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## PITT CO. FARMER IS REWARDED BY GRATEFUL HOBO

MR. GRIFFIN OF NEAR GRIMESLAND GETS FIFTY DOLLARS FROM RAGGED TRAMP

### A STRANGE CASE

Farmer Lets Hobo Spend the Night in His Barn and Provides Him With Supper. Receives Fifty Dollars Through the Mail.

Frank Griffin, a well-known farmer of near Grimesland, is fifty dollars richer today because of an act of kindness to a half-frozen, half-starved tramp a few days ago. Griffin was feeding his stock last Friday evening and while at work in his barn, heard a rustling in the hay. He investigated and dragged out a tramp, rough looking and clad in tattered clothing. The hobo begged the farmer to let him stay in the barn for the night and promised to leave the first thing in the morning.

Mr. Griffin not only gave him the desired permission, but also provided him with blankets and brought him in some food. When he awoke the next morning, the tramp was gone.

Griffin dismissed the matter from his mind and never thought of the tramp again until this morning, when he received a letter which read as follows:

Dear sir: You were kind to me Friday and I want to show you that your generosity is not unappreciated. I trust that you will accept this small payment for the kindness you did me. Some day, you will learn more about me. Until then,

Yours respectfully,  
W. C. B.

Enclosed in the letter was a fifty dollar bill.

### BEFORE THE RECORDED

The following cases were brought up yesterday:

Robert Greene, colored, stealing shirt from store of James E. Clark. Fined costs and ordered to be hired out.

A. S. Wallace, intoxicated; \$5.00 and costs.

W. Goddard, ditto; costs.

**BELLMO TODAY**

MARIE WADSWORTH in a thrilling romance in 3 parts. "A FIGHT TO A FINISH"

MAX ASHER in a funny Joker comedy "PETER'S AWFUL CRIME"

MATINEE DAILY 4 P. M. SCHOOL CHILDREN 5c

## ENRAGED FARMER STICKS MULE FULL OF HOLES

W. H. Smith, a merchant and farmer of Pinetown, went to bridle one of his mules a few days ago. The animal refused to be bridled and kicked at Smith. The man secured a pitchfork and stuck the mule full of holes. Not one time, but hundreds of holes were stuck in the mule's body and legs.

The mule has been suffering with great pain for several days and has at last died from the wounds, supposedly from Tetanus, or some form of blood poison. Smith has another good mule and unless some measures are taken to punish him for his

ungovernable temper he is likely to do the same on the same way. It is one of the worst affairs ever known in Long Acre township and everyone is worked up over it.

The above news item was sent to this office this morning from a resident of Pinetown. If the facts are true, and we have no reason to doubt the veracity of the man who wrote the account, Smith should be severely punished for the act of brutality he committed. The county officials should by all means investigate the charges.

## CRAIG ROASTS JUDGE CLARK

Rebukes Chief Justice for Latter's Views Regarding the Recent Lynching at Goldsboro.

Charlotte, Jan. 25.—Governor Craig's passionate denunciation of the Wayne county lynchers and his sharp rebuke of Chief Justice Clark, whose published criticism of the courts has set the state to renewed talking, backed all things off the map at the social service conference today.

The governor said in part: "Outside of Wayne county there is the one discord in this state of unqualified condemnation of the John Richard's lynching, and that is from the chief justice of this state. It is astonishing that he should hold the courts responsible for the mobs. This serious charge is made in general against our courts. It should have been made special. The recipient judges should have been named. There is no disposition in North Carolina not to administer the law. Crime does not go unpunished. No reasonable man concludes that this negro who murdered a farmer in Wayne county would have escaped justice at the hands of judge and jury. To hold up our state as worse and more lawless than Sicily with its Mafia, is an unjustifiable accusation. The chief justice says that he discusses this matter in State vs. Cameron. From the opinion of Justice Allen, replying to the opinion of the chief justice in this case, I read as follows:

"The prisoner has been convicted of murder in the first degree, and sentenced to death, and judgment has been affirmed. This would seem to be enough. I do not think that statistics not relevant to the decision of the case, and which are of the misleading have any place in a judicial opinion. Nor do I concur in the indictment against the people of the state, or the administration of her laws. I am well assured that facts and conditions existant do not justify it."

This statement made by Justice Allen was concurred in by Justices Walker, Hake and Brown.

"The men who are apologizing for and attempting to palliate this

lynching, are not accessories after the fact, for they have committed an overt act to protect or conceal the criminals, but such utterances tend to lessen the respect for courts, and the administration of justice, and they weaken the restraint of law on questions when communities are shocked by deeds of horror in their midst. The lawless element welcomes such utterances. The organization of future mobs is made easier. But it is unmistakable that the conscience of North Carolina is set against such things, and the people have spoken the deep convictions of the state and of the age."

## FEW MARRIAGE LICENSES ARE BEING ISSUED

Register of Deeds G. Rumley is finding that there are few calls for marriage licenses. About twelve have been issued since the first of the year. Among the latest were:

Charles Samuel Stephens of Washington, to Mary Margaret Dixon of Belhaven.

