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WASHINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, DEC. 31, 1915.

'The Wilmington Star,' says the News and Observer, 'appears to be handling a very low down matter when it goes to editorializing about 'Treasure Down in the Sea.' Sounds fishy at any rate.

Headline—'Mad. Bull Delays Express Delivery.' Why didn't they throw the bull?

If an athlete like Tom Shelvin succumbs to the ravages of cold and pneumonia, it is time that others who are suffering from colds at the present time use some discretion and care.

While the Inland Waterway project may be a Small matter, it is certain that it is no small matter.

THE SALE OF PISTOLS.

The chief of police in Norfolk is making an effort to have the Board of Aldermen of that city pass an ordinance forbidding the sale of weapons in all stores unless the purchaser has a permit from the police judge.

An editorial, advocating this very thing for Washington, was carried in this paper some time ago. The board of aldermen have the power to pass an ordinance to this effect. There have been a number of shooting scrapes in the city recently, especially among the colored residents. Three-fourths of the young toughs carry a gun on their person. The practice is a dangerous one to society and why the aldermen refuse to put a stop to it is more than we know.

It is true that the city derives several hundred dollars in fines, as punishment for carrying concealed weapons, and this may have something to do with the negligence on the part of the city officials in passing such an ordinance. It is the only possible reason that is discernible.

The board will meet next Monday night and can find no more opportune time for considering this matter. We sincerely hope that they will draw up an ordinance, forbidding the sale of revolvers to all persons excepting those who have some good reason for carrying weapons.

January will be a month of sales. Probably all of the leading stores in Washington will conduct sales either next month or February. Those who understand the value of publicity are already arranging for their advertising space. They are the ones who are going to do the largest business. The others will stick a sign up in front of their stores and wait for customers to come in. When their sales close they will still be waiting.

WHAT IS 'NEWS'?

A number of news items from residents in the city and country come to this office every day. Many of them are 'hot' before they are published and when this is done, the writer of the article whose contribution is sliced, usually feels offended.

The reason for cutting some of the items is that many persons are unable to distinguish between what IS news and what IS NOT.

For example: 'Mrs. Tom Jones is confined to her home with a serious attack of illness,' is news. That is not the way that that item is written, however, on the part of many of our contributors, it is usually sent in like this: 'Mrs. Tom Jones is confined to her home with a serious attack of illness. We wish her a speedy recovery.' That last sentence IS NOT news. It is entirely out of place.

Another item that is often sent in is: 'Robert Smith of New York City is visiting in this section. His many friends are glad to see him.' There is not a particle of news in 'his many friends are glad to see him,' and the writer is wasting his time when he takes the trouble to send that in.

In other words, what actually happens, is news, but what the writer happens to think about a certain happening IS NOT news.

In this connection, it might also be well to state that very few newspapers prefix the title 'Mr.' to the names of men in their columns. It makes little difference how wealthy or how prominent a man is, it is far better style to refer to him as 'William Black' than as 'Mr. William Black.' 'Master' is never used. On the other hand, 'Mrs.' or 'Miss' is never omitted.

Several of our readers, when they send in items, also make it a point to write heads for their articles. It would be advisable to let the heads alone as each line must take up only a certain number of letters, depending upon the size of type used, and the reader cannot very well hope to be acquainted with the headline type that will be used over his or her article.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS.

Tonight's the time for swearing off from smoking, drinking, eating the cat, being home late for supper and the many other little habits and vices that most of us possess. With the turning of the calendar, many of us will also turn over a new leaf. For a few days men who are habitual smokers will be seen going along the streets with a sad expression on their countenances and those who love to 'take a drop,' now and then will have a chill every time they hear the word 'whiskey' mentioned.

As a rule, however, it doesn't take long for matters to adjust themselves again, and after a week or so the man who gave up smoking will be seen puffing away at a bigger cigar than ever and the fellow who likes his toddy will be deepening the shade of red on his nose as of yore.

New Year resolutions, for the most part, are a joke, but they nevertheless have their good points. Make as many of them as you can and keep as many of them as you can. Even if you do break them, the brief respite from some bad habit will have accomplished a certain amount of good.

SHORT ITEMS FROM Neighboring Cities.

Goes New York One Better.

Kinston—New Bern has gone New York one better. Bear meat was sold on the market there Tuesday. A fine specimen killed in Cartaret county was butchered. The selling of bear meat for food is nothing out of the ordinary in Eastern Carolina, although this was the first incident of the kind reported this season.

Feeling Against Slayer.

New Bern—Reports reaching New Bern from the Jacksonville section of Onslow county, are to the effect that there is much 'feeling' against Claud Suggs, now confined in jail in this city charged with killing J. James, his aged father-in-law, on Christmas night. Citizens of that section coming to New Bern, tell an entirely different story of the killing than that narrated by Suggs. They claim that the killing was deliberate and brutal while Suggs says that it was an accident. The case will be tried at the next term of Onslow court and there is much interest in the possible outcome.

