

FLOOR OF MARSH HOUSE COLLAPSED LAST NIGHT; PANIC WAS CONSEQUENCE

AMONG THE POINTS OF INTEREST IN BATH TOWN

Public School Was Holding a Debating Contest. No One Seriously Injured. Panic Relieved.

During a debate indulged in by the Bath Debating Society last night at Bath N. C., which was held at the old Marsh house, there came near being a serious accident caused by the floor of this historic residence giving way, while no one was seriously hurt but a time of confusion and alarm was caused. A number of interested citizens were present to hear the debate upon the subject of whether women have a right to vote. The last speaker for the women's side had just concluded her argument when it was noticed that the floor began to crack. Before these present could make their exit men, women and children were piled in a heap in the hall below. There was a great outcry and panic caused. Fortunately no one was hurt or seriously injured. One woman fainted in the excitement and another had her head badly cut. About one hundred were present. An examination of the floor later revealed the fact that the timbers holding the floor were rotten.

This residence is one of the oldest in North Carolina and has been one of the points of interest to visitors to this historic town.

CHIEF HOWARD DENIES

Chief of Police George Howard denies the rumor that he is to be removed from his position. He stated that he would resign as chief of police for the city of Washington on February 1. It is understood that the chief after this date will be connected with the Norfolk Southern railway.

EVANGELIST SHIELDS TO SERACH AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Interesting services are promised at the first Presbyterian church to-morrow morning. Rev. M. G. Shields, of Greensboro, N. C., state evangelist and superintendent of the first mission work at the Presbyterian church in North Carolina, will be the speaker. At night the congregation of this church will worship with the congregation of the First Methodist church, Nicholson.

Those invited to be present. Sunday school opens promptly at three o'clock. C. M. Brown, Jr., superintendent.

FROM HUNTING TRIP.

Messrs. W. M. Bell and R. Lee Stewart are home from a several days hunting trip at Chocomaity, Ky. They report most excellent sport.

CAIN, FALLOW IMPROVING

The many friends of Capt. W. T. Fallow will be pleased to learn of his improvement. For the past several weeks he has been confined to his home, corner of Fourth and Bonham streets. Today he is being greeted by those who are apprehensive as to his condition.

CONDITION MUCH BETTER

The condition of Mr. H. T. Stewart who was injured by an automobile-mix-up at the corner of Third and Market streets Thursday afternoon is reported to be much better today and he will be out again within the next few days.

DRUGS HEARING

Several Washington citizens went to firmament yesterday to be present at the government hearing with reference to the creation of a bridge across the river at that point.

ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A KIRNESS

An Invitation Comes From Woman's Club of Raleigh To Citizens of Washington.

The Woman's Club of Raleigh extends an invitation to the people of this town, and especially to members of the clubs of the town, to attend the great indoors carnival—called a Kirness.

This Kirness will be held during the first week in February, and will take place in the large Auditorium of the city. It will be a fair, festival, fair and fête—all in one. There will be mid-day lunches, afternoon teas, music, tableaux, folk dances and song, besides many other attractions and amusements.

The hall will be divided into beautiful booths, which will have appropriately costumed attendants, and there is every evidence that this festival will be a magnificent success, and bring much money into the coffers of the club—enabling the club to begin work on its contemplated new building.

NEW LEGAL FIRM FOR THIS CITY

Messrs. Daniel and Warren have announced that the firm of Manning and Kitchin of Raleigh, N. C., will hereafter be associated with them in the practice of law in the Superior, Federal and Supreme courts of the state. This will make a strong firm of legal talent and no doubt will receive a large patronage not only in Beaufort county but the entire section of Eastern Carolina.

PASTOR HOPE PREACHES AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH BOTH SUNDAYS

There will be regular services at the Christian church Sunday morning and evening at the usual hours. The pulpit will be filled by the pastor, Rev. Robt. Y. Hope. Sunday school meets promptly at 10 o'clock. W. O. Mills, superintendent. Excellent music at all services and the public invited.

A BIG NEW LINE OF CHILDREN'S WASH DRESSES JUST THE THING FOR SCHOOL WEAR. See these at the special prices, 59c and 98c. J. K. Hoyt.

WE HAVE NEVER OFFERED BETTER values, as you will find in all kinds of gaily white Muslin and Crepe Underwear in this January Sale at the special prices, 10c, 21c, 35c, 49c, 50c, 59c to 98c. J. K. Hoyt.

HOUSES AT COST FOR POOR.

Detroit Women Plan Sanitary Residences at Nominal Rentals. Detroit's poor will have an opportunity of renting sanitary cottages at a nominal figure if the plans of the Twentieth Century club, an organization of prominent Detroit women, are successfully completed.

