



## FIRST MOVE TO CONNECT THE CONSOLIDATED N.&S. AND VA. C.C. ROADS

### Submitted Plans To U. S. Engineer Winslow For 40 Foot Draw Across Mackey's Creek.

Application was made yesterday by the Norfolk and Southern Railway to Captain Eveleth E. Winslow, United States Engineer, at that city for permission to cross Mackey's Creek with its line.

This is the first move which has yet been made to connect the lines of the Norfolk and Southern with those lines of the Virginia and Carolina Coast Railway Company which have recently merged.

The specifications as submitted to Captain Winslow call for a forty-foot draw at the creek and a bridge of considerable length. The Norfolk and Southern road enters Mackey's Ferry on one side of the creek, and the Virginia and Carolina Coast enters the town on the other side. Since the consolidation of the lines it has become necessary to dispense with the double warehouses and to operate the two lines from one terminal the same as will probably be done in this city.

It is expected that within a short time application will be made by the combined properties for permission to cross the Albemarle Sound on a bridge. This bridge has been projected for some time and will when completed extend for several miles over water. It will obviate crossing the sound by boat as is necessary at present.

Shipping interests have already given notice to Captain Winslow that they will oppose the project of the Norfolk and Southern in crossing the sound as suggested by bridge, but Mr. King has said he anticipates no serious trouble from the objections to be made, as it will be shown wherein the bridge will be of benefit to the larger number of people. Plans for the bridge have now about been completed and their submission for examination will soon follow.

## Good Prices Yet On Peas

Market quotations received this morning by Mr. W. C. Glover, the commission merchant, on peas and cabbages are as follows:

New York—Peas, 1-2 barrel, \$1.50 to \$2.25; bushels, \$1.00 to \$1.25; cabbage, \$2.00.

Newark—Peas, 1-2 barrel, \$1.50 to \$2.50; bushels, 75 cents to \$1.50.

Philadelphia—Peas, 1-2 barrel, \$2.25 to \$2.50; bushels, \$1.25; cabbage, \$2.00 to \$2.25.

Baltimore—Peas, 1-2 barrel, \$1.50 to \$2.00; cabbage, \$2.00 to \$2.25.

Wagon and cart loads of both peas and cabbages are hauled in great numbers to the depots now each day and all the transportation companies are doing a rushing business.

The shipment of potatoes will soon begin, within the next week probably. Reports concerning this crop are favorable and the shippers will likely make money—some of that they lost last year.

## NOTICE ON WATER CO. NOT SERVED

City Attorney Thompson has not yet served notice on the water company showing wherein the company is not fulfilling its contract to furnish good, potable water to the city, which notice was ordered served by the board of Tuesday night. It was understood the paper would be served yesterday, but Mr. Thompson was out of the city. It will not be given today either, as its preparation by that official has not been perfected.

Pursuant to the notice the water company will have representatives at the next meeting of the aldermen to show cause why this contract should not be annulled, or their pay held up.

## TREMENDOUS CROP OF STRAWBERRIES

The strawberry crop in North Carolina this season has been tremendous. The movement of fast freight from that section, railway men say has been phenomenal.

The Atlantic Coast Line, which taps the most fertile of the Carolina truck farms, handled within a radius of 100 miles of Wilmington, 4,000 cars.

Any day's shipments represented an average of four quarts of berries for every man, woman and child in North Carolina, with a trifle of 150,000 quarts left over.

Pasquotank and the counties immediately neighboring did not contribute to the strawberry crop to any great extent, but while that crop is now on the decline, the crops of this section have just commenced to be shipped, and it would be interesting to know how many people could be fed, and how long, on the thousand of baskets of peas, crates of cabbages and barrels of potatoes, when those three vegetables are nearly exhausted.

## In Interest Of Public Roads

Many of the counties throughout the state have issued bonds for the construction of macadam and other good roads. The result has been that these counties have been more thoroughly developed and become much more prosperous than those counties which have been content with poor roads. The issuing of bonds by a county will mean but a very small increase in taxes, which as the years go on, will be more than counterbalanced by the large increase in the value of land and of other taxable property. It is a fair and equitable arrangement that future generations should pay for a portion of the improvements of our public roads, as they derive as great a benefit as the present generation. Too many have the idea that to bond their county will mean a very large increase in their taxes without their deriving any material benefit from the expenditure, not realizing that the increase in the value of property; and the decrease in the cost of maintenance of the roads and wear and tear on horses, wagons, harness is so much money saved. Are you interested in good roads? If so, call meetings in various sections of your county to discuss this important question and also the advisability of bonding your county for the purpose of raising sufficient money to macadamize the principal roads of your county.

The members of the North Carolina Geological Survey will, as far as possible, meet your committees and deliver addresses in your counties regarding the value of public roads; the best methods of constructing same and the issuing of bonds. The Geological Survey will also assist in the construction of the first mile of macadam by furnishing an engineer to give instructions and superintend the work.

In making up your glasses I take as much pains with each pair as though I had to wear them myself; this insures perfection. You select the frames in which they are mounted and I guarantee satisfaction. Dr. J. D. Hathaway, Optician.

