

EMPTY STOCKING FUND WILL NOT BE ABANDONED

PLAN WILL BE CARRIED OUT THE SAME THIS YEAR AS IN THE PAST

DECIDED TODAY

Citizen Declares That If People Are Not Liberal Enough to Make Up the Fund, He and Another Will Make It Up Themselves.

Washington will have its "Empty Stocking Fund" this year as she has had in the past. This fact was settled by a prominent resident of the city, who visited this office today and asked for a list of those who had already subscribed to the fund.

"I'd rather you wouldn't mention any names in the paper," he stated, "but Mr. _____ and I talked the matter over last night and we decided it would be a shame not to have the Empty Stocking proposition carried out this year. We're going to get busy this morning and if we don't make up enough, we're going to give it ourselves."

WARNS AGAINST HOLIDAY FIRES

Chief Winsford Urges Citizens of Washington to Be Careful With Decorations.

Chief of the fire department, O. M. Winsford, has issued a warning to the residents of Washington regarding holiday fires. He urges particular care in Christmas decorations; that they be not made of inflammable material and so arranged that they will not come in contact with any flame. Numerous fires occur every year, due to Christmas decorations catching fire. Citizens are urged to be very careful in this matter and avoid loss of home and belongings.

MISS GRIFFIN PASSED AWAY

Was Teacher in City Schools for Thirty Years. Funeral Services Tomorrow Morning.

Miss Hattie Eliza Griffin, aged 67, died at the home of her cousin, Mrs. W. E. Jones, last night. Although definite arrangements have not yet been made, it is expected that the funeral services will be held from the residence of Mrs. Jones tomorrow morning at eleven o'clock. Miss Griffin was born in Hyde county on December 3, 1848. She was the daughter of Dr. Bryan and Mary Griffin, both of whom have passed away. She lived in Washington since she was eighteen years of age. She obtained her education in Thomasville and taught school in this city for thirty years. She is survived by one brother, Robert Griffin, of Houston, Texas.

RUN DOWN RABBIT IN A FORD CAR

Mad in Roads Was Too Much for the Hare and the "Tortoise" Caught Up With It.

The tale of the hare and the tortoise was enacted yesterday afternoon a short distance from town, with a Ford car, driven by James Baughman playing the role of the tortoise. Mr. Baughman was coming into town in his car when a rabbit jumped out of the bushes and proceeded to run down the road in front of the car. At the end of almost every leap, the rabbit's feet would become stuck in the mud. By laborious effort the little animal managed to continue its run, but the Ford gained on it steadily. Finally the rabbit came to a particularly mirey place in the road. Its legs went into the mud right up to its body and it was unable to free itself. Mr. Baughman drove up to it, stopped his car, reached down and picked up the exhausted rabbit. He brought it to town with him and now has it at his home.

FANCY FRUIT. Why spend your money for inferior fruit when you can get fancy quality for almost the same price. We carry nothing but fancy stock and the price is right. **MITCHELL JOWDY.** Next to Western Union. 12-23-15.

GERMAN INVADERS OF SERBIA AT MIDDAY REST



One of the first pictures of the Germans on Serbian soil. It shows a Teuton invading division halting for the noon meal and rest. The horses and pack mules are left to graze, while the men lie down or gather about the "goulash cannons," the portable field kitchen.

ANOTHER DENIAL IS GIVEN OUT

Elizabeth City's Also Informed that DuPont Plant Will Not Be Located in This Section.

(By Eastern Press) Elizabeth City, Dec. 23.—Recently in North Carolina papers there have appeared reports that the DuPont Powder company was on the point of locating a plant at Kinston, Fayetteville, or some other town in North Carolina. Noticing these reports Mr. W. R. Lambert, a well known real estate man in this city, sent a night letter to the main office of the company at Wilmington, Del., suggesting Elizabeth City as a suitable factory site and offering his assistance in securing a site here for the company. In reply to this communication, Mr. Lambert received the following letter:

"Referring to your night letter of the 10th inst., beg to advise that at this time we are giving no consideration whatever to locating a plant in the State of North Carolina."

"However, we thank you for your kind offer of assistance, Yours very truly, W. M. G. RAMSEY, Chief Engineer."

There have been various rumors afloat here recently that the DuPonts were considering Elizabeth City as a possible factory site. In view of this declaration from their head office, one wonders where all these reports have had their origin.

HOUSE BURNED YESTERDAY P. M.

Small Frame Building on Washington Street Entirely Destroyed By Fire.

A small frame house on Washington street, owned by Charles Grist, colored, and occupied by Henry Clemens, was completely destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. The fire department responded to the alarm in quick fashion but the dried wood of the house burned like tinder. Very little furniture was saved. No insurance was carried.

