

# WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS

THE WEATHER—Fair today; cloudy tomorrow. Light easterly winds.

WASHINGTON N. C. TUESDAY AFTERNOON AUGUST 31, 1917

Vol. 7

No. 48

## ABOUT 75 ATTENDED MEETING

HAD INTERESTING WITH OPENING SESSION OF FARMERS' MEETING TODAY.

### GOOD PROGRAM

W. S. D. Eborn Presided as Chairman. Lectures Proved Interesting. Afternoon Session Being Held at the New Theatre.

In spite of the inclement weather this morning, over 75 farmers, their wives, local business men and ladies of the city, were present at the opening of the Farmers' meeting which is being held today. The morning session was held in the auditorium at the high school. The afternoon session is being held in the New Theatre, where the lectures are being illustrated by motion pictures and stereoscopic views.

The meeting this morning started at 10:30. W. S. D. Eborn was elected chairman and presided most efficiently. Congressman Small made a brief address of welcome to the assembly, in which he stated the purpose of the meeting and the nature of the program.

## NEGROES ARE ACQUITTED

HAD FIVE GALLONS OF "MOONSHINE" IN POSSESSION. VERDICT OF MAJORITY OF JURORS IS TAKEN.

George Dunn and J. R. Killbrow, two negroes who yesterday were on trial for having too much liquor in their possession, were turned loose by the court and their liquor returned to them. The trial was by jury. The case was turned over to them at one o'clock yesterday afternoon and at seven they had failed to arrive at an agreement.

The jurors returned to the court room at that time and notified the judge that four were in favor of acquittal and two for conviction. By common consent of attorneys, it was decided to take the verdict of the majority and acquit the defendants.

The jurors in the case were Elijah Alligood, Blaise Turnage, J. F. Ross, R. L. Woodard, Ira C. Congleton and J. H. Dixon.

### SAVES BAKEN.

We want to make a picture of every woman, man and child in Beaufort, Pitt and Martin county between now and Christmas. BAKER'S STUDIO.

### GETS FOUR MONTHS FOR STEALING BICYCLE

Tom Frank Peete, colored, was tried before the recorder's court yesterday afternoon on the charge of having stolen a bicycle. He was found guilty and sentenced to four months on the roads.

## AT THE BELLMO

"THE BETTER WAY"  
"SOUL OF THE VASE"  
Featuring Beatrice Van and Robyn Adair.  
"LITTLE HERMAN"  
(But Not Carrow)

## EXPERIMENT IS A FAILURE

Attempts to Make Hen Hatch Alligators Results in Death of the Hen and the Alligators.

An interesting experiment, which is reported to have been made by C. J. Overton, at South Creek, has turned out to be a failure, and as a result, Mr. Overton has several settings of alligator eggs, which he will sell at reasonable prices to parties desiring them.

Mr. Overton recently found a nest of 37 gator eggs. The mother had evidently deserted her nest so Overton gathered them in a basket and took them home. He was anxious to see whether he couldn't make one of his own hatch them. Accordingly, he took half a dozen of the eggs and placed one of his best setters over them. That was some time ago. Last week the hens hatched and three tiny alligators issued forth. They were apparently mighty glad to get into the world, and in order to show their gratitude, they playfully nipped their mother's feet. This was something out of the ordinary. No chicks had ever acted that way before, and the hen, with wild cackling, fled from the nest. The 'gators kept their hold and when Mr. Overton arrived upon the scene, the hen was dashing around in circles, with the 'gators hanging on like grim death. Overton succeeded in capturing the hen and rescued her from her affectionate foster-children. The hen immediately flew up into a tall tree. No persuasion could make her come down. She remained in the tree for three days and finally dropped to the ground—dead. The alligators also died.

W. H. Mayo, of South Creek, was in the city today, and brought one of the alligator eggs to this office. It was taken from Mr. Overton's nest and looks like a mighty good egg. We will try it for supper.

