

The National Bank of Goldsboro
Wants your business and will be glad to talk or correspond with you.
GEO. A. NORWOOD, JR., Pres.
M. J. BEST, Vice-Prest.

Goldsboro

SEMI-WEEKLY

Argus.

The National Bank of Goldsboro
Offers to depositors every accommodation safe banking will warrant.
GEO. A. NORWOOD, JR., Pres.
G. C. KORNEGAY, Cashier

"This ARGUS o'er the people's rights
Doth an eternal vigil keep;

No soothing strains of Maia's son
Can lull its hundred eyes to sleep."

State Library

VOL. XXIV

GOLDSBORO, N. C., SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 10, 1909.

NO. 39

LAUGHINGHOUSE WINS

He is Elected Superintendent of The Penitentiary and State Farms.

He is in Every Way Capable and Deserving and Will Manage Important Trust With Integrity and All Possible Success.

The new board of directors of the State's Prison at their initial meeting yesterday in Raleigh elected the following officers:

Superintendent: J. J. Laughinghouse, of Pitt county; salary \$2,500 per annum, reduced from \$3,000.

Prison clerk: T. W. Fenner, of Halifax; salary, \$1,500, reduced from \$2,000.

Prison physician: Dr. I. G. Riddick, of Youngsville; salary, \$75 per month.

The election of these gentlemen was recommended by Governor Kitchin, as was also the election of T. P. Sale, of Raleigh, as warden; but Mr. Sale is confined to his home with pneumonia, and the board deferred the election of a new warden until the next regular meeting, which will be held in May. The salary of the warden is \$100 per month. Until his successor shall have been chosen Capt. J. M. Fleming will continue to serve as warden.

Superintendent Laughinghouse has already assumed control, and the retiring superintendent, Mr. J. S. Mann, left yesterday for his home in Hyde county. Mr. Fenner is not in the city, but was notified yesterday of his election. Dr. Riddick is also here, and will move his family to Raleigh immediately. Regardless of his election as prison physician, Dr. Riddick had already decided to make the capital city his home.

All the members of the board were present at yesterday's meeting except Capt. J. M. Davis, of Mecklenburg county, who is confined at his home on account of sickness. The other members are, George A. Norwood, Goldsboro, chairman; R. L. Doughton, Laurel Springs; George Holderness, Tarboro, and George E. Hunter, Raleigh.

The board met jointly with the retiring board yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The condition of the institution was thoroughly explained, and after the new members had taken the oath of office the formal transfer occurred.

The new board were greatly impressed with the splendid plant and appreciated the able management of the penitentiary for the past eight years, there being marked evidences of improvement in every department. The new board was in session until five o'clock and held another meeting last night.

Today Messrs. Norwood, Doughton and Holderness will visit, for the purpose of inspection, the State farm, near Tillery, in Halifax county. There are 7,200 acres on this farm, with over 180 mules and about 300 convicts. It is said to be the best conducted and most thoroughly equipped farm in North Carolina.

It was stated that the salaries of the superintendent and clerk were reduced because of the fact that the earnings of the penitentiary hereafter cannot be as large as they have been during the past two administrations. The reason assigned for this is that the counties are using more convicts on their own roads than ever before, and that the number sentenced to the State Prison is growing smaller every year.

PREPARING FOR GALA DAY FOR PYTHIANS AT MOUNT OLIVE

Mr. George E. Hood Will Be One of the Speakers—Special Train From Here.

Mount Olive Lodge, No. 132, Knights of Pythias, are preparing for a gala day Thursday, when the Pythian District Meeting will be held in Mount Olive. Between 150 and 200 visitors are expected for this occasion.

A number of prominent Pythians will be present and deliver addresses. Mr. George E. Hood will be one of the speakers of the occasion.

Arrangements have been made whereby a special train will be run from Mount Olive to Goldsboro after the banquet, thus allowing Goldsborians to return to this city that night.

The district meeting will be called to order at 4 p. m. Following the business session, adjournment will be taken to 7 p. m., when work in the third rank will be performed by the team from Rocky Mount. At 10 o'clock a banquet will be given in the city hall, which will be presided over by Toastmaster M. T. Breazeale.

NEARBY NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD.

