able to earn their living in some way. We respectfully ask you to point

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## GREAT FIRM OF KRUPPS CELEBRATE

Special to the Daily News. BERLIN, AUG. 8.—The celebration of the centenary of the great firm of Krupps, for which preparations have been going forward for nearly two years, began today at Essen. The celebration is attended by the Emperor William at the head of a brilliant galaxy of his fellow-German sovereigns, generals, admirals, and civic dignitaries.

The celebration will last an entire week and will be of a most imposing and memorable character. The chief feature will be a great pageant which will symbolize the substitution of firearms for the old weapons of the Middle Ages. The principal scene of the pageant will be an episode from the life of the Emperor Maximilian I., and 250 retired officers of the German army are to play the parts of knights.

During the period of the celebration the Emperor and other royal guests are quartered at the Villa Hugel, the splendid country house of Herr Krupp von Bohlen-Halbach who by marrying the elder daughter of the late Herr Krupp became the head just outside Essen. The other notable guests at the celebration are being accommodated at the hotel in Essen maintained by the Krupp company exclusively for the accommodation of foreign buyers of their guns, armor and ships, who are always at home in large numbers.

The strong personal interest that the Emperor is manifesting in the celebration is not surprising in view of the fact that the firm of Krupps is almost a Government institution. The armament branch of its business is in direct touch with the German navy and army and studies their interests before anything else. The firm is in short an integral part of the German Empire and during the past decade or two it has done more for the military power of the empire than any commercial firm has ever before been able to do for its Government. Its patriotism needs no better proof than the fact that the firm, while making guns and armor for nearly all of the leading nations of the world, has steadfastly refused to do any business with France since the Franco-Prussian war.

The foundation of the world-renowned firm was laid in 1812 by the first Alfred Krupp. But it was his son, the second of the name, who gave the works their international character. This he succeeded in doing only after seemingly insurmountable difficulties had been overcome. According to his own statements Alfred Krupp's profits for fifteen years were no more than enough to pay the wages of his workmen, and frequently he was at a loss to pay the postage of his correspondence.

Alfred Krupp saw the possibilities of the great exposition to open in London in 1851 and decided to take advantage of it. He had made important discoveries in the casting of large masses of Bessemer steel which had an insurmountable task previous to his time. The exhibit he sent to London fairly astonished the world and it at once established his reputation. Orders began to pour in and soon there was plenty of work to do at the Essen foundries.

The making of heavy ordnance, which has made the name of these works famous the world over, was not then a prominent part of the business. One of the first large orders Herr Krupp got for firearms was four years later, when Prussia gave him the contract for her new breechloaders. Soon general foundry work and the making of small arms began to take second place at Essen, as heavy steel siege guns and armor plate demanded more and more attention.

In 1832, after the second Alfred Krupp had been at the helm six years there were but ten men employed at the foundry. But after he fairly got started Herr Krupp extended his business rapidly, borrowing large sums of capital for the purpose and adding new workmen by thousands to his employes by the stroke of a

## PUT ROOSEVELT IN NOMINATION



William A. Prosser, comptroller of New York City, was the man selected to place Theodore Roosevelt in nomination at the Republican convention. He used his speech at the Orchestra hall meeting of progressives and represents New York in the councils of the New party.

## YOUNG COLORED BOY ATTEMPTS TO WRECK N. S. PASSENGER TRAIN

### Placed Spike in Joint of Track Did Trick Twice. Was Caught. Now in Jail.

Daniel Webster Goss, a colored boy of about 12 years of age, was before Recorder W. D. Grimes yesterday morning, charged with an attempt to wreck the Norfolk Southern train. After hearing the evidence he was placed under a two hundred dollar bond for his personal appearance at Superior Court. Failing to give the required bond he was lodged in jail to await his trial.