## SHE DANCES; SHE'S JAILED

Perpendicular Two-Step Proves too Much for the Court's Modesty.

New York, Aug. 31.—An illustration of a dance known as the "perpendicular two-step," given by Primrose Trainer, 33, of 93 Manjer street, Williamsburg, proved so shocking to Magistrate McGuire in the Manhattan avenue police court that he committed her to the House of the Good Shepherd for six months.

The woman, who was well dressed and, according to the police, is addicted to the use of cocaine, was doing some high kicking at North Eighth and Havemeyer streets, Williamsburg, when Patrolmen Tucker and Havens arrested her. Two young men, Louis Meyer, of 98 Ten Eyck street, and Frank Canada, of 308 Ellery street, who were playing harmonica for the dancer, also were arrested.

When the prisoners were taken to court the young woman was asked to go through the movements which she did. The magistrat ordered her to stop, and he committed her. Then he gave the men 10 days each in the workhouse.

## WORK ON WHITE SLAVERY CASE

Will Be Brought Up for Trial at Greenville Next Week.

New Bern, Aug. 31.—Government officials here state that they believe they will have a pretty strong case against F. A. Edmondson, the former Greenville, N. C., banker who is accused by Eulalia Dudley of this city of carrying her out of the State for immoral purposes. Since the hearing was postponed a few days ago to September 6th it is known that the officers have been working on the case and, according to statements made by them, they have secured additional information which they claim will materially aid them. Several New Bernians have given affidavits as to the good character of the young woman who claims to have been originally assaulted by the Greenville man and these will probably go to Greenville next Monday to attend the preliminary hearing which is to be held there at that time.

### MISS ELIZABETH BURKE



Miss Elizabeth Burke, daughter of former Gov. John Burke of North Dakota, now treasurer of the United States, has just returned to her home in Washington after an extended trip through the West.

## SHERIFF HELD RESPONSIBLE 'TAUQUA TAX

ATTORNEY GENERAL INSISTS THAT TAX SHOULD HAVE BEEN COLLECTED.

### AMOUNTS TO \$120

Chautauqua Did Not Pay Tax Here Last Year, Nor Did They Have to Pay in Elizabeth City. Matter is Attracting Interest.

Whether he will be forced to pay to the State the amount of tax, which the Attorney General has imposed upon the Chautauqua, held here this year, is a question which Sheriff Windley is debating at the present time. Mr. Windley has had correspondence with the Attorney General over the matter and as things stand at present, it appears that he will be held responsible.

The Chautauqua was allowed to show in Elizabeth City without being subject to an "amusement" tax and was also allowed to show in this city in 1914 without being made to pay a tax. Accordingly, Mr. Windley felt that, by the rules of precedence, the organization was subject to pay no tax here this year.

The Chautauqua went from here to other cities and finally arrived at Raleigh. An attempt was made in that city to collect a tax and the managers were indignant. They told the tax collector that they had shown in Washington and Elizabeth City without being made to pay a tax and that they did not see why they should have to pay in Raleigh. The matter was brought before the Attorney General and he immediately took it up with Sheriff Windley here.

The Attorney General claims that the Chautauqua is an amusement feature, that they show motion pictures and have other amusements on their program which render them subject to a tax.

The outcome of the matter will be watched with great interest on the part of residents in this section of the State. The tax amounts to \$120.15.

## PUT NEGRO UNDER \$1,200 BOND

Five Charges Against Negro in Rocky Mount Who Was Arrested Yesterday.

(By Eastern Press)

Rocky Mount, Aug. 31.—Rev. Livingstone Johnson, one of the best known and most forcible evangelists in the State, is being accused by the First Baptist church of this city to conduct a revival here. Dr. Johnson, it is believed, will accept the call, which is being made in most urgent terms. The date of the revival has not yet been announced but will probably be held during the early part of September.

## GIRLS ARE STRANDED; GIVEN AID IN KINSTON

Members of Vaudeville Troupe, Deserted by Manager, in Hard Luck GIVE BENEFIT PERFORMANCE.

