

Weather: Rain tonight and Tuesday. Same temperature.

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ANOTHER STRONG LAW FIRM IS FORMED FOR PRACTICE OF THE LAW

Small, McLean, Bragaw & Rodman Are The Members

Takes Effect January 1. Offices For Present in the Rodman Building. F. H. Bryan to Practice Alone. Strong Firm

Since Hon. Stephen C. Bragaw announced his retirement from the bench it has become known that he would resume the practice of law in the first district and, with that Mr. William B. Rodman, Jr., would form a partnership with Messrs. John H. Small and A. D. MacLean. This will make one of the strongest firms in the state and we extend them our best wishes for success and prosperity. Judge Bragaw needs no introduction to our people as a lawyer. His former skill and ability, backed by the learning and experience acquired by him while on the bench, will guarantee his success as a member of the new firm.

Mr. William B. Rodman, Jr., comes of a family of able lawyers and has already acquired the reputation of being one of the best equipped of the younger lawyers and his advance in his profession may be looked forward to with much promise in the future.

Hon. John H. Small, who is the senior member of the new firm, has not been active in practice for several years, being almost entirely engaged with his congressional duties, but he will keep his connection with the firm and give such time as he can to their business.

Mr. A. D. MacLean has been the active head of his firm for several years and he may be counted on to do his full share of the work. The firm name will be Small, McLean, Bragaw and Rodman and their offices for the present will be in the Rodman building, where W. B. Rodman, Jr., is now located.

Mr. Frank H. Bryan, who has been associated with Small and MacLean, will withdraw from the firm and take in his separate practice with the best wishes of his friends and clients for his continued success.

Master Lacy Mayo Much Better Today

Master Lacy Mayo, the oldest son of Editor James L. Mayo, of the Daily News, who met with the misfortune of having one of his eyes painfully burned at his home on East Second street, Saturday last, is much better today. At first it was thought that as a result of the explosion in his face, the sight of one of his eyes would be permanently injured. Yesterday the little fellow was able to see things as good as ever. He and his playmates were engaged in celebrating Christmas and when the crackers failed to fire decided to make a run and touch fire to it with a result that it exploded, burning Lacy, who is a bright and interesting little fellow, and the sympathy of his playmates and friends. He is wished for a speedy recovery. He had a narrow escape from a more serious injury.

HAS TYPHOID FEVER

The friends of Mrs. M. N. Berry will regret to learn that she is quite sick with typhoid fever. Last Friday she was taken to the Fawcett Memorial Hospital for treatment. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery. Mrs. Berry is the oldest daughter of ex-Mayor C. H. Sterling.

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D. M. FIELDS HOME AGAIN SATURDAY

Former Resident of Washington Was a Visitor Saturday. Is The Same Genial Good Fellow of Yore

D. M. Fields, of Hartford, N. C., was a Washington visitor Saturday and of course everyone was more than delighted to shake his hand. Mr. Fields for years was a popular resident of Washington but for the past two years has been residing in Hartford where he is engaged in the drug business. He is looking well and is the same jovial and genial good fellow as of yore.

DEFIES EFFORTS OF CAMERA

Speed of Bullet on Its Mission of Death, Makes Photographing an Impossibility.

If a photograph of a speeding bullet could be taken the print would probably show a space like a body of water marked by what looked like speeding water bugs, each leaving a ripple in its wake. Photographs of projectiles have been snapped in time of peace, but it is doubtful if the camera ever caught one as it sped on its mission of death. A bullet speeding at the rate of 3,000 feet a second, which is more than 550 miles an hour, makes a great disturbance in the atmosphere and creates air waves, which of course are invisible to the naked eye.

If you draw a stick through the water it causes little eddies and waves to trail behind it. The faster you draw the stick the more waves and the wider the angle will it leave. The slower the stick is drawn the fewer waves. Just so the bullet, if it is traveling slowly no waves can be photographed, as apparently there are none. It is only objects traveling at a terrific speed that create any appreciable air waves.