A beautiful early Spring church marriage, of great interest to friends in the State, was solemnized Wednesday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at Grace Methodist Church, Wilmington, in the presence of a host of acquaintances, the parties to the nuptial vows being Miss Hattie French McEachern, the attractive and much admired young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. McEachern, and Mr. Ernest W. Hebron, of Mobile, Ala., a popular young man, who formerly resided in Wilmington.

George Cherry, 12-year-old son of Mrs. G. E. Cherry, narrowly escaped being killed by the Coast Line passenger train at Greenville yesterday. In trying to mail a letter as the train was moving away from the station, he was thrown down and under the car. Fortunately he missed the rail and rolled under the cars, where he caught hold of an iron rod, suspended from the bottom of the car, and held on until the train was stopped. Though dragged over the ties for some distance he held on and escaped being seriously injured, but suffered a fractured limb.

Postmaster Miller's term in the La Grange postoffice will expire some time in December. Perhaps it is a little early to agitate the matter of a new postmaster, but this paper wishes to express itself right now in favor of Mr. Miller. We hope he will be appointed to succeed himself. We believe this is the sentiment of the great majority of the patrons of the office. Mr. Miller has made a fine record as postmaster. In all the details of the office work he has made good, and shown himself capable and faithful. We do not know who aspires to succeed him, but we do not think a more suitable man can be found to fill the place.—La Grange Sentinel.

From all parts of Duplin the report comes that the farmers are hard at work. They are doing their utmost to catch up now. Last year was indeed a black eye to all kinds of business, but if the farmers make good crops and get good prices, as they should, they are going to show us something next fall.

The following is taken from the Franklin Times: "During a big freshet in the river here on August 26, 1908, Badger Hart wrote the following, placed it in a half-pint flask and threw it into the river: 'The finder of this will return to E. Badger Hart, Louisiana, N. C., and receive a handsome reward.' One day last week Badger received a letter from L. R. Wichard, of Wichard, N. C., stating that he found the flask containing the above near the mouth of Pamlico river, within sight of Washington, N. C., on the 17th of March."

The people of Kinston are happy over Dr. H. W. Battle's decision to withdraw his resignation, handed in some time ago. Following the announcement of his decision a collection was taken and the church was entirely relieved of debt.

The balmy spring weather of the past two days has had a wonderful effect upon the strawberry crop and it is freely predicted that by the last of the week a solid car will go out from the Chadbourne section to Northern markets. A few scattering shipments by express have already been made from Clarendon and Mt. Tabor and yesterday a crate went forward the Pender territory by express from Burgaw. The early shipments from the Chadbourne sections brought 30c per quart.

Mr. Evander McIver Gregg, a well-known merchandise broker of Wilmington for many years and a gentleman held in the highest esteem by all who knew him, was almost instantly killed yesterday morning about 8:30 o'clock by the collapse of a pile of brick and other building material in the street in front of the new Woolvin building on Princess street near Third. The tragedy having been a great shock to the community and having called forth expressions of the deepest regret from all who heard it.

Special Sale for Ten Days

A GOOD—Safety Razor

With six extra blades in a Handsome Box.

FOR FIFTY CENTS.

The Lane Drug Co.

We are showing the celebrated North Star Refrigerators in the new styles. Andrews & Waddell Furniture Co.

SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PEN.

Annie Whitley Pleads Guilty To Charge of Infanticide.

MANY CASES DISPOSED OF

Grand Jury Find no True Bill Against Handley and Watson—Solicitor Jones Continued The Cases.

Judge C. C. Lyon adjourned Superior Court at 1 o'clock today to Monday at noon, the cases on the criminal docket having been heard, many of which were continued owing to the absence of witnesses.

The report of the grand jury was as follows: "To the Hon. Judge of Wayne Superior Court, of Wayne County, April 8, 1909:

"We have visited the County Home, found everything in very good condition, with plenty of everything that is necessary for taking care of the poor.

"We have visited the jail, found it in good condition, examined the food, which very well prepared and plenty, too; also found plenty of cover for the prisoners to keep warm.

"We have examined the Court House and we think it is very well kept.

"We have also examined the convict camp, found it in good shape, plenty of food, plenty to keep warm, and no complaint whatever.

"J. V. SHERARD, Foreman."

The case against the county commissioners of Wayne county for failure to enlarge the court house was noprosecuted with leave.

Cases disposed to date are as follows: Henry Jones, larceny, guilty; 12 months on roads.