On last Tuesday the boy deliberately placed an iron spike in the joint on the track near Jacks Creek but fortunately the engineer of passenger train No. 1 bound for Norfolk saw the spike in time and saved a would be attempt of wreckage. The boy made good his escape. In the afternoon of the same day he attempted to repeat his devilment and this time was caught. What his motive was cannot be ascertained. If the spike had not been discovered by the keen eye of the engineer on the passenger train no doubt a serious accident might have been the result and many lives forfeited. The surmise is that there are others connected with the crime.

## IS CONVALESCENT

The many friends of Mrs. A. M. Dumay will be pleased to learn that she is convalescing from her recent illness.

## COUNTRY CLUB GIVES DELIGHTFUL DANCE

The Country Club gave another delightful and entertaining dance at the pavilion at Washington Park last evening and no social function of the many given this season by the club was more thoroughly enjoyed. The music for the evening was furnished by a string band. Those dancing were:

- David T. Taylor with Miss Nina Rhodes.
- D. M. Carter Jr., with Miss Mary Clyde Hassel.
- W. B. Rodman Jr., with Miss Winifred Nicholson.
- Edmund Harding with Miss Morris, Norfolk.
- Henry Moore with Miss Morris, Norfolk.
- Samuel Williams with Miss Mildred Davis, Wilson, N. C.
- W. A. Blount Jr., with Miss Mary Hill.
- Charles Cowell with Miss Isabelle Carter.
- Thomas Payne with Miss Kathleen Kugler, Philadelphia.
- Stags: Robert Small, Lindsay Warren, Jay Hodges, Roy Kear and David Fowle.

## MAUD BAYNOR OPERATED ON BY DR. H. W. CARTER

Miss Maud Baynor the 12 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fenner T. Baynor, of Belhaven, N. C., and one of that town's attractive little ladies was successfully operated upon at the Washington Hospital Tuesday last by Dr. H. W. Carter for adenoids and tonsils. The Daily News is glad to learn that she is getting along nicely and will recover.

## SCHOONER HERE

The schooner James Q. Ferguson is unloading a cargo of salt for the E. R. Mixon and Company and molasses for the firm of E. Peterson Company.

## ON VACATION

Chief of Police George N. Howard has gone to Ocracoke, N. C., to visit his parents and also for the purpose of taking his annual vacation. He will be absent from the city for the next ten days. During his vacation the police department is being carefully guarded by Policemen Roberts and Proctor.

## VISITS WASHINGTON FOR FIRST TIME SINCE THE CIVIL WAR

### Confederate Soldier Only Recognizes Two Buildings Now Standing. Here During Summer 1863.

Mr. K. J. Carpenter, of Rutherfordton, N. C., arrived in the city yesterday and is the father of his son, Mr. Harvey Carpenter, manager of the Washington Telegraph office. He made his second visit to Washington; his first visit was during the civil war as a member of the Fiftieth, N. C., Regiment Infantry. When he arrived here forty-nine years ago in 1863, the Yankees had fired the town and evacuated. The town was afire in two different places when Mr. Carpenter arrived on the scene with his regiment. During the summer Mr. Carpenter with his regiment did guard duty. He remained in Washington from May to October.

"I spent the best time of my war life during my stay in Washington," said Mr. Carpenter to a Daily News man. "We had not much to do and I shall ever remember the six months passed in good old Washington."

In speaking about the growth of Washington and changes made in the appearance of the town since his last visit Mr. Carpenter said:

"I recognize only two buildings in Washington now that stood here during the war, they are the Fowle building and the Washington Bank; some other structures I think I remember but can't state for a certainty."

Mr. Carpenter is now talking to his comrades in arms and recounting the deeds of those who wore the gray during that memorable struggle between the states. During the stay of Mr. Carpenter here during the war the present Grist residence now owned by Mr. George Hackney Jr., was the hospital and Mr. Carpenter was confined there for several weeks due to illness. Washington is glad to welcome this brave and loyal Confederate soldier. Although his head is silvered and his step faltering, his heart is young and he still belongs to that class of Southern men who are "Unreconstructed Rebels." To hear him recount his stay in this city as a Confederate soldier is interesting and entertaining. Mr. Carpenter expects to be in city at least a week.

