

Noted Soil Expert Visits And Inspects Drained Land Of The Wilkinson Brothers

Professor Duchnowski of Ohio State University Was Delighted and Found The Soil of Almost Ideal Character, Considering How Short a Time it Has Been Drained. "It Is Really Marvelous." "A Team and a Man Can Do More There Than In Any Other Part of the World That I Have Been."

Professor Alfred Duchnowski of the Ohio State University, accompanied by Joseph E. Winger of Ohio, and R. E. Thresher, a prominent farmer of West Virginia, recently paid a visit to Wenoona near Belhaven, where the John L. Hoper Lumber Co. and the Wilkinson Bros. are beginning a settlement. Professor also paid a visit to Washington and Hyde counties. He is reported to be one of the foremost experts in soils of vegetable origin in the world. His book, "The Forest Deposits of Ohio," is a classic in its line and has also made a wide study of soils of peat or much character in many lands of Europe and in most of the states of this country. In speaking of his visit to Beaufort county and section Professor Duchnowski talks interestingly and what he has to say follows:

"I was delighted, I assure you, I had feared to find down there a mass of raw, undrained and difficult soil, hard to make into a fertile soil. I did find that character of soil in a few instances only. At Wenoona, where the Hoper Lumber Company is beginning a settlement and has dredged out some very fine canals I found the soil of almost ideal character, considering how short a time it has been drained. It will improve rapidly with cultivation as the raw peat is exposed to the air and at the feet of the animals. It is...

"It seems evident that the soil at Wenoona has a lot of necessary mineral elements in it and can not at all be classed as a raw soil, and it will steadily improve with tillage. I feel positive. I was really amazed to see the land that had produced Mr. Rice's farm more than 100 bushels of corn to the acre with no fertilization at all.

"There is at Wenoona, too, a great deal of land that is not of peaty nature, but that has just enough of the decaying vegetation on it to turn under and wonderfully ameliorate the good clay subsoil.

"The canals at Wenoona are a mile apart and seem to give nearly perfect drainage already, although the lateral ditches are not all opened as yet. There is seen, too, at this place the beginning of a fine, brave little colony of practical northern growers from Ohio, West Virginia

Steamer Shaw Arrived In Port This Afternoon From Norfolk

The steamer L. B. Shaw of the Deakins Steamship Company, arrived in port this afternoon and is now docked at the foot of Respass street. The Shaw left Norfolk early yesterday morning making a quick run to this city. The steamer is in command of Captain E. Henry Deakins of New Brunswick, N. J. Mr. Frank S. Reilly, superintendent of transportation, is also aboard. The Shaw is to run weekly trips between Baltimore, Norfolk, Washington and New Bern. The steamer while not loaded has a creditable cargo of freight aboard. From Washington the vessel will go to New Bern.

WITNESS THE VAUDEVILLE ACT TONIGHT

The opening night of the last half of the week at the Lyric Theater last night was James J. Morrison & Co's American greatest pro-team actors in the "Call of Justice," was without a doubt the best vaudeville act that has ever been here. There is three artists in the act, but to see it one would think that there were eight, as the different characters are impersonated by the three artists.

The acting is the best that has ever been in this city, not having any price dramatic troupe. Every one should visit this house this week, and see an act that is sure to please any kind of an audience.

It is located in Washington Park.

SERMON WAS ENJOYED BY AUDIENCE

Those who attended the Thursday evening services at St. Peter's Episcopal Church last evening were delighted and charmed by the sermon of Rev. John H. Griffith, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Kingston, N. C. The speaker sustained his former reputation in Washington and was listened to attentively and profitably by a large congregation. The collection taken was for Diocesan missions. The music rendered by the choir was much enjoyed. These Thursday evening services at St. Peter's have been much enjoyed during the Lenten season.

While in the city Rev. Mr. Griffith was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Cleary at their home on West Second street.

FIRE ASS'N WILL MEET HERE APR. 8

Will be For The Purpose of Inspecting The Business District and Public Buildings.

There will be a meeting of the Fire Prevention Association in this city on Wednesday, April 8th for the purpose of inspecting the business district and public buildings of Washington.

This work is along educational lines solely and the co-operation of the citizens is asked for at the meeting. The association will have many suggestions to make that should be of mutual interest. These gatherings have proven very successful in the towns where the association has met and it is to be hoped that Washington will prove no exception. During the past years such attention has been paid to fire protection but very little to fire prevention.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY AT HER HOME

Sweet little Katherine Forbes, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Forbes was at home at the residence of her parents on East Third street, this afternoon from three to six in honor of her sixth natal day. Miss Katherine entertained a large number of her playmates and friends and all the little tots left for their respective homes wishing the winsome little hostess many happy and joyous returns. Delicious and tempting refreshments were served.

