

Weather: Local Rains Tonight, and Wednesday

VAGABOND YOUNG MAN SKIPS WITH MONEY OF BOSS

Ashley Hooper, Young Man Who Came to Washington With Circus Last September Betrays Trust.

Ashley Hooper, a young man who was stranded in Washington last September from the last circus which visited the city, has left there this morning, taking with him between forty and fifty dollars belonging to his employer, Mr. J. V. Harper.

NEW YORK HAVING WARM WEATHER

New York, Jan. 22.—Weather that would have been ideal for Easter Sunday, but which was phenomenal for January lured thousands to the beaches yesterday.

Just a year ago New York was in the grip of one of its worst blizzards. Although the weather bureau has predicted colder weather for tomorrow, it is declared that there is no sign of an abrupt termination of the long continued season of moderate temperatures.

PALM BEACH ENJOYS STRAW HAT WEATHER

Palm Beach, Fla., Jan. 22.—The charm of Palm Beach is largely in the life that people live here. It is a dressy but informal sort of existence.

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BOND ISSUE; GOOD ROADS TO BE VOTED ON

At the good roads rally held yesterday, it was decided to hold an election for a bond issue appropriating \$200,000 for good roads in this county.

Besides the main addresses, delivered by Congressman J. H. Small and United States Engineer R. E. Toms, there were informal remarks made by Messrs. P. H. Johnson of Pantego, J. A. Wilkinson of Belhaven, B. H. Thompson of Aurora, W. A. Thompson of Aurora, George A. Studdart of Washington, B. T. Bonner of Aurora, L. C. Warren of Washington, J. E. Tayloe of Washington, C. F. Morton of Washington, and others.

WILSON THINKS RECESSION IS NOT ADVISABLE

Trenton, N. C., Jan. 22.—President-elect Wilson heard yesterday of the suggestion to hold a reception in the White House instead of at the capitol on the night of his inauguration, but he does not think the plan practicable.

A delegation from the Farmers' Union of America today presented the name of C. S. Barrett, of Georgia, for the portfolio of Secretary of Agriculture. Mr. Barrett is president of the Farmers' Union.

Items of Interest From The Surrounding Country

THOMAS WILSON HARRIS DEAD. Thomas Wilson Harris died January 15, 1913. Mr. Harris was born September 1, 1844, and was sixty-nine years old.

Miss Mattie P. Woolard, who is teaching at Acrea, spent Saturday night and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Sarah E. Woolard. She was accompanied home by Miss Ruth Harris.

SMALL

Our debate came off last Friday night, the subject being "Resolved that North Carolina should have a compulsory school attendance law for all children between the ages of 8 and 15 years."

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PUBLIC LIBRARY IS DOING A GREAT WORK

The first day of last November marked the end of the Public Library's first year of circulation. The trustees and members feel a just pride in the steady growth during this period.

Part of annual report year ending October 31, 1912: Number of volumes at beginning of year, 675; number of volumes at end of year, 1,040; number of borrowers registered during year, adults, 301, children, 285; number of country borrowers registered during year, adults 12, children 11; total circulation during year, 8,148; largest daily circulation, 81; smallest daily circulation, 3; library open daily 4-6 and 7-9; library open Saturday, 12-1; country appropriation, \$150; gifts, \$13; membership fees, fines, lost books, etc., \$56.41; total receipts, \$1,170.41; total expenditures, \$977.64.

BASEBALL COMMITTEE REPORTS TOMORROW

The baseball committee has not been able to get in so much as it would like, owing to the fact that the public-spirited members of that committee have been working in the interest of good roads.

ALPHABET ON PINHEAD

Portland, Ore., Jan. 22.—While almost incredible, an engraver has been able to cut on the head of a common pin every letter of the alphabet and they are perfectly legible through a strong microscope.

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INCOMES TO BE TAXED AND NOT MEAT AND SUGAR

Washington, Jan. 27.—Take the tariff off meat and sugar, and place a tax on incomes. This promises to be a feature of the legislative program of the Democratic 63rd Congress.

Removal of the tax on meat and sugar will mean quite a saving to the consumers. The wholesale price in two cents a pound less in London, where there is no tax on sugar, than in New York.