Kirby Watson, affray; not true bill. Willie Wilson, guilty; roads for 9 months.

Neil Williams, larceny, guilty; six months on roads.

Tobe Hagans, assault, guilty; two months on roads.

Prymas Jones, embezzlement, guilty. Judgment suspended upon payment of \$38 and costs.

Robert Allen, housebreaking and larceny; continued.

H. B. Keene, embezzlement, continued.

Joel Price, embezzlement, continued.

Joseph J. Langston, assault, continued.

Lizzie Smith, retailing without license, nol pros.

Annie Rayner, retailing without license, nol pros.

Ed. Faust, pleads guilty removing crops. Judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Herbert Hooks, larceny, continued. Dock Best, larceny, not guilty.

John Atkinson, assault, guilty. John Atkinson, robbery, guilty. Sentenced to penitentiary for five years.

John Rudolph, larceny, guilty; State penitentiary for 12 months.

James Handley, retailing without license, not a true bill.

J. B. Watson, retailing without license, not a true bill.

Solicitor Jones asked that the cases against Handley and Watson be continued for bill to next term of court, and this was granted.

The grand jury found no true bill against Lillie Burt, charged with infanticide.

Bud Bradley, assault, plead guilty; 12 months on roads.

Jule Outlaw, larceny and housebreaking, guilty; four months on the roads.

Shade Davis, assault, pleads guilty; judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Jesse Wells, retailing without license, guilty; judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Will Isler and Tom Thornton, gambling, guilty; judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

John Winn, alias Major Winn, trespass, guilty; judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Robert Smith, larceny, dismissed. S. V. Kenfrew, larceny, dismissed.

Fred Smith, affray, continued. Oscar Brown, assault, continued.

Georgia Watson, retailing without license, continued.

Will Roe, carrying concealed weapon, one-half costs to be paid by defendant at next term of court and balance at next term of court.

Will Roe, assault with deadly weapon, same as above.

Add Watson, affray, continued. Haywood Holt, retailing without li-

cense, nol pros. Robert Carter, larceny, continued. Frank Newkirk, housebreaking, continued.

Peter Grady, larceny, continued. John Crocker and John Henry Faison, larceny, plead guilty, judgment suspended.

Zeke Rouse, retailing without license, nol guilty.

Daniel Graham, assault with deadly weapon, pleads guilty; two years on roads.

In the case of Annie Whitley and mother, Harriett Whitley, charged with infanticide, which created much excitement in Goldsboro sometime ago, Annie Whitley pled guilty of murder in the second degree and was sentenced to 15 years in the State Penitentiary. As there was no evidence of Harriett Whitley being an accomplice in the murder, she was not placed on the witness stand, and was released. In this case the solicitor was assisted in the prosecution by Messrs. E. W. Hill and Don C. Humphrey.

Hancock Coley, carrying concealed weapon, pleads guilty; fined \$10 and costs.

Pearl Coley, assault with deadly weapon, guilty; judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

R. N. Bowden, J. B. Watson, Add. Watson and Kirby Watson, affray; R. N. Bowden and J. B. Watson found guilty and fined \$10 and costs.

STATE HOSPITAL BOARD. Dr. R. H. Stancell Is Elected the Chairman.

Raleigh News and Observer. The board of directors of the State Hospital here was in session yesterday at the Hospital.

GOLDSBORO AND SEVEN SPRINGS

The Opportunity and the Men To Engineer It To Success Have Met

THEY ARE NOW AT HAND

Let Us Join Hands With Them and Together We Can Achieve and Enjoy Greater Goldsboro

with Greater Opportunities For the Future.

On the 23d day of May, two years ago, in the Argus in which we first picture of the adopted picture of the new union passer now completed in all its proportions, beautiful in every detail, we made the following prediction:

"Following in the wake of the electric line, and incident to the will give to general development of the community, will come street railway service for Goldsboro."

How is it today? The fact that Goldsboro has ever known corporate limits of such meaning is the construction of the electric line, going on of the electric line. Is the prophecy of being realized?

And now The Argus, with conviction of what is to be readers in all confidence of its prediction, that the electric line to Seven Springs certainly if our people sagacious and be united and full as a whole.

