

# WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS

WEATHER—Unsettled Tonight and Wednesday. Probably Local

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## ALL STORES WOULD FORM TO CLOSE AT NOON

Merchants Unanimous in Agreeing to Close Thursday.

### GOOD PROGRAM FOR PICNIC

Races, Good Music, Baseball and Other Events Will be Featured.

The one topic that is arousing more interest and discussion in Washington than the war in Europe, the sinking of the Lusitania or any other incident, is the big picnic that is going to be held at Washington Park Thursday by the various Sunday schools of the city.

All of the stores have agreed to close at noon on that day and a crowd of over 2,000 persons is expected to be at the park and enjoy the fun. A most entertaining and interesting program has been prepared as follows:

#### PROGRAM.

- Transportation to the park will start at nine o'clock. Automobiles and carriages will run on main street from Pison street on out to the park. Baskets will be collected on the same route and taken out to the park in wagons.
- Amusements at the picnic grounds will be as follows:
  - 9:30 to 10—Music.
  - 10 to 1:30—100 yard dash, prize, 50 cents.
  - 10:30 to 11—220 yard dash, prize, 75 cents.
  - 11 to 11:30—Music.
  - 11 to 11:30—Big race, \$1.00 prize.
  - 11:30 to 12—Potato race, prize 20 cents.
  - 12 to 12:30—Tub race, prize \$1.00.
- Each one entering this race are requested to bring their own tub and bathing suits. Races are free for all. No admission.
- 12:30 to 1—Music.
- 1 to 2—Dinner.
- 2:30 to 3—Music.
- 3 p. m.—Ball game between W. H. S. and W. C. I.

All persons who can are requested to decorate car or carriage with flags and bannors; this being in memory of the Mecklenburg declaration of independence.

The refreshment committee will serve ice cold lemonade and ice water free of charge all day long.

The baskets will be turned over to the refreshment committee at the dinner table and dinner and dinner will be served by specially appointed committees and supervised by the superintendents of the various Sunday schools.

All persons are requested to use wooden boxes and wooden trays if providing their dinners and arrange that all meats, bread and cakes are carved and cut at home. This will greatly simplify matters in preparing the dinner at the grounds and prevent loss of dishes and baskets.

A general invitation is extended to everyone to come and bring a well filled basket or box if possible, whether members of any Sunday school or not.

Everybody come and make it a big day for Washington.

S. C. GARY, Chairman general picnic committee.

## Summer School Starts June 15

H. of N. D. Institution to Begin Its Twenty-Fifth Annual Session.

Chapel Hill, May 18.—The twenty-fifth session of the University of North Carolina Summer School for Teachers will open Tuesday, June 15, and continue for six weeks, closing July 30.

The school will be in session only five days to the week—from Monday to Friday. The regular period for registration will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 15 and 16.

## CREDIT ASSN.

F. J. Berry Outlines Plans for a Local Association.

### FOR RETAILERS AND WHOLESALERS

Suggests Matter to Attention of Other Merchants of the City.

A local credit association, for both wholesale and retail merchants was suggested yesterday afternoon by F. J. Berry, one of the prominent business men of this city. Mr. Berry stated that this proposition had come up before but that for some reason or other, nothing definite had ever been done.

"There is no question but that Washington needs some kind of a credit association," he stated, "and I believe that the various merchants will agree with me in that statement. I sincerely trust that some steps will be taken in the near future to form such an organization. It does not necessarily have to be on an elaborate plan and it would not cost the merchants any elaborate sum, either. I hope that the matter is given the consideration it merits, for it is an important project and one in which both the retailer and wholesaler should be interested."

When asked whether he had any plans in mind for such an organization as he mentioned, Mr. Berry stated that he had given the matter considerable thought and he outlined a preliminary plan which he thought might interest some of the other merchants.

"It was my idea," he continued, "to engage the services of some bright young man, as secretary, paying him a monthly salary to interest himself and lend his services to the association. It would be necessary to divide the work into two divisions; a system for the wholesalers and a system for the retailers. For the first class, it was my idea that we join with some of the adjoining counties in which the wholesale merchants of this city do business, and get them to co-operate with us.

"A credit system for the retail merchants would, of course, only take in the immediate vicinity of Washington. The local merchants would have to co-operate in this and keep a strict record of all their customers who are worthy of credit and who are not. With all this information in the hands of the secretary I mentioned, it would be a simple matter for a merchant to call him up when a customer asked for credit and find out how the latter stands with the other trades people in the city.

"I trust that some action will be taken along these lines. My plan may not meet with the approval of the other merchants and they may possibly have something better to suggest. If they have I hope they will make their views known so that all may benefit therefrom. Of course, it is understood that such an organization would be of just as great benefit to those customers who are prompt in the payment of bills as it would be to the merchants themselves. It would be a considerable asset to a man who could boast that he had a rank of 'A' with all the merchants with whom he did business."

## Club Meets Tomorrow

O. Henry Book Club Has Changed Day of Meeting on Account of Picnic.

Notice has been received from the secretary of the O. Henry Book Club, that the club will meet tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, with Mrs. W. C. Rodman, in stead of tomorrow afternoon.