Alumni Smoker.

New Bern—Of much interest to the University alumni in this city

and all over Craven county, will be the smoker which the local alumni is to hold in the Elks club on Thursday evening. Among those who will be present on this occasion will be Dr. L. R. Wilson, of the faculty of the University, and he will make an interesting talk to those present.

Much Liquor Seized.

Elizabeth City—Seventeen negroes were fined ten dollars each and costs yesterday in the police court here for receiving liquor, purchased through an agent in Norfolk. The liquor was seized before it reached them. This was the last chapter in the series of arrests following the capture of R. C. Webb's automobile containing 44 gallons of liquor last week.

Prominent Planter Dies.

Rocky Mount—News of the death of Mr. Gullford Johnson, aged 51 years, and a prominent planter of Edgecombe county, has been received in this city. Mr. Johnson is survived by several children, brothers and sisters, his wife being dead for several years. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon from Pleasant Hill church. Interment was made in the family burying ground.

PRAISES VIEWS OF CONGRESSMAN SMALL

The following editorial, regarding Congressman Small and the Inland Waterway project, appeared in today's Greensboro Daily News:

Sense From Mr. Small.

The logic of events points unmistakably to the justification of Congressman Small, the scarred veteran of the inland waterway fight. The problem that is occupying the minds of the people of the United States just now almost to the exclusion of all other matters of public policy is how to make adequate preparations for national bankruptcy. Obviously anything that tends to increase the efficiency of the fighting force we already have tends to reduce the expenditure that will be necessary to bring that force up to the ideal standard.

Small has been dining that idea in the ears of deaf Congresses for so many years. An inland waterway from Massachusetts to Florida would mean as much to the United States in case of threatened invasion at the Kiel canal does to Germany. Without that canal England would long since have been in the Baltic and all the ports of Germany would have been hermetically sealed. The war would have been, if not over, at least farther along in the allies' favor than it is at present. Germany's great fleet would not have had even the value that it possesses now.

But aside from the vastly increased mobility that would accrue to the fleet consider the importance of such a waterway to our coastwise traffic. What merchant marine the United States possesses consists of coastwise vessels. An enemy cruiser or two hanging around off the Virginia capes would soon paralyze that. With the inland waterway in existence the enemy would have to invent a cruiser capable of mounting out of the waves and walking along the banks to reach that traffic. By concentrating our coast defenses around the comparatively few inlets the problem of fortifying our vast coast line would be infinitely simplified.

No nation would of its own free will spend money for battleships. It is stern necessity, real or imagined that keeps the armories busy. If a battleship was fit to be used in time of peace as a collier, a passenger boat or even, as Mr. Daniels once threatened to use them, merely as a mail boat, the money that it costs would come so hard.

Her is a project as really a means of national defense as a battleship that will be as useful in time of peace as in time of war. Enemy cruisers are not lying in wait for our coastwise vessels at this moment, but Hatteras it. That consideration alone ought to have built the waterway years ago; and there are a dozen others as strong that might be brought.

But although Mr. Small is amply justified that does not signify that he is going to see his pet scheme go through. 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but mostly by catch-phrases' and the catch-phrase by which public opinion swears at the moment is, 'Down with the pork barrel.' The inland waterway is in no sense pork, but it is inevitably associated with rivers and harbors, and the rivers and harbors bill, as the latest chunk of pork in the whole barrel, is marked for destruction this year.

Perhaps, though, after the shouting and the tumult have somewhat

died away and we have the Continental army at least on paper, and after Bethlehem has taken its rake off on the construction of a couple of dozen superdreadnaughts, we may turn our thoughts to a sort of defense that may reasonably be expected to defend. Of course old age, or death, or the Anti-Saloon league or some other of the ills that flesh is heir to is likely to have removed Mr. Small long before that time; but let us live in hope.

FELL ON GLASS AND CUT THROAT

Peculiar Accident Occurred in Lenoir County. Death Followed Fifteen Minutes Afterwards.

(By Eastern Press)

Kinston, Dec. 31.—A 12-year-old son of Zeb Harrison, an Institute township man, died as the result of an extraordinary accident yesterday afternoon, according to a report had here today.

The lad was carrying a piece of glass, tripped and fell down, striking his throat against the glass. A wide gash was cut in his neck, from which he died within 15 minutes, before a physician could be gotten to the scene.

WON'T GO TO WAR WITH AUSTRIA

All That United States Asks is Assurance That Acts on Seas Will Not Be Repeated.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The United States will not go to war because Austria refuses to punish the submarine commander or refuses disclosure in so many words of the sinking of the Ancona. The fundamental point insisted upon is that Austria assures this government that American citizens are not going to be placed in jeopardy by illegal submarine warfare.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

I have this day qualified as administrator of the estate of C. A. Flowers before the clerk of the Superior Court. All persons holding claims against said estate are requested to present them to me, duly verified. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make an immediate settlement.

