

WASHINGTON, N. C., MONDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 2, 1914.

## Nantucket's Officers Blamed For Disaster

### Master of ill-Fated Liner Files Libel Suit Against Merchant and Miner Transportation Company Asking for Million Dollar Damage. Declares Negligence and Carelessness on Part of Nantucket's Officers.

Nantucket, Va., Feb. 1.—Declaring the sinking of his vessel was due to the negligence and carelessness of those in command of the steamer Nantucket, Capt. E. H. Johnson, commanding the ill-fated steamer Monroe, has filed a libel suit against the former vessel. He claims a million dollar damages. The libel was filed in the United District Court at that point and served on officials of the Merchants and Miners Transportation Company at Norfolk and Baltimore.

Captain Johnson alleges that the Monroe was proceeding at half speed or less before the accident and had laid to after hearing fog whistles. He says that the Nantucket came on his beam at such speed that the collision was unavoidable although he had ordered his ship ahead at full speed to avoid the on-coming bow of the Merchants and Miners' steamer.

## PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT FOR LIBRARY

Prospects are bright for a public library building in Washington if one is to judge by the enthusiastic and highly encouraging meeting held at the public library rooms on Friday night last when the financial committee discussed ways and means of the present financial condition of the library and what it has accomplished during the past three years. Those present were Mrs. W. P. Baughman, John G. Bragaw, Jr., H. B. Ward, Mrs. F. H. Rollins, E. R. Mison, Mrs. A. L. Betts, C. F. Bland, Mrs. Stephen C. Bragaw, W. L. Vaughan and Mrs. H. W. Carter. The workings of the public library since its organization was gratifying to the committee. Its worth to Washington was wrestled with from every viewpoint. That it has been a valuable adjunct to the public school pupils as a source of reference was heard with pleasure. This fact alone has made the library a conspicuous success. A building for the library is the hope of the committee and if the citizens will only rally to its support such a building is only a question of a few months. Those of our citizens who wish to contribute to a cause most worthy could do nothing better than give towards this building fund.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION IS MEETING TODAY AT THE COURTHOUSE

The County Board of Education is today meeting in regular monthly session in the county superintendent of schools' office at the Courthouse. The board will formally elect Mr. Privette as superintendent of county schools. Mr. Privette was selected by the board at their special meeting on Saturday, January 24th.

G. A. PHILLIPS & BRO. MOVING THEIR OFFICES TO NEW WAREHOUSE

## GROUND HOG SAW SHADOW TODAY AT NOON

The greatest of all weather shadows today in doing his annual shadow today in doing his annual stunt of peering on the weather we are to have for the ensuing six weeks, and as the people around this section have great respect for his prophecies.

## PROMISING NEW FRUITS.

As the Market Demand Increases New Varieties Will Be Developed. As the business aspects of fruit growing receive more definite recognition varieties will be planted more and more to meet particular conditions and for special rather than for general purposes, states the agriculture department year book in discussing some promising new fruits. For instance, under present conditions of a winter apple in many sections is that it has good cold storage qualities. Summer apples were for a long period a minor commercial consideration, but for the past ten or fifteen years an important demand for them has developed in the eastern markets, which has greatly stimulated the planting of early apple varieties in many sections where formerly they were little valued.

Wonderful Example of Intensive Potato Cultivation Reported by Farmer. A few years ago an ingenious gardener near one of our eastern cities was inspired to test the possibility of growing potatoes in a barrel. The barrel had formerly contained lime, but not much of this remained. The experimenter placed in the bottom of the barrel, from which the lime had been taken out, five or six inches of rich soil and the plants were watered whenever the soil appeared dry.

No insects or blight troubled them, and early in the fall, when the vines seemed to be dry, the contents of the barrel were turned out and 125 large fine tubers were found, all attached to the dead stems, besides a half peck of small potatoes, not of marketable quality. The experiment was claimed to be a great success, and it was said that 8,000 barrels were immediately ordered for the production of the next year's crop.

For this very little seed comparatively would be required, very little labor in preparing the bed, no weeding or cultivating except the occasional addition of a few inches of fresh soil, no path growing for potato bags or horse-drawn mowers for blight and the harvesting done by merely picking up the tubers from the overturned barrel.—Farm Progress.

## A WELCOME SERVICE FOR REV. SNIPES

On Wednesday evening at the First Presbyterian church the Minister's Union of this city will give a welcome service to Rev. E. M. Snipes, the new pastor of the First Methodist church. Rev. H. S. Beal, right pastor of the First Presbyterian church will preside and the respective pastors of the city will make short addresses of welcome. The sermon will be delivered by Mr. Snipes. A most interesting program is being arranged and all are cordially invited to be present.

## MR. PAUL APPRECIATIVE

Dear Mr. Editor: Please allow me space in your paper to express thanks to Honorable H. S. Ward, Norwood L. Simmons and W. K. Jacobson for their much and highly appreciated kindness in making their kind remarks before the Board of Education in behalf of J. D. Paul who was a candidate for County Superintendent to succeed Mr. W. L. Vaughan, also thanks to Dr. Whitest, Prof. Foust and Mr. C. K. Burgess for their testimonials. I also take this means of thanking friends throughout the county who wielded their influence in his favor either in person or by petition or were desirous of his success.