The opportunity and the men to engineer it to a successful achievement are at hand. Ability of accomplishment is what it all portends for Goldsboro as alluring and satisfying to its ambition as the most could dream or the most could hope for.

The proposition is for the Traction Company to merge Seven Springs Company, taking over the famous springs acres of land adjoining, and mer owning the Goldsboro street way and franchise as a means to promote the greater project of the fertile country from her Springs, that from the day of pletion would prove a profit investment to its stockholders, nestimable value to Goldsboro.

This is no scheme of promotion had its conception with this the most feasible plan of action what has always seemed hold great potentialities for Greater Goldsboro. That it is favorably considered and is furthered by the two companies mentioned should be sufficient to all progressive spirit is a good thing.

Let's get together and have to Seven Springs. It means a I costs so little when everybody is lending it a helping hand, unity there is strength—power and accomplishment, and with Goldsboro Wayne county united it would be our sweep forward.

PRESIDENT TAFT'S ESCORT

War Department to Send Band and Troops to Charlotte, N. C., April 8.

The efforts of Senators Overman, Simmons and Congressman W. Morehead, General James F. chief of staff of the War Department, has resulted in the War Department's agreement to send a number of flags to be used in the lotte during the Twentieth of March celebration. The troops will very serve as an escort to President who will arrive at 10 o'clock of morning of May 20.

Three years ago when Charlotte held one of the greatest celebrations in its history the government furnished two or three companies of troops, both infantry and cavalry, the presence of these soldiers a great deal to the success of the event. It is probable that the drills will be given at the fair grounds while the troops are in the city.

Prof. Johnson discusses the great ethical question of the hour in a practical manner. "I'll fight," he says, "anybody, anywhere, so long as the coin is in sight." He never takes his eye off the coin.

OAKLAND ITEMS.

Mr. S. G. Fall and Mr. G. C. Sasser went to Princeton Saturday evening on business.

Dr. Will Crawford, of Oak Glen, was through our section Monday evening. Mr. G. W. Worley, of Four Branches, went to Goldsboro Monday on a business trip.

Miss Maude Strickland, of near Smithfield, was at church here Sunday, and the guest of Miss Ida Worley for dinner.

Mr. Alkie Massey, of Sugar Hill, is spending a few weeks at Princeton, where he is clerking for his grandfather.

Miss Sallie Grantham, from near Princeton, was at church here Sunday and was the guest of Miss Ida Worley for dinner.

Mrs. Milly Massey, of Sugar Hill, was taken very sick Monday morning. We hope she will recover in a few days.

Mrs. Lottie Massey, of Sugar Hill, spent Wednesday evening at Four Branches, where she was the guest of Mrs. W. B. Fall.

Mr. Dallas Gurley and wife, of near Buck Swamp, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Massey Saturday night and were at church here Sunday.

Mr. W. J. Perkins, of Four Branches, spent Wednesday in Goldsboro, where he was buying finishing materials for his building. Mr. W. R. Fall, of Four Branches, lost a fine milch cow Tuesday that we can't give any account for.

Miss Ida Worley and Mrs. Milner Angel were the guests of Mrs. W. R. Fall Sunday night.

Mr. Luby Lynch and sister were at church here Sunday, and were guests Mr. George Worley's for dinner.

Mrs. Milner Angel, of Guilford College, conducted services at Oakland Sunday and Sunday. There was a good crowd present Sunday morning.

Miss Ida Worley and Mrs. Milner Angel were the guests of Mrs. W. R. Fall Sunday night. She came to Oakland last August and held revival services and 23 souls were led to Christ. She expects to have her again in the fall. She is a well-trained Bible student of Guilford College and also has something new to tell the people. She is always ready to go far near to help to lead souls to Christ. I will not hesitate to say that she has done more good through our on for the last eight months than that has been done in several years. She is loved by a host of people, and is widely known.

PIKEVILLE NEWS. J. M. Mitchell was among those who endance on the farmers' meeting.

J. L. Crawford returned Tuesday from a business trip to Wilson.

W. E. Ham, of Mebane, spent days here this week with representative baseball team came out last week active attire in the handsome onogram suits, purchased largely the receipts from the school inment given in March.

The first game of baseball of the came off Saturday, when the High School team defeated the Mill by the one-sided score of 2. Tomorrow we cross bats and indications point to exciting contest.

