

Weather: Rain tonight and Tuesday. Northeast winds.

WASHINGTON, N. C., TUESDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 23, 1913.

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## STORES OF J. K. HOYT AND JACKSON & ROBERSON ROBBED LAST NIGHT

### STORES ENTERED BY THE MAIN DOORS

Nothing so far has been missed at either place. The money drawers at Hoyt's were ransacked.

The stores of J. K. Hoyt and Jackson & Roberson were entered last night sometime between midnight and day by parties unknown. Entrances were made through the front door at both places. At Mr. Hoyt's the large pane of glass in one of the doors of the middle entrance was broken. Due to the large assortment of goods on display for Christmas nothing so far has been missed. The thieves evidently were after money as every money drawer in the store was examined. This is the second time that the Hoyt store has been broken into. The way the robbery is committed it looks as if the parties are old-timers at the business.

The store of Jackson & Roberson was entered by breaking a small part of the glass in the front window and then running their hands on the inside and turning the knob. If the thieves secured anything from the Jackson & Roberson store the proprietors are unable to say as to this writing they have not missed a single article.

### BROOKS DEAD.

Frank Brooks, who was shot by Gus Alexander Saturday night on "Blood Corner," died this afternoon at his home on Market street.

The deceased leaves a wife and several children to mourn their loss.

### TODAY'S BIRTHDAY HONORS.

Oscar S. Strauss, former Secretary of Commerce and Labor, and one of the most prominent members of the National Progressive Party, is 63 years old today. Mr. Strauss has been extensive service as a diplomat and is noted as a philanthropist. At present he is engaged in many educational and charitable enterprises and is a large giver to philanthropy, regardless of race or creed. Mr. Strauss is a multi-millionaire, being connected with some of the most extensive dry goods interests of the country.

### HOME FOR HOLIDAYS.

Mr. Thomas H. Clark, of Denver, Col., arrived here last night to spend Christmas with his family. Mr. Clark was until recently manager of the James E. Clark Company store here but for the past year has been a resident of Denver. He is looking fine and his many old friends in his home town are delighted to see him.

## MRS. SMITH WINS PRIZE LAST MONTH

Offered by City to One Holding Lucky Number and Paying Bill by 10th of Month.

At the last drawing for the prize—an adjustable reading lamp given away to the one holding the lucky number by the City Electric Light and Water Company, Mrs. T. F. Smith was awarded the prize for the month of November. Superintendent Charles has hit upon a novel scheme in which to secure prompt payments of electric light and water bills. All those using either electricity or water and paying their bill by the 10th of each month is entitled to enter the drawing contest for the monthly prize. Mrs. Smith is to be congratulated upon her good fortune. Another prize will be given away on January 10 and the non-winners can rest assured that like all the others it will be a valuable one.

## NEW THEATER

Musical Comedy Pleases Large Audience.

Christmas shopping had no effect on the attendance at the New Theatre last evening witnessing the feature attraction that the management is presenting their patrons for this week.

"The Isle of No Where" was presented in tabloid amid roars of laughs and excellent applause, attesting their appreciation as to the quality of the performers.

It would be impossible to give justice to each and every performer; they were well trained to their parts and displayed high marks of ability. One of the main features of this show was that it was clean, neat and refined, and a sure cure for blues.

Another feature will be added to this attraction for the last half of the week, when "Bobby Fountain" and his trained pony will head the list as a Christmas offering, as an appreciation of the patronage for the season.

A special Christmas program has been arranged for both matinee and night performances on Christmas day—afternoon and night. Special effects and an evening's entertainment can be anticipated with pleasure.

Today's program offers the musical comedy with slight changes and a class-of-motion pictures that will appeal.

### TO COUNT REFERENDUM VOTES.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The National Chamber of Commerce which has been submitting a referendum to the various Chambers of Commerce of the country ends its campaign today and will begin counting the votes of its constituent organizations on the question of a legislative referendum and bill drafting bureau of the national government. If two-thirds have voted affirmatively, "pressure" will be exerted on congress. This referendum originated with the Railway Business Association. It proposes to have the bureau obtain data, domestic and foreign, about all legislative matters and draft bills so as to be clear and valid, thus reducing court construction and delay by invalidation. Many states have a semblance of the bureau. In Pennsylvania there is a legislative reference bureau. One bill has been favorably reported to the national senate.

### JUDGE W. F. HARDING HERE.

Judge William F. Harding, of Charlotte, N. C., spent Sunday and yesterday here visiting his mother, Mrs. Henry Harding and sister, Mrs. Hannis Latham, at their home on West Second street. Judge Harding is a Beaufort county boy. He was only a few weeks ago appointed Judge of the Superior Court by Governor Craig. His friends were glad to see him.