CARD OF THANKS. To our friends in Washington, we desire to express our most sincere and deepest thanks for the sympathy and kindness extended us during the illness and death of our father. We appreciate deeply the many acts of kindness before and after his death and use this method of attempting to show our gratitude. The Children of J. D. O'Neal.

LIBERATE PRISONERS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

All "Trusties" Will Be Allowed Three Days' Freedom In Which To Visit Friends And Families.

Not only the poor and needy but also the prisoners in the jail and on the road force, will be remembered at Christmas time. Governor Locke Craig has issued proclamations to the sheriffs and officers in charge of convict camps and forces authorizing certain prisoners to be liberated during the holidays. Sheriff Windley received one of these proclamations this morning. It reads as follows: You are hereby authorized and requested to allow each and every prisoner who is and has been a trusty for ten days prior to this date to return to his home or other place chosen by him, and to remain away from the camp or prison during Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the 24th, 25th and 26th of December; Provided such trusty pledge his honor and satisfy the officer in charge that he will return by twelve o'clock on Monday, December the 27th. You are furthermore directed and requested to report to me on or before the first day of January your action in accordance herewith and the results, and the names and conduct of each prisoner paroled. **LOCKE CRAIG,** Governor.

WILLIAMS-CLARK

Well Known Couple Were United in Marriage Last Night. Will Live in Washington.

M. N. Williams and Miss Julia Clark were united in marriage last night, Rev. H. B. Searight, pastor of the First Presbyterian church officiating. The ceremony was performed at the bride's home on West Third street at nine o'clock in the presence of immediate relatives and a few intimate friends.

Mr. Williams was for some time an efficient member of the city police force and is now a deputy sheriff of Beaufort county. His bride is also well known throughout the city and both have the wishes of their many friends for a most happy and prosperous married life.

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STORE TO BE OPEN CHRISTMAS MORNING

J. S. Campbell announced today that his jewelry store would remain open on Christmas morning, due to the fact that he was forced to close his establishment during the early part of the week.

Mr. Campbell has made some big reductions in prices. His advertisement appears in another part of today's paper.

MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY AT NEW THEATRE TONIGHT

The Harry Steart Musical Comedy Company will open a three night engagement at the New Theatre tonight. They will offer three up-to-date musical comedies, giving a complete change of program each night. All press reports give this company very high praise, and no doubt will pack the house every night.

THE LITTLE STORE WITH THE BIG LINE OF EVERYTHING FOR SANTA CLAUS

Be sure and see our fresh line of Candies, Nuts, Grapes and Confectioneries of all kind before placing your Christmas order.

W. J. RHODES, JR.

From The Savings Account to The Christmas Stocking

How many stockings are you going to fill on Christmas morning? In how many of them would you like to put bigger, better, prettier things? Don't we all wish every Christmas that we could give father a nicer house coat, or mother a finer dress, or the dozen and one other members of the family, something a lot richer than our pocket book allow? To help all who have such worthy desires we have opened **Our Holiday Savings Fund Which Starts December 27th** This plan is so admirable that saving becomes an easy matter. You pay only a few cents a week for 50 weeks and then receive our check two weeks before Christmas, for all your savings, plus 4 per cent interest. Come to the Bank any day between now and December 31st, and start your savings account in our Holiday Fund. It is the one sure way to "fill the stockings" with the things you want—the one sure way to have the kind of Christmas that makes us Merry. **THE SAVINGS & TRUST CO.**

BOND ISSUE IS CHEAPEST WAY

W. H. Stancill Expresses Himself on the Good Roads Situation in the Township.

When interviewed this morning regarding the good roads situation, W. H. Stancill, one of the prominent and progressive farmers in the county, stated that he believed the opposition on the part of certain of the farmers was due to the fact that they did not entirely understand the situation. "Ever, in this county with possibly a few exceptions," said Mr. Stancill, "is in favor of good roads. At the meeting last Saturday, the speakers usually began their talks by saying that they were heartily in favor of improving the roads of the township. But they complain about taxes going higher all the time. It is true that the taxes are high, but the taxes on property are very little higher than they were ten years ago. The special school taxes in what has raised the taxes to their present high point."

The bond issue plan is absolutely the cheapest way in which we can have better roads. If the election is defeated and if the people still want good roads, a special tax will have to be put on the people and this will be considerably more than the eighty-five cents on the thousand dollars, which is all that it will take to provide for the redemption of the bonds."

NEW BERN GROWS EFFEMINATE

Eighty Percent of Births in That City for the Last Six Months Have Been Girls.

(By Eastern Press) New Bern, Dec. 23.—Recently compiled statistics show that during the past six months, eighty per cent of the babies born in New Bern have been girls and this has led to considerable speculation as to why this is the case.

There has been a perfect epidemic of births during the past two months and in consequence the population of this city has been greatly increased, especially the feminine population.

