

## CHOCOWINITY IS UNENTHUSIASTIC OVER ROAD ISSUE

MEETING WAS HELD THERE LAST WEEK AT WHICH MATTER WAS BROUGHT UP.

### EIGHTEEN PRESENT

Two of That Number Were in Favor of Roads. Three Old Not Voted at All and the Others Were Against Any Bond Issue.

At a meeting held Friday night at Chocowinity and at which eighteen men were present, two men expressed themselves in favor of attempting to secure good roads for that township, three others did not vote at all and the balance expressed themselves as being very much opposed to any kind of a bond issue.

The general sentiment on the part of those who were not in favor of taking steps to improve the roads was that the money spent on the roads in the past years had not brought any results and they had no assurance that results would follow the expenditure of any future sum for this purpose.

One of the prominent residents of Chocowinity was in the city this morning and expressed himself as being keenly disappointed over the sentiment as voiced by those at the meeting. He stated that it was his belief that the people of Chocowinity would have to be convinced by the results in Washington township before they could be persuaded to take any steps themselves towards improving the roads. The road between here and Chocowinity, he added, was in practically impossible condition and he had a hard time making the trip.

### Bryan Won't Trail President

Miami, Fla., Jan. 25.—William J. Bryan today issued a statement saying he had no intention of following in the wake of President Wilson on his trip through the middle west making a series of speeches in answer to those of the President on preparedness. He said he would remain in Miami until he left for Lincoln, Neb., on February 20 to attend a birthday dinner.

## FORMER STENOGRAPHER NOW DRAWS \$5,000 FEES

Miss Pugh Has Made Envyable Reputation During Last Seven Years. Gives "Leap Year Advice."

A resident of Washington seven years ago and now the foremost "woman-lawyer" in New York City, drawing \$5,000 fees and kept busy all the time with important cases, is the record which has been made by Miss Lucille Pugh, who will be remembered by many local residents.

Miss Pugh was employed by the office of the late W. P. Baughman as stenographer. She claims that Congressman Small served as an inspiration to her. From his she secured her first law books and began the study of law. Since that time she has progressed rapidly and her reputation has become nation-wide. She has been interviewed by many newspapers and articles referring to her have been published in leading magazines of the country.

The following article, under the heading of "Leap Year Advice," appeared in yesterday's issue of the Baltimore Sun and was reprinted from the New York Sun, in which it recently appeared.

Here is the sage counsel which Miss Lucille Pugh, feminist, suffra-

gist, and lawyer—and also quite pretty—is quoted as offering to all bachelor girls, absolutely without fee, for their leap year guidance:

"Propose to the man of your choice, but look up his rating first. Short and to the point. By the recourse to Bradstreet's it is argued that women may avoid the unhappiness frequently resulting from penniless marriages. Good!—as far as it goes. But what eminent counselor of the other sex will now stand forth to aid his trembling brethren? Such a one might well advise:

"Accept the woman who proposes to you if you like her, but first look up her rating in the domestic arts. One prerequisite is as fair as the other. For the woman: Do not marry for money, but love where money is; for the man: Do not marry to provide yourself with a cook, but while marrying you might as well marry some one who can make out of the place you live in a home. Something more than a liberal income is required to produce comfortable circumstances" for two.



The Tasse Teacher: "Well, if there isn't that skating instructor dining at that most hotel that I used to patronize." —Rehas in New York World.

## POU URGES WILSON TO VISIT STATE

President May Visit Raleigh, Greensboro and Possibly Wilmington.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Representative POU will go to the White House either tomorrow or next day and urge President Wilson to visit North Carolina on his second speech-making trip on preparedness. Mr. POU is strongly in favor of the President's preparedness program and he wants the chief executive to visit his home state and tell the people about his plans.

Mr. Wilson will probably visit Greensboro, Raleigh and possibly Wilmington. If he accepts the invitation, Representative Godwin has asked the President to visit Wilmington, his old home town and has promised him the biggest reception ever given to a President in the Old North State. If he will make a visit to the state's leading seacoast port.

## LADIES DAY AT THE BOWLING ALLEYS

Will Be Allowed to Bowl One Game Free Tomorrow Afternoon Between Three and Six.

Tomorrow afternoon, between three and six o'clock, will be set aside as "ladies day" at the Monarch bowling alleys on Market street. Ladies who desire a pleasant and enjoyable exercise are cordially invited. If they desire to bowl their first game will cost them nothing. Every subsequent Wednesday afternoon will be set aside as "Ladies Day."

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LET'S BUILD IN WASHINGTON PARK.  
19-21-16 Tues. Sat.