A NICE LINE OF GLASSWARE TO select your presents from at E. K. Willis. 12-22

## XMAS DANCE BY HALCYON CLUB DEC. 26

Club Will Also Give a Children's Dance Same Evening From 8.30 to 10 at Elks Home.

The Halcyon Club of this city expect to give their annual Christmas dance at the Elks Home on the evening of December 26. Active preparations are being made by the members for this auspicious event and everything points to a most successful evening. Ladies and gentlemen from afar are expected besides a large number from the city. The program will be led by Mr. Edmund H. Harding, the club's leader, and the music will be furnished by Forber's orchestra. The Elks Home will be decorated in Christmas colors. On the same evening from 8:30 to 10 the club will give a children's dance and all the children of the city are cordially invited to participate.

### MELON CUT FOR C. P. R. HOLDERS.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Holders of capital stock of the Canadian Pacific Railroad on record today will share in the \$52,000 melon recently decided upon by the directors and which will take the form of a special investment fund, made up of deferred payments on land sales and securities. Note certificates will be issued at 80 per cent, carrying interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually.

### Robbery still in Vogue at Belhaven

Police Are Vigilant

Belhaven, N. C., Dec. 23.—Mrs. O. J. Nye was a visitor to your city yesterday.

A negro with too much "Barley-Corn" aboard, having an awning post as a support last Saturday night, not only defied the town and all connected with it. About the time that he was at his zenith of abuse an officer happened along and in a quiet way requested the would-be violator of the law to cease his profane language. Instead of smoothing down the negro the request of the officer only added fuel to the fire and the consequence was the chief of police came near being cut with a knife. The negro was finally arrested by the officer through the aid of bystanders.

Nelson Rhodes and Benj. Burrows were committed to Washington jail by Constable Sears in default of their failure to give bond. The Clark-Smith Company store was entered and robbed of its cash Friday night. An attempt was made on Saturday night to rob the express office. For some reason unknown the would-be robbers made good their escape, due no doubt to the vigilant watch of the town police.

### NEW RIBBONS, NEW ROUCHING

and other new merchandise just received by today's express. J. K. Hoyt. 12-22

### OUT AGAIN.

The many friends of Superintendent H. B. Charles, of the City Electric Light and Water plant are glad to see him out again after several days' indisposition due to an attack of lagrippe.

### CHRISTMAS TURKEY WILL BE A RABBIT.

Pendleton, Ore., Dec. 23.—Many poor families of Oregon and other parts of the Northwest will feast on rabbit done in various styles on Christmas day, because they feel the pressure of the high cost of living and can not afford turkey and Christmas presents for the youngsters, too. The best feature of it is that the rabbits will be furnished free by farmers, who are waging war against the little animals which have destroyed so much fall sown wheat. The farmers are busy to clear the wheat fields of the pests and have killed thousands of rabbits as a result. These have been sent to large cities for distribution among the poor.

## DON'T FORGET TO BUY RED CROSS SEALS

Thousands Have Been Sold Already in Washington But More Should be Purchased

In the hustle and hurry, the joy and the worry this crowded Christmas week, don't forget to purchase Red Cross Seals. Every package that leaves Washington by parcel post, express or slow freight ought to be liberally covered with these emblems of thoughtfulness. Every penny obtained from the sales is devoted to stamping out tuberculosis and caring for those who are ill with it. Numerous Washington women are giving their time, patience and energy to the task of supplying the calls for these seals, and if every citizen would make a proportionate investment of his money, the result would be astounding. No such investment is expected however. It amounts to a few dimes per individual. Everybody understands the significance of the Red Cross seals.

"Their meaning is plain and all who purchase them can feel that they are contributing to an humane and worthy cause as ever solicited public aid," said The Boston Transcript in a recent editorial on the subject.

"They are trifles, perhaps, and they demand but trifling sacrifices, yet life and health and happiness largely depend on trifles. Many a mickle makes a muckle" is a good old Scotch proverb. The insects that build up the coral islands are very minute and individually insignificant forms of life, yet so countless are their number that they are able to lift into the sunlight some of the fairest islands that dot the waters of the planet.

"So it may be with the Christmas seals. Nothing can be more representative of a genuine Christmas spirit. They are tokens of good will and helpfulness. They never incur the reproach of useless giving. In such an instance it is certainly more blessed to give than to receive, and the consciousness of the use to which the money will be put should give the purchaser a sense of satisfaction that a much larger association with a less noble object could hardly impart. A Christmas seal or several seals upon every interchange of the festive occasion would mean a blow at the scourge which carries so much of dread to society, that would dislodge it from many of its present strongholds. More than that, it would tend to interest everyone, not for a single month in the year, but for every month, in a cause that touches our common humanity very broadly and vitally."