'KILLER' WHALE NO MEAN FOE

Diaries of Captain Scott Tell Remarkable Story of Their Strength and Vindictiveness.

The whale is usually supposed to be an innocuous animal, and not lightly would we ascribe a character for virtue that has been well established. But Captain Scott's diaries show that the "killer" whale is a veritable demon, and an intelligent demon at that. He tells us that on one occasion the ship's photographer, Pouting, and two dogs were on an ice floe when they were attacked by six or seven whales. The method of assault was ingenious. The animals swam under the ice and smothered it by blows from their bodies with the greatest intention of shaking their victims into the water. "Then it was clear that the whales shared our astonishment for some after another their huge, hideous heads shot vertically into the air through the cracks which they had made. As they reared them to a height of six or eight feet it was possible to see their tawny head markings, their small, glistening eyes, and their terrible array of teeth. They far the largest and the most terrible in the world. There cannot be a more terrible thing than to see what had happened to Pouting and his dogs. That they could display such barbaric cunning, that they were able to break ice of such thickness (at least two and a half feet) and that they could act in unison was a revelation to us.

Most Good of German Authors. Gustav Frenssen, whose twelfth birthday has just been celebrated in literary circles in Germany, is said to be the most widely read author in the Kaiser's dominions. According to statistics that have just been published in a bookkeeping organ the total circulation of Frenssen's books in the German language alone amounts to 1,000,000 copies. The most successful of his works was "Jörn Uhl," which reached the unprecedented figure of 225,000 copies, and which is the novel by which he is best known in other countries.—Glasgow Herald.

PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR TOBACCO

Col. John S. Cunningham Here Looking Over the Situation. Praises Washington and Section.

"I am more than glad, indeed delighted, to again visit the prosperous and progressive county of Beaufort; this is the second time I have had this pleasure and I am simply amazed at the progress made since my first visit to Washington." Titus spoke Colonel John S. Cunningham, formerly of Person county, now of Durham, N. C., to a Daily News representative this morning in the lobby of the Hotel Louise.

It just happened so that Colonel Cunningham's presence in Washington was ascertained by the paper man. Talking to another gentleman in the lobby, of course inquiring as to what he knew, he said:

"Don't you know that man sitting in a chair near the door smoking a cigar?" "No," replied the quill driver. "Well, that is Colonel John S. Cunningham, of Durham, N. C., now, formerly of Person county, who at one time was the largest tobacco planter in the world." "What is he doing down here," was the inquiry.

"I don't know," was the reply. In consequence of this intimation an investigation started and the sequence was tobacco—especially bright tobacco such as Beaufort county raised the past season—for it has attracted the attention of the entire state.

Colonel Cunningham is easy to approach, willing to talk—for he has been a member of the craft in his younger days—notwithstanding he is not an old man yet. When asked for an interview the colonel at once said, "Yes, I met you in Raleigh," but when told that he was in error he, quickly caught himself and replied, "We are all liable to make mistakes."

"What are you doing down this way," the colonel was asked. "Don't you know that I am at present taking a great interest in the growth of bright tobacco." The farmers in Beaufort county have been given splendid prices for the past season much to my pleasure and I take this occasion to say that the type of tobacco grown in Beaufort county is in demand everywhere and frankly, I will state, that I think it will be profitable to grow the Golden Weed along with other crops.

Your climate and soil in Beaufort county where a variety of crops can be produced is certainly ideal to my mind and I assure you and the readers of your paper that this is a most satisfactory solution. I do not think any one crop system is a wise one for the farmers. The most successful farming today is that of rotation and diversification. I believe that the cultivation of tobacco will be a paying crop in Eastern Carolina, and no where more profitable than Beaufort county. I don't think, however, that it will be a wise plan to undertake to plant too much at the beginning. My advice is, to first find out the character of the soil as to whether it can produce bright tobacco. In addition the farmers should know the type of tobacco that they should grow and then, by all means, how to care it after its cultivation. It is absolutely necessary and essential to learn the secret of curing bright tobacco in order to get the best prices."