Taylor Pinkham to Mamie V. Hoberson, both of Washington R. F. D.

The first marriage license issued this year was to James A. Marger of Wilson and Letta A. Skettithorpe of Bath. The license was issued on January 1st. It is not known whether it was a Leap Year proposal.

## DRAIN 20,000 ACRES OF LAND

Big Tract Near Dover Is To Be Made Ready for Agricultural Purposes.

(By Eastern Press) New Bern, Jan. 25.—That the owners of swamp land in this section of the State are fast realizing the great productive possibilities of this land is shown in a drainage project which has been made to reclaim thousands of acres and to place this under cultivation.

Last week a contract was awarded to a Kingston dredge concern to drain 10,000 acres of swamp land lying in the vicinity of Barbours, Pamlico county, and now arrangements are being made for the drainage of 20,000 acres lying between Dover and Cove City.

The latter tract is owned by a large number of persons and each one will pay his proportionate part of the cost. The work of drainage is to be started just as soon as possible and will be rushed to completion just as soon as possible.

## SLAYER OF MOTHER, FATHER AND BROTHER, IS LYNCHED

Senarkana, Tex., Jan. 25.—W. J. Mossfield, aged about 50, was taken from the jail at Boston, ex., shortly before midnight and lynched by 25 masked men, according to reports here. Mayfield was held in jail charged with the killing of his father, mother, and brother recently with an axe.

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## Decide Things After Reading the Ads.

Where to look for a better room or boarding place—for work—for an investment—for a flat or house—for a servant—for bargains in "used things"—all of these matters are better decided after a study of the want ads.

You'll never find an issue of this paper that has not got at least one ad in it that YOU OUGHT TO ANSWER!

## LEAP YEAR



## FATE OF DEMOCRATS WILL DEPEND UPON WILSON'S TRIP

Believed That President's Coming Activities Will Decide Outcome of Election Next Fall

Washington, Jan. 26.—Will President Wilson get away with it? Many of the dyed-in-the-wool Democrats say not.

This is the question, couched in the language of the street, that is in the mind of every Democrat in Congress today. It is what the Democrats are asking themselves and each other whenever they think of Mr. Wilson's forthcoming trip during which the chief executive hopes, both to stir up enthusiasm for national defense and at the same time get the hyperactive Americans and some of the Catholic brethren a little more enthusiastic for the President himself.

Upon the result of this trip, which in the minds of many of his closest advisers is ill-advised, hangs the fate of the Democratic party in the coming election, and every Democrat in Washington knows it.

The President has so far been unable to control the members of his party in Congress and, by going before the people he hopes to start a back fire of popular enthusiasm that will accomplish what he was unable to do as the titular head of his party, namely weld together in Congress a force strong enough to put through his defense program.

The best and most influential men in Congress do not agree with Mr. Wilson in his preparedness policies. Such men as Robert N. Page, Major-

ity elader Kitchin, James Hay, of Virginia, and many other men of recognized ability and a following that must be counted in on any important legislation in Congress, are not only minus enthusiasm, but they firmly believe the defense program is bad for the country politically and otherwise. Many of these men would tell the President not to make this trip should he himself ask their advice. They fear that Mr. Wilson is going to be deceived again. His itinerary, for the most part, calls for the larger cities. There he will find sentiment for his program but he will not have reached the people back in the "sticks" as some of the fellows call those Americans who live on the farm and till the soil for a livelihood.

He will come back to Washington, therefore, believing that the country is with him, when, as a matter of fact, he will not have souped the real sentiment of the people. If letters coming to senators and congressmen are to be counted for anything they certainly show a lack of enthusiasm for either the President's foreign policies or his national defense program.

Hence, it is contended, unless Mr. Wilson can produce figures to show that the country is in danger of being attacked by a hostile foe, and produce conclusively evidence to substantiate his position, he cannot get away with it.

## GOOD SINGING AT MINSTREL SHOW

Many Feature Numbers on the Bill Which Will Be Presented at the New Theatre Thursday.

No minstrel show is complete without its company of funsters and jokers, and the Greater New York Minstrel company is no exception to the rule that hilarity must prevail. The comedians of this combination are in the front rank of minstrelry; their songs, jokes and funnyesses being an important factor in the success of the performance.

Only the latest, brightest and best of material in songs and musical hits are being used, the performance being truly termed the "Big Laughing Show."

Novelty, juggling and acrobatic acts, stinging and dancing numbers with an ensemble of the entire company, a grand first part and a gorgeous finale unite to make this production a triumph in minstrelry.

This company comes heralded by praise from other parts as giving a good, clean performance, entirely free from vulgarity and meretricious in the highest degree.

Price and Bonnell have an excellent band, which will head the parade to be given by the entire company at noon on the date of the company's arrival, Thursday, Jan. 27, and hope to be in mind that a grand band concert will be given at

## HEAVY ARTILLERY FIGHTING IN WEST

Paris Reports Results of Fire Favorable to the French.