### BANKS TO CLOSE.

On account of Thursday being Christmas Day and a legal holiday all the banks of the city will be closed. Patrons should take notice of this and govern themselves accordingly.

### SUNDAY HOURS.

The city postoffice will observe Sunday hours on Christmas Day.

### COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE CLOSES.

The Washington Collegiate Institute has closed for the Christmas holidays. The members of the faculty and a major portion of the students have gone to their respective homes to spend Christmas.

### JOHNSON GETS SILVER SERVICE.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—Fire Commissioner Johnson, who was campaign manager for the late Mayor Gaynor who retires from office on December 31, will be given a silver service at a reception to be held at Fire Headquarters today.

### ACCEPTS POSITION.

Mr. George E. Buckman has accepted the position as bookkeeper for the firm of Paul Bros., where he will be pleased to see his many friends.

IF WILL PAY YOU TO SEE OUR line of community silver, E. K. Willis. 12-22

## SURGEON H. R. CARTER MAKES REPORT VISIT TO EASTERN CAROLINA

Dr. Henry H. Carter, surgeon of the United States Public Health Service, of Baltimore, Md., who investigated malarial conditions in Eastern North Carolina last August and September, has published a very interesting and comprehensive report, both as to general conditions in the section visited and in particular towns examined. Dr. Carter prefaces his report to the government with the following words of praise for Dr. John C. Rodman, who was ordered by the government to assist Dr. Carter in his investigation. Or Dr. Rodman's services Dr. Carter says:

Acting Assistant Surgeon John C. Rodman, United States Public Health Service, joined me at Elizabeth City, the first place visited, and remained with me during the entire trip. His services were invaluable, as he knew and was on friendly terms with physicians in every town we visited—in some towns, all of them. Next to Dr. Rankin himself, I know no one in North Carolina who would have added more to the success of the trip.

In speaking of his visit to Washington Dr. Carter says: Eight thousand to ten thousand people. A town in good sanitary condition and for this section with little malaria. It is low, the highest point 12 feet above mean tide. Two sides are on Pamlico river. On one side the bank is clean and steep to deep water, allowing no breeding places; on the other the bank for a little way near the railroad station is flat and wet and covered with water plants. Surface soil porous. Jack's Creek forms its lower boundary. One of the branches also bounds it. The other runs through the town and branches into several smaller drains within it. There are marshes and small effluents to Jack's Creek out of the corporate limits, but close enough to houses to infect their inmates. The tar from the gas plant is led into one—the largest—branch of this creek and runs through town and into the sea. The tar is carried into Jack's Creek. No drain carrying this tar showed larvae of any kind. This was by location a very

dangerous drain and difficult to handle otherwise.

On my arrival the marshes were so full of water, owing to a series of high tides, and the water carried so many top minnows that many places which should have been breeding Anopheles showed no larvae. I found numbers of these minnows in stagnant holes and up in a marsh cut off by grass and a bank from the main ditches, which must have been left there since the spring. This was also true of other places in the North Carolina. A number of State Library records were made, including the discharges in a hole in town recently dug to get sand and in two places in the street gutters. There were many, too, in isolated pools in the marshes toward the cemetery outside city limits, but close to dwellings.

There is the usual fringe of negro houses for, say, 350 yards next to the marsh side of Washington. This is opposite to the Pamlico River side of town where the bank is clean and free from breeding places. Most of the white residences there are well protected and at some distance from breeding places. There are a number of negro houses built outside of the city limits. These could, however, be readily remedied by the drainage, as the marshes and their effluent ditches are small. There were the same white-bottom Carolina. Owing to the high tide ditches here as elsewhere in North the bottoms were all covered.

The mayor and superintendent of health and the people generally seemed much interested in anti-malaria work, and a fairly complete system of drainage and sewage disposal was in progress. It is in process of being completed. I doubt if it can be carried out. Very little filling is required except on one short place along the main road near the railroad station, and this can be easily done. A sewage line also made here of a pipe, which is in process of being laid. It is free from the malarial germ. Anopheles breeding places.

### DECEMBER IS IN HISTORY.

- 1732—Sir Richard Arkwright, inventor of the spinning frame, born in Preston, England. Died August 3, 1792.
- 1795—Sir Harry Clinton, who commanded the British forces in the American Revolution, died. Born in 1728.
- 1823—Thomas H. Evans, the famous dentist who effected the escape of Empress Eugenie from Paris, born in Philadelphia. Died in Paris, Nov. 13, 1897.
- 1861—British government sent troops to Canada as a precaution against aggression by the United States.
- 1889—Henry W. Grady, famous orator and statesman, died in Atlanta, Ga. Born in Athens, Ga., May 24, 1850.
- 1899—Lord Roberts sailed from England to take command of the British forces in South Africa.
- 1904—Japanese capture advanced positions on Port Arthur.
- 1912—The Tafts make elaborate preparations to spend last Christmas in white house.

### VISITORS TODAY.

Messrs. R. T. Cratch, Bryan Morslender, W. A. Cratch, M. A. Scott, T. L. Everett, W. Stubbs, Alex. Cox, Benjamin Jones, all of Rover, N. C., were passengers on the Washington and Vandemere passenger train this morning.

### CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

Los Angeles, Dec. 23.—A preliminary hearing will be given in the case of M. M. Davidson today, who is charged with having committed forgery. He is sixty-five years old. The police are also investigating allegations that Davidson, who was a loan and realty agent, obtained \$50,000 illegally from clients.

### CHURCH 200 YEARS OLD.

Boston, Dec. 23.—The 200th anniversary of the first church in this town is being observed today with special ceremonies. The principal address will be made by Rev. Wm. B. Chaffin, pastor of the North Easton Unitarian church for fifty years.

### THE MANY FRIENDS OF DR. JACK NICHOLSON, OF BATH, N. C., WERE GLAD TO SEE HIM IN THE CITY YESTERDAY.

Dr. Jack Nicholson, of Bath, N. C., was glad to see him in the city yesterday.

YOU CAN GET FINE CEMENT AT E. K. Willis. 12-22

## Generous River and Harbor Bill Will be Reported and Passed

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—(Special I)—A river and harbor bill, generous in its proportions, will be reported and passed during the present session of the Sixty-third congress notwithstanding that the order has gone forth to cut appropriations to "the bone."

At a recent meeting of Chairmen of House Committees charged with preparing appropriation bills and called at the instance of Speaker Clark, it was most generally agreed that appropriation bills should be held down to the actual necessities of the government and the demands of public works now in process of completion. These conclusions, however, did not go as far as the public press intimated. That new projects in the forthcoming river and harbor bill will be noticeable by their absence, the bill carrying appropriations for projects already under way and studiously ignoring new projects, which have the endorsement of the chief of engineers.

In a matter of fact the members of the rivers and harbors committee expect to see a bill passed that will provide for several meritorious projects.

"We will have to have a river and harbor bill at this session to take care of projects for which estimates have been made up to March 4, 1915," said Chairman S. M. Sparkman of the rivers and harbors committee of the house. "It's difficult to tell at this time what estimates, or if any of them, will be cut, notwithstanding I see in the public prints, that the order has gone forth to prepare appropriations to fit existing conditions. Our purpose is to keep work moving on harbors and rivers up to the close of the short session of the present congress which will be March 4, 1914; when another river and harbor bill will likely become a law.

"It may and doubtless will be found that estimates can be cut in some instances. If so, the committee, of which I have the honor to be chairman, will not hesitate to put in the pruning knife. So far as new projects are concerned, the committee has not determined whether, if any, and if any how many, projects will be taken on in the bill which is now in the process of making.

There are about \$20,000,000 of new projects not yet adopted. That is, projects that have come into us from the chief of engineers. Some of these projects are very large and number about seventy-five in all. One that will be to take care of every remaining project in due season, mindful of the condition of

the treasury and the demands of the public. We want to improve our rivers and harbors in a most efficient manner but at the same time along economic lines and the committee is moving along those lines.

"Hearings have already been had on improvements needed on the lower Mississippi, on the Sacramento river, on a deeper harbor at Beverly, Mass., while the people of Memphis, Tenn., are anxious that considerable work should be done at that port. Other hearings have included improvements on the Sabine and Shawnee and a waterway from the Appalachicola to the Gulf of Mexico.

"While the new river and harbor bill, which will probably be reported the last of January, may not be as large as that of the Sixty-second congress, I believe it will be generous in its proportions and keep the work of improvements on our waterways considerably going on."

### SANTA HIT BY WAR TAX.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—The new army and property tax law hangs over the German Christmas horizon as a dark cloud, for it will prevent the giving of thousands of gifts. The intent of the provision is that taxpayers shall spend their ways henceforth and turn over a new leaf by an honest confession on the occasion of the forthcoming year for increasing the German military establishment at a cost of \$350,000,000. The first assessment takes place January 1. It is casting a very pronounced shadow before by its effect on Christmas shopping. Merchants declare that holiday business is almost 50 per cent below that of last year.

### D. E. NOLAN, OF CHOCOWINY, N. C., WAS HERE YESTERDAY ON BUSINESS.

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HAVE IT FURNISHED BY WRIGHTS. 12-22