

## MEMBER OF DAILY NEWS FORCE LEAVES

**T. W. Rouse Goes to Greenville, Where He Will Open a First-Class Job Printing Office.**

Mr. T. W. Rouse, who for the past two years has been at the head of the jobbing department of the Daily News, and too, his numerous friends in Washington, has decided to cast his lot in another town. The news of his departure for another field of labor makes a niche in the home of this paper hard indeed to fill. For over two years he has mingled with his associates in the Daily News family and has always been urbane, courteous and affable. As a printer he has few equals. His skill in his line of work has been highly complimented and admired.

Mr. Rouse goes to Greenville tomorrow where he enters business for himself. He will, Mr. Rouse is opening a first class job printing establishment, under the style and firm name of Rouse and Rouse. Mr. Rouse is a printer of no mean ability—he knows the ins and outs of "Printer's Ink" and our neighboring town of Greenville is fortunate indeed in not only securing him as a citizen, but too, as a workman in his line, of few peers. During his residence in Washington he has endeared himself to a large number and no young man ever resided here for so short a time whose friends are more far-reaching.

Good luck to friend Rouse in his new field of labor and if energy and push is an index of success backed up by a large number of friends—his success is already assured.

## RARE TREAT IN STORE THIS EVE.

**Geo. B. Burgess Speaks at The Episcopal Church Tonight on Alaska Missionary There For Five Years.**

As noticed in yesterday's paper, Mr. Geo. B. Burgess, a layman who has spent five years in Alaska, as a missionary, will lecture in St. Peter's Episcopal Church tonight at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Burgess has been making a tour of the principal cities of his native state and the reports that have reached here indicate that the lecture is full of interest and information.

The public is cordially invited and urged to attend. There will be no charge for admission, but an offering will be made for the work in Alaska.

### RETURNED TODAY.

Capt. and Mrs. Jason Randall of Greta, Conn., who have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Ayers on North Market street, en route to their home from Florida, where they have been spending the winter, left for their home via the Norfolk Southern train this morning.

## Lyric Theatre

Will present on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights "ANDREW & THOMPSON". One of the greatest Singing Acts, mixed with jokes that would make you hold your sides with laughter and forget all of your troubles. With the picture service we are running combined with this act, why give \$1.00 and \$1.50 when you can see an good show for 10c. Our vaudeville must be high class from a moral standpoint or they are called off the stage. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Thursday night Extra Night. See Your Children.

## DURHAM IS SWEEP BY A \$1,000,000 FIRE

**Whole Block was Swept by the Flames. Firemen Helpless, Due to Bursting of Water Main.**

Fire which originated shortly before midnight Monday night in Durham, N. C., and raged unchecked for three hours, did damage estimated at \$1,000,000 in the center of the business portion of the town. The breaking of the water main hampered the work of the firemen and for a time the entire downtown section of the city was threatened.

An entire block of business buildings, including the five-story structure owned by Brodie L. Duke, a lace manufacturer, was destroyed, and buildings in an adjoining block greatly damaged.

A heavy wind added to the difficulty of checking the conflagration. Aside from the loss of the Duke building, individual losses were in most instances, less than \$50,000. Many offices in the larger buildings were swept by the flames and a dozen stores of various sorts were destroyed with their stocks. The total was said today to be half covered by insurance.

The names originated on the second story of the Duke building. According to the best information available the point of origin was near the elevator shaft. Smoke was first discovered coming from the building at about 11 o'clock and a general alarm was sent in.

Firemen had been at work but a few minutes when a water main burst, depleting the pressure so that the fire apparatus was practically useless.

Before the break could be repaired flames had ascended the elevator shaft and were leaping from the fifth floor of the building.

Carried by the wind the fire rapidly spread in a northeasterly direction before it was checked, after 2 o'clock this morning practically the entire block had been destroyed and several buildings in another greatly damaged.

An investigation to determine the cause of the conflagration was started today. One report was that the flames originated near a barrel of oil which had been left near the elevator shaft of the Duke building. Another was that a defective wire was responsible.

A company of militia today patrolled the burned district to prevent looting. Thousands of dollars worth of property rescued from the burning stores was piled in nearby streets.

The heaviest losses were to owners of buildings. Many merchants were able to rescue a great part of stock, but occupants of offices in the Duke building lost many valuable records and equipment of various sorts. Several law libraries were burned.

Among the heaviest losses were: Brodie L. Duke, building, \$180,000; F. C. Greer, building, \$75,000; Warren Bryant, building, \$50,000; W. J. Christian, building, \$50,000; A. E. Lloyd, hardware stock, \$50,000.