This change of date has been made on account of the picnic which is to be held on Thursday afternoon at Washington Park.

## AMERICAN SHIP BLOWN UP BY GERMANS



American tank steamer Gulfight, which was blown up by a German torpedo or mine off the Scilly Islands. Below, at the left, is its commander, Capt. Alfred Gunter, who died of heart failure; at the right, Charles C. Short of Chicago, wireless operator, who jumped overboard and was drowned.

## Offer Prizes For Best Shots

Interesting Events to be Pulled off at Gun Club Thursday.

A one hundred bird event and five 20 bird events will be features of the "shoot" that the Washington gun club and guests from New Bern, Wilson and Tarboro will hold at the local grounds on Thursday afternoon, beginning at three o'clock.

A gold watch job is to be given to the person who makes the highest straight run in the 100 bird event. This promises to bring forth some keen competition.

There will also be \$20 in prizes divided among the three highest guns on a handicap basis, in the 20 bird event. The shoot is expected to draw a large crowd of spectators to the club grounds. It does not begin until practically all of the events at the Washington Park picnic have been disposed of.

## Novel Class To Be Started

Bible Class Will be Composed of Delegates From Each Branch of Business.

A Bible class, composed of one doctor, one lawyer, one tailor, one groceryman, one butcher, one druggist, one gambler, one horse thief, one shoe maker, one banker, one printer and one delegate from numerous other professions and business enterprises, will meet for the first time next Sunday at the Christian Sunday school. The class will be taught by the pastor of the church, Rev. R. V. Hope. It promises to be well attended for each one to whom Mr. Hope has mentioned the matter has expressed interest in the class and promised to attend. The class will meet at 10 o'clock next Sunday morning.

## Catch Negro Near Bethel

Was Wanted for Assault on White Man of Virginia.

Ed Prior, alias Walter Thomas, a negro who has been wanted in Drendon, Va., for several months, was caught last night at the camp of the Eureka Lumber Company, near Bethel by Deputy Sheriff R. Hyman and Chief of Police Capt. Smith. The negro is wanted for the assault and robbery of a white man in a Virginia town and the officers of the Virginia city had received news that their man was in this county. Chief of Police Price of Drendon, arrived here last night and accompanied the local officers to the scene of the capture.

## Planning For The Shriners

Greensboro to Entertain Visitors on Elaborate Plan.

Greensboro, N. C., May 18.—Plans for entertaining the thousand or more Shriners who are expected to be in Greensboro next week are being rapidly worked out this week. C. M. Vanotory, general chairman of all the local committees, has called a special meeting of these committees for Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock when reports will be made on the progress of all work being done in shaping the program of entertainment. This will probably be the last general meeting of the committees, and all details will be looked after at this time.

## SEVI P. MORTON CELEBRATES



Levi P. Morton, vice-president of the United States from 1889 to 1893, former member of congress, governor of New York and ambassador to France, has just celebrated his ninety-first birthday. This snapshot of him was made recently as he left his residence in Washington for his daily walk.

Olives Pained Conscience. Seventeen years ago Miss Della Liholt, clerk in the store of I. Shanfelt, Colfax, la., stole a bottle of olives. Today L. R. Shanfelt, son of her employer, in business here, received a letter addressed to his father who died seven years ago in Sunny-side, Wash., acknowledging the theft and remitting 50 cents in payment. Miss Liholt said that the Holy Ghost has convicted her and shown her that she ought to pay. —Penderton (Or.) Dispatch Local Times.

## Humor of Great Writers

The humor of Dickens always has something sermonesque about it. The satire and humor of Thackeray are like a lash to human error. The humor of Moliere is the weapon of one of the greatest unsectarian preachers that ever lived—a preacher so pronouncing against the other primary vices that spoil society, rot the soul and make men unhappy.

## Physicians in Germany

Germany averages one practicing physician for each 3,000 inhabitants, the proportion being higher in some of the cities and lower in the rural districts.

## Wall Paper From China

Wall paper originated in China in the fourth century.

## To Elect New School Faculty

Board of Education to Meet Tonight. Planning for Summer School.

A meeting of the board of education of the city schools will be held tomorrow night. At the meeting teachers for the ensuing year will be elected and other business disposed of. It is understood that an attempt will be made to arrange for a summer school in Washington during the coming months, to begin next week. This school will be for the benefit of those students who are backward in their studies. This matter will also be brought up at tomorrow night's meeting.

## BAKER SAYS

Will carry a full line of Kodaks and supplies first of June. Kodaks for rent or to exchange for old ones.

## BAKER'S STUDIO

## Good Program At Graduation

Commencement Exercises of Colored School Last Night. Mr. Small Spoke.

An interesting program was rendered last night at the commencement exercises of the colored school, which was held at the C. M. E. church. A large audience was present in spite of the inclement weather. Congressman John H. Small made the address of the evening. His talk had to do with the needs of the negro race and the steps they should take to better themselves and their conditions. He urged that they endeavor to accumulate property, that they learn self-reliance, that they be dependable to their neighbors and learn to do one thing well. Mr. Small also presented the diplomas to the graduating class, which was composed of five members: Ellis Louisa Cooper, Bertha Inez Little, Lillie Annie Hinold, Sammie A. Cherry and William Jas. Floyd.