The one for this work was taken from Mrs. Mary Manning Wadsworth, executive, who, since her residence at Grosvenor Point, has built a number of simple cottages for the occupancy of working people and who demonstrated that this enterprise could be made a success. Making money is not the purpose of either Mrs. Wadsworth or the Twentieth Century club. The occupants of the cottages are to pay on the basis of cost.

The cottages will be built of cement, containing four and six rooms and costing about \$3,000 each.

PAY LESS—BETTER FRIENDS AT WRIGHT'S.

UNJUST RATE ON FREIGHT IS SHOWN

S. R. Fowle Pays 40 Cents a Bbl on Oil from Norfolk Here and \$1.00 Bbl for Its Return.

Mr. Samuel R. Fowle of this city several days ago ordered ten barrels of oil from Norfolk, Va., to be shipped via the Atlantic Coast Line. The oil arrived and the freight on same was \$4.00. When Mr. Fowle went to get his oil and examined same he found that it was not the kind that he had ordered so he notified the Atlantic Coast Line officials to return same, he paying the freight. When Mr. Fowle went to pay the charges for the return of the oil he was told that it amounted to \$10.00. It costs forty cents per barrel to receive ten barrels of oil from Norfolk and one dollar per barrel to return it. Why is this? This is a most excellent instance of unjust freight rates which the freight association of the state should get busy and consider.

WINE SALE OF COTTON.

Mrs. M. F. Watson held the lucky number in the drawing contest for the sale of cotton given away this afternoon by the James E. Clark Company. Her number was 1913.

H. S. WARD ENGAGED AS ONE OF COUNSEL TO PROSECUTE POLLARD

Mr. H. S. Ward of the firm of Ward & Grimes has been engaged as one of the counsel for the case of State vs. S. M. Pollard charged with the murder of Chief of Police Smith at Farmville last Saturday night. A true bill was found against Pollard this week by the grand jury of Pitt county and the defendant was arraigned. The case was continued until another term. An effort will be made to induce the governor to call an extra session of court for the trial.

NEW YORK NEWS AND GOSSIP

New York, Jan. 24.—New York has experienced some of the coldest weather this season that it has known in fifteen years, and the suffering has been intense. The municipal lodging houses are crowded nightly and it is reported that one of the things which Mayor Mitchell hopes to do shortly is to increase the accommodations for the city's poor during such times of stress.

Several of the city magistrates led by Judge McAdoo, are in favor of having the producers of moving picture films dealing with the white slave traffic arrested as a means of stopping the show of such pictures. Some of the leading theaters of the city have agreed to stop the exhibition of white slave pictures. Some of the "movies" have been endorsed by the leading clergymen of the city but the approved ones have been copied so extensively by the condemned ones that it is hard to tell where the educational pictures end and the harmful ones begin.

A private hotel for the sick is the latest thing in New York. It is the private patient's building of Flower Hospital in East 64th St. The hospital atmosphere has been done away with so completely in its latest venture that it has been named a "private hotel for the sick."

In accordance with one of its objects, the stage society of New York at the next performance under its auspices, will produce a play by an author hitherto unknown. It is said the author is a woman, but her name has been withheld. The play is called "Heaven Game Watch." Its story deals with the so-called American frontier.

The play will have two performances, one called a "dress rehearsal," for members of the society in the Lyceum Theater tomorrow, and a public one there on the afternoon of the following day, the proceeds of which will go to the Actors Fund of America. The principal role will be taken by Miss Jane Cowell. Mr. Thomas A. Wise will stage the play. The stage society this season presented Mr. Joseph Medill Patterson's "By Proddin'" and Dr. Arthur Schnitzler's "Countess Miza" as a double bill and later produced "The Capitaine Corcoran."

CHILDREN'S AND MISSES MIDDAY. Blouses, a big new line just received and priced special at 50c, in plain white, also red and navy blue collars. J. K. Hoyt.

DR. I. N. HARDY TO ASK PAPER TO RETRACT

Suit Against Editor Wade of Morehead City Coaster For a Recent Editorial.

Papers have been sent to Morehead City, states a dispatch from Kingston by counsel of Dr. I. N. Hardy to be served upon H. T. Wade editor of the Coaster, a weekly paper and the publisher of the Coaster, demanding retraction of statements declared to be defamatory to Dr. Hardy's character, recently made in an article on that paper's editorial page. The matter on which the suit is based was in reference to the controversy as to the selection of a superintendent of the school for the Feeble Minded of which Dr. Hardy is now superintendent. The editorial also defending Governor Craig as to his attitude in the controversy.

Dr. Hardy on being interviewed stated that he would not be called a "quitter" and would strive as valiantly as ever for a "fair deal" and reappointment by the board of trustees which are to meet in February, at which time the matter of selecting a superintendent was deferred when the efforts to oust him failed.