Church Appropriately Adorned. At a special service for fishermen at Cortland, near Lewiston, England, the church was adorned with nets, in which basses were encased, that were festooned around the nave. An arch of care from which was suspended a sailcloth, spanned the center aisle, and flags, buoys, bladders and other fishing gear completed the scene of decoration.

Trinidad's Mangrove Trees. The mangrove tree, which is found in Trinidad, has many peculiarities. For one thing, its seeds germinate on the branches, and when the shoots are considerably grown they fall off and take root in the mud. As the young tree grows it sends out fresh roots from its trunk and lower branches, until at last the tree seems to be supported by a network of roots or complicated series of arches, in the midst of which crabs, aquatic birds and insects take up their abode.

For Religious Editor to Say. A little girl had received a beautiful card bearing an inscription: "Honor thy father and thy mother, etc." "She is certainly clever," said a caller, speaking of the sender of the card; "I wonder if she made that up herself or copied it out of some book?"

Notion Post.

## Congressman J. H. Small Writes Clarence Poe Regard to Conference

**Makes Broad Hints About Friends of the People. Intimate Suggestions of His Own With Reference to the Movement. His Letter Most Interesting.**

There has been much talk in recent months writes Mr. H. E. C. Bryant in the Charlotte Observer, about "backward legislators" and those who have kept in touch with the sentiment in North Carolina have predicted that some sort of a movement to get "progressive legislation" through the General Assembly at Raleigh would be inaugurated. The start has been made. Representative John H. Small who has an opinion of his own and does not mind taking a stand of some kind, wrote Mr. Clarence Poe an interesting letter in reply to his suggestion. He went even further and made a suggestion of his own, which is the most pointed part of his epistle. He makes some very broad hints about friends of the people.

In part he said: "I will take the liberty of mentioning another subject not embraced in your letter. I note that you and other citizens of the state contemplate the calling of a conference to promote the cause of progressive legislation. I assume that the most important phase of such legislation would be to restore Government."

Both state and local, back to the people, where it belongs. If we can secure an effective primary law for the nomination of all candidates and a corrupt practices act, which would tend to insure an opportunity to every voter to exercise his will in the primary and in the elections, we would in my judgment, take the most effective forward step. I have no patience with the suggestion that the voters are too ignorant to select their candidate, or to express an opinion upon vital political questions. I think I know our people very well, particularly our rural folks, and I have always found them willing to listen to a leader in whom they had confidence and always disposed to reach a righteous conclusion. It may be true that many of our people have so long been accustomed to having a few think and act for them, that they might sometime make mistakes in the exercise of their new found power, but they would soon come to realize their responsibility and such mistakes as they made would only tend to teach them the importance of properly exercising their duty as voters. Any mistake by the body of the electorate would at least be an honest mistake and could be remedied, but the same cannot be said about mistakes made by the few who assume the role of acting for the many. If we can once establish real popular government in North Carolina, the legislative reforms which you and other good citizens seek will soon follow. Public sentiment is ripe in the State for a genuine democracy, and it will come whenever the rank and file of the people assert themselves. There has been much of hypocrisy in some of our would-be political leaders. I have observed some of our men in public life talk eloquently on the stump about the rule of the people and yet either as members of the Legislature or as lobbyists oppose a primary law. I hope the conference may be called and I am sure it will act wisely.

"I agree with you that we should stand by the President in repealing the clause of the Panama canal act of 1912, giving to American vessels in the coastwise trade exemption from tolls. I am most heartily in favor of appropriate legislation extending the opportunity to farmers of borrowing money on their lands at a reasonable rate of interest, and for long periods, but I candidly admit that I have not been able to reach any conclusion as to the legislative machinery on the part of the Federal Government toward accomplishing this end. Mr. S. H. Hodes of Clinton, N. C., chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Farmers Union was in this city recently and insisted that the Union demanded a system by which the loan should be made direct by the Federal Government. It seems to me there are valid objections to this plan just as there are to the plan placing these rural credit banks in the hands of private banking institutions. I can not get away from the idea that the method to be adopted should be as far as possible place these rural credit banks under the control of the farmers themselves, subject to proper governmental supervision. I note carefully your suggestion that the control should be vested in the states rather than in the Federal Government, and largely because you think the negro will receive an undue benefit in the extension of such credits. I am in sympathy with your position, but I fear it will be difficult to work out, and I fear that some of the states either through lack of sympathetic interest or inefficient management would fail to administer the law. I was not aware, prior to your statement, that while tenants in the south were increasing more rapidly than negro tenants. This is certainly a serious condition. If you should reach any conclusion as to the details for a proper rural credit system, I should be glad to hear from you.