## WEBB EXPECTS TO BRING IN BILL IN NEXT 30 DAYS

Believes That Vote for Nation-wide Prohibition Will Be 60 More Than Before.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Representative Webb expects to get his bill for nationwide prohibition up in the house within the next 30 days. The North Carolina congressman has assurance from members that the measure will get about 60 more votes this time than it did under the leadership of former Congressman Hobson.

Mr. Webb also expects to get a vote on his bill giving the President power to appoint additional judges where judges who have reached the retiring age can be retired for the good of the public service. If the bill is passed Judge Boyd, of Greensboro, would in all probability be retired.

## MINSTRELS HERE THURSDAY NIGHT

Novel Attraction to be Given at the New Theatre. Promises to be Exceptionally Good One.

It will be of interest to theatre-goers to learn that the Price and Bonell Greater New York Minstrels will appear at the New Theatre on Thursday, January 27th, for one night, with a company of comedians, singers, dancers, musicians and jugglers; acrobatic and novelty acts. New and novel acts of various kinds; comedians who are really funny; the latest and best in songs and dances; all combined to produce a show that is pleasing to the public. Bright, new costumes, special scenic and electrical effects render the production a scene of beauty and splendor.

This company is known as an organization of merit, and presents a good clean performance. The members of the Greater New York Minstrels are all young white men, thirty in number, who have been selected by the management as the best exponents of minstrelsy now before the public. Several members of the late Geo. Evans' Honey Boy Minstrels are now with Price and Bonell and will contribute their share to the general fund of amusement. Mirth, music and melody, wit and satire, and novelty galore will delight you at the New Theatre on Thursday, January 27. There will be a parade given at noon by the entire company, with their special band. Don't miss it.

## MEETING OF LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEAGION

The Loyal Temperance Legion will meet tomorrow afternoon with William Byrd on West Second street. The meeting will begin promptly at four o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

## "SEND AROUND FIRE ENGINE BUT DON'T WAKE UP BABY"

Remarkable Presence of Mind and Coolness Displayed by Local Lady When House Caught on Fire

That all women are not rattle-brained, excitable, nervous or light-headed was proven by a Washington lady Saturday evening. In fact this lady displayed a presence of mind, which, had she been a man, would probably have carried her to some such high position as general of the United States army or ambassador to Mexico.

This lady's house, located on East Main street, caught fire. Instead of rushing out into the middle of the street and waving her hands and

screaming, as most members of the female sex would have done, she calmly proceeded to the telephone and called up the fire department. "This is Mrs. —. My house is on fire and I wish you would send the truck around here at once. It wake up the baby. Good-bye!"

The truck came, the fire was put out, and the baby continued its nap without interruption.

## GRIP ON DECREASE

Fewer Cases Reported in the City. Said to Be on the Increase in the Country.

That the grip epidemic is subsiding in this city but is on the increase in the rural sections of the country, was stated this morning by Dr. Josh Taylor.

Dr. Taylor remarked that he believed there were considerably fewer cases of the grip here in Washington than by the members of the Literary club and believed that this number was rapidly being reduced.

"There are an awfully large number in the country who are confined to their beds with the grip," he said. "More than I've ever seen before. There are several causes for this; the frequent changes in the weather and the muddy condition of the soil. A person can hardly avoid getting his feet wet if he does any outside work. This usually brings on from what there were two weeks then to bed with the grip."

## HUNTING SEASON IS NEAR ITS CLOSE

Wild Fowl and Deer Season Will Close in the State on Tuesday, February 1st.

The deer hunting season in Beaufort county is rapidly drawing to a close, the law stating that these footed animals shall only be hunted between September 1st and February 1st. The wild fowl season in Beaufort also closes on February 1st and those sportsmen who desire to get a few more cracks at these birds must do so at once.

According to statements made by well known hunters, the number of deer that abound in Beaufort county is not as large this season as has been the case in past years, this doubtless being due to the fact that for the past few seasons, many hunters have spent weeks in this section hunting them.

There is also a scarcity of wild fowl, but it is pointed out that this may not be the case during the next season and that it may prove to be one of the best in the history of Beaufort, that is from the sportsman's point of view.

## MRS. DAVIS DIED

Related Report Received of Death of Former Resident of Beaufort County.

After an illness of several weeks and extreme feebleness of two years, Mrs. Margaret Hollowell Davis died December 29th at seven o'clock p. m. at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. E. Thorp, in Chipley, Fla. Mrs. Davis was born at Pungo Creek, Beaufort county, October 19, 1836. She has been greatly blessed with wonderful vitality for one of seventy-nine years. She has been a constant member of the Methodist church since early girlhood, was a woman of beautiful character and had a disposition which endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. During all of her life she had helped those in need, and often before she grew too feeble she was seen going out with her Bible, holding prayer meetings with those who could not attend church. She has always been ready to do good where most needed.