## Hail Storm Was Local

Other Sections of the County Report Only Showers of Rain.

The largest hail stones ever seen in Washington at this time of year fell yesterday evening shortly after seven o'clock. Some of the stones were over an inch in circumference. Several skylights were broken but no other damage is reported. The hail lasted for about ten minutes. It is believed that the storm was a local one. Information from Aurora is to the effect that they had no hail there and that merely a light shower of rain glided that section.

R. R. Warren, who lives a short distance from town, reports that this morning that a light hail fell in his vicinity, but that the fall was almost like snow and the hail stones were of very small size. Belhaven was visited by a shower, but reports no hail.

## NOTICE

We have been requested by the united picnic committee to let as many of our employees off as we can Thursday evening, so we are kindly asking our customers to assist us in the matter by getting their ice Thursday morning, as the wagons will not go out in the evening.

## AUTO KILLS PAY TRIBUTE 6-YR. BOY IN NEW BERN

Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Taylor Is Victim.

### LIVED ONE HOUR AFTER ACCIDENT

Fourteen Year Old Boy Was Driving Car Which Hit the Youngster.

An accident which cast a shadow of gloom over two of the most prominent families of New Bern occurred last night at 7:45 o'clock when Earl King, the six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Taylor, was run over and killed by a seven-passenger automobile driven by James Stewart, fourteen years of age and a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stewart.

#### Killed Near Home.

The accident occurred within a few yards of the victims' home and was witnessed by several people including Mrs. Howard Bain and two children of this city and one of the delegates who is here attending the Council of the Diocese of East Carolina, who was a guest at number one Pollock street. G. N. Eunnit was also near the scene and he ran to the child, picked him up and carried him to his home just across the street. Drs. R. S. Primrose and R. N. Duffy were summoned and they rendered all medical attention possible, but to no effect, for he died of concussion of the brain within an hour without regaining consciousness.

#### Returning from Park.

The Stewart boy was returning from Glenburnie park with a party who had been attending the supper given to the delegates of the Council of the East Carolina Diocese, when the horrible tragedy occurred. He was going up East Front street at a moderate speed and as he turned to the right to go down Pollock street the little boy, who was playing with other children, ran out in front of the car. Before the driver could stop the big machine, one of the front wheels passed over the child's body.

The funeral will be held this afternoon from the home and the interment will be made in Cedar Grove cemetery.—New Bern Journal.

## AUTO KILLS PAY TRIBUTE TO COLONEL GRIMES

Will Dedicate Auditorium to Grimes and to Him.

### INTERESTING EXERCISES.

Congressman Small to Speak. Other Will Honor Memory of Col. Grimes.

Impressive exercises marking the closing of the school at Grimes land and a tribute to Col. Alston Grimes, will be held at the Grimes land school Thursday morning and evening.

The feature of the morning exercises will be the dedication of the high school auditorium to the memory of Col. Grimes. Congressman John H. Small of this city, Prof. Wilson of the Eastern Carolina Teachers' Training School at Greenville and Dr. Laughinghouse of Greenville will pay tribute to the memory of the famous man to whom the auditorium is to be dedicated. The morning program, complete will be as follows:

Dedication of Alston Grimes memorial auditorium.

Prayer, Rev. Nathaniel Harding.

Presentation of auditorium, Prof. Underwood, superintendent of education in Pitt county.

Tribute—Congressman Small, Prof. Wilson and Dr. Laughinghouse.

Address, Hon. J. Y. Joyner, Speaker, Old North State.

Dinner will be served on the campus at 1 o'clock.

The evening exercises will consist of a pretty operetta, given by the school children, a number of musical selections and other entertaining features.

## Recovers War Souvenir

Local Youth Man Gets Novel Memento of Big Strife Across the Ocean.

A novel souvenir of the big war in Europe has been received by Alston Willis of this city from Lieutenant H. L. Meyer of the 33rd Berlin cavalry. Lieut. Meyer is an intimate friend of Mr. Willis.

The souvenir consists of part of a horse's mane, white in color. A letter from Lieut. Meyer explains that the strands were cut from his charger which was shot from under him in a battle along the Ypres river. The German officer was badly wounded in this charge and forced to take furlough at his home in Hanover, from which the letter and souvenir were sent.

## Fast Doings in Greenville

Found Man Goes to See His Girl and Finds Her Married to Another.

A young man of Greenville named up his joy-ride wagon Sunday night about thirty miles out into the country to see his girl, and found upon his arrival at her home that she had been married for a few minutes.

It is hard to imagine just what kind of feeling overshadowed this young fellow, but not a pleasant one, it is assured. Perhaps he will have the good fortune to get one of a more conservative mind next time.

## SAYS BAKER

Last week I saw two or three automobiles at night on Second street. Had on little extra stream. BAKER'S STUDIO.

## New Theater

TONIGHT THE PRIDE OF JENNICO. Tomorrow Associated Films—Prices 5c and 10c.