BROAD CREEK NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Bonner Waters and children of Slatestone spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Waters parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cutler.

We regret to learn of the illness of Mrs. Chacey Whitley. We hope she will soon be able to be out again.

Miss Essie Latham returned from Washington last Tuesday. Her many friends are glad to welcome her back.

Mr. Tom Singleton attended the Union meeting at Christian Chapel Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. J. B. Respass and Mr. Bryan of Washington, were down on his farm Thursday.

Miss Lella Cutler spent Saturday afternoon with Misses Lizzie and Essie Latham.

Mr. C. C. Cutler had a work frolic on his tobacco barn last Tuesday. Mrs. W. T. Latham and daughter Miss Martha, spent Saturday afternoon at Mrs. J. B. Tetterton's.

The school at Sheppardsville will close next Friday.

We were all pleased to see the beautiful sunshine last week.

Mr. Bonnie F. Boyd of Ellettsville, was a visitor at Mrs. W. T. Latham's Sunday afternoon.

Miss Lella Cutler spent a few days last week in Washington.

Mr. Chester Whitley and Miss Lella Cutler, and Mr. Bonnie Boyd and Miss Lizzie Latham attended church at St. Stephen's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Tetterton and children spent Sunday at Mr. C. C. Candy's.

Mr. Jesse Whitley and wife and daughter spent Sunday at Jessama.

OLD FORD NEWS

We are still having winter weather.

The many friends of Mrs. Gray Corey, who has been sick for the last few weeks hope she will soon be herself again.

Mrs. Vance Peels of Swainland

COSTING \$900 DAILY



Texas Rangers Watching For The Mexican Outlaws

This picture shows Texas rangers patrolling the banks of the Rio Grande in the hopes of catching some of the Mexican outlaws who cross the border into the United States, commit atrocities and outrages, and make their escape. The recent killing of the postmaster at Tecate, Cal., has caused the doubling of the number of rangers who patrol the border. Meanwhile the United States is welcoming with open arms refugees of every walk of life from Mexico. From the lowly bandit to the millionaire the come trooping in. It is costing the United States \$900 daily to feed and take care of them and reports from the camps say they seem to be having the time of their life, from an eating and sleeping standpoint.

DELEGATIONS FROM OTHER TOWNS ARE EXPECTED HERE THIS EVENING

WATER TERMINAL EXPERT IS TO BE THE SPEAKER

Mr. John H. Bernhard of New Orleans Will Address Citizens of Washington on Water Terminals and Barge Transportation at The Elks Hall at 8 p.m. New Bern, Greenville, Belhaven and Tarboro Will be Represented.

Large delegations are expected here this evening from New Bern, Greenville, Tarboro and Belhaven to hear the address of Mr. John H. Bernhard of New Orleans on Water Terminals and Barge Transportation. The address is to be made in the assembly room of the Elks Hall at eight o'clock. The delegation from Greenville will in all probability come to Washington via automobiles, while those from Belhaven, New Bern and Tarboro will arrive via train.

Mr. Bernhard arrived here this morning from Washington. City accompanied by Congressman John H. Small, who will introduce him tonight.

Mr. Bernhard is a noted expert on the subject of water terminals and barge transportation. All the citizens of Washington, if not, should be vitally interested in this subject and every business man, merchant, shipper and professional

man, should make it a point to be present.

As Mr. Small stated in his communication to this paper yesterday: Mr. Bernhard is regarded as probably the most practical expert in the United States on the subject of municipal water terminals and economical barge transportation. Mr. Bernhard will tell the people of Washington tonight how to construct and utilize the terminal which the city has recently voted bonds to purchase, with a view of reaping the largest benefit and profit to our community.

This is an opportunity no citizen can fail to miss and it is to be hoped that every seat in the Elks Hall will be occupied. If towns afar are interested to the extent of sending delegations to Washington surely those residing in the city can not be absent. A rare privilege presents itself to Washington people tonight. Take advantage of it.

is spending a few days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Gus Moore.

Mrs. C. A. Williams spent Sunday with her sister Mrs. W. G. Corey.

Little Edie Hodges spent one night last week with her aunt, Mrs. J. F. Hicks.

Mrs. J. G. Hodges and Mrs. J. F. Hicks spent Sunday with their brother Mr. Alexander Hodges of Swainland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Roberson and Mrs. Morgan, her mother, spent Sunday with Mrs. Keneshen Roberson.

Mrs. Robert Wilson spent Sunday with Mrs. Henry Cherry.

Mrs. Sude Cherry spent Sunday with her brother Keneshen Roberson.