REGULAR SERVICES AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH SUNDAY 11 A. M. AND 7.30 P. M.

There will be the usual services at St. Peter's Episcopal church tomorrow morning and evening at the usual hours in which the public and all strangers are cordially invited to be present. The rector, Rev. Nathaniel Harding will conduct morning prayer with sermon at 11 o'clock and evening prayer with sermon at 7.30 o'clock. Sunday school meets promptly at 9.30 o'clock. Good music. Polite and attentive ushers.

ALL KINDS OF Dainty WHITE Muslin Undergarments in this Jan uary Sale at prices that spell econ- omy. J. K. Hoyt.

ALL CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND METHODIST CHURCH ON TOMORROW

A cordial invitation is extended to all strangers in the city to attend the services at the First Methodist church Sunday morning and evening. The pastor, Rev. E. M. Shipley will fill his regular pulpit at eleven a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school meets at 9.45. E. R. Nixon, superintendent. Good music. Seats free. All welcome.

THIS A SUCKER—WRIGHT'S ELCO tric Vacuum Cleaner.

E. R. NIXON & COMPANY HAVE RECEIVED A CARLOAD OF TOBACCO

One of the largest shipments of tobacco ever consigned to Washington was received a few days ago by the wholesale firm of E. R. Nixon & Company. It was a solid car of tobacco containing 2,349 boxes weighing 30,676 pounds.

How It Impressed Her.

A young woman from the interior saw the Atlantic for the first time recently at Cape May. As she stood on the windy beach, gazing dreamily out over the vast blue expanse of tumbling water, her exultant cry was heard: "So this is the first time you've ever seen the sea, eh?" "Yes, the very first time," she answered. "And what do you think of it?" he asked. "Ah," she said, with an ecstatic smile, "it smells just like oysters!"—Exchange.

Important Question.

"George dear," began a bride while on the way to the station for the honeymoon. "I want you to answer me just one question, and then I shall feel sure of you."

"What is it, darling?"

"If you knew that I loved you as much as you love me, would you love me as much as I love you?"—London Answer.

WE PRESS TO LIVE—WE LIVE to Press. Wright's.

A SERIES OF MEETINGS WILL BEGIN

Evangelist Shields of Greensboro To Begin Meeting at the Payne Memorial Church

Beginning tomorrow night there will be a series of meetings at the Payne Memorial church (Presbyterian) in Nicholsonville.

The preacher will be Rev. M. Mc G. Shields of Greensboro, N. C., State Evangelist and Superintendent of the Home Mission work of the Presbyterian church in this state. Mr. Shields is reported to be a speaker of force and no doubt he will be heard by large congregations. There will be services each evening during the week to which the general public has a cordial invitation to attend.

Evangelist Shields will be assisted by Mr. Andrew C. Burr of Charlotte, N. C. Mr. Burr is pleasantly remembered in Washington as he conducted the singing when Evangelist Black held a union meeting here several years ago in the First Methodist church. His return to Washington is hailed with pleasure by all those who were charmed with his gospel music then.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT.

The next County Superintendent of Schools for Beaufort county is W. G. Privett of Kingston, N. C. His election was had today by the County Board of Education. His formal election takes place at the next regular meeting of the board on the first Monday in February. A more extensive notice of this new superintendent will appear through the columns of this paper later.

WOMEN'S WHITE CREPE AND Muslin Gowns, daintily trim- med, priced at 59c, one of the many big values in the January Sale of Muslin Underwear at J. K. Hoyt's.

SEE THE SPECIAL VALUES IN real Linen lace now on sale at only 5c yard. J. K. Hoyt.

SINGLETON NEWS

We are having beautiful weather now and progressive farmers are getting busy. There will be preaching at Singleton school house Sunday at 11 o'clock, and Sunday night at seven o'clock by Rev. Lonnie Fedrey, of Washington. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Messrs. Josh and Wade Waters of Pinetown, were in our midst Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Woolard and little son, J. Handy, spent Wednesday in town visiting Mrs. Woolard's sister Mrs. Odvia Moore at the Washington Hospital where she underwent an operation Saturday last. She is improving rapidly to the delight of her friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Leggett of Middlesex, have moved in our midst. We give them a warm welcome back to their old home.

Miss Lillie Perry spent Saturday night as a guest of Miss Bettie Wilford of Cross Roads.

Mrs. Enoch Lillie spent a few days last week as a guest of her brother Mr. H. R. Woolard at "Fairview."

BANKER'S MEETING.

Montreal, Jan. 24.—Canadian bankers meeting here in special session to consider advisability of repealing amendment to existing laws in regard to circulation of bank notes.