Miss Neva Cahoon and Eva Cheson, of Roper, are in the city visiting friends and relatives.

## MIDGETT MYSTERY YET UNSOLVED

ROANOKE ISLAND MAN THIS MORNING SAID PEOPLE THERE HAVE NOT RECEIVED A WORD FROM MISSING CAPTAIN.

In view of the fact that here, not a ray of light has yet been thrown on the mystery surrounding the strange disappearance of Capt. Geo. Midgett, who has been unaccountably missing about six months, a Roanoke Island man, who resides near the old home of the captain, and who knew him well enough to deeply interest himself in the search made, was talked with this morning by a representative of this paper. The result of the conversation was however only to prove the Roanoke Island people as deeply mystified as the locals.

It will be remembered that Capt. Midgett left his boat near the Norfolk and Southern wharf, saying he would consult a physician and from that moment all trace of him ended. The proper inquiry was made and the police dragged the river, but without result.

The Roanoke man said the people there have long since abandoned the idea that Midgett met death, the conclusion having been formed that he is at either Norfolk or Baltimore. If he is alive he has given no indication, as his wife and children have not received a word to assure them either way.

Alive or dead, the mystery of his disappearance is one of the deepest remembered in this section.

## MR. RICHOLD TOWED BALTIMORE GIRL

The engagement of Mr. Solomon S. Richold, of this city, and Miss Blanche Goldsmith, of Baltimore, appeared in the society column of yesterday's Baltimore Sun, and confirmation of it has been received here. In the announcement no date or place in which the marriage ceremony will be performed was given, and his intimate friends here are unaware of either detail.

Mr. Richold is connected with the Bee Hive, the big department store here, and is well known and popular. Miss Goldsmith is among Baltimore's most graceful and accomplished young society ladies, and the friends of each are congratulating them on the announcement.

It is thought the marriage will be solemnized in Baltimore.

## Marriages To Be Surprises

Considering the season, the past month has been as dull as it ever gets in the marriage license department at the court house.

The license issued and the subsequent ceremonies have been exceptionally few, and most of them have been Norfolk couples.

If whispered reports can be relied upon, however, the almost unprecedented dullness is soon to be broken. It is said that several local couples are to launch on the matrimonial sea within the next few weeks, the first voyage to commence next Wednesday. No formal announcement of this marriage has yet been made and the names are withheld.

In the whispered reports it is stated there will be the usual complement of surprises, etc., and in some instances where the dates only were given, speculation runs high as to names.

If your glasses need straightening step in and let me do it for you. Only a minute's work that will save you weeks of worry. D. J. D. Hathaway, Optician. April 9-1w.

## ONLY ELEVEN MEN CANNOT VOTE

IN COLLECTION OF POLL TAX SHERIFF REID HAS ESTABLISHED A SPLENDID RECORD THIS YEAR AS BOOKS WILL SHOW.

Only eleven white men in Pasquotank county will be deprived of their vote in the approaching election on account of non-payment of poll taxes and in collections, Sheriff Charles Reid has established a record which has seldom, or ever, been equalled in the county. From only one county in the district has a better record been reported. The Edenton correspondent of a Norfolk paper is authority for the statement that no man white or black, will lose his vote in the election from the cause indicated, and gives Sheriff Norman credit for a record, if really attained, that has never yet been equalled. Such a record is a thing almost unheard of and may be accidentally exaggerated. In tax collections Pasquotank county will compare its books with any in eastern Carolina.

## To Establish Daily Line Of Steamers

In the near future the steamers Hamilton, Guide and Tourist will establish a daily schedule from Columbia and all points on the Scuppernon and all North river points to Elizabeth City and Norfolk.

This service promises to be the best water service in transportation ever given in eastern North Carolina. The shippers in the localities reached by this efficient line of steamers, have for some time awaited such an announcement, and it will be received with much interest and gratification.

Mr. J. H. LeRoy, the general manager is ever alive to the interest of the localities he serves.

## Columbia Baptist Church Completed

The new Baptist church at Columbia has now been completed, work on it having been in progress a number of months. Rev. N. P. Stallings is pastor, and he will deliver the first sermon in the new edifice next Sunday.

The church is one of the most handsome and best fitted to be found in the whole section, and the members feel a just pride.

The new hotel there has also been completed and splendid accommodations are to be had by transient people. New residences, new places of business and other structures are going up, and in this respect Columbia is of a boom.

## Suits Against Royal Arcanum

Additional suits are accumulating against the Royal Arcanum in the courts of this state. A short while ago John Buster, of Durham, who had a \$3,000 contract, but dropped it when the rates were raised a short while ago, brought suit to recover the amount of the money he had paid into the company with the interest. Two other suits have now been instituted in Durham. John B. Walker has sued for \$500 and interest, amounting to about \$700, and A. A. Couch has sued for \$365 and interest, amounting to about \$500. Both of these men had \$3,000 contracts with the company.

Miss Mattie Godwin went over to Columbia today on the Guide. She will visit at Lake Phelps.

