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THE WEATHER—Generally safe tonight. Moderate easterly winds.

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UPHOLDS ACTION
OF SCHOOL BOARDCHIEFMAN R. W. AYERS EX-
PLAINS THE SITUATION IN
FULL DETAIL.

NOT EXORBITANT

The Three-Cent Increase Will Al-
most Give County Schools a
Much Needed 7c Increase
Originally Asked For.Washington, N. C., Sept. 17, 1915.
Mr. Editor:

Without intention to do so, I am sure, the resolutions published in your issue of yesterday and the day before relative to the case of the Board of Education vs. County Commissioners as to school finances, places the Board of Education in a false position.

It is made to appear, 1st, that the request of the Board of Education made in June for a levy of 7 cents was exorbitant and would have provided \$2500.00 additional funds for schools, which was unnecessary; and 2nd, that after the Superior Court Judge had decided in favor of the Board of Education the Supreme Court reversed his decision.

The fact is that the request was not exorbitant as the facts appeared in June, and the Supreme Court did not reverse the Superior Court Judge nor render any decision in the case.

The law requires the Board of Education to ascertain the amount of money needed to maintain the schools for four months, and to do this before the first Monday in June. The assessed valuation of property in Beaufort County subject to school tax as shown in June, 1915, was \$9,367,337. A 7-cent tax levy on this property would produce about \$6550.00. The amount found to be necessary to run the schools of this county for four months was ascertained to be \$25,013.92. The amount found by the Board of Education to be available for running the schools for four months during the succeeding year, following the law strictly in making the calculation, was \$31,550.15. Allowing for every possible error, this left a deficit of approximately \$7,000.00. In other words, from all the information obtainable before June and at the time required by law that these figures be made, there would be \$7,000.00 less received for schools than would be needed to maintain them for four months, as required by law.

Under these conditions, the law made it the duty of the Board of Education to ask for a special levy sufficient to make up this deficiency of about \$7,000.00. The Board of County Commissioners refused to make the levy, and I have no criticism to make that their judgment did not agree with ours. The law provides that in the event of a refusal of the Commissioners to levy a special tax the County Board of Education shall bring an action to compel the levying of the tax. The law made it the duty of the Board of Education to bring this suit.

The Superior Court Judge who heard the evidence and the argument of counsel of both Boards, found as a fact that there would be a deficit of over \$7,000.00 and ordered the Commissioners to levy the tax. The Commissioners appealed to the Supreme Court from this decision.

It must be remembered that all these figures had to be found before the first Monday in June and that the request for a special levy was obliged to be made on the first Monday in June, under the law. At that time, in the judgment of the Board of Education, sustained by the finding of the Superior Court Judge, a clear deficit of over \$7,000.00 appeared.

After a meeting of the County Assessors in July, it was found for the first time that the total property valuation in Beaufort County had been increased approximately \$750,000.00.

After this case had been appealed to the Supreme Court, sometime in August or September, the State Corporation Commission at Raleigh increased the assessments for Beaufort County 5 per cent in addition to the increase made by the County Assessors, which increase amounted to about \$500,000.00. The State Corporation Commission also increased the assessments on corporations.

By reason of these increases of

Brown-Butler
Engagement
Is AnnouncedProminent Local Physician to Wed
Former Teacher in the Local
Schools.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Butler, of Lynchburg, Virginia, have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ruth, to Dr. Edwin M. Brown, of this city. The marriage is to take place this fall.

Miss Butler will be pleasantly remembered by many residents of Washington. She taught in the graded schools of the city for two years and was highly popular with all who knew her. Her friends will be glad to welcome her as a member of Washington society.

Dr. Brown is one of the leading physicians in the city and is today receiving congratulations and good wishes from his host of friends in Washington.

PEG O' MY HEART
WELL RECEIVEDRefreshing Comedy Pleases Large
Audience at the New Theatre.

The performance of "Peg O' My Heart" was well received by a large audience at the New Theatre last night. The play was well staged and exceptionally well played. All of the characters were excellent in their parts. Miss Martin made a most delightful "Peg," and completely won her audience by her clever acting. She was ably supported by the others of the company.

Manager Blow announced this morning that in all future plays shown at the New Theatre, the curtain would rise as promptly as it did last night. Eight-thirty has been designated as the opening hour and the play will begin promptly on time.

CORN ATTRACTS
MUCH COMMENTSome Excellent Samples of Beaufort
County Crop on Exhibition.

Many passers-by have made inquiries as to the identity of the person who grew the large ears of corn that are on display in the window of the Savings and Trust Company. The ears are exceptionally large, well formed, and have attracted considerable attention.