## ENSIGN THOS. MALLISON GUEST OF HIS MOTHER

Ensign Thomas Mallison of the United States Navy, at present stationed at Washington City, arrived in the city last evening and is the guest of his mother and family on East Second Street. Ensign Mallison has been stationed in Cuba for sometime. Within the next few weeks he will be promoted to lieutenant, junior grade. He expects to return to his station Saturday. His many friends are glad to see him and to know that he is "making good" in his chosen calling.

## COLORED PASTOR RETURNS AND SURRENDERS HIMSELF

Rev. F. M. J. Macbaw pastor of the colored Methodist Church, who escaped from the police on Sunday night a week ago when an attempt was made to arrest him under the charge of fornication and adultery surrendered himself yesterday afternoon to the authorities. He gave bond for his appearance before Recorder Grimes Saturday morning when his preliminary hearing will be heard.

## GOOD FISHING

Special to the Daily News. MOREHEAD CITY, N. C., Aug. 8.—Nowhere can there be found finer sport than is afforded at present by the fishing at Morehead City. From early morn until night vacationists at the Atlantic Hotel are keeping a splendid fleet of sail boats and naphtha launches busy in the adjacent waters, which are recognized as the best fishing ground on the Atlantic coast for the sportsman, especially at this season of the year.

While fishing is good here the year round August is the banner month for the sport as is well known to the thousands who in past years have summured at the Atlantic Hotel during that month. Many people who from year to year spend their vacations at the Atlantic learned long ago that August is the great fishing season here. Consequently not a few deliberately set their vacation time for August. That has been true of former years and to judge by August, reservations already entered by manager DuBois of the Atlantic, a great many are doing that very thing this year.

Expert fishermen say the run of mackerel for the next week or so will make rare opportunity for the Isaac Waltons. Mackerel fishing has been good some time already. The biggest amateur catch so far was made yesterday when a party of hotel guests in seven hours out pulled in 373 pounds. And it must be remembered that the great run of mackerel is all in addition to trout fishing unexcelled anywhere.

## MAMMOTH PEACH FOR THE OHIO STATE FAIR

Mr. W. M. Kear, who is gathering products from Eastern Carolina for exhibition at the Columbus, Ohio State Fair, informs the Daily News that on yesterday he secured a peach from the farm of Mr. B. W. Bergeron, near this city, which measured ten and one eighth inches in circumference the short way and ten and one half inches the long way. The peach is of the Orange variety and all who have seen it pronounce it one of the very finest ever seen in this locality.

## FARMERS' INSTITUTE HERE FRIDAY NEXT AUGUST 16

On Friday August 16 a Farmers' Institute will be held in this city Congressman Small has just issued a statement showing the places and dates for institutes to be held in the First Congressional district. The institute for Hyde county will be conducted on Monday, August 12, at Swan Quarter. These meetings should be of great and lasting benefit to the farmers in the First Congressional district and it behooves every farmer in Beaufort county to be present at the institute to be held here on next Friday. The place and hour will be announced through the columns of the Daily News later.

## ADENOIDS REMOVED

Dr. H. W. Carter removed the adenoids and tonsils of Mrs. Deliah Thigpen's young daughter at the Washington Hospital yesterday. Mrs. Thigpen is now a resident of Baltimore formerly of Bethel, N. C. The operation was successful and the little girl is getting along nicely.

## LAWN PARTY ON M. E. CHURCH GREEN TONIGHT

The Ladies Aid Society of the First Methodist Church will give a lawn party on the green at the church this evening for the benefit of the church. Efforts are being made to liquidate the debt on the pavement in front of the church building and also on the property owned by the church on Market Street. It is to be hoped that the party will be generously patronized by both young and old.

- NEW ADVERTISEMENTS IN TODAY'S NEWS
- J. K. Hoyt.
- Lyric.
- Poetum Cereal Co.
- A. C. Hathaway.
- H. Clarke and Sons.
- Wilson Freckle Cream.
- Capidine.
- E. C. Training School.
- Wm. Bragaw & Co.