Baltimore, Md.—Malcolm R. Patterson, who fought prohibition as governor of Tennessee, will be star speaker at meeting of Maryland Anti-Saloon League tomorrow, planned to start State-wide campaign for prohibition amendment to Maryland's constitution.

TWO LOANS, ONE FOR \$1,500 AND one for \$500. Good security. First mortgage. City property preferred. For one year with privilege of renewal. See Frank H. Rollins.

SUIT HOSPITAL. TRY DOCTOR Wright for sticky garments.

ANNUAL MEETING HOME BUILDING AND LOAN ASSO. HELD THURSDAY 4-30 P. M.

WAS HOSTESS BRIDGE CLUB THURSDAY

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ARE NAMED FOR YEAR

Now Has 1,584 Shares of Stock In Force and Has Loaned Out Over \$53,000 Since Organization in 1903.

The stockholders of the Home Building and Loan Association held their regular annual meeting at the Savings and Trust Company banking house last Thursday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock. The stockholders elected the following directors for the ensuing year: W. E. Swindell, F. J. Berry, E. K. Willis, Frank C. Kugler, Beverly G. Moss, Frank H. Bryan, John G. Bragaw, Jr., E. R. Mixon, and John B. Sparrow. Subsequently the directors met and named the following officers: President, W. E. Swindell; first vice president, F. J. Berry; second vice president, E. K. Willis; secretary and treasurer, John B. Sparrow; attorney, Edward L. Stewart.

This association was organized in 1902, starting out in life with a very small beginning. For some time the organization moved along slowly, each year however, the volume of business grew, and the organization is now doing a creditable business. As a benefit to the community it is second to none. As a means for a poor man to secure his home on easy terms it is far excellence. One needing a home, through this association is enabled to secure one by paying weekly installments costing practically no more than house rent.

FORECAST OF THE COMING WEEK TOLD

COMING WEEK DAY BY DAY

New York, Jan. 24.—The following events are scheduled to take place during the coming week:

Monday. Sir J. Forbes Robertson, noted English actor begins farewell engagement in Boston.

Tuesday. Navy Department at Washington opens bids for 100,000 yards of dark blue cloth for trousers, packets and caps for enlisted men. Under new tariff markets of the world may compete for business.

Wednesday. Beaumont, Tex., votes on \$500,000 bond issue for waterworks. Bitter campaign has been waged against issue by opponents of municipal ownership.

Thursday. U. S. Senator Penrose is expected to announce his candidacy for reelection tonight at a speech before the Young Men's Tariff Club of Pittsburg, Pa. He will also tell evils of Democratic tariff.

Friday. Arkansas school directors meet at Little Rock, Ark., to discuss means of raising more money for schools of the state.

Saturday. Eastern Railroad must answer Interstate Commerce Commission's queries about interlocking directorate and intertwining interests not later than today.

President Wilson receives a delegation of a thousand working women at the White House, who will ask him to consider woman suffrage.

Lyric Theatre Entire Change of Program Today

CELEBRATED FRENCH DRY Cleaning at Wright's.

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At the end of the present year the company showed 1,584 shares of stock in force and had loaned out over \$53,000. The company has paid installments of \$55,000 and undivided profits of \$6,400. A series of stock matured on January 1st, at which time over \$5,000 was paid back to the stockholders.

The auditing committee of the association consisting of Messrs Frank C. Kugler, Beverly G. Moss and John G. Bragaw, Jr., at the meeting Thursday submitted the following report:

Gentlemen:—We, your auditing committee, beg leave to report that on January 21st, 1914, we examined the books and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1913.

We checked over the annual statement rendered to the Insurance Commissioner and the statement of receipts and disbursements, verifying these figures with the books of the Association. We find that the item of cash on hand, as of December 31st agrees with the balance shown on deposit to the credit of the Association and the books of the bank.

We have examined the mortgage loans and stock loans and find that they agree in all respects with the statement.

We take pleasure in reporting to you that no discrepancies of any kind were found and the books are kept very clearly and concisely.

FROM CAMPBELL'S CREK

Some of our farmers are still housing their 1913 crop.

Mrs. Baker Potter of Vandemere, is visiting relatives here.

W. H. Mayo is erecting a handsome residence which will add much to the appearance of our community when completed.

Mrs. Josie Mixon-Jones, who has been very sick is some better.

Mrs. G. L. Jones and children Hazel, Irvin and Ralph, of Vandemere, are visiting relatives here.

We notice in your paper the petition to Treasurer Mixon and his answer. We think he answered right. If the people demand his services and tender him the nomination we see no reason why he should not accept. We have always advocated a two term policy for our county officers and still hold to our old view, when it shall apply to all of our clerical officers, but we have never and will not advocate a two term policy for the office of Treasurer and the others stand exempt.