

Correspondence on all subjects of local and general interest and opinions upon matters of public concern, are invited.

One side, only, of the paper must be written on—and the real name of the writer accompany the contribution. No attention will be paid to anonymous letters.

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Take Notice. Normal Annex. A New Business Enterprise.

The Adams Grain and Provision Company, head offices at Charlotte, have opened a distributing branch in Fayetteville, occupying the old Fayetteville Ice and Mfg. Co.'s plant buildings on Donaldson and Mumford streets.

An Assignment. Messrs. Humphrey Brothers, a grocery firm composed of Messrs. D. J. and F. G. Humphrey, yesterday made an assignment for the benefit of creditors.

Submarines for Pacific Coast. The Department has decided to send two submarines to the Pacific coast. They will be loaded aboard a naval collier at New York, and be taken around South America to San Francisco, within the next few months.

Consolidation. The Martin-McKethan Company of this city, who have been doing a wholesale grain and feed business, capital \$25,000, will consolidate with the Carolina Grocery Company, authorized capital of \$50,000.

Work Begun on State Tuberculosis Hospital. A force of hands have arrived at Montrose Heights, in the western part of this county, the site recently purchased by the State for the location of a tuberculosis hospital, and are now getting the grounds in order preparatory to the erection of the buildings.

State News of Interest. Thursday night between midnight and day the depot at Osborne, seven miles north of Hamlet, was entered and three barrels of whiskey stolen.

What was equal to a Western scene was the bold robbery of the bank at Granite Falls, a town of several hundred inhabitants, on the C. & N. W. Railway, about six miles from Hickory, at 8 o'clock Saturday night, when Cashier W. G. Whisman was held up at the point of guns by three masked bandits, who took from the cashier's desk \$2,700, after which locking him in the vault and making good their escape.

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With brooms at her mastheads and yard arms announcing that all records had been swept aside, the new armored cruiser North Carolina returned to the shipyard at Newport News yesterday.

Mrs. John S. Maultsby, who has been ill at her home, Montrose, for so long a time, is gradually recovering her health.

THE FIGHT OF DAVID AND GOLIATH BROUGHT UP TO DATE.

Will History Be Repeated? We clip the following from the Washington Post of Sunday: "STAMPS IN SLOT MACHINES. Two Rival Inventions Now Under Test in Washington.

ONE ON TRIAL IN THE POST OFFICE AND ANOTHER IS INSTALLED AT THE METROPOLITAN HOTEL. The First Stamp-vending Machine Ever Used in This Country Were Installed Yesterday—One in the corridor of the Postoffice.

We also copy the following from the Charlotte Observer's Washington correspondent: "Of about thirty stamp-vending machines exhibited at the Post Office Department here, the one patented by J. R. Williams, of Fayetteville, and W. C. Briggs, of Winston-Salem, leads all, save one made in Germany.

These small machines will be in operation regularly in all the hotels, clubs, etc., of Washington at an early date, and in the meantime a machine was in actual commercial use in the Metropolitan Hotel.

It is not yet decided whether the government will make the necessary appropriation for installing stamp-vending machines, but the probability is that it will not at present, and it is the intention of the Fayetteville Company to have the field supplied with their machines in actual operation before this point is decided.

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Articles, making one of the most complete safe-cracking equipments ever taken off a gang of 'yegs' in this section of the country: two bottles of nitro-glycerine, a half pint bottle of black thread, two coils of picture wire, a cake of laundry soap, a gause used in extracting nitro-glycerine from dynamite, a candle, metal tweezers, long blade knife, a steel wedge, a bottle of turpentine, a bottle of Jamaica ginger, a pocket map of North Carolina, a steel wedge railroad folders, etc.

LET'S HAVE SOME GOOD BASEBALL THIS SEASON. Fayetteville Should Have A First-Class Team.

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There is no reason why, with the "cracker-jack" players we have, that we should not have the best team in the State.

It is now time for Fayetteville to consider the prospects of our team for this season, so there had better be a meeting to see what can be done towards getting up a good team.

THE SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION.

The February term of the Superior Court for the trial of civil cases, convened here this morning, Judge Long presiding.

The only cases taken up this morning were two suits for divorce. The following cases were continued: J. F. P. Stewart vs. J. B. McCormick; Eva S. Cochran vs. Raleigh & Southport Railroad, and Daniel Jackson vs. Margaret Smith, et al.

The case of Mrs. Fannie O. Hall vs. Charles McRae is now on trial. His honor, Judge B. F. Long, known from one end of the State to the other as the judge who so unwaveringly laid his duty in enforcing the law against the rebellious railroads last fall, gave additional evidence, in matters of less moment it is true, that he presides as one of the judges of the superior court with an eye single to the interpretation and enforcement of the statute law of the State as it is written in the books.

Mr. T. K. Bruner, for the past twenty years Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, died in Raleigh early Sunday morning.

He was 52 years of age and was born in Salisbury, the son of J. J. Bruner, his mother's maiden name being Kincaid, and she being also a native of Rowan county.

He was of particular value in illustrating this State at exhibitions and in the noble museum which is such a notable feature of the Agricultural Building. Whatever he did he did with all his might and his taste was marked.