(By Eastern Press)  
Kinston, Aug. 31.—Stranded in Kinston, hundreds of miles from their homes are Agnes Hammond and her cousin, Mabel Hammond, of Cliffside, N. J., Blanche Weiss, of New York, Stella West of Jersey City Heights, N. J., and Max Kramer of Jersey City, N. J. The quintet were members of a traveling show playing small theaters in this section. The production was thrown off the boards at the Dixie here last week after playing two nights. The manager, a man named Bennett, who called the outfit "Bennett's Honey Girls," went to Raleigh, to "book in," he said. He returned, got three men and a woman of the troupe, supposed to be his wife, and left again, deserting the five girls here.

Two of the young women came to The Free Press office today and told of repeated attempts by men to take advantage of them. On one occasion, they stated, an effort was made to introduce "one of the richest men of the town" to them. A blazen proposition was made them, in which \$10 bills were mentioned. None of the five has drawn a penny of salary in the five weeks they have been out, they stated.

## FORM ASSOCIATION TO HANDLE COTTON CROP

Tarboro Has Honor of Being Birth-place of New Organization. BELIEVED OTHERS WILL FOLLOW

Tarboro, Aug. 31.—The first organization in North Carolina for proper marketing of cotton was effected here Saturday and George A. Holderness was elected president. It is known as the Tarboro Cotton Market Association and it covers the entire county of Edgecombe. Mr. Camp of the N. C. Division of Markets was present.

Last year the experts, under Mr. Camp's direction, did cotton grading work at Tarboro for Edgecombe, as an object lesson and the result of his work was so great that today's organization is the net result. There is an odd story about the way the movement started. Mr. Dan T. Gray of the live stock division of the Agricultural Department, was "slated" to be at Speed, in Edgecombe, to organize the stock growers of that county, but his coat with his tickets and money was locked in his office, thanks to a spring lock, so he failed to connect and Mr. Camp took charge of the meeting and turned it in the direction of the proper grading and marketing of cotton.

Edgecombe county then last year got the first demonstration, the experts of the experiment station and the office of markets co-operating. Gins handling 20,000 bales agreed to co-operate and 10,000 bales were officially graded. It was found that only 2 1/2 per cent of this cotton was under the grade required by the New York cotton exchange, that 7-8 of an inch staple, in "future" contracts. The work done was watched with keen interest and Mr. Frank Shields, a large grower of Scotland Neck, in Halifax county, who observed it closely, says he profited by it to the extent of \$1,000 in selling his cotton at Norfolk. In other words, the grading done by these experts enabled him to sell on the United States grade instead of that done by ordinary buyers.

## PUT NEGRO UNDER \$1,200 BOND

Five Charges Against Negro in Rocky Mount Who Was Arrested Yesterday.

(By Eastern Press)

Rocky Mount, Aug. 31.—Nick Taylor, the negro who was arrested in this city yesterday morning after an exciting chase by Officer Taylor, was given a preliminary hearing today. He will be held over for the next term of Superior Court under a bond of \$1,200. There are five counts against him—carrying a concealed weapon, bur-

### IS SMALLEST OF DOGS



Edna Goodrich, former wife of Nat C. Goodwin, arrived from Europe recently bringing with her "Hoko," her Japanese spaniel which has the distinction of being the smallest dog in the world. Miss Goodrich served as a Red Cross nurse with the Belgian division for seven weeks, and did a lot of relief work in France on her own initiative. While in France she saw a good deal of the Canadian soldiers and was impressed to see these "magnificent specimens of manhood, who had been wounded, begging to be cured in order to go back to the front."

## HIT BY LOG INJURED MAN DIES

TRAGEDY OCCURRED NEAR BATH. SAM WHITE WAS THE VICTIM.

### WELL KNOWN

Wounded Man Lived Some Time After the Accident. He Survived By a Wife and Two Small Children.