"I note your inquiry if it would not be advisable to limit immigration from each country to a certain percentage of the same nationality now in this country, upon the theory that this would limit proportionately immigration from Southern Europe without interfering materially with desirable immigration from Northern Europe. This is a novel suggestion and apparently would work well in practice. Whether such a law could be effectively administered is a matter of study. Steps would have to be taken to indicate the number which would be admitted of any given nationality, and not only published in the countries affected, but steps would have to be taken to prevent their taking passage on ships. It might be claimed also that it would interfere with the favored nation clause in all our treaties, but this is not probable.

"As you know, the immigration bill has passed the House and is now pending before the Senate Committee. May I suggest that you write one or both of our Senators outlining your suggestion to them? I have never been enthusiastic over the literacy test because it is not a proper criterion by which to test the desirability of immigrants, but it would at least curtail the number of immigrants, which in itself is desirable. The civilization of many parts of New England and middle states has been distinctly changed and deteriorated by the large influx of immigrants. Of course this could be avoided by a large distribution of the immigrants through the rural sections of the West and South, but so far we have been unable to distribute them through the Southern States."

H. E. C. BRYANT.

### HAS RETURNED HOME

Mrs. Shilkoff, who several days ago underwent a slight operation at the Washington Hospital, was able to return to her home today. Mrs. Shilkoff is the wife of "Harry the Tailor."

### WE HAVE EMPLOYED MR. ERN

est Kuns of Portsmouth, Va., a practical and up-to-date baker. We are now prepared to serve the public with the very best of cakes, pies, bread or anything in the bakery line. C. M. Willis Bakery, corner 3rd and Market Sts. Phone 128.

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### MAKES INQUIRY.

To the Editor:—I see in your classified advertisements where an expert butcher wants job and claims he can cut 125 pounds from a 100 pound quarter. I suggest that you watch where this butcher locates and kindly advise me and others through your columns that we may not fall in his clutches, for my experience is, at the prices now prevailing we buy too much bone that we cannot eat without buying an extra 25 pounds that is not really there. See.

N. W. LATHAM, Chocowinity, N. C.

It's Roastin' in Washington Park.

## HOYT MOORE'S AUTO AFIRE LAST NIGHT

**Damage is Estimated to Be \$200. Caused by Prestolite Exploding. Department Responded Promptly.**

Last night between seven and eight o'clock the alarm of fire was given. It proved to be the automobile owned by Mr. E. Hoyt Moore standing in front of his home on West Second street. The blaze occurred by the explosion of the Prestolite lamp in attempting to light up the machine in some way the explosion occurred with the sequence that the auto was set afire. The blaze was extinguished by the use of chemicals from the city auto truck. The department answered the call promptly. This is the first alarm turned in since the city purchased the auto fire truck and last night the machine was right on the job. Mr. Moore estimates the damage to his machine to be about two hundred dollars.

### Children Love Washington Park.

WENT TO NEW BERN TO ATTEND THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURE. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Phillips, Mrs. W. R. Bright and Miss Florence Winfield went to New Bern, N. C. yesterday afternoon where on last evening they attended the Christian Science lecture. They returned today after spending a very interesting which was thoroughly enjoyed.

## VAUDEVILLE LAST NIGHT PLEASING

**The Motion Pictures Among The Best Seen Here In Sometime—Attract on Program For The Week-End.**

The attraction at the New Theatre last night should have been witnessed by a packed house for both the "movies" and vaudeville were first class and meritorious from every viewpoint. If the management of this well known playhouse give such programs they can rest assured of a generous patronage. One of the motion pictures, "Christmas Story" has not been excelled in Washington during the life of motion picture theaters.

If had a moral and a pleasing climax, so much so, that every one present was simply charmed and delighted. The vaudeville act by "Leroy and Cahill" was catchy and inspiring. Both artists were great and called forth hearty applause. They are there with the goods from every viewpoint. They close their engagement this evening much to the regret of the patrons. Tomorrow night the New Theatre announces the following program for the balance of the week:

The New Theatre wishes to announce that they have secured for the amusement of their patrons for three nights commencing Thursday night a headliner from the big Keith houses in the person of McGrath & Yeoman by press notices called "The Lunatic and the Prima Donna." This act comes here well recommended by press notices and also the booking house. Including this act and the next two booked for the week of March 30, the people of Washington will see three of the best vaudeville acts that have been in this section of the state. The management of the house states that these next three acts are the highest priced acts that have been into this state. So we may look for some dandy acts for the next two weeks.

## FIRST SHOOT TAKES PLACE TOMORROW

**Washington Gun Club Gives Its First Meet Tomorrow Afternoon at the Grounds. Season Promising.**

The Washington Gun Club will have their first meet of the season at their grounds on North Bonner street tomorrow afternoon and the prospects are that there will be a large number present not only to participate but as lookers on. For the past several years the weekly shoots of this well known local organization has been popular and attractive and unless something unforeseen happens the coming season will be a very successful one. Large numbers will be present tomorrow afternoon at the opening shoot.