## Material Shipped Proposed Lighthouse At Cape Hatteras

## COTTON MEN ARE NOW IN SESSION

GOV. GLENN AROUSED ENTHUSIASM BY HIS WELCOME TO VISITORS—THE PLANTER AND SPINNER.

The tenth annual convention of the American Cotton Manufacturing Association was called to order at Asheville yesterday by President H. M. Miller, Jr. Governor Glenn in welcoming the delegates on behalf of the state, aroused the enthusiasm of his hearers. After reviewing the progress of the South since the civil war he declared that great fortune awaited the investment of capital this side of the Mason and Dixon line. The principal event on the program for the opening session was the annual address of President Miller, who recounted the progress made by the association during the past year. Mr. Miller dwelt upon the relations existing between the planter and the spinner. He said that the former had ever looked upon the latter with distrust. This feeling of antagonism, he said, was not real but imaginary, the interest of the planter and spinners being mutual.

## Will Celebrate 60th Birthday

Mr. James R. Wright, postmaster of Gudger, having held that position for 17 years, will tomorrow give his children, who number thirteen, and many relatives a festive party at his home in commemoration of his 60th birthday. Though he is what is now regarded as an old man, Mr. Wright is hale and hearty, and not one of the number to gather at his hospitable home tomorrow will enjoy the occasion more than himself.

Mr. Wright is a native of Tyrrell and is known throughout the county. His seventeen years of service as postmaster has proven in every way his proficiency and it is said he will keep on succeeding himself till he voluntarily resigns.

## Telephone Co. To Declare Dividend

The members of the Weeksville Telephone Company will meet on Monday, June 11. The object of the meeting will be to elect new officers, declare a dividend and transact any other business that may come up.

This company has done much for their line in giving them the many benefits of one of the greatest modern conveniences. The Weeksville line is one of the best paying enterprises, to the amount of capital invested, in the whole section. Its stock is not on the market and, it is understood, cannot be bought at any reasonable figure.

A similar line is being constructed between this city and Nixonton, which, it is reasonable to surmise, will prove a great source of profit to its owners also.

You'll find trading at our drug store a pleasure. Our service is prompt and every customer receives courteous attention. Prices are just as satisfactory as the service. Standard Pharmacy.

Mrs. Thomas and daughter, of Washington, N. C., are now here to remain several days as the guests of relatives and friends.

WORK OF SINKING FOUNDATION WILL COMMENCE WITH NEXT FEW WEEKS. UNDER SUPERVISION OF CAPT. EELS.

Information has been received that the first shipments of material for the projected new lighthouse at Hatteras, has been landed there during the last few days. It consisted of such material as will be necessary in commencing the excavations for the foundation, to be sunk in the ever-shifting, treacherous sands of the Diamond Shoals.

No definite word has been received as to when the work, which at all times will be under the personal supervision of Capt. Albert Eels, of Boston, will begin, but apparently reliable statements have been made that it will be in the near future. The usual calm weather of May, June and July, when even the surfmen are given a vacation, will be taken advantage of if the work commences at once.

The undertaking is regarded as extremely perilous and the managers, thoroughly acquainted with the conditions at Hatteras strongly doubt the feasibility of the project, averring that the obstacles thrown out by the shifting sands are insurmountable, and cite in support of this the several previous attempts that proved complete failures.

It is Capt. Eels' idea to sink the huge foundation and fill it in with cement and then build the lighthouse, which is to be ten stories in height.

The attempt to sink the foundation will command almost world-wide attention, as it will be a splendid feat of engineering if accomplished. It is conceded that if the foundation can but be successfully constructed, building the ten stories above the surface will be comparatively easy.

Capt. Eels has devoted years of study to the foundation problem and has elaborate plans to overcome the awful forces of nature. If his gigantic undertaking is successful his reward will be one million dollars, which amount the government will pay him.

Captain Eels was authorized by congress to build the lighthouse and maintain it for a year, and at the end of that time, if he demonstrated that the light could withstand the battering of the heavy seas and shifting sands, the government would take charge of the light and operate it and pay Captain Eels the amount designated.

## Supreme Council To Visit Norfolk

The supreme council, Royal Arcanum, convened in regular session at the Chamberlain hotel, Old Point Comfort, yesterday afternoon for a meeting of some eight days. One day next week the committee from the grand lodge of Virginia, appointed to extend a welcome to the supreme body, of which committee R. A. Doble of Norfolk, is chairman, will perform that duty and in doing so will present to each member of the supreme council a souvenir of the occasion, suitably inscribed. The supreme council is to be invited to Norfolk during its session at Old Point and will be entertained while in the city by Pocahontas council of the order.

## TWO BOYS FINED FOR FREQUENTING POOL ROOM

Two boys, named Sawyer and Spires, were up before Mayor Leigh this morning on the charge of having violated the ordinance prohibiting youths frequenting pool rooms. They were pronounced guilty and paid a fine of one dollar and costs.

It is claimed that this ordinance is almost regularly disregarded by the youngsters of the city and more such arrests may follow.