ENGINEER GETS RECORD FEE

Englishman to Receive \$400,000 for Superintending Construction of Ottawa (Canada) Water Works.

Does engineering pay? It is frequently asked by the prospective student—the young fellow just starting out to make a name and a fortune for himself in some profession. There are eminent engineers in the United States who have received fabulous salaries for their services in consultation, but the largest recent figure reached goes to an English engineer, Sir Alexander R. Binns, of London. Sir Alexander is to receive a fee of \$400,000 to take charge of the construction of the water supply system of Ottawa, Canada. It will require several years to complete this undertaking, and Sir Alexander is to pay at least one visit to the works himself each season. He has contracted to furnish the surveying corps and the engineers to direct every branch of the work. Thus he merely transfers his office from London. In the case of New York's gigantic project just being pushed to completion, the primary engineering work—and the final supervising was handled by the city's staff.

F. A. GIBBS IS APPOINTED AS ALTERNATE

Named by Congressman J. H. Small to Naval Academy as First Alternate From This District

Congressman John H. Small has named Frank A. Gibbs, of this city, who is a son of Rev. J. T. Gibbs, D. D., presiding elder of the Washington District, M. E. church, South, as first alternate for examination to enter the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. The principal is Henry Sheppard, of Greenville, N. C., and the second alternate is Luther W. Cartwright, of Hertford, N. C. While of course the principal has the first chance it is to be hoped that young Mr. Gibbs may finally become a cadet at Uncle Sam's institution of training for future admirals. The Daily News takes this occasion to congratulate our young townsman upon his good fortune.

BUSINESS CHANGES

Rumors have it that there will be quite a number of business changes in Washington the first of the year.

PRINCESS SHOT BY A MOTH

Accused Husband Saved by Remarkable Evidence Introduced in Italian Court.

There seems to be no good reason for doubting the story that set free a Neapolitan prince accused of murder. It was the locally notorious case of the Princess Caravella, at Naples, in Italy. After giving a dinner party she proceeded to her room to snatch a few minutes of rest in order to refresh herself for a dance.

She was discovered lying dead on her bed, with a pistol wound in her heart. Her husband, Prince Caravella, had been noted for his jealous disposition; and, as it was certain that no stranger could possibly have been in the princess's room, suspicion pointed to him and he was arrested. The pistol was found lying near the murdered woman, which in itself was favorable to the prince, for no murderer, unless he courted detection, would thus leave the weapon to be discovered. In spite of this, it was probable that things would have gone hard with the accused but for the shrewdness of a Naples police officer. This man carefully examined the bedchamber and, lying on the floor by the bedside, he found one of those large moths that abound in Italy. A lighted candle had stood on a table by the bed, and the moth's wings bore evident marks of having been badly singed against the flame.

TOO HIGH-FLOWN FOR KING

Frederick VII. of Denmark: Too High-FLOWN for King of Sweden.

In writing of her experiences in America, Madame de Hagermann-Lindgöron tells of the arrival at Cambridge of Ole Bull, the famous violinist:

"Ole Bull (the great violinist) has taken James Russell Lowell's house in Cambridge. He is remarried and lives here with his wife and daughter. He has a magnificent head and that broad, expansive smile which seems to belong to geniuses. Last had one like it."

"He and Mrs. Bull come here often on Sunday evenings, and sometimes he brings his violin. Mr. B. accompanies him, and he plays divinely. There is no violinist on earth that can compare with him. There may be many who have as brilliant a technique, but none who has his fine sense and the tremendous magnetism which creates such enthusiasm that you are carried away. The sterner sex pretend that they can resist him, but certainly no woman can."

"He is very proud of showing the diamond in his bow, which was given him by the king of Sweden."

"He loves to tell the story of King Frederick VII. of Denmark, who said to him: 'Where did you learn to play the violin? Who was your teacher?'"