Paris, Jan. 25.—The French war office statement given out today says that last night there was continued artillery activity in the vicinity of Nieuport in Belgium. The results of the fire were described as favorable to the French.

German troops at one point penetrated the first line of French trenches, but were at once driven out.

In the Artois district yesterday evening German forces attacked the French forces.

7:20 p. m. in front of the New Theatre.

## WASHINGTON TO RAISE FUND TO ASSIST JEWISH NATIONAL WORK

WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON TOMORROW.

## ENDORSED BY MAYOR

Mayor Kugler Urges Liberal Contributions. Committee Has Been Appointed to Solicit Funds in the City.

Editor, Daily News. Dear sir: I note in the papers January 27th has been set apart as a day for the collection of funds to be sent to the Jewish people who have suffered so severely in Russia and Poland from the effects of the war.

These people have possibly suffered more than any others on account of the war, having been driven from their homes, being given such short time to leave that they were unable to take anything with them, only their personal belongings and in many cases being robbed of these on the road. They are in great distress and need assistance from all people who have in helping their fellow man.

B. L. Susman, F. J. Berry, C. A. Flynn, Joo. N. Hoyt, N. L. Simmons and R. F. Bowers will be among our people and will contribute for this fund and I hope they will receive a liberal contribution.

Very truly yours,  
FRANK C. KUGLER, Mayor.

## NORTH CAROLINA LAW IS INVOLVED

Washington, Jan. 26.—The appeal of the Southern Railway from a decision of the North Carolina Supreme Court in the case of W. C. Thurston, who sued the railroad for overcharges on cotton shipped from Houston, Texas, to points in North Carolina, was argued today before the Supreme Court.

The shipper was awarded penalties under a North Carolina law requiring railroads to pay penalties to shippers for failure to pay promptly just claims against them. The railway contends that the North Carolina statute was inapplicable because every point concerning the shipment was covered by interstate commerce laws.

Under the decision of the State Supreme Court it was held that the question of penalties had nothing to do with transportation and therefore the State law applied.

## DR. MARY WALKER MAKES AN ANTI-PREPAREDNESS SPEECH

Washington, Jan. 26.—The preparedness hearings of the house naval committee were enlivened today by an "anti" speech by Dr. Mary Walker, wearing her famous trousers, blue hat and white cotton gloves.

She declared Japan is America's only possible foe and that American women should be sent to Japan to adopt the native kimono costume as an American standard fashion.

## MRS. ELIZABETH TINGLE DIES.

Wife of Joseph Tingle Passes At Olympia. Funeral Today.

New Bern, Jan. 25.—Mrs. Eliza Tingle, wife of Joseph Tingle, of Olympia, died at her home at that place last night, aged 76 years.

The funeral service will be conducted from the home this afternoon and the interment made in the burial ground at that place.

## BELIEVED THAT RICHLAND WILL IMPROVE ROADS

RESIDENTS OF THAT TOWNSHIP ARE GREATLY INTERESTED OVER THE PROJECT.

## TO HOLD MEETING

Have Not Yet Decided Whether Direct Tax or Bond Issue Will Furnish Best Method for Raising the Necessary Revenue.

Although Chocowinity may be enthusiastic about good road work, the exact opposite is true of the residents in Richland township. In an about Aurora, during the last two or three weeks, the good roads project has received considerable discussion and very few persons have expressed themselves as being against improving the roads of that section.

It is expected that a meeting will be held within a few days and the matter decided upon at that time. At the present there is some debate over the best method in raising the necessary funds. Some have expressed themselves as being in favor of a bond issue, but many others believe that a direct tax will be the best plan.

At the meeting which is to be held, the date of which has not yet been announced, prominent residents of Washington and other parts of the county will be asked to be present and give their views on the various details of road work.

## GREENVILLE TO STUDY BABIES

Mayor Dunn Issues Proclamation Regarding the Observance of Baby Week.

(By Eastern Press) Greenville, Jan. 26.—Mayor Dunn has given out the following announcement regarding the observance of Baby Week in this city:

The Federated Clubs, composed of ladies of our own, have requested me to call attention to Baby Week, March 4th to 11th, 1916. The movement is for more babies and better babies, and 1916 is to be known as Baby Year. During this week the study of infant mortality will be taken up all over the country, with a view to decreasing the death rate by learning and creating better living conditions for babies.

A program of vast interest to all of our people is being arranged for that week, and it is desired that the fathers and mothers, and future fathers and mothers of our town, shall lend their hearty cooperation to a movement which means so much for future generations.

It is stated that one baby out of every five North Carolina babies die before it is one year old. It is nothing less than criminal for our people to remain idle under such circumstances, when conditions can be so improved as to reduce this mortality to a minimum.

I am sure, that without asking, our people, who compose the liveliest town in the State, will leave nothing undone to make Baby Week a vast success.

ALBION DUNN, Mayor.

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