However, there is no regret over this existing condition. New Bern's girls are noted all over the State as being among the most lovely in the entire South and if the coming generation upholds all past traditions, the number of ebullient belles and dazzling damsels will be greatly increased within the course of a few years.

ATTEMPTED JAIL DELIVERY IN WINSTON-SALEM FAILS

Winston-Salem, Dec. 23.—An attempt by about a dozen prisoners, among whom was Sam Christy, of "Muddy Creek murder" fame, at a jail delivery was frustrated last night by Jailer Blackburn.

All during the afternoon the prisoners seemed unusually cheerful, singing continually with efforts to quiet them proving futile. Jailer Blackburn noticed that the prisoners took turns spending a certain amount of time in one particular cell while the others remained in the corridor where they are allowed each afternoon to exercise. An investigation was started and it was found that a bar in the cell referred to had been set in two and could be lifted from its place with ease, leaving an opening large enough for a man to get through. A search of the prisoners revealed two small saws on the prison of one.

ONE MILLION MORE TROOPS FROM ENGLAND

BRINGS THE TOTAL FIGHTING STRENGTH OF BRITISH UP TO FOUR MILLION MEN.

GERMANS LOSE

Suffered Heavy Losses on the Western Front. Claimed That British Retreated in Disorder from Gallipoli.

London, Dec. 23.—After an all night debate the House of Commons early today granted an increase of 1,000,000 men in the British army, bringing up its strength on paper to four million.

Germans Suffer Heavy Losses. Along the Western line, according to British official reports, the Germans suffered heavy losses while exposing their forces in an attempt to occupy craters which their mines had opened along the front near Armentieres. French operations at some places are hampered greatly by bad weather, but a considerable portion of the German works on Hartmanns-Weilerkopf has been carried.

British Retreated in Disorder. Berlin, Dec. 23.—Advices from Constantinople reiterate the assertion that the British forces which quit the Dardanelles retired in great disorder.

"According to Constantinople reports," says the Overseas news agency, "the British left their sick and wounded behind. Their retreat, which they pretend was carried out systematically, in reality was a head-over-heels flight."

FORD REALIZES TRIP IS HOPELESS

Is Deeply Disappointed Over Cool Reception. One Death on Board of Ship.

Christiana, Dec. 23.—Henry Ford realizes the hopelessness of obtaining concrete results for his peace mission, and plans to retire from the venture as soon as possible, it is reported.

He is deeply disappointed at the lack of warmth in his reception in Norway, and the open hostility in Denmark.

Lloyd Bingham Dies. Christiana, Dec. 23.—Lloyd M. Bingham, husband of Amelia Bingham, the actress, a member of the Ford peace party, died of pneumonia here today. He was one of the first to join the peace delegation.

CARRANZA'S TROOPS CRUSH REMNANT OF VILLA'S ARMY

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 23.—Carranza troops under General Trevina engaged what remained of the Villa army in battle yesterday and today at Mapula, 10 miles outside Chihuahua City, inflicting a severe defeat. Nine hundred Villa soldiers were killed, wounded, or taken prisoners, according to advices to Carranza of Santa Fe, N. Mex. today.

The Carranza losses were said to have been small.

GENEROUS CITIZENS AID UNFORTUNATES

All of the cases of poor and needy families, which have been published in the Daily News during the last several days, have been provided for. The following case was reported this morning as being a worthy one. Case No. 9. Crippled widow, with one son, who is also crippled.

ON XMAS MORN WHEN YOU AWAKE
Take a Drink For the Stomach Sake
Of Shivar, Fannville Lithia or ARTESIAN WATER
You'll not be bothered with headache but if you imbibe with something stronger your head will ache that much longer.
W. J. Rhodes, Jr.

Are You Interested In a HOME?
A new Series of the Home Building and Loan Association will open on **January 8th, 1916.**
SEE **W. E. SWINDELL, Pres., or J. B. SPARROW, Sec'y.**

THE CHRISTMAS CLUB PLAN AT THE BANK OF WASHINGTON
There are four classes—A, B, C and X, and the corresponding weekly deposits are 10c, 25c, 50c and \$1.00, making the deposits in fifty weeks of \$5.00, \$12.50, \$25.00 and \$50.00.
START YOUR ACCOUNT NOW
It costs nothing to join and the Bank makes the first deposit to your credit—in other words, it gives you one week's deposit free in whichever class you wish to join.
Remember—First Deposit Free
Start saving now and you will have **READY MONEY FOR YOUR NEXT CHRISTMAS.**
BANK OF WASHINGTON

NEW THEATRE TO-NIGHT
HARRY STEWART and his MUSICAL COMEDY CO.
—In—**"A CALL TO ARMS"**
Prices 25c, 50c, 75c
Curtain 8:30