When asked for information this morning, Cashier Sparrow stated that the corn was grown by W. H. Boschen on his farm near the Wilkinson swamp. Mr. Sparrow added that Mr. Boschen had one of the largest and finest cornfields in this section of the State and that the ears on exhibition were a fair sample of the nature of the entire crop.

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assessments, all made after the request for a 7-cent levy by the Board of Education in June, the school fund for Beaufort County was provided with \$2500.00 more than the Board in June knew to be available.

When the attention of the Supreme Court was called to these increases in assessment, made after this case had been decided by the Superior Court Judge, the Supreme Court did not grant a new trial as stated in the resolutions published.

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NEW THEATRE

TONIGHT

5th Series of
"WHO PAYS"

"Unto Hercules Alone"

3 Reels

"JANE WAS WORTH IT"

3 Reels

"THE BUSY BELL BOY"

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GALICIAN JEWS RETURNING TO THEIR HOMES



In the rear of the German army which triumphantly made its entry into Galicia and Russia were thousands of Jewish refugees who had fled from their homes before the soldiers of the czar. Believing that they would be permitted to enjoy privileges under the Germans which were denied them under the rule of the czar, the Jews looked upon the triumph of the German forces as another of the blessings heaped upon the "Children of Israel."

EVANGELIST
CAUSES STIRMUCH CRITICISM IS BROUGHT
TO BEAR UPON DR. CROSS
AT GREENVILLE.

USES PLAIN TALK

Prominent Residents and Members
of the Clergy Endorse His Meth-
ods and Praise Resolutions to that
Effect.

(By Eastern Press)

Greenville, Sept. 17.—Due to his vigorous attacks on modern evils and the plain language which he uses in his sermons, considerable criticism has been brought to bear upon Evangelist Cross, who is conducting a revival in this city. In order to prove that these endowments and preachings, the following resolution was made public today by several clergymen and prominent business men:

Whereas, there have occurred certain criticisms and that there are certain statements made that were not spoken by Dr. Cross, we, the committee appointed by the mass meeting feel that we should take some stand as to our support of the preacher who is the guest of the city and a servant of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we wish to commend the work of Dr. Cross, and heartily support and endorse his labors.

Be it further resolved, that we feel that Christianity and virtue need no defense, as the purity and beauty of character stand as a permanent proof of their essential worth.

Be it further resolved, that we extend our best wishes to Dr. Cross and offer our hearty prayers for his strength and power.

Rev. J. J. Walker,
Pastor Christian Church.
Rev. J. M. Daniel,
Pastor Methodist Church.
Rev. H. N. Blanchard,
Pastor Baptist Church.
T. R. Moore,
T. M. Hooker, Merchant.
Everett Stroud, Contractor.
Mrs. T. A. Persons,
Vice-President Round Table,
Member Civic Department,
State Federated Clubs.
Mrs. L. H. Wells,
Mrs. H. L. Coward.

LOCAL FANS MAKE
TRIP TO ROCKY MT.Several Automobiles Left Washing-
ton Yesterday Morning.

Washington was well represented at the Rocky Mount Asheville base ball game yesterday afternoon. Several automobiles left here yesterday morning. All of them arrived at Rocky Mount in time for the game.

The general impression of the local fans appears to be that the Asheville players have the Rocky Mount aggregation outclassed and they are confident that the Carolina league team will win the pennant.

Among those who took the trip were Caleb Bell, E. T. Stewart, D. W. Bell, C. G. Morris, R. L. Stewart, E. L. Stewart, W. M. Bell, William Bragaw, Edmund Harding, W. H. Ellison, Singleton Wallace, P. P. Maxwell, John Bonner and George Paul.

GETTING READY
FOR SCHOOL TERMEXAMINATIONS ARE BEING
HELD TODAY. TEACHERS'
MEETING TOMORROW.

SPECIAL MEETING

All the Teachers to Meet Tomorrow
Morning at Ten O'Clock. New
Rule Made Regarding Entrance of
Children into the First Grade.

With examinations being held today and a teachers' meeting tomorrow, the juvenile population is beginning to realize that the days of vacation are practically over and that in but a little while they will again be hard at work with their studies.

Quite a number were at the school house this morning, taking examinations. These pupils have been making up back work during the summer and the examinations are being held in order to determine their standing.

Tomorrow morning all of the teachers will attend a special meeting, which will start promptly at ten o'clock. At this meeting, which will be presided over by Superintendent Campbell, instructions will be given regarding the year's work.

A new rule has been made regarding the entrance of children into school. All children who will be six years of age by January first of the current school year are eligible for entrance to the first grade. All first grade entrants are expected to report at once.

Monday morning—school opens.

SMALL SPEAKS
AT BIG PICNICSchool Rally Held at Latham Today.
Will Also Speak at Greenville
Wednesday.