Sam White, employed in a logging camp in Bath township, met with a fatal accident in loading a bunch of logs when one of them suddenly swerved outwards, catching him in the pit of the stomach and crushing him badly. He lived for several hours, but was unable to survive the awful wound. He suffered untold pain before death came.

White is about 35 years of age and is survived by a wife and two small children. Mrs. White was Miss Skyles before her marriage and a nurse in the John Hopkins hospital at Baltimore. White is well known throughout the county.

### ICE WAGONS AS BEER CUES.

Topoka, Kan., Aug. 31.—Following the ice wagon in the new way Topoka detectives locate resorts where beer and other intoxicants are being sold. It is proving unusually successful.

The new system is worked principally in the "bottoms" and the bad district of the East side. A detective goes ahead of the ice wagon or with it. At each house he notes the amount of ice that is bought. If some ramshackle shanty has the ice card notation turned to the 100 pound mark, the detective believes he has ground for suspicion.

With the amount of ice that is taken as a basis, the detective begins investigation. He is able, from the looks of the house and the general appearance, to pretty accurately judge whether or not the occupants are engaging in illicit liquor selling. After he thinks he has other evidence of worth aside from the quantity of ice the occupants of the house take, he notifies the police.

## KILLS SELF BY GUN SET FOR THIEF

TRAGEDY OCCURRED AT NEW BERN. AGED WOMAN MEETS HER DEATH. INSTANT DEATH

Had a Trap Set for Chicken Thief and Then Accidentally Walks into the Affair. Shot Entered the Lower Part of Neck.

### INSTANT DEATH

New Bern, Aug. 31.—A very sad death occurred in this city this morning about 5 o'clock when Mrs. Rosa Watson was killed by a gun shot wound in the neck, caused by her own hands.

Mrs. Rosa Watson, a widow lady 54 years of age, who resides with her several sons on Stanly street in the northern part of the city, has of late been very much disturbed at night by chicken thieves. So she went to work to rig up a trap for the unwelcome visitor.

She secured a single barrel shot gun and put a heavy charge in it, and then placed the barrel of the gun on the window sill of the kitchen window, with the end of the barrel sticking through a hole in the window blind. The barrel of the gun was held up by a rack made for the purpose. She then fastened a strong string to the trigger of the gun and ran it through the window to the gate where it was made fast.

The weapon was so arranged that any one who might open the gate could discharge the gun which was loaded directly at the gate. This morning about 5 o'clock Mrs. Watson heard her chickens making a great deal of noise, so she started out the hen house to see what was the trouble, forgetting the fact that she had placed a gun in a position to kill any one who passed through the gate. As she swung the gate open the gun fired and the full load entered the lower part of her neck making a gash about three inches long.

After she was wounded, she walked about 25 yards to a pump where she fell dead. Her young son Nathan who is confined to his bed offering an attack of fever was the first person to reach the wounded and dying mother. From the report of the gun and screams from his wounded mother caused the young man to leave his sick bed and go to her assistance, but he was too late or the end had already come. Mrs. Watson leaves three sons and one daughter to mourn their loss. The funeral services will be pronounced later.

## GETS 18 MONTHS FOR SHOOTING

Ben Burrus, Who Shot Jack Staton, Received Sentence Yesterday.

Ben Burrus, who shot Jack Staton—both colored—a week ago, was sentenced before the recorder's court yesterday. Burrus was sentenced to 12 months on the roads for the shooting and 6 months for carrying a concealed weapon. The shooting occurred in the colored section of the city about a week ago. Burrus fired a bullet through Staton's thigh. The shooting is said to have been the result of a dispute between the two men.

## NEW THEATRE

FO-NIGHT  
"Quality of Mercy"  
2 Reels  
"Pathe News"  
1 Reel  
"The Diamond Broker"  
2 Reels  
"The Trypt of the Veldt"  
1 Reel  
Price 5 & 10c