A Raleigh correspondent says: "He was purely a versatile and many-sided man; artist, singer, musician, expert on gems and precious stones; had traveled widely and new his State as if it were a book.

The owners of the hall in the Williams building have generously given the use of it to the young ladies for an athletic club.

The annual inter-society debate between the Lee and Euphemian societies of Raeford Institute will take place on the evening of May 8.

The affirmative will be argued by Messrs. Colan Price, Lucy Clark and Jonathan Elliott, representing the Euphemian. Messrs. J. C. Lentz, J. C. Kelly and L. Bruce Junter will defend the negative in behalf of the Lee.

It is probably true to say that Hon. Lee S. Overman has made an ideal Senator, but it is nevertheless true, popular when he was elected, and possessing the respect and admiration of the people of the State, he has grown immensely during the years he has served in the National Congress.

William Wells, one of the crowd-owning brothers, died suddenly yesterday in a furnished room house at 13 west 35th street, New York. He was in Fayetteville with Wells Bros. circus when it showed here a number of years ago.

WORK ON BIG BUILDING BEGUN.

The building is to be 42 feet in width, and 115 feet in length, with a handsome glass and iron front, and it is the intention to have it completed within three months.

The Carolina Grocery Company obtained a charter Friday, with an authorized capital of \$50,000. The incorporators are: Messrs. J. U. McKethan, A. A. McKethan, H. H. King, J. G. Gaine, George Bell and Misses Annie and Margaret McArthur.

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State of North Carolina, County of Cumberland, ss: I, Jno. O. Ellington, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of Dec. 1907. R. H. DYE, Notary Public. My commission expires March 18, 1909. Correct—Attest: H. W. Lilly, Jno. F. Harrison, W. W. Horne, Directors.

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BAD FREIGHT WRECK AT HOPE MILLS.

From Tuesday's Daily. The deadly curve, a few hundred yards below Hope Mills, was the cause of another wreck on the A. C. L. yesterday afternoon, this time the most disastrous of the many proceedings on so far as blocking traffic is concerned.

The track will be cleared in time for the trains this afternoon it is thought. Dr. J. W. McNeill, of Hope Mills who was in the city to-day, says that about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon he heard a tremendous crash at the trestle, just below Hope Mills, and hurried to the scene.

By some miracle, the forward part of the train, with the engineer and fireman, and the extreme rear end of the train, the caboose with its occupants, were not harmed. It was only the nine coal cars in the centre that were wrecked. This fact makes the wreck a remarkable one.

There have been so many wrecks at this curve, though only two lives have been lost in them all—Engineer McGowan, who was killed in the wreck of a passenger train several years ago, and Engineer Byers of a freight train—it would seem that it would be the part of wisdom for the Atlantic Coast Line to straighten out the curve.

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Business Locals

CLASS 2. Seventh monthly return of 5 per cent now ready. Subscribers will call for checks at my office. E. R. MacKethan, Atty.

NORMAL ANNEX—(To N. W. Fayetteville) new subdivision for colored people, 36 lots only, \$50, \$100, beautifully located just beyond city line. Excellent investment for immediate purchasers. E. R. MacKethan, Attorney.

TAKE NOTICE—I have taken the agency for Bugh and Sons Company, Norfolk, Va., for their gunno, and will sell for cash or on time for good security. Drop me a card stating your wants, R. F. D. No. 1, Fayetteville. S. C. Godwin.

SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION. North Carolina, Cumberland County—In the Superior Court, Before the Clerk.

Maley Nursery vs. W. J. Nunery, G. W. Jolly and wife, Addie Jolly, N. T. Nunery, Kirby Nunery and Cleve-land Nunery.

Announcement. I have this day sold to Mr. J. E. Garrett a one-half interest in the Judge Printing Company.

THE undersigned hope by close application to business and careful attention to the wants of those desiring anything in the printing line to merit the patronage of the public.

Plant Wood's Garden Seeds FOR SUPERIOR VEGETABLES & FLOWERS.

Our business, both in Garden and Farm Seeds, is one of the largest in this country, a result due to the fact that Quality is always our first consideration.

Seed Store and Commission House Field and Garden Seeds.

After the 14th your Alaska and other Peas should be in the ground. Red Bliss and Early Rose Seed Potatoes, Onion Sets, Chufas by the bushel or quart. Cabbage Plants by hundreds or thousands.

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Business in force and outstanding \$5,738,000.00 Income 200,000.00 Reserve 103,000.00 Paid up Capital 150,000.00 Surplus to Policyholders 253,000.00

THE record of the Company for 1907 shows a gain all along the line. The Company gained in new business \$2,500,000.00, in Reserve \$79,000.00, in Income \$100,000.00, in Surplus to policyholders \$70,000.00.

THE Company has deposited, in gilt-edged securities, with the Insurance Department of the State of North Carolina, the full legal reserve on all registered policies.

You May Possibly See The Time when to be without a bank account will prevent any business man from obtaining any credit at all.

OPEN AN ACCOUNT WITH The National Bank and those with whom you deal will have a greater respect for your business ability and integrity.

W. A. VANSTORY, President. S. W. COOPER, Active Vice-President.

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