Congressman Small was one of the speakers this morning at the big picnic that was held at Latham. Mr. Small made an interesting address, in which he urged support to the schools of the county and also commended the people for the interest they were showing in improving the school conditions. The picnic was in the nature of a school rally for the school at Wharton. A number of other Washington residents were also present.

Next Wednesday afternoon exercises will be held in Greenville in memory of the late Governor Thomas J. Harris. Mr. Small has received a request for his attendance at the meeting. Several other prominent personages are expected to be among the speakers at the exercises.

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Featuring Vivian Rich and Joe Galbreath.

Straw Kelly
Still in Use
As DornepieceMen of Washington Continue to
Sport Summer Headgear in
Spite of the Date.

It was noticeable at an early hour yesterday morning that few of the summer straws had vanished over night. In fact, almost all the male population of Washington with the exception of those who donned their greens and browns far in advance of the hot-polloi, is still gaily and almost comfortably decorated in weather-beaten lids of straw.

Wednesday was the fifteenth day of September and according to Mr. Hawkins, a certain American custom and a wee bit of d-d-darned foolishness. It was high time to shoot that nifty light straw bonnet and surround your suffering cranium with a thick leather band enclosing a nice warm felt.

And if we chuck the straws now, who knows but what the excruciating fashion plates will be calling for chinchillas and buckskin mits by the first of the coming month.

Throw off the yoke, gentlemen, and your coat, too, if it's sticking tight, and stick to the straw as long as the straw will stick to you. We have worn it through the frost of June and the chilly rains of July and it's no reason why we should sever our pleasant relations through the warm months of September, October and November.

Blame it on the war. They are putting that over for everything else.

Sister Susie, during the conventional summer months just past has not only been embroidering socks for the suffering Poles, but has also been wearing all the dear departed hides of half the animal kingdom about her bewitching neck and shoulders. If Susie can take refuge from the July sun behind the torrid covering of a reconstructed skunk—and get by with it—then we fail to see why Tom, Dick and Harry should be refused the privilege of sporting a Jaded Kelly in a September that would make a paradise for a weary Esquimaux.

We know it's the proper thing to duck that lid on September 15, but please go lightly and leave ours be. We're almost comfortable.

SMALL BLAZE AT
COOPERAGE CO.Sparks From Smokestack Caused
Blaze. Put Out Before Much
Damage Was Done.

Fire again broke out last night at the Pamlico Cooperage Company. The fire department responded promptly and put out the blaze before it could do more than burn a couple of small holes in the roof. The fire originated from sparks from the smokestack.

The fire almost broke up the performance at the New Theatre, due to the fact that most of the members were present and had to get out in a hurry.

URGES FARMERS
TO HOLD COTTONA. M. DUMAY EXPRESSES OPIN-
ION THAT PRICES WILL
GO HIGHER.

CROP REDUCED

Entire Crop of This Country Will
Only Be About 75 Per Cent of
What It Is Normally. Also Been
Reduced in Foreign Countries.

That cotton will soon sell for eleven cents and that all farmers, who can possibly do so, should hold their crops for advancement in prices, was the opinion expressed this morning by A. M. Dumay, cashier of the First National Bank. Mr. Dumay also stated that as soon as the war stops and conditions assume a normal tone, the staple will increase in price and go as high as fifteen cents, if not higher.

"While I urge those farmers who can to hold their cotton," said Mr. Dumay this morning, "I believe that those who owe money and cannot pay it without disposing of their cotton, should sell it and pay their bills. But the farmers who are in the clear should by all means hold on to their crop, either at home or in a warehouse, until the price is higher than it is at present."

"There is less cotton in the world this year than there probably ever has been before. Our crop in Beaufort county will be only about 60 per cent of what it usually is. The entire cotton belt will only raise about 75 per cent. In India the crop last year was reduced over 20 per cent and a still further reduction will be made this year. The demand for cotton will be as great as it ever was, and those men who now hold on to their crop are bound to realize good money on it through waiting."

"In this section, the reduction in the crop is due principally to three reasons: reduction in acreage, less use of fertilizer and inclement weather. I expect that the crop in Beaufort county will amount to about seven or eight thousand bales."

"The trouble in past years has been that as soon as the farmer got his crop ready for market, he immediately proceeded to sell it. This, of course, flooded the market, and the price was low. Now, however, the farmers are beginning to find out that the best plan is to put their cotton in storage warehouses and wait for prices to adjust themselves. In this way, better prices are assured all around."

"At the present time, I would advise 75 of the farmers in Beaufort county to hold on to their crop, excepting those, as I have said before, who owe money and who cannot settle their bills without letting their cotton go."

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