She was married in 1859 to Col. A. C. Davis. Seven children were born to bless their union. Her husband and four children died years ago. She went to Florida in 1895 and has made her home with her youngest daughter Ida in Chipley, where she died and went to her reward in Heaven, to join her loved ones and her devoted brother, Mr. C. A. Hollowell, of Beaufort county, who died suddenly ten hours later, having been sick only seven hours of acute indigestion. He had been planning to go to visit his sister.

Mrs. Davis leaves three daughters, Mrs. J. E. Stiffley, of Millersville, Ga.; Mrs. W. A. Redditt, of Citra, Fla.; and Mrs. C. E. Thorp, of Chipley, with whom she lived; one sister, Mrs. N. E. Patrick, of Goldsboro, N. C.; two brothers, B. F. Hollowell, of Aurora, and A. L. Hollowell, of Kingston.

The funeral services were held Thursday morning from the M. E. church by her pastor in Chipley. The body was laid to rest at that of her son, S. A. Davis, who died three years ago.

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## FORESTRY ASSN. IN MEETING AT NEW BERN TODAY

MANY DELEGATES PRESENT AT SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION WHICH OPENED TODAY.

### TWO DAYS' SESSION

Prominent Men Are on the Program for Addresses. Illustrated Lecture and Oyster Roast Will Be Given Tonight.

(By Eastern Press) New Bern, Jan. 25.—The sixth annual convention of the North Carolina Forestry Association convened at 10 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, with an invocation by the Rev. B. F. Huske, of New Bern. The visiting delegates were welcomed on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce by S. M. Brinson, and by James B. Blades on behalf of the local lumbermen. The opening program included the names of Governor Craig; W. W. Ashe, of the U. S. Forest Service; Capt. Nathan O'Berry, of Goldsboro, president of the Association; C. I. Millard of Norfolk, and others.

At the afternoon session the visiting ladies will be welcomed by Mrs. Zebulon B. Vance, of the New Bern Women's Club, on behalf of that organization. After an address by Mr. R. E. Parker, Secretary of the North Carolina Audubon Society, a series of ten minute talks on live subjects connected with Forestry will be enjoyed. Discussions are invited after each address.

Tonight's session will be held in the auditorium of the Public School building, where an illustrated lecture on "Forest Conservation in North Carolina" will be given by the State Geologist. The teachers and children of the public schools are specially invited to this lecture. On Thursday, Jan. 26, an oyster roast will be provided for the visiting delegates, by the New Bern Chamber of Commerce, at the Hyman's Supply Company's place of business.

## BERRY FAVORS FORCE-CONTRACT PLAN FOR ROADS

WILL PROVE MUCH MORE SATISFACTORY THAN HIRING CONTRACTOR TO DO WORK.

### MORE ECONOMICAL

Machinery Can Be Used for Main taining the Roads and Can Be Used in Other Townships in the County Afterwards.

That the "force contract" plan for building roads in Washington will prove much more satisfactory than allowing some contractor to come here and doing the work, was the view expressed by F. J. Berry this morning.

"If a contractor takes hold of the job," said Mr. Berry, "he'll bring his force and his tools here, do the work and then leave. As a result, when our roads are built, we'll have to purchase machinery for keeping them up and we'll have to find men who are acquainted with road work and who will be capable of keeping the roads in good condition. Under the force contract plan, we'll have the machinery here and we'll be able to build up a kind of an organization of our own. We must remember too that Washington is not going to be the only township in the county that is going to vote good road bonds. Chocowinity or Richland will do the same in the near future and if we have the machinery, we can let them use it also.

"Every point regarding the work was cleared up at Friday's meeting. Mr. Falls is an exceptionally fine man to look to for information and advice and I believe that we can follow every suggestion he made at a meeting to our own advantage."

## VILLA'S TROOPS ARE SURROUNDED

Carranza Forces Are Endeavoring to Cut Off Food Supply of Rebel Army.

El Paso, Jan. 25.—Francisco Villa is reported to be surrounded by Carranza troops in the Sierra Madre mountains of Chihuahua. This report is believed to have resulted in the premature announcement that he was captured.

It is believed he can hold his mountain fortress indefinitely. The Carranzas are endeavoring to cut off his food supply.

## RECORDER'S COURT

Several Cases Were Brought Up and Disposed of Yesterday.

The following cases were tried before the recorder yesterday afternoon:

E. H. Phillips, allowing dog at large; costs.

Among the intoxicated and disorderly charges that were brought up, the following were found guilty: J. E. Tetterton, costs; A. S. Wallace, \$10 and costs; Aleck Gaskill, \$5 and costs.

Major Ellison, charged with stabbing another negro, named Pope, was found guilty. Sentence will be passed this afternoon.

Jim Simmons, intoxicated and disorderly; costs.

John Harding, soliciting at the Norfolk Southern; costs.

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