Hon. James T. Lloyd has let it be known among his friends that he will not stand for re-election to the chairmanship of the National Democratic Congressional Committee.

Mr. Lloyd believed it was important that the people be kept informed of what was going on in Washington, and he launched a news bureau to give the people this news from a Democratic viewpoint.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mr. W. J. Harris killed hogs this week.

Miss Estelle Spencer attended the meeting of the Beaufort County Teachers' Association at Washington Saturday.

We are glad to note that Mr. O. L. Sparrow, who has been indisposed for several days, is able to be out again.

Mrs. A. S. Woolard and little son, David, were guests of Mrs. Sarah E. Woolard Friday.

Some of our young people were guests of Miss Alice Woolard awhile Wednesday night.

Mr. C. C. Harris, of Acrea, was here Sunday afternoon.

Miss Lary Woolard returned home last week after spending some days with her sister, Mrs. Edgar Waters, near Acrea station.

Mr. J. B. Woolard and Miss Estelle Spencer were guests of Miss Viola Boyd at Statesboro Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Pinkham and children visited the home of Mr. A. S. Woolard Sunday afternoon.

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KING ALONZO OF SWAN ISLAND IS DEAD

New York City, Jan. 22.—Alonzo Adams, discoverer and "King" of Swan Island in the Caribbean Sea, a type of Yankee mariner almost extinct, has just died in the Boston State Hospital.

It was more than forty years ago that the skipper, then the owner of the trading schooner Polly Ann, was setting for the San Blas coast when Swan Island, then an uncharted "No Man's Land," peeped at him over the horizon.

Skipper Adams was New England born and bred. He looked at the island a long time through his spyglass. He held to his course and said nothing, but did a lot of thinking.

The little island might belong to Honduras, or maybe to Nicaragua, off whose coast it lay about one hundred miles. "I must discover that island for the flag," cogitated the Yankee skipper. So on his way back he visited the island.

According to tradition, he ordered his boat's crew to row him in the yawl so far away that the island was lost to sight, and then now toward it again. When Swan Island popped above the horizon again he had technically "discovered" it.

Skipper Adams went back to EHamworth, Me., where he was born, and returned with his wife. He built a house on the island, put up a light-house, and in his "palace"—he was a sovereign now—he reared two daughters and two sons. He was all three branches of the "government"—executive, legislative and judicial—and there was never any graft on Swan Island.

Swan Island soon became an unofficial port of call. King Alonzo erected a flag station and from it displayed international code signals. More and more vessels regularly passed that way.

As the Panama Canal approached completion the United States government made known its intention of acting upon King Alonzo's suggestion and making Swan Island a coal-station, and it was now time for him to abdicate and go to Washington.

In January, 1910 five earthquake shocks shook up the island, throwing the wireless engineer, L. F. Martin, and the operator, J. Roberts, out of their beds, rocking buildings, upsetting furniture and throwing pictures from the walls; but nobody was injured.

Last May a laborer employed on Swan Island suffered a crushed foot and it was obvious that amputation was necessary; but there was no surgeon. The wireless operator called up a ship 420 miles away. The situation was explained to the ship's surgeon, and detail by detail he explained to the wireless operator on Swan Island just how the operation should be performed.

Capt. Adams amassed a fortune on the island. He was seventy years old at the time of his death. His widow and four children survive. For nearly half a century he was a member of Yew Tree Lodge of Masons of Brooklyn. This lodge took part in his funeral services.

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MRS. PRATT ENTERTAINS IN HONOR OF GUEST

On Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Pratt gave a most delightful Auction Bridge Party in honor of Mrs. Clement Morris, their house guest. The shaded lights and lovely spring flowers, together with the merry company turned their hospitable home into fairyland.

BEST VAUDEVILLE YET ON AT THE LYRIC

Breaking all records for real comedy and clean entertainment the "Foggy & Puris" in a cast of four people opened their three-day engagement at the Lyric last evening and played to two large and enthusiastic audiences.

The many friends in Washington and vicinity of Mrs. J. T. Campbell will be glad to learn that she is improving. Mrs. Campbell has been ill with grippe for the past two weeks.

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