Mrs. J. A. Roberson has returned from the union meeting at Christian Chapel.

The teachers spent one night last week with Mrs. Mattie Jackson.

Mrs. J. F. Hicks was the guest

MISS JOYNER HAS LEADING OPERA ROLE

"Mikado" Will Be Presented Here at New Theatre on April 14 For Benefit Daughters of the Confederacy.

The Daughters of the Confederacy were fortunate in securing Miss Arlene Joyner for the leading role in the opera the "Mikado." As the rehearsals progress it becomes very evident that Miss Joyner's rich and brilliant voice is exactly suited to the role of the music of Yum Yum and the range being so high and with such demands on vocal training and talent it would be difficult to find a voice to fill all these requirements.

Miss Joyner is giving the role careful and intelligent study and combined with decided talent for acting and a charming personality Miss Joyner will be a delight to the eye and the ear.

The opera will be given at the New Theater on Tuesday night, April 14.

NEXT TERM COURT HERE APRIL 6TH

The next session of Beaufort County Superior Court for the trial of civil cases only will convene in the Courthouse, this city, Monday, April 6. His Honor Judge Garland S. Ferguson of Waynesville, N. C., will preside. The term will be for one week. There are several important cases on the docket.

PREPARATORY SERVICES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TONIGHT AT 8 O'CLOCK

There will be preparatory services at the First Presbyterian Church this evening at eight o'clock on account of the regular communion service following the sermon Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. All the members are requested to be present.

Bishop Strange Will Not Take Up Duties of Diocese Till Fall

Announcement comes from Wilmington, N. C., that the Rt. Rev. Robert Strange, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, who was stricken with a severe illness in New York last October soon after his arrival there to attend the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, continues in feeble health and will not be able to return to his work before the fall and possibly

UNCLE SAM'S OFFICIALS TAKE STILL

Made Raid in Chocowinity Yesterday. Plant Was Destroyed. Five Barrels of Molasses Found.

Uncle Sam's officers made a raid in the Chocowinity district yesterday and the result was that "A boose still located about nine miles from this city has been scattered to the four winds. The still was unique in its construction in that a whiskey barrel was used instead of the ordinary kettle. The officers think that the still had been in full operation up to about two days prior to its capture. When the still was captured there was no one present, hence no arrests were made.

Yesterday morning Deputy Collector Edward James of Robertsonville, Deputy Marshal W. M. Cooper, Deputy Sheriff Richard Adams and City Policeman Williams, left here for the scene of the reputed still. The distillery was located exactly at the spot where it was reported to be—although the officers had difficulty in reaching it as it was being operated in a swamp surrounded by a dense growth of woods.

Five barrels of molasses was found, which is used for the manufacture of "money rum;" twelve empty molasses barrels. Several feet of two inch pipe, used in connection with the barrels and two caps, were located and destroyed. The distillers used no kettle at all. All the paraphernalia was cut up. The officers have no clue as to who was the owner of the still.

HOTEL LOUISE NIGHT CLERK HAS RETURNED FROM NORFOLK, VA.

Mr. H. C. VanNortwick, the clever and accommodating night clerk at the Hotel Louise, returned yesterday from Norfolk and other Virginia cities where he has been for the past two weeks. Heenjoyed his outing immensely. Mr. Frank Taylor who filled his position during his absence, has returned to his home in Whitakers, N. C.

CHOIR PRACTICE. All the members of St. Peter's Episcopal Church choir are requested to meet at the church this evening promptly at eight o'clock for the purpose of rehearsing the Easter music. Full attendance is desired.

ACT ENJOYED LAST NIGHT AT LYRIC

The "Slater Team" at the Lyric are certainly there "with the goods." They gave their initial performance last night at the Lyric Theater and those hearing them were delighted. In singing, dancing and joking they are some artists, keeping the audience in an uproar continuously. The movies were creditable and much enjoyed. The vaudeville team are again before the footlights tonight.

VISITORS TO CITY. Among the visitors to Washington today are J. D. Eborn, Bayside; Deputy Sheriff, J. C. Duke, Fanteo; Shaw Bonner Aurora, and N. W. Paul, Fungo.

FIRE SWEEPS THE ANCIENT FLA. TOWN

Fire swept the ancient town of St. Augustine, Florida, early yesterday and destroyed five tourist hotels, a theater, the Courthouse and numerous residences. The estimated loss is \$75,000. There was no loss of life but the numbers of guests in the hotels were forced to flee scantily clad into the streets while others were carried down ladders by firemen and volunteers. Many priceless curios and historical relics of the Spanish period were consumed by the flames. The show section of the historic city is in ruins.

Children Love Washington Park.