Just a word about him. He has always been interested in education. Even when a child I never had to tell him to get his books or study. He would sit up late at night long after all had retired and study. He never attended a school that he did not win honors and prizes. Studying seemed to be his chief delight. I have always taught him to not meddle with whiskey, cigarettes nor politics, which teaching he has always heeded. His teaching career proves his interest in education. I desire to say here that we all regret more that we can tell the loss of our energetic and efficient superintendent W. L. Vaughan. The progress of the schools of the county during the four and a half years that he has been in the office has been wonderful and far beyond expectation. Local tax districts have been established. New school houses built, libraries installed, etc. These improvements have been made only by hard persistent efforts. His work will be a remembrance of him in years to come. While he leaves us as a public officer we wish him every success possible in his new work.

Again thanking all of J. D. Paul's friends for their support, I am, Yours truly, J. W. PAUL, SR., Ex-Confederate Soldier.

## TOMATO PULP IS CONDEMNED BY THE DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE

Washington, D. C., Feb. 1.—Near by 800 cases of canned goods were destroyed recently at Augusta, and Savannah, Ga., the courts having declared the products unfit for human consumption. At Savannah, Ga., 100 cases of tomato pulp, shipped by D. E. Foote & Co., Baltimore, Md., on October 11, 1913, and 200 cases of tomato stock shipped October 9, 1913, by Greenbaum Bros. Co., Inc., Seaford, Del., were destroyed on the ground that the products were filthy, decomposed, and unfit for food. Six cases of butter, shipped about December 3, 1913, by V. Lopez & Co., New York, were also destroyed at the same time, at Savannah, on the charge that the product contained excessive quantities of water.

## FIFTY-FOURTH GREAT NORTH CAROLINA FAIR

The fifty-fourth great North Carolina State Fair will be held at Raleigh, N. C., October 19th to 24th, 1914. The attraction this year promises to surpass all former ones. His crowds are expected to attend from all sections of the state.

## MISS MARY GRAY



## "WITHIN THE LAW"

One of the genuine treats of the local theatrical season is foreshadowed in the announcement that "Within the Law" Bayard Vailier's absorbing new play of modern American life which is the dramatic sensation of the year in New York and Chicago, is to be presented by the American Play Company at the New Theater on Wednesday, February 4th.

She prospers by the use of many ingenious devices, outwitting swindlers, conducts a blackmailing operation on perfectly legal lines fortified herself against police interference by effective lawful defence, and is a law-breaker but remains herself always "within the law." At last she revenges herself upon the man who sent her unjustly to prison by luring him on into marriage. And then, of course she falls in love with him.

## R. R. WARREN IS VERY ILL AT HIS HOME

The entire county will regret to learn of the critical illness of Mr. R. R. Warren at his home near this city. Mr. Warren was taken with an acute attack of indigestion several days ago and the reports from his bedside today are anything but encouraging.

## REV. J. F. JONES CHARMS HIS AUDIENCES

Large congregations heard with pleasure as well as profit the sermons of the Rev. Fred J. Jones, State Evangelist at the Christian church Sunday morning and evening. This is the first visit of this gifted speaker to Washington since he was elected to his position. Bearing with him a reputation as an agitator he was heard attentively at both services yesterday. All present were charmed and delighted. Mr. Jones has only recently come from the State of Illinois, where he was State Evangelist of that state for the past eighteen years. A cordial welcome awaits Mr. Jones in Washington at any time. The music was one of the features.

## VISITOR TODAY

S. H. Gay of Bath, N. C., was here today on business. Mr. Gay is among the most popular and highly esteemed citizens of the county.

## ALDERMEN WILL ELECT NEW CHIEF OF POLICE AT MEETING TONIGHT

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of City Aldermen at the city hall this evening the most important business to be transacted is the election of a chief of police to succeed Chief Howard, who has tendered his resignation for the purpose of accepting a position with the Norfolk Southern. Chief Howard's headquarters will be in Raleigh having work between the capital city and Charlotte.

## THE CAPITOL WOOLEN MILLS HAVE MOVED

The Capitol Woolen Mill Company has moved its place of business from the building on Market street formerly occupied by the Farmers market to the Rodman building on East Main street next to the G. Plumbing stand where the Kear Real Estate Agency formerly was. They have a most attractive stand and will be pleased to see their numerous friends and customers at their new home.

## CHIEF OF POLICE NYE OF BELHAVEN BRINGS PRISONERS HERE

Chief of Police O. J. Nye of Belhaven, N. C., is a Washington visitor again today. He brought one Henry Parker, colored, who was sentenced to the county roads by Recorder Leigh for a term of twelve months. Parker was convicted in two cases; one for larceny and one for carrying a concealed weapon. In each case he was sentenced to the roads for six months, total twelve months. Saturday Chief Nye brought to the county jail Joe Gilliam who was tried in Belhaven before a justice for the larceny of \$170, the property of W. D. Morrison. Failing to give bail he was committed to the county jail to await his trial at the next criminal term of court.