Mr. W. B. Albritton, of the riding a freight train was injured that an amputation of his leg a little below the knee is necessary, is getting along well.

The meeting of the Wayne County Alliance was held here today Alliance Hall, and drew the to our town in large numbers. E. Peterson was on hand to ne of his practical and enthusiastic, and it is needless to state remarks received the closest of those present. At the n of the business session dined in royal style.

RECURRING FOREST FIRE. The lumber company's sawmill destroyed by fire in the swamp.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Cohen, Mr. Max Harris and Miss Clara Littman are spending several days in Wilson.

Miss Lena Markham, a member of the faculty of the graded school, has gone to her home in Durham.

Rev. Euclid McWhorter, of Maxton, a brother of Prof. Z. D. McWhorter, will deliver an Easter sermon in the Methodist Church Sunday night.

Mr. Joseph L. Williamson, a young man with a promising future, died Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, aged 32 years.

Mr. Williamson, while just on the eve of completing his law course at Washington & Lee University, Lexington, Va., in 1904, contracted consumption. He then returned home here and afterwards went to Arizona to regain his health, but all in vain.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Williamson, one sister and three brothers.

WATCH GOLDSBORO GROW

What an Electric Car Line to Seven Springs Would Mean For us.

What Everybody Readily Admits is Most Desirable Should be as Readily Accomplished by a People as potent as are These Goldsboro People.

Everybody in Goldsboro admits readily that an electric car line to Seven Springs from this city is most desirable; that it would not only prove a profitable investment through its passenger patronage as these noted springs, but also as a trade feeder to Goldsboro, resulting in building Goldsboro into greater proportions and at the same time affording our country people all along its line through the fertile territory it will traverse to the Springs a steady all-year-round market here for the varied products of their fields and gardens, in season, and eggs, chickens and fresh meats; and outgiving they would carry home with them from our stores all they might desire in trade.

The prospect is most inviting and assuring. The possibility of accomplishment is easy with a united people such as ours. The opportunity is at hand. Shall we as a community, at length awake to our best interests, get together and demonstrate our ability by achieving the electric road to Seven Springs.

Goldsboro has reached that stage in its history—in population—in business capacity—in traffic facilities when it must develop into Greater Goldsboro or go backward. The tendency of the times is to the growth of cities of 5,000 population or more into larger cities and vice versa.

The growth of the population of Massachusetts in towns of over 5,000 people has arisen from 1,109,544 in 1875 to 2,574,809 in 1905. In the latter year 85.72 per cent. of the people of that state lived in towns of over 5,000 population.

The further fact is disclosed that the populations of towns of less than 5,000 people has been decreasing since 1880. The lesser towns of Massachusetts now hold but 14 per cent. of her people. Even the population of towns under 20,000 people begins to decline relatively to the entire number of that state.

In other words, the growth of industrialism and the spread of trolleys and other travel facilities is leading to the concentration of people in the larger cities. Massachusetts sees the time coming when the average city of 20,000 will cease to grow, just as the town of 5,000 people has ceased to do.

The railroads, trolleys and big factory plants develop large cities in Massachusetts, and what is true of Massachusetts will become proportionately true of Goldsboro if we avail ourselves of the opportunities that come to us with possibilities.

This proposition of an electric road to Seven Springs is, moreover, one that should appeal to the farmers of the county and enlist their co-operation, and with our farmers of the county and our citizens combined in harmonious oneness of purpose and recognized community of interest, indeed might we expect Greater Goldsboro speedily.

Mr. Ben P. Oliver, of this place, was injured last Friday morning at East River Mill in Pender county by being struck with a hammer. His condition was critical for several days, although he is much better now.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Cohen, Mr. Max Harris and Miss Clara Littman are spending several days in Wilson.

Miss Lena Markham, a member of the faculty of the graded school, has gone to her home in Durham.

Rev. Euclid McWhorter, of Maxton, a brother of Prof. Z. D. McWhorter, will deliver an Easter sermon in the Methodist Church Sunday night.

Mr. Joseph L. Williamson, a young man with a promising future, died Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, aged 32 years.

Mr. Williamson, while just on the eve of completing his law course at Washington & Lee University, Lexington, Va., in 1904, contracted consumption. He then returned home here and afterwards went to Arizona to regain his health, but all in vain.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Williamson, one sister and three brothers.