"Ball" and "Punch" and other than those found in the old show. A North Wales correspondent says the Western Mail, calls upon the parish councils to hold meetings of protest. "In the meantime," he says, "I hope a better pen than mine will put their shoulder to the wheel and flood the columns of your paper until satisfaction is forthcoming."

### Saw Picture of Poverty.

Mrs. Newriche—"I believe our next door neighbors on the right are as poor as church mice, Hiram." Mr. Newriche—"What makes you think so?" Mrs. Newriche—"Why, they can't afford one of those mechanical pianoplayers; the daughter is taking lessons by hand!"—Puck.

### In Good Company.

A contemporary wants to know what's become of the old-fashioned man who used to say: "I says, says I." When last seen he was standing on a street corner in close conversation with the old-fashioned man who says, "Seesee to me, seesee."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Canada and Europe. The total area of the Dominion or Canada is only 237,000 square miles less than the whole continent of Europe. In other words, if the state of Texas were added to the Dominion it would be 30,000 square miles larger than all Europe, Great Britain and Ireland.

## ED. MATTHEWS CELEBRATES NATAL DAY

Sweet little Edward Matthews, the bright and interesting little son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Matthews, was at home to his many playmates and friends Monday afternoon last from three to six o'clock at the residence of his parents on Market street. The occasion was the celebration of his fifth natal day. Quite a number of little tots were present to wish the little host many happy and joyous returns. Delightful and interesting games were played. Master Edward served delightful and tempting refreshments to his guests. The favors were baskets filled with candy.

### Change Made In The Method

**Publishing Cotton Statistics**

Washington D. C., Mar. 25.—Director William J. Harris of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce announces a change in the method of publishing the statistics of cotton.

The annual reports on the quantity of cotton ginned have heretofore included the quantity of linters obtained by the oil mills. Formerly there was only a comparatively small quantity of linters obtained and they were of such a grade as could be used, to some extent for the same purposes as were the lower grades of cotton. Many of the oil mills have now installed machinery for the closer delinting of the seed. This

## WILL VOTE RIGHT WHEN TIME COMES

**S. H. Gay of Jessama Says He Has Enough Grand-Children To Make a Base Ball Team and Umpire.**

Among the visitors to Washington today is Mr. S. H. Gay of Jessama, N. C. Mr. Gay is one of Beaufort county's best citizens. In season and out of season he is the same and is always ready to do what he can for the betterment and uplift of his community and county. Mr. Gay was accompanied to the city today by his grandson Heber G. Boyd. "I am very proud of this boy, for he is a chip off the old block. He is son of my daughter, Mary S. Gay, and a Mr. Gay, and there are enough boys at his home to compose a baseball nine with the umpire thrown in."

"Another thing," said Mr. Gay, "all of them are good Democrats and when the time comes for them to cast their ballot you can leave it to me, they will vote as their grandfather always has done—the straight Democratic ticket."

### PRAYERMEETING IN ALL THE DIFFERENT CHURCHES TONIGHT

There will be prayermeeting services in all of the different churches of the city this evening at the usual hour, eight o'clock, to which the general public has a cordial invitation to be present.

### BROAD CREEK NEWS

Mr. K. J. Respass and family moved to Beaufort N. C., last Tuesday.

Misses Nellie and Lizzie Latham attended the burial of their uncle, Mr. Henry Latham at Pinetown last Tuesday.

Mr. John B. Respass and family of Washington, will move to their old home at Broad Creek within the next ten days.

Mrs. W. T. Latham visited Mrs. Martha Allgood Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boyd of Zion, were in our midst a few days ago.

Mr. C. C. Cutler has lately purchased a graphophone.

Last week Mr. John B. Respass brought three fine mules down on his farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Chacy Whitley spent Saturday in Washington.

Miss Lizzie Latham spent Saturday and Sunday last week in Washington visiting friends and relatives.

On account of the bad weather Sunday there was no Sunday school at Beaver Dam. Let all come out next Sunday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock.

Mr. Joe Allgood was a Washington visitor Wednesday.

Mr. Sam Respass of Washington, spent Friday night with Mr. Jesse B. Latham.

Miss Mabel Respass and brother, spent Monday night at Mr. J. B. Tetterton's.

Misses Bessie Warren and Lula Wallace, teachers at Sheppardville spent Wednesday night with Mrs. Bart Woolard.

Mr. Sam Harris and family will move to the K. J. Respass farm this week.

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