"Ole Bull answered, 'Your majesty, the pine forests of Norway and the beautiful fjords taught me!'"

"The king, who had no feeling for such high-flown sentiments, turned to one of his aides-de-camp and said, 'Sikken vroil!'—the Danish for 'What rubbish!'"—Harper's Magazine.

Resented Any Equine Levity.

According to the Ashland Clipper a farmer who was driving along a country road encountered one of his neighbors seated in a buggy with a stone in either hand. Occasionally the horse would turn his head and look at him, which seemed to be the signal for the stalled rival to heave another stone.

"What is the matter?" inquired the new arrival. "I don't mind a horse balking so much," was the reply, "but I'll be darned if he is going to turn around and laugh at me."—Kansas City Star.

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HOUSE PARTY BY MRS. TUCKER AT THE LOUISE

Several Young State Library Afar, Guests of the Hostess. Merriment and Cheer is Prevailing

Mrs. J. A. Tucker, wife of Mr. J. A. Tucker, manager of the Hotel Washington but a short time is proving to be one of the city's most popular and charming entertainers. Ever since her residence in Washington she has grown rapidly in the estimation of the city and whenever she entertains society always anticipates the occasion with gusto and pleasure. She is a hostess more than gracious. Mrs. Tucker, during the holidays is giving a house party at the hotel and has four young ladies from afar as her guests: Miss Lois Threlgill of Alabama; Miss Mary Louise Ayers, Plymouth; Miss Emily Harney, Plymouth; Miss Eloise Loane, Plymouth. Merriment and cheer greets all at the Louise during their stay and the hostess, aided by her popular husband, Mr. J. A. Tucker, makes the yuletide season one of the brightest and best ever held in Washington.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Sunday school of the First Methodist church will have their regular annual Christmas party at the armory of the Washington Light Infantry on next Wednesday evening beginning promptly at 7:30 o'clock. Every member of the school has a cordial invitation to be present.

MAYNARD TAKES NEW OFFICE

Boston, Mass., Dec. 29.—Joseph A. Maynard, president of the Democratic city committee, today assumed his duties as secretary of the port of Boston. He succeeded Edward G. Graves, who has held the position since 1911.

FOR ATTAINMENT OF OLD AGE

Avoidance of Worry and Moderation of Diet the Main Things, Says Dr. Dizzo.

These comments on how to attain old age are made by a writer in the Journal of the American Medical Association:

"The chances of attaining old age are much greater if we live much of our life in fresh country air. Statistics go to show, according to Dr. Dizzo of Budapest, that the fourth generation of the town dweller is unknown; but enough is currently reported to make the conclusion inevitable that the sine qua non of longevity is a certain amount of time spent in the country."

"The city child is subject to a number of disturbing conditions other than mere absence of creature comforts, which undermine the constitution by throwing too heavy a burden on the sense organs, through which exhaustion of the central nervous system follows; among these conditions are noise, a perpetual round of hurry, and unending attention to discomforts of vitiated air, from human beings and waste organic products, besides offensive gases and infection-laden dust."

"To attain old age we have to relieve ourselves from worry, strains and anxieties, withdraw periodically from the whirl of effortful existence, modify our diet, omit the use of stimulants and narcotics, and spend reasonably long periods of time under pleasant conditions in practical retirement. Above all, amusement should be simplified and accepted rather than sought after. Only vegetable and semi-animal foods should be eaten."

Character actors, according to producers, are becoming scarce. Not, however, in the sense of "character" acting as it is known today, for all comedians and near comedians have listed themselves under the head of "character" people. But the real old timers, who could change grease paint with costumes and do "Brutus" one act and "Uncle Tom" the next, are disappearing. This condition is due, actors say, to the managers insisting that men and women specialists in one line of acting. It has resulted in thousands of "At Liberty" ads being published every season.