## CUTLER AND JOHN NEW FIRM RECENTLY FORMED IN WASHINGTON

Messrs. Cutler and John is the style of a new mercantile firm formed here. They will handle dry goods, notions, clothing, shoes, etc., besides a full line of house furnishings. They are located at the South west corner of Main and Market streets. Mr. Cutler was formerly a partner with Hudson and Cutler on Water street. Mr. K. John has been in the mercantile business for years here. Both of these gentlemen are popular and possess fine business ability. This paper wishes them abundant success.

## PERSONALS

Miss Margaret Clark is visiting her father Mr. H. B. Clark on Bonner street. L. M. Lewis and wife of Norfolk, Va., are guests at Hotel Louise. Miss Arlene Joyner of Greenville, N. C., who is teaching music at Aurora, was among the visitors to the city Saturday. Deputy Sheriff Claude Roberson of Aurora, was here Sunday on business. Miss Corinne Bright who is attending the East Carolina Training School, Greenville, is home for a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bright on West Second street. H. A. Ellison and wife of Williamston N. C., were among the Washington visitors yesterday. C. A. Bowen of Greenville, is in the city today. D. U. Martin of Royal, N. C., is here today. County Commissioners W. H. Whitley, Bonneton; H. Churchill Bragaw, Obocowinity; W. S. D. Eborn, Bunyan; are here today attending the regular monthly meeting of the board of commissioners. W. M. Butt of Bonneton, N. C., is in the city attending the regular meeting of the County Board of Education. B. S. Womble, a prominent attorney of the Winston-Salem bar is the guest of Rev. E. M. Snipes and wife at the Methodist parsonage. Messrs. W. E. Stubbs, J. A. Leigh, J. A. Wilkinson and Jordan Wilkinson of Belhaven, N. C., are in the city today on business. Miss Mamie Worrington of New Bern, is visiting Mrs. Annie Holbrook. Miss Addie Leggett of Williamston is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Warren. NEW WAISTS—A SPECIAL NEW lot of white waists, neatly trimmed and in the latest styles, priced special at \$1.25. J. K. Hoyt.

## A. J. GRIFFIN PASSES AT GREENVILLE

Ex-mayor Stewart and wife, Miss Pearl Campbell and Messrs Edward L. and R. Lee Stewart went to Greenville, N. C., Saturday afternoon where they attended the funeral of the late Capt. A. J. Griffin one of that town's best known citizens passed away at his home there passed away at his home there at 9.30 o'clock Saturday. Capt. Griffin was 73 years old and one of the survivors of the famous Merrimack-Monitor naval duel in Hampton Roads during the Civil War. He has been a resident of Greenville for the past thirty-two years following the trade of Jeweller. He was for many years at the head of the fire department in Greenville and organized the first volunteer company there. He was a consistent member of the Episcopal church and also a Mason. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon. The deceased was well and favorably known in this city, and the news of his going is regretted.

## ACCEPTS POSITION

L. W. Smith of New Bern, N. C., has accepted a position with the Brown Drug Company. He was connected with the drug firm of Wood & Lane in New Bern and comes to this city highly endorsed. He succeeds Mr. Samuel Reid who has resigned.

## GREAT GOOD IS OUTCOME OF MEETING

The series of meetings which have been in progress at the Payne Memorial church for the past week were attended by large and appreciative congregations. Sunday, both morning and evening there was a feast of good things at this church and those present heard sermons full of gospel truth by Evangelist Mc G. Shields and also listened to delightful music under the direction of Prof. Burr. On Sunday evening there was no service at the First Presbyterian church, that congregation worshipping with the Payne Memorial. Considerable interest was manifested and great good accomplished in the community as a result of the series of meetings. The meeting closed with the service last night.

Mr. Shields preached splendid sermons at both services. Two members were received into the communion of the church at the morning service. At night the house was packed, every available space being occupied. Evangelist Shields' text was, "How Long Hath Ye Between Two Opinions?" The sermon was an earnest plea for men to accept Christ as their Lord and Savior, and take their stand on the Lord's side. He was closely followed by his auditors and a deep impression was made on their minds and hearts.

These services have done a great deal of good in our city, and we believe that the good seed sown will soon bring forth fruit unto life everlasting. Mr. Shields and his singer won a warm place in the hearts of our people and will always be welcome in Washington. They are true and faithful stewards of the Lord, worthy of all honor.

Two Wits and a Street. Craven street, Strand, London, once produced quite a competition among epigrammatists. James Smith, one of the authors of the "Rejected Addresses," who died there in 1839, wrote: In Craven street, Strand, ten attornies find place, And ten dark coal barges are moored at its base. Fly, Hobbesy, fly; seek some safer retreat. For there's craft on the river and craft on the street. To which Sir George Rose retorted: Why should Honesty fly if some safer retreat. From attorneys and barges, 'od 'em! For the lawyers are just at the top of the street. And the barges are just at the bottom.