This 7th day of December, 1915. W. H. WEST, W. A. Thompson, Atty. 12-7-6w.

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MANY SPORTING MEN DIED IN PAST YEAR

The necrology of sports for 1915 finds many noted favorites responding to the call of the Grim Reaper. To yachtsmen probably the greatest loss is John B. Herreshoff, for years one of the famous designers and builders of speed craft. George Lawley was another yacht builder who was called during the year.

Baseball suffered irretrievably with the death of the dean of the sport, Albert G. Spalding, who earned his diamond laurels as a player, rule maker and patron. For years Mr. Spalding was one of the leading figures in the sporting world. Other baseball personages who died during the year were Andrew Freedman, once owner of the Giants; Robert B. Ward, leading factor in the late Federal League; 'Tim' Hurst, care-free umpire, and Wallace L. ('Happy') Hogan, a player, manager and owner with a 'million friends' in California.

The turf was not spared by the demands of Fate, as 'Blind John' Condon, promoter of racing in Chicago for years and a man always considered 'square' by all who knew him, went to the great beyond. Charles L. Littlefield was another member of the turf well known and beloved. As a jockey, trainer and owner he made friends everywhere and did his share in advancing the breed of thoroughbreds.

Anthony F. Wilding, killed in the European war, is mourned not alone by the tennis contingent of the world, but by every sportsman. Following is a list of some of those lost to sports in 1915.

Anderson, Thomas, golfer; Beachey, Lincoln, aviator; Bort, Guy L., football player; Bray, Wallace L. ('Happy') Hogan, baseball manager; Byers, Parker A., billiard player.

Cameron, A. B., athlete; Cameron, William F., yachtsman; Carlton, William, motorist; Chaffin, William T., horse breeder; Clay, Ezekiel F.,

horseman; Collingswood, John W., horseman; Condon, John ('Blind John'), track owner; Cooper, Joseph, motorist; Corbett, Thomas A., sportsman; Crisnam, Patrick, ball player.

Decker, Dr. Adolph, chess problem composer; Dunkhorst, Edward, boxer.

Egan, Charles F., football player; Freedman, Andrew, ball club owner.

Grace, Dr. William Gilbert, cricketer; Grant, Harry F., motorist.

Hall, Mark, pitcher; Haeter, Edward L., polo player; Herreshoff, John B., yacht builder; Hurst, Timothy, umpire and boxing referee.

Johnson, Otis, ball player; Kennedy, William, ball player; Kent, John Matthew, billiardist.

Lambert, George, tennis player; Law, Dr. Fred, football player; Lawley, George, yacht builder; Littlefield, Charles L., turfman.

Maginn, Edward W., turf official; McChesney, Harry, football player; McCoy, Scott, horse trainer; Mullen, Martin, amateur billiardist.

Parker, Roy S., football player; Perrine, Fred (Bull), umpire; Pratt, E. W., fancy ice skater; Reidy, William, pitcher.

Shelvin, Tom., football player and coach.

To all of the Tax Payers of Pantego, Broad Creek and Pungo River Drainage Districts:

You are hereby notified and directed under the drainage law and its amendments that all drainage taxes must be paid on or before the 31st day of December of each year, and all who fail to pay on or before that date will be advertised in January and sold on the first Monday in February.

Take warning and be guided according to the drainage law, and save cost.

W. B. WINDLEY, Sheriff. 12-10-30days

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NOTICE OF SALE.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage to me executed by J. F. Latham and wife, dated December 1, 1914, and recorded in the Register's office of Beaufort County, in Book 185, Page 219, which is hereby referred to, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, or any part thereof, I will sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder at the Court-house door of Beaufort County on Monday, the 3rd day of January, 1916, at noon, that tract or parcel of land situated in Chocowinity Township, Beaufort County, described as follows:

All that part of the tract of land conveyed to W. H. Carrow and wife by deed dated December 28, 1912, by Niley E. Latham, recorded in said Register's office in Book 173, Page 374; it being all of the land described in the first section of the complaint in that action lately pending in the Superior Court of Beaufort County wherein Mrs. D. V. Ecklin and others were plaintiffs and W. H. Carrow and others defendants, which had not been previously conveyed by said Niley E. Latham to N. W. Latham, by deed dated September 29, 1904, recorded in said Register's office in Book 126, Page 422; it being also the same land allotted to Lucy A. Latham in the judgment in the above entitled suit, which is hereby referred to; but the sale thereof will be subject to the dower right of said Niley E. Latham in and upon the land above described.

This December 4, 1915. DANIEL W. NOBLES, Mortgages. 12-6-4w.