GREAT DAY M. E. CHURCH YESTERDAY

The Sermons of Rev. Dr. Gibbs And The Music Charm And Delight The Congregation

Yesterday was a delightful day at the First Methodist church, the occasion being the first quarterly meeting for the conference year and Rev. J. T. Gibbs, D. D., presiding elder of the district filled the pulpit at both services to the delight and pleasure of the congregation. It is needless to state that the discourses in keeping with Dr. Gibbs' reputation in Washington as a speaker. The evening sermon was addressed principally to young men and the speaker based his high thoughts from the lives of Abraham, David and Daniel. Couched in words of beauty and ornateness, framed in sentences attractive and original, the speaker held his large congregation attentively from beginning to end. Not only were the sermons at this church of the highest order and merit but the music rendered by the choir was far above the average.

The attractiveness of the music was enhanced greatly by a vocal solo charmingly rendered by Miss Lois Threlgill, of Alabama, who has been spending a few days with her cousin, Mrs. J. A. Tucker, at Hotel Louise, en route to New York. Her soprano voice simply enthralled all. Under perfect control of wide compass she sang most charmingly. It has been many a day since a solo has been more joyously enjoyed by members of the First M. E. church congregation.

After the sermon Dr. Gibbs announced that the members of the church might expect their new pastor, Rev. E. M. Snipes, at the beginning of the new year. Mr. Snipes for twelve years has been a member of the church and that he was a 4-year preacher, that year being spent in the ministry of a church in the city of New York. He has been a member of the church since 1911.

NEW THEATER

New Vaudeville Acts Today. Today opens the engagement of the New York circuit booking the New Theater for the remainder of the season in vaudeville.

"Emerson & Morris" opens tonight playing for two days only presenting a feature staging talking and dancing act.

Wednesday and Thursday new acts will appear for another two-day engagement and for Friday and Saturday another new booking.

The new booking arrangement of the management no doubt will meet with the approval of the entire public as this gives them new acts every day and new faces every two days.

The motion pictures that are billed today are another feature that will greatly add to the evening's entertainment. The admission prices will be 10c and 15c.

TO ATTEND DANCE

Quite a number of young ladies and gentlemen, accompanied by craponians left this afternoon for Williamston, N. C., where they expect to attend a dance to be given in that town this evening.

XMAS TREE AT ARMORY TUES. NIGHT

Will be Given by The First Baptist Church Sunday School. Pleasant Evening is Looked For

The Sunday school of the First Baptist church will have their annual Christmas tree at the Washington Light Infantry armory on tomorrow night and every member of this growing Sunday School is looking forward to the occasion with great expectation for an evening of fun and pleasure. The tree will not only groan with presents for members of the school but will be attractively decorated in Christmas colors banded up with soft rays issuing from waxed tapers.

Death Chair Now Awaits This Offender

New Bern, Dec. 29.—When arraigned for a preliminary hearing Saturday afternoon, Robert Jones, the young white man who it is claimed on last Tuesday night committed a criminal assault on Mrs. W. C. Hobbs, whose home is on South Front street, the defendant through his attorneys waived examination and was committed to jail without bond. Jones is in a strait-jacket which, if the charges are proven, may send him to the electric chair for a long term in the penitentiary. Last Tuesday night the police received a telephone call to hurry an officer to the Hobbs' home.

Policeman A. E. Dyer was dispatched to the scene and upon his arrival there was told by Mrs. Hobbs that she had been assaulted by a man who she described as being about 25 years of age, five feet tall, with a mustache, and wearing a dark suit. She described the man as being a member of the First M. E. church congregation.

As soon as the officer learned the facts in the case he started out in search of the alleged offender and found him in a room on the second floor, where he was placed under arrest and taken to jail. A preliminary hearing was held on the following day, but the woman's husband could not recall the city in time to be present and it was delayed.

Jones is regarded as a notoriously bad character. He came to New Bern about two years ago from Oriental, and has been in numerous scrapes. On Thanksgiving night he is alleged to have stolen a turkey from a local merchant and at the time of his last